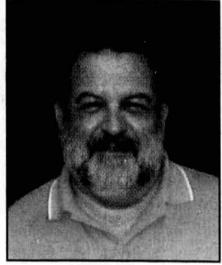
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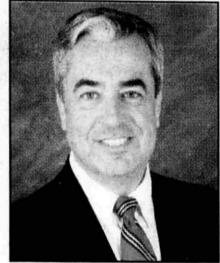
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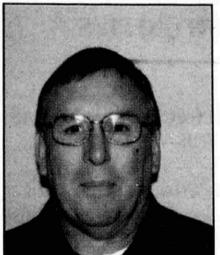
Three incumbents and three newcomers compete for three open seats on the city council in November election



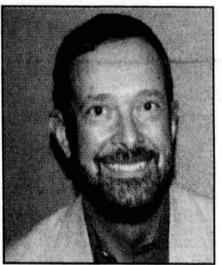
Al Mathews



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Maryalene LaPonsie

by Emma Palova

Six candidates are vying for three open seats on the city council in the November general election.

Tree trimming, the sale of Lowell Cable and North Washington property are among the major issues concerning the candidates.

The incumbent candidates are: mayor Chuck Myers, mayor pro-tem Al Mathews and council member Jim Hodges. The newcomers are Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie and Jeff Altoft.

Myers, 59, a career banker and an experienced politician, is mainly concerned about the following issues: the Boy Scout Camp-North Washington Property

aggressive tree trimming by the Lowell Light & Power Company

the sale of the Cable
 TV Company and Sale
 Proceeds

Myers is committed to preserving the Boy Scout Camp to include the proposed trails, and consider other nature improvements as funding becomes available.

In response to the recent aggressive tree trimming, the city has developed a trimming policy and implemented an Arbor Board with a tree replacement program.

On the issue of cable sale, Myers said it was a practical business decision since the subscriber numbers kept declining, while the upgrade of the system would have cost \$1 million.

Myers favors creating a \$3.5 million fund from the sale proceeds to benefit many Lowell future projects. A separate advisory board will be established to award grants from managed funds.

Myers believes that his financial background and the depth of past community involved sets him apart from other candidates.

"I have a sincere interest in the community as a long term resident," he said. "My professional business experience provides me

with the insights and decision making capabilities to function as a city council person."

Continued challenges for the city government include: cutbacks, revenue sharing and controlling of spending.

Mathews, 49, an excavating manager for Tip Top Gravel, is seeking second term on the city council. He is mainly concerned about the following issues:

- lack of communication between the city and the people
- proceeds of the cable sale
- North Washington Property
- the equipment fund
 In order to resolve some

of the challenges facing the city, Mathews would like to see cuts across the board. Proposed cuts would also include dropping of the operational millage due to people living on fixed income.

"I want to drop the property taxes," he said.

Mathews would like to see a committee managing the cable sale proceeds. On the issue of North Washington Property, Mathews proposed the sale of the former LL&P manager's house along with three acres. He would like the city to donate five to seven

acres to the Boy Scouts with the rest of the land going to deferred conservancies.

"I don't want to see any development," he said.

Mathews believes what sets him apart from other candidates is his honesty and being a lifetime resident concerned about the city.

Incumbent Hodges, 57, a skid loader for Alticor, has served on the planning commission, as well as on the city council. Following are the issues, Hodges is concerned about:

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Voter ID required this Election Day

by Terri Lynn Land

From cashing checks to entering buildings to renting movies, if you reside in Michigan, you've grown accustomed to the need to show identification in everyday life.

Beginning with the Nov. 6 election, you will now also be asked to present photo identification - or sign a form stating your don't have one - before receiving a ballot. The requirements are the result of a 1996 law that the Michigan Supreme Court recently upheld as constitutional and reasonable.

The intent of the law is to safeguard the integrity of our elections system from fraud.

Michigan's voter ID law recognizes that people have different circumstances. Voters who lack acceptable photo ID - because they forgot to bring it, cannot afford it, or any other

reason - will still have the opportunity to vote. They will simply be asked to sign an affidavit - a form stating they are not in possession of identification. They the will be given their ballot, which will be counted with all the others on Election Day.

Voters who lack ID cannot be challenged by an election inspector or poll challenger just because they sign the affidavit.

To satisfy the new identification requirement, voters can show a Michigan driver's license or Michigan personal ID card. If they do not possess either document, any of the following forms are acceptable, as long as they are current and include the person's photo and

• Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state

name:

Voter ID, cont'd., pg. 3

Trick or treaters visit Fountainview residents



Caiden Hinzmann, 6, from Murray Lake Elementary, dressed as dark wizard, receives a treat from Fountain View residents Mae Tibbe and Ann McQueen Friday during the annual trick-or-treat event.

AVOID THESE FRIGHTENING INVESTMENT MOVES

Once again, it's Halloween. Of course, you're doubtlessly more amused than frightened by the variety of ghouls, ghosts and goblins you'll see running around this week. However, although Halloween itself may not be particularly alarming, you can find some things in life that are truly scary — such as making bad investment moves. Here are a few of these alarming errors to avoid:

• Investing too little in your 401(k) — If you have a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you owe it to yourself to take full advantage of it. Your contributions are generally made with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in each year, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis. Furthermore, you may have a dozen or more investment options within your 401(k), so you can spread your dollars around in a way that reflects your risk tolerance and retirement goals. At the very least, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. And try to increase your annual contributions every time your salary goes up.

• Ignoring your IRA- Even if you have a 401(k), you can still open an IRA. Many people do this - but then forget about it. For 2007, you can put \$4,000 into an IRA,

or \$5,000 if you're 50 or older. A traditional IRA offers the potential for tax-free earnings, while a Roth IRA can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't take withdrawals until you are at least 59 1/2. And you can fund an IRA with virtually any investment you choose.

so uncomfortable with the volatility of the stock market that they put much of their money in more "conservative" low and sell high," you'd unquestionably make a fortune as investments, such as Treasury bills, corporate bonds and certificates of deposit. It's true that these types of securities will, in general, offer more protection of principal than stocks, but they will not provide much growth potential. So, if you've "loaded up" on these fixed-income vehicles, you could lose purchasing power over time. Over the long term, only stocks have significantly outpaced the rate of inflation, although, as you no doubt have heard, past performance is not an indication of future results. Consequently, if you are

saving and investing for retirement, you will certainly need an appropriate amount of stocks in your portfolio.

• Chasing "hot" stocks — If you follow a tip on a "hot" stock, you could get burned. Why? For one thing, by the time you buy the stock, it may already be cooling down. Even more importantly, it simply may not be appropriate • Investing too conservatively - Many investors are for your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals.

• "Timing" the market — If you could always "buy an investor. Unfortunately, no one can really predict when market highs and lows will occur - and you can rack up a lot of expenses buying and selling your investments in a vain attempt to "time" the market. You're much better off by buying quality investments and holding them for the long term, or at least until your needs change.

There's no trick to avoiding all these investment mistakes - and if you do, you may just find your investment statement is not so spooky to read.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER



AN URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, Nov. 8 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows people 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.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library located at 421-68th Street, SE, Grand Rapids. Please call 459-5151 to register.

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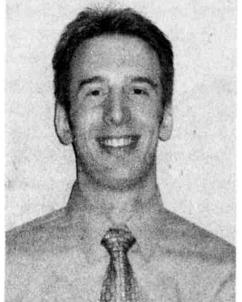
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Dr. Buys is a Grand Rapids area native who graduated with honors from Spring Arbor University. He then moved on to graduate from National University of Health Sciences as valedictorian where he received his extensive chiropractic training including 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.

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.



GIFT BASKET SALE FOR THE ENGLEHARDT BRANCH OF KDL

> The Friends of the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library will be selling themed book gift baskets at the Voyages Coffee Shop on Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As part of the Christmas Thru Lowell days, stop by the coffee shop and pick up gift baskets for as little as \$5.

Voyages Coffee Shop is located on E. Main St. in Lowell. For more information about the gift basket sale, please contact the Englehardt branch of KDL at 647-3920 or go online at www.kdl.org. The Englehardt branch of KDL is located at 2009 N. Monroe St. in Lowell.

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Chamber announces business workshops

The Lowell Area Process Flowchart, Business in the business development The workshop will be held Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), will present a workshop for planning It will cover all aspects of starting or improving your own business. Topics

Plan Outline, Marketing process. It will help you to on November 7, beginning Issues, Management/Human focus efforts on achieving at 9 a.m. running until 12 Resources, and Forecasting business goals, provide a noon at the Lowell Area Financial Needs. Objectives format for your plan and are to assist people thinking help to obtain financing. and starting your business. of starting a business to select an idea, to provide about starting a business business resources for or you have just started a investigation and explain business and still need help,

If you have ever thought include: Steps to get Started, how to use these resources this workshop is for you. 6.

Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. The workshop will cost \$45 and includes a workbook. Call 897-9161 to register for the class, deadline is November

Breast cancer fundraiser held in Muskegon will include Lowell participants

The 7th biannual "Tempting Tables" fundraiser will 4:30 – 7 p.m. for \$50. The public tour will take place for a take place in Muskegon Nov. 7 - 11. The event will be held at Maranatha Conference Center at 4759 Lake Harbor Rd. and will benefit breast cancer research.

"Tempting Tables" is an event showcasing 32 tables and 20 personal collections. Participants from Lowell and the surrounding areas will be featured.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7 a patron tea will be held for a with a gift basket. \$50 donation from 1-3 p.m. and a patron preview from

\$15 donation, on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or by calling 1-877-458-5050. Proceeds from the raffle sales will go to Dream Fulfillment Fund, which surprises people dealing with breast cancer

Voter ID, continued ... From Page 1

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- Student identification withphotofromahighschool or accredited institution of higher learning
- Tribal identification information on obtaining a card with photo

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Charles Myers **Lowell City Council**

For the past 24 years, I have been delighted to have lived, worked, and raised my family in Lowell and I'm proud to have made significant contributions to our city which have maintained our strong community values while managing progress. While serving on the city council, I have learned that decisions are not always popular or easy and, in light of this, I have considered all issues and perspectives in order to arrive at the most effective solutions. The following positions are representative of the commitment I have to the continued successful functioning of this remarkable community:

The Boy Scout Camp - North Washington Property: I am firmly committed to maintaining the Boy Scout Camp as a nature preserve, to include the proposed trails, and consider other nature preserve improvements as funding becomes

Aggressive tree trimming: Actions have been taken: A new tree trimming policy has been developed and implemented, an Arbor Board of Lowell has been appointed and a tree replacement program is being funded for tree removals which are determined to be unavoidable.

The Sale of the Cable TV Company and Sale Proceeds: Although my preference is to support community owned services, a strategic and practical business decision was made based upon declining subscribers and a required \$1 million dollar expense to upgrade the existing system. The sale has resulted in an impressive \$3.5 million dollars which will benefit future projects for our city, involving input from our residents and implementation through a citizen board which will approve grants using only the interest from these funds, now being professionally managed by the Grand Rapids Foundation.

Vote Tuesday Nov. 6th



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ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Nov. 5, 2007

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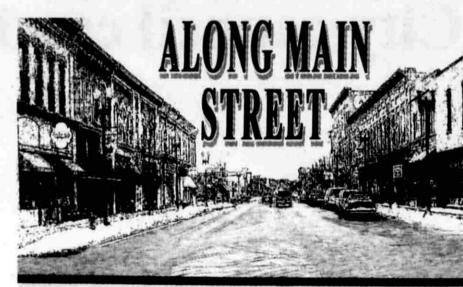
TUES: Taco (soft or hard shell) w/cheese, lettuce (ham & cheese sub w/lettuce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh fruit, apple juice, animal crackers, milk.

WED: Cheese pizza (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), seasoned corn, fresh fruit, graham crackers,

THURS: Footlong on bun (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh mini carrots, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Baked chicken Fryzs (strips) (beef burrito w/sauce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven tater tots. assorted fruit, milk.

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TRICK OR TREATING FOR CANNED GOODS

On Halloween night, teenagers are collecting canned goods for FROM in Lowell, Causeway and Eastgate.

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. There will be a grand opening to the public on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1-4 p.m. and the exhibit will go 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.

LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

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.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Presents veterans of Korea: The Forgotten War on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Come for an informative evening as our own servicemen share their experiences during the Korean Conflict. Free admission.

ON WITH THE SHOW - CHRISTMAS STYLE

With Brent Alles, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14. Explore the magical world of theater for youth ages 7 - 18. This year's "On with the Show" will involve you in all of the preparations to put on a Christmas theater performance on December 14. Find the characters within you using improvisational theater, skills building, and character development. For more information call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartcouncil.org.

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. Public 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.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

Alpha Women's Center of Lowell provides free pregnancy testing, clothing, diapers, formula, parenting classes, and miscellaneous items. Hours are Monday by appointment, Tuesday evening 6-9 p.m., and Thursdays 1-6 p.m. Please call 987-9533 for an appointment or more information.

City council candidates, continued ... From Page 1

- North Property
- attracting business to
- Lowell city budget
- Cable sale
- lost trees

On the issue of North Property, Washington Hodges believes it should be preserved as it is by having it declared as a city park. Thereby no development can occur on the property with respect to the Boy Association. Scouts.

In order to broaden the city tax base, more businesses should be enticed to Lowell through further effort of the chamber of commerce.

The city budget should be closely monitored to replace heavy equipment

negotiations could have been handled better, but due to declining property is indicative of subscriber base, the cost to upgrade would have been prohibitive. He, too, is in favor of creating an advisory want to do whatever it takes board for the allocation of so it is not developed." proceeds.

of placing all utilities under ground.'

axe to grind. "You need to have lived some place else to fully

appreciate Lowell," he said. Newcomer Ellison, 52, an administrative assistant at Lowell Middle School, no prior political she has co-chaired the Lowell Area Conservation

Ellison is concerned about the following issues: North Washington

- Property finishing the Riverwalk including the abandoned amphitheater
- excessive tree trimming lack of communication

She wants to make the North Washington Property Hodges believes the into a nature park area and to permanently preserve it.

"North Washington what has been going on,' she said. "The city is not listening to the citizens. I

On the issue of tree "It saddens me greatly trimming, Ellison says the the trees that have been trees should have been lost," he said. "I am in favor trimmed all along.

for so long and then let go Hodges said he has no of," she said. "We need to deal with things in a

> proactive way." She would also like to see something done with the old abandoned gas station on the east end of town. Ellison believes what sets her apart is having a pulse However, on the community without

> > She wants to enhance the small town character of Lowell without wiping out things that make Lowell

being a politician.

"I have a vision of what I would like Lowell to become," she said. "It's time for me to take an active

Newcomer LaPonsie, 30, a legislative aide, has

about concerned following issues:

Washington North

Property tree trimming

cable sale LaPonsie would like preserve the North because of it's history and limited development potential due to traffic

On the issue of tree trimming, LaPonsie said Lowell is on its way to becoming a Tree City USA. She would like to investigate how other cities are dealing with similar issues of the line clearance trimming regional warranty and costandard.

"Maybe we need to scale it back," she said. LaPonsie believes a

portion of interest from the cable sale proceeds should be used to stabilize the city budget. She also doesn't want the city government to

be too restrictive. "The city government needs to strike a balance and respect people's privacy as property owners," she said. "I'd hate to turn to where we are dictating."

From a demographic point-of-view, LaPonsie hopes to bring a different perspective. Newcomer Altoft,

53, a representative for Northwest Manufacturing owner of Backwater Cafe,

is seeking his first political office on the city council. His concerns include:

tree trimming Cable TV sale

city finances business retention

Altoft is concerned about the city's focus on non-important issues, while businesses are having a hard time to survive. He believes that some ordinances are not necessary.

"The city shouldn't be selling off assets," he said. "It's time for a change. They've had too much stuff happen, stuff you can never replace. If I am elected I will do what people want me to do, now what I want to do.



On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

WILD EXPERIENCES

A Pileated Woodpecker flew high over the road as I drove home from the nature center last week. It was an important event from my day to share with family. Like most families we are occupied by many pleasant distractions whether they through school and family experiences.

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be sport activities, organization meetings, or use of indoor gadgets like TV and video games.

Why was it important to share something about the Woodpecker? Primarily the woodpecker enriched my life by adding joy to my day. One day I saw three flying over the nature center and realized they must be a family group with a fully young following mom. All were full-size but Pileated Woodpeckers do not live in flocks. Families do stay together for a while before each needs to find its own territory to making a living.

Last week that was the point of Dave Stegehuis's Outdoors article and superintendent Greg Pratt included it in his Sharing the Vision article as a goal for educating students

Many benefits can be described as to how woodpecker's activities provide economic, agricultural, scientific engineering, and environmental benefits. Childhood outdoor experiences can do the same for our community but that is not why I wanted talk about the woodpecker with my family. It was simply the joy of the experience. The benefits will follow in due time.

As the bird flew over the highway, I only got a glimpse of it. The silhouette and flight pattern distinguished it from other birds. In decades and centuries past when people did not have so many pleasurable distractions, they discussed sightings like the Pileated Woodpecker and other occurrences from their daily activities. Now it is easy to be engaged in activities that separate us from mysterious creatures that inhabit our

Kids likely will not discover trees or learn which are best for tree houses, climbing or are preferred by squirrels. I wonder how many kids today have found a squirrel nest and I wonder if their parents have themselves. Each generation that allows the outside world to pass by without notice compounds - Ogden Nash a problem that will become a growing financial and social hardship on our community.

In practical terms the natural world provides society with billions of dollars of services that we do not need to pay for from our weekly paychecks. That, however, is not the point of this writing. The point is kids need to experience the joy Wildside, cont'd., pg. 7

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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

To The Editor.

"Lowell: The Next Place To Be." Toward that goal we are belatedly striving for "Tree City USA" status but we are quickly becoming the "City of Tree Stumps Shaped Like Bears" due to the draconian enforcement of tree-trimming guidelines. This disfigurement is merely a symptom of the serious malady afflicting our town: the lack of a long-term vision for the preservation of Lowell's natural beauty.

It's more than saving a homeowner's beloved tree. We understand that burying power lines is more costly than whacking down a tree, which is why our leadership should have put a plan in place long before this became a problem. A plan that could maintain public safety, preserve the trees and budget money for future cable burial. Eventually we will modernize and bury the power lines, so why destroy the trees already?

The lack of long-term planning is even more evident concerning the North Washington property. Stunningly beautiful, this land is perhaps the last undeveloped river frontage in the city. Despite intense citizen interest for well over a year there is still no plan, no vision from our elected leadership to determine how this land would best benefit Lowell's future.

One of the acknowledged possibilities is development for housing. Why ruin such natural beauty when "for sale" signs are sprouting around town like mushrooms on a rotting tree? Highland Hills is just 1.5 miles away yet it resembles a ghost town with its 40+ vacant lots; building more empty homes nearby is not going to help our city's image. Let's fill these existing homes by truly making Lowell the next place to be, a place where people choose to settle.

The land at North Washington is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Few cities can boast of a nature preserve within city limits, let alone such majesty just a mile from our central Riverwalk. A nature preserve requires minimal, if any, city support and there are volunteer groups offering to manage and maintain the property.

The answer is clear: preserving the North Washington property is a key to making Lowell the next place to be. To achieve this vision of a naturally beautiful city, I feel that change is inevitable - either we change our leadership, or we change the billboards to read "Lowell: The Chainsaw Was

Andrew Schrauben

Dear Editor.

As a concerned resident of the city of Lowell, I am very much concerned about recent articles published in The Lowell Ledger and The Grand Rapids Press concerning the 27-acre Boy Scout cabin property. After reading the articles, it would be easy for one to assume that the property is safe from development. Not the case. Many of the statements were misleading, to say the least. However, when you listen to past statements made by Chuck Myers and Al Matthews, red flags start to pop up. Both have made a number of statements, which would put at least the road frontage at risk for development.

If any such development would occur, it would ruin the character of the property for the Boy Scouts and others not only for now, but for generations to come. The city council needs to act now to preserve what little natural area we have left and quit stringing us all along. No development – ever!

Sincerely, Phyllis Lessens

Dear Editor and Citizens of Lowell

You know I am passionate about the preservation of the Boy Scout cabin property. I also have a great love for our wonderful community of Lowell. It's the warm, friendly, small-town atmosphere in a rural setting that makes us such a wonderful place to be. I know development can be good, but I've seen too much too fast with no regard for nature and the environment that make Lowell such a "Great Place to Be."

The election of Nov. 6 is key to the preservation of the Boy Scout cabin property and the prevention of more unnecessary destruction and development. Since February 2006, the present city council has consistently discussed development on the property despite pleas from the Boy Scouts, North Country Trail Association and innumerable local citizens. Even after a huge attendance at the work session meeting, the main conclusion of the council is to move forward with dividing the property in preparation for at least some sale. This is NOT what the majority of the people want.

We want preservation of the entire 27 acres and have been denied numerous times permission to investigate available

funding and conservation options by this same city council They seem unwilling to look at the big picture. Power held too long and unchallenged can be unhealthy for everyone. We need fresh eyes, new ideas and a willingness to "hear" the people. Don't let this property go to the way of the trees and owell Cable. Please send a message - Vote Nov. 6 for those candidates willing to work for positive change in Lowell.

Sincerely, Peggy Covert

Last week my friend Chuck Myers asked if I planned to support him in his bid for reelection to the Lowell City Council. I told him I would, which is my primary reason for writing this letter. I think Chuck's done a good job on the Council and I'd like to see him reelected. The more I thought about the situation, however, the more I thought that I needed to put in my two cents on the beating the council has been taking in the Ledger's editorial page.

As I see it, there are three big issues that have people up in arms. First, there is the sale of the Cable TV Company and the disposition of the proceeds. We all need to keep in mind that Lowell Cable needed a \$1 million upgrade. That would have made subscription rates prohibitively high. People were already deserting the system because it couldn't offer enough channels at a competitive price. It was just too small to operate efficiently. In this day and age, it isn't any more feasible to operate a small cable system than it is to operate a 40-cow dairy farm. The council did the right thing when it decided to sell the system, and once it made that decision, the negotiations couldn't be held in public. Publicity during the negotiations would have scared off any potential buyers.

In exchange for the cable system, the city received \$3.5 million. At a time when the city is looking at substantial cuts in revenue sharing from the State, that money is nothing to sneeze at. The council is setting up a new board to oversee grants from the fund created by the proceeds, so the community will have input in determining how the money is spent. I'd like to thank the council for being fiscally conservative instead of pouring money into a failing venture.

The second big issue this year was the North Washington property. I'll admit it took the council a while to figure out the to be struggling with two things. First, public sentiment was winning. initially mixed. No matter what the council suggested, some people weren't happy. Second, there were differences of opinion on the council. Those differences are healthy. Again, when the city is looking at receiving less revenue sharing from the State, it is important for the council not to act too quickly in taking a potentially valuable asset "off the books" by making it a nature preserve. I, for one, would have wanted to take a serious look at the market value of the property if reduced revenue sharing would have meant laying off firefighters or police officers.

trimming by Light & Power. I'm not too happy myself, since I lost four trees, three of which were probably over 80 years old. My residential tree-lined street looks like it was clear cut. I realize, however, that federal safety recommendations require 10 feet of clear space around the power lines. I'm not happy now, but I'd be even more unhappy if one of those trees had taken out my entire neighborhood's power. I strongly encourage the Council to look at a tree replacement program, but in the meantime, let's remember that this is a community where people are generally respectful, polite, and friendly. The folks on city council are our neighbors and friends, and they are doing what they believe is in the best interests of the city's residents. Instead of piling on the criticism, we should occasionally take the time to thank them for their service.

Daniel Brubaker

Dear Editor,

We have taken great pride in saying, "we're the last city lot in the city limits" on North Washington. We even joke about living in a quiet neighborhood, on a dead end road, across from the cemetery where the neighbors are "dying to get in". But the jokes stop there.

In the past the city council has had a problem with really listening and putting into effect the requests of their citizens. Granted, you can't please all the people all the time. But when we have an issue of what the city is going to do with the land around the Boy Scout camp, we're talking about a natural wilderness resource that is maybe three quarters of a mile from the city limits. This area does just fine meeting the citizens' needs by just being what it is, "being natural". Have you ever gone and sledded down the hill in the winter? You've got three choices, if you're good. Go to the right and you fly over the mogul jump. The center is clean sailing. The left is a trip through the briars. It's a challenge, but also hilariously fun!

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 10



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **NOVEMBER 1, 1882**

M.C. Barber is again in business at his old grocery

The report of the shooting match between the east and west sides will be published next week.

M.J. Burghes has opened a barber shop in the building west of Pullen's clothing store on the east side.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 31, 1907

A complete surprise was given Miss Viola Morse last evening when 14 of her school friends walked in and reminded her of her 50th birthday. Games were played and dainty refreshments served after which Viola took all the girls to the vaudette.

A matched horse race took place Saturday afternoon right thing to do with the property, but the members seemed on Train's track between Silvertail and Marion N. Silvertail

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 27, 1932**

Every county in Michigan but one was represented at the Olympia in Detroit last Saturday night when President Hoover outlined in detail what his administration has done Finally, a lot of people are upset about the aggressive tree to aid the farmer and laboring man, then turned the full force of his verbal attack upon the Democratic candidate whose conclusion President Hoover declared were "amazingly far from the truth."

The corn husker that was advertised in the Ledger a week ago was sold the same week to a man in Plymouth.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 31, 1957

The new 1958 models of the Buick line will be shown in Lowell at the H&H showroom this week.

The village planning committee at a meeting on Monday evening set Feb. 3 as the date to vote on Lowell becoming a home rule city. It was announced that the limits of the area will encompass about four square miles, an increase that would more than double the size of the town.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 27, 1982

The Lowell Athletic Boosters have begun a mail solicitation this week as part of efforts to raise the pledged \$40,000 for high school athletics this year...The letter requests that recipients make a \$100 contribution to the athletic fund in exchange for membership in the "Red Arrow Century Club."

A new attraction at Lowell's Rivertown Mall is Christmas Limited. The new business features "one of a kind" Christmas gifts and trims, and boasts having something for everyone.

SCENE 5 - "AUCKLAND, ALONE!"

by David Simms, Lead Pastor First Baptist Lowell

The end of the trail of this "second chance story" journey has arrived. I'm afraid that you know way too much about me now. But at least you realize my world is much more similar to than different from yours. The missteps of life are always more clear in our rear-view mirror, aren't they?

The trip had been amazing! How can words adequately describe 22 hours of flight across country, out over Maui. and on over the horizon of the southern hemisphere to the mysteries of the Land Down Under, Australia? How can a few sentences capture the wonder of its wildlife, the vastness of its outback, the modernity of its cities, the preciousness of its native-born or the vibrancy of its music, for example? For a week we ministered in the Outback among the sheep, cattle, galas, 'roos, and some very special people. Then the contrast of the ultra-tech life in Sydney at the nexus of trans-globality. Heady stuff, indeed.

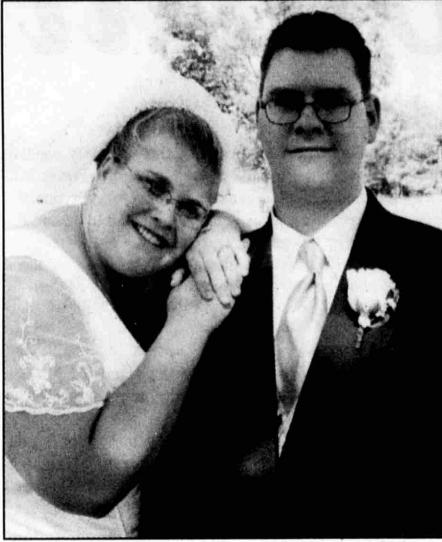
And since we were so close to the land of First Light, the jump-off-site to the icy Antarctica, we planned a sortie over to New Zealand to encourage believers there. If words are too paltry to convey Australia, then they surely fail to express that most stunningly beautiful island of our planet. But all was not well.

While the transoceanic flight from Sydney to Auckland on that cloudless day was spectacular, the cargo hold of the plane bode ill. Not because of what it held, but for what it did not hold - my luggage! And upon airport arrival, I alone, among all of my colleagues, was suitcaseless. So did I make sure they all knew? Did I think to share my dilemma? No! I scurried off to baggage management to explore my loss. After my detour through customs and claims I emerged back in the lobby to see a sea! A sea of nameless faces - not one that I recognized. My traveling partners were gone. No baggage. No phone. No number. No address. Nobody. Alone. Very alone.

And you know - that's it really. That is life. We may think life is a beach, a party, a happy-holiday journey but there is a landing coming! And it's what you've done, what you've August 2, 2007, prepared for BEFORE disembarking that counts. No do- a wonderful baby overs are possible once you've exited the gate. No alternative boy, Mason James arrangements can be negotiated. No tickets can be exchanged who then. Without a friend waiting, holding nail-scarred hands out to welcome and host you, you will be ultimately, thoroughly, friendlessly, helplessly alone. Forever, Terrifying thought

Oh, yes, I did get "rescued" after a couple of hours just sitting like Forrest Gump (without any chocolates). I heard a page, at first it seemed just my imagination, but then, I heard it again - yes, my name! Someone had eventually discovered my absence - miles away. Whew! Such a relief! And how about you? Does God know your name? Will He be waiting Lowell, for you? While you can't take a suitcase into eternity, you can and Kathy Bay of take a relationship. That's what Jesus Christ came to mend. Orchard Lake and He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Never Kate and Rodger will I leave you, never will I forsake you. (John 10:3; Heb Saylor of Homer. 13:5) Learn this crucial lesson now. Accept Him today - then you won't end up abandoned forever. That will be dreadfully longer than you ever want to imagine.





Matthew and Janelle Freed

Jacquie (Bay) and

Matthew David DeGraw were united in matrimony on July 7, 2007 at Elmdale Church of the Nazarene in Alto. Parents of the couple are Rev. Gregory and Christine Freed of Clarksville and Mr. Alan and Susan DeGraw of

Colors of the wedding were summer florals of pink, light blue and lilac. The bride's gown was white satin with pearl and bead accents, and her veil was embroidered with flower pedals and pearls.

Co-maids of honor were Chelsea Freed and Nichole Freed. Bridemaid was Marie Norder.

Best Man was John Groomsmen were Brent Raglin and Brad Rogers. Flower girl was Lucy Rogers. Rink bearer was Jack Rogers. Instrumental music was provided by Ken and Mark

The newlyweds honeymooned as they traveled to their new residence in Albuquerque.

College News

records

Curtis, Leah Dyksterhouse, VanVossen, Katherine Vos. Tiffany Gauger, Samual Katherine Wert, and Brian Grummet, Brett Hobrla,

Andreasen, Whitney Boyce, Sinning. Christopher Bratt, Carola

Grand Valley State Carassa, Mara Cawford, University announces the Timothy Dawe, Marybeth names of students who were Deiters, Rebecca Edwards. placed on the dean's list for Timothy Flanders, Jessica the Winter 2007 semester. Forbes, Treena Gilbert, The list includes those stuetn Keith Hayes, Aaron Hoover, who have maintained a 3.5 Andrew Hoover, Nathan grde point average and been Kamp, Corey Kapolka, enrolled in a minimum of 12 Sarah Manion, Kevin credits. The honor is noted Maupin, Thomas Mitsos, on the students' official Nicholas Myers, Andrea Napierkowski, Katheleen Lowell Potts, Kaitlyn Ratkowiak included Rebecca Abraham Sarver, Sarah Brinkley, Angela Clinger, Schulte, Kevin Skuzinski Kayne Culberston, Ryan Keri Streekstra, Stacey

And from Alto are Christine LaFave, Eric Tara Cavanaugh, Alexandra Olchowski, Anthony Pedley, Cordingly, Molly Cramer, Alissa Richards, Elizabeth Andrew Cromer, Sarah Thimmesch-Harpold, Hoff, Joel Koning, Allison Tiffany Venneman, Mariana Kunde, Kathryn Lautenbach, Vieira and Shannon Walsh. Nathan Layle, Katrina Page, From Ada was Michel Jillian Russell, and Amanda



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by Tom Ambrose of

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to St. George, UT to play

in the Huntsman World

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include all the events that

are played in the Olympics.

This year, 54 countries

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fought its way through

the seeding portion of

the tournament, beating a

major division team from

Canada and earning a place

in the in AAA Division of

medal by beating a strong

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The team won the gold

Jim Buysse.

Wildside, cont'd... From Page 4

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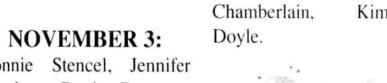
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It is important to treat actinic keratoses, because they can degenerate into a skin cancer. Your doctor may remove these patches by freezing or scarping them, or by having you put a cream or gel on them. After treatment, your skin may be red, sore, or swollen for several days, but this is to be expected.

You can avoid actinic keratoses by several means:

- Don't spend long periods of time in the sun, or use a
- Wear sunscreen when you are outside. The sunscreen should have an SPF of 15 or higher.
- · Wear clothing that protects your skin from the sun (hat, long sleeves, long pants).

Most important, if you have a nonhealing scaly patch, have your doctor examine you.

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 6, 2007 City General Election.

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The symphony and orchestra are comprised of middle and high school students from across West Michigan. Applicants must perform in a blind audition and are selected by a distinguished panel of judges.

The first performance of the season is Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 at the

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stressful situations, people staff. in acute care hospitals, and Donations and sponthe elderly with dementia sorships will be accepted and/or Alzheimer's are for these hours. The event is served through the Center's free to the public. For more therapists. Proceeds raised at 897-7842.

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Gizmos and Gadgets special of a heavily used kitchen. used during the period of the electric stove." exhibit is like walking into Next to the kitchen is a barn transition to electric stoves, grandma's kitchen. The made of original barn wood said walls have been artistically and a smokehouse complete Luanne Kaeb.

Artistic renderings of belonging to grandma

didn't like the idea of electric bed cart with a scale. Other wood stove.

"She was upset," said ruffle pages on loan from

creased wallpaper natural center piece of the the family gave her a small

museum educator also loaned to the exhibit banker's fan that doesn't cases.

closets placed on the stained from Carol Drenth forms a Drenth, "so to appease her Susan Doyle.

recreated kitchen of the create a homely feeling exhibit. The wood stove was wood stove that set next to life has become easier," featuring sprayers made said museum director Pat by now Root Lowell and

> a ringer washing machine, between the Gizmos and as well as toy air rifles by At the time, Wittenbach a fence stretcher and a flat Gadgets exhibit and other Newell shooting ping pong exhibits is that it is a walk- balls. A 1940s wood stove stoves, so she kept on using a items of interest include a in exhibit without any glass

> > "It let's you walk in before," said Allchin. and go back in time," said

Also part of the exhibit

the Runciman Bean Co. The major difference "electric eye" bean sorter,

> "I don't think you've seen anything like this

The special exhibit Allchin. "It gives you new starts Nov. 3 at the Lowell respect of what we have Area Historical Museum and ends Aug. 2008.



Museum educator Luanne Kaeb stands in the middle of a recreated kitchen at the Gizmos and Gadgets exhibit.

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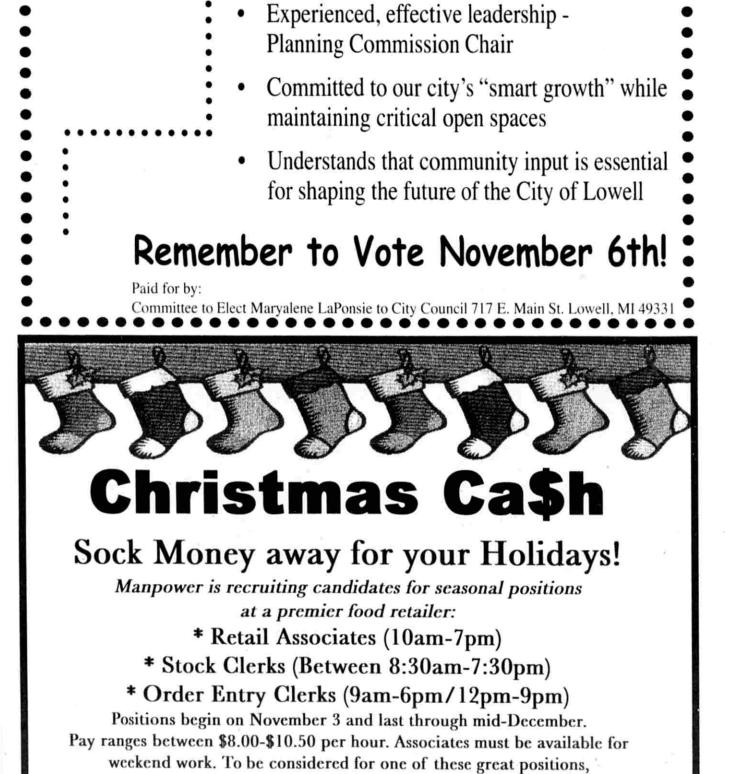
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To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

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Development of this area would create a tremendous negative impact on the area. Not only would natural beauty be changed, there would be more traffic. This would create more danger on a dead end road, which has only one way out. What happens if the road were blocked for any reason? Would the residents have any other means to escape to safety? Of course these situations are not the norm, but we must be prepared for emergencies, to keep our citizens safe.

revenue, but development of this area is not the right direction just the way it has always been, natural.

I believe it is time to clarify my possession on subjects that I have been writing about recently in The Lowell Ledger. My issues with our city's leadership are not beliefs based upon hearsay or popular perception as some may believe. I'm forming my opinions on what I believe is right and wrong and are strictly judgment calls. Its my judgment that the subscriber's owners of Lowell Cable TV should have been the ones to make the decision of selling Lowell Cable TV and not just the city council and it's as simple as that. I believe the controversy about the property on North Washington Street has been going on way to long and that the council has ignored the will of the people and again a judgment call. What I call the "Grim Reaper" with the destruction of some of our cities trees and is just another judgment call. I believe the city council being elected officials should be the servant I know the city council is interested in generating more to the constituents of Lowell and not just the decider. I also believe that our city leadership has had the same opportunity to take. Let's make sure that Lowell really is "the next great" as I have to express their opinions to the public. I do admit place to be" by not developing this property and leaving it that I made a mistake in a recent article referring to a meeting on Oct. 25 and that I apologize if I offended anyone and I wasn't insinuating that the council would just have a meeting to get a pay check but what I meant is that I believe that they are over paid. I would like to say a vote on Nov. 6 could be a property could also serve them well for future long-term vote for the same or it could be a vote for change. Sincerely, Jim Howard

To The Editor.

I feel it is my duty and obligation to look out for the best interests of our Scouts, not only for the time being, but also

It has become apparent to me, after reading past articles from the Lowell Ledger and talking with several individuals that many people are under the impression that the 27-acre property surrounding the Scout cabin is safe and protected

Regardless of whether the lease is renewed by the city, the property surrounding the cabin is still vulnerable to development. What is more disturbing is the fact that the city council has on one hand conveyed the idea that the property is safe, and on the other hand, they have less conspicuously proposed ideas for the development of the road frontage property adjoining the cabin.

It is not as much the cabin, but the surrounding property could not be duplicated anywhere in the Lowell area. As importance that the property be preserved in its entirety. The

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DNR urges youth to spend more time outdoors

may fondly recall the all- fish, it has a direct impact time. too-common words of your on the DNR's budget which mother and father to "go now, more than ever, must outside and play."

Sneak in the house for more than 10 minutes and vou heard it again. Today, Humphries is a strong and play." parents are more likely to advocate of recruitment say "You better stay indoors and retention programs where I can keep an eye on and believes it is one of the

between 8 and 18 spend brought into an average of 6.5 hours a hunting and Obesity in children has rode a bike to school, only heritage." 22 percent do today.

concerned about this trend.

decrease in fishing license to go on their first deer hunt

If you are a baby sales. If fewer Michiganians and those wanting to sleep programs offered at eight long recognized the healthy alone anymore, the agency funding

department's top priorities.

"New hunters and less time outdoors than any anglers, especially nonprevious generation. Kids traditional users, must be shooting, fishing day with electronic media. activities," Humphries said. "This will strengthen the will be educational and and fun to be outside." increased from 4 percent in funding for conservation, entertaining," said Kevin adults report they walked or Michigan's rich outdoors making it fun is only one might lead to another more

Michigan recognizes that for many of kids to spend more time to assisting the public today's youth, a leap from outdoors and give them and with these initial steps in the couch to a tree stand may their parents ideas on things the belief that they might be a bit far. As the DNR looks to do.' Since 1980, the DNR at structuring conservation has seen a 14 percent education programs in the strong foundations for and outdoorswomen. decrease in hunting license future, it will offer a mix of getting kids outside has sales and a 22 percent opportunities for those ready been its nature interpretive outdoor educators have

generate its own source of in common is the same admonition we remember DNR Director Rebecca from childhood, "go outside

> ignoring the fact that newer generations are almost hardwired to technology handheld games, etc.

Yet Humphries also the material will encourage The DNR is committed

fish hatcheries. Thousands these of visitors each year are opportunities will have learning about nature from Richard Louv who turned the spark provided by the the entire nation on its head DNR's frontline natural resource educators, the park interpreters who

television, computer games, often," said Jon Spieles, developing an interactive need to reverse the trend Web site for youth that and make it comfortable astray.

Taking a nice walk piece of the puzzle. Much of confident step outdoors. lead to developing a new One of the DNR's generation of outdoorsmen

outdoors, it was a California newspaper several years ago with his Woods.' But the DNR also is not believe that making that outdoor experience fun and our Children from Nature

entertaining is key. Deficit Disorder." Louv "The first step is getting used statistics and anecdotes from an early age -- more kids outside more to portray an America afraid to go outside and said interpretative manager for technology overload and 600 children to fish and "That's why we are northern Michigan. "We over-structured athletics were leading our children

the 1960s to 20 percent in broaden the diversity of Frailey, DNR Education in a forest or having an leaders, health professionals said, and the first Racing 2004. While 71 percent of participants and preserve and Outreach manager. "But easy canoeing experience and many other leaders for Wildlife conservation encourage Americans to spend more time outside. Nothing could be sweeter music to the DNR. "Bring them on,"

Although

public land base of nearly eight million acres, more a natural playground for and catch a firefly. families to enjoy."

Director Humphries said.

the DNR cannot do it all

boomer, or even older, you are getting out to hunt and under the stars for the first state parks and two state benefits of spending time is working to build more partnerships with traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters. book, "Last Child in the The Salvation Army and Racing for Wildlife, an "Saving initiative between the Ryan Newman Foundation and the Conservation Fund to encourage families to enjoy

the great outdoors.

"We taught nearly learn archery this past summer at our pocket park in Detroit as a result of a As a result of Louv's recent partnership with The work, communities, civic Salvation Army," Frailey across the nation began project is the restoration of looking at new ways to the Mill Lake Youth Camp at the Waterloo Recreation

In addition, Frailey said the National Archery in the Schools Program has helped the DNR put "The DNR manages a an archery curriculum into more than 200 Michigan

But all these things the Mississippi River, are only the beginning. Michigan's 3.9 million With the help of many. acres of state forest is the and the determination and largest in the continental leadership of the DNR, U.S. and only California more Michiganians will has a larger system of learn to string a bow, pitch state parks. All this land is a tent, identify a wildflower

So, go on - go outside But at a time when and play.

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

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Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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Embellish Handbell Ensemble kicks off their Grand Rapids concert hosting MacRaven, Lowell's own piano/cello duo of awardwinning composer, Roger MacNaughton and Grand Rapids Symphony cellist, VanRavenswaay. Each ensemble will be performed independently and join forces for the premier of a commissioned work by MacNaughton.

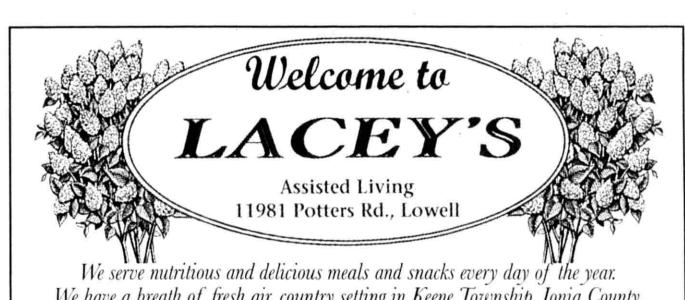
In addition to original compositions and holiday arrangements, MacRaven brings their signature piece, Charlevoix Keepsake, which won "Best Composition" for the 2006 International Music Aid Awards and January 2007 Song of the Year Competition and took 3rd place in the 2007 Great Lakes Songwriting Contest. Embellish, fresh off a Midwest tour with stops in Chicago, Minneapolis, and Rochester, Minn., features 15 members ringing over 130 bells directed by Stephanie Wiltse.

The concerts are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Kretschmer Recital Hall on Aquinas College's campus. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10.00 (adults) and \$7.00 (students) by calling 975-9966 or at the door for \$12.00 (adults) and \$10.00 (students).

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RED ARROW SPORTS

The Benning-Fielder by Molly Benningfield

Sports editor



When I'm not watching my favorite team, I love a good fight and drawn-out series in the playoffs. When the Spartans are playing a tooth-and-nail match in March, my fists are clenched and my heart's racing. But when the World Series are on, and I have no one or team in particular to root for, I want to see all seven games, fought 'til the end, seeing the other anxious, fist-clenching fans on TV. So that's why I'm so disappointed with October's baseball showing, as the Red Sox took the Rockies in four.

In five days, the Sox managed to cream their mountainous counterparts, winning 13-1, 2-1, 10-5 and 4-3. It didn't even feel like a series. And it was sad to see the Rockies, who rose up from humble beginnings and claimed the National League title after winning 21 of 22 games in 38 days. Not sad enough to cry, but you get the picture.

The BoSox are a bull of a team, one of those clubs that almost feels too good. The World Series has been less than thrilling for a while now, and it would've been nice to see a bit more of a contest. There were good moments. Jon Lester's story is incredible. Mike Lowell, the MVP for the Sox, hit .400 in the Series. We saw what the future held and that was in Trov Tulowitzki

If the Tigers make it next year, though, and totally smash the competition, I'm sure I won't be complaining..

Cross country finish season at GR Christian, Corey Fitzpatrick earns All-Conference nod

by Molly Benningfield

cross country teams finished their season Saturday at the Regional meet at Grand Rapids Christian.

The boys' team took 9th of 15 teams, with a score of 229. Hudsonville won the meet with 65 points. Corey Fitzpatrick was

once again the top finisher, at 22nd place, with a time said. of 17:15. Also placing were Zach Robinson at 29th (17:37), Justin Boss at 58th (18:26), Jon Woods at 59th (18:30) and Tom Mark at 68th (18:46).

said the team had a good show at the meet. "I thought we had one of our best conditions the kids in," he said, "We were in a competitive regional, which included Rockford. Hudsonville, Travis City White. Central and West. Corey Fitzpatrick made a great effort in trying to secure a

spot to the State Finals, finishing 22nd."

VanderWarf said his team had a strong start for the season, but couldn't keep the pace. "The boys started out to have a strong season, placing 2nd and 3rd in the first two jamborees, but we lost some of the momentum when Kirk Geldersma obtained a knee injury and that hurt us," he

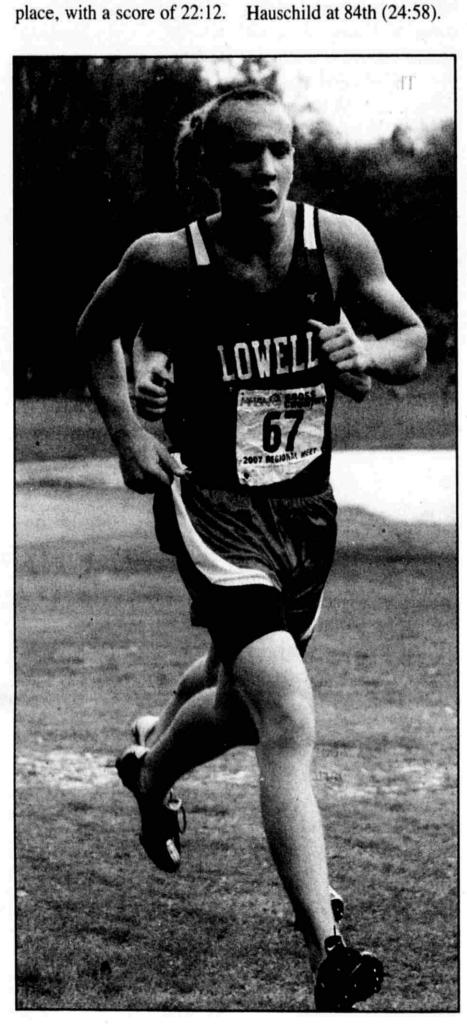
He did, however, say that the team had good

"We had some great performances turned in by runners such as Corey Coach Clay VanderWarf Fitzpatrick, who made All-Conference and Zach Robinson, who broke into the 17:00s as a sophomore," VanderWarf said.

> The team looks for their vounger members to build on experience and compete well in the OK-

The girls' team didn't fare as well at the Regional meet. They finished 12th of 12 teams, with a score of Also placing were Haleigh meet with 42 points.

367. Grand Haven won the Timmers at 67th (22:31), Morgan Marchido at 82nd Taylor Marchido was (24:36), Emily Jelsma at the top finisher, at 65th 83rd (24:47) and Emily



Above, Corey Fitzpatrick took 22nd place at Regionals. At left Haleigh Timmers was 67th at the girls' meet on Saturday.

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Volleyball team gets ready for Districts The volleyball team won two of its games at Thursday's OK-Quad tournament at Zeeland West. Lowell beat Coopersville 2-0 and Zeeland West The Arrows will face Rockford in the first round of

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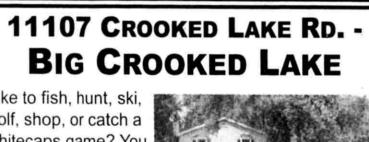
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RED ARROW SPORTS Football team wins big in first round of Playoffs

by Molly Benningfield

football game against Portage Central in the first round of playoffs couldn't have been more different than their struggle against

The Arrows were strong and put together, it was sweatshirt-weather and all the pressure that could've weighed the team down didn't.

But that's what this team does well The Arrows are young, but the team finished strongly Friday night, winning with a nearperfect victory 42-7.

Coach Noel Dean said his team really turned it up a notch for post-season success. "It was probably the most complete football game we've had, for this particular team," he said.

After working hard all week in practice. Dean said the attitude was "great, upbeat - it's time to bounce back. We're going to get in and get out."

And they did just that. The Arrows scored twice in the first quarter, on 4-

yard and 1-yard runs by Kyle Nichol. Nichol also scored in the second quarter Jarred Sherrod. on a 13-yard run, as did It was a little too late, as he said.

run. Special teams would an interception by Torsten Friday night, both in the air account for two of the first-Boss, which he returned for and on the ground. He was half touchdowns. a 32-yard touchdown. Justin VanAcker had a 2-yard run in the third

Nate Vaught, with a 2-yard

quarter to boost the Arrows

34-0, but the Mustangs

"I felt good - we had pace in the second half and

would answer back in the all three sides of the ball fourth with a 10-yard run by playing well, with offense, defense and special teams,"

Lowell bounced back with good for 8 of 13 attempts Dean said he was happy for 120 yards and had 16 that all aspects were covered rushing attempts for 80

yards. VanAcker kept the

was 8 for 22 yards.

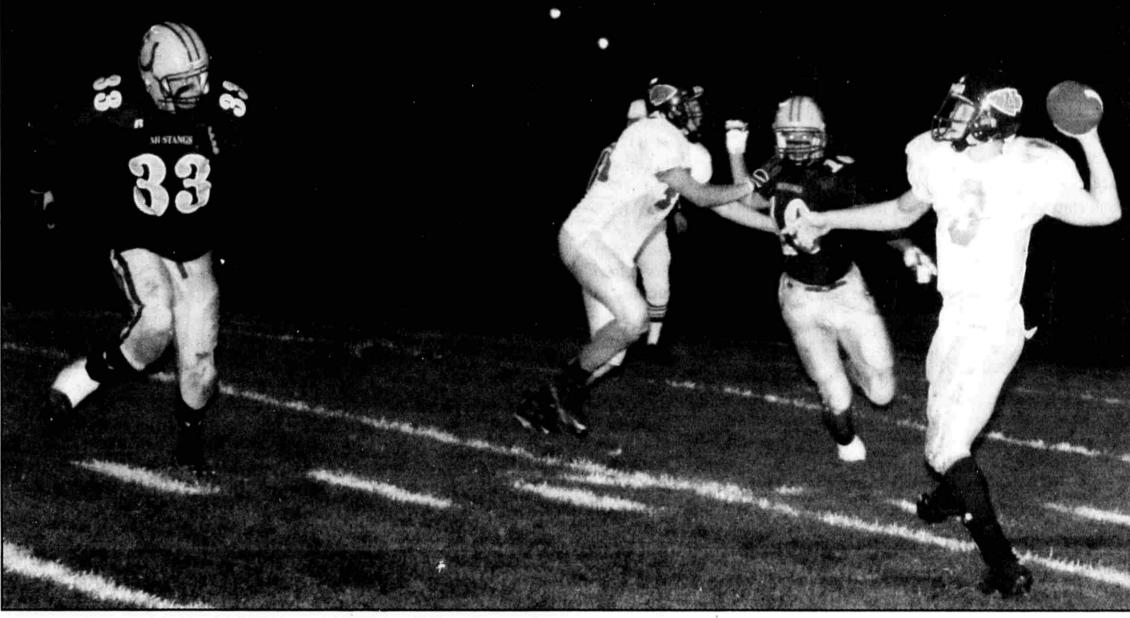
Trey Popp (PC) was good for 8 of 16 attempts for 73 passing yards, while Sherrod had 16 rushing attempts for 63 yards. The Mustangs ended with 41 total rushing yards.

for 54 yards, while Boss was championship.

was 13 for 51 yards. Vaught 3 for 31 yards. EJ Riley (PC) was 4 for 36 yards.

> Randy Hogan and Ben Canfield had 6.5 tackles apiece, while Matt Stuut (PC) had 7. Boss had two

The Arrows will take on the Fighting Scots On the receiving end, Friday night at 7 p.m. in Jacob Swift had 3 receptions Caledonia for the district



Kyle Nichol (3) looks for an open against Portage Central.



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Torsten Boss (4) leans down for a run against a Portage Central defender.

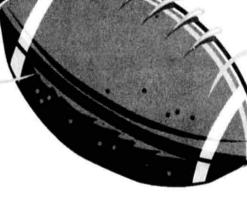
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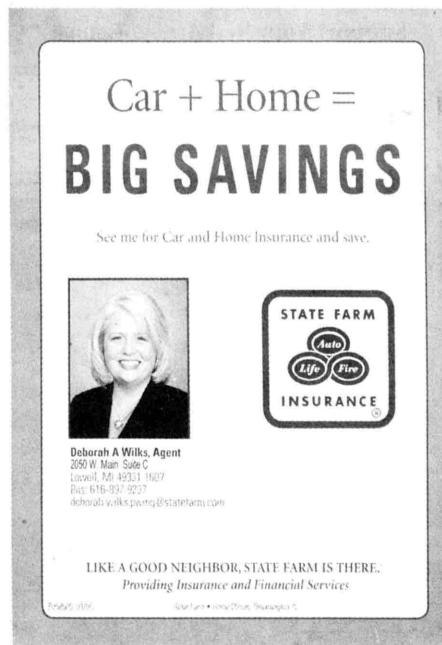
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Scout-related projects, but with the property's future still uncertain, this will remain a distant dream for them.

To the Lowell City Council – you still have a chance to permanently preserve this property for the Scouts of today and the future. Please search your hearts on this issue, for whatever the outcome, you will be remembered by it. Let our memories of both you and this property be golden.

Respectfully submitted, Sue and Dave Kellar

To the Editor,

I am from the East Coast, but I have been happily living in the Lowell area for several years. I have been following the land problem on Washington Street with amazement.

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If a small town in the East was fortunate enough to have the beautiful acreage Lowell has right on its doorstep, it would be guarded like a hoard of gold.

Destroying it by splitting it, selling it, or whatever, would be considered a criminal act.

The plight of Mr. Dietzel in his charming house is tragic. He has lived in his home for 28 years. Working hard, he has changed what was little more than a shack into something the community can be proud of (with no help from the city). Some fair arrangement should be made so he can gain ownership of it at a reasonable price. His little yellow house is an asset to the location.

Please, everyone, convince the powers that be to do the fair thing for the land and Mr. and Mrs. Dietzel

Joan K. Tengelsen Dear Editor,

Dear Editor.

I'm just wondering how many people were basking in security after reading a recent article in The Grand Rapids Press declaring, "Boy Scout Cabin safe – LEASE FOR 27-ACRE AREA RENEWED." That statement would indeed be

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nice – if it were true. The fact of the matter is, the lease the Scouts have with the city only applies to the building that the currently occupy, and to none of the pristine 27 acres which surround it. If the Scouts are feeling secure with the city council's promise to keep them "safe" by renewing their 10year lease, they should consider the fact that councilmembers Myers and Matthews have both made statements supportive of development on the property.

The city council has assured us time and time again that the Scouts are safe, yet refuse to permanently protect the property from development, even when it has been so obvious that virtually everyone wants the entire 27 acres

The one thing they have been adamant about is annexing the remainder of the property – the right move for a city council seeking development.

How do you think the Scouts would feel having new homes built just a stone's throw from their cabin's doorstep? It could easily happen, and if it does, their lease agreement won't be worth a hill of beans.

Fortunately, the upcoming Nov. 6 election does include candidates who will unconditionally protect the property Remember to vote. If you don't, you have no right to complain after the permanent damage is done.

> Sincerely, Brenda Schreur

We are coming up to a very important election for our city. This past year has been for many, a year of disappointment. struggle, and difficult decisions. Disappointment that so many trees have fallen to a policy enacted with little input by the citizens most affected. Struggle over the keeping of the Boy Scout cabin and the land use policy that will control the area around that cabin, struggle over motives and the slow action of the city council in finding good compromises, and struggle over the lack of response to the questions being asked at public hearings concerning both the property and the selling of the Lowell Cable. It has been a year of difficult decisions for our leaders in city government and people are smarting from the perceived lack of response and communications with us, the citizens.

on city council and I see good people, people concerned about our city and people who desire to lead. What I don't see is what is troubling. I don't see the council dynamics that promote communication and citizen inclusion in very important and life-shaping actions and policy. I don't see a council that has the chemistry for good citizen relationships. I see a council that has a decorum that is self-protective rather than citizen serving.

I would encourage the citizens of Lowell to be very intentional in voting this election. I believe we have good leadership in an incumbent like Jim Hodges or Chuck Myers. I also believe that new faces are needed on the council to change the style of leadership that has solidified in the present mix of leaders. Your vote and my vote must be made with careful and thoughtful consideration. Be sure to cast your vote this election!

Roger La Warre

To the Editor.

As the resident of the North Washington property and for the stress of being so, part of me hesitates to write. But I don't get to vote Nov. 6 - hopefully you do.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) I recently obtained, the DEQ's report of their visual inspection of this property last January. They did so in response to my document as being witness to several transformer oil spills involving many gallons over the 28 years we've been here. I listed other problems I also witnessed or suspected for the 90 years the city has been here. In their report, they relayed their interview with Dan DesJarden, director of Public Works. I quote, "the City of Lowell owned the property for many years and wanted to annex it into the city limits, but before they could do that, it had to be vacated. Therefore, the city could no longer rent the house on-site to Mr. Dietzel and intended to sell the pole building for removal and demolish the concrete building and

Is this the plan councilmembers denied having or didn't admit to at the Oct. 8 workshop in front of 100 people? These councilmembers, manager and his staff operated with this precept. No one had the decency to tell my wife or I or the public how our lives would be impacted shortly by this secret planned action. The blue pole barn was the first casualty. An \$80,000 building was given up for \$12,000, even after interest in use was expressed by the community. The other buildings are talked about but they aren't saleable and expensive to demolish. So they knee-jerk raise our rent without investment, and produce a lease without research and lacking credibility. All this without conversation – do you feel represented?

They blankly stared when creative proposals were offered. They did nothing at the Oct. 8 workshop and claimed doing nothing was their course with the "sacred" Scouts getting their .9 acres on a 10-year lease. The public wants it all preserved as the council knows. The mayor was very careful in his personal letter to voters not to mention that he sees a "small" development next to the Scout interests, as he stated at the workshop. Can we afford to wait? This property could go a lot faster than the Comcast debacle. The claim experience on their resumes but aren't we tired of our experience with them?

Annexation is necessary for this development. It has been on the city manager's mind since before 1993. That year Jim Cook, then Vergennes Township supervisor, denied their request on suspicion that annexation implied a different use for the land that he couldn't condone. The next year, the State Boundary Commission denied the city hearing because of property line issues. I suspect the skinny 18-foot jump across the road that the city claimed contiguity with didn't hold water I, for one, look at the individual leaders that we have with them. Look at the map! So, the next year with creatively surveying out three acres, the annexed the rest of the 24 as an administrative act without public comment. With the buildings gone, the annexation will be completed and threatening to the lifestyle of the Vergennes' residents that live here and are totally disregarded by the city. A savvy developer could or is already construing a plan to make money on this property with ways to avoid the possible pollution implications. My facts and conjecture point to lack of openness, if not deception, by this current council and staff. Individually, I would like to be friends with most of them. Collectively, with management, they have formed some bad habits. Please vote for a change.

Lowell values could fly again over our street: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and

Thanks for your support, Gary Dietzel

I am an active member of the Lowell Area Conservation Association. We have been working since January to ensure the permanent protection of the N. Washington St. property. The fate of this area is still undecided. While the city council did have a public hearing regarding this issue, there was no indication of what decision might be made - it is still at risk.

The last council election was decided by a mere 262 votes. It's time for action - not reaction. Please make sure that you vote.

Sharon Ellison

CITY OF LOWELL

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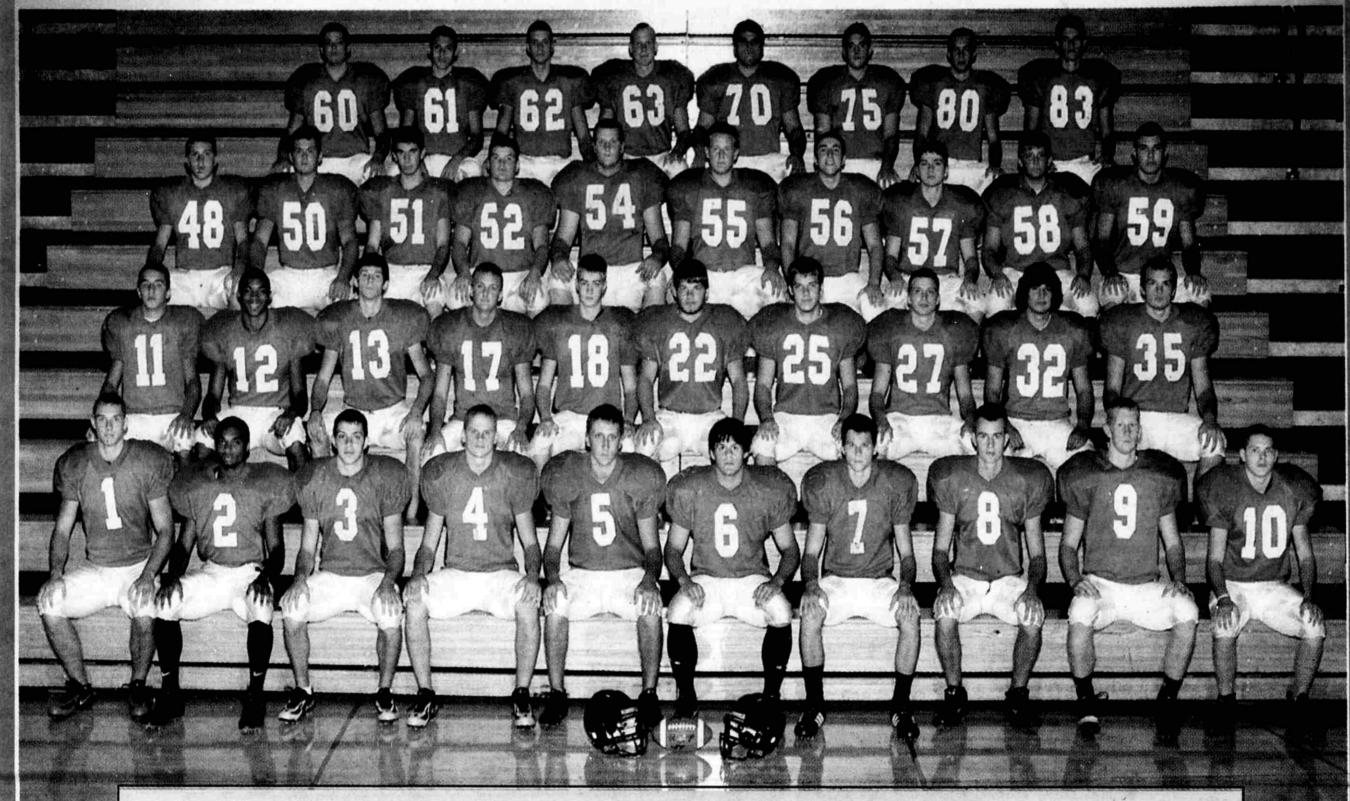
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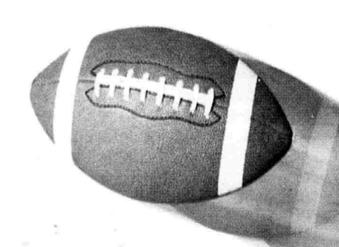
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