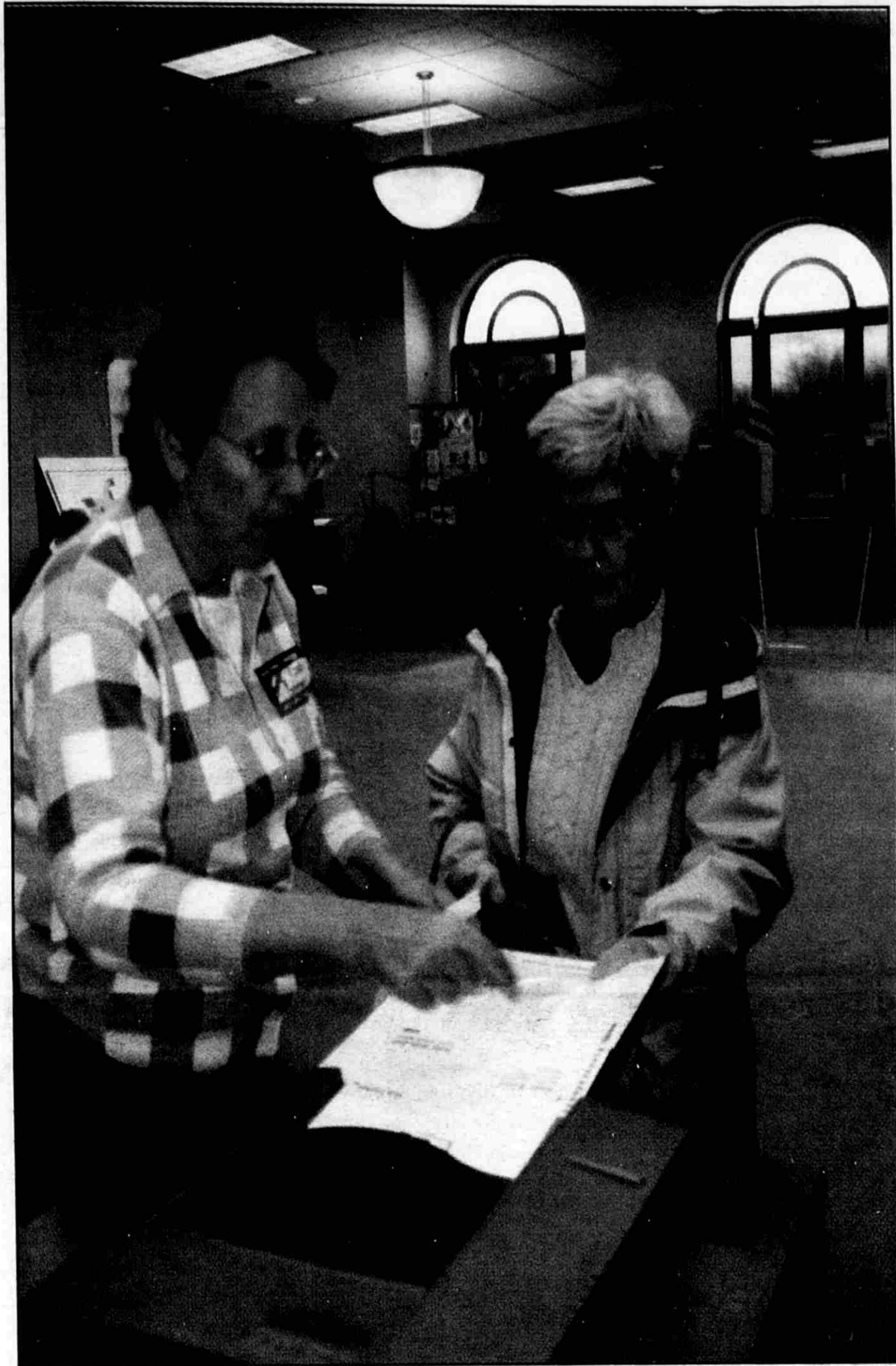


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Election chairperson Rose Lawrence assists Gertrude de Aguirre with ballot Tuesday.

## Turnout "excellent" in town on election day

A large turnout mainly due to a crowded ballot with a slate of newcomer candidates brought out city residents to the polls Tuesday. There were already 105 people voting mid-morning. The city has 2,663 registered voters between two precincts. For this election, the city consolidated the voting location into one at the city hall. "We have an excellent turnout," said election

inspectors Laura Becker, Linda Johnson and Anne Pasquale. Rose Lawrence chaired the inspectors and assisted Gertrude de Aguirre at the electronic voting machine. Residents Harold Ball, Sharon Johnson, Terry Watson and de Aguirre came to vote for a change on the council due to the recent controversy surrounding the city-owned North Washington property. "We need new people," said de Aguirre. Running for the city

council were: incumbents Chuck Myers, Al Mathews and Jim Hodges. The new slate of candidates included: Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie and Jeff Altoft. Also on the ballot were proposed city charter amendments to align the council with practices already in place. One amendment increases the number of Lowell Light and Power board members from three to five for better representation.

## School of Missionary Aviation Technology will move to Ionia

by Emma Palova

Having outgrown the facilities at the Lowell city airport, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) will be moving to the Ionia County Airport next August.

The city council Monday acknowledged the move, as well as approved

a URS engineering contract for tree clearance on the east side of the airport, and an MDOT grant for tree clearance on the east side approaches.

Since the SMAT has also served as a Fixed Base Operator (FBO), the airport board will now be looking for another FBO mainly for mowing and plowing purposes, a \$2,000 to \$3,000 contract.

"We will be looking for aviation related business," said Sowles. "It was a great little place for them to start.

We're unhappy to see them go. It's been a busy little airport."

But, the council acknowledged it's time for SMAT to move on.

The council also approved the condemnation of air easements for the purpose of tree clearing on two properties on the west side. The owners, according to airport manager Jim Sowles, believe the value of their property diminishes with the loss of trees. And

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## Educator to give Civil War presentation for Veteran's Day

by Emma Palova

Holland mayor Al McGeehan will share stories from West Michigan of what some believe was the worst of wars in American history.

McGeehan, a Civil War buff and former American history teacher, will give a presentation titled, "They Fought for the Union" on Nov. 12 at the Veteran's Center on Alden Nash.

To personalize the presentation, McGeehan will showcase artifacts and collections from the Civil War era such as .58 caliber rifled muskets and percussion revolvers made by the Colt Firearms Company.

"It's not to glorify war because that's insanity," said McGeehan, "but to talk

about the extreme sacrifice during four years."

The focus will be primarily on the firearms of that particular conflict.

"I love to read and acquire items from that era," he said.

McGeehan, a former teacher of American history, has been collecting Civil War artifacts for the last 35 years. He's been browsing through antique shops and garage sales and attending seminars.

McGeehan also encourages people to bring old items to confirm legends.

Post commander Fay Johnson said the post tries to do something different

every year for Veteran's Day. "McGeehan is very knowledgeable," said Johnson.

The presentation, open to the public, starts at 7 p.m.



Al McGeehan will give a presentation accompanied by artifacts from the Civil War era.

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Veteran's Day November 11

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# Obituaries

**HEAGLE**  
Allen "Wes" Heagle, age 76, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, November 31, 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne; sons, John and Alan; and parents, Howard and Emily Heagle. He will be remembered by his daughter, Leslie (Gary) Boomers; two grandchildren, Ben and Sarah Boomers; brother, Jim (Ethel) Heagle; sisters, Barb (Dick) Caro, Nancy Miller, Mary Mehl; brother-in-law, Bill (Alice) Marsh; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kent County Human Society.

**MERCER**  
Dorothy Jean Mercer, aged 71, of Lowell passed away Friday, November 2, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert; son, Gregory. She

survived by his wife, best friend, soulmate, nurse, and the love of his life Maureen "Nana". Ron was a faithful and loving husband with a wonderful sense of humor. He loved life and lived each day exemplifying Christian values. He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, and traveling. Most of all he loved God and his family. He was a fun and devoted father. He showed his family how to live, how to laugh, how to love, how to fight, and how to die with dignity, grace, faith, perseverance, patience and courage. Ron was a very proud grand father who joined them in play. He will be greatly missed by his wife and family each and every day until we are reunited with him in heaven. We are thankful that God gave us the privilege to call him husband, father, papa, son brother, uncle and friend. He enjoyed each day God gave him and lived each one as a gift. Ron is also survived by his loving children: Ron and Jean Pawloski, Rebecca Ward, Ryan and Tammy Pawloski, Sean and Allison Pawloski, and Collin and Erin Pawloski. 13 grandchildren; Jacob, Lauren, Austin Ronald, and Justin Ward, Chloe, Brennen, Ethan, Alexis, Cameron, Katie, Mathew Ronald, Brecken, and Caydence Pawloski. His mother Irene Pawloski. His brother and sister-in-law Rick and Mary Pawloski.

**PAWLOSKI**

Ronald E. Pawloski, "Papa", aged 59, surrounded by his family left this life and began his new life in Christ on Monday, November 29, 2007 after a 26-month courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, during which time he witnessed many miracles. Ron is

His sister and brother-in-law Pat and Phil Decker. His brothers-and sisters-in-law; Kathy and Dick Noskey, Chris and John Hunt, Tom and Pearl Kathan, Mike and Gail Kathan, and Joann Kathan. He is survived by his aunts and one uncle, several nieces and nephews, including his very special nieces and nephews, Brent and Lisa Noskey, Todd and Stacy Noskey, Wendy and Toby Alderink, and Heidi and Brandon Barber, many great nieces and nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Ron was preceded in death by his son Brett Ronald Pawloski, his father Eugene Pawloski, and his mother and father-in-law Stella and Ron Kathan. Ron was also survived by his very special friends at Coca Cola Enterprises from which he retired due to his illness in 2005 after 35 years of exemplary service, his family at Grand River Cardiology who provided Maureen, Ron and their family with unending love and support over the past 2 years, and his friends at the "W" at Mars Hill Church. Ron was a member of St. Robert's Parish in Ada and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus in Lowell. Donations can be made in Ron's memory to the PanCan Society, the National Cancer Institute, or the Van Andel Institute for further cancer research to help rid this world of the biggest thief there is.



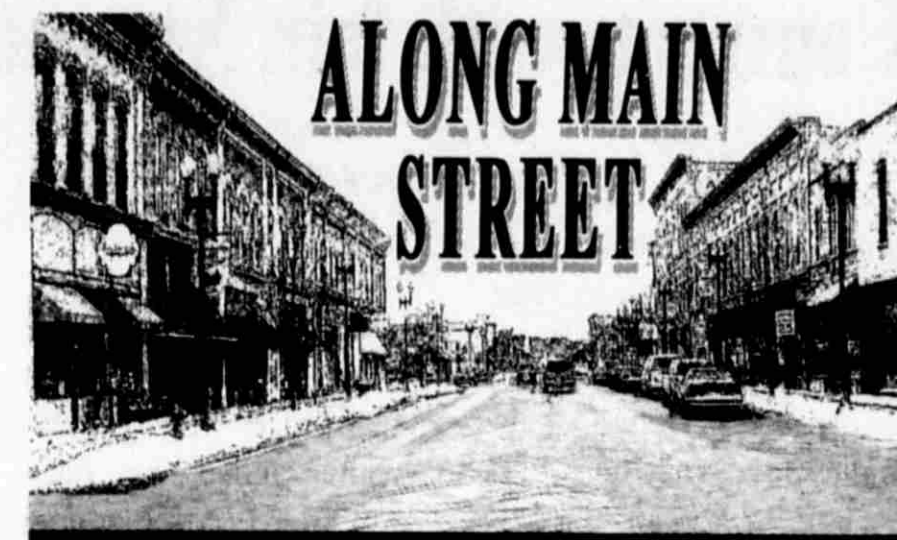
**SUTHERLAND**

Idamae Sutherland, age 92, of Lowell, formerly of Cascade, passed away Monday, November 5, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon. Surviving are her daughter, Bonnie (Greg) Frey of Lowell; grandchildren, Brad (Taryn) Frey, Heather (Jeff) McCormack, Stephanie (David) Wargen, and Trent (Christine) Frey; great

grandchildren, Miles, Kyle, Brooke, Madison, Gramm, David, Aaron, Kyle, and Ryan. The family will meet with friends and relatives 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, November 8 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Internment will be at Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell.

**VANDEN HEUVEL**

Lolabelle Pearl Vanden Heuvel nee Edson, born January 4, 1924 passed away November 31, 2007. She was surrounded by her family, and died peacefully in her sleep. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband of 57 years, Donald; children, Marylee Vanden Heuvel of Lowell, Donald and Annette Vanden Heuvel of Holland and Thomas and Maribeth Vanden Heuvel of Holland; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild; sisters, Mary Lee and Ralph Serum of Jenison, Marguerite and Richard Zwagerman of Leland; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Thomas (Joan) Edson of Hudsonville and Barbara Boss of Granite Bay, CA. A 1943 graduate of Michigan State College, she was a registered Dietician, member of the American Dietetic Association and a member of Second Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan. Her joy was her family and friends. She enjoyed cooking, participating in her Bible study groups and cheering on her grandchildren at their numerous sporting events and activities. Funeral services were held Saturday at Second Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland.



## Annual Santa parade moves to nighttime

The residents and business owners of Lowell and their friend Santa Claus are breaking tradition and stepping outside the box with our first ever nighttime parade: "Light the Night" on Saturday, Dec. 1. This is a major change to Christmas tradition in Lowell. "We polled many businesses and organizations and the majority are extremely enthused about a parade after dark," noted Liz Baker, director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "The Chamber Board of Directors gave their blessing on the time change as well."

Parade day will host

many activities before and after the parade. Before the parade, activities include the Lowell Area Historical Museum's Christmas Tea, Flat River Ice Challenge, Rudolph's Craft Workshop, Kent County Youth Fair's Pancake Supper and the 25th Anniversary Rogue River Artisans Show. After the parade, visitors can enjoy Santa visits and pictures on the magical Lowell Showboat (with the pictures provided free of charge by River Valley Credit Union), viewing the finished Ice Sculptures, Christmas Carolers and Late Night Shopping along our beautifully decorated Main Street. Many of the retailers

will host an array of fun in their stores to lure in the shoppers.

The Chamber wants the community and our visitors to be a part of this new change. Mark your calendars for a great night. This will be an opportunity for everyone to get to know what businesses are alive and well in Historic Lowell and learn the true meaning of shopping locally. "Pardon me if I brag a little," Baker continued. "But no other town in all of Michigan offers children a visit with Santa on a riverboat." Make a magical moment for your children and memories will last forever. The Lowell Showboat will host Santa

visits and pictures after the parade. Free cookies and hot chocolate too.

Don't forget that Main Street will come alive with lights and holiday magic. Did you know that you can purchase anything from t-shirts to diamond rings in Lowell? You will find something for everyone in Historic Lowell. If you don't feel like shopping, just window shop and listen to Christmas carolers along Main Street. Perhaps you are hungry - we have it all from fast food to gourmet dining. Mark your calendars for a great night, Saturday, Dec. 1. Find out why Lowell truly is the "Next Place to Be!"

**PRESENTATION AT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

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.

**CONCERT AT ROLLAWAY**

Friday, Nov. 9, doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 5:30 p.m. \$6. Hit and Run, Ridgemoor, Come Find the Lion, Poinsettia, Bull Fights in Tijuana, Our Forsaken Victory, and Asphodel Fields.

**LOWELL REGIONAL FOOTBALL GAME**

Tickets for the Lowell-Hudsonville Regional football game, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Hudsonville, will be sold at the LHS Athletic office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$5 each. Gates open at 5:30.

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL**

Kick off your holiday shopping season in Historic Lowell at the 16th annual Christmas through Lowell event, on Fri., Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the website at [www.christmasthroughlowell.org](http://www.christmasthroughlowell.org) for a complete listing and map or call the Chamber at 897-9161 for details.

**F.R.O.M. HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

Flat River Outreach Ministries presents an evening of music on Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Larkin's The Other Place. Donate a child's toy or love offering at the door for admission. Doors open at 8 p.m.

**BLUEGRASS HOTBANDS FUNDRAISER**

Two band, big jam session, and food on Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at TJ's Sports Bar & Grille in Lowell. All for \$5.

**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](http://www.lowellartcouncil.org).

**CHRISTMAS TEA**

The museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our lovely parlor, decorated for Christmas, on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited. Please call the museum for more information 897-7688.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

The museum would like to start your Christmas holidays off right with an elegant Christmas dinner in our Victorian dining room on Dec. 4, 5 & 6 starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. We have seats for 12 each night so call for your reservation early; cost for this unique evening is \$50 per person. For more information and the fabulous menu please call the museum at 897-7688.

**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.

## Lowell dog park grand opening

The Lowell area Dog Park Committee is pleased to announce the opening of the Animal Hospital of Lowell Dog Park at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road.

The free, fence-enclosed, public, off-leash area is 210 feet by 152 feet and is open year round during daylight hours. The park is divided into two sections, one for large dogs and the other is for smaller or less active dogs. Parking for the off-leash area is in the regular Stoney Lakeside parking lot.

"We still have some finishing touches to complete, such as cement work and benches that we hope to get in yet this fall," said committee member Jeff Eckstrom. "We hope

to have a grand opening or open house next spring." In the meantime we hope area dog owners will bring their dogs down and let them explore, run and play with other dogs." It can be a fun experience for both dogs and their owners.

Primary funding for the dog park came from donations from area dog owners and local grants. A major donor in the project was the Animal Hospital of Lowell which received 10-year naming rights as a high level contributor.

Local Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Theiser is building a donor recognition/community announcement board for the park as a community service project.

Dog park users can recycle their extra commercial plastic carry out bags by bringing them to the park and placing them in the converted bird house bag dispensers at the park. The bags are used for picking up and disposing of dog waste which is the responsibility of each dog owner.

The two year - plus campaign involved an initial survey of local dog owners, obtaining permission to place the park on city property, site preparation, developing a design, working with the Parks and Recreation commission, and fundraising.

## SMAT, continued ...

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according to aviation standards, space under the center line may not be used to congregate or to live anyway. Although the airport board has no desire to buy people's houses, in the end the deal may end up being fair to everyone, according to Sowles. One house, a rental property on the corner of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake would come down.

SMAT has purchased a hangar at the Ionia County Airport and they will be

leasing three acres for student housing.

"It's a golden opportunity for them to do what they need to do," said Sowles.

SMAT last year generated 34,000 operations at the Lowell City Airport with each take-off and touch down.

According to SMAT officials, the move to Ionia will enable the school to devote all resources to their mission rather than to the operation of an airport.

## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Jackie Rinks received Realtor of the Month in October.

This award recognizes Rinks for her outstanding success and achievements.



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**Thank You**  
The family of Carol Anderson Stevens would like to express our deep appreciation for the many prayers, visits, meals, phone calls, cards, floral tributes and memorial contributions to Spectrum Health Hospice Foundation on the passing of our beloved Mother. Thank you to Rockford Ambulance and Lowell First Responders, Drs. Evenhouse and Mogor, and Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. We are especially grateful to Spectrum Health Hospice for their loving and compassionate care, and Pastors Michael Rhodabarger and Roger LaWarre for the beautiful service celebrating Mother's love. Special thanks to Mary Schmaltz of the First Congregational Church of Lowell and Esther Newell and the ladies of the Lowell Nazarene Church for the lovely luncheon.  
Carol's quiet wisdom and gentle kindness have been a guiding light in the lives of her family and we take comfort that she is home with her Lord and Savior. We have been blessed by our many friends and neighbors and thank you for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy extended to our family.

**SYNOPSIS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

Minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting were approved as written and the accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:  
Motion to approve the letter of agreement with the Animal Hospital for the Lowell Dog Park of 10 years. This provides naming rights as well as maintenance and fencing responsibilities for the park.  
Motion to approve the low bid of \$19,400 from BV Concrete Construction for the construction of an ice skating rink at Richards Park allocated from the Lee Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund.  
Motion to approve the sales of the street sweeper and two trucks as proposed.  
Motion to seek bids for property measuring 50' x 208' for the City owned parcel on North Washington immediately north of the Gregersen property.  
Motion to adopt the resolution providing electronic check payment and credit/debit transaction services with Official Payments Corporation.  
Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 5, 2007.  
Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., or by email to [bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us](mailto:bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us)  
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk  
City of Lowell

**THANKSGIVING DEADLINE**  
Deadline for the Nov. 28 edition of the Ledger is 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 26  
Ads requiring a proof should be here Wed., Nov. 21, by 5 p.m.  
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**Baked Potato Supper**  
Adults \$6 Kids 5 - 11 \$3 4 & under FREE  
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**Alto United Methodist Church**  
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SHOWTIMES 11/5 - 11/8 No passes Free drink refills & 25¢ corn refills  
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 11:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:40  
GONE, BABY, GONE (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25  
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55  
SAW IV (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30  
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at the movie theater. Good thru 11/11/07.

# Contracts with fair, Xtreme softball used as model for future Boy Scout agreement

by Emma Palova  
 Approved contracts with the youth fair organization and Xtreme softball will serve as a model for other contracts mainly with the Boy Scouts.  
 The council selected Jim Hodges and Jim Pfaller to hammer out a future contract with the

Boy Scouts by the end of February for the use of the city grounds on the North Washington property.  
 In an effort to create uniformity in the city contracts for all groups, the city council has been updating consistent agreements with yearly reviews. Fair contract for 10 years is the only exception

due to physical structures on the grounds.  
 All other contracts for the use of city parks by various sports organizations institute a \$5 usage fee and a \$2 million liability insurance for the duration of five years. Liability insurance may also be required in the agreement with the Boy Scouts.  
 "There has been a dialogue back and forth about uniformity for all groups," said Pfaller.  
 The \$5 park usage fee starting next year will be used toward the maintenance of parks rather than capital improvement money from Lee and Look funds.  
 "We will maintain them as passive parks," said Pfaller, "the abuse comes from wear and tear from athletic use. It's the wear and tear we're trying to divert. Five dollars is a nominal fee for what it costs us to maintain the parks."  
 Council member Jeanne Shores said 75 percent of park users are not city residents, and taxpayers shouldn't stand the upkeep.  
 "It has to be across the board how agreements are being administered," said mayor Chuck Myers. "If you start piecemealing we'll end up back where we were - not charging anything."  
 Voting against the contract with Xtreme softball were Al Mathews and Hodges.



## Sharing The Vision

With Mark Lessens  
 Board of Education President

Just recently our athletic department published their annual report of Lowell High School athletics for the 2006-2007 school year. The report is available for your review at our school website, www.lowellschools.com, as it has been in previous years. Some of the highlights of the report include these statistics:

- Lowell High School offers 24 sports, 12 each for boys and girls.
  - Over 43 percent of our high school students participated in at least one sport.
  - Our coaching staff numbered 100.
  - 667 contests, excluding state tournaments, were held.
  - Our general fund contributed approximately 53 percent of the athletic department revenue; the rest is made up of gate receipts, pay-to-participate fees and other sources. This amounted to approximately 0.91 percent of general fund expenditures.
  - Male and female students participated at rates comparable to their student numbers.
  - 51.8 percent of the HS students are male, and made up 53.5 percent of the student-athletes.
  - 48.2 percent of the HS students are female, and made up 46.5 percent of the student-athletes.
  - Nearly a third of our student-athletes participated in two or more sports.
  - The average GPA of our student-athletes was nearly 0.2 points higher than the average GPA of all students.
  - The average GPA of student-athletes increased at each grade level, with the senior class student-athletes maintaining the highest average GPA.
- These last two statistics stand out the most for me.

Our student-athletes spend many hours practicing and participating in contests, yet they are able to maintain a higher GPA than the rest of our high school population. This is not unique amongst most high schools, and for at least the eight years I have been on the Board of Education, this has consistently been the case at Lowell High School. To me this indicates that our student-athletes have developed the discipline and time-management skills necessary to complete their course work on time and also participate in athletics.

I have no doubt that many of our students who participate in other extra curricular activities also maintain higher

GPA's than students who do not. This shows that students who are involved in school beyond the classroom have the desire and capabilities to perform at a higher level.

The skills that our student-athletes and other students that participate in extra-curricular activities develop are an important part of the overall education that Lowell Area Schools provides to our children. These skills will serve them well beyond high school and throughout life. Thank you parents, coaches and students for achieving success both in and out of the classroom.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com.

## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### GREENER GRASS

When the morning sun melts frost off the grass and the woods brighten with brilliant red and orange colors of autumn, the options for spending time afield begin to multiply. Today I was searching an alpine meadow high in Montana's Sapphire Mountains for anything that would suggest the presence of elk. At the same time, I was thinking about how I was missing a big piece of archery deer hunting season back in Michigan. The grass is always greener somewhere else. Hunting whitetail deer in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with a bow and arrow is at the top of my list of things to do in the fall.

This time of year, when the breeze is cool and fresh and falling leaves cover the forest floor producing a smell

unique to the season, deer abandon their summer movement patterns and begin to travel farther and more often. The probability of encountering a wandering buck increases as the days become shorter.

Fewer people bow hunt than hunt with a firearm, so in most of the Upper Peninsula it is common to find yourself alone in the solitude of the big woods. Being startled by a flushing grouse or scampering red squirrel will quickly awaken the senses.

Getting around is easier before late fall snows produce slippery and drifted roads. Miles of two-track logging roads and fire access trails are open to all-terrain vehicle travel. Be sure to check regulations. The same routes provide convenient foot travel as well. Easy access to the back country invites one to go out exploring when sitting in a stand too long becomes uncomfortable.

If filling the freezer is important, the chances of bagging a U.P. deer are improving because a couple of relatively mild winters have allowed good winter carryover and improved fawn survival. Hard hunting still is required for consistent success because of lower deer densities and extensive cover. The north woods ambiance, however, is worth the challenge.

Hunting with a bow is a good way for young and old alike to be introduced to big game hunting. It is an outdoor experience which requires a person to become intimately involved with nature. The anticipation of sharing the woods with wild creatures creates enough motivation to get one out and about in the back country during a great time of the year. I don't believe I would find myself deep in the woods well before daylight if not for the excitement generated by hearing footsteps approaching as the woods come alive at first light.

I plan to make time to be in the Upper Peninsula next year when the leaves turn color even though the grass may not be green. Of course, while sitting in a tree in the U.P., I will probably wish I were roaming the Rocky Mountains for elk.

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Just for clarification: Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) collects new, unwrapped toys every year at this time to be given to youth in the GREATER LOWELL AREA. FROM also sponsors the Angel Trees which will be found in some local business places. Toys for Tots is a completely separate and widespread program, one sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corp.

Sincerely,  
 Marge Rehl

Dear Editor,

So much for benevolence. 50 years ago the city offered the Boy Scout organization, at virtually no charge, a place to locate their cabin. It would be on property owned by the city, surrounded by township land, a great part controlled by the State of Michigan as a designated state forest. The lease, mandated by city charter, not to exceed 10 years, has been renewed four times. 55 years later that generosity is being used as a weapon, not by the Scouts, but by some self-serving township residents, and uninformed city residents, in an effort to keep their neighborhood away from potential development. They continue to decry the City Council for not listening, but the City Council is listening to city residents. And just because the council doesn't agree with you, doesn't mean that they are not listening. So far though, they haven't heard many that are making an logical or financial sense.

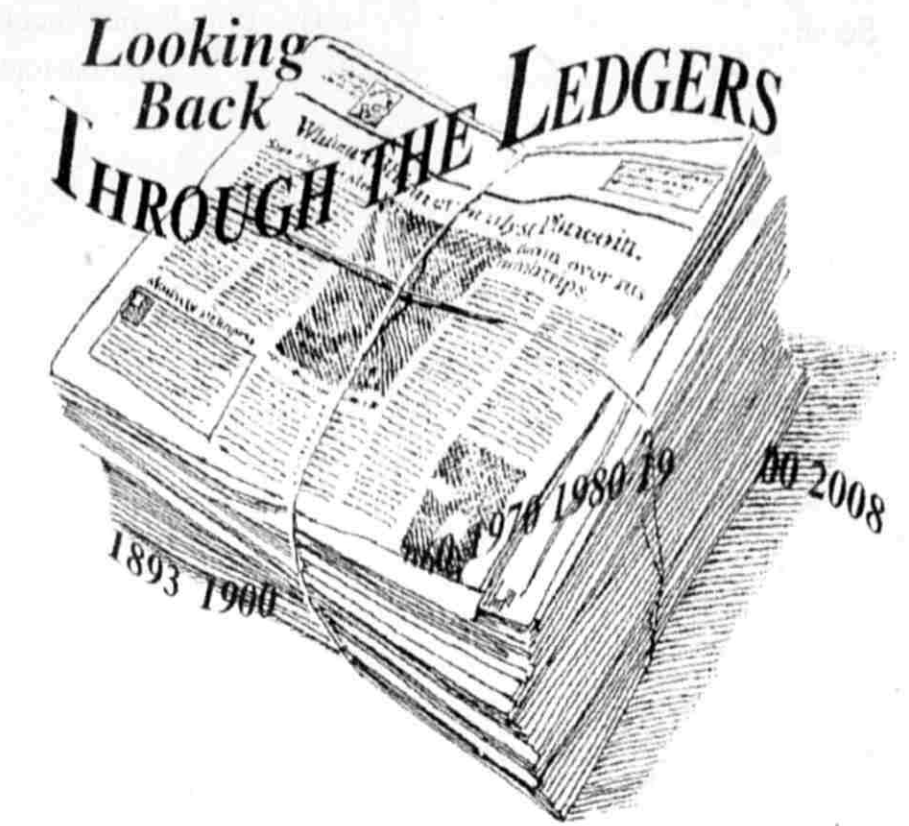
This is the State of Michigan folks, and guess what. General Motors had to change, drastically. Ford had to change. Pfizer had to change. So did Steelcase and Chrysler. All of them, drastically. This is not the good old days. It's time to grab on to some of the realities surrounding us. Fortunately for most concerned, immediate action is not necessary. The economy in Michigan and Kent or Ionia counties will take years to recover. Another 5- or 10-year lease to the Scouts won't matter. It's the long-term plan that does matter.

The City of Lowell has 175.57 acres of designated park property. Please note that this does not include the 27 acres of property at the end of Washington Street. If the 27 acres were available for the development of 10 houses, it's not a great stretch to think that the property sale could gain the city in excess of \$400,000. And the tax base would be generating an additional \$25,000 annually for the next 50 plus years. Let's face it. The property was annexed for some reason, and it wasn't to provide 27 more acres of park property. It was done to provide additional tax base for the city. If the property is developed, the existing Scout cabin and the rental property do nothing to increase the sale potential of the property.

And what about the Scouts? Other property is available in the city. Some of the money gained from the sale of property, matched with local foundation funds, and their own hard work could get them relocated to other city-owned property. Scout leaders and the young boys and men from the organization, I believe, are up to the task of leading their organization into the future. The community is up to the task. Bill Nowak and Gould Rivette led the local scouting organization in establishing a headquarters on city-owned property. It can be done again and provide the scouts with a new "fresh start" facility, not the old, tired and handicap-inaccessible facility that they now possess.

Once again the city seems to be plagued by people believing that the city must provide for all. If the Scouts were all from the city, the issue might be a little easier to understand. Both Vergennes and Lowell Townships have additional property, but no one is demanding park property from them. Each township has more property, more residents and far more potential financial resources within their boundaries as does the City of Lowell, but I'm not hearing the outcry for their participation. Well folks, I'm sick and tired of the whole mess. There are other answers and other options out there. Let's finally start talking about them.

Jim Hall



### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL NOVEMBER 8, 1882

A turnip raised on the Heath farm in this vicinity weighs 16 1/2 lbs. and measures 32 1/2 inches in circumference.

A broom factory has been opened on the east side in the old bakery building by H.A. Clark of this village. He will manufacture the "Lowell broom."

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 7, 1907

About 40 Methodist preachers, members of the Ministerial Association, Grand District, Michigan Conference, some of them accompanied by their wives, met in convention at the Lowell Methodist Episcopal Church Monday and Tuesday for a discussion of matters pertaining to their life work. A number who expected to come were kept away by the bad weather.

The canning factory, which was closed several days on account of the non-arrival of a carload of cans, is running again full blast and "More women wanted" is again the cry.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 3, 1932

Miss Elvis Maxine Dutcher of Alto, Kent County, has just been named winner of statewide honors and an Elgin gold watch for excellence in the 4-H Canning Project, announces the National Committee of Boys and Girls Club work.

The Strand Theatre is making special arrangements to receive election returns next Tuesday and these bulletins will be broadcast in the theatre as they are received.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 7, 1957

Headline: "Lowell FFA Active Group Since 1929, Has 27 Members." The Lowell High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America is an active group which has done much to better our community.

The village council congratulated the Civic Planning Committee and pledger their 100 percent cooperation. The committee was appointed to investigate the advantages of Lowell becoming a city.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 3, 1982

The Lowell Board of Education and Lowell Education Association are still at loggerheads over teacher contract negotiations and contract mediation scheduled for today, according to Lowell superintendent Donald Kelly. The Lowell Board of Education "can't move off a freeze position because we don't have the funds."

Lowell Community Education is in the first year of a special program to pregnant school-age women who have not yet graduated from high school.

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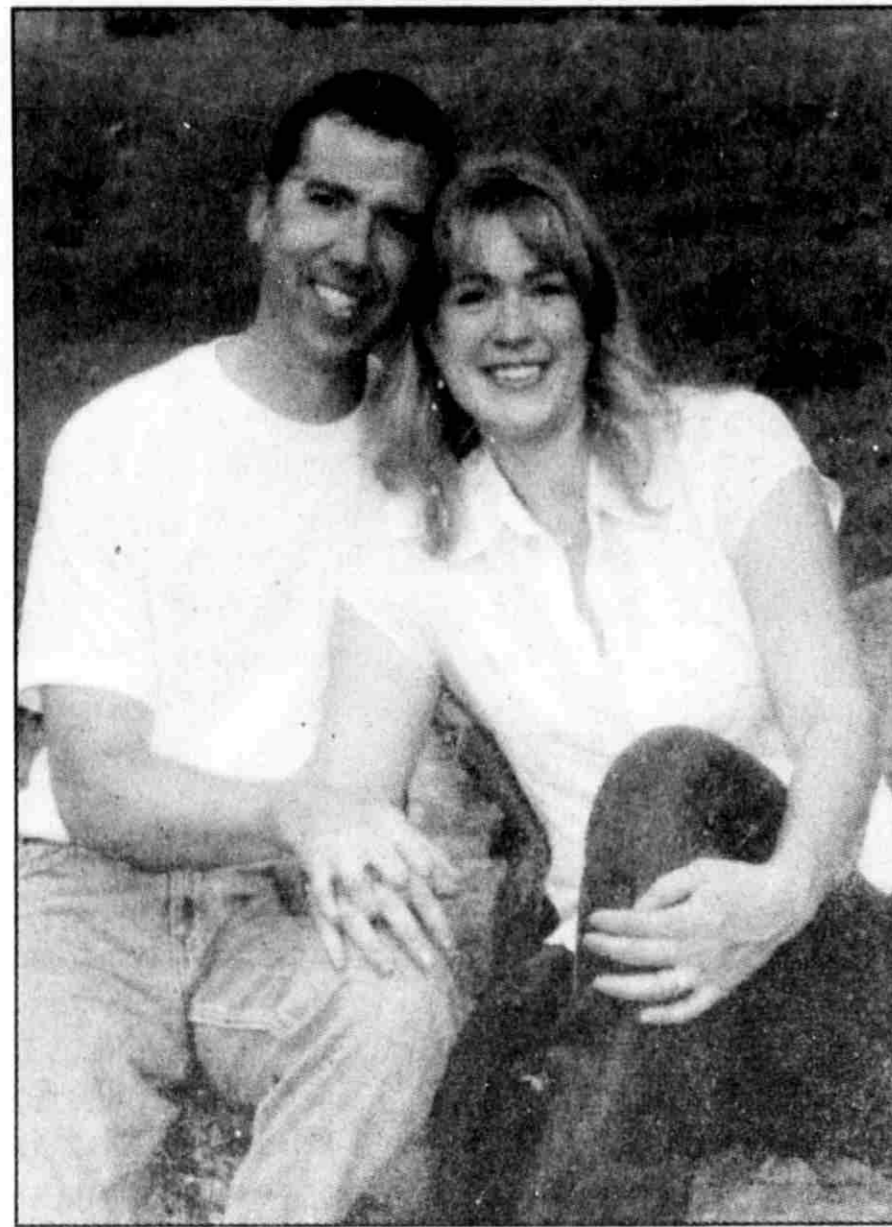
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# Engagements

## Richmond/Scott

Elena Marshelle Richmond and Brian (Buzz) Scott will be united in matrimony on February 2, 2008. Their parents are Jerrold Richmond of Lowell and the late Diane Richmond and Steve and Patsy Scott of Burr Oak. The bride, of Lowell, graduated from MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and is now working at Town & Country Vet Clinic. The groom, of Wayland, graduated from Grand Valley State University and now works for Cardinal Health.



Elena Marshelle Richmond and Brian Scott

# Character counts at Cherry Creek Elementary

Cherry Creek Elementary concluded Character Counts month with the first Character Assembly of the school year featuring responsibility and honoring their students. One student from each class (grades 2-5) was chosen by their teacher and received a certificate

for displaying the character traits of responsibility. LMS's seventh grade drama class also performed a skit about the importance of responsibility.

Kids of Character are: Jared Breznjak, Ashton Pallotini, Hannah Anon, Devin Schueller, Alex Laird,

Lane Ryan, Mackenzie Stiles, Karleigh Mrozinski, Daniel Moore, Trevor Sherman, Nathan Whittum, Mitchell Evink, Cooper Perry, Trevor Shurlow, Jolie Bem, Hayden Sutton, Breanna Amon, Madison Smith, Dan Onan and Rachel Bazan.

## Happy Birthday

**NOVEMBER 7:**  
Keegan Geldersma,  
Charlene Butler, Kelsey Ligman, Carl Blough,  
Rachel Plotner.

**NOVEMBER 8:**  
David Korte, Andrew Potter,  
Dick Rutherford, Joshua Chamberlain.

**NOVEMBER 9:**  
Roxanne Goff, Danielle Bundy, Katie Mendez,  
Carol Sue McGregor, Angie Briggs, Tom Mohr, Daryl Gildner.

**NOVEMBER 10:**  
Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor,  
Gary Daverman, Tyler Dewey.

**NOVEMBER 11:**  
Mike Roudabush, Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingeier Jr., Rachel Burns, Zachary Ligman, Justin Warren, N. Stephen Kelley.

**NOVEMBER 12:**  
Harry Erickson, Deborah Malloy, Al Olszewski.

**NOVEMBER 13:**  
Brian Gerard, Dan Schneider.

# Reflections of faith

by Rev. Randal Meyers

In our evening church worship times we are reflecting, phrase by phrase, on the Lord's prayer. Last week Sunday we reflected on the phrase "Hallowed be Thy Name." At first I wondered what on earth "hallowed" meant. I mean, we don't even use that kind of language anymore, or do we? Then it struck me that we do use this kind of language. Last Wednesday was Halloween. So I reflected a bit on what "Hallowed be Thy Name" had to do with Halloween.

From our perspective, sort of looking heavenward, "Hallowed be Thy Name" has implications for our relationship with God. To hallow or make holy God's name means that we set it apart from other common names. It is holy and honored, sacred and special. God's special name helps us to really know who God is. Yes, God is who God is, but we each have special names of God that resonate

deep within our souls. What is a holy name of God from Scripture that speaks to you? How do you really know God through this "hallowed" name?

Another implication, looking around us, "Hallowed be Thy Name" means that we are to bless, worship, and praise God for all God's works! This is what Psalm 145 speaks of as "to exhalt" or lift up the name of God for what God has done. Remember that when you hallow God's name you are blessing God for creation, salvation, and life! Not to mention all that shines forth from those works; namely God's power, wisdom, kindness, mercy, justice, and grace!

But what about Halloween? Halloween is derived from "All-Hallows-Eve" or the evening before All Saints Day. Saints are "holy ones." Back in the 9th century "days" started at sunset so All Saints Day started on the evening of Oct. 31 and was called All Hallows Eve. Now I know there are at least two major interpretations related to who exactly are the saints? Some would say that saints are people who lived particularly holy, Christlike lives and either died or were martyred for their Christian faith. Others may broaden the definition of saints to include all currently living Jesus followers as well as those who died believing in Christ.

Yet whether you identify someone as being a saint after they have lived or while they are still living, there is a common thread. The common thread is their position in Christ Jesus and how they live (or lived) their life. Another way of saying it is that saints do not (or did not) have common lives. They are (or were) set apart from the other more common lives. Saints' lives are (or were) holy and honored, sacred and special. So the connection between "Hallowed be Thy Name" and Halloween is the connection along the Holy Father and the Holy Saints, between who God is and who we are, and between God's works and our works.

This gets muddled up when Jesus followers do not live like saints. When we throw mud, we tarnish our ability to reflect God's holiness. In our mud-throwing we swing toward commonness and swim toward the profane. However, Christ's command to pray "Hallowed be Thy Name" calls us to not take God's name in vain. It also calls us to live as he lived; holy and pleasing unto God. Hopefully your Halloween was a chance to share with your neighbors how holy God really is, what God has done for you, and why you live like you do.

# 50th LHS class reunion

The LHS Class of 1957 celebrated their 50th high school reunion over the weekend of Sept. 14. Festivities included a get-together at the Lowell Showboat, the Friday night football game, tours of the high school, a catered dinner at the home of Errollyn and Lyle Weeks and a Sunday brunch at the Schneider Manor community room.



Pictured at left, (front row, L-R): Nancy Yahnke Oakes, Marcia Keech Alderink, Donna Heim Geiger, Virginia Lewis Gingell and Margaret Wood Kehrer; (second row, L-R): Leroy Geiger, Nola Cheesebroro, Bernard Collins, Urbane VanBenden, Barbara Court St. John and Carol Denkema Stormzand; (third row, L-R): John Alderink, Barbara Kelley Boccaleoni, Larry Hoffman and Don Rink.



Pictured at right, (front row, L-R): Janet Metternick Place, Frances Backstrom, Barbara Needham Lucas, Judy Potter Baird and Nina Charters Scripps; (second row, L-R): Errollyn Osborne Weeks, Bergie Kleefish, Orison Abel, Richard King, Jerry Jacobi, Judy Dalstra Ellison and Allan Baird; (third row, L-R): Don Videan, Sally Hoover Johnson and Chuck Dykhuizen.

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Anyone who wants to reduce their risk of contracting the flu or transmitting it to others can be vaccinated. The Center for Disease Control strongly recommends that the following high risk individuals be vaccinated.

- Children 6-9 months of age
- pregnant women
- people 50 years of age or older
- people who live in nursing homes
- people younger than 18 on chronic aspirin therapy
- people of any age with chronic medical conditions such as chronic heart disease, lung disease - including asthma, diabetes, renal disease, liver disease, immune deficiencies, blood disorders
- household contacts of those of high risk including household contacts and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age
- healthcare workers

You can not get the flu from receiving the flu shot. The viral particles within the shot that helps form protective antibodies are not live. Some people may have slight soreness or redness at the injection site, but even this is rare. The flu shot is probably one of the most underutilized, cost-effective, preventative measures that medicine has to offer.

There seems to be plenty of the vaccine available this year unlike previous years when there were significant shortages. Now is the perfect time to get the shot to protect yourself throughout the entire flu season.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007**

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

Matt Garrison has made application for a variance from the Table of General Bulk Regulations of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a 32 foot front yard setback where 75 feet is required for property located at 11260 Fulton Street, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-09-100-043 for a drive-thru coffee stand.

The application and site plan are available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

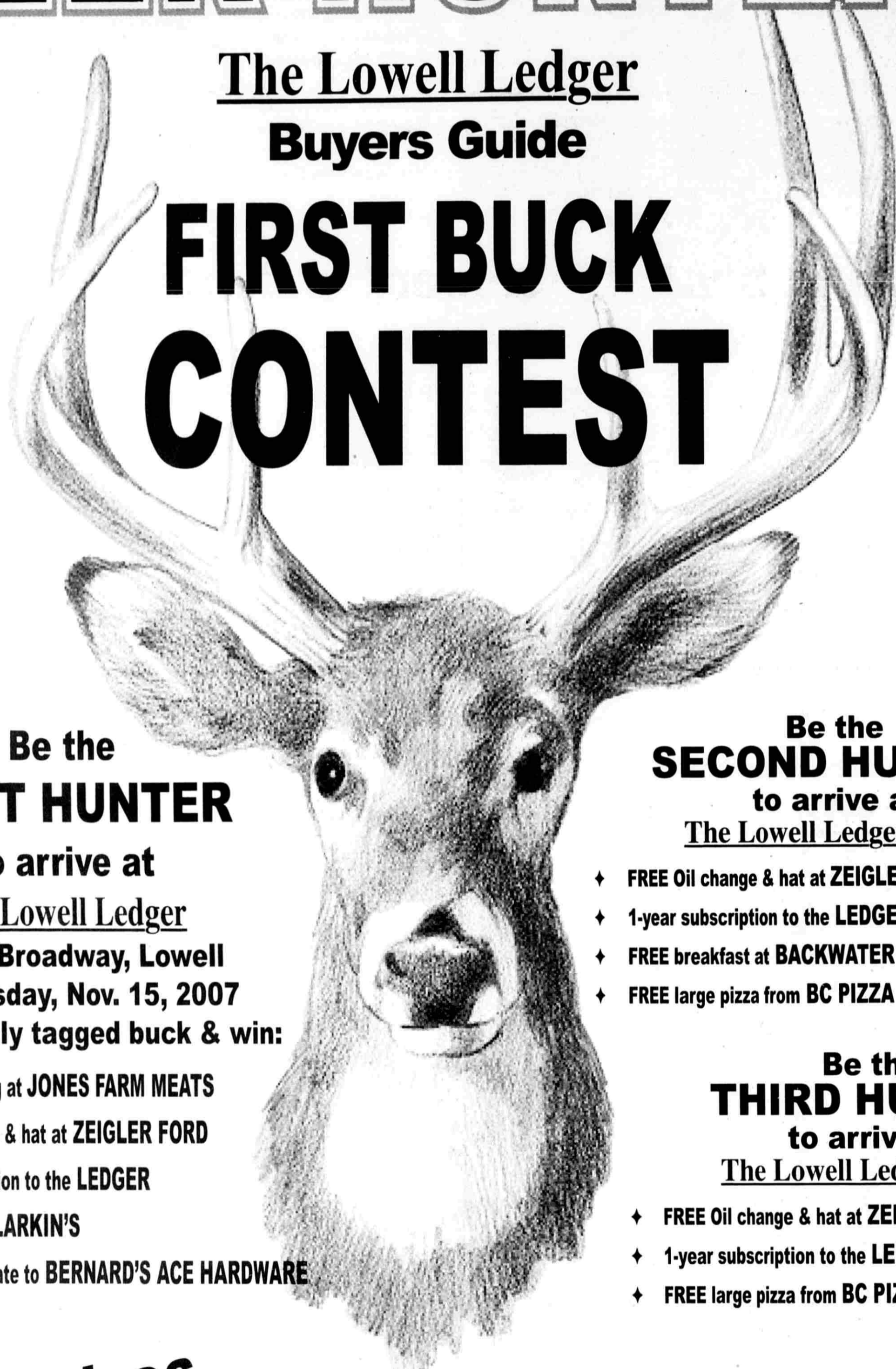
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<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Bremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.bclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Hanes, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/CLUB J.C.....Wed. 6:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Thurian Meredith 9:45 A.M. ....Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M. ....Sunday School <b>897-9863 or 897-9588</b> Nursery &amp; Children Worship Programs Provided A friend...a family...a mission!</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> Lowell High School Performing Arts Center Greeting &amp; Fellowship.....10:15 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:40 A.M. Wednesday Discipleship Ministries.....7:00 P.M. Meets at 201 N. Washington PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

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#### DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BENEFICIARIES FOR YOUR IRA?

Do you invest in either a traditional or Roth IRA? If so, you're making a smart move, because an IRA offers you a tax-advantaged way to save money for retirement. And of course, you want to save as much as you can, because you could spend two or even three decades as a retiree. But if you don't use all your IRA funds, what will happen to them? It's up to you — but your decision can have a big impact on your family, so you'll want to plan carefully.

The dispersal of your IRA depends on the beneficiary or beneficiaries you've named. And when it comes to designating beneficiaries, you have several choices. Here are some of the most common ones:

- You can designate your spouse. If you select your spouse as beneficiary, you are providing him or her with considerable flexibility in what to do with the money. That's because your surviving spouse can roll over the IRA assets into his or her own IRA. This allows your spouse to name new beneficiaries and postpone taking required minimum distributions until he or she reaches age 70 1/2.

- You can designate a child, grandchild or nonspouse beneficiary. If you name a child or grandchild as your IRA beneficiary, that person can take distributions based on his or her own life expectancy. If the beneficiary is a young person, the distributions can then be "stretched out" over a long period, which can help enhance the potential tax-deferred growth of your IRA assets.

- You can name a trust as a beneficiary. You don't have to name a human being as your IRA beneficiary — you can name a trust, which is a legal arrangement giving you great control over how, and when, the IRA assets will be distributed. By designating a trust as beneficiary, you can accomplish any of several goals. For example, if you have remarried, a trust can provide a lifetime income stream to your current spouse, with the remaining assets ultimately

passing to your children from an earlier marriage. A trust can also let you decide when your children or grandchildren can receive the assets in your IRA, and how much they can get at any one time. In addition, a trust can enable you to make charitable gifts while gaining tax benefits. (To create a trust, which can be a complex instrument, you'll need to consult with your legal advisor.)

- You can name multiple beneficiaries. If you'd like to split your IRA among several children, you can name them all as beneficiaries. Once you die, the life expectancy of the oldest beneficiary generally will be used to determine the payout period for all the beneficiaries. However, each beneficiary can choose to create his or her own IRA, called an "inherited IRA," as long as all these separate accounts are established by Dec. 31 of the year following your death. The inherited IRA owners can then take distributions based on their individual life expectancies.

Your financial and legal advisors can assist you in choosing appropriate IRA beneficiary designations. Take the time to choose wisely. After all, you've worked hard for many years to build your IRA, so you'll want to make sure it ends up in the right hands at the right times.

## Lowell High School October Students of Month

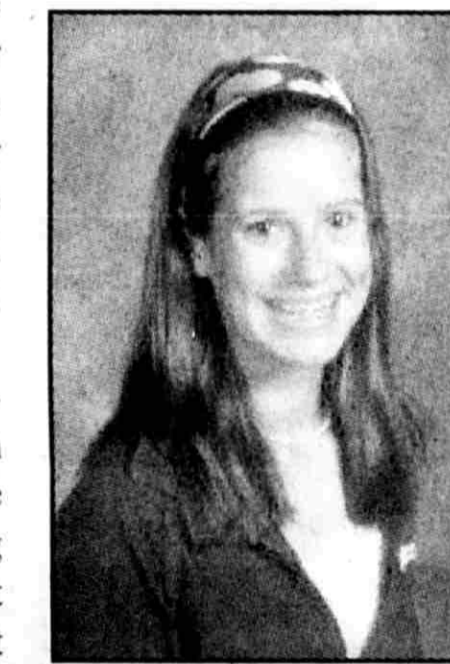
Lowell High School and the LHS Academic Boosters are proud to announce the October 2007 Students of the Month.

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Brandon Strick (9th grade) and Erica Walendzik (9th grade) are the LHS October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department

Chair Meeting, selecting two students to be honored for the month. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1353 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Brandon and Erica. The students receive a key card to the local businesses and a certificate.

Brandon was nominated by Tammy Coleman who writes, "I have had the great pleasure of knowing Brandon over the past three years as a student

and as a person. I have been amazed at his perseverance, maturity and the ability he has in overcoming some overwhelming obstacles.



Erica Walendzik

Brandon has worked through some difficult situations in his life to 'come out on top', succeed, and make himself a participant in his own future. He has improved greatly and I am so impressed." Erica was nominated by Mr. Bob Rodenhouse, and he writes, "Erica is a GREAT kid. Always works hard in PE

class. Never has an off day. She wants to please teachers and friends. She performs at the best of her ability at all times in class. Erica is very helpful in setting up and taking equipment down. She is a model student. I believe she is a great example of what a student of the month should be."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters, call Laura Becker at 897-5653.



Brandon Strick

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

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**LUNCH MENU**

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Week of Nov. 12, 2007

**MON:** Pizza dippers w/ sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Rotini & Italian meatsauce w/dinner roll (stacked ham, cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, pineapple, milk.

**WED:** Tony's sausage pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), vegetable pasta salad, pears, milk.

**THURS:** French toast sticks/syrup or cereal/ Graham Crackers & scrambled eggs, potato triangle, fruit juice, milk.

**FRI:** Chicken burrito (sloppy jo on wheat bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), corn, assorted fruit, homemade peanut butter bar, milk.

# U Park U Sell biz brings buyers and sellers together

by Emma Palova

The lot half-paved and half-covered with crushed concrete will accommodate cars for sale by owners on one side, and customers on the other.

Sellers will be renting space for one month at a time. They can also sell motor homes and boats.

"It allows people to sell their own vehicles to somebody who wants to buy them," said co-owner Butch TerHorst. "It brings buyers and sellers together."

Although the concept is not completely new, TerHorst wants to make it more professional by putting a nice building on the lot.

Some townships have ordinances in place that prohibit selling automobiles in random parking lots or in yards.

U Park U Sell offers an opportunity to clean up these locations, said TerHorst.

Individuals can market their vehicles for a small fee and avoid the losses they would experience if they were to trade in their vehicle or offer it to a wholesaler.

A wooden fence around the perimeter will help define the parking/viewing space. A well-designed information booth with specific guidelines on how to park and display a unit will make the opportunity attractive for the seller.

"We will offer many suggestions and options to help the seller maximize the value of what they are selling," said TerHorst.

A web tool will be available to help price a vehicle appropriately so the seller gets the best price and sells the unit in a timely manner.

A posting on Auto Trader could be available for an additional price. A local detail shop and certified mechanics will help get the seller's unit in the best selling condition.

Video cameras will be placed at U Park U Sell so the seller is assured of the safety and security of the unit.

"We want to make the sellers feel secure when meeting a prospective client," said TerHorst.

The business co-owner is Troy Rubey. U Park U Sell is slated to open Dec. 1.



The Logos Group will open U Park U Sell on the west fringe of town Dec. 1.

# Charrette produces different density recreation plans

by Emma Palova

A quick cart study called charrette held last week at the Wittenbach Wege Center has rendered several plans for a potential property donation located off Alden Nash to the community at large.

Based on a community wish list compiled by Williams and Works consultants, landscape architects Eric Lyons and Trevor Bosworth designed various plans for community recreation.

The plans included a low, moderate and full development versions to incorporate the community's wishes ranging from mild passive recreation to a full blown athletic complex for indoors sports, a YMCA pool and a community center.

However, according to planner Ryan Kilpatrick, between the three communities, recreation requirements set by the National Parks Association and the Department of Natural Resources, have been met.

The only exception being a community center with a pool as recommended by the National Parks Association for multiple age groups. This would not have to be affiliated with the YMCA or any other organization, according to Kilpatrick.

The specialists have completed during the previous sessions inventory and analysis of the site showing amenities, topography, and access management from Alden Nash.

The final plan may be a combination of the proposed A, B and C different density plans.

"It will be used to find grants to fund the projects," said Lyons.

Items from the wish list were incorporated into the proposed different density plans.

These recurring items throughout the planning process included a trail system connecting the schools, bike paths, passive recreation, wildlife observations, senior housing, a demonstration farm for local consumption.

All of these could be phased out with maybe first then the trail system or vice versa, according to Lyons.

The moderate plan would include a smaller building, family picnic area, some paved trails, interpretive signs and demonstration areas.

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Landscape architects Trevor Bosworth and Eric Lyons work on designs for community recreation during charrettes last week.

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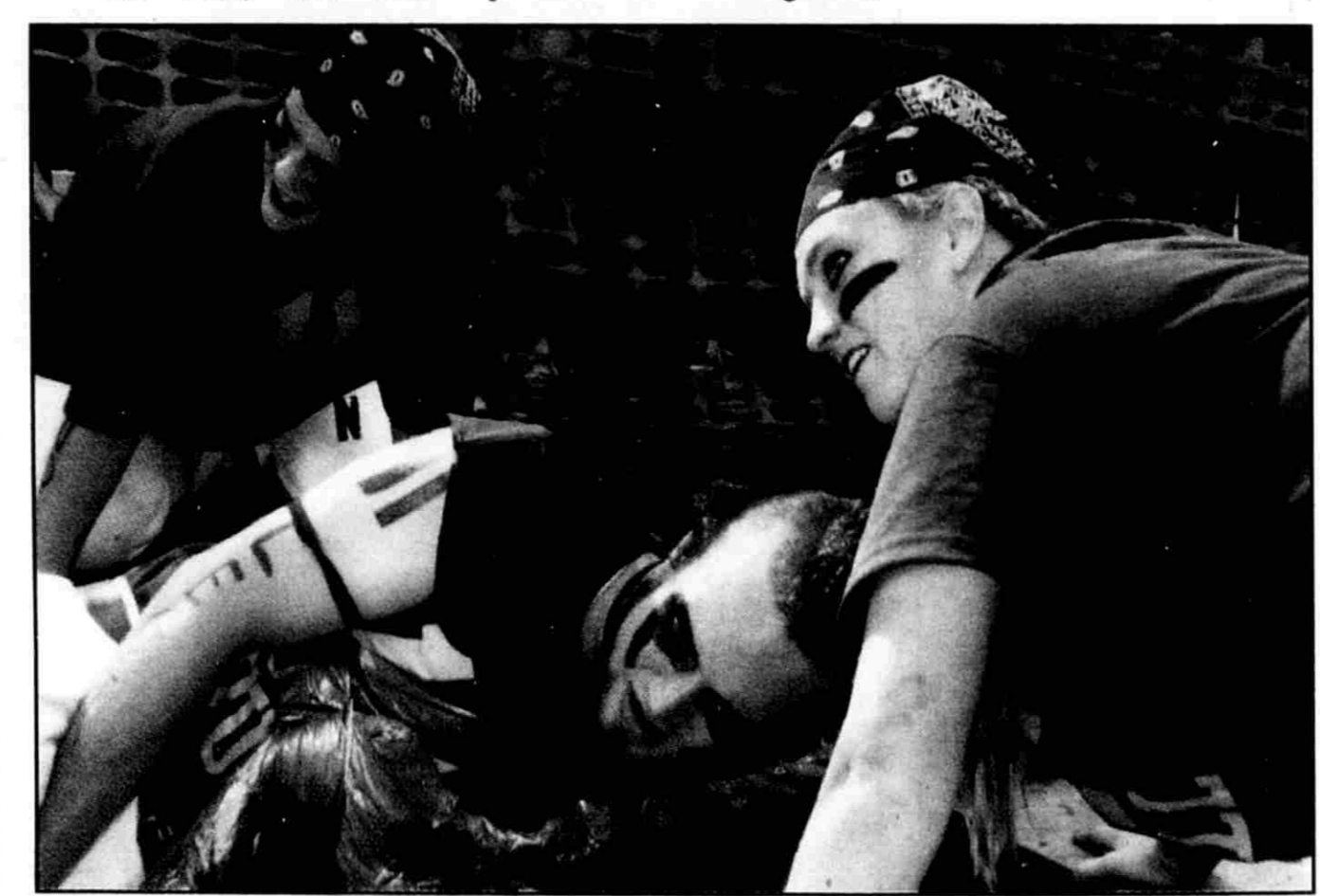
## College News

Jessica Nelson, a Hope College freshman from Lowell, participated in the Pull, one of the nation's oldest college traditions, on Saturday, Sept. 29. She was a moraler for the Class of 2011 team.

The Pull, first held in 1898, is an annual fall highlight at Hope. It started as a tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes for the freshmen to earn their place on campus.

Each team has 18 students on the rope as "pullers" and 18 as guides, or "moralers." The odd-year class of 2011 won this year's Pull.

Nelson is the daughter of Steve and Betty Nelson of Lowell. She is a 2007 graduate of Lowell High School.



Hope College freshman Jessica Nelson.

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Residents are reminded that on: Veterans Day - all offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12

Thanksgiving - all offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, Friday, Nov. 23 and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 24.

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# COMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

**FRI., NOV. 9:** Concert at Rollaway, doors open at 5 p.m., show at 5:30 p.m.

**WED., NOV. 11:** Masonic Lodge #355, serving the Lowell, Belding & Ionia areas, will hold its annual Lodge of Sorrow in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, beginning at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

**THURS., NOV. 12:** The semi-annual awards dinner & ceremony will be held in the dining room of the masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a must, call John at 616-374-7762 before 5 p.m. Nov. 11. The public is invited to attend.

### MONDAYS

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

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

**1ST MON.:** Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

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

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

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

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

**3RD MON.:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

**4TH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY OTHER MON.:** Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

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

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

### TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M1#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

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

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

**1ST TUES.:** Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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

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

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

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

**TUES., NOV. 13:** Doric Chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular communication in the chapter room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room.

**WED., NOV 14:** Hooker Chapter #73, will hold its stated convocation in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

**SAT., NOV. 17:** Flat Reach Outreach Ministries presents an evening of music at Larkin's The Other Place at 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Donate a child's toy or love offering at the door for admission.

### TUESDAYS

**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

**2ND & 3RD TUES.:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.), 8 p.m. 897-5936.

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

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

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

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

**2ND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

**2ND WED.:** Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR. Dorothy 897-9794.

**3RD WED.:** GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

### THURSDAYS

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

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax - 897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY:** Mon.-Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

**ALTO LIBRARY:** Mon. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Tues.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS:** (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs.: 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

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

### THURSDAYS

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

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

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

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

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at United Methodist Church in Alto at 7 p.m.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

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

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

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

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library at 2 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

### FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

## To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

commented that they'd never had better coffee. Lunch was also a big hit with everyone because of the availability of the delicious assortment of sandwiches and hot soups. Many inquiries were made as to where we had purchased the food and coffee from. So, if you haven't visited Voyages yet, we highly recommend this wonderful treasure in our town. A great big thank you goes out to Sterling Massey, his wonderful family and staff at Voyages Deli and Coffee Shop for being lifesavers when we needed it most!

Sincerely,  
Vicki Schreuer and family  
Bill Timinskis

Dear Editor and To the People of Lowell,

The passing of one of the most memorable people of Lowell, George Clinton Blocker, age 91, who was Mr.

Lowell. This man was one who most of us will remember all our lives as he touched everyone at some time or another.

I first met George back in the 40s when visiting my grandparents. Then when we moved to Lowell, he was an Umpire for the girls softball teams on the Rainbow League. This man was always fair on his calls.

As time went by he could be seen delivering his Buyers Guide papers and pulling his little red wagon. He would walk from one end of town to the other. As he went he would stop and converse with people. Some not wanting to give him the time of day, others striking up a conversation with him.

This man, George Blocker was intelligent on all subjects and remarkable in his math skills. He was a true athlete most would say. He would show his muscles' and boxing stance. He loved to lift weights.

George would help a lot of people when they needed him,

even taking people into his home. Some took advantage of him but he never really cared. He would just smile like he knew their secrets and kept notes in his little book.

He ran for public office a couple of times hoping to make a difference. I am sure he could have if just given the chance. He would be seen at nearly every funeral. He knew and remembered all.

I am sure that his family will miss him as will the people of Lowell. It would be appropriate for Lowell to honor him by having a George Blocker Day. He was a deserving citizen in every aspect of life.

One of his many friends. Thanks George for the many years of friendship. You will be missed.

Kitty Potter Brenk and family

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# LOWELL RED ARROW

## Red Arrows win District title, advance to next round

By Molly Benningfield  
Editor

The rematch between Lowell and Caledonia in the second round of playoffs was supposed to be a second chance for the Fighting Scots, after a loss to the Red Arrows in Week 5 became their only loss in the regular season.

But the Red Arrows were hungry for a title and

left with a District trophy Friday night, defeating the Scots 45-27. It was a rushing game for the Arrows, as all the touchdowns were scored on runs. Kyle Nichol started the offense strong, with 17- and 15-yard runs in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Nate Vaught scored on a 7-yard run and Nichol had a 48-yard touchdown run.

The Arrows were up by 16 points at halftime, and came out of the locker room explosive for the second half. Nichol scored again in the third on a 5-yard run and a 17-yard pass to Knight in the third. Matt Cavanaugh scored the Scots' last touchdown late in the game on a 5-yard run.

The Scots scored on

three passes from Luke Weist, with a 10-yard pass to Blake Jones in the first quarter, a 5-yard pass to Mike Knight in the second, and a 17-yard pass to Knight in the third. Matt Cavanaugh scored the Scots' last touchdown late in the game on a 5-yard run.

Rushing accounted for 249 of Lowell's 373 total

offensive yards. Nichol had 31 rushing attempts for 162 yards, while Vaught had 19 for 80 yards. Weist had 9 for 41 yards, while Cavanaugh had 13 for 41 yards for Caledonia's 113 total rushing yards.

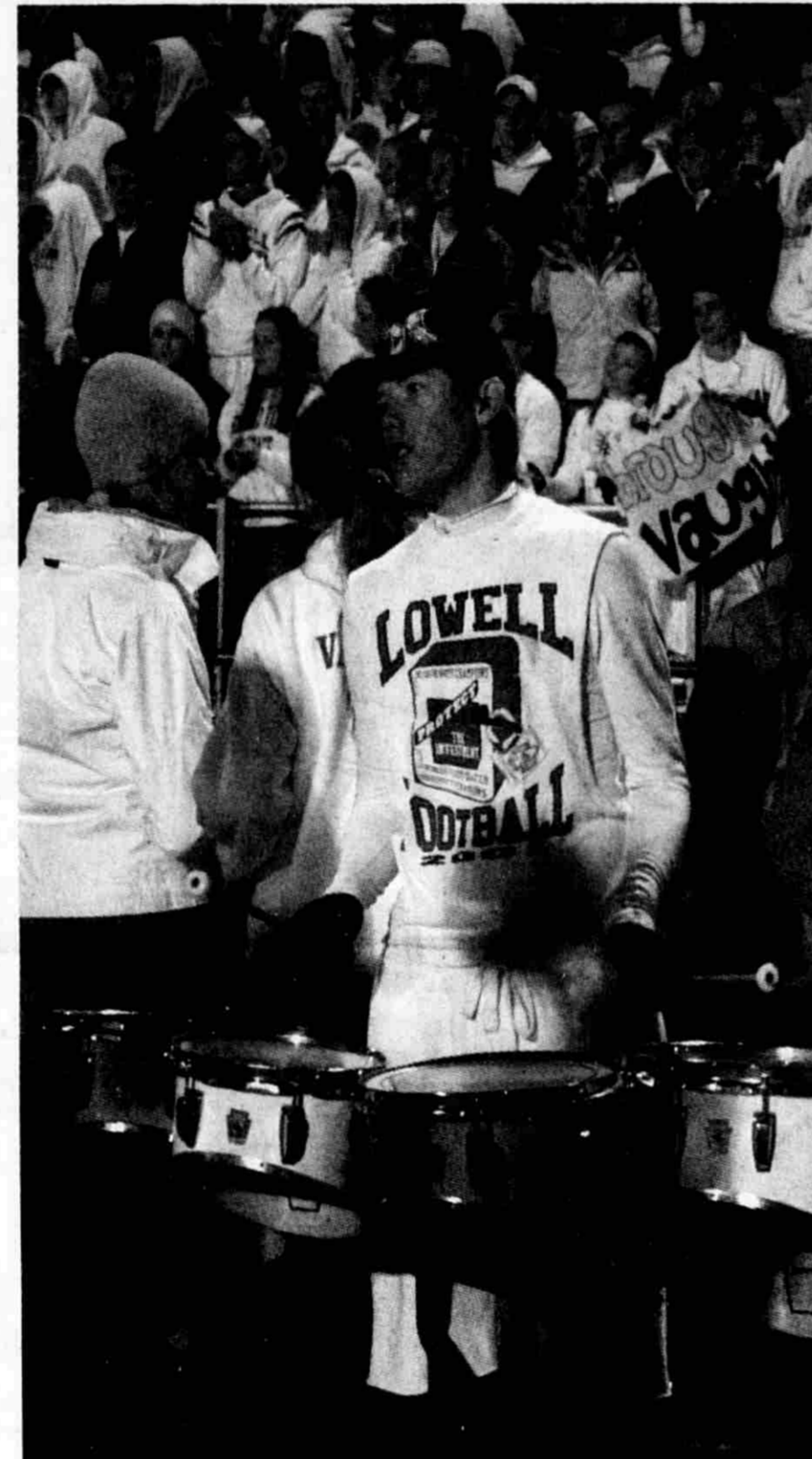
Nichol was 5 for 7 in complete passing attempts, with 124 yards. Weist was 13-32, with 228 yards for

the Scots. Torsten Boss led the Arrows in receiving, with 4 receptions for 102 yards. Knight had 6 receptions for 91 yards for Caledonia.

On the defensive side, Ben Canfield had 9 tackles and Randy Hogan had 7. Knight had 10 tackles for Caledonia.



The team waits to be presented with the District trophy at right, the LHS band performed on the track at Caledonia.



# THE DISTRICT CHAMPS

## Round Two: Lowell Red Arrows vs. Hudsonville Eagles

The Red Arrows (9-2) will travel again to the big stadium to the west, as they face off against the Hudsonville Eagles (10-1) for the second time this season.

In their previous meeting, Lowell lost 7-28 to Hudsonville in the

second week. Lowell would lose to one other team, East Grand Rapids, 14-24, while Hudsonville suffered a big loss to Muskegon 52-0 in Week 7.

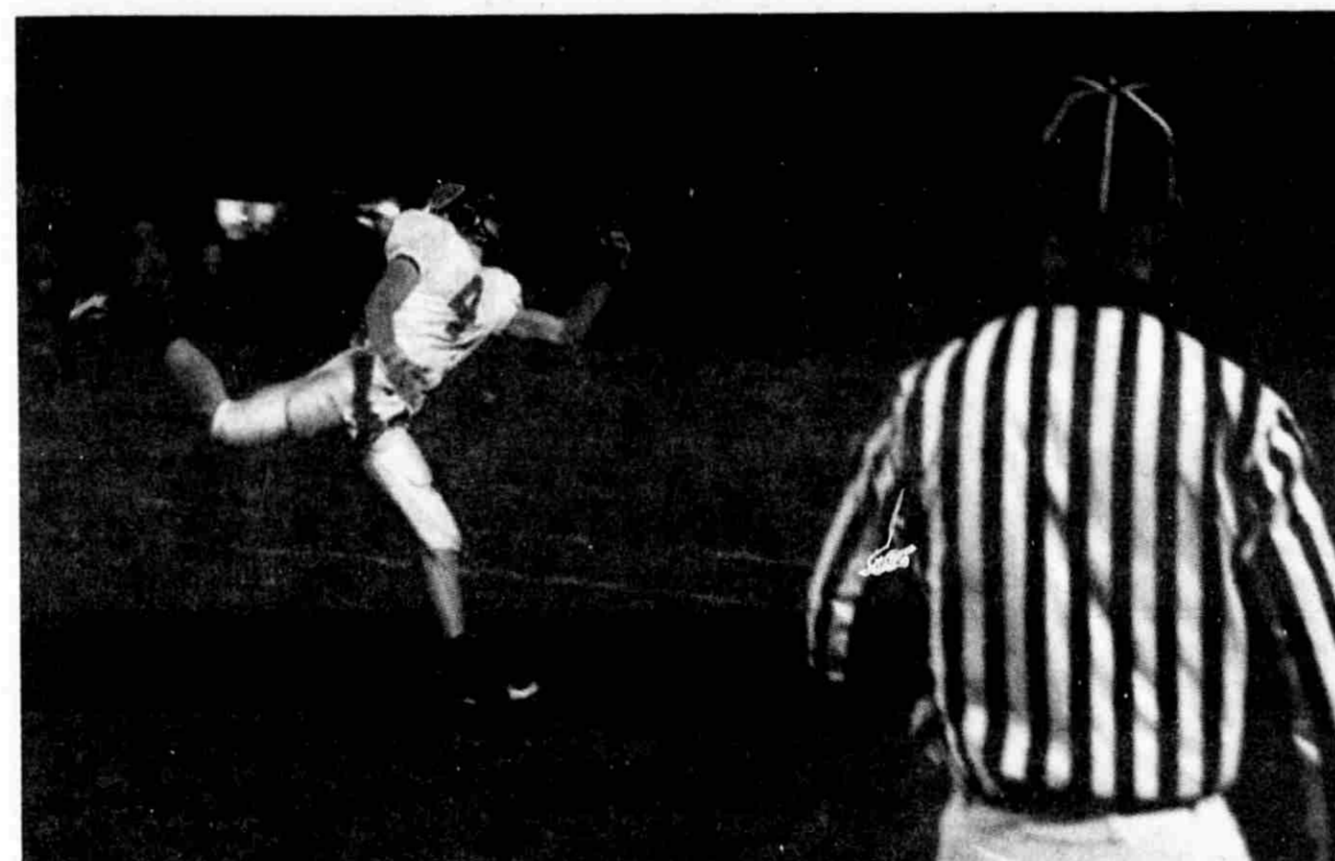
Hudsonville is coming off of a big win against their conference rivals,

Muskegon, 41-7, Friday night. Muskegon was the defending Division 2 state champion. Caledonia was Division 3 state champion in 2005. Both Lowell and Hudsonville aren't newcomers to playoff

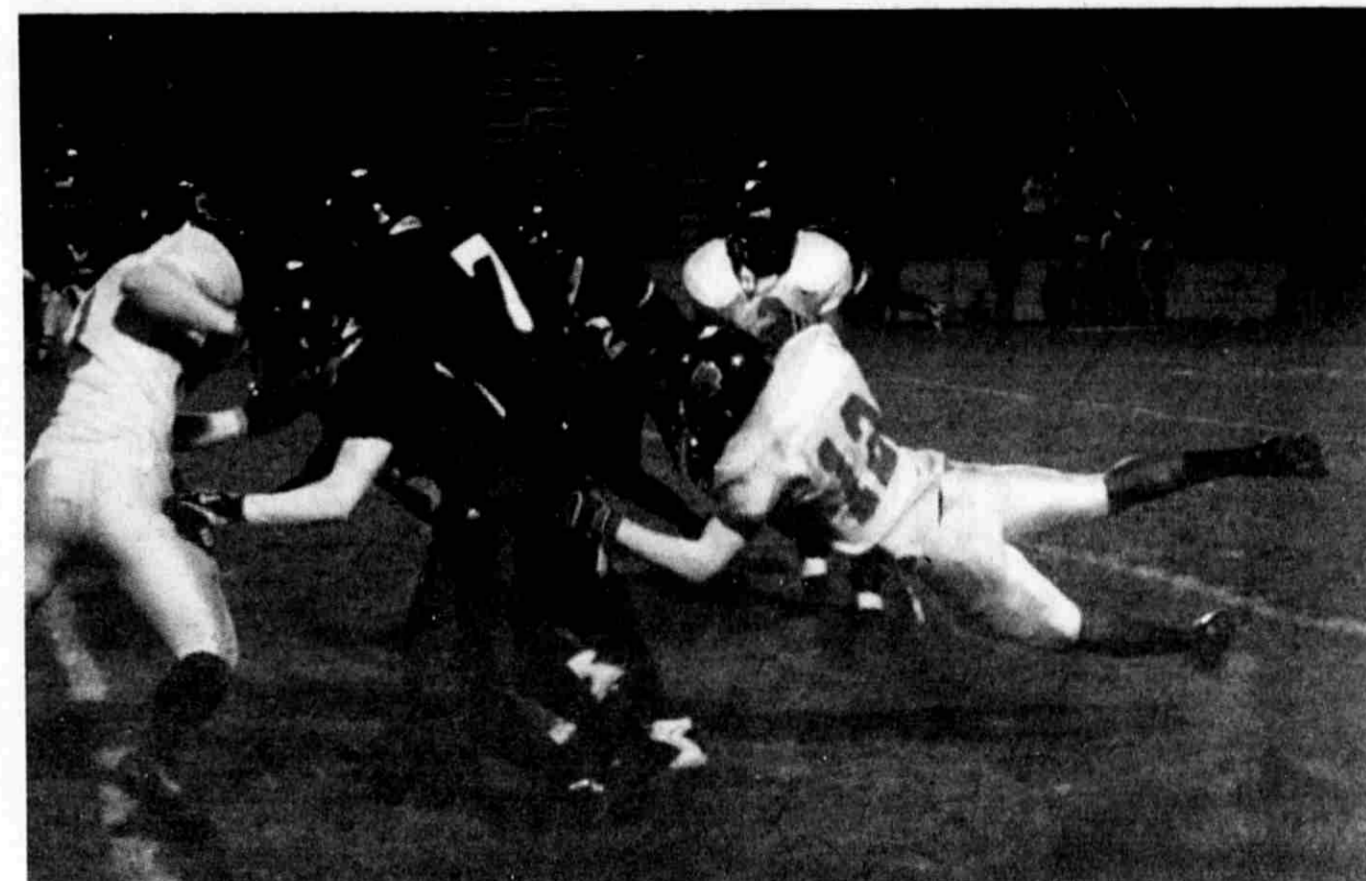
Lowell last won the state championship in 2004, with a team that went 14-0.

Hudsonville was runner-up to Birmingham Brother Rice in 2005 and 2000.

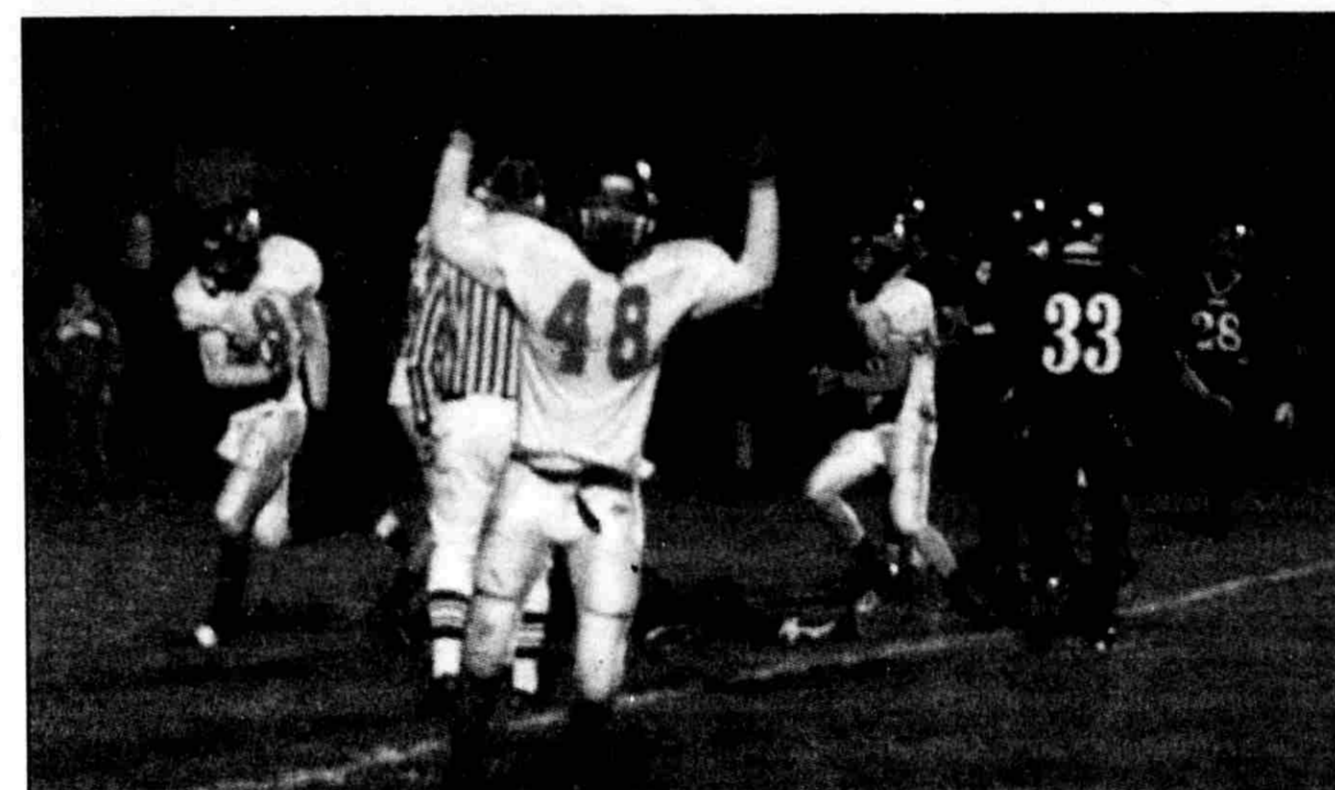
The Arrows will play at Hudsonville Friday at 7 p.m.



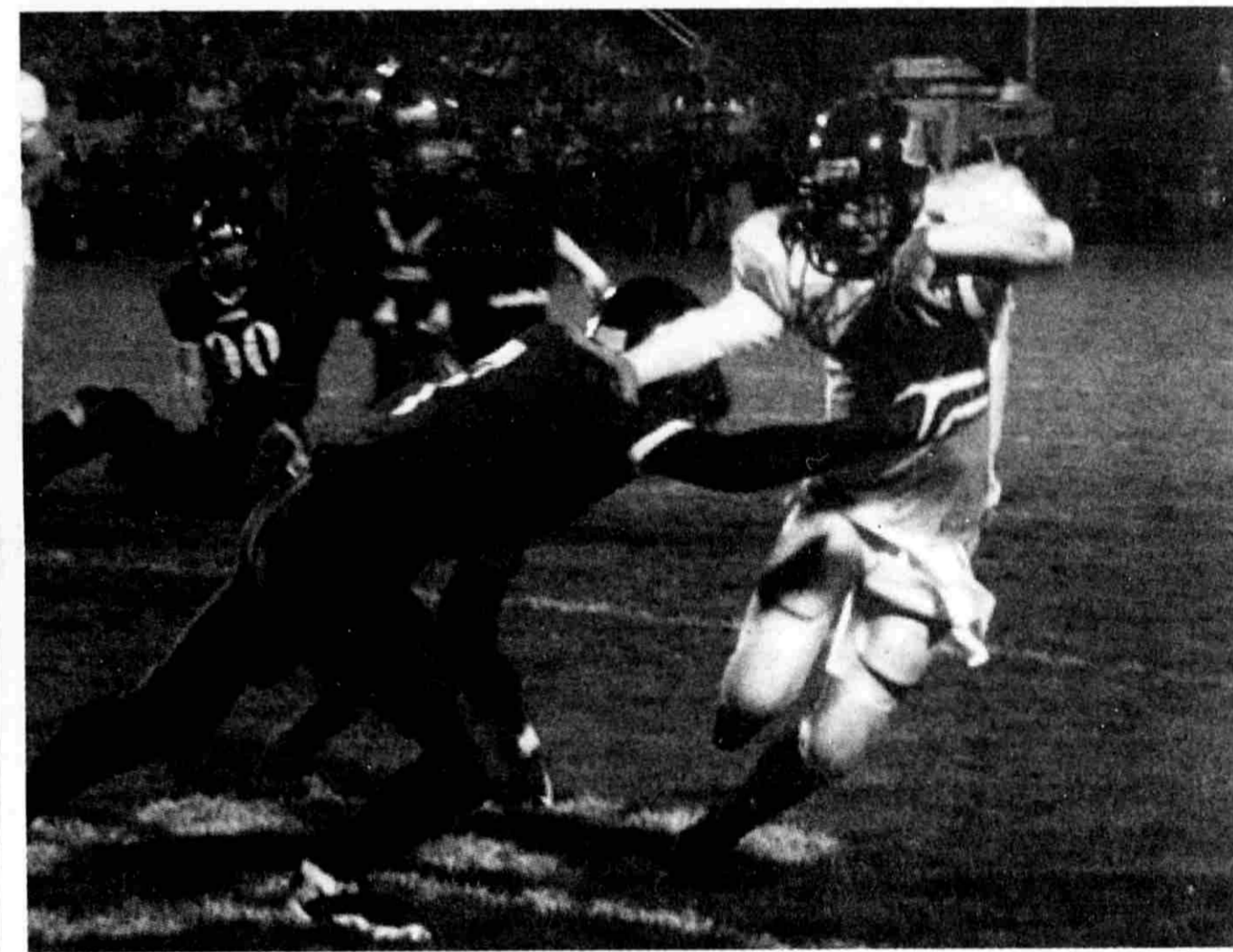
Torsten Boss (4) leaps for a ball Friday night.



Dylan McElveen (12) grabs a Caledonia defender.



Cole Wade (48) signals a touchdown for Lowell.



Kyle Nichol (3) rushes for the end zone.

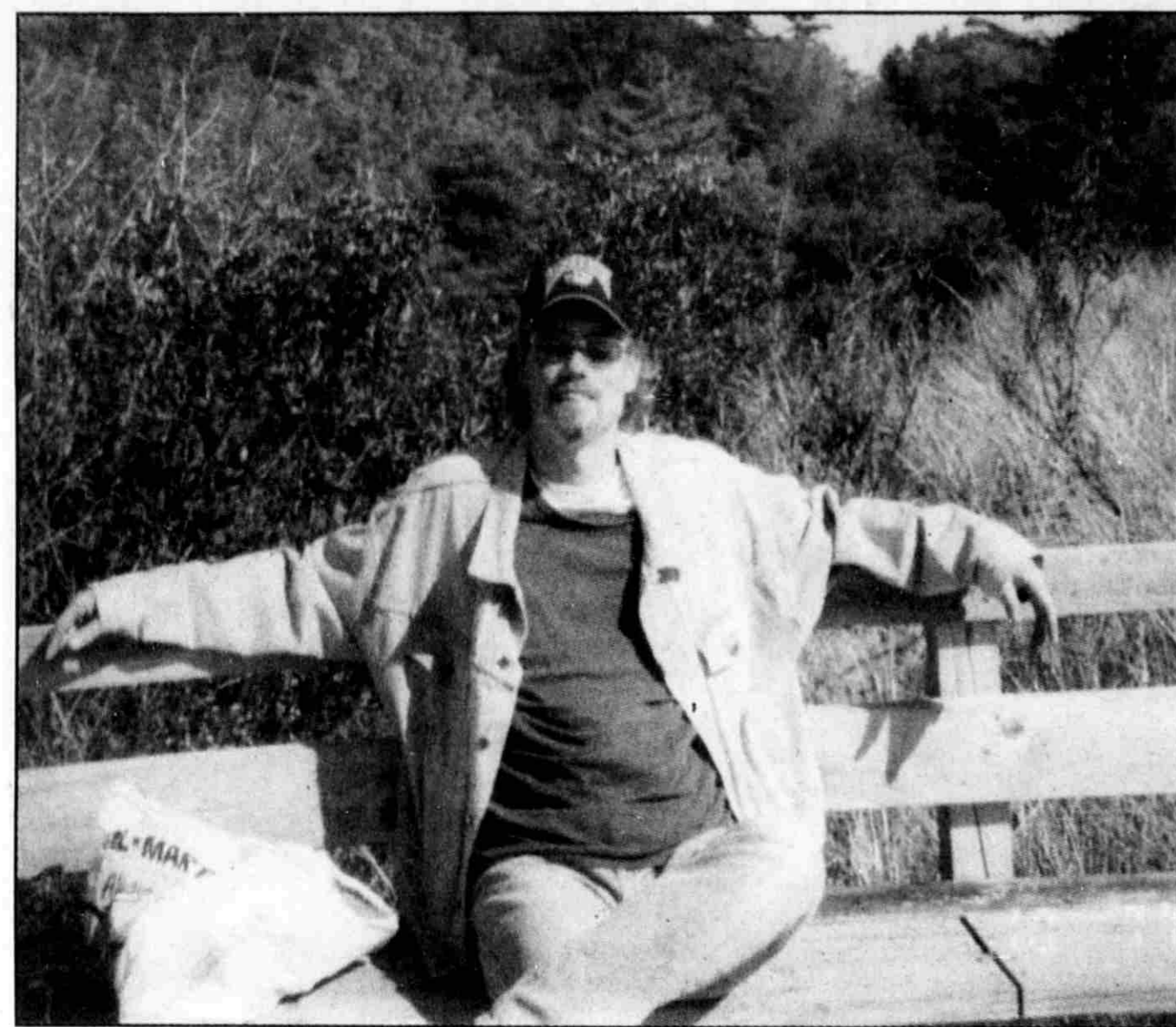
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# Local author has second book published



by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

Mark Deans works as an auto mechanic in Muskegon by day, but in the evenings, after his children are in bed, he becomes a master of words and a storyteller, weaving fiction with fact. Deans, whose second book, "A Year in Sitka", was published last month, is a former resident of Lowell.

He lived in Lowell for 15 years of his youth, moving away at age 20. Deans said writing and English classes were "a bit of a focus" while he was at school, but it wasn't until one day, while living in Virginia Beach, Va., that he knew he should start writing.

"I said, 'I'm going to do it' when I was in Virginia," Deans said. "[The desire to write] had always been there."

"A Year in Sitka" is Deans' second published book, and is a story that follows a woman who has grown up in Sitka and lost her parents. It was published by Book Locker, in Maine.

Deans said the book is a "fact-packed fiction, with dozens of facts about the city." If you read the novel, he said, you'd learn a lot about the small town in Alaska.

He came up with the book idea while he was in Sitka in May 2005. He already had an idea for a

novel in his head, and when he traveled to Alaska, he knew it should be based in the town. Once he started writing, it took him about a year to finish, which is pretty remarkable for only writing in his spare time.

He often gets ideas while mowing his lawn, and will work at a desk, but only when the time is right.

"I don't force myself to write," Deans said. For now, Deans is happy to have two published books under his belt. He has a third book that is close to completion, and fourth set up in his mind.

Deans' parents still live in Lowell.

# FFA members participate in national convention

Several members from the Lowell FFA traveled to Indianapolis, Ind. October 24-27 to take part in the 80th National FFA Convention. The FFA convention is the largest annual student gathering in the nation, with over 50,000 FFA members, teachers, administrators and guests filling the streets and hotels of Indianapolis. Eighteen students from Lowell made the trip with several either participating in the convention or being recognized for awards.

Rachel Folkersma was selected to play in the National FFA Band. Folkersma submitted an audition tape in the spring and was one of 100 FFA members selected to make

up the National Band. The band performed several times during the convention. In order to be prepared, Rachel had to arrive at the convention three days early to take part in several practices and rehearsals. Lowell Middle School's Band Director, Dale Latva, served as the assistant band director for the National FFA Band.

Six members from Lowell were presented with the American FFA Degree. Kelly Foote, Katie Serne, Marie Wade, Katie Ward, Shelly Wernet and Michelle Wolf earned this award, which is the highest degree level in the FFA. While in high school, students are awarded the Chapter and

State degrees based on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences or projects that they were involved in for FFA. The American Degree recognizes those individuals that continue to develop and improve their SAE projects after high school. Examples of projects students from Lowell worked on include training and showing horses and landscaping.

Mike Roth was named a Silver Award winner in the Forage Production Proficiency contest. The proficiency awards recognize those students who have excelled with their SAE in a specific area. In March, Mike was named the State Winner for his forage production SAE where he raises and sells hay on the family farm. As the state winner, Mike's application

was sent to the National level where he received the silver award.

The other students who attended from Lowell took part in many areas of the convention. The sessions included motivational speakers Dr. Rick Rigsby and Chad Hymas. The students also attended the National FFA Career show, which contained over 1,300 booths representing colleges and different agriculture-related career opportunities. Emma Bencker, Dakota Bergy, Kari Bergy, Ian Blodger, Briana Buck, Jim Crosby, Sara Fosburg, Leara Glinzak, Sheryl Huber, Cody Kastanek, April Wolf and Blake Zigmont attended the convention from Lowell.

The National FFA Organization has over 500,000 students in all 50



Receiving the American FFA Degree from Lowell were (front row, L-R) Marie Wade and Katie Ward; (back row, L-R) Shelly Wernet, Kelly Foote and Michelle Wolf.

states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 130 members. The mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference

in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Attending the National FFA Convention from Lowell were (front row L-R) Kari Bergy, Emma Bencker, Sara Fosburg, Briana Buck, April Wolf, Leara Glinzak and Sheryl Huber; (back row, L-R) Ian Blodger, Blake Zigmont, Cody Kastanek, Dakota Bergy, Rachel Folkersma and Ian Blodger.

# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Lowell Volleyball team loses to Rockford in first round of Districts

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Rockford Rams defeated the Lowell Red Arrow volleyball team in the first round of Districts Friday night. Lowell lost all three games to Rockford 25-17, 25-20, 25-19.

"Rockford had a very veteran team that showed up ready to play," said Coach Gigi Peal. "Rockford came out with fire power."

Game 1 ended with a nice volley, as the Arrows

tried unsuccessfully to hang on. The final point in Game 2 went to the Rams as a spiked ball looked like it would be out of bounds but ended up just inside Lowell lines.

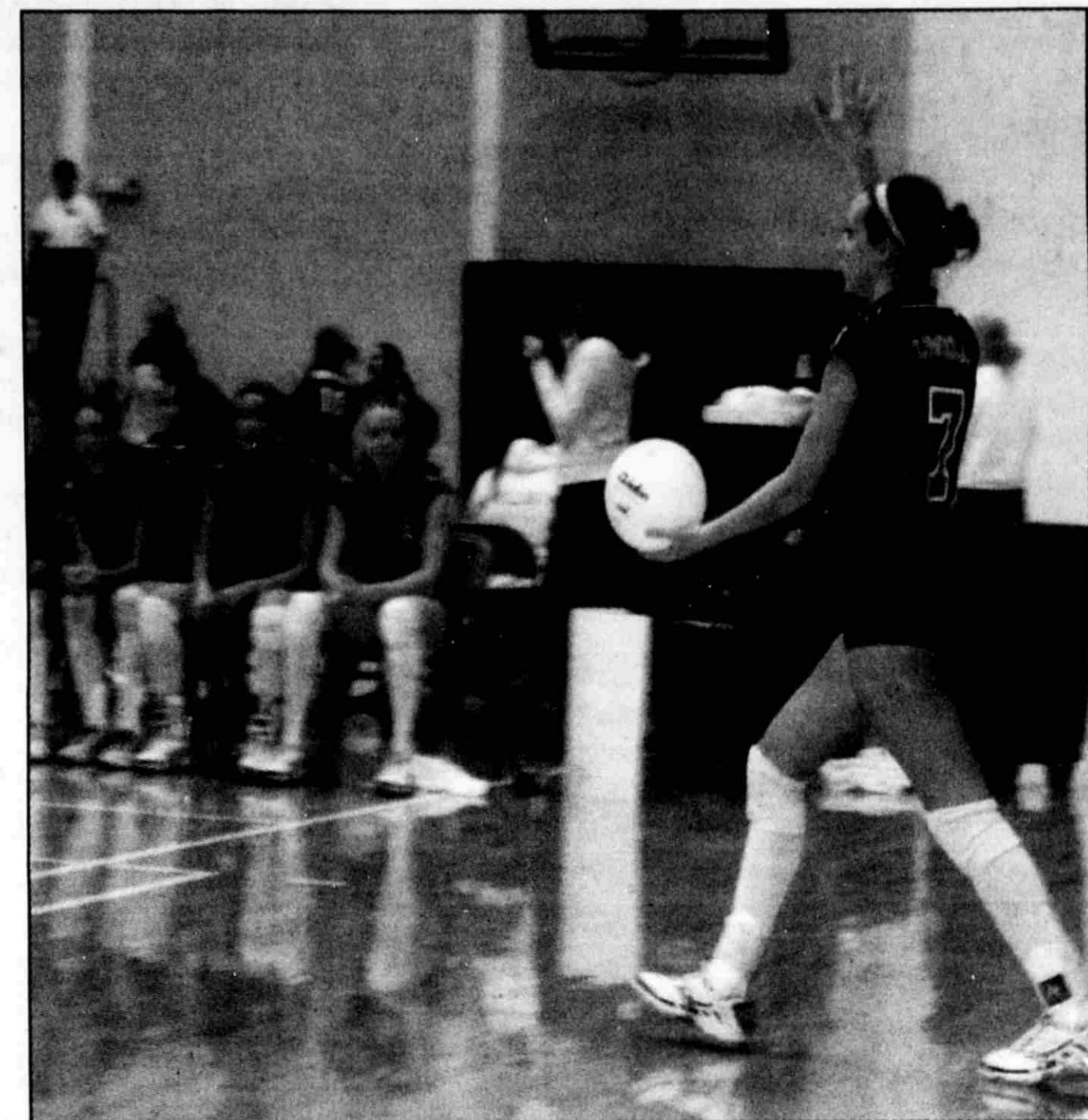
The Arrows seemed to struggle early while the Rams dominated from the minute they got on the court. "We just couldn't get the offense going," said Peal. "Hopefully this district game will be a learning experience for our young

team." Lowell played Rockford earlier in the season and beat them. Following the game Friday night, the Rockford coach told Peal that this was the best his team had played all season.

Friday night's district match was the final game for four seniors, Kelsea Fillingham, Amy VanEns, Mary VanderLaan and Jasmine Holliman.

The coach shared news with the team that VanEns was named All-Conference, while VanderLaan received honorable mention.

Amy VanEns had 8 kills, Holliman had 4 aces and Heather Burger had 18 assists.



Junior Heather Burger (7) serves the ball Friday night.

## The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield  
Sports editor

Restoring  
the Roar  
back in Detroit



Currently the Lions are 6-2 for the season. They're undefeated at home. They pounded the Denver Broncos into the ground on Sunday. I'd say Detroit is on a roll. The roar, at least for now, has been restored.

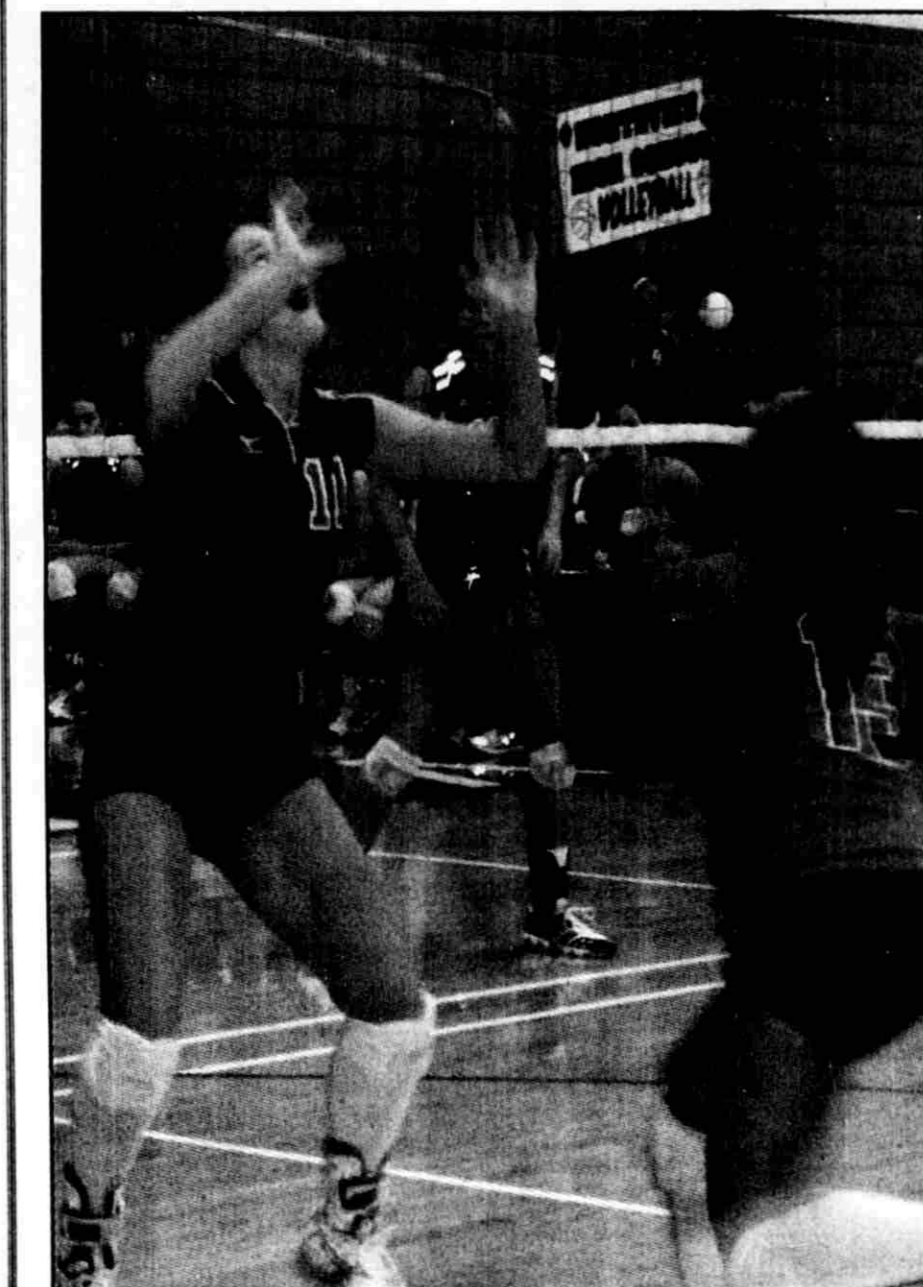
The 2007 Lions are as complete a team that Detroit has seen in a long time. Offense, defense, special teams - you name it and the Lions are progressing in each area.

Of course, it isn't hard to look good compared to past seasons in Detroit. However, this team is looking exceptionally first-class and is making plays that will make fans rejoice instead of cringe.

Sunday's game was highlighted by an interception by defensive tackle Shaun Rogers, who then high-stepped it 66 yards, straight-armed a Bronco defender and made a dramatic leap for a TD. Not since Kelvin Pritchett had a 78-yard return in 2000 has a Lions' defensive lineman had such a long run. In fact, he has the longest record in the NFL for this season.

The Lions are halfway through the season and looking good. If Coach Marinelli and his boys can keep it up, they might have a chance at the NFC North title. The Packers are just one game ahead of the Lions.

The team goes back to practice today, after Marinelli gave them a day off to rest "mentally." They play the Arizona Cardinals Sunday.



Jasmine Holliman (13) bumps the ball to Mary VanderLaan (11).

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

Thank you Mike and Lois Meppelink for all of your years with LYFL. The youth football certainly wouldn't be what it is without you. We will miss you guys!!!

I am sick of the fair weather football fans. These boys work hard. How do you think it feels to see the stands empty when the score is down. You should be ashamed!!! GO ARROWS!!!!

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to Scott McDowell's request to rezone parcel #41-20-02-433-002 from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to C-3 (General Business), the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on this request.

In an effort to eliminate "spot zoning" the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee expanded the applicants request to rezone parcel #41-20-02-433-001, #41-20-02-433-003, #41-20-02-433-004, #41-20-02-433-005 and #41-20-01-303-022 from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to C-3 (General Business).

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

The only reason I bought and read the Ledger was for sound off not the boring articles but I won't do either anymore.  
- Craig J. Conklin

I LOVE the dog park and so does the dog. We don't have the space for him to run or a fenced in yard. With two small kids its been hard getting him out on a walk. He's a puller. Problem solved.  
- Andy and Clare Johnston

We really need a skatepark!

Kudos to Keaton Dilly of Lowell--#1 in his age group in the Grand Rapids Marathon!

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Thank you "Lowell Red Wolves" coaches. It was alot of fun and a great experience. We will see you next year.  
- The Fallstroms

Your street sweepers are doing an excellent job. You've taken care of a job getting those leaves off the street really helps. And Frank Martin great job. You work every day of the week along with your volunteer fire department.  
- Mike Lessens

Just wanted to say thank you to Mrs. Camferman sixth-grade class for raking our yard. It was a nice surprise when we got home.  
- Andy and Clare Johnston

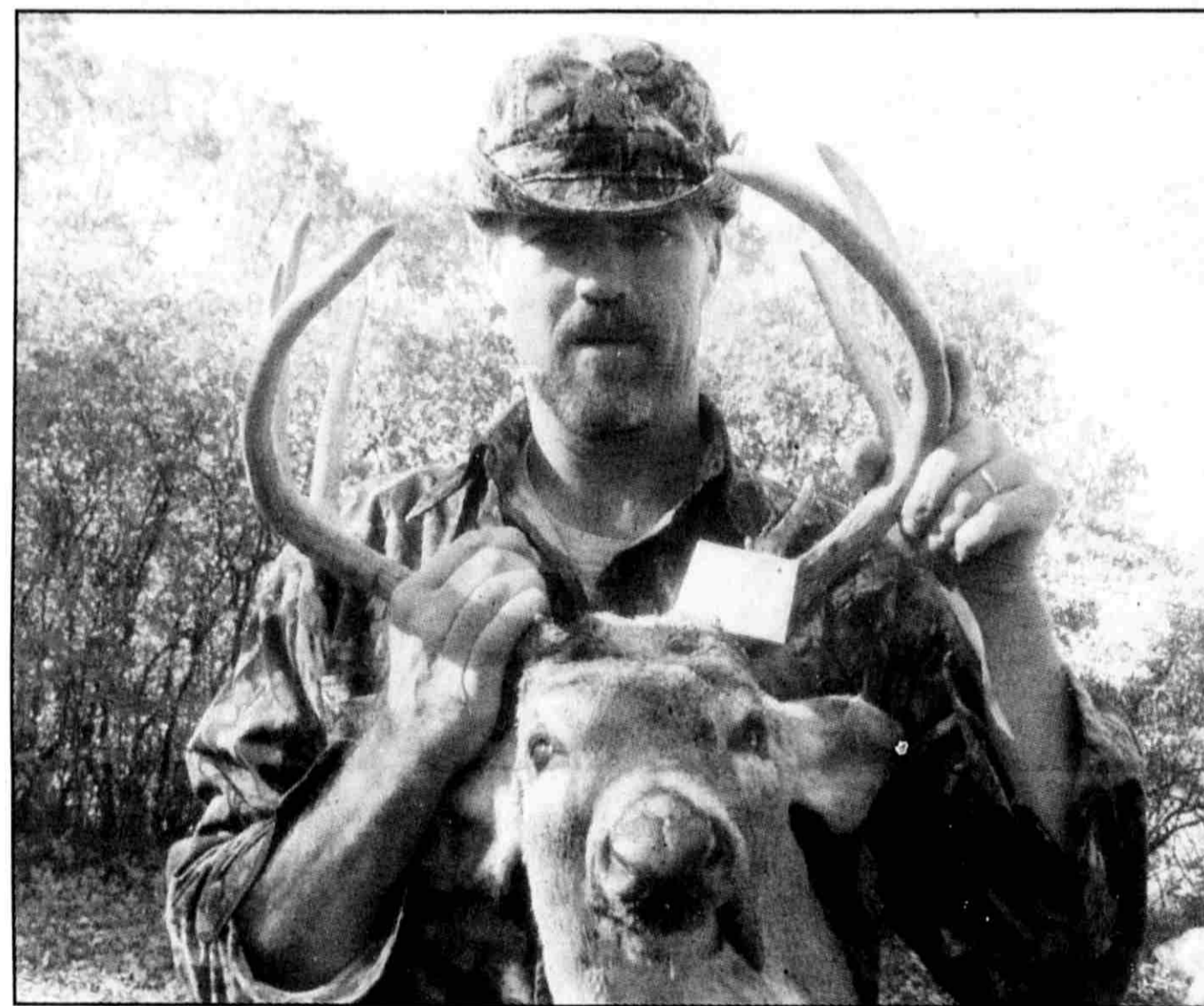
Isn't it just like the city of Lowell to build an outdoor ice rink when all you hear about is global warming?

Lowell's new dog park nees one more thing - dogs.

I am SOOOOOO sick of hearing about the N. Washington property and the Boy Scout cabin.

I am ALWAYS disappointed when the Ledger doesn't print the Sound Off section. No Roger...no Sound Off...what's next?

I want to thank the person who devastated my children this weekend. Someone hit and killed our dog, Ozzy, this weekend on 84th and Pratt Lake and didn't even stop. Thanks for the compassion.



## First buck a big one for Grattan man

Mel Chitwood, of Grattan Township, bagged an 11-point buck in his first year of bow hunting. He has been hunting since he was 14, and has shot three does over the years.

## 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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If you have further questions, please contact Amy Pallo, High School Asst. Principal, at 987-2950. Letters of interest should be addressed to John Zielinski but sent to his assistant, Jodi Potter at 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331, by 12 noon, November 13, 2007.

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If you have further questions, please contact Karen Burd, Bushnell Principal, at 987-2650. Letters of interest should be addressed to John Zielinski but sent to his assistant, Jodi Potter at 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331, by 12 noon, November 13, 2007.

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# A Better Place...

*The Place of Choice*

**Fountain View** is designed to provide choice and convenience for seniors requiring various levels of assistance with activities of daily living. Working together with you, we offer a family atmosphere, companionship and care while our residents maintain their independence and dignity.

**Fountain View** is pleased to offer quality *Assisted Living* services and *Specialized Memory Care* for those dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia and other types of memory loss.

## ***We're in touch with changing needs***

- Spacious, Private and Couples Suites
- Assistance with Personal Care Needs for the Independent and Frail Elderly
- Medication Administration
- Separate, special needs Alzheimer's & Dementia Residence
- Individualized Care Plans
- Respite Care Between Hospital and Home or Caregiver Relief
- Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Trained Staff 24 Hours a Day
- Nutritious Meals and Snacks Provided Daily
- Beautiful Landscaped Grounds, Walkways and Courtyard
- Hair Salon
- Scheduled Activities
- Library



### **Fountain View Mission Statement**

*It is the purpose of Fountain View to honor God by providing high quality senior lifestyle services that promote the value and dignity of every person.*

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