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Pink Arrow Project heightens breast cancer focus

by Thad Kraus

Supporters of Lowell's Pink Arrow project gathered Friday night at the 2008 football home opener against Holland. The game was used to help create an awareness and education of how cancer has touched the lives of so many in the Lowell community.

The game also honored many friends, neighbors and family members who have survived cancer or lost their lives to the deadly disease. Not only was the Lowell community relentless in its effort to raise money toward this important project, but its beloved football team displayed the same passion, conviction and relentlessness on the football field as it overpowered Holland 49-0.

"This is one time I can honestly say that we could have lost the game tonight and I would have walked away feeling as though we had won," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

With good reason! Red Arrow Stadium was lined in pink by throng of nearly 7,000 fans, many of whom were attired in pink t-shirts... and all of whom played a significant part in raising what Dean believes will reach the \$100,000 total.

The work will not stop there as Dean and so many other supporters and local partners hope to be back next year to continue the notable event.

"Our goal is to raise

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The "Pink Arrows" enter the field surrounded by Arrow Force support at last Friday's game.

Businesses deck out in pink on game day to show their support

by Emma Palova

Nancy DeBoer decorated the storefront of Salon 206 with pink ribbons and a large pink arrow with letters inside saying: "Pink Arrow Pride."

"I've been touched by cancer," she said, "my fam-

ily, my friends are either cancer survivors or they have died of cancer."

It was last Friday before the big game that the community embraced the pink project with such an overwhelming response that shocked the outside communities. In less than a month,

Pep Talk, the main outfitter for the Red Arrows team sold 7,000 pink t-shirts. That morning the store was flooded with more buyers, but there was nothing left, even size XX was gone. However, more t-shirts and jerseys were yet to be sold at

the game to reach the stunning sum of \$75,000.

"It's Lowell," said Amy Hayes, Pep Talk owner, about the unexpected response to the pink project. "This project involves all the kids and reaches a bigger audience."

Hayes is hoping that Lowell has set the bar high for other schools to embrace similar community projects.

"I hope this goes national and other teams go for it," said Hayes. "The response of volunteers has been overwhelming."

Hayes was assisted by many volunteers from all around the community. People were flocking to Pep Talk in between raindrops

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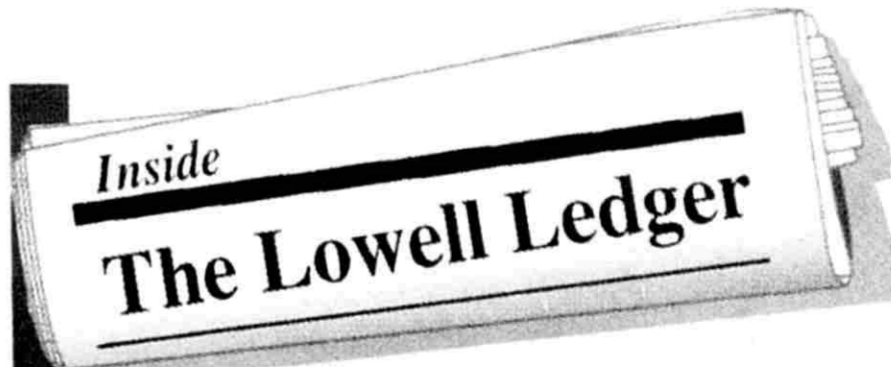
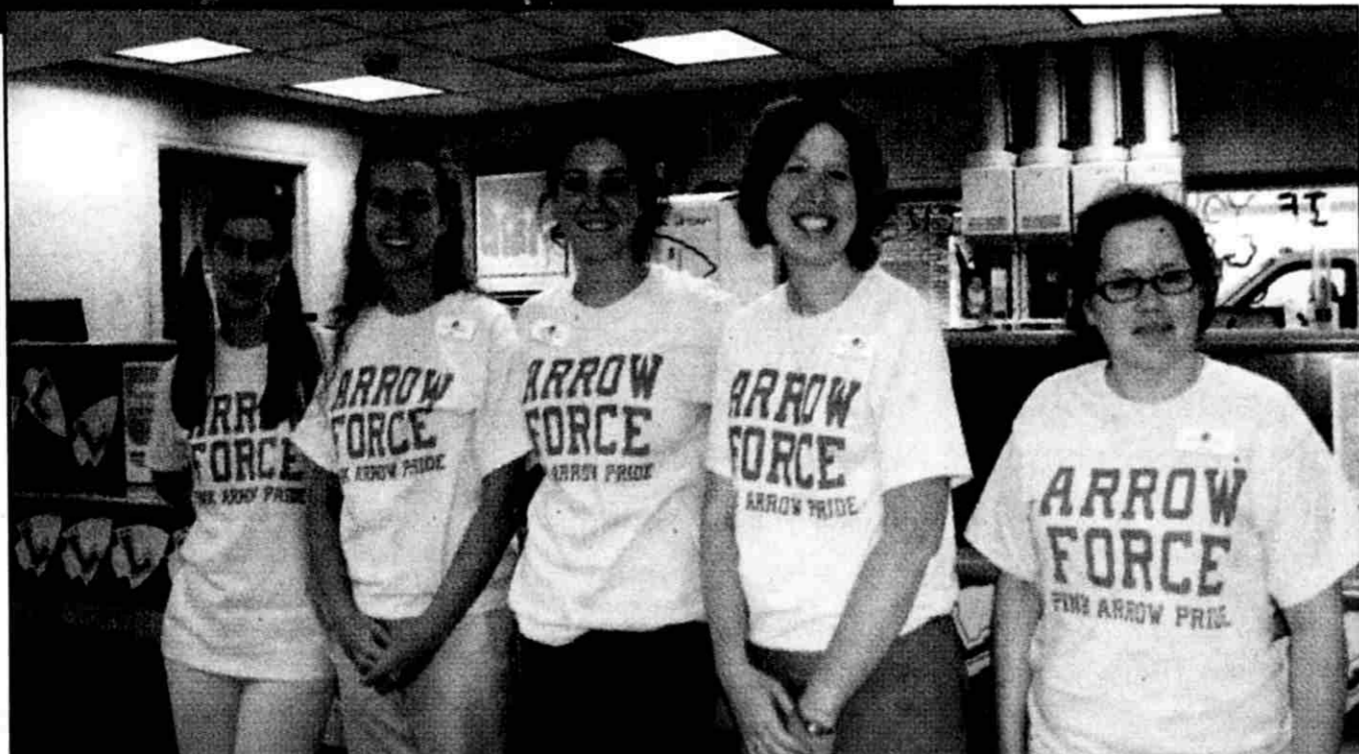


Front, left to right: Diane Barnes and Marilyn Conley; back row, left to right: Terry Kinsley, Clayton Marvel, Rodger Garner, Kurt Hieshetter, Denny Huver and Rob Stehley at Good Chevrolet.

Debra Duiven, Amber Pullen, Katie Raney, Marie Uzarski and Katie Cutchins at Fifth Third Bank.



Amy Hayes of Pep Talk, far right, with volunteers Donna Miller, Angie Blough, Jenni Conlan, Margo Lillywhite, Wendy Jeffrey, Kim Stephens, Kelsey Stephens and Sue Kruse.



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Obituaries



BUCHE

Harley T. Buche, age 31 of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, September 13, 2008. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, John Mendez and Edward Lowry; uncle, Patrick Mendez.

Surviving are his wife, Andrea; mother, Mary (Jim Potter) Buche; father, Gary (Wendy) Buche; brothers, David Buche, Gary Buche; mother-in-law, Brenda (Ken) McCallum; father-in-law, David Poelman; grandparents, Fran Mendez, Marjie Lowry; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 17 at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N Hudson, Lowell with Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Harley Buche Fund.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Shores was presented and approved.

Minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular meeting were approved as corrected and the minutes of the Special Meeting on September 8, 2008 were approved as submitted and the accounts payable were approved.

Patty Sellner, Director of Lowell Community Wellness stated the Pink Arrow Project Day on Friday, September 12th was a huge success making approximately \$75,000 through the sale of pink football jerseys, t-shirts and various other pink items supporting this project.

The following actions were taken: Motion to approve the resolution to the State Legislature supporting continued funding for the Kent County Dispatch Authority.

Motion to award contract to DeYoung Concrete for \$34,832.75 to construct sidewalks on both sides of North Center from West Main to Laurels of Kent being allocated from the Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion to approve the 2.5% wage increase for all classifications of the Lowell Police Officers for the second year of their contract effective July 1, 2008 and the third year effective July 1, 2009.

Motion to approve a contract with Allied Waste for one year with options for two years based on the bid submitted on August 25, 2008.

Yea: Councilmembers Ellison, Pfaller and Mayor Pro Tem Hodges. Nay: Councilmember Altoft. Absent: Mayor Shores. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approval on October 6, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



LUNDSTROM

Janice Beaubien Lundstrom, aged 78 of Bellaire, passed away September 8, 2008, after a courageous seven year battle with cancer. Born and raised in Chicago, Jan married Charles Lundstrom and lived in New Jersey, New York, Michigan and Arizona through her joyful life. Much of her life was spent in Grand Rapids where she raised three sons and at Schuss Mountain where she had a home for 34 years. She is survived by Charlie, her husband of 55 years, and sons Scott (Pam), Eric (Rita) and Craig (Lara) and grandchildren Erin, Kelsey, Lucy, Nina, Evan and Nate, and great-grandchild Owen. She was preceded in death by her only brother, Robert Beaubien, and is survived by his three children, John, Suzanne and Janine. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Gail Morrow. In her

words, "family was the joy and meaning of my life." Jan lived an active, vibrant life, enjoying hiking, skiing, golf and tennis. Between 1987-1995, she finished first in her division in six White Pine Stampedes, a cross-country ski race in northern Michigan. Travel brought great joy, with trips to Europe, Russia, China, Kenya, New Zealand and Central and South America. During her 38 years in Grand Rapids, she received a degree in International Affairs from Aquinas College and was Executive Secretary of the World Affairs Council of West Michigan for several years. She loved books and was actively involved in book clubs in Michigan and in her winter home in Sedona, AZ. Jan had great pride and interest in the Beaubien family lineage and history as founding pioneers of Chicago. She also loved her golden retrievers who will miss her greatly. Jan will be remembered for her infectious smile, perpetual happiness and positive attitude during her long struggle with cancer. There will be a visitation at O'Brien-Gerst Funeral

Home, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE on Tuesday, September 23 from 4-7 to celebrate Jan's courageous and wonderful life. There will also be a memorial service at Church in the Hills, 6401 Shanty Creek Rd., Bellaire, MI at 2 p.m. Sunday, September

21. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Munson Hospice at Traverse City or to the Humane Society of your choice. Let the memories of her life bring warmth to your heart.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SCARECROW BUILDING SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Supplies needed desperately; we are seeking scrapes of material, sheets, wood for scarecrow forms, buttons and notions, yarn, hats and just fun stuff. Please call the chamber at 897-9161 if you have any items to donate.

ANNUAL FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking antique and collectible vendors to join our show on Saturday, Oct. 11. For more info and application call Liz Baker at 897-9161 or www.discoverlowell.org.

ANNUAL HARVEST ARTS & CRAFT SALE

Harvest Arts and Crafts Show, Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Building. Booth space available, for more information and application call Ron Wenger at 897-6050.

CHILI MADNESS CHILI COOK-OFF

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Bluegrass Fest, last big event of the summer

by Emma Palova

Pickin' and jammin' one last time before the bluegrass season officially ends, the annual FallFest at the fairgrounds expects to attract old diehards and novices as well this weekend.

"If people hear the music, they like it," said West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association president Dave Simmonds. "The draw is here."

The head liner act this year is the "Greg Spanky Moore Bluegrass Band" scheduled to perform Saturday from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and in the evening from 8:25 to 9:10 p.m.

Among the many draws of the event is the "feel good music" and the friendly atmosphere of fellow fiddlers. Nothing elaborate, musicians choose whether they want to carry the rhythm or the melody.

Bluegrass workshops have become increasingly popular over the last few years. They culminate with the Beginner's Slow Jam on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

"Everybody just gets



Dave Simmonds and Nate Garrelts strike bluegrass tunes by the Flat River.

together in a big circle and plays," said Simmonds. "We start out with basics and then we play a song."

And Lowell has been a good home to the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association (WMBMA). The association has recently contracted with the fairgrounds for another five years. This includes

camping, stage venues, and barn rentals for vendors. Some new vendors this year include: Dulcimer vendor, a massage therapist Kathleen Marks from Kalamazoo, and traditional guitars, banjo, jewelry, health and beauty vendors.

Nate Garrelts started playing the mandolin with Simmonds about a year

ago. By now, he knows bluegrass can be contagious and addictive. He picks the melody, while Simmonds carries the rhythm.

"Come on venture down and check it out," said Simmonds.

For more information contact president@wmbma.org.

City council approves 2.5 percent increase for police officers

by Emma Palova

The city council approved a 2.5 percent wage increase for 2008 and 2009 for the Lowell Police Department officers according to a negotiated contract with the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

"We have reached this agreement subject to your approval," said Dave Pasquale about the three-year contract. "We feel it's within the cost of living."

Annually the wage increase will raise the wage budget by \$1,350. The department has five full-time officers.

In related business, the city council approved resolution to state legislature supporting continued funding of the Kent County Dispatch Authority. Currently, local counties are allowed a surcharge of 45 cents per device that can contact 911.

However, if the act is not extended it could revert back to the state, and the amount could be higher, according to Police Chief Jim Valentine.

The passed resolution extends the act to sunset on Dec. 31, 2013.

In other business, the city council approved sidewalk construction on North Center Street, on both sides, in the amount of \$35,800 with the lowest bidder being DeYoung Concrete.

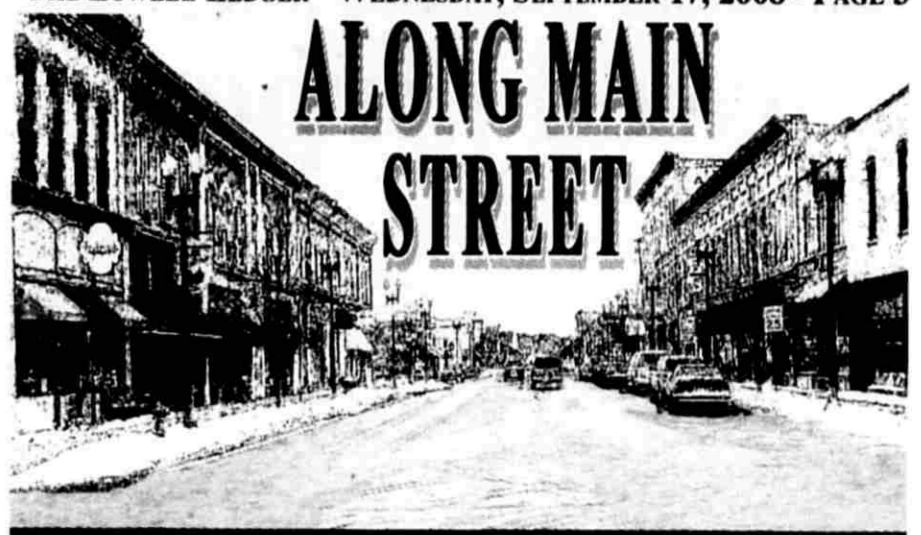
"We try to complete one block at a time, so we don't have to be in the same neighborhood twice," said DPW director Dan DesJarden. "We try to do the streets and the sidewalk together."

There is a one year

warranty on the concrete work, according to DesJarden.

On the issue of the Lowell Cable Television endowment fund, the council will review a proposed resolution at the next meeting on Oct. 6. After that two public hearings will be held on the resolution.

"We don't want this rushed," said mayor pro-tem Hodges. "We want to make everybody as happy as possible."



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.

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.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The Decorations Committee for Fallsburg Fall Festival is in need of cut flowers for table, stage and pavilion decorations. Needed are sunflowers, cone flowers, mums, zinnias or any other colorful blooms. Also needed are pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and broomcorn. If you have something to donate, call Ron or Nancy Wood at 897-8546 by Mon., Sept. 22.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2009 Entertainment books are being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for Senior High School girls scholarships and local projects. The books are \$20 and can be used through Oct. 2009. They are available at: Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, Lowell Area Arts Council, Salon 206 and any club member or call Marj, 897-8107.

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GRAND VOLUTE BALLROOMS

Lowell airport names new fixed based operator

by Emma Palova
Following the August departure of the School of Missionary Aviation for Ionia, the airport board has named Williams Air Power as the new Fixed Based Operator (FBO) at the Lowell City Airport.

Williams Air Power now has exclusive rights to do maintenance, fuel sales and flight instruction at the airport.

Owner Dan Williams has previously taught an intern program at the School of Missionary Aviation (SMAT). In his new position, Williams plans to continue to give hands-on experience to the new graduates of the school in his maintenance shop.

"They get to work on real airplanes," he said.

Working with interns, who later disperse into the world to continue the missionary work, is a very rewarding experience for Williams. A 1988 gradu-

ate of Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music Aviation Program at the Lowell Airport, Williams spent 10 years in Kenya running an aviation shop with the Africa Inland Mission.

"It's hard when you go to a different country," he said.

So, he also taught cross-cultural experience for SMAT to give students advance training.

As the new FBO, Williams wants to make the airport a destination for pilots from the state to come and enjoy Lowell area attractions.

"I want to use the rivers and Fallasburg to draw people for a day of activity," said Williams, "to go to local restaurants."

Obviously, the biggest emphasis will be on the growth of the maintenance shop and employing more interns. Right now, he employs one full-time employ-



Dan Williams pictured with a Bonanza project aircraft.

ee and two to three part-time employees. His goal within two years is to have four full-time employees.

"This is a good, friendly business," said wife Liane. "It's more of a family-oriented business."

Williams is hoping for more interconnection be-

tween the airport and the community for enrichment opportunities.

"I'd like the airport to be a part of the community," said Williams. "I want everyone to feel welcome," he said. "Customers are our friends."

Although, the business has already been impacted by the sluggish economy and the fuel sales have been low, the maintenance part of it has to keep going, according to Williams.

"Maintenance has to get done," he said.

Williams Air Power also works on project aircraft such as the Bonanza aircraft in one of the hangars. Once the damaged aircraft is rebuilt, it will go on the national market.

City extends refuse contract with Allied

by Emma Palova

Although the city has now extended a refuse contract with Allied Waste, using bags only at \$1.36 per bag, starting in December, the council members will pursue an exclusive contract next year.

City manager Dave Pasquale said an exclusive contract should be pursued slowly.

"Some folks are under contract now. There is a cost

benefit of exclusive contract to people with large amounts of garbage," he said.

An ordinance would have to be enacted in order for the city to switch to an exclusive hauler only. According to clerk Betty Morlock, in case of an exclusive contract residents could use carts or bags.

"We could give an option, we need time to work that out," she said.

However, it remained

clear that for those who have little waste using carts would be cost prohibitive.

Currently, the city sells the bags, which are also available at Meijer, Springrove and Bernard Ace Hardware, at a higher price than the hauler's quote to subsidize the recycling. The bags are sold at \$1.50 with 14 cents going toward recycling.

"We need to look at recycling," said council

member Jeff Altoft.

There are 500 recycling containers in the city. On Dec. 1, the prices of recycling will double.

In October, the council plans to look at recycling options such as recycling every other week.

"This will get us a spot where our needs with the hauler are taken care of, then we can look at an option for an exclusive contract," he said.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Here is a dirty little secret that most people of Lowell don't know. The city of Lowell is broke.

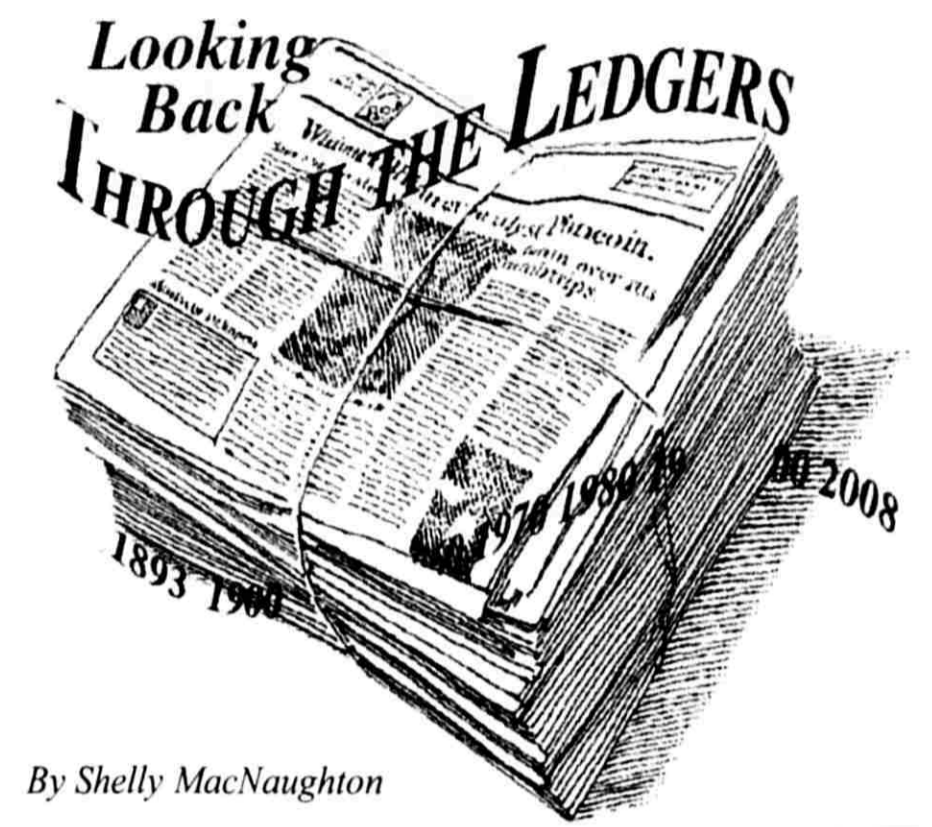
The City gets its revenue from city taxes and some from the state, but since the state of Michigan isn't doing so well we don't get much from there. In the last five to seven years Lowell has lost two large manufactures. They contributed a couple hundred thousand dollars in tax revenue and provided jobs for homeowners in Lowell. After the jobs left town so did many home owners, Lowell lost more thousands in tax revenue. Just before the manufacturer left town Lowell built a new city hall, we took out loans based on the projections of revenue that shortly left town. The city hall building made out budget tight when we had a bigger tax income but now the burden falls on a way smaller tax base.

People elect the city council to oversee the running of the city, to maintain the city's infrastructure and secure the safety of it's citizens. This council has worked hard to trim the budget while still providing the vital services it's empowered to maintain. This year they cut one mil from the budget and set it aside towards a much needed street fund. They are looking into restructuring the trash service

to reduce truck traffic on our streets and hopefully reduce refuse costs to the Lowell residents.

Lately the city council has been villianized for being out of touch with what the citizens of Lowell and residents of surrounding communities want (regarding the spending of the LCTV proceeds). I agree with the group of people who are angry about the sale of LCTV. The behind-closed-doors-way the sale was conducted was wrong. But it was a different council that made that decision. We the people of Lowell elected two new members and that changed the makeup of the board. Nobody on the council wants to incorporate the LCTV proceeds into the city's operating budget. In fact, that was plainly stated in the council's plan on how the money is to be spent. However, it would be irresponsible of the city council to just arbitrarily give this much money away to arts and entertainment when the city is falling apart at the seams. Would it be so wrong to use the money for infrastructure improvement projects i.e. new roads, skate board park, showboat repair, these would benefit everyone in the community. I understand some mistrust of the council but you need to give this new one a chance. Remember if you appoint a board you are stuck with that board, if you don't agree with a council member vote them out. Please contact your council member and tell them how you feel.

Bif Altoft



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 19, 1883

Cannon and Grattan news arrived just in time to be too late this week.

Carr & Davis build a cofferdam at the lower Grand River bridge for \$900.

J. Dougherty of Grand Rapids was killed in a runaway smash-up Thursday night.

Report says Will Sandall is married but we have not learned the lady's name.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 17, 1908

Will Flynn and Arthur Nerreter, who have conducted the corner grocery on the east side under the style of Flynn & Nerreter during the past year, have sold the same to M. C. DaCou of Cedar Springs who will be in possession next Monday, and who will move his family here.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 21, 1933

Ralph Riggs, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Riggs of Berlin Township, is recovering satisfactory from the nearly fatal effects of a rattlesnake bite.

Young Riggs was working in a field last Wednesday and as he reached down to get a jug of water from a patch of brush he felt something on his back. As he gave it a brush to knock it off he felt a twinge on his shoulder and discovered the snake had bitten him but did not recognize it as a rattler.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 18, 1958

This Friday night at Ionia, new Lowell High head football coach, Charles Pierce, will unveil his 1958 edition of the Red Arrow football squad as it tangles with the rugged Ionia Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. The season opener for both clubs will see a fierce battle for possession of the V. F. W. trophy won by the Arrows last season 19-7.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 21, 1983

A major step forward in the career of Lowell freelance illustrator Gary Elridge appears in this issue of the Grand Valley Ledger, and in newspapers all across the state this week. Elridge, 32, has been a freelance illustrator for the past six years, but the artwork he drew for a Michigan Bell ad recently is his first breakthrough into a big ad agency from the metropolitan Detroit area.

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Habitat for Humanity

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This past summer, I was honored to participate in a legislative build in Grand Rapids with Habitat for Humanity. For those who are unfamiliar with the group, Habitat for Humanity is a charity dedicated to providing quality, affordable housing to low income families. Local businesses donate building supplies, and volunteers provide the labor. New homeowners are required to put in "sweat

equity" by helping to build the house and take classes to prepare them for homeownership.

Working on this project highlights what can be achieved when friends and neighbors come together for the good of the community. Fortunately, groups like Habitat for Humanity and others are working every day to make our community a better place. We should all be thankful for their dedication and inspired by their commitment to our community.

While the project is still being worked on in Grand Rapids, it soon will be a home for a deserving family. I'm looking forward to volunteering with Habitat for Humanity again, and I encourage others to get involved as well. For more information on Habitat for Humanity in the Kent County Area please visit their website at www.habitatkent.org.

Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
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CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING RETIREMENT ASSETS

By the time you retire, you'll probably have accumulated money in a variety of retirement-savings vehicles at a variety of locations — an IRA here, a 401(k) there and so on. At first glance, that may sound all right, but there are some sound reasons why you might want to consolidate your retirement accounts to one provider.

Here are some of the key benefits you can receive from this type of consolidation:

- You'll keep better track of your assets. Like most people, you probably think that you will never lose track of any of the money you've saved for retirement. But many equally well-meaning people do misplace or forget about savings and investments. In fact, the National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits lists more than 50,000 individuals who are owed benefits from 401(k)s, profit-sharing plans and IRAs and either can't be reached or don't respond to inquiries. But if you hold all your retirement accounts in one place, you are probably far less likely to "misplace" them than if you kept them with several financial institutions.

- You'll have less trouble calculating minimum distributions. Once you reach age 70 1/2, you'll need to take distributions from your 401(k) and traditional IRA. (This requirement does not apply to a Roth IRA.) It's not

particularly difficult to calculate the amount of a distribution from a single IRA or 401(k), but if you hold several accounts, it could get a bit tricky. For example, if you have multiple IRAs, you'll need to add them together, then divide the total balance by the IRS' life expectancy numbers for someone your age. If you have several 401(k)s, you'll need to calculate the required minimum distribution for each 401(k) separately, using the same life expectancy figures as you would with an IRA. Clearly, if you held a mix of these accounts at different places, you'd have to do a bit of detective work and a lot of number crunching to arrive at your required minimum distributions.

- You could save money. If you held accounts at several locations, you could be paying a number of fees and maintenance charges. Individually, each fee or charge may not seem like much, but they can add up. By consolidating your accounts to one provider, you might be able to save some money.

- You can create a unified strategy. To achieve the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned, you will need to create a sufficient income stream, drawing from all your retirement accounts. Among other things, you'll need to know how much you can afford to withdraw each year, how you can stay ahead of inflation and how best to control your investment-related taxes. You'll find it far easier to accomplish these goals if you have a single, unified investment strategy — and it will be far easier to develop such a strategy if you have all your retirement accounts at one place, possibly under the guidance of a single financial advisor.

So, to sum up: The more retirement savings vehicles you own, the better — but when it comes to the number of institutions holding these accounts, you might just want to stop at one.

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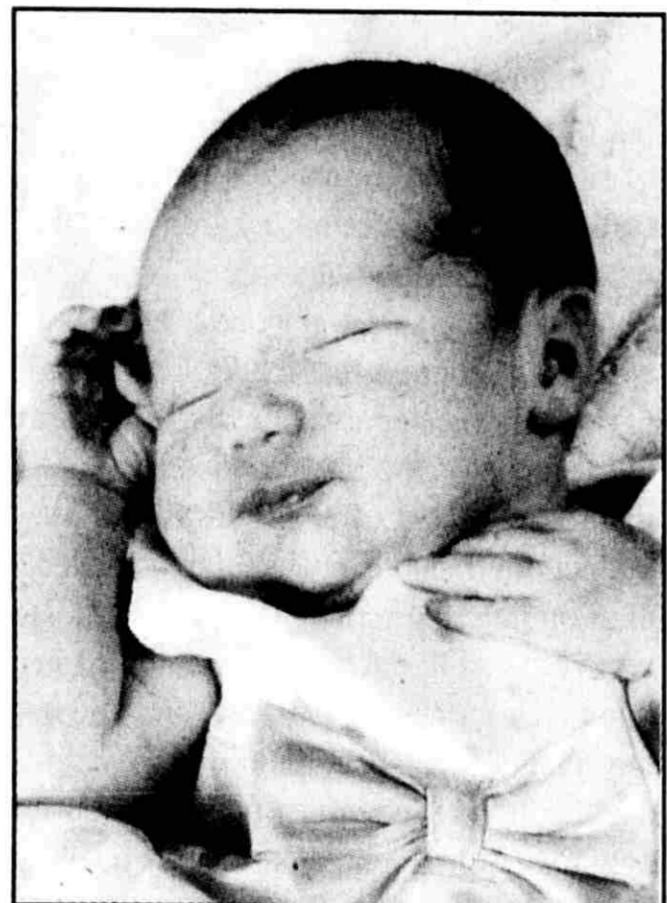


Leslie Koehn and Joshua McCracken

Leslie Koehn and Joshua McCracken, both of Lowell, will be united in matrimony on October 10, 2008. Their parents are Greg and Deb Canfield of Lowell, Ed Koehn and Saranac, and Dave and Verlee McCracken of Clearfield, Penn. The bride graduated from Lowell High School and finished

Yeiter

Jason and Meagan Yeiter, of Port Charlotte, Florida, are proud to announce the arrival of their little princess, Emma Grace. She was born August 21, 2008 weighing 8 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. and measuring 20 1/4 inches. Proud grandparents



Emma Grace Yeiter

are Gary and Connie Yeiter, Michelle Foust and Jeff Miller, all of Port Charlotte, Florida. Great-grandma, Shirley Carigan of Saranac, great-grandparents, Marge and Tom Cochrane of Stony Point, New York, great-grandpa, Harold Carigan of Lowell. Also welcoming Emma is Uncle Eric and Aunt Jill and cousins, Blake and Matthew Yeiter of Rotonda West, Florida.

Happy Birthday

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- SEPTEMBER 21:** Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Brisenio, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine.
- SEPTEMBER 22:** Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.
- SEPTEMBER 23:** Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.

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- John Updike (1932 -)

At Your Local Library



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Grooters, author of "The Floor is Not a Closet", will prepare writers of all ages to write their own spooky tale. Stories can be entered into the Ghost Story Contest sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. The best stories will be read during Lowell's Harvest Festival on Sat., Oct. 11.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Branch and the Lowell Area Arts Council.

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

College News

Ryan Sullivan of Ada has made the Dean's List at Kettering University for the spring 2008 semester. Sullivan is pursuing a BME.

The Dean's List at Kettering University is an honor earned by students, who in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.



In The Service

Navy Seaman Apprentice Corey M. Fitzpatrick, son of Mary E. and Mike J. Fitzpatrick of Lowell, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and

endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Fitzpatrick is a 2008 graduate of Lowell High School.

Civilian Reuben J. Troyer, son of Margaret F. Troyer of Lowell and David W. Troyer of Saranac, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program

at Navy Recruiting District, Detroit.

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 into the transition from civilian to military life.

Troyer will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Troyer is a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School.

HEALTH

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High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, occurs when the pressure in your arteries is higher than it should be. If you have high blood pressure, you are at increased risk for heart disease and stroke. You are also more at risk of kidney stones.

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- Drink less alcohol. Men should have no more than two alcoholic drinks per day and women should have no more than one alcoholic drink per day.
- Lose weight. Losing up to 10 pounds may lower your blood pressure.
- Exercise more. You should exercise 30 minutes per day and 4-5 times per week.
- Cut down on salt. You should have no more than 2.4 grams (about 1/2 teaspoon) of salt per day.
- Eat healthy foods. Eat 4 to 5 servings of fruit or vegetables every day.

LMS praises kitchen workers



This September Lowell Middle School is recognizing and appreciating their kitchen workers. These special ladies prepare and serve hundreds of meals every day. They get to know the students and alert staff when they are concerned. They attend performances, decorate for holidays, and always have a smile. An important part of the staff, pictured are front row, left to right: Sharon Wieland, Kathy Heuker, and Linda Milley; back row, left to right: Pat Condon, Laurie Wernet, and Jan Mol.



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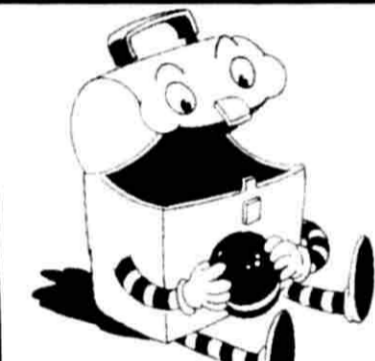
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Week of Sept. 22, 2008

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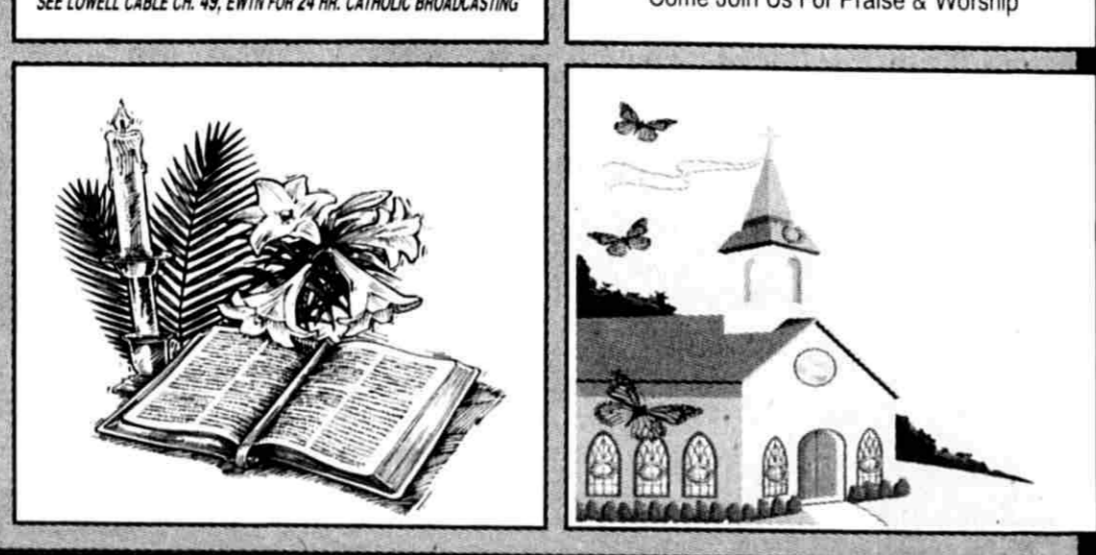
TUES: Chicken patty on bun (or bagel w/ yogurt & peanut butter for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), carrot sticks, fresh orange smiles, milk.

WED: Cheese pizza sticks w/dipping sauce (or turkey & cheese on bun for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Rotini & Italian meatsauce w/ dinner roll (stacked ham/cheese/bun for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, chilled pineapple, milk.

FRI: Chicken patty on bun (or baked potato/cheddar cheese w/soft pretzel for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), broccoli, peaches, milk.

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 www.lowellumc.com</p> <p>WORSHIP..... 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p>	 <p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery</p> <p>Robert W. Holmes, Lead Pastor John King, Youth Pastor</p> <p>SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. - Worship & Evening; LIFE Home Groups & "The Source" Youth WEDNESDAYS: Family Night; (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth; 7:00 p.m. Loving God ... Loving People!</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com</p> <p>Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 P.M.; SUN. 9:30 A.M. Weekday Masses: 7:45 A.M.</p> <p>Holy Day Masses: 9 A.M. & 7 P.M. - TUES. - FRI. Saturday confessions: 4 - 4:45 A.M.</p> <p>Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EMTV FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M. Rev. Terry Tessari.....Interim Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-freeNursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>
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seeking to buy pink rain coats, umbrellas and hats.

Local banks, too, decorated their lobbies and doors with pink ribbons.

"I love that they're getting kids involved in something other than sports," said Kim Wilcox of Huntington West.

At Fifth Third bank, the team wearing pink pride t-shirts lined up in front of the counter for a picture.

ships, Good Chevrolet and Harold Zeigler, pink balloons swayed in the wind and rain.

"We've always participated in everything this community does," said Jonathan Smith of Zeigler. "We've been a part of this small community for the last 32 years."

Rodger Garner of Good Chevrolet, who was a platinum sponsor of the pink

"They're big supporters of us too."

- Trudy Cahoon, Keiser's Kitchen

"Fifth Third is taking part in this great cause to help make a difference in the lives of cancer victims and their families," said Katie Raney.

The bank matched the proceeds raised through the Pink Arrow sales and donated the money to the project at the game.

Owner of Keiser's Kitchen, Trudy Cahoon, said the restaurant is a big supporter of the Lowell football team.

"They're big supporters of us too," she said.

The team eats breakfast at Keiser's every Thursday before practice.

At the local car dealer-

project, said the overwhelming response is another example of the great spirit of Lowell.

"We're proud to be platinum sponsors," he said.

All the proceeds will stay in the community to help families dealing with cancer and in the form of scholarships. One third of the proceeds will go to the Lowell Community Wellness Organization, the rest will be split between a scholarship in memory of Kathy Talus, an LHS teacher, who lost her battle with cancer, and a scholarship honoring Dr. Don Gerard for medical school hopefuls.



Clockwise from top: Kim Wilcox and Alice LaPeer in front of Huntington West; Jon Smith, Mike Sweetty, Todd Gravitter, Brian Gravitter, Rob Beckwith, Sue Ray, Ted Holloway, Chris Cisler, Sancho Valdez and Dan Knott at Harold Zeigler; Nancy DeBoer in front of Salon 206 and Trudy Cahoon, Deb Dintaman, Shelly Stone, Cindy Coulson, Sherri Stevens, Sally McIver and Doak Dean at Keiser's.



Lowell's Jeanne Shores helped to lead in the lap around the track prior to the game Friday night against Holland. Shores, like thousands of others, were in attendance to give support to the Pink Arrow Project. Prior to the lap around the track, fans lined the walk leading down to the Pink Arrow Stadium as the Lowell band, cheerleaders and football team paraded down to the field. Player's jerseys sported names of those who have survived their fight with cancer or whose life had been taken. The visiting Dutch wore pink socks in an effort to be part of the cause. The Pink Arrow Project is expected to raise \$75,000. It will all be donated back to the community to help with scholarships and the Community Wellness Center.

Featured Artist

Connor Bergin

by Emma Palova

Standing in front of his favorite painting "Wildflower", young artist Connor Bergin, 12, explains the technique he used in this

watercolor, pastel and pencil rendering.

"I scribbled around everything to give it depth," said Bergin.

He also points out the

purple lines on the leaves used for the same purpose of creating more depth in the simple picture.

The flower, modeled after a flower found in his backyard, looks soft and humble, unlike the colorful explosions of his Iris studies on yupo paper. Then of course, there is the bold "Fat Crow" created together with his teacher, the late David Davis for the annual Jeepers

Creepers Show. The black and orange painting focuses on the fat ugly bird, just waiting to crow.

Most of the technique he uses, Bergin had learned from Davis. Now, on his own, Bergin paints with other Davis' students at Studio 208. Early on, he was moved from beginners' classes to work with adults because of the maturity of his work.

"We all paint together," said Bergin.

Kathleen Mooney, director of Riverwalk Gallery, said the exhibition showcases the wide variety of techniques and subject matter that David encouraged his students to use.

"We are particularly happy to feature Connor's artwork because of the important tie with the Lowell Area Arts Council's show

honoring David Davis," said Mooney.

Bergin's and Davis' work is now on display at the Riverwalk Gallery inside the chamber offices. His lizard "Gecko" was inspired by a picture from a book.

A reception will be held on Sept. 21 from noon to 2 p.m.



Connor Bergin's newest piece "Wildflower."

The "Fat Crow" was created by late David Davis and Connor Bergin for Jeepers Creepers.

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\$500,000 over the next few years," Dean explained.

The proceeds from this year's event will be divided three ways. A third will go toward endowing the Kathy Talus Scholarship. Talus, a former educator and coach in the Lowell School District, lost her battle with breast cancer four years ago.

A new scholarship will be created to honor Dr. Donald Gerard's (MD) ongoing commitment to Lowell Athletics. The scholarship will be given annually to a Lowell graduate who is entering medical school.

The remaining proceeds from the project will be administered by the Lowell Community Wellness Center so it can help the community through education, support programs and to establish awareness. It will also work with the Lacks Cancer Center to develop service programs to help assist individuals and families dealing with issues that surround them when a loved one is battling cancer.

"It was about two-and-a-half weeks ago I realized that this project had grown beyond my imagination," Dean explained. "The idea came to mind last February when I was watching a Green Bay Packer football game. Brett Favre's wife talked about her battle with breast cancer. I thought it would make a good community service project for the football program. Next thing you know..."

Dean credits the success

of the project to contacting the right moms and all local partners and individuals who came forward and helped. "They hit it out of the park," Dean said.

The players wore the names of cancer survivors and of those whose lives were taken by the disease on the backs of their jerseys.

Mark Destine, whose jersey was purchased in an auction by Lowell businessman John "Bucky" Curtis, wore the name of cancer

survivor and family friend Joy Sargeant. Destine spoke with admiration of her courageousness and strength.

Earlier in the week Rebecca "Becca" Ward spoke to the team about her father's

battle with cancer and the strength he showed throughout the fight. She told them if they felt tired and sore in the third quarter of tonight's game to suck it up. She added, the players needed to be

as relentless out on the field as her father was in his battle against cancer.

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Rails to trails group nears purchase, but needs to extend rail banking

by Emma Palova
Getting really close, that is only \$245,000 short of purchasing the \$2.3 million railroad corridor from Mid-Michigan Railroad, at a time of soaring steel prices is turning a dream into reality.

Although slightly short of funds, the regional citizens rails to trails group is inching toward the purchase of the railroad corridors from Lowell to Ionia, and from Lowell to Greenville powered by the renewed interest from the railroad.

"We're really really close," said group president Carolyn Kane.
One of the few remaining issues at hand is the extension of rail banking, which is another term for its perpetual preservation.
That is soon to expire on Oct. 1 on the portion of Lowell to Ionia corridor. The group, with grants from the Meijer and Frey foundations, DNR and possibly from Lowell Community Foundation, has now enough money to purchase the Lowell to Ionia corridor. Any leftover monies would flow over to the purchase of the Lowell to Greenville corridor.

"The railroad wants to rip out the steel while the prices are high," said Kane.
Actually, the steel on the railroad corridor may have as much value as the property itself. If approved, the rail banking extension would be for another 180 days, while the group needs to accumulate \$2.3 million for the purchase.
Even though, the DNR may take over six miles east of the Lowell-Ionia corridor easing the purchase burden, the group still needs to have a purchase agreement approved by the railroad. Then it may purchase with an option to buy the Lowell-Greenville corridor. Another appraisal of the corridor may be necessary for DNR purposes.
In the meantime, the rails-to-trails group will gather information and maps about the railroad corridors to do research for future staking out of corners.
"We can start to do research," said Dave Austin of Williams and Works.
Any research for future staking is considered an investment into the conversion project by the group.
"It's an investment," said Vergennes Township representative Mari Stone.
Some monies for the project may come from the Lowell Community Foundation pending Oct. 13 decision.

DNR small game hunting forecast for fall 2008

Most fall hunting seasons are right around the corner and Department of Natural Resources biologists say hunters will find plenty of opportunity this year with populations of most small game species stable in Michigan's woods and wetlands.
For the 2008 hunting seasons, small-game hunters will find plenty of rabbits and squirrels available. Ruffed grouse populations are in ascension as part of their normal cycle, woodcock populations are stable, but pheasant populations are on a decline. Turkey hunting should be excellent this fall. The prospects for ducks are similar to last year, but resident Canada goose populations are up slightly.

All in all, the stage is set for a very good hunting season. Please make it a safe one.
Rabbits
Season: Cottontail rabbits and varying or snowshoe hare can be hunted from Sept. 15 - March 31, statewide. Hunters may take a limit of five per day and 10 in combined possession.
Outlook: Cottontail populations are good throughout their range and they remain among the most popular small game animals in Michigan. Last year hunters harvested about 366,000 cottontails.
Snowshoe hare populations, however, are down somewhat due to the cyclical nature of their populations and somewhat declining habitat in parts of their range. Last year hunters harvested 43,000 hares.

Squirrels
Season: Sept. 15 - March 1. Hunters can bag up to five per day and have 10 in combined possession.
Outlook: Both fox and gray squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range. Look for good populations in areas that had a good mast crop last year or in woodlots

adjointing corn fields. Last year hunters took 514,000 squirrels.
Ruffed Grouse
Season: Sept. 15 - Nov. 14. After the firearm deer season ends, the grouse season reopens from Dec. 1 - Jan. 1. The bag limit for grouse is five per day/10 in possession in Zones 1 and 2, and three per day/six in possession in Zone 3.
Outlook: The outlook for the upcoming season is good; last year hunters took 312,000 ruffed grouse and, as populations usually cycle over a 10-year period, populations are on an upswing. The next peak is predicted to occur around 2010 or 2011. Hunters should note that increased or decreased abundance of animals at a regional scale does not ensure the same trend locally as good habitat is the most important variable for grouse numbers. Grouse are most numerous in young forests, in young to moderate-aged aspen stands, and around tag alder thickets. Areas with good fall berry crops often produce well. Grouse are most abundant in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula. The best counties in the Upper Peninsula are in the central U.P., though there are ample opportunities on both the east and west sides as well. There is good hunting across the northern Lower Peninsula with good numbers of grouse to be found in the northernmost counties of western Michigan on the west side of the state. In southeast Michigan, some areas of the Thumb have good habitat, often associated with game management areas. Grouse and woodcock hunters are asked to assist the DNR in monitoring grouse and woodcock populations by providing information about their hunts. The cooperatorm form can be found on the



Although last winter was pretty hard on the state's pheasant population, grassland nesting situations this spring were ideal, so there is cause for optimism. As always, private lands hold more birds than public lands so hunters who get out, knock on doors and get permission to hunt on private lands will have the best chance for finding birds.

good numbers of grouse and woodcock can be found in all parts of Michigan, the highest densities are located in the northern two-thirds of the state. The west end of the Upper Peninsula should have good numbers of birds during the early season. The best spots may be in thicker, younger cover along streams and the edges of swampland. During mid-October, migrating woodcock may be found in Alpena,

up significantly, especially after last winter's tough conditions. However, grassland nesting situations were ideal, so there is cause for optimism. As always, private lands hold more birds than public lands so hunters who get out, knock on doors and get permission to hunt on private lands will have the best chance for finding birds. Significant habitat improvements have been made on many private lands in recent years thanks to cooperative work with conservation partners. The best counties include Shiawassee, Livingston, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Huron, Ionia and Montcalm. Look for fields of warm-season grasses, especially farm fields that have been idled for a few years. Late season hunters should concentrate their efforts in cattail and shrub wetlands near picked agricultural fields.
Quail
Season: Oct. 20 - Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted only in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. All other counties are closed to quail hunting. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession.
Outlook: Although patchy in distribution and abundance, quail can be found throughout southern

Michigan. Hunters killed an estimated 1,700 quail last year.
Wild Turkey
Season: Oct. 6 - Nov. 14 in 12 management units including most of southern Michigan, five counties in the northern Lower Peninsula and the entire turkey management area of the Upper Peninsula. The bag limit is one bird (either sex). A total of 59,050 licenses were available through a lottery, but leftover licenses will be available over the counter beginning Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. for individuals who did not apply for a fall turkey license.
Outlook: Turkey numbers should be excellent in all areas open for fall hunting. Turkey populations are at or near historic highs and good spring nesting conditions should have produced a good crop of young birds. Last fall hunters killed 5,300 wild turkeys in Michigan.

Ducks
Season: The season for ducks and mergansers (excluding scaup) is Oct. 4 - Dec. 2 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula); Oct. 4 - Nov. 30 and Dec. 6-7 in the Middle Zone (northern Lower Peninsula); and Oct. 11 - Dec. 7 and Jan. 3-4 in the South Zone (southern Lower Peninsula). New this season is a variable limit on scaup (bluebills); hunters may take one per day for 40 days of the 60-day season

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BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

EAST LANSING

About 60 years ago IKE was a historic general coming home to a grateful nation. This weekend, IKE was an infamous storm that caused havoc in places like South Bend and Spartan Stadium. In all, just in those two games, there were a total of 16 fumbles, seven of them lost. No complaints from me though. A certain land grant team, that probably liked IKE in 1952, prevailed in spite of IKE in 2008. For

a moment let us pray for those whose lives have come unraveled because of the Texas hurricane.

Now let me go back in time 24 hours to Friday Night's Red (Pink) Arrow Stadium and congratulate Coach Dean, Coach Katt and staff, the Athletic Department, Pep Talk and all the community leadership behind the Breast Cancer Awareness project including the vendor that sold the Pink T-Shirts to Pep Talk (Steve Kerr's employer) and all the generous individuals and businesses throughout the district that really delivered. Then The Pink Arrows proceeded to defeat their opponent, 42 - 0. Well done Noel and friends.

Going forward, in week two, I wrote about a fan commenting to me in the stands as MSU was coming back. He said to me, "Relax Mac it's only a game." Then this Friday over breakfast, a client commented that football is only a game. After restraining from saying a few not so choice words, I helped him come to grips with life. To make my case stronger, just look at Friday night in Red Arrow Stadium. Correct me if I'm wrong, I believe about \$70,000 was raised for Breast Cancer research and scholarships, as a result of a winning football program that works well with an appreciative and supportive community. So folks, whether the sport is cheerleading, basketball, equestrian, wrestling or whatever, it's more than just a game; and winning a football game helps brings the best out of a community. Keep thinking big Lowell! Maybe Lowell is more than "The other place." Maybe Lowell is "The Right Place" to live, learn, work and worship. Lowell sure is "The Right Place" to play football and to prepare athletes for Big Ten Football.

In fact let's take a moment in this 4th week to recognize the two former Red Arrows that are now on Coach Dantonio's roster at MSU. Many of you have asked over recent weeks about how they are doing.

Keith Nichol, Lowell class of 2007, is being red shirted this year and is not eligible to play in 2008 because of his transfer this June from Division 1 Oklahoma. I have seen Keith in scrimmages. As you all know he has talent. Right now he is providing the 1st team defense with an excellent

scout quarterback. This is definitely a great advantage for MSU defense. Normally a nationally recruited quarterback is practicing with the 1's and 2's offense. In Keith's case, while he sits out this year, he is definitely helping his team even though not game time yet. Look for Keith to compete in Spring ball.

Jeff McPherson, class of 2004, is enjoying his 5th season as a Spartan. Jeff is a very hard worker and a very intelligent football player. He continues to earn respect as a blocking fullback. For those of you that picked up a MSU game time program at Spartan Stadium this weekend, there was a full page feature story about Jeff "Traps" McPherson, #35, titled "Whatever It Takes."

We all know Saturday's result for the Spartans and the Wolverines. In other Big Ten games, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern, Penn State and Wisconsin all took another step towards a bowl appearance.

Coming this week, Michigan will have the weekend off to get ready for Wisconsin's visit on September 27. State will host Notre Dame on ABC at 3:30 EDT and Indiana will host Ball State on BTN at 7 PM EDT.

Regarding predictions, I will continue to refrain from predictions. The players will decide the outcome on the field on Saturday. Oh yeah it's fun to predict. Not from me...here. I will say that, all this coming week, I am wearing a medallion that our son gave me that says: "Team Statement! Six in a row at ND". No prediction. Just karma. Cheers for a great week in life and football to you all and pray for the IKE victims.

Quote of the week: On 9/11/08 when asked what makes Big Ten football special Coach said, "The Big Ten universities are located in a large population of hard working people. For example Jim Johnson of Lowell played for me. He was a dairy farm boy. Dairy farmers get up early every morning, as early as 4 a.m., and they can't miss a day. They get up early every day and work hard everyday. I loved recruiting dairy farmers. They make every day tuff football players." George Perles former head coach, Michigan State University and Rose Bowl Champion.

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Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup commented that is has been a great start to the school year. Mr. Bearup summarized the myriad of professional development opportunities that Lowell staff participated in at the beginning of the year and noted that feedback from staff has been very positive. Mr. Bearup referred to work being done with regard to common grading scales. Mr. Bearup informed the Board that upper elementary grade level meetings will be held to examine the weight that assignments, tests, etc. carry as it pertains to student grades.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt expressed appreciation to administrators, staff members, parents and students for a positive start to the school year. Superintendent Pratt extended gratitude to construction crews, staff and community members for the hard work and patience that was necessary during the summer construction projects. Superintendent Pratt reminded the Board and community of the middle school open house on September 9, 2008, 6:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend. Superintendent Pratt spoke to the Pink Arrow Service Learning Project and commented on how moving this initiative has been for the entire Lowell school community. Superintendent Pratt noted that he is extremely proud of the student athletes and everyone who has worked to make this meaningful event a success.

Board Communications

The Lowell Board of Education expressed their full support of the Pink Arrow Student Service Learning Project and encouraged everyone to attend the special activities and football game on September 12, 2008.

Regular Meeting of September 8, 2008 Reports

Parker Liu, Student Representative, provided an update on student council activities.
Mr. Mikulski presented a construction report summarizing the new construction and renovation projects completed in the summer of 2008.

Action Items

Adoption of Pink Arrow Student Service Learning Project Resolution

Consent Items Approved

Minutes for the August 9, 2008 Board Retreat; August 11, 2008 Regular Meeting; August 25 Special Meeting, and August 25, 2008 Work Session Meeting.
The following payment of bills for August, 2008:

1. GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,249,238.07
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$765.00
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$6,191.06
3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$22,173.61
4. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$3,400.00
5. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$1,072,822.73
6. 2005 DEBT FUND.....	\$225.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$2,354,815.47

The following Personnel/New Hires:

Lisa Kreiser, Kindergarten Teacher, Bushnell Elementary
Debra Taylor, Young 5's Teacher, Bushnell Elementary
Andrea Railsback, 4th Grade Teacher, Alto Elementary
Jill Connor, 4th Grade Teacher, Cherry Creek Elementary

Cherry Creek Overnight Trip to Camp Ebersole in Wayland, Michigan from September 18, 2008 to September 19, 2008.

Budget Update

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of August. Mr. Zielinski stated that he expects the district to receive the first state aide payment in mid October.

Regular Meeting of August 11, 2008 Reports

Mr. Nugent presented an update on the Lowell Education Foundation.
Mr. Dean reported on the Lowell Pink Arrow Project, a service learning initiative at the high school.

Action Items

MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) Certification of Delegates: Mark Lessens, Dan Brubaker, Jim Turner.

Consent Items Approved

Minutes for the July 14, 2008 Organizational Meeting, and July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting.
The following payment of bills for July, 2008:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,209,461.75
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
Food Service Fund.....	\$18,609.92

Athletic Fund.....	\$11,102.91
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$22,687.26
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$21,050.00
2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$1,422,456.45
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$2,705,368.29

The following Personnel/New Hires:
Meggan Johnson, Director of Outdoor Education Programs
Nicholas Bond, Special Education Teacher, High School

Budget Update

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of July. Mr. Zielinski stated that a new staff orientation is scheduled for August 25. Mr. Zielinski informed the Board that auditors are working to complete the district's audit this week.

Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup indicated that academic vocabulary for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade for all core subject areas, as well as for art, music, and physical education has been placed on the district's website. This initiative will inform parents of vocabulary that is necessary in order for students to understand the concepts and content that is being taught in the classroom. Academic vocabulary is yet another method used to increase academic achievement for all students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt provided a status report on construction projects across the district. Superintendent Pratt stated that a district committee of parents and school district representatives is being formed to examine options for transportation in light of increased fuel costs.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All Board of Education meetings are held in the Board Room at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI

Board Work Session

September 22, 2008 • 6:00 p.m.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell rides Pink Cadillac to victory

Win caps off successful cancer education and awareness project

"I always tell our quarter back, Kyle Nichol that we don't drive it. We go riding in the Pink Cadillac."

By Thad Kraus

Lowell Senior Jerry Adams exhaled really hard as his 66th consecutive extra point dropped ever so softly across the uprights.

The significance was much more than just a point. The point-after touchdown enabled him to continue his pursuit of the Michigan High School Athletic Association state record of 67 consecutive extra points.

Adams booted his way into the record books late in the second quarter, when his successful kick gave Lowell a 35-0 advantage and set his consecutive streak at 69.

"I blew really hard to get that one over," Adams joked afterwards. A streak like this doesn't come without a few assists. "The line and holder have done a great job for me during this streak," Adams explained.

Lowell's third win of the year, a 49-0 shutout against Holland Friday night, had all the excitement and pageantry of a playoff game, however, it had nothing to do with the game itself. Instead, it had everything to do with the color pink. The pink t-shirts in the stands and the pink jerseys worn by the players. It served as

a symbolic reminder of how cancer had touched so many families in the Lowell community.

The Pink Arrows' smooth, powerful performance was reminiscent of a ride in a luxury automobile... on this night a Pink Cadillac.

The ride had no bumps as Lowell overpowered the visiting Dutch.

"Lowell is just more physical than we are. We're still growing. Lowell obviously presents many challenges. We're not at their level yet," said Holland coach Shawn McManus whose team wore pink socks in support of the cause. "It was a great cause tonight and we were proud to be able to support it."

Lowell scored touchdowns on its first seven possessions of the first half. The first time it touched the ball, the Pink Arrows drove the ball 70 yards in four plays with Nichol scampering 54

yards around the left side for the touchdown.

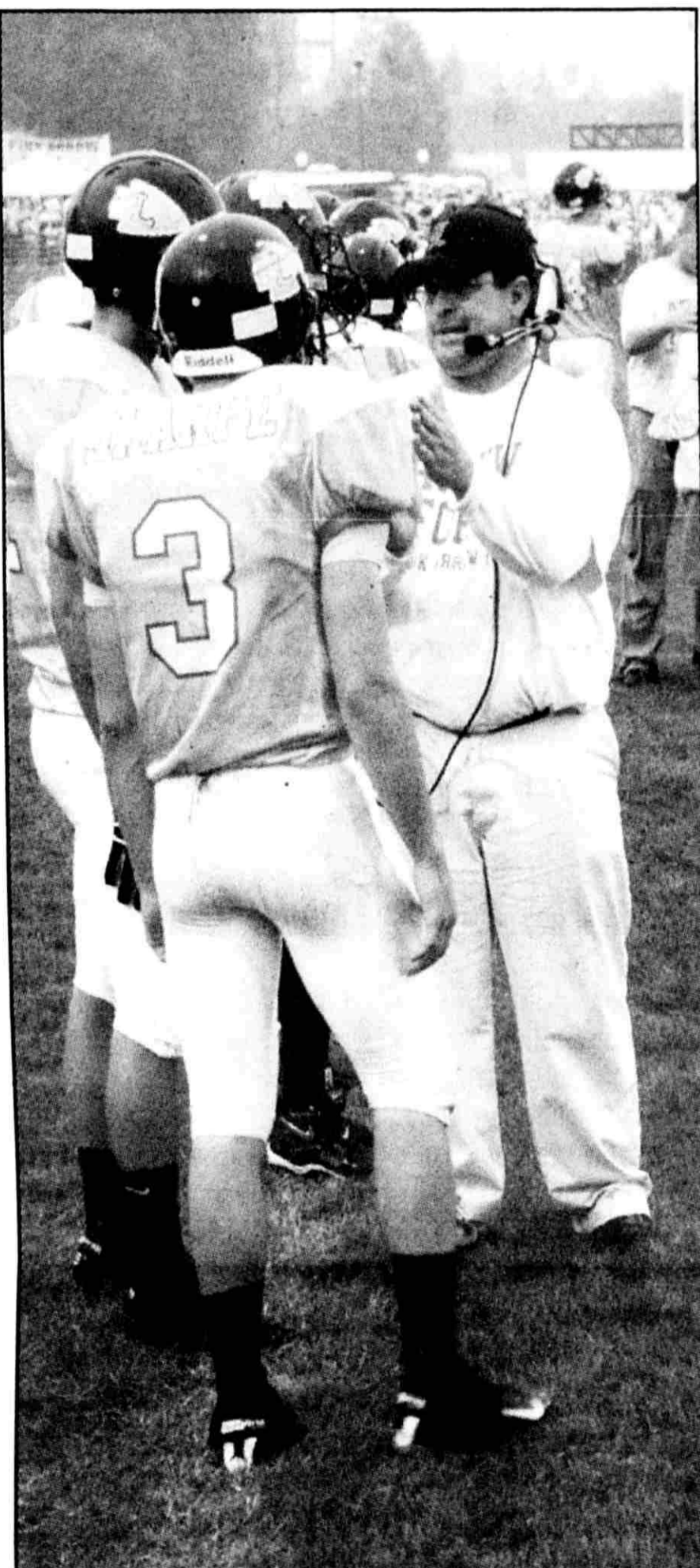
"This was the most complete game the boys have played this year. They played great and were relentless," Dean said.

The relentless part came from a stirring speech delivered by Rebecca Ward earlier in the week. She told the team that when it felt tired and sore in the third quarter to "suck it up" and be relentless like the cancer that took her father's life.

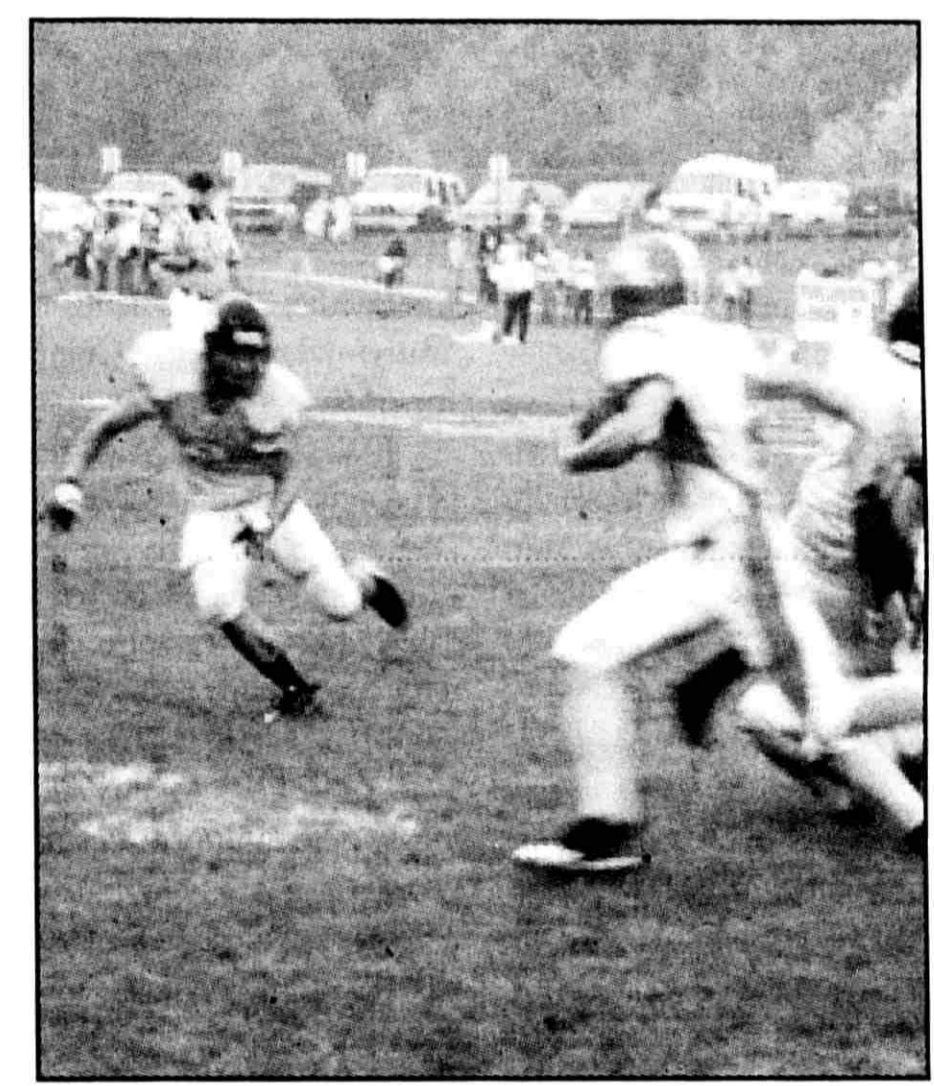
That approach enabled Lowell to follow up the initial score with four other first half touchdowns. Nichol connected with Keegan Hanrahan on a 47-yard scoring strike and followed that up with a 43-yard touchdown pass to Torsten Boss. The final two scores of the opening half came on 59- and 8-yard passes to Boss.

The Pink Arrows only scored of the second half came in the third quarter when Austin Graham capped a 69-yard drive with a two-yard scoring burst.

Graham led all Lowell rushers with a 146 yards on 18 attempts. Nichol was 8-of-13 for 189 yards through the air. Boss was on the receiving end of seven of those completions for 171 yards and three touchdowns.



Coach Dean talks offensive strategy with quarterback Kyle Nichol.



Lowell's cornerback prepares to attack Holland's tailback for a first down.

Pink Arrow Force videos will be available

Keepsake DVDs produced by Lowell High School video production students can be ordered from the high school.

The video will include pregame festivities, a look into the locker rooms as the players prepare for the game and the football game itself.

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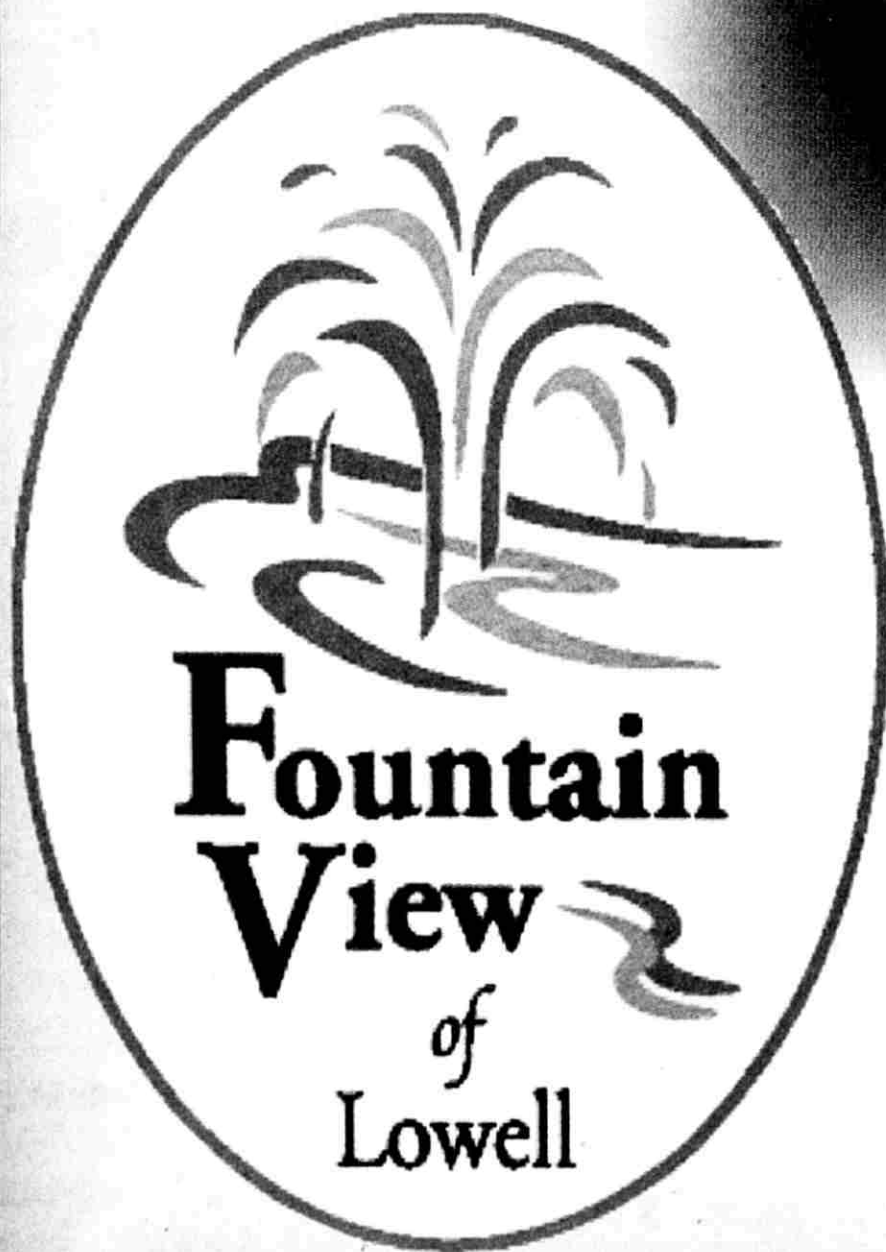
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