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Lowell equestrian team wins Division C state title



The 2007 Division C State Champions are (from left) Kendall Hewitt, April Wolf, Amber Waldron, Amy VanEns and Jessi Meyers.

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 finished ahead of NorthPointe Christian. 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.

With 20 districts across the state and 353 teams made up of more than 2,000 riders, the win was big for Lowell.

During the Thursday, Oct. 11 opening ceremonies, the team began in the middle of the pack, as Jessi Meyers earned Lowell two 3rd places.

Early Friday morning, Amy VanEns and Kendall Hewitt competed in the showmanship class. VanEns earned a 7th and 9th place in Western showmanship, while Kendall earned 6th in huntseat showmanship. VanEns also took 9th for the Saddleseat showmanship.

VanEns and Hewitt both earned 33 points. Amber Waldron earned 3rd and VanEns took two 6th places in Cloverleaf to bring the team into the lead. Meyers earned 28 points in the saddleseat classes to push Lowell ahead of Fruitport by three points.

On Saturday, VanEns earned 35 points in Western. April Wolf and Waldron earned 28 points each in Poles, while Hewitt and Meyers rode in the Huntseat classes. The team went back-and-forth keeping the lead.

On the last day of competition, the team realized they only needed 10 points in the two classes to win. Waldron and Hewitt got the 10 points in the Western Riding class. The team also competed in the last class, to qualify, and earned 32 points in a two-person relay. VanEns, Waldron, Wolf, Meyers and Hewitt earned 255 points to win the championship, 45 points ahead of its nearest competition.

Lowell's annual Girls' Night Out thrives amidst weather warnings

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Thursday night was a bit sunny and warm, then a little rainy and cloudy. But for almost 1,000 women, it was Girls' Night Out, a semi-annual event put on by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

Liz Baker, the director at the Chamber, said she was pleased with the event's turnout.

"It turned out just great," Baker said. "We had so many ladies out, and our goal is to get people to know about all of our shopping, which I think we did."

The event took place on Main Street, with 23 different businesses taking part. "Some people had no idea there were all of these shops," Baker said.

A grand prize was given to Rachel Johnson of Lowell, who was crowned "Queen of

Lowell." Johnson collected 13 signatures to win dinner at Flat River Grill with a few friends, a carriage ride in the nighttime holiday parade on Saturday, Dec. 1 and tiaras and gifts.

Despite a bit of bad weather, Baker said the event was a success.

"I don't think the storms dampened the spirit a bit," she said.

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Joe Kiczenski poses in front of a poster featuring him at Modern Photographics.

Grant to pave way for railway capital campaign

by Emma Palova

A portion of a \$20,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund will be used to complete a feasibility study for the Lowell Area Trailway.

The pre-campaign study will assess the depth of support for the new trail system, mainly its connection of Cherry Creek Elementary to Lowell High School and the Wittenbach

Wege Center.

"This is where the rubber hits the road and the Lowell Area Trailway begins," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) is looking to raise \$1.5 million for the first section of the trailway to enhance the quality of life in the area.

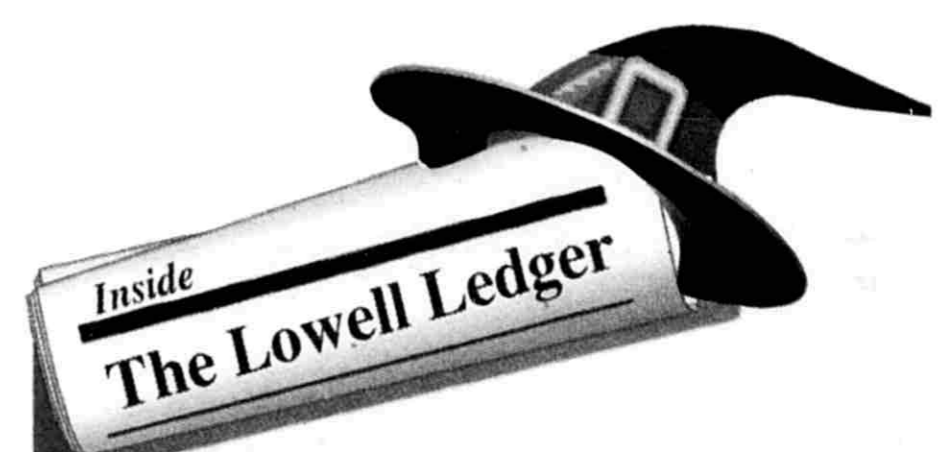
The study conducted by Hopkins Fundraising

Consulting of Cascade will determine whether the Lowell community is willing to help fund the project, along with other grants as well.

Hopkins will work with the leadership team to draft a case for support document detailing history, needs, solutions and a campaign budget. Appropriate donor prospects will be identified, as well as potential obstacles to campaign success.

Finally, recommendations will be made to either delay a campaign or move it with an identified and achievable campaign goal.

Benefits of the future trailway include the enhancement of ecological greenways, providing safe and accessible transportation paths, attracting tourism, improving public health and recreational opportunities.

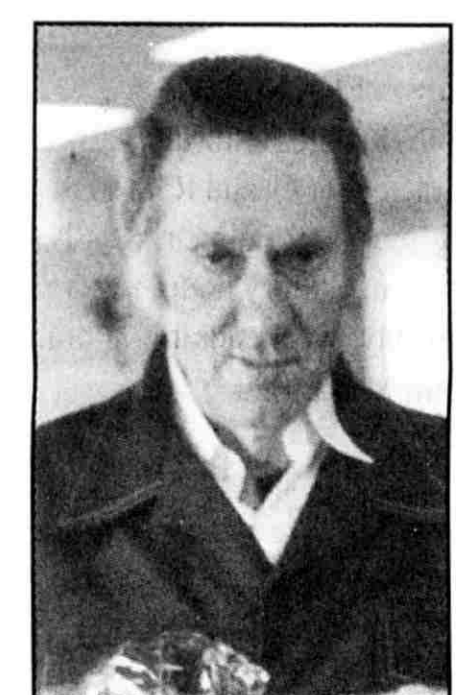


The Lowell Ledger will feature photos in its Nov. 7 issue of businesses dressing up for Halloween. For those businesses that would like their picture in the paper, call 897-9261 by Monday, Oct. 29 to make an appointment with Molly for Halloween day.

Obituaries

BEATTIE
Mrs. Rose Mary Beattie, age 83, of Ludington, passed away on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2007. Mrs. Beattie was born on March 31, 1924, the daughter of Leslie and Elsie May (nee Marshall) Rickner. She graduated from Lowell High School and played the coronet in the marching band. Her older sister, Annie May introduced Rose Mary to John Beattie. They started dating just before John entered the service during WWII. John came home on furlough, and they told a story to their parents about where they were going to be. They then snuck over to Grand Haven and were married on July 18, 1945. If you have the opportunity, ask one of the children about the way John proposed to Rose Mary. John went back to the military and came home from the military and with Rose Mary's help went to Worsham Mortuary College. That's how she got her PHT (Putting Husband Through). Following mortuary school the Beattie's moved back to Clarksville where John worked with his father at the Beattie Funeral Home. The Beattie family moved to St. Joseph and then to Ludington, Mich. in 1958 when John took a position at the Dorell Funeral Home. She was truly a "stay-at-home" mom. In that time, funeral homes did not have answering services, pagers, or cell phones. Funeral homes provided ambulance service, and there were many times that Rose Mary was called upon to answer the funeral home phone when John was making runs. She was an excellent wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. Her family liked desserts, and they remember those wonderful cream puffs she made. Rose Mary was a wonderful seamstress. She made her daughter, Kathleen's wedding dress from a picture. Rose Mary has a patent pending for an invention of a cutting board. Later in life she became a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Ludington. The bulletins for the Sunday worship service were designed and prepared by Mrs. Beattie. Rose Mary founded the genealogy tree library at the church and spend endless hours both there and at the church in Grand Rapids, assisting members and other sin researching family heritage. Rose Mary was preceded in death by her husband, John Beattie, on September 17, 2007; a grandson, Benjamin; her sisters, Janet Elsie

Huyck and Marsha Rickner-Bagby. She is survived by her children, Gregory and Terry Beattie of Petosky, Douglas and Linda Beattie of Longwood, FL, Cynthia and Michael Murphy of Mexia, Texas and Kathleen and Joel Mosher of Sparta; her grandchildren, Joe Beattie, Jason Beattie, Andrew Beattie, Christopher and Samantha Murphy, Karri and Dan Creveling and Joel and Mary Mosher; her great-grandchildren, Morgan Beattie, Nicholas Creveling, Jaxson Creveling, Marshall Mosher, and the much anticipated arrival of another; her sisters, Annie May and T.J. Justice of Clarksville, MI and Mrs. Rebekah Ruffe of Grand Rapids; nieces and nephews. The service for Mrs. Beattie was held on Saturday at the Pederson Funeral Home. Those planning expressions of sympathy are asked to consider Friends of Ludington State Park, Box 123, Ludington, MI 49431.



BLOCHER

George Clinton Blocher aged 91 of Lowell passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Mabel Blocher; brothers, Paul and LeRoy Blocher; sister, Evelyn Haight; George is survived by his brothers, Loren (Fannie) Blocher, LaVern (Georgianna) Blocher, Leo (Flossie) Blocher; sister, Betty Craig; sisters-in-law, Donna Blocher, Retha Blocher; many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral service were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300, GR, MI 49546.

GOULOZE

James E. "Jimmy" Gouloze II, aged 56, of Vestaburg, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 20, 2007. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Winona Monroe. Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Sue; his children, SallLee (Matthew) Weidman, Connie Gouloze, CanDee (Stephen) Kamande; grandchildren, Chelsea and

Abigail Weidman; parents, James and Harriet Gouloze; a sister, SanDee (Gary) Holland, father-in-law, Otis Monroe; and many nieces and nephews. Interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be given to Faith Hospice.

HILL

Beulah G. Hill, Ionia, age 86, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2007. She was born on November 4, 1920 in Ionia, MI the daughter of William and Maude (Beach) Hoople. Beulah was born and raised in Ionia and lived there all of her life. She was a caregiver and homemaker always looking out for everyone's needs, who took great pride in her home and her family. Beulah is preceded in death by a brother and 5 sisters. On June 29, 1940 she married Joseph L. Hill and he preceded her in death on July 17, 2002. Surviving her are 2 daughters, C.J. (Hill) (Paul) Karntzos of Pleasanton, CA and Carolyn "Skeet" (Terry L.) Slocum of Greenville; 3 sons, Joseph G. (Deb) Hill of Amanda, OH, James L. (Linda) Hill of Ionia, and Jeffrey W. (Deb) Hill of Lowell; 4 grandchildren, Terry Slocum II, Scott Slocum, Heather Hill, and Jason Hill; sister, Valeta Redemsky of Lakeland, FL; and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial mass was celebrated on Saturday at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic church, 4343 High St., Ionia, to the Heartland Health Care Center, 814 E. Lincoln St., Ionia or to Heartland Hospice, 500 Cascade West Parkway SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, in memory of Beulah G. Hill.

KELLEY

Free from all the pain he had been suffering from in recent years, Peter G. Kelley, aged 72, died peacefully on October 13, 2007. At this very moment, he is undoubtedly in Heaven playing setback with his card-loving parents, Harold and Ferne Kelley. Peter began working at the tender age of 9 when he emptied wastebaskets at the Lowell Public Grade

School for something like a dollar a month. Shortly after his 18th birthday he became an installer for the Western Electric Company (now Alcatel-Lucent). He remained with the company until retiring in 1983. Peter was past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #389 and a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for 41 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Kelley (Czerwinski); three sons, Timothy and Patrick of Grand Rapids and Daniel of Odessa, TX; three brothers, Charles (Yvonne) Kelley of Traverse City, Steve Kelley of Newport News, VA, and Darroll Kelley of Lowell, MI; brothers-in-law, Gene (Phyllis) Czerwinski of Grand Rapids, Terry (Diane) Czerwinski of Highland Park, IL and Tom Czerwinski of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews and two special cousins, June Ireland of Portland, IN and Louis VanderMeer of Comstock Park, MI. Cremation has taken place. The mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Contributions in his memory may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Building Fund.

POSSEHN

Laverne Clarence Possehn, aged 83, of Saranac, passed away October 19, 2007. He was born March 18, 1924 in Orange Township, the son of Clarence and Lena (Hoffman) Possehn. Laverne married Viola Mae Kamradt May 3, 1946. She preceded him in death August 16, 2007. He served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a life long member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Ionia and a member of Saranac American Legion. He owned and operated Possehn Gravel. Laverne is survived by his children, Ron "Buzz" Possehn and Sallie Barrix of Saranac, Bonnie Fewless of Ionia, and Debra (Dave) Griebel of Belding; brother, Gordon Possehn of Lowell; sisters, Norma Jean (Jack) Staal of Lowell and Virginia Wingeier of Smyrna; sisters-in-law, Evelyn (Max) Wiles; grandchildren, Tina (Greg) Wolbers of Ionia, Jennifer Fewless of Florida, Ty Possehn and Amy Sherman of Ionia, Sherrie Fewless (Cliff) Vaughn of Lowell,

and Heather Griebel of Lowell; great grandchildren, CJ Wolbers, Carter Wolbers, Marissa Griebel, Gavin Possehn and Armando David Parra; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by infant daughter, Connie. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ionia Area Hospice.



STEVENS

Carol (Anderson) Stevens aged 83 of Lowell went to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, October 21, 2007. She was born June 23, 1924 in Chauncey, Ohio, daughter of the late Frank and Maude Scott Cline. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Marvin Anderson and Emerson Stevens; her daughter, Christy Olson; five sisters, Dorothy, Ruth, Florence, Ottie and Alberta; two brothers, John and Woodrow. She is survived by her loving children, Keith (Carol) Anderson, Kay (David) Shank, Joan (Fred) Cunningham, June (Martin) VanWingen, Linda (Daniel) DesJarden, Pamela Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Julie (Paul) Heydenburg, Joel Anderson Richard (Toni) Anderson; 8 grandchildren, Greg, Eric, Victoria, Melissa, Todd, Rodney, Amy, Chad, Theresa, Torey, Jason, Kelli, April, Jennifer, Michelle, Brittani, Kacy, Lindsay; 18 great-grandchildren, Olivia, Rebecca, Meagan, Megan, Sydney Zoey, Ashley, Lexie, Christopher, Johnathan, Jadan, Alyssa, Jacob, Martin Scott, Lauren, Sophia,

Emalynn, Maxwell; one brother, Sturgil "Cubby" Cline; 3 step-children, Ronald (Janine) Stevens, Gladys (Alyn) Fletcher, Janet (Charles) Boerema; many nieces and nephews. She was a retired Dietary Supervisor from Cumberland Manor in Lowell. Carol was a devoted mother and an active member of Lowell Wesleyan Church for many years teaching Sunday School. Her family was her life and she will be missed by all. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 24 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake with Pastors Roger LaWarre and Michael Rhoadbarger officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice Foundation, 100 Michigan Street, NE, GR, MI 49503.

VALENTINE

James Gordon Valentine age 67 of Lowell passed away October 20, 2007 in Grand Rapids. He retired after 30 years from Parker Motor Freight. He was an avid Tigers fan. James is survived by his loving wife of 24 years Toni Valentine of Lowell; children, Candy (Randy) Reynolds, Dan (Shelly), Jim (Manuela), Bruce (Stacy), Nicki (Mike) Repko, Dale Jean and Khari; brother and sisters, Barb Schuiteman, Doug Valentine, Nina (Bob) Haner, Gloria (Dan) Baki, Janice (Bruce) DeGraw; 18 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Pat and baby brother Jerry. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Blytheheld Memorial Gardens in Belmont. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to Khari Valentines educational fund.

Senior Neighbors receive funds from chili cook-off

Mike Larkin presents a check for \$1,600 to Marcia Roth of Lowell Area Senior Neighbors. The money was raised at the annual chili cook-off that benefits a different charity each year. Gourmands tasted 3,200 samples of chili ranging from traditional red chili to white chilies with morels. The money will be put into the building fund.



Winners of this year's chili cook-off were for the red chili: Chili Dan's Red taking first, Dragan Spit taking second, and in third was Lowell Arts Council.

People's choice winner goes to Fat Kidds, and the winner for white chili was Skronskis.

Make sure your voice is heard on Election Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today reminded eligible residents there is still time to request an absentee voter ballot for the Nov. 6 general election.

"Even if you're not able to be at the polls in person on Nov. 6, you still have an opportunity to participate," Land, the state's chief elections officer, said. "Casting an absentee ballot is one way to ensure your voice is heard."

Registered voters may ask to have an absentee ballot mailed to their home. They have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 to submit a

written request to their city or township clerk, including the reason they qualify. Voters must complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters can obtain an absentee ballot application in person at their local clerk's office. Residents may also visit their city or township clerk's office through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 to pick up an absentee ballot. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 5 must vote the ballot while they are in the clerk's office.

Registered voters can

obtain absentee ballots if they are:

- Age 60 or older
- Unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person
- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of their precinct of residence

Voters who registered by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct. This restriction does not apply to voters who are overseas, disabled or 60 or older.

Voters are also reminded that starting with the Nov. 6 election, they will be asked to present photo identification if they vote in person. Photo ID includes a Michigan driver's license, state-issued personal ID card, US passport or military ID with photo, or other acceptable form of ID. Absentee voters do not need to produce photo ID.

Voters who do not have photo ID with them at the polls can sign an affidavit attesting to that fact, and they will receive a ballot that will be counted with all others.

Residents with questions regarding absentee voting or voter ID may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote or contact their local clerks.

Hildenbrand named Republican Floor Leader

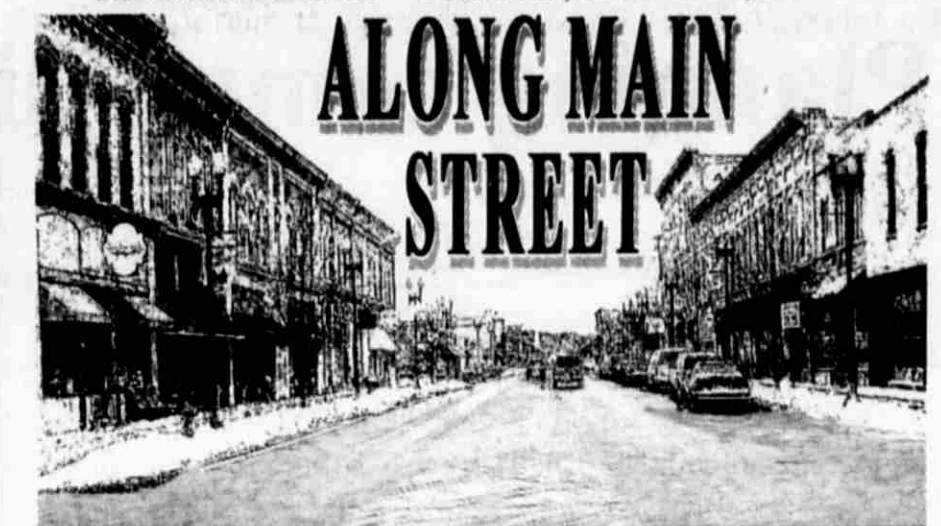
State Rep. Dave Hildenbrand was chosen by his peers to serve as the Republican Floor Leader for the Michigan House of Representatives last week.

As Republican Floor Leader, Hildenbrand will promote and shepherd the caucus agenda and interests on the House floor.

"It is a great privilege to be named to this position, and I am truly honored with the opportunity to serve my caucus and the people of Michigan through this

new responsibility," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "I am anxious to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. This is a great opportunity to help enact good policies for the state of Michigan and its residents."

Hildenbrand has represented residents of Kent County since he was first elected to serve the 86th House District in 2004. He previously served as an assistant floor leader for three years.



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.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church Fri., Nov. 2 from 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcomed. Any questions call 897-7395.

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.

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN

Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 W. Riverside Drive. Saranac will be holding a public sight-in on Nov. 3 & 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. No charge 20 rd. limit.

FRANCISCAN LIFE PROCESS CENTER

Kindred Spirits, a group show by The Calligraphic Society of Grand Rapids, Nov. 1 through Nov. 30 at 11650 Downes St. Pubic reception held Sunday, Nov. 18, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weekends by appointment. For more information call 897-7842.

POPCORN FOR OUR TROOPS

Lowell Troop 102 is collecting donations to send popcorn to the troops overseas. Donation jars are available until Nov. 5 at Backwater Cafe, Flat River Grill, Hunan Gardens, Keiser's, Springrove Variety and The Flat River Cottage. For information or to donate contact Phil Janowski, 897-7808.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRY

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

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.

Have A Spooky Good Time!
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ANNUAL COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY
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THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
COUPON FREE 20oz DRINK with \$2.50 purchase of 4oz. bag of leading popcorn
FREE FALL MATINEES Saturday & Sunday 10 & 11 AM SURF'S UP (PG)

Planning commission adopts updated master plan

by Emma Palova

Better walkability and traffic control on M21 can be created by keeping parks and natural features, closing pedestrian gaps, constructing two to three story buildings and on street parking. Sidewalks have to be 10 to 16 feet wide to be pedestrian-friendly.

"The building patterns downtown already conform to that," said Breuckman. "Building design and placement is critical to creating enclosures and minimizing gaps on the frontage."

Good building design includes vertical and horizontal elements that break up the facade such as a beltline over the windows, columns and pillars. "Windows are the key," said Breuckman. "Pedestrians are more comfortable having eyes on the street."

Commissioner Garland Berry was concerned about the traffic in the downtown area.

Presented by Jim Breuckman of McKenna Associates, the master plan addresses everything from downtown design, pedestrian gaps to affordable senior housing.

A community-wide survey was an important part of the master plan update, according to Breuckman. The survey has shown the majority of respondents were concerned about maintaining the small town character, downtown area, affordable housing, balanced development approach of mixed uses and walkability.

"This is our final stretch," said Breuckman. "Zoning map is the law, and the third dimensions are the buildings."

"We have a major trunk line," he said.

According to Breuckman, traffic on the trunk line could be slowed down by implementing access management rules to limit the number of driveways. Also the commission may look at setback requirements and filling in the pedestrian gaps.

"We're putting a foundation in place so you can look at zoning," said Breuckman.

Commissioner Clark Jahnke stated the importance of implementing the master plan.

"We want to use it as our guideline," he said.

However, in order to fully implement the document, the process will require a lot of cooperation between the city, the townships and the state, according to commissioner Vance Dimmick.

As the next step in the master planning process, the master plan will be presented

to the city council on Nov. 5 for concurrence. The Downtown Development Authority may serve as a marketing body of the plan.

"They're well equipped," said Breuckman. "They can use the master plan for repositioning or retargeting of marketing strategy."

In related business, the planning commission will address an ordinance amendment regulating temporary signs. If approved, the time of display

will be extended to 60 days with an annual performance bond and a waiver of the bond for non-profits. Businesses will also be requested to keep a journal of prior and current displays to be provided to the zoning inspector upon request.

The planning commission will also address the need for a civil infractions ordinance.

"It's way overdue," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

Restaurant/golf club to support civic organizations

by Emma Palova

Roast beef and pork will become the staple dish of Wednesdays at Deer Run Golf Course to support local organizations and churches.

As a community project, the restaurant will donate \$1 from each meal purchased to an area civic organization of patron's choice.

Starting Wednesday Oct. 24, a buffet style meal will feature two other entrees such as chicken fettuccini Alfredo or lasagna.

"With the loss of Jimmy's Grill there is a great need," said Todd Gerhart. "We want to help the community."

Recently, Jimmy's Grill burned to the ground with charred walls still standing and partial roof caved in.

"There's a void from the loss of Jimmy's," said Gerhart.

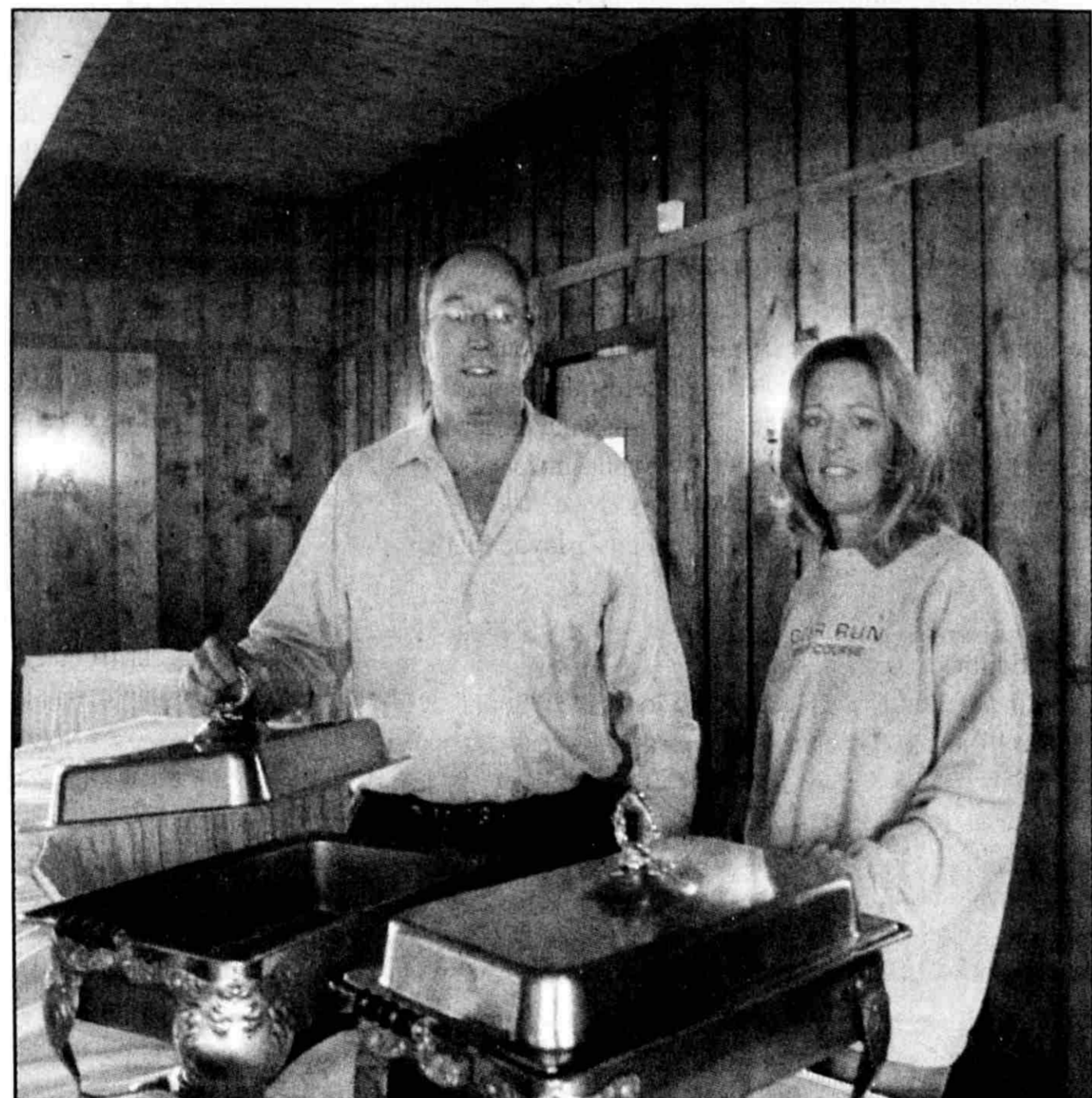
Gerhart hopes to create excitement and to hire more employees as well.

Any local organization such as the YMCA, Little League or churches is eligible.

Starting Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Mother's Day, Deer Run will be offering Sunday brunch featuring roast beef, omelet and waffle stations.

The chef is Tim Kinnally.

"We want to give an option to eat," said Gerhart.



Todd Gerhart with manager Toni Bersluys stand at the future buffet to support the community.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Jim Howard's letter to the editor in last week's Ledger. My husband, Al Mathews, is on the Lowell City Council. I know for a fact many of the things Jim Howard writes in his letters are inaccurate and misleading to the people reading them. Last week's letter was the final straw for me to respond.

The October 25th meeting, which Jim alluded to was set up "to collect \$30 a piece for showing up" was not set up to discuss the North Washington property. It is a meeting involving Lowell Township, Vergennes Township, and the City of Lowell, in conjunction with the Lowell Area Schools. It is a meeting to update the recreation plans and develop a Feasibility Study for the property offered by the Wege Foundation located on Alden Nash Road, north of Foreman.

I am personally offended that Jim would even suggest any member of our City Council would create a meeting only to be paid. They did not set up this community meeting; they were invited to attend along with all citizens of the City and Townships.

Our current Council members attend numerous work sessions and sub-committee meetings throughout the year for which they are not paid. Their interest is for the overall welfare of the city and the people in it. They deserve our respect and thanks for the hours they put into serving this city.

Jayne Mathews

Dear Editor,

So who had the bright idea to make "Sound Off" politically correct? I am confident that I speak for many people that I like Sound Off the way that it is!

Normally, I would have sent the opening two sentences into "Sound Off" with my initials attached. Apparently that type of submission is no longer appropriate. We now can submit nothing that is in any way critical or questioning. "Sound Off" has always been a mix of "feel good" and "vent your spleen" statements. It has been a perfect way to feel the pulse of the community and see what they really care about. I think you are doing a disservice to your readership to take that venue away. I for one was looking forward to some snappy Republican/Democratic bashing in the coming 2008 election. (To get the ball rolling, if you think turning health care over to the government is a good idea, I think you are nuts). In my opinion, the "politically correct" movement is nothing more than a form of censorship, and it has no place in public forum.

Frank Baron

Community input sought for Wege feasibility study

I would like to reflect upon my input. The Wege Foundation proposed to donate 100 acres for recreation. It was noted back in March that a taxing recreation authority may be needed to deal with the cost of maintenance. It also stated if a taxing authority is established tax payers would pay for maintenance of the recreation property. Our city now is struggling to maintain the necessities that the city needs let alone our parks. Our state is in a depression and just raised taxes to balance the budget. For some, another tax would not effect their lifestyle but for many it would be one more nail in the coffin. Headlines in April "Reflective of Times City presents Tight Budget Draft". Lowell city officials struggle with harsh economic times". Are community is littered with homes for sale, foreclosures and a state that's unemployment rate is higher than the rest of the states. Higher prices for gasoline, heating fuels, food and health care insurance are adding to Michigan's Depression. More taxes for any think that's not a necessity at this time would be a detriment to our society. I believe this project should be put on hold if more taxes are needed to maintain and explain to the Foundation Why. I believe that any "Worthy" Foundation would understand the circumstances.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL OCTOBER 25, 1882

Word has been received from New York that flour made by Wisner Brothers of this village bears a higher market price than any other received there from this state.. This speaks well for the "new process."

Last Thursday, Dr. Shepard of Grand Rapids was called to amputate the left leg of a little boy of Mrs. N.L. McCarty of this village. The amputation was made necessary by a sprain received some months ago.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 24, 1907

Tinkers' barber shop was the scene of a meeting of extremes Saturday when three old men occupied the chairs at the same time and were followed by three small boys. The first were: Elder Hudson, aged 93, S. Baird and Geo. Rummel, each aged 84. The boys were Loyal Lally, aged 12, and Chris Leonard and Clifford Stinchcomb, each aged 8.

A jolly party of Congregational church ladies, by invitation of Mr. Fallas, met at the canning factory last evening, for the benefit of the church, to trim apples.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 20, 1932

Abbott & Co. the Man of Mystery from Australia is to appear here for a two-night engagement, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25 and 26 under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of Lowell. The entertainment has been referred to as the "Funniest Show on Earth." The Boy Scouts contemplate using the proceeds toward the erection of a cabin.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 24, 1957

Voters in the village of Lowell may vote on a permit request from a local tavern owner to be licensed for selling liquor by the glass.

A state license is being pursued for a second trailer park in the village.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 20, 1982

As a result of the millage defeat, Lowell High School faces the possible loss of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) and by the University of Michigan School of Education according to Lowell High School principal Gary Kemp.

The Lowell Citizens for Recycling are so proud of the new recycling enclosure at the Lowell Lanes parking lot that they are planning a grand opening celebration for Saturday, Oct. 23.

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Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
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Reflections of faith

SCENE 4 - "BURIED ALIVE!"

by David Sims, Lead Pastor
First Baptist Lowell

These "second-chance" confessions this month are humbling memories. But, have you found, like I have, that the lessons you learn the best are those that are taught by situations that are the toughest?

It was supposed to be nothing but fun. A trip back to the thrills and joys that only a spectacular U.P. winter can bring. My wife and I and our three children had moved from God's Country to another ministry among the "trolls" in Grand Rapids. There we found only enough snow to have to shovel, but not enough to get to exploit; enough to moan about, but not enough to marvel over! And the ice never got good and thick to guarantee months of safe fishing either! Solution: we'd go back up for a snow-lovers' foray in the great white north.

I loaded my own old cross country skis and, upon arrival, rented the rest of what we needed to enjoy the pristine trails through the wilderness. I should have learned more caution after my old outfit totally disintegrated and I ended up leaving broken poles and skis sticking up trailside like some forlorn memorial deep in the forest. Then it was a long walk back out with just one shoe! But, hey, that's a great story to tell, right?

So, undaunted - on to the snowmobiles! As my youngest daughter and I saddled up the mighty Arctic Cat, did we take thought of the fact that is was dark? Nighttime? No, I knew the drill. I remembered the territory. Giddy-up! And then - the innocent, "Dad, can I steer?" And ever wanting to hand down such important skills, abilities and experiences, Dad said that fateful word, "Sure!" So now, in the blackness, a novice was driving - all good, for a while as we went downhill. But did you know, that at the bottom of a hill, you have to turn around and go back up? "Turn" we did, "back up" we did not. She turned, stopped, gunned, buried us! Big machine. Far from H.Q. In a hole. No one around. Dark. Silent. Alone. Too late for that do-over. Stuck. Deep. Mid-torso deep. Tears. Fears. Wishes.

And, you know, that's truly just like us as people trying to get back "home" to God on our own. We find ourselves in a deep fix. Our best efforts only bury us the more. When we think we can navigate ourselves out of our mess, we find our novice attempts are sadly inadequate. We really are buried alive - by our sins, our past, our failures, our insufficient rightness before God. We are caught alone and realize we'll be absent forever unless we get help. Without it, the rest of the story is anything pleasant! But God has seen our trouble - He offers a way out. We must admit we are stuck and we are unable to extract ourselves. When we yield to His reach, accept His power, receive His salvation, follow His path - it's our only way out, our single way back, our sole but sure hope to be able to go home with Him.

Learn the rescue lesson God has so impressed in me: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) "For by grace you are saved through faith, not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His Son in whom we have the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14).

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dinner and dance was held in Rockford. After their month-long honeymoon in Spain, they will start life together in Kentwood. Their parents wish them the very best.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER 24:
Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.

OCTOBER 25:
Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

OCTOBER 26:
Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings.

OCTOBER 27:
George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson, Judy Purdy.

OCTOBER 28:
Aaron Stencil, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.

OCTOBER 29:
Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, Jared Spencer, John Butler Jr., Jeremy Drake, Valerie Stuewe.

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but are not willing to listen to other's, we waste more than we ever needed to. Lack of respect tends to be expensive. I think I will try to choose to smile every time I look at this apron and think about how both parties by thinking only of themselves, cost themselves. Perhaps it is a good reminder to us as long as we live in this house not to behave as those we see around us do. My husband would prefer to move to a more isolated place to protect us from such things, but I am starting to wonder if there is such a place left in this country and think perhaps it is better to try to restore some basic consideration to our self centered society.

Michelle Kendall

Dear Editor,

Contrary to what many have been led to believe, the North Washington Street property issue has not been resolved. There is discussion concerning parceling off various sections for sale and deciding just how much land should be considered "sacred" for preservation for the Boy Scouts. This, when petitions signed by the people and proposals made by various organizations have asked for the permanent preservation of the entire 27 acres for the Boy Scouts and the community.

Sincerely,
Peggy Covert

Dear Editor and Lowell area residents,

Recently someone close to me had a very negative personal experience with the effects of zoning.

Lowell Charter Township has in their ordinances 15 pages of laws concerning "signs and billboards". Similarly, Vergennes has many pages of signage law.

I think it is high time (past time, evidently), for all citizens to make themselves aware of what you have to deal with, whether you have been disinterested in the past or not. Evidently, the people of the area who allowed this ordinance to pass into law are overly (in my opinion), concerned about aesthetics. This concern can be stretched so far as to become a negative in one's judgment about what makes Lowell, or any place in Michigan, for that matter, a good place to live. I don't think it is any great big news flash that Michigan is a very depressed state now. More and more people, if they have any ingenuity at all, are going to be figuring out means of self-employment - looking at what there is a need for out there and then providing it.

What is the most effective way of attracting attention to your services?

What if the most effective means is visually repulsive to some people?

What is the most important choice in view of the aforementioned condition of Michigan's economy and the necessity for a person to make a living?

A portable sign by the road with changeable lettering, unlit, non-flashing, increased this person's business by close to 50 percent. Maybe there are more people who have been adversely affected.

Elsie N. Vorheis

Dear Editor,

I lived the first 21 years of my life in the City of Lowell with my family and friends. After being away for as many years, I have returned to the City of Lowell, to family and friends, and hope to live out my life here.

Once again, I was able to pick up the Lowell Ledger and began reading the various articles within, noticing that the subject of the North Washington property was a recurring topic of interest. I began reading articles submitted by people I have known all my life, like Mr. Reagan and Mr. Blough, as they were compelled to express their feelings on the subject of the North Washington property. These are men whom have been respected and looked up to by the people in the City of Lowell for many years. I wondered just what was this North Washington property and felt it necessary to discover for myself the property in question and then to actually attend a working session meeting on the matter, which was held at City Hall on Oct. 8. I participated in and listened to all who attended this meeting.

I, like you, saw the article that appeared in the Ledger on Oct. 10 following this meeting, complete with a picture of the Boy Scouts and city council members, as we all said the Pledge of Allegiance. But it is concerning to me that many reading that article may now be under the impression that a determination to permanently preserve the property in its natural environment, amongst other important issues, may have been reached, which is not the case.

In my observation, there is still much discussion needed on the matter to ensure the permanent natural preservation of the North Washington property, which would be at no expense to the City, which the City also reiterated at the meeting on Oct. 8. Also, regarding the caretaker's home where the Dietzel family has resided for 28 years, caring for and maintaining the property, isn't there a way which would allow the City to lease the home to the Dietzel family until such time as they no longer reside there? Additionally, if the city council truly feels the Boy Scout cabin is "sacred", as was quoted in the Oct. 10 Ledger article, why not lease it to the organization unconditionally until such time as the organization no longer requires it and not just for another 10 years? You have been doing so for the past 50. If I recall correctly, wasn't there mention of amendments to the City Charter to perhaps accomplish some of the above, which would allow for a vote to the people of the City of Lowell on these matters? While it may be true, it takes time to provide amendments. I believe the citizens of Lowell would be more than willing to take this time. If my recollection is not correct, please let us know how the people of the City of Lowell could determine themselves what happens in these matters.

I urge the citizens of Lowell to participate in the upcoming election of your city council. Your city council represents you, the people of Lowell, the city. Let your voices be heard. To move forward and continue to grow and prosper as a caring community sometimes requires change. Now is a time for change and now is a time for the citizens of Lowell to make this change, make a difference and move forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Swan

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Insomnia is a condition when you often can't fall asleep or you wake up at night and can't get back to sleep. Insomnia is very common. More than one in three adults have it every year. Many things can cause insomnia - illness, some medicines, excess caffeine, and stress.

If you have insomnia, your doctor may ask you to keep a diary of your sleep patterns, detailing your work schedule, dietary habits, exercise routine, and how these items affect your ability to sleep through the night. Your doctor may even recommend a sleep study to see if there is another reason for your inability to sleep well.

- Some tips on how to get a better night's sleep:
- Follow a bedtime routine. Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.
 - Keep your bedroom dark, quiet, and at a comfortable temperature.
 - Exercise regularly. It is a great stress dissipater and helps you to sleep more soundly.
 - Drink less caffeine, as it is a stimulant.
 - Avoid alcohol, especially late in the evening.

Your doctor may prescribe sleeping pills for a few weeks until your regular sleep pattern returns. Many times, this is all that is needed to reverse the pattern of poor sleep.

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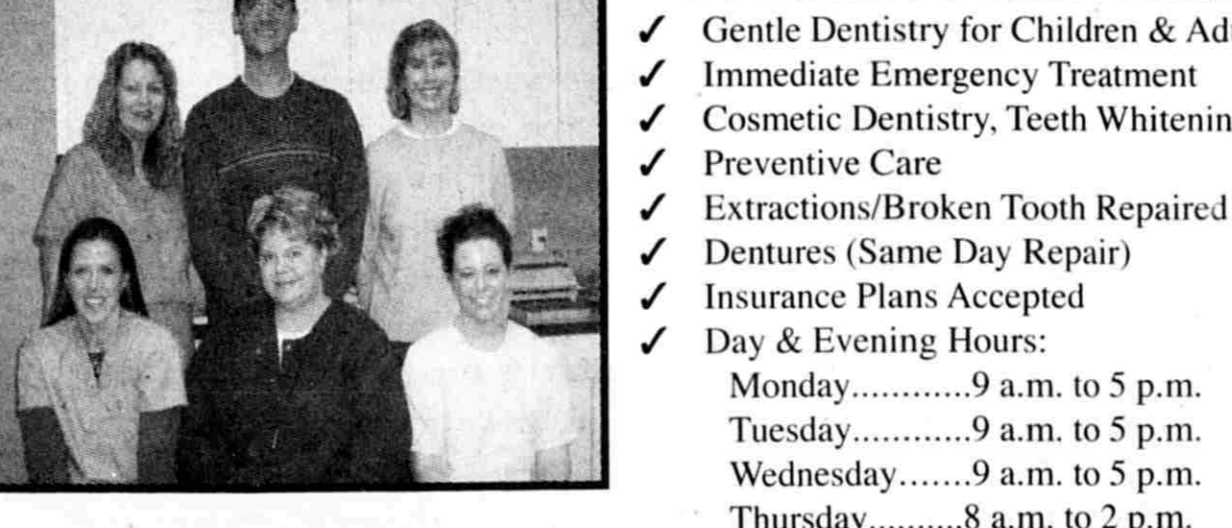
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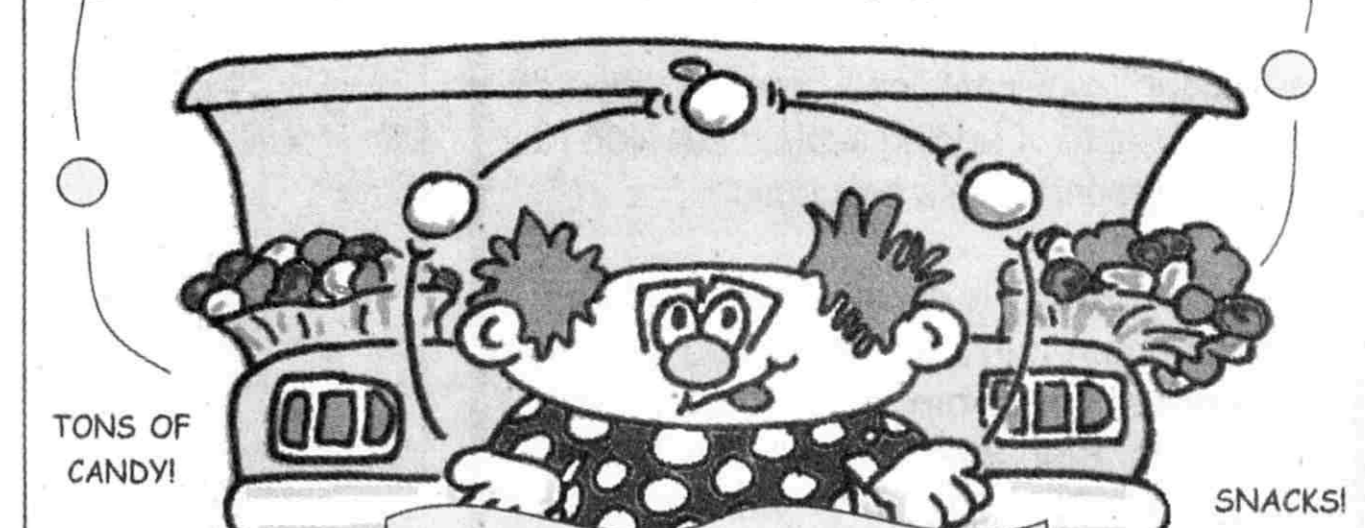


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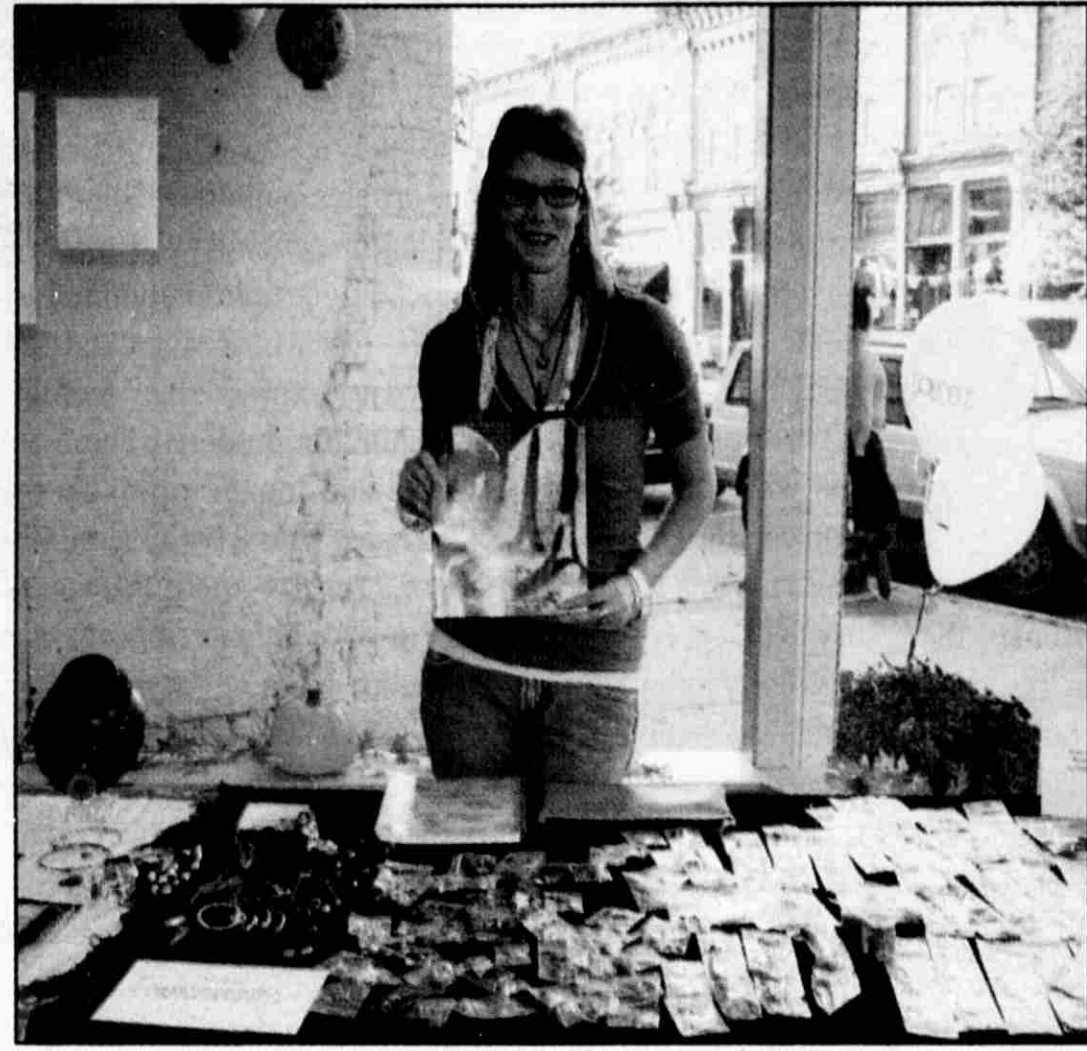


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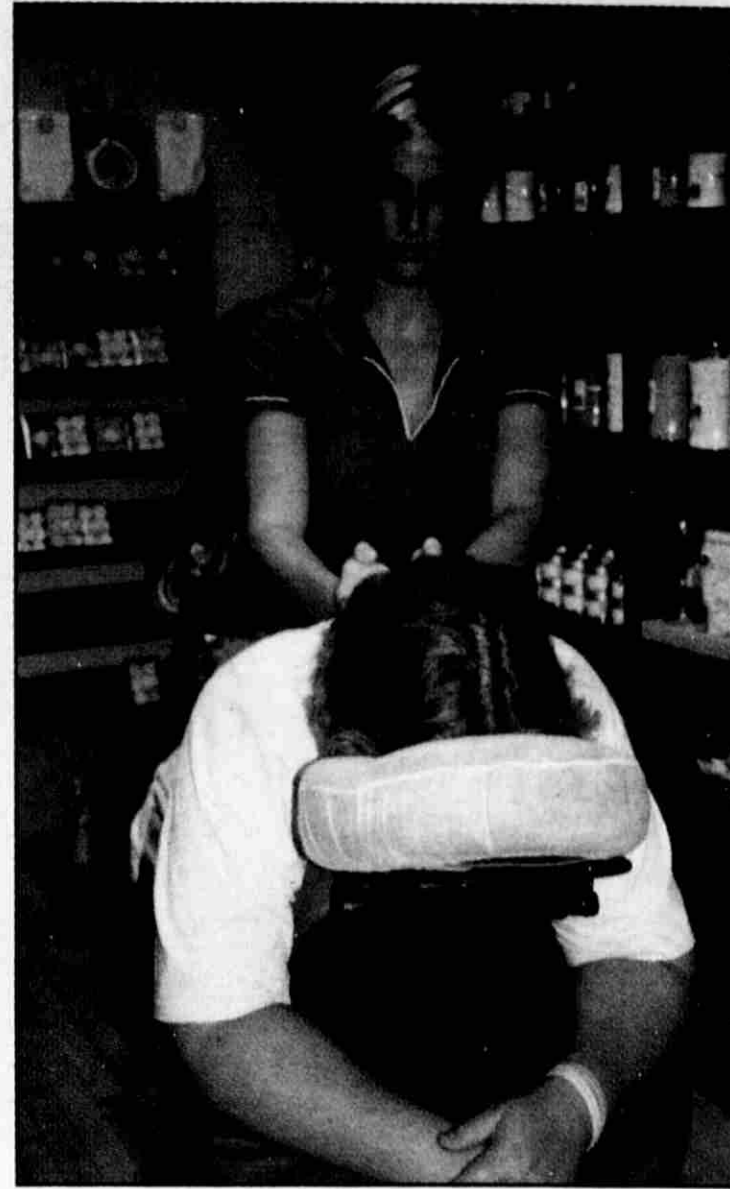
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Springgrove Variety featured a 25 percent discount.



Lesla Tap shows a selection of jewelry was on display at eja Salon.



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- David Rockefeller

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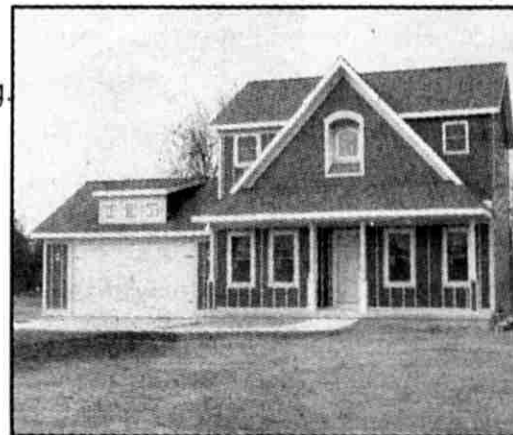
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted Ordinance 2007-2, an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance as summarized below. The amendments were adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr, Lowell, MI.

Amend Chapter 2 Definitions, adding definitions of boat slip, marina, key street segment, neighborhood local business, wind energy conversion system (wind turbine) and wind energy conversion systems, small (windmill, small). Amend Chapter 3 Zoning Districts, section 201.304 (C) (17), adding the neighborhood local business use and section 201.304 (H) Key Street Segments area description. Amend section 201.3075 (C) (2) (3) adding marina and neighborhood local business uses. Amend section 201.3075 "G" adding the key street segments area description. Amend Chapter 4 adding section 201.437 Marinas with regulations and standards for this use allowed in the Lake Residential and Rural Agricultural districts in the key street segment areas. Amend Chapter 4 adding section 201.438 Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems/Wind Turbines as a new use with regulations and standards. Amend Chapter 4 adding section 201.439 Neighborhood Local Business with description, regulations and standards. Amend Chapter 4 adding section 201.440 Key Street Segments with a description.

The complete text of the 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]. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

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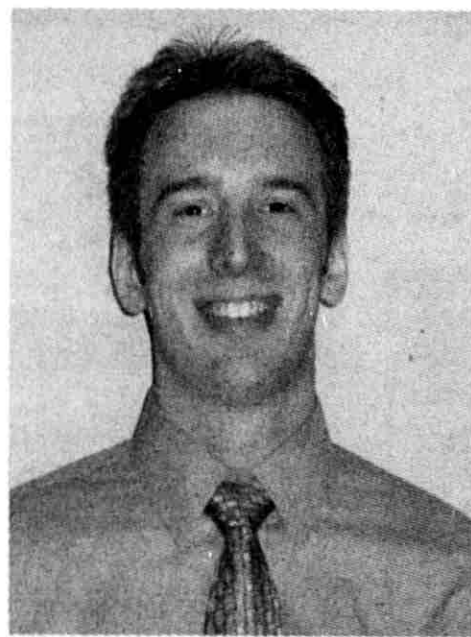


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In his free time Dr. Buys enjoys spending time with his family, biking, swimming, and fishing. He is also an active member of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors. Dr. Buys and his wife regularly attend Ada Bible Church and are expecting their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

If you're looking for a chiropractor with extensive training and experience in the treatment of back and neck problems, don't suffer needlessly. Call Dr. Buys today to schedule an appointment.

Alto family farm is now Fieldstone Farm Antiques

by Emma Palova

Collectors' items such as the famous Staffordshire dogs from England, jewelry with a past and marbles in a jar are among the many antiques found at the Fieldstone Farm Antiques in Alto.

Sitting behind an authentic register, owner Kim Culbertson, takes pride in knowing the history behind the antiques.

Although she's been in business for 30 years doing antique shows, this is her first shop on the family

business from Caroline Joyce, who had an antique shop in her log cabin in Alaska on the Thornapple River.

"She was instrumental, well-versed in the business," said Culbertson. "She was from the old school, she knew the good stuff."

At a time long before the e-world, Joyce estimated the value of antiques by feeling them and looking at them in natural light.

"You went by the feel of it, whether it was a

reproduction or original," said Culbertson.

Culbertson takes the time to find out where the antiques come from through research. She never combines antiques with gifts and new items.

Holding an "end of the day marble" in her hand, she immediately separates the old marbles from the new shiny ones by the window.

"It has to be a good out-of-production or a vintage antique item," she said.

Although nowadays, collectors are looking for



functionality as well as beauty.

At Mildred Stauffer's estate sale in an old one-room schoolhouse, Culbertson got a shoe box of jewelry including an art nouveau 1900s necklace.

She purchases antiques at auctions, estate sales, and garage sales. She also picks up items while traveling, and salvages items from buildings to be torn down. An Amish crew restored the barn to suit the antique shop.

Although antiques are her favorite hat, Culbertson wears other hats as well. She is a Suffolk sheep farmer breeding lambs for 4-H clubs.

Fieldstone Farm Antiques are located at 9449 Wingeier Ave. in Alto. Hours Th & Fri: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment call 616-890-6740.

Kim Culbertson has opened Fieldstone Farm Antiques in Alto.

Construction near completion as Autozone comes to Lowell

by Emma Palova

Working on a tight construction schedule in Lowell was a breeze. The small town atmosphere helped. So says, Dave Haskin, project manager with Heineman Construction Co. of Midland.

Typically, Autozone stores have an aggressive construction schedule of 60 days from start to completion.

And the Lowell city departments have accommodated the project from water lines all the way to Lowell Light & Power. "It's been an excellent experience working in Lowell," said project manager Dave Haskin. "It's been very enjoyable to work here. The water department has been expeditious."

The new Autozone store west of town on Fulton Street is now slated for completion the first week in November.

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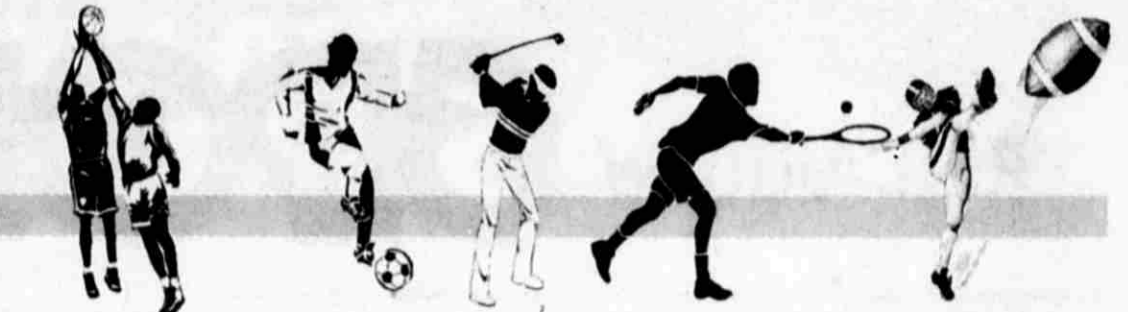
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell ends season with loss to GR Christian in Districts

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Nick Abdo was on a tear Tuesday night at his last District - and soccer - match in his high school career.

Perhaps it was that particular thought that fueled the Lowell senior to seize the first possession of the game against Grand Rapids Christian and race toward the Eagles' goal, scoring in the first 12 seconds of regulation.

But a one-goal lead would not suffice - Abdo scored again two minutes later, to boost the Arrows to 2-0 early in the first half. The thoughts of the team who had trouble finishing their games earlier in the season had been tossed

aside and on marched the team who scored twice in three minutes on surges by a senior.

But the rush would end there. The Eagles scored three times in less than 10 minutes, twice by Nate Romero and once on a freak shot by Shane Colburn who took advantage of a missed kick by goalkeeper Phil Bieri, who was attempting to clear the ball.

The Arrows played well in the second half, with many chances at a ball in the net, but weren't able to finish. Lowell lost 2-3 to GR Christian and finished their season in the Red Arrow Stadium.

Coach Paul Legge said it was a tough loss for his team. "It definitely was disappointing," he said. "We

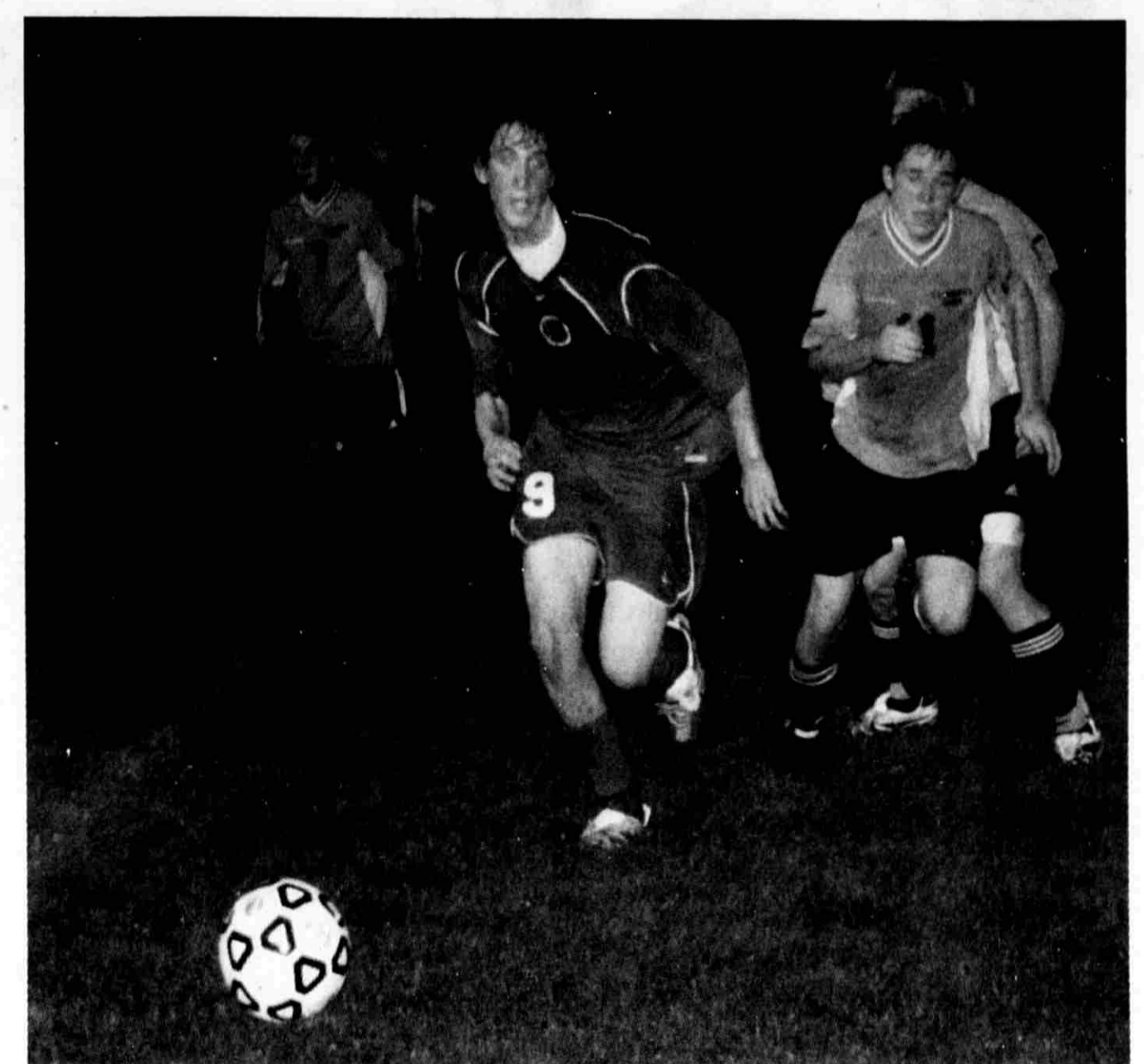
got off to a great start, but got a bit complacent and I don't think we felt that they would come back from 2-0 down. I know that we were a much better team from GRC and I think we proved this in the way we controlled the game."

Legge said the game on Tuesday was a model for how the season seemed to go. "The final game was a great example of how our entire season went," he said. "They were a very talented group of kids, but just struggled to get over the hump all season."

Legge said that the team was enjoyable to work with, and that they developed well over the course of the season.

"I felt like this was the team that made the most improvement from the start of the season to the end of the season of all the teams I have coached over the years," Legge said. "I have coached several very good teams in the past 10 seasons, but none have grown as much and progressed as much over the course of a season as this group of boys."

The Arrows had a slew of players do well in post-



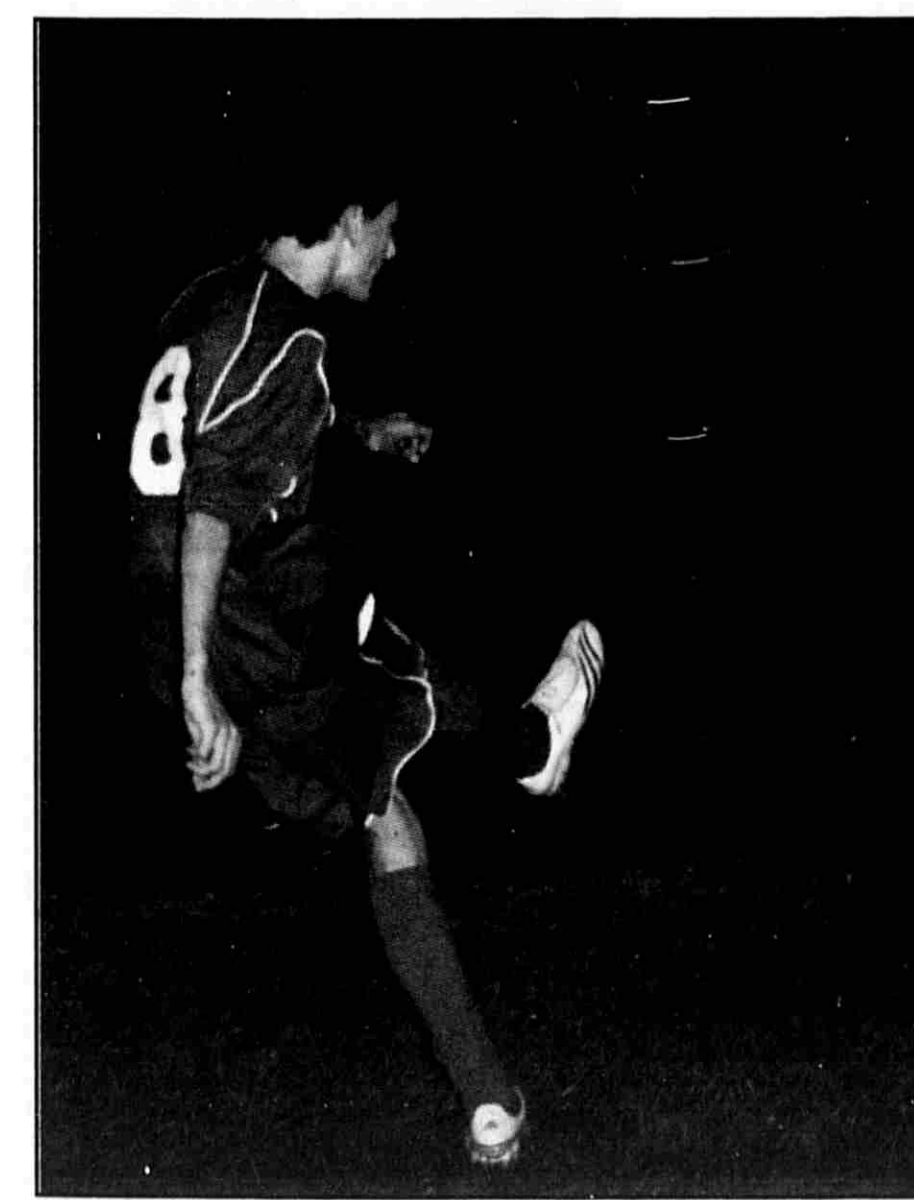
Greg Harreld (9) takes the ball up the field.



Nick Abdo (23) breaks from an Eagle defender.



Bud Shepard (12) goes for a header against two GR Christian defenders.



Jake Karasiewicz (8) takes a kick amidst the dense fog.

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS PROPOSALS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007 ELECTION

The Lowell City Council has proposed the following charter amendments in order to provide a more efficient local government.

First Proposal... the City Council shall organize and elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at its first meeting in January following each City election

Why? The Council has traditionally elected a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in January to align when newly elected Councilmembers are sworn in. This amendment will formally provide the current practice in the Charter.

As an interim measure, the Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve from November 2007 to January 2008.

Second Proposal... 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

Why? This gives the Council the flexibility to choose the best time to have the meetings. Currently, the meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Third Proposal... the Board of Light and Power shall consist of five members

Why? The Board currently has three members. This makes decisions difficult if one member is absent. Also, the five member board provides greater representation.

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6
LOWELL CITY COUNCIL**

RED ARROW SPORTS

The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield
Sports editor

It's
"rowdy fan" time!



Baseball fans are known to get a bit rowdy. The game that can run on for hours and has easy access to drinks can lead fans to protest calls, yell a lot and fight each other all for the love of the game.

In the case of Sunday night's AL championship game featuring the Boston Red Sox, seven fans got a bit too rowdy. And their punishment? Homework. That's right - judges ordered the fans to write a five-page essay explaining what they learned from their experience of being arrested. Sounds a bit like Bart Simpson's chalkboard punishment. "I will not throw rocks and bottles at police" might be a feature of a few essays. It's not the first time that Boston fans got rowdy, nor is it a singular tale of fans and punishment.

The Philadelphia Eagles football team has a courtroom and jail cells located in their stadium. Might as well take care of the problem in the comforts of your own stadium, right? As long as they don't start merchandising stripes and orange jumpsuits, it won't have gone too far.

In 1995, the Los Angeles Dodgers had to forfeit a game to the St. Louis Cardinals because fans kept throwing souvenir baseballs on the field. It was the first forfeit since 1979 in the MLB, when the second game of a doubleheader between Detroit and Chicago was called due to an anti-disco promotion that left the field unplayable. Was that the end of disco as we knew it?

Of course, we can't forget about the Piston-Pacers debacle a few years ago that left the Palace in a state of disarray. It was so big that a Wikipedia page is dedicated solely to the "Malice at the Palace" or "the Basketbrawl."

Rowdy fans will be around as long as sports are. Whether it's a bad call, a bad player or a bad coach, the crowd will let its team know what it thinks. Love for a team can lead fans to do crazy things. But can't we all just get along?

Lowell Red Arrow football earns share of conference title

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

It might've been the rain that seemed to hit directly in your face. Or maybe the turf at Memorial Field in East Grand Rapids was a little too foreign. Perhaps the magic from East's Homecoming game was a bit much. One thing was certain - the Lowell football team couldn't hold off a feisty Pioneer offense Friday night.

The Arrows lost 14-24 to the Pioneers after leading in the first half.

Kyle Nichol was the only scorer for Lowell, with 1-yard and 2-yard runs in the first and second quarters. It was definitely a rushing sort of game for both teams, as Lowell rushed for 135 yards. East had 231 yards. Comparatively, the Arrows only had 19 passing yards, while East took 35.

EGR would score four times in a row, to overcome the 14-0 deficit they felt in the first two quarters. On a 7-yard run by Evan Ankney and a 3-pointer late in the second quarter, the Pioneers were nine points in at halftime.

And they came out of the fieldhouse roaring in the second half, with 1-yard and 57-yard runs by Joe Glendening. The Pioneers were up by three after their second touchdown with a successful two-point conversion. And the Arrows just couldn't come back.

Coach Noel Dean said he was proud of his team, although he was disappointed with the loss.

"This is probably the most over-achieving football team we've ever coached," Dean said. "I feel good about that right now, but I'm stinging a bit from the loss."

Even with the loss, the Arrows won a share of the OK-White title, which ended in a three-way tie with EGR and Caledonia. The team finished its regular season 7-2, and will face Portage Central Friday night for the first round of playoffs.

Dean said his team will be ready for the pairing. "We'll regroup," he said.

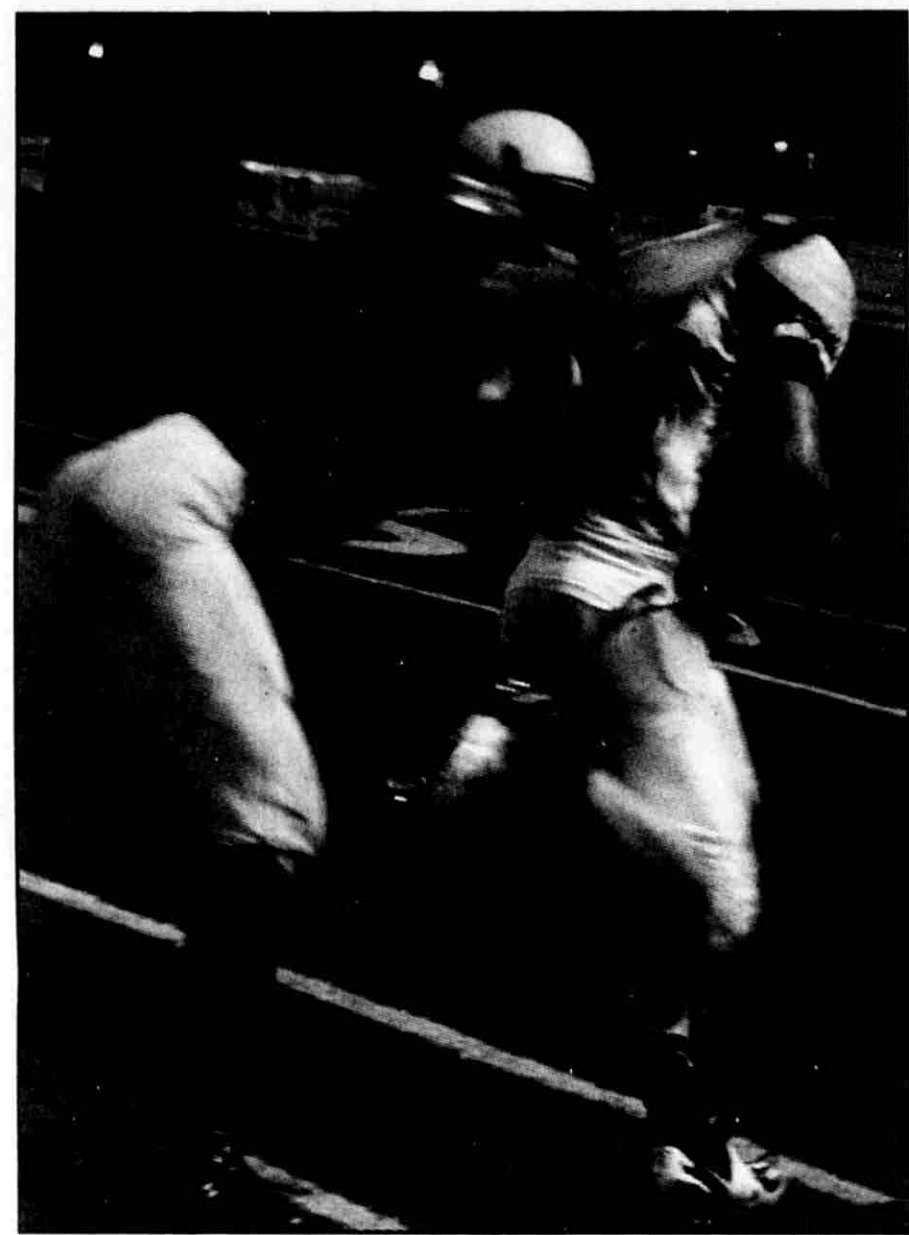
Nate Vaught led Lowell in rushing, with 16 attempts for 67 yards, while Nichol was 20 for 39 yards. Glendening was 17 for 185 yards for EGR.

Nichol was 1 for 9, with 19 yards in passing. Cal Blair completed 4 of 9 passes for 35 yards for EGR.

Torsten Boss had 1 reception for 19 yards, while Evan Ankney had 3 for 32 yards.

Randy Hogan had 8 tackles, while Jake Ormes of EGR had 6.

The team will play at Portage Central on Friday at 7:30 p.m.



Torsten Boss (4) races for the endzone.



Many students traveled to EGR Friday night.

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Volleyball team wins against Greenville Yellow Jackets

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

For the Lowell volleyball team, Monday night's victory against Greenville was the right way to end its regular season and last home game. The Arrows won in three games straight - 25-23, 25-13, 25-16.

Coach Gigi Peal said she was pleased with how the night went.

"[The game] was a nice way to end at home," Peal said. "It was nice to win and have the senior night."

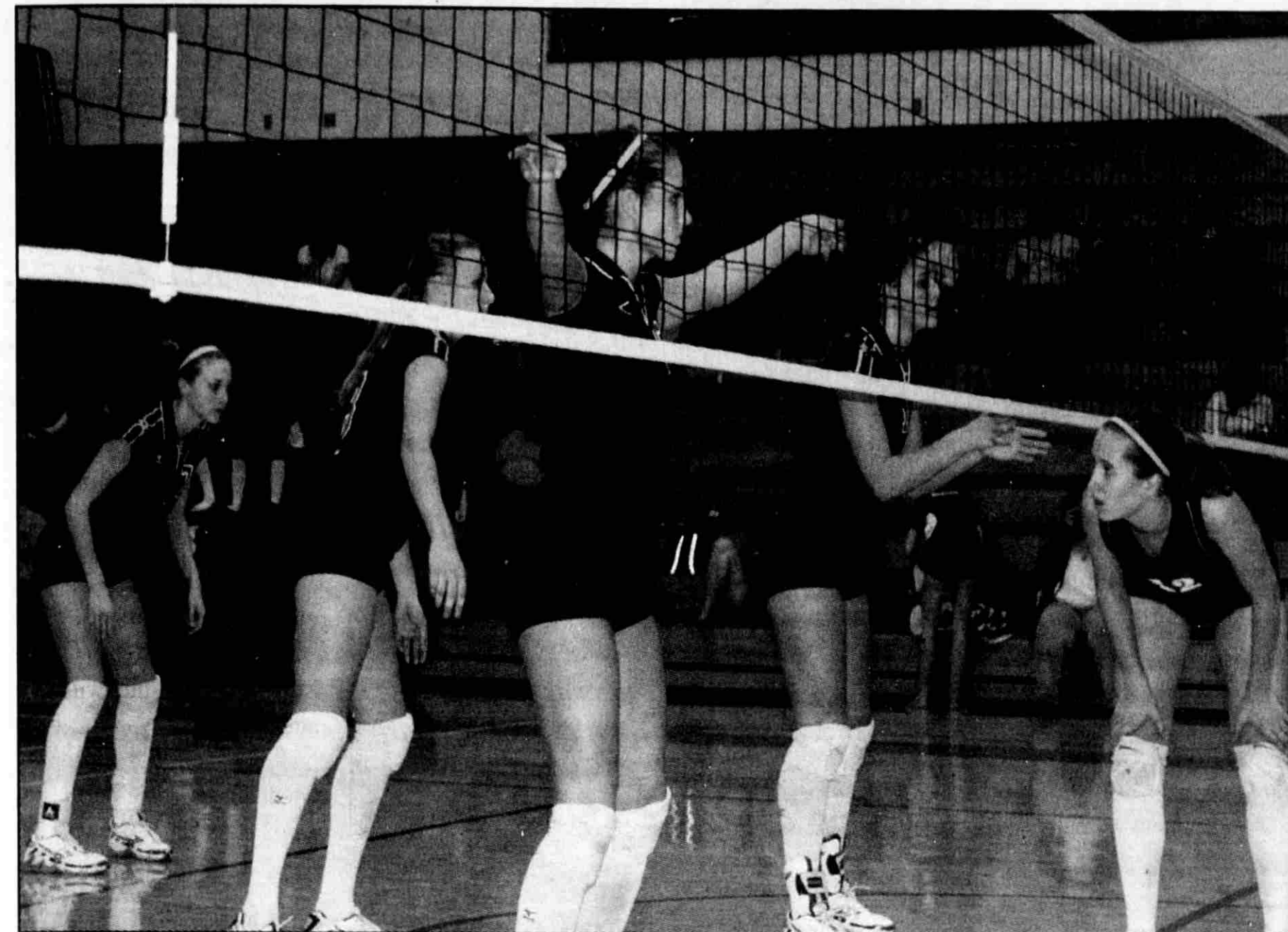
Monday was also Senior Night for the volleyball team, with seniors and their parents taking the court before the start of the first game.

The Arrows looked more polished than they have earlier in the season, as they dominated each game with good play and tight skills. Teamwork was the name of the game Monday night.

The match against Greenville was postponed from Thursday night due to bad weather.

Heather Burger had 32 assists, while Brooke Siler of Greenville had 11. Amy VanEnns had 18 kills and Mary VanderLaan had 12, while Patricia Rewa of Greenville had 9. Jasmine Holliman and Madelyn Brower had 6 aces apiece, while Rewa had 3.

The team will play in the OK-Quad at Zeeland West on Thursday.



Madelyn Brower (9) sets up play as Heather Burger (7), Amy VanEnns (8) and Mary VanderLaan (11) get ready.

Boys and girls' cross country teams finish regular season at EGR

The cross country teams competed at the OK-White Jamboree at East Grand Rapids Wednesday afternoon for its last regular-season meet.

The boys' team finished 5th of seven teams with a score of 114. Caledonia won the meet, with a score of 27.

Corey Fitzpatrick was the top finisher for Lowell, placing 6th with a time of 17:47. Other top finishers for the Red Arrows were

Zach Robinson at 19th (18:28), Jon Woods at 24th (19:08), Justin Boss at 30th (19:17) and Tom Mark at 35th (19:30).

The girls' team finished 7th of seven teams with a score of 209. East Grand Rapids finished first, with a score of 50.

Taylor Marchido was the top finisher for the Red Arrows, placing 36th with a time of 23:08. Other top finishers for Lowell were

Haleigh Timmers at 37th (23:25), Emily Hauschild at 43rd (24:57), Paige Senters at 46th (27:12) and Morgan Marchido at 47th (27:38).

The team will compete at Regional finals on Saturday at the Christian Recreation Center.

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Harvest Hustle names top finishers

The Harvest Hustle was held Saturday, Oct. 13 in Lowell as part of the Lowell Community Wellness Center.

Josh Modert of Ada was top finisher for the men's category, while Tammy Coleman was the top female finisher.

Other medalists in the men's categories were Austen Giles (13-14), Scott Riddle (20-24), Roger Bonga (30-34), Tom Nugent (35-39), John Gerard (40-44), Kris Kropf (45-49), Virgil Biggs (60-65) and Paul McDermott (66 and over).

In the women's category were Sarah Storey (20-24), Sara Valentine (25-29), Jeannine Addressi (30-34), Anne McDonald (35-39), Sue Hill (40-44), Nancy Garner (45-49), Janet Kreuger (50-54), Annette Lalley (55-59) and Janet Marble (60-65).

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Have you seen this man?

A former Lowell resident, Donald Dietz, 66, has been reported missing since September. He was last seen at the Meijer in Ionia, where he was riding his bike home near Saranac. He is well known for being a "bicycle man" and was often seen riding around town. Originally from Ada, Dietz lived in Lowell and graduated from the high school. A reward is being offered for information about his disappearance. Call the Michigan State Police at its Ionia post at (616) 527-3600.



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TRANSMISSION FOR SALE - 700R4 with overdrive, rebuilt w/approx. 1300 miles. Asking \$475. Call 940-1856, leave message.

ROLL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LOWELL LITHO - Single & double rolls, variety of colors. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261

REINGTON 870 EXPRESS 20 GA. SHOTGUN - Scoped, comes with ammo, \$325. Call Ryan 616-890-7979.

AIR BEDS - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Digital remote, never used. Perfect for couples with different firmness needs. Air Bed Store, G.R., 682-4767 or 293-6160.

SCRATCH PADS OF PAPER - Always looking for something to write on? Look no further! We have pads of scratch paper for only \$1.25 alb. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

ATTN. HUNTERS - deer antlers mounted, solid oak plaques, \$24. 691-7292.

USED TIRES - 100's to choose from, like new, reasonable prices. 292-7649.

GARAGE DOORS - All sizes & styles, installation available. DURKEE LUMBER, Alto, 868-6026.

WESTIN BRUSH GUARDS - fits Dodge Ram '94-'02. One used, one new. Starting at \$250. Call 616-322-7995.

FOR RENT OR LAND CONTRACT - 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Lowell, \$1,000 per month plus utilities. Close to schools 897-4272.

ROOMFORRENT - withfull house privileges, (washer/dryer etc.) \$250 per month plus deposit. For more info call 616-897-6045.

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

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

SENIORS!! - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 acre country setting! Pets welcome! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. Call today to join our small waiting list. Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271, hearing impaired dial 711.

COPY SERVICE, FAX SERVICE, LAMINATING, UPS SHIPPING & MORE AVAILABLE AT THE LOWELL LEDGER. HOURS M-Th. 8-5 p.m. Fri. 8-4 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 105 N. Broadway Ph. 897-9261 Fax 897-4809

WANTED - Gold jewelry: rings, earrings, necklaces, etc. Broken or not. Call 676-0704.

\$\$\$ CASH PAID FOR ESTATE ITEMS! - Buying collections, antiques, furniture, vintage "stuff"! Call today 616-550-0521.

WANTED TO BUY - Walnut trees for timber. 616-527-4142.

WANTED TO RENT - 2 bedroom in country but will consider edge of town. 897-8735 or 616-885-2651, ask for Deb.

WANTED - Non-working snowblowers & lawn mowers. Free pickup. Call 897-9621.

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HELP WANTED - Temporary, seasonal office work, \$7.25/hour. Great Lakes Promotions, 615 Chatham, Suite 2, Lowell. Call 446-5118.

"SOLVE YOUR MONEY PROBLEMS FOREVER" Earn more working part-time than most do full time. Free mind blowing report: Dry Tech, Suite CL2968 22212 Camay Ct, Calabasas, CA 91302 or call 1-800-507-7222 Ext. CL2968.

DRIVERS - Great Benefits & Hometime!! OTR-\$40/mile, Reg-\$42/mile. Plus Stop Pay! CDL-A req. Will train. 800-387-0088.

C.N.A. - Immediate openings PT/FT, experienced for small Christian assisted living facility. Do you have the "calling" to serve and enjoy enriching the lives of older adults? Are you flexible and enjoy serving as part of a professional team? Send resume to Emerald Meadows Assisted Living Facility, 6117 Charlevoix Woods Ct., Grand Rapids, 49546 or apply in person.

HELP WANTED - The Lowell Moose Lodge, 210 E. Main St. is taking applications for part time waitresses & bartenders. Apply in person.

DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/chauuffers CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-732-9954.

TURN DRIVER - CDL-A. Consistent w/ky income. Great benefits! No-touch. Home every other day. 800-998-5005.

WESTERN MICHIGAN JOB CLUBS - Over 700 job listings - changing daily! Spanish Interpreter, \$16.60 - \$22.45/hr.; Secretary, \$11.37-\$15.98/hr.; Material Handler, \$10.15-\$14.31/hr.; Package Handler, \$8.50-\$9/hr.; Auto Technician, \$12.82/hr.; Cashier \$9.90-\$13.40/hr.; Coffee Shop Worker, \$9.05-\$12.25/hr.; School Crossing Guard, \$9.25-\$12.25/hr.; Maintenance Worker - DOE; Pet Care Attendant - DOE; Cook - DOE; Housekeeper - DOE; Driver - DOE. 616-248-JOBS(5627).

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - King Milling Company is seeking a qualified individual for a first shift general labor position. Please apply at 115 S. Broadway Street, Lowell.

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INDOOR GARAGE SALE - Girls jeans & tops galore, all sizes. Beanie Babies, Little Tikes outdoor play equipment, treadmill, beds, dog kennels & much more. Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 755 Boynton, Lowell. (off Bennett).

ANTIQUE SHOW - October 27, Barry County Fairgrounds on M-37, South of Grand Rapids. Take M-37 South from 28th or M-37 past Middleville. Sat. 9-5 p.m.; \$3.00 admission.

INDOOR MOVING SALE - Friday, Oct. 26, 9-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, 9-2 p.m. Mugs, bells, baskets, ball caps, books, dishes, home decor, Indian decor, shelves, tables, chairs, computer desk. 6943 Kyser Road, Lowell.

MOVING SALE - Thurs., Oct. 25 & Fri., Oct. 26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1763 Veronica St., Lot 203, Key Heights. We would rather sell it than move it! Dressers, end tables, 3 china cupboards, dishes, children's books, pot & pans, area rugs, jewelry, collectibles, dishes, 2 microwave stands, crock pots, lots & lots of stuff! Mostly held inside so come rain or shine.

GARAGE SALE - Lots of ride on toys, Little Tike, some furniture, clothing newborn thru adult. Thurs., Oct. 25 and Fri., Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 6780 Wingeier.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup at 3 p.m. We cannot accept hazardous materials or firearms. Call for a price quote! We will need weight, zip code & dimensions for a price quote over the phone. 105 N. Broadway. 897-9261.

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

TK'S HEART PET SITTING - Don't look for the next best place to home... let them stay there, and call me! Horses, dogs, cats, etc. Call Tera at 616-328-2445.

PLUMBER - Licensed, 17 years Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable Rates. No emergency or after hours fee. Call Platinum Plumbing, 897-2575.

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PRINTING - Before you order your next batch of envelopes, letterhead or business cards - call us for a quote! Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - Bob Ford formally of Hahn Hardware is now doing all kinds of service work at your home or business. Free estimates. Call 299-3198.

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WATSON'S HANDY-MAN SERVICES - Decks, doors, dry-wall & misc. repairs. Basement remodels. Small jobs welcome. 897-6906.

TWO WOMEN AND A BRUSH - Experienced painters for hire! Call 616-328-2445.

CEMENT WORK OF ALL KINDS - Cement work is my line, not a sideline. 45 years experience. Call 874-7017.

ALTERATIONS - Experienced professional men's, women's, leather coats, all fabrics, zippers replaced, wedding & prom dresses altered. Call Helen 897-6071.

JIM'S FLOOR COVERING - 23 years experience. Sales & installation. Jim Davis, owner, 897-0737. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., leave message.

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SYNOPSIS BOWNE TOWNSHIP

Motions approved:
• Minutes of September board meeting. List of all invoices.
• Snowplowing bid awarded.
• Training Session for Planning Commission scheduled.

Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV, "SPONSORSHIP SIGNS IN CITY PARK SYSTEM," TO CHAPTER 14, "PARKS AND RECREATION," OF, AND TO AMEND SECTION 20.03, "SIGNS PROHIBITED," OF CHAPTER 20, "SIGNS," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," TO, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-09 adding Article IV, "Sponsorship Signs in City Park System," to Chapter 14, "Parks and Recreation," of, and amending Section 20.03, "Signs Prohibited," of Chapter 20, "Signs," of Appendix A, "Zoning," to, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 1, 2007. Ordinance No. 07-09 defines a sponsorship sign and proscribes the process and requirements for obtaining approval, maintaining and removing sponsorship signs in the City park system. Ordinance No. 07-09 also provides that sponsorship signs are not governed by the sign provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 07-09 is effective 10 days after its publication.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a portion of a City owned lot approximately the south 50 feet by 208 feet at 850 North Washington (Parcel 41-16-35-426-053). The property will be conveyed by quitclaim deed and the purchaser will be responsible for cost of obtaining a property survey and/or title insurance.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331, no later than Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., at which time these will be publicly opened and read. A final decision of sale will be made by the City Council, which will consider the bids on Monday, November 19, 2007.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and it may award sale to someone other than the highest monetary bidder, and the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.



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The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2007

REVENUES	
Investment Earnings	\$ 2,627,353
Contributions	\$ 635
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,627,988
EXPENSES	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 615,442
Investment Manager Fees	\$ 53,953
Support Services	\$ 74,586
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 743,981
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,884,007
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 15,502,175
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 17,386,182

Community Fund Advisory Committee

- John Darling, representing the Englehardt family
- Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township
- Sandy Graham, representing Lowell Township
- Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Principal, Lowell High School
- David Organek, Huntington Bank
- David Pasquale, Lowell City Manager
- Gregory Pratt, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools



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Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Art, Culture and Drama Enrichment	To provide art, culture and drama classes to Lowell area home school students.	Christ the King School	\$1,800
Cooperative Land Use Planning	To facilitate and mediate for cooperative land use planning between local governments.	City of Lowell	\$635
Lowell Dog Park	To create a free off-leash dog park in the City of Lowell.	City of Lowell	\$5,000
Advanced Technology Upgrades: Police Dept.	To enhance services to the Lowell community and its supporting agencies.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
Richards Park Skating Rink	To provide a permanent ice rink in the winter and a hard surface for skateboarding in the summer.	City of Lowell	\$16,000
Our Love, Lowell Community Skate Park	To purchase equipment used for skateboarding and BMX biking.	First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Lowell	\$20,000
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$100
Housing and Related Needs Project	To provide financial housing assistance to Lowell area residents to assure warmth and housing.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
"Restoring the Circle" Pow Wow	To fund the Pow Wow at the Lowell Fairgrounds.	Grand Valley American Indian Lodge	\$2,750
Publish Kaleidoscope Brochure	To provide one year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based web site beginning with winter 2006/2007.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$18,290
Lowell Leadership	To widen, deepen and develop the leadership potential of individuals in the greater Lowell community.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$6,081
Office Support for LACC & GLCF	To provide funding for a part-time staff position.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$10,895
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$30,000
2007 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2007 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$10,000
2007 Lowell Showboat Nostalgia Night	To provide support funding for the 2007 Lowell Showboat Nostalgia Night.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$8,250
Teen Mothers of Preschools - Lowell Area	To continue to offer a Teen Mothers of Preschoolers program for teen mothers and expectant teen mothers in the Lowell community.	Impact: A Wesleyan Church	\$3,000
Kent County Youth Fair	To provide for a staff position to increase the year-round rental use of the Fairgrounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$26,960
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$100
Kent County Youth Fair	To improve and upgrade facilities at the fairground for youth to safely display their projects.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$15,108
Capital Campaign Planning Grant	To support the Planning Phase for the Lowell Area Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce and City of Lowell capital campaign.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$28,200
Arts Alive Everyday	To support the programs and services the LAAC offers in the visual and performing arts to residents and visitors to the greater Lowell community.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$20,000
Capital Campaign Planning	To support the planning phase of the LAAC capital campaign.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$5,300
Program Support for FY 2007	To provide operating support due to loss in State funding.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$5,000
Museum Exhibits	To fund three exhibits that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history and character of the Lowell area.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$7,525
Mediatrex/Red Arrow Productions	To enable Mediatrex and Lowell High School's video production curriculum to collaborate to broadcast sports on television.	Lowell Area Schools	\$7,500
TOTS on Track for School	To ensure all children have an opportunity to begin school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$81,827
Public Access Channel Transfer	To purchase equipment needed to transfer Lowell Cable TV public access channel 20 to Lowell High School.	Lowell Area Schools	\$5,500
Magnificent Math Mentoring Program	Service learning initiative where high school math students will provide math mentoring services to at-risk elementary math students throughout the 2006 - 07 school years.	Lowell Area Schools	\$13,000
Online Curriculum for Summer School	To provide the NovaNet Online Curriculum Program for Summer School.	Lowell Area Schools	\$32,000
Saw for Industrial Arts	To purchase a new saw for the industrial arts program to increase safety.	Lowell Area Schools	\$4,100
WLHS "Remote" Equipment	To purchase equipment that will enable WLHS to remotely broadcast a wide variety of events.	Lowell Area Schools	\$849
Wege Land Study	To conduct a facility needs assessment with conceptual design and cost estimate and overall development of a master recreational plan for the Lowell Area.	Lowell Area Schools	\$35,000
Year Three of Three Year Project Plan (2004 - 2007)	To provide matching funds for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation grants.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Tribute Tree Leaves	In honor of service on the Advisory Committee - Kurt Lardie	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$400
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Grand River Riverfront Park Enhancement Project	To enable park improvements and additional amenities.	Lowell Charter Township	\$14,270
Lowell Community Wellness	To enable the continued growth in programming for the community and the school district, and to support the staff positions of a part-time director and part-time administrative position.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$54,500
Parcel Mapping	To purchase the software and printer to update, maintain and use a current township parcel map.	Vergennes Township	\$2,300
Feasibility Study for Lowell Rail Trail	To partially fund a feasibility study for a rail trail connecting Greenville to Ionia, via Lowell.	West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition	\$4,500
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$100
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell area students.		\$41,000

TOTAL GRANTS \$623,240

Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation