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Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Council, citizens group inch toward resolution on LCTV fund

by Emma Palova

postponed the disbursement of monies from the Lowell Cable Television Fund (LCTV) until final resolution is reached in a special meeting Monday. No funding requests have been received this year, due to complexity of the process since the fund's establishment last September.

Once the resolution is finalized, the advisory board and the city will be granting fund requests on annual basis the second Monday of each September.

"I say we delay alloca-The city council tion from LCTV proceeds until the resolution is rewritten," said council member Jim Pfaller. "The basics are there except for the advisory board."

> Due major disagreements on existing resolution drafted in August, the city and the citizens group met several times in an effort to hammer out a new resolution. Finally the two bodies agreed Monday to have a LCTV endowment board rather than an advisory board.

> > "However you name the

board doesn't really matter," said Pfaller.

Ultimately, the city council will decide how the money from the fund is spent regardless the recommendations.

"Advisory board would make the recommendation, and we're conceding the final word will come from the city," said citizens group representative Barb Barber.

The make-up of the board, a sticking point all also resolved after much ado, Monday night. Each governmental entity, city

of Lowell, Vergennes and Lowell townships, will have one elected official on the board. Each entity will also have non-elected citizen representation. The six members will then in an annual meeting appoint the seventh member, also a citizen at large from any of the entities.

"I like more citizens on the board," said council member Sharon Ellison.

Elected officials will along in the process, was serve according to their term. Citizens at large will serve staggered terms starting with one year, two

years and three years to ensure consistency on the board.

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation will prepare the application form much like the Look Fund application.

Any project will be considered for funding except operating funds for the city or any other agency. Projects promoting religious or political issues will not be considered. Proposals from non-profits and individuals, such as scholarships, will be considered.

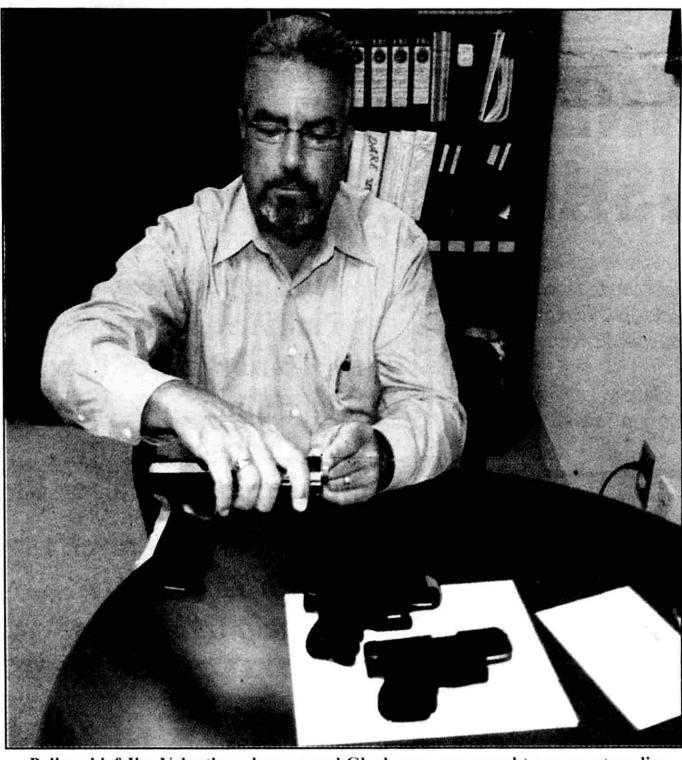
Following are examples

of projects that will be considered by the LCTV endowment board and the city:

Capital projects including maintenance, operational projects at Creekside Kingdom, Showboat repairs, museum building repairs, recreational plan updates, studies, traffic lights, website development, Go-Bus, building structural removal and site restoration.

> "I don't see a problem LCTV fund, cont'd., pg. 3

Lowell's police chief warns, "Keep airsoft toy guns at home."



Police chief Jim Valentine shows a real Glock gun, compared to an exact replica.

by Emma Palova

chief Valentine cautions against kids carrying toy guns on the streets or visibly in cars.

During a routine traffic violation last Saturday, detective Steve Bukala spotted a Glock gun on the floor inside the car.

As the 16-year-old started bringing up the gun to show it was a toy gun labeled with an orange barrel, the trained detective in fear for his life had drawn his gun and started yelling commands.

"It looked like a real gun," said Valentine, "we need to educate parents not to let the kids carry airsoft guns away from residences."

The toy was an exact replica of a Glock gun except for the orange marked barrel. And even though the toy gun shoots

plastic pellets, the magazine comes out just like from a real gun.

"They're gas powered or string powered," said Valentine. "At first glance you can't tell the difference from a real gun."

Three years ago a similar incident happened in the streets, where kids were playing war with soft guns. One kid kept his hands in front of him holding the gun. The officer, on the ready, started squeezing the trigger, but acted in restraint before actually pulling the trigger. In the meantime the kid showed it was a toy

"Had it been any darker, we would have a tragedy," said Valentine. "We don't want a tragedy to happen."

Trained officers in

immediate defensive situations will up-holster their guns, according to Valentine.

"Seeing a faster motion, the officer could take action before the orange tip is visible," said Valentine. "Nobody wants to be in that position."

Although the airsoft guns are legal, the chief advises to keep the guns at home or in the trunk, and not to wear them in the waist band.

"They're so realistic looking, they carry a potential for tragedy," said Valentine.

Valentine called the two incidents as two too many.

"It scares me to death to think of the two close calls," said Valentine.

City council approves master plan amendments

by Emma Palova

The city council Tuesday ap-proved master plan amendments including the following changes.

"These are existing and future land use map amendments," said Dave Pasquale.

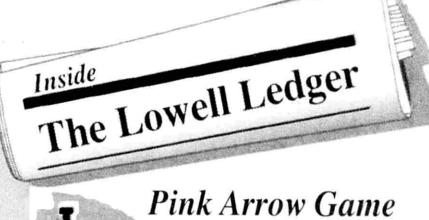
Under the amendments, the use of the much controversial city-owned North Washington Street property changes from public to park and recreation.

The use of Stoney Lakeside Park has been changed from utility to park and recreation.

Upper Bridge Park located on the north side of Grand River Drive and east of Division Street has changed to park and recreation from vacant land in a flood plain.

The use of McMahon Park changes to public utility. Moose and Rogers property on the east side of Flat River north of Grand River will now be designated as park.

Three islands in the Flat River south of Main Street will be designated for park use.



This Friday Night! Gates Open At 4:30 PM

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KENNEDY

Graveside service for Charles Brian Kennedy formerly of Grattan, will be held at the Ashley Cemetery, Ashley Ave., Kent County, Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 2008. Charles (Brian) passed away one year ago in Florida of lung cancer/lymphoma. leaves his wife of 50 years, Mary Lou (Hock), daughter, Rene' (Charles) of Vancouver, Atkinson Columbia; (Stephanie) Stuart, Florida; and five Aaron, Charles, Alex and Katelyn, all of Florida. Sister, Joan (Darle) Rickert Lowell; brothers, Michael Kennedy Grattan and Scott Kennedy of Port St. Lucie, Florida; many friends and numerous nieces and nephews.

SARNIAK

Barbara R. Sarniak, aged 55, of Daytona Beach, FL, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on September 1, 2008. She was preceded in death by her Lowell.



father, Stanley Timinskis; brother, Bernard Sarniak; and adoptive father, John Sarniak. She is survived by her daughter, Tiffany Sarniak of Daytona Beach; mother, Ruth Sarniak of Lowell; her brothers and sisters, Karen Jamison, John Jr. (Val) Sarniak, Dan (Kelly) Sarniak, Robert Sarniak, Sue (Dave) Hill; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Cremation has taken place. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m., St Mary's Catholic Church in

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If turning 18 and getting Social Security benefits – be sure to complete the form

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security

TRUCKSIS

Paul Chester Trucksis, Jr.,

aged 94 of Lowell, passed

away September 1, 2008.

He was preceded in death

by his brother William Otto

Trucksis. He is survived

by his loving wife of 54

years, Henrietta; nephews,

Brad (Linda) Trucksis, Rob

Trucksis, John (Karen)

Vancse and James Riley:

two grand-nieces, Sarah

and Lindsey Trucksis; Mr.

Trucksis was employed at

Blodgett Hospital for 23

years as a Bio-Chemist.

He also was an Ohio State

Alumni and belonged to the

American Chemical Society.

Funeral services were held

Friday at the Roth-Gerst

Public Affairs Specialist

Security benefits continue disability benefits. In that Vonda VanTil is the public students must submit the for benefits is required. necessary form to school officials to certify they are information about Social checks automatically stop schoolofficials. The website when a student turns 18. outlines how the process

Some students receive works with instructions on Social Security survivors what the student and school benefits because a parent official must do to ensure If you are a high school is deceased. Others get benefits continue past the student turning 18 and dependent benefits because student's 18th birthday. With collecting monthly Social a parent receives Social the appropriate certification. Security benefits because Security retirement or Social Security generally a parent is retired, disabled disability benefits. Benefits does not stop benefits until or deceased, you've got for minor children generally the month before the month some homework to do if you continue until age 18 or 19 the student turns 19, or the want to make sure benefits if they're still in high school, first month in which he or unless they are disabled she is not a full-time student. To ensure that Social and eligible for childhood whichever is earlier.

beyond age 18, eligible case, a separate application affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write There's even more her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College still in school. Otherwise, Security student benefits SE, Grand Rapids MI 49503 monthly Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/ or via email at vonda. vantil@ssa.gov.

At Your Local Library

FRIENDS OF THE ENGLEHARDT BRANCH OF KDL TO HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

Englehardt branch of Kent Sept. 16 at the library. All District Library, will hold a members and prospective Monroe St. in Lowell.

The Friends of the meeting at 10 a.m. on Tues.,

members are invited to attend this meeting. The Friends group conducts book sales and other fundraisers to help purchase library materials and pay for programs. The group will discuss programming for the upcoming year, and your input is important.

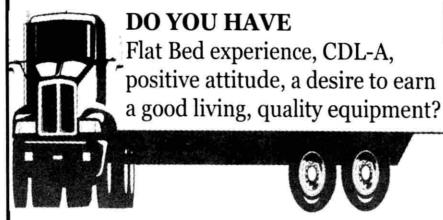
For more information. please call the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library at 647-3920. The library is located at 200 N.

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Charity bike tour slated for Oct.1

A charity tour, hosted raised over \$100,000 for

in its 26th year, the ride has bicycle patrols.

This years Lowell

Equestrian team provided

a community service last

week with a carwash at

the Tractor Supply Co. in

Lowell. The team earned

\$470 which they plan on

donating to the Kent Special

Riding Program. This years

eteam consists of 35 Lowell

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○ COLLEGE (R) 1:20, 3:25, 9:55

SWING VOTE (PG-13) 4:25, 7:10

ROPIC THUNDER (R) 11:35, 2:00, 9:

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related will be considered.

feasibility or

entertainment,

removal and site restoration, required.

assessments,

projects,

all

Possible LCTV projects by the LCTV board without

may include amphitheater public input meetings

streets."

efficiency

educational

Other

their season has begun.

by the Grand Rapids Rapid MADD of Kent County for pancakes before the ride Wheelmen Bicycle Club, and other local charities. In and soup bar afterwards. will be held at Fallasburg 2008 ride profits will benefit This ride over rolling terrain Park Saturday, Oct. 1. MADD of Kent County, offers four different lengths Registration begins at 8 West Michigan Trails and to suit all riders, as well Greenways, the Lowell High as a Road Bike 101 group The tour honors two School SADD program, for new riders. Come and local cyclists who were National Ride of Silence enjoy a beautiful autumn killed by drunk drivers. Now and local police department day of bicycle riding and

E-team raises funds for riding program

meeting other cyclists. In

The public is invited 2007 the Colorburst ride approximately 700 participants.

For more information and to pre-register or volunteer please visit the Colorburst website www.rapidwheelmen.com/

ALONG MAIN

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL

"One Person CAN Make a Difference" - David Davis Tribute Exhibition, Sept. 9 - Oct. 21, Tues.-Fri., 12-6 p.m. and Sat. 1-4 p.m. There will be a reception on Sept. 21, 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. All proceeds from sales go to David Davis Scholarship Fund.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St are Fri., Sept. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For info call IlaJean, 897-6609 or visit ww.angelfoodministries.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., September 12, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., September 13, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Regular box is \$30 and will last a family of 4 approximately 1 week. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

CLASS OF 1998

The Class of '98 will be holding their 10 year class reunion on Fri., Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Applause Banquet Hall, 2728 Birchcrest Dr. SE, Grand Rapids. Music, dancing, cocktails & hors D'oeuvres. Any questions contact Chris Wieland, 616-890-2923 or weelandfarmsllc@att.net.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bluegrass Music Festival, Sept. 19-21 at Fairgrounds in Lowell. Bands, jamming, camping, vendors, food. Bring the family.

LHS CLASS OF 1983

The 25th Lowell High School Class of 1983 reunion will be Nov. 1, 2008.

I think it would be a good idea.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948) ... when asked what he thought of Western civilization



This Week At The **FARMERS' MARKET:**

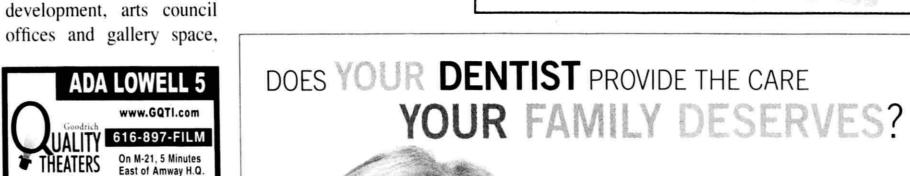
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LCTV fund, continued ... From Page 1

building a building at airport drive paving and hearings will be scheduled

site development for all

funds and commissions.

studies and improvement,

reconstruction of the

intersection of Hudson and

Highest priority will be

three governmental

"We haven't eliminated

However, two public

anything," said manager

Dave Pasquale.

Foreman streets and many

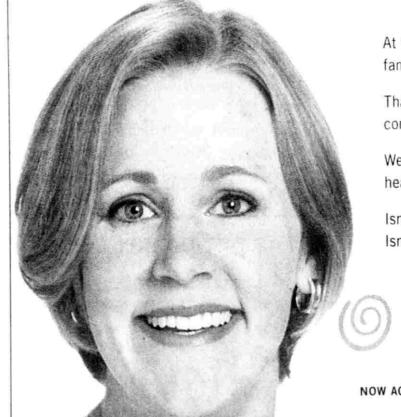
given to projects benefitting

entities. Funds will be

recommended for allocation

projects downtown historic district

improvements, web



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The funds earned from

the LCTV fund resolution.

everybody," said council

one year of interest will be

member Jeff Altoft.

spent the next year.

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Exclusive trash hauler franchise could provide savings

by Emma Palova city

council discussed the exclusive franchising of solid waste of an exclusive contract collection that could provide include discount due to one cost savings to residents last hauler handling the entire

However, first ordinance must be adopted

hearing, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

Some of the advantages town and overall less truck

On the other hand for an exclusive franchise some of the negatives of in December will be \$1.36 preceded by a public exclusivity are that residents

may be feeling forced to use proposal, that is a hike from a comparison, whichever is one contractor, while being content with their current hauler. Also haulers may question the locking out of

> Currently, the city uses trash bags rather than carts. The cost for a bag starting under Allied Waste's

the current \$1.07. However, most haulers prefer carts for trash pick-up. The city council bags, and possible franchise

requested a cost comparison from the haulers on carts to

"We have always done haulers within two weeks. recycling Curbside bags," said council member Jim Pfaller, "I want to see has doubled in cost per

exclusivity with carts.

The proposals are

expected back from the

less expensive."

recycling bin, while overall the number of recycling bins has gone down from Pasquale suggested one 750 bins in mid 1990s to year transition period with 491 bins in 2008.

> If the exclusive franchise ordinance is approved, the residents would have one year transition period.

City Hall shows Pink Arrow Pride

Force Pink Arrow Pride,' city council members and staff Tuesday adopted a resolution proclaiming Friday, Sept. 12, 2008 as Pink Arrow Project Day in the city of Lowell.

The Lowell High compete against Holland High School wearing pink uniform jerseys to honor cancer victims and those battling cancer, in particular breast

support two scholarships Lowell. honoring Kathy Talus, a coach who passed away admission to the game. from breast cancer and

Dr. Don Gerard, a team physician for over 35 years.

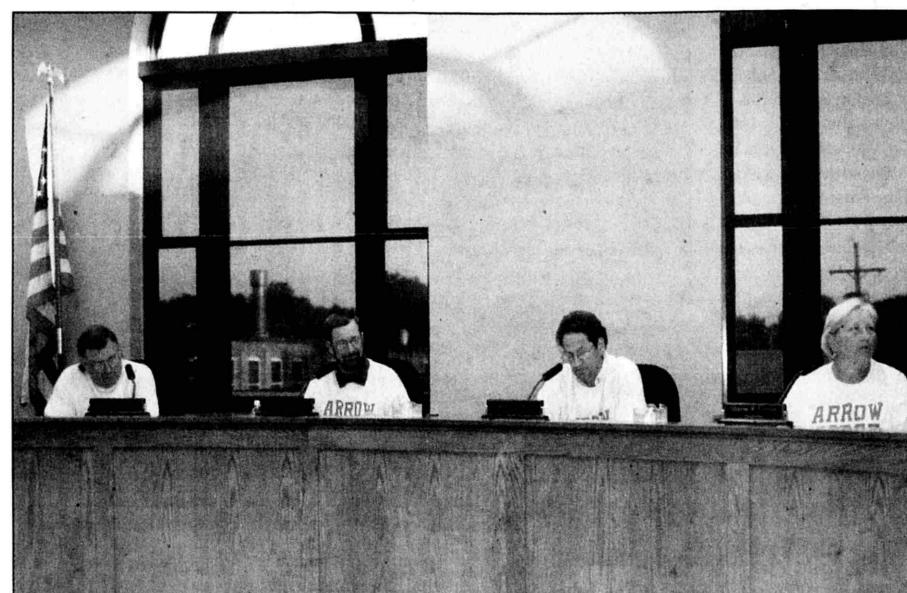
The Lowell Community Wellness will be using funds to help Lowell families dealing with cancer. The Lowell Police

represented by chief Jim Valentine and detective Steve Bukala will School football team will be at the game wearing pink uniform shirts with regular

"We want to support awareness," said Valentine. Pink Arrow Pride t-

shirts are selling for \$20 for The community is adults, \$15 for students and encouraged to buy and wear \$10 for youth at Pep Talk. Pink Arrow Pride t-shirts to a retail store in downtown

Those who wear well respected teacher and the t-shirts will gain free



Pictured from left to right are council members, Jeff Altoft, mayor pro-tem Jim Hodges, Jim Pfaller and Sharon

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Big Tree Contest deadline Sept. 28

October.

Contest. Entry deadline is had a contest last year. Jim celebrate, identify, and at Harvest Celebration in Tree Committee of Lowell and biggest trees." said have a contest for a city tree Reagan. that is the biggest.

need to get in your entry for neighboring Ada, Lowell many trees due to power Ribbon Feed, Bernard's the City of Lowell Big Tree & Vergennes townships line clearance we need to Ace Hardware, Chimera, Sept. 28. Winner announced Reagan suggested the Arbor locate some of our oldest L4.

> He has already collected website, prizes from many area mi.us.

"We have lost so businesses including: Blue Voyages, Hearthstone, and

forms are available at City Hall or its www.ci.lowell.

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Deadline to enter is Oct 31, 2008. Have fun with it but keep it tasteful. Hint...you might want to go look at the billboard and check it out in your rearview mirror to help you.

Three great ways to enter our contest:

- · Log on to the new blog at discoverlowellblog.blogspot.org and post your entry there.
- · E-mail your entry to info@lowellchamber.org · Mail your entry to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce 113 Riverwalk Plaza • Lowell, MI 49331

Tree timming schedule

Routine tree timming for August occured according to schedule except Grand River from Alden Nash to Gulliford was not finished. The trimming crew will be back on September 15 to finish trimming that area.

September areas to be trimmed are as follows: Grand River from Alden Nash to Gulliford (Routine line maintenance trimming).

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Viewpoint-To The Editor

Dear Editor.

Looking back at the past and now in the present we can see what power and control can do to our nation when not held in check. The same holds true for local government.

I believe the City Council's persistence as being the decider has brought much grief to the community in relation to the property on North Washington St., the sale of Lowell Cable TV, the Lowell Cable TV Endowment Fund, the cutting down of many of Lowell's healthy trees and a dispute over property bordering the Lowell Airport causing supporting.

I believe the City Council has been blatant when it comes to being the controlling factor over these subjects. What is happening to our city government when you go to a City Council meeting represented by lawyers?

There was a recent acknowledgment of a possible separate committee for the dispersing of the Lowell Cable Endowment Fund but followed by a statement from the Council that they would have the final say. You have to Dear Editor, ask yourself if you want for a City Council a dictator or a servant.

Dear Editor,

At the City Council meeting Tues., Sept. 2, the council voted to amend the City's master plan to include the North Washington Street property in the city parks' system as a natural area.

I want to say a huge thank you to all those who have been a part of the preservation of this property surrounding the Boy Scout cabin. This has involved much time and discussion, and many meetings and public hearings. It has been a very long but successful process.

Thank you to all those who attended meetings, signed petitions, wrote letters and worked very hard to make your voices heard. Margaret Mead once said, "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that is all who ever have." Please always continue to care and be

The City Council is to be commended for listening to the will of the people. This is a great step forward for the

Thank you to the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Planning Commission. A special thanks to Sharon Ellison for fulfilling this campaign promise to the people who elected her.

This really has been a great demonstration of how a calamity over an airport, in my eyes, that will never be self government is meant to work with elected officials listening to the will of the people who elected them.

Let's continue talking and working together as a

Peggy Covert Lowell Area Conservation Association

I'm writing in regards to the sand lot (former Jousma property) in downtown Alto. The weeds on that lot are Jim Howard taller than the lilac bush. I know that sometime this week. it'll probably be cleaned up for the beloved Alto Harvest Festival, but what about the rest of the year. The nauseous weeds are stimulating the bug population. Looks as though it's gone from one eye-sore to another. The property is owned by the Alto DDA. They supposedly have all this money (us taxpayers') to spend. Why can't they pay someone to weed-wack at least once a month? The adjoining property owners work to keep their areas neat. Why can't the DDA? If they can donate \$500 to \$800 to the Alto Harvest Festival committee to place a full page ad in a local paper, why can't they cough up to maintain their property!

Rose Jerrils



Sharing

With Gregory Pratt LHS Superintendent

Schools for a fresh school year filled with promise, academic opportunity, and a renewed energy, I am moved to pause and reflect upon the power behind the mission of the Lowell Area Schools:

"Lowell Area Schools, in the spirit of high expectations, ensures all students will master essential skills, empowering them to become lifelong learners and contributing, responsible members of our global community."

collectively, the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education and district leaders whom you have entrusted with your most precious commodity, are committed to passionately examining our mission to ensure that all students will achieve their fullest potential. This commitment requires us, as parents, community members, and educators, to evolve and reconnect with our organizational mission with a sense of urgency. We must consistently ask ourselves if we are willing to commit to nothing less than providing the very best education possible for our students. We must consider if we have the determination to make the changes

that will empower our students to lead productive lives and succeed in our world. With that, we must challenge ourselves by asking, "How will we know if we are effectively achieving the mission that we have embraced as a school community?"

To address these key questions, in a recent work session, the Board of Education and administration examined our vision in order to hone the direction of our As staff and students return to the Lowell Area strategic plan which ultimately drives us to accomplish our mission. Throughout the 2008-09 school year, I will be keeping the Lowell school community informed about the steps toward this challenge that awaits us in the 2008-09 school year.

I am excited and pleased to share with you the many enhancements that have been made over the summer in our buildings in order to provide awesome learning environments. I am grateful, and once again compelled, to note how incredibly fortunate we are to have a staff I want to assure the Lowell school community that who give their best to assist in shaping the lives of our students, parents who support and partner with our schools, and an involved community that sets expectations and understands the impact education has on the future of

I thank each of you for the important role you play in helping to form a generation, and I welcome your insight as we begin the 2008-09 school year. Let us each be mindful and focused on our mission of creating responsible, lifelong learners that can thrive and find peace in our world today.

Enjoy these last days of West Michigan summer.

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

- Diogenes Laertius



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **SEPTEMBER 12, 1883**

Mrs. Nellie Mosher is teaching the fall term at Fox's

There will be a crowd in town next Saturday to see the races if the weather is fair.

A hard freeze Saturday night. Ice ? inch thick Sunday morning. Another severe frost Sunday night. Good bye corn and buckwheat.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 10, 1908**

Put locks on your hen houses, chicken thieves are abroad. P. S. turn the dog loose. N. B. load the shot gun with pepper and salt, and keep it handy.

Labor Day in Lowell was another red letter day for the town. A most successful event and an occasion that will be remembered with pleasure by the hosts who were here from many surrounding towns attending the eighth annual I. O. O. F. and Rebekah picnic, the assembly aggregating 3000.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **SEPTEMBER 14, 1933**

Schools opened Monday with over 550 boys and girls in the Central Building. The High school is holding its own with over 227 in the upper four grades.

Mrs. Elmer Dintaman returned from the hospital Thursday and is improving slowly.

Mrs. Fred Pattison is assisting with the house work at the Basil Hayward home this week.

Mrs. Owen Ellis is attending Grand Rapids School of Beauty culture and will be assisting Mr. Ellis in his barber

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 11, 1958**

Headline: Congressman Ford in Alto, Lowell and Cascade in October

Rep. Gerald R. Ford, Jr., today announced the schedule for his 4th annual Mobile Office tour of Kent and Ottawa

Ford will open his "office on Main Street" at Alto, on Wednesday October 8; Lowell Friday, October 10; Cascade, Monday, October 13.

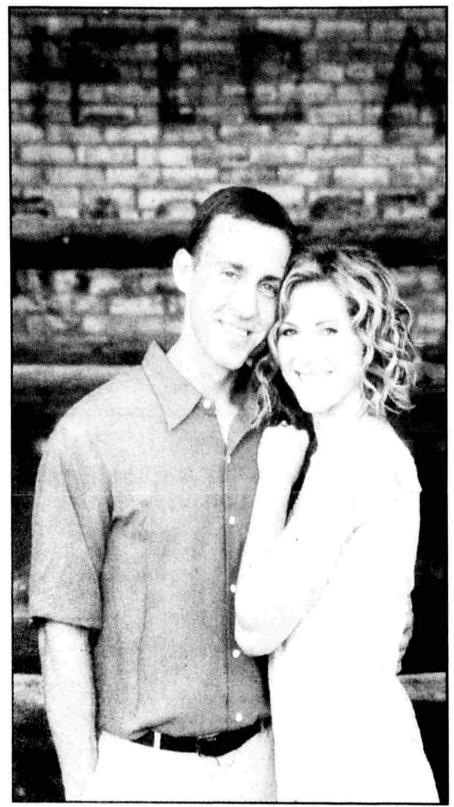
"Although this is an election year, and I expect to campaign vigorously," Ford states, "I will again bring the congressman's office close to all those it serves."

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 14, 1983**

Good news, Good news! The Strand Theater is reopening for a 10-week fall season. The theater will be open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday for one show each evening at 8 p.m. All seats for all shows will be bargin priced at \$1.50.

Engagements

Offenbacher/Clark



Leah Marie Offenbacher and Todd Aaron Clark

and Todd Aaron Clark, both son of Joyce Clark of Grand of Rockford, will be wed on Rapids and Larry Clark of Sept. 27, 2008. The bride Lowell. He graduated from is the daughter of Diane Rockford High School and Offenbacher of Kentwood is attending Grand Valley and Jay Offenbacher of State University. Saranac. She graduated from Lowell High School and Grand Valley State

Leah Marie Offenbacher University. The groom is the

St. Patrick's Class of 1958 celebrates 50-year reunion



The class of 1958 of St. Patrick's High School, located in Parnell, celebrated their 50 year class reunion on July 27 with a mass by Father Rock Badgerow. A brunch followed at Spinnaker Restaurant in Grand Rapids. Pictured at St. Patrick's Church are (left to right): Betsy (Byrne) Rinard, Jean (Jakeway) Nugent, Earl Wosinski, Mary (McCormick) Nead, Diane (Spruit) Obermeyer, and Arnold Raaymakers. Classmate Roger Hurley, who was in attendance at the brunch, is missing from the picture.



Also welcoming her Richmond of Lowell, are home are siblings Mya, happy to announce the birth Grace, Mallorie and Brice.

of their daughter, Sophie

Grandparents are Lee Lee. She was born August Hildenbrand, Ron and 14, 2008, weighing 8 lbs. Rose Thomet, and Jerrold 8 oz. and measuring 20 Richmond, of Lowell.





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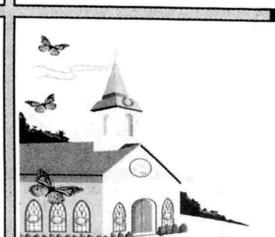
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KING SALMON

There is so much going on outdoors in the fall, it may take careful planning to experience all the action. I sometimes miss my annual salmon fishing trip because of being distracted by preparation for hunting. For hard-core salmon fishermen, of course, this won't happen. These anglers have been on the water all summer and can tell you where the fish are and what will catch them.

When the near-shore water temperature falls into the high 50's or low 60's, king and coho salmon head for the pier heads up and down the Lake Michigan coastline, eventually making their way up the rivers. When this happens, the fish are accessible to small boat anglers. Not too small, because the great lakes can turn treacherous fast, so common sense, a keen eye on the weather, and being prepared is necessary for a safe trip.

Salmon fishing is very different from most other kinds of angling. Salmon are big and fast, so when one smacks a bait, they usually make several wild runs before coming to net. Rods will arc tightly and hammer as the fish shake their heads and dive for the bottom.

Popular baits have names like "J" Plug, Husky Jerk, Dave's Ka-boom Shiner, and Thunder-Stick, or how about a Dipsey Diver with a Hoochy-Mamma. Choosing lure colors such as clown, fire tiger, and monkey puke are considered important decisions by salmon fishermen. All this keeps the sport fun and interesting.

If done on a smaller scale when fish are easier to get to, this kind of fishing is available to fishermen who are

SEPTEMBER 15:

SEPTEMBER 10: Brecken Hendrick, Chris Gerard.

SEPTEMBER 11: Sean Ellis, Justin VanDyke, Diane Fetterhoff. Barry, Johnson.

SEPTEMBER 12: Deborah Claypool, Nathan Propst, Jim Smith.

SEPTEMBER 13: Beatrice Kuiper, Randy McIntyre, Ossewaarde, Haley Briggs.

SEPTEMBER 14: Christian Barnes, Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Ossewaarde, Megan

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willing to make a modest investment in equipment. The tackle needed for salmon fishing, however, is specialized and can costs can add up. Booking a charter boat for a half or full day on the water may seem expensive, but if costs are shared by several friends, a quality fishing trip can be very reasonable. This may be a wise choice for someone who only occasionally fishes for salmon.

I look forward to salmon fishing in Northern Michigan each fall as a way to close out my open water fishing. Others stick it out for steelhead and late season walleye. Sometimes when something becomes commonplace, we tend to take it for granted. Michigan salmon fishing is world class and is accessible within less than a 2-hour drive for anyone who lives in our state. Let's take advantage of it and put some extra excitement into the changing seasons.

In The Service

Civilian Ryan A. Bolt,

The program allows

recruits to enter the Navy

and take up to one year to

complete prior commitments

such as high school. Using

recruiters as mentors, this

program helps recruits ease

active duty to undergo basic

civilian to military life.

the transition from

Bolt will report for

District, Detroit.

Army National Guard son of Lisa J. and Dean A. Spec. Bryce T. Lynn has Bolt of Alto, recently enlisted in the United States Navy from basic under the Delayed Entry infantry training at Fort Program at Navy Recruiting Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, tactics. military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and training at the Navy's Recruit experiencing use of various Training Center, Great Lakes. weapons and weapons Ill. defenses available to the

of Caledonia High School. infantry crewman. Lynn is the son of Germaine LaPorte of Ada,

and Trenton Lynn of Hart. In 2007, the specialist graduated from Forest Hills Northern High School,





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KIDNEY STONES

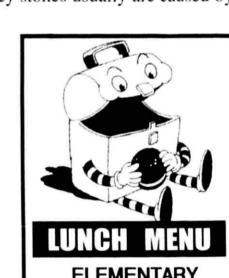
Kidney stones are hard stones that your body makes from waste products in the urine. If these stones are big enough, they can get stuck in your bladder or urinary tract. They can cause a great degree of pain.

Kidney stones are more common in men, but women can also get them. These stones most commonly occur between the ages of 30 and 50. Kidney stones usually are caused by not drinking enough water

and eating too much meat or salty foods.

Kidney stones may cause bad cramping pain in your side. The pain may radiate toward your groin. You may feel sick to your stomach or have blood in your urine, maybe even a fever. Usually a CAT scan is done to see if you are passing a kidney stone. If you cannot pass the stone and pain persists, pain medication from your doctor will help. If you still can't pass the stone, it may have to be removed through a scope inserted into the urethra.

If you have had a kidney stone, ways of reducing a Bolt is a 2008 graduate recurrence include: drink 2 quarts of fluid a day, eat less salt (1500mg a day), and eat less meat.



ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Sept. 15, 2008

MON: Pizza dippers w/ sauce (or three meat sub for Alto, Cherry and Murray Creek fresh tossed _ake). salad, assorted fruit,

TUES: Grilled cheese sandwich (or turkey & cheese on bun for Alto Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), tomato soup, vegetable pasta salad, pears, milk.

WED: Tony pizza (or chili w/crackers Alto. Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), broccolli warm baked apples

THURS: French toas sticks/syrup or cereal crackers graham scrambled applesauce, 100% fruit juice, milk.

FRI: Taco salad w tortilla chips (or tuna salad sandwich for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), green beans, assorted fruit



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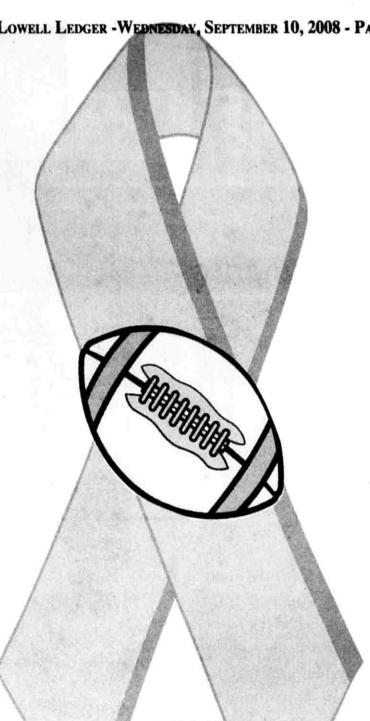
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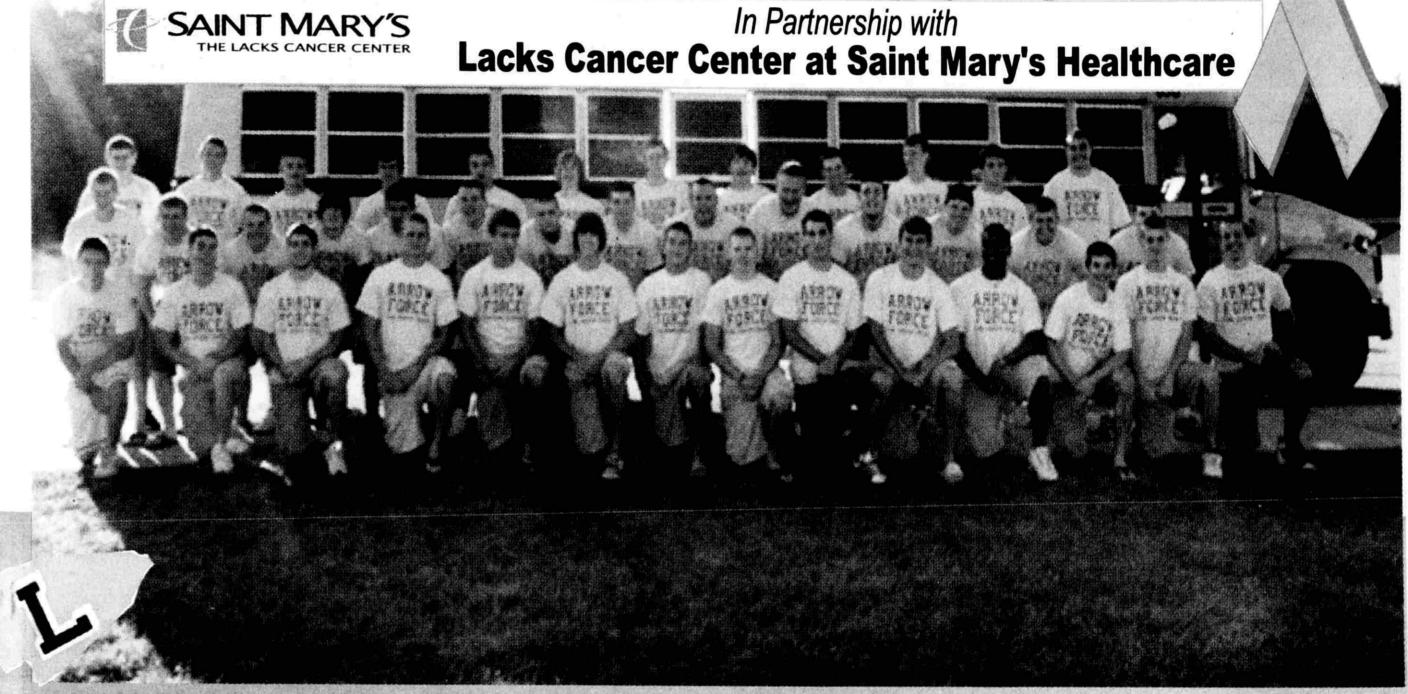
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6:30 Player Introduction with Honoree

6:40 National Anthem sung by

Alumni Football Player 6:45 Memorable Coin Toss

7:00 Kick Off!



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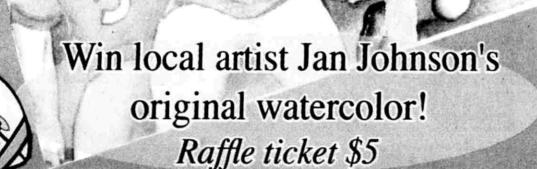
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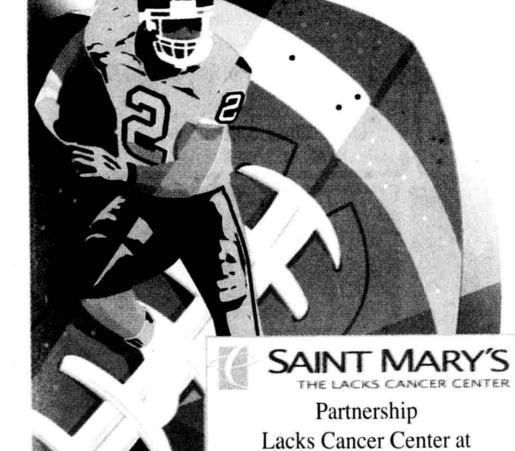
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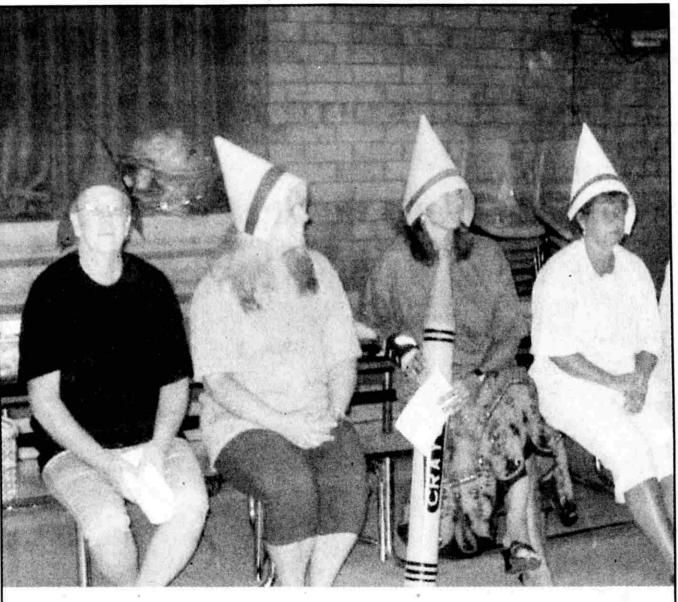
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Talking crayons at Cherry Creek

No, that's not a picture of a box of crayons on the left...it's members of the Cherry Creek Elementary staff who are dressed like crayons. On the first day of school, students were entertained with a skit modeled from the book, "The Crayon Box That Talked". Our "talking crayons" were Pete Frommeyer, Jackie Krygier, Wendy Kapolka, Kim Smith, Jan Herb, Sue Sova, Kim Griffioen and Pam Kinnucan. Students learned that every color is special but it takes all to work together to make a great picture. After the assembly, all students received a special crayon eraser to help remember the ideas that were discussed.

Local Alpaca farm celebrates "National Alpaca Farm Days"

participate in the Second in the United States and Annual "National Alpaca more than 4,000 AOBA Farm Days. On Sept. 27 and members in North America. 28, alpaca breeders from Canada will invite the public today. Although almost yarn. to come to their farm or physically identical, what ranch to meet their alpacas distinguishes the two types and learn more about these of alpacas is their fiber. The unique animals. From 10 Huacaya (wa-Ki'-ah) is the a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and more common of the two Sunday, Sunshine Daydream and has a fluffy, extremely Alpacas, LLC, located at fine coat. The Suri is the 13945 36th St., Lowell, will rarer of the two and has fiber welcome guests to tour the that is silky and resembles ranch and meet the alpacas, pencil-locks. all free.

What is an alpaca? Alpacas, cousins to the withers and generally the llama, are native to the weigh between 150 and 200 Andean Mountain range of pounds. They do not have South America, particularly horns, hooves, claws or Peru, Bolivia, and Chile.

Alpacas were first imported into the United States in 1984. Since then, that seek companionship, the alpaca industry has grown steadily, according commonly by to the Alpaca Owners humming. and Breeders Association (AOBA), the backbone of without harm, every twelve the alpaca industry. Current to eighteen months. They estimates total over 120,000 produced five to ten pounds

Daydream registered alpacas with the of luxurious fiber. Long ago, will Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI) There are two types of hand-spinners and fiber

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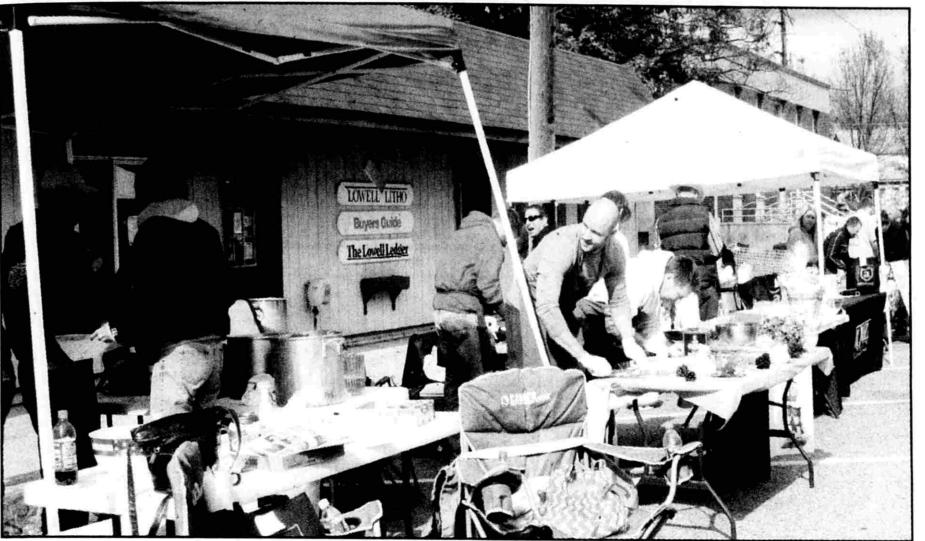
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for royalty. Today it is purchased in its raw fleece form by a fiber cooperative, across the United States and alpacas in the United States artists. Knitters buy it as

Because of its soft texture, alpaca fiber is sometimes compared to cashmere. Making the fiber even more coveted, it has the luster of silk. Alpaca is just as warm as wool, yet 1/3 the weight of wool to achieve that warmth. It comes in 22 natural colors, yet can be dyed any desired shade. Adult alpacas stand at

approximately 36 inches at alpaca fiber is also naturally hypoallergenic. Most people who are sensitive to wool find that they can wear alpaca without the itching or incisors. Alpacas are alert, intelligent, curious, and predictable. Social animals

Get your recipes ready - chili cook-off set for Oct. 11



The city last week approved the closing of Broadway Oct. 11 for the 7th annual chili-cook off organized by Larkin's. The event is part of the Harvest Celebration and showcases the culinary arts of local chefs. From white chili to mushroom chili and steak chili, the ingenuity just never

"We've never had any problems with the event," said police chief Jim Valentine.

This year proceeds from the chili cook-off will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries.

In other business, the city approved the purchase of 2009 dump truck for \$92,500 from Western International Trucks, LLC. This will replace the 1989 C-10 Chevrolet.

The chili was served in a variety of styles at last fall's chili cook-off.



EAST LANSING

Also, Coach Dantonio has a one-year-old tradition that calls is so much more fun for the family for the team and the coaches to walk around Sparty at 10 pageantry and pride all around.

home game yet, check out Big Ten Football on Saturday are important to them. following the Friday Night Lights makes for a great weekend your choice.

of a drive as one might think. MSU is at Penn State on Nov. leadership for their kids. Enough of that.

22 and Wisconsin is at Penn State on Oct. 11. Check it out. Moving on, Friday morning early while getting ready to

go to the office, I was listening to the movie "Rudy." I have watched/listened to that movie probably 50 to 100 times. It happens to inspire me. In the movie seven-year-old Rudy announces to his family at dinner that after high school he for Big Ten player of the week. is going to play football at Notre Dame. And as you may recall in the movie, most of Rudy's family mocks him and his dream except his mother. God Bless mothers.

Where I want to go with this issue is that families and The home opener is always lots of fun. And of course other true friends (at least for sure families) should encourage many readers from Lowell, Hastings and Middleville school and support the dreams of their children and siblings. We districts have been to various Big Ten home openers over should not underestimate anyone's potential. Lift up the See you next week. the years. This game day in East Lansing was no exception. Rudys in your home and encourage them. Be a part of their Beautiful weather, tailgates, and fans cautiously confident. journey to achieve their dream. Being positive and uplifting

Of course I recognize that Rudy's skill level and size a.m. on the way from Kellogg to Spartan Stadium. A bit of were two strikes against him to compete successfully at Notre Dame. Still, in life we should lift up our family and For those of you that have not been to a Dantonio Era other friends and encourage them to achieve their goals that

My guess is that there are several boys and girls here in of fall entertainment. And whatever university that you your community that have dreams of competing in athletics happen to be partial to, in particular if there happens to be a and marching bands at their favorite Big Ten university. relatively new head coach like at MSU and U of M, go to a Encourage them and provide for them the support needed game this fall and check out the environment and experience to cultivate their academic and athletic achievement. All whatever new traditions that may be going on the campus of three of our kids did better in the classroom during their busiest sport season. My personal view is that when the May I also suggest that for those of you that may be K-12 student and college student achieve excellence in the partial to Indiana or Northwestern for example, they host the classroom, they will then compete more successfully on the Spartans for Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 respectively. Those games field. Now how do we as parents provide encouragement? will be a lot of fun for a fairly short road trip. For those of Good question. Each student is different. Parents...you will you that are Nittany Lions fans, State College is not as long figure it out. Basically, parents must be strong on love and

Anywho, here's how the Big Ten did this week. Wow...a complete sweep. All eleven teams defeated their opponents. Even though we are in the weakest part of the schedule, a sweep is rare. And Javon Ringer scored five rushing touchdowns for MSU. That should be good enough

This Saturday, MSU hosts Florida Atlantic on ESPN2 at noon, Michigan travels to Notre Dame on NBC at 3:30 EDT, Indiana has a by, and Ohio State with or without their Heisman candidate tailback travels to #1 USC on ABC 8:00 EDT. The Big Ten schedule has two more weekends of nonconference games before opening league play on Sept. 27.

OUOTE OF THE WEEK: "In order to advance through adversity, you got to admit that you have adversity in life." Pastor Otis Wiley (father of #21 Spartan Safety Co-Captain Otis Wiley Jr.). Pastor Wiley also leads the parents of players' families in prayer about 90 minutes before kickoff every game day.

QUOTE 2 OF THE WEEK: "One of the primary purposes of Big Ten marching bands is to inspire and orchestrate cheering from the student section in all the great stadiums of the Big Ten." Bob Rice (Retired Lowell High Band Director and former MSU Marching Band Alumni

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This program is presented in partnership with the Friends of the Englehardt Library and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. No registration is necessary.

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GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home game at Deer Run Golf Course Games begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated 9/8 at Forest Hills Central 9/10 OK White Jamboree at EGR 9/15 at Kenowa Hills 9/17 OK White Jamboree at GR Christian 9/19 at 9 a.m. Kenowa Hills Invitational 9/24 OK White Jamboree at Deer Run* 9/29 at Forest Hills Central 10/1 time TBA Conference at Thornapple Pointe 10/6 Unity*

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated 9/9 Greenville* 9/11 Creston* 9/15 at Cedar Springs 9/18 at 7:15 p.m. at East Grand Rapids 9/22 at G.R. Christian 9/23 at 5:45 at Union 9/25 at Northview 9/30 at Greenville 10/2 at 4 p.m. at Creston 10/7 G.R. Christian* 10/9 East Grand Rapids* 10/11 at 2 p.m. Petoskey*

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus Meets begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated 9/19 at Union 9/26 at Northview 10/17 at G.R. Christian



BOYS VARSITYTENNIS

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Tennis Courts. Meets begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated 9/10 Greenville* 9/13 at 9 a.m. Holland Christian Invitational 9/17 Creston* 9/20 at 9 a.m. Lowell Invitational* 9/24 at G.R. Christian 9/29 East Grand Rapids* 10/1 NorthPointe Christian* 10/4 time TBA Conference at GR Christian 10/6 Unity Christian*

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated 9/9 at 6 p.m. at Mona Shores/FHC 9/11 at 6 p.m. Holland/Kenowa Hills* 9/16 at 7:30 at Northview 9/18 at 7:30 Greenville* 9/20 at 9 a.m. Caledonia Invitational 9/23 Creston* 9/25 at 7:30 at G.R. Christian 9/30 at 7:30 East Grand Rapids* 10/2 at 6 p.m.at Reeths Puffer/Union 10/4 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Invitational 10/7 at 7:30 p.m. Northview* 10/9 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenville 10/14 at Creston 10/16 at 7:30 p.m. G.R. Christian* 10/21 at 7:30 p.m. at East Grand Rapids 10/25 at 8:30 a.m. Unity Christian Tournament

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus Meets begin at 4:30 p.m. unless indicated 9/8 at 4 p.m. Thornapple Kellogg Invitational 9/13 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational 9/17 OK White Jamboree at G.R. Christian 9/20 at 9 a.m. Lowell Invitational* 9/27 at 9 a.m Carson City Invitational 10/1 OK White Jamboree* 10/15 OK White Jamboree at Northview

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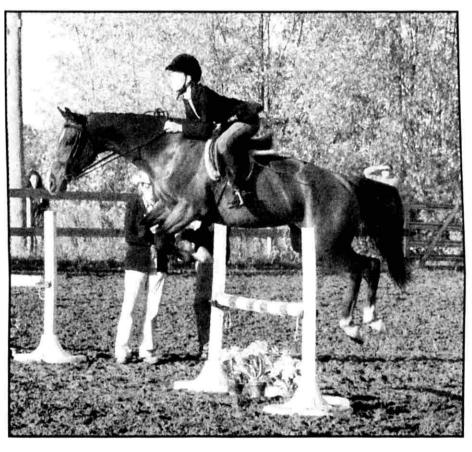
Equestrian team starts off the season in Cedar Springs







Ian Blodger



The Lowell Equestrian Team began its season on Saturday, in Cedar Springs. Lowell is competing against 13 other schools from Kent and Montcalm Counties for a chance to move on to regional competition in Berrien Springs at the end of the month. If successful at the regional level, they will move on to the State competition in Midland on October 18 and 19.

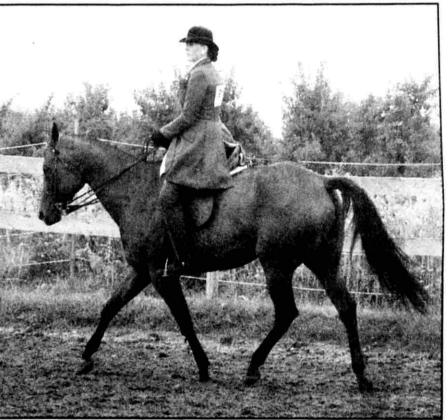
Lowell is one of over 350 teams in 20 Districts with more than 2100 riders statewide, all members of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association.

Lowell's 36 riders are divided among four divisions, two 'A' teams with eleven riders each, one 'B' team with nine riders and one 'C' team consisting of five riders. This is the largest equestrian team Lowell has ever put together.

After week one, Lowell has second and fourth place in Division A, is second behind Rockford in Division B and first in Division C. It was a long day with riders arriving at the Cedar Springs Red Flannel Club by 7:30 a.m. and not leaving before 9 p.m. that night.

Head coach Mary Wolf said, "The kids did an awesome job. Everyone stepped up and did what was needed." She added that she is excited to be coaching them this year.

There are two more Saturday meets at Cedar Springs with the top two teams in each division advancing to the regional competition on September 27.



Ashley Gaskin

Cross country team jamboree results

The first OK White Jamboree was held on the Aquinas College campus on Wednesday, Sept. 3. The results of the boys 5k run and team results are as follows: Vear-School

Name	Year-School		Final-Pt		
Gunnick, Gabe	12	Christian	17:08.00	j	
Peterson, Kevin	12	Christian	17:23.00	2	
Dornboss, Eric	12	Christian	17:44.00	3	
Robison, Zach	11	Lowell High School	17:45.00	4	
Koopman, Kai	12	Christian	18:04.00	5	
Bitner, Blake	10	Greenville	18:07.00	ϵ	
Tiffany, Tyler	11	Greenville	18:13.00	7	
Chambers, Brian		Northview	18:21.00	8	
Caverley, Zachary	12	Greenville	18:24.00	9	
Koop, Zack	11	Christian	18:57.00	10	
Ludema, Grant	10	Christian	19:01.00	11	
Koetje, Seth	10	Christian	19:15.00	12	
Quillian, Brandon	12	Creston High School	19:21.00	13	
Mark, Tom	11	Lowell High School	19:25.00	14	
Smith, Robert	10	East	19:29.00	15	

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Congdon, John	11	East	19:43.00 16
Gaunt, Aric		Northview	19:44.00 17
Roelfsema, Tyler	11	Greenville	19:45.00 18
Moy, Michael	12	Greenville	19:50.00 19
Partridge, Ben	9	Lowell High School	20:01.00 20
Alvardo, Jesus	11	Creston High School	20:04.00 21
Mitchell-Gracia, Nico			
	11	Creston High School	20:08.00 22
Bunker, Aaron	10	East	20:23.00 23
Schipper, Chris	11	Creston High School	20:25.00 24
Gustin, Max	12	Greenville	21:01.00 25
Corteville, Josh	11	Lowell High School	21:08.00 26
Calberg, Alex	12	Northview	21:15.00 27
Tissue, Tyler	11	Greenville	21:27.00 28
Berkowitz, Issac	10	East	21:40.00 29
Stephens, Zach		Northview	21:42.00 30
Styburski, Jacob	12	East	21:48.00 31
Karsies, Brad	10	Northview	22:01.00 32
Samuelson, Nathan	12	East	22:24.00 33
Seasly, Kyle	10	East	22:31.00 34
Calberg, Sam	9	Northview	23:23.00 35
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Protecting an extraordinary spectacle, the Great Lakes

With Senator Carl Levin

In 1831, the great chronicler of early America, Alexis de Tocqueville, explored the Great Lakes. When he saw Lake Huron, he observed of the empty, undeveloped expanse: "This lake without sails, this shore which does not yet show any trace of the passage of man, this eternal forest which borders it; all that, I assure you, is not grand in poetry only; it's the most extraordinary spectacle that I have seen in my life."

On July 23, 2008, I introduced a measure in the U.S. Senate that will help us protect that extraordinary expanse: legislation to ratify the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact. The Compact is a bipartisan agreement among the Great Lakes states to protect the Great Lakes through better water management, conservation and public involvement. We were able to get the Compact through the Senate in record time – it passed the Senate on August 1, 2008, nine days after it was introduced.

Roughly one tenth of the U.S. population lives in the Great Lakes basin and depends daily on the lakes. The Great Lakes provide drinking water to 40 million people. They provide the largest recreational resource for their eight neighboring states. They form the largest body of freshwater in the world, containing roughly 18 percent of the world's total; only the polar ice caps contain more freshwater. They are critical to our economy to help move natural resources to the factory and to move finished products to market.

This agreement to protect the Great Lakes has been in the making for close to decade, following the mistaken issuance of a permit for bulk water diversion by the Province of Ontario. In the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Congress directed the governors to negotiate a water management policy, and in 2005, the eight Great Lakes Governors and two Canadian Provincial Premiers came to an agreement.

Earlier this year, the agreement was approved by the state legislatures of the eight states that border the Great Lakes. It enjoys bipartisan support in Congress. For it to take effect, it must be passed by Congress and signed by the President. I am hopeful that this can happen before the Resources Compact. It will make sure that we conserve

The Compact states that "the protection of the integrity of the Great Lakes Ecosystem shall be the overarching we do.

principle for reviewing proposals." For the first time, water conservation goals will be developed to deal with any water diversion proposals.

Beyond that, the Compact would specifically address proposed withdrawals of both ground and surface water. This would represent an improvement over existing law because there are differing opinions on whether the current law addresses ground water diversions.

Additionally, because the Compact would provide a scientific method for dealing with proposals to divert water from the Great Lakes, it makes our efforts to protect the lakes more clearly compliant with international trade

While the WRDA protects us from diversions, the additional safeguards and standards contained in the Compact will be helpful in the years ahead to give us a solid defense against international challenges to water use, as well as a solid basis to regulate groundwater.

Passing the Compact through the Senate was a critical step, and I will keep pushing the House of Representatives to pass and the President to sign the Great Lakes Water this precious resource, ensuring sensible use now so that future generations can benefit from the Great Lakes just as



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BE AWARE OF "VARIABLES" WHEN CREATING INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In almost any endeavor you can think of, your success depends on a number of factors. The same is true of investing. You can create a strategy to help you achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, but your results will depend a great deal on how you adjust some key "variables."

What are some of these variables? Consider the

- Retirement age Clearly, the age at which you plan to retire can have a big impact on your savings and investment strategies. If you want to retire early, you will likely need to accumulate more financial resources than if you were to work well into your 60s. To build these additional resources, you might have to invest more aggressively — that is, include more "growth" vehicles in your portfolio — during your working years.
- Lifestyle We all have different thoughts on the "ideal" retirement and these differences affect our investment strategies. For example, if you plan on spending your retirement traveling around the world, you'll likely need more money than your neighbors, if they plan on sticking close to home and pursuing inexpensive hobbies. Therefore, you may need to achieve more growth from your investments than your neighbors need from theirs.
- Inflation If you're trying to calculate the type of performance you might need from your investments

to reach your goals, you should consider your "real" rate of return — that is, the return you get after inflation. If we experienced an annual inflation rate of three percent, you would lose about half of your purchasing power after 25 years. To stay ahead of inflation, you should consider including some growth-oriented investments in your

 Life expectancy — Obviously, you can't say exactly how long you're going to live. Still, if you consider your family's history of longevity and your own level of health, you can probably make an educated guess. If you think it's entirely possible that you could spend two or three decades in retirement, as many people do, then you'll need to prepare carefully so that you don't outlive your resources. This may mean that, during your retirement years, you'll need to structure your investment portfolio to provide you with both growth and income opportunities.

 Taxes — Many people assume their tax burden will decrease significantly when they retire, but that's not always the case. Income from a variety of sources, such as retirement plans and individual investments, is going to be taxable when you retire, so you'll need to have the money available to pay these taxes.

 Health care — Health care costs continue to rise. When you retire, you become eligible for Medicare, but this won't cover all your costs. So, as you save and invest Ledger. for the future, you may want to factor in sufficient liquid resources to cover your doctors' visits, prescriptions and other health care expenses.

As you move ahead with your investment strategies you may want to consult with a financial advisor someone who can look at these factors and help you create a "big picture" solution that's right for your needs. But no matter how you proceed, don't wait too long to get started - because life, with all its variables, has a way of moving

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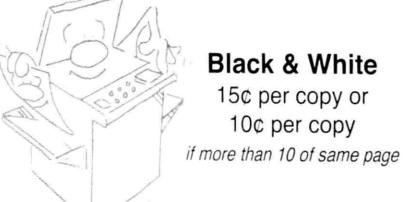
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One Person Can Make a Difference tribute

by Emma Palova

A large painting of the sky demonstrates late artist David Davis' desire to be a cloud.

It is just one of many paintings now on exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council paying tribute to a man, who has influenced an entire school of artists.

"He truly has made a difference," said curator Kathleen Mooney.

The show titled 'One Person Can Make a Difference' comprises a lifetime of paintings. Some Davis' unfinished paintings were found in the back rooms of local galleries and businesses. Others were brought into the gallery by hundreds of Davis' followers.



Curator Kathleen Mooney by 'Ravens and Sunflowers' large drawing in the David Davis tribute show.

Mooney, owner of Fire and Water Art Gallery, painted together with Davis starting in 1998. Davis has changed the classical pure watercolor method of the 1970s, which did not allow using white color, to mixed media.

"With David anything goes," said Mooney, "he encouraged you to do whatever it takes to get it done. You felt free to take it to final completion."

And Davis paintings reflect his teachings. Large florals like 'Ravens and Sunflowers' in watercolor and pencil, sort of reminiscent of Van Gogh, depict sunflowers behind a wire fence. Interestingly enough, Davis painted black ravens on the fence and the flowers, creating a sense of drama in the picture.

He painted 'Hydrangeas and Fruit' in watercolor and pencil on masa paper, thus giving the pink picture a definite structure.

Many of Davis' paintings are a combination of water color and collage. During the last years of his life, he was especially fond of collage, and encouraged his students to incorporate collage in their paintings.

"He inspired people to tie into the local arts council," said Mooney.

Davis made a difference by finding the artist's most compelling trait. Whether it was painting, ceramics or culinary arts, he pinpointed that specific skill, and encouraged the artist to develop it.

"He'd pick you up and engaged you one-on-one in something that you were good at," said Mooney, "then you had to live up to it."

He installed selfconfidence in artists of all ages from young abstract artist Connor Bergin to the leading artist Gerard Wood.

"If he told you, you were good," said Mooney, "then you knew, you must be good at it."

The other purpose of the exhibit is to benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund in honor of Davis.

There is \$25 entry fee for artists' work, and no charge if you bring in one of Davis' paintings.

Also available are art books with Davis' art created by Mooney and the 'Brunch and Beyond' cookbook.

"David loved to cook," said Mooney.

The show runs from Sept. 9 through Oct. 25. Event reception is on Sept. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information go to www.lowellartscouncil. org.

Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures.

- Henry Ward Beecher (1813 - 1887), Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit, 1887

