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## Lowell's Harvest Festival celebrates autumn bounty

by Emma Palova

Build a scarecrow, taste some chili and fresh-baked pies or get scared listening to ghost stories at this year's annual Harvest Celebration set for Oct. 11. Activities will take place both in historical downtown Lowell and at the fairgrounds.

The event kicks off with the 4th annual Family Fun Harvest Hustle 5k Run/Walk organized by the Lowell

Community Wellness. The Foreman Building will host the Harvest Arts & Craft Show and the Flat River Antique Show. More than 70 booths will be on display open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Horse-drawn wagon rides will be provided by Common Gentry Carriage Company for \$5.

"Take the kids for a ride," said chamber director Liz Baker. "Join us at the

Lowell Area Farmers' Market for the Scarecrow Building Hoedown at the fairgrounds."

The chamber supplies all the materials needed to build a scarecrow. The scarecrows will be displayed in downtown Lowell through Oct. 30.

Entertainment will be provided by the Lowell Schools Fiddle Club and Easy Idle Band.

The Lowell Light and Power will hold an open house at 127 Broadway from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will sell fresh homemade pies in the Victorian Garden. Enjoy a special display of antique holiday decorations. The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Kent County Youth Fair will hold a Great Mini Pumpkin Chuckin' Contest where you can build a catapult or trebuchet to see how far your pumpkin can go.

The Lowell Area Arts Council will read ghost stories at the Reath Barn from 2 to 5 p.m.

As always a definite highlight is the Larkin's Chili Madness Cook-Off with funds to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries. Cooking begins at 11 a.m. with tasting at 3 p.m.

Participating Lowell merchants will be offering harvest sales and open house.

## Historical museum exhibit showcases Lowell's retailing past



by Emma Palova

From 'Cobblers to Tin-Knockers' exhibit at the Lowell Area Historical Museum showcases Lowell's retailing past.

An entire retailing block known as the Lyon Block, named after builder Morgan Lyon of four stores, has been recreated for the exhibit. The storefronts used to house Drugs, Dry Goods, Grocery and a Bank.

The current exhibit provides sort of a window, if you will, into the past complete with memories of

those who used to shop in these fine establishments.

The featured retailing period spans close to a hundred years from late 1800s to 1970s. At that era, merchants knew their customers, and shared one big motto: "If we haven't got it, we'll get it for you."

And although supplies may have been limited, the merchants desire to meet the needs of clientele had no bounds, according to historical accounts.

"It's like you walk into a slice of each store," said director Pat Allchin.

The stores were recreated based on old ads and pictures. They include Gees Hardware (today's Cousins), Hartman's Drug Store, Hill's Shoe Store, Coons' and Hazel's. Most of the artifacts are originals that would have been found for example at the upscale A.L. Coons Menswear or Hazel's Hat Shop.

"Lowell has always had nice stores," said Allchin.

And although the face of retail in downtown has long changed from upscale fashion and shoe stores to art stores and galleries, memories linger on.

Coon's men's clothing exhibit.

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## Cherry Creek students head for the great outdoors

At a time when presidential candidates are debating education plans, more than 90 fifth grade students at Lowell's Cherry Creek Elementary took the lessons outdoors.

Discovering water bugs and seedpods at the edge of the bog, then investigating them under a microscope. Working together using boards to move the entire team across the imaginary alligator-filled river from rock to rock without getting 'wet.' Creating art from sticks, leaves, feathers and other items found in the forest. These are just a few of the lessons and adventures students learned during the Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Program held September 18-19 at Ebersole Nature Center.

A couple of the students

from Rob Stevens' class shared their experiences at lunch.

What was the best part? "Canoeing and archery," said Christian.

What was the ickiest part? "Scooping the muck out of the water by the pond," said Morgan. "It would be cool to have a place like this next to our school."

"It's a great way to connect with students and ignite their interest in learning, which sets the stage for a productive school year," said Cindy Young, one of the teachers who pioneered the program 19 years ago.

"Learning in nature helps students see the world as bigger than themselves and their daily lives. Each lesson has elements that

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Students sift through water and mud to find what lives in the edge of the bog in Water Ecology.

# Obituaries

**BAILEY**  
Glenn A. Bailey, age 96 of Lowell formerly of Muskegon, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva (Dean) and daughter, Margaret Forster. He is survived by his son, Dean and Janet Bailey of Lowell; son-in-law, Steven Forster of AZ; grandchildren, Glenn (Catherine Cookson) Bailey of Salt Lake City, UT, Tod Bailey of Rockford, and Jill Bailey (Erich Nus) of Bow, WA; seven great-grandchildren, Kirby, Lindsay, Scott, Tommy, Callan, Samuel and Noah. Mr. Bailey was a member of Central United Methodist



**FRIEDLI**  
Eileen L. Friedli, born March 21, 1922 in Detroit, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2008 at Spectrum Health - Butterworth. Private graveside services were held by the family.

**FRY**  
Karl Fry, formerly of Lowell, passed away September 22 at the age of 80. He is survived by his

wife, Winnie; his children, John and Mari-Ellen Fry of Arkansas, Rick and Linda Rexford of Lowell. He is also survived by two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**GIBERSON**  
Abigail Giberson, age 81, of Lowell passed away Sunday, September 28, 2008. She is survived by Floyd (Mike) Sievers best friend of 20 years; sister Rosemary Williams of Dayton, Ohio; son, Mark (Pauline) Giberson of Mesick; daughter, Sally (Arvin) Hubert of Lowell; daughter-in-law, Roxanne (Robert) DeBore of Wyoming; grandchildren, Brett (Jenny) Giberson of Byron Center, Bridgett (Matt) Meekhof of Byron Center, Adam Hubert; great-grandchildren,

Isaac and Ashley Meekhof, Sierra Taylor, Zachary and Leanna Clark, Blake Hubert. Preceded in death by son-in-law Lonnie D. Gray (1987). Grand Rapids, MI 49503. A Tribute from the family: In Memory of Abigail (Skeet) E. Hardy - Giberson  
Today our mom, our grandma and best friend donated her body to Michigan State University for medical research. We want to remember the life and vitality that was hers. We want to remember how she enjoyed life, accepted change and looked forward to new experiences with enthusiasm and courage. Born and raised in Lima, Ohio. She attended Wittenberg University. She was an amazing woman, with strength, devotion and patience. She was a survivor, (born weighing only two pounds her life started with a huge challenge, she survived breast cancer twice) was diagnosed with chronic obstructive lung disorder (COPD), and was a Hospice graduate which she endured all with dignity and courage. Her thoughtfulness and caring had no limits, she never complained and she always put everyone else first. She was a hard worker. Always took care of the things that others didn't get done. She loved to bake family favorites and will always be remembered for her fantastic extra thin holiday sugar cookies and congo cake. Contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 25 Sheldon Blvd. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

## Two state proposals on Nov. 4 general election

The last date to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election is Oct. 6. The upcoming ballot, on top of presidential, congressional and other candidates, includes two state proposals in Michigan.

One is a legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions. If approved, the law would permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions. It would also permit registered

individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

The Department of Community Health would be required to establish an identification card system for qualified patients and individual qualified to grow marijuana.

The law would permit registered and unregistered patients and primary care givers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

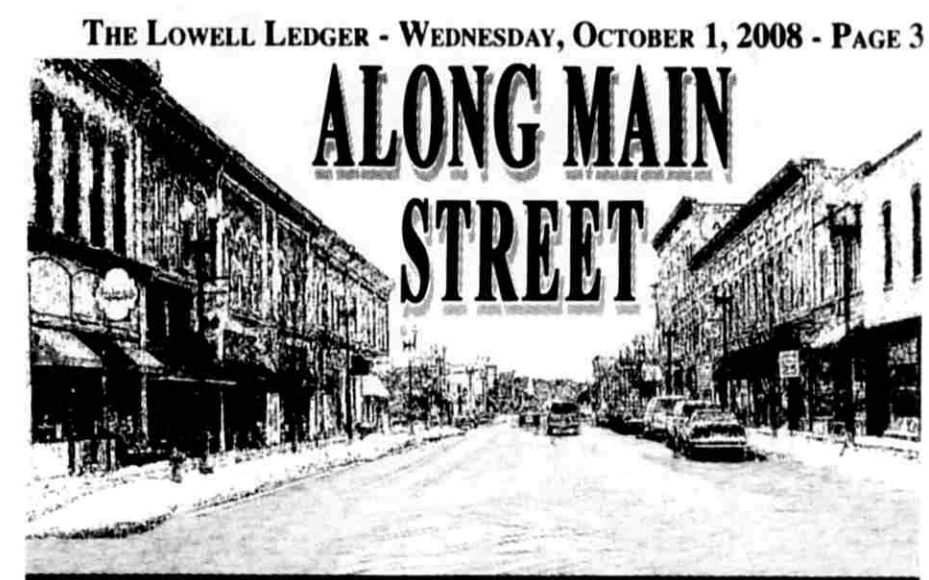
Proposal two would amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan. The proposed constitutional amendment would expand the use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits.

The embryos are created for fertility treatment purposes, are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs, would be discarded unless used for research. They

were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

But stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins. The proposal would prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research, prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

For more information go to www.accesskent.com.



**FESTIVAL TELEVISED**  
The 40th Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival will be shown on channel 20 on Wed., Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 2, 6 p.m., Fri., Oct. 3, 5 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St. are Fri., Oct. 3 and 10, 4-6 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 4 and 11, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. For info call IlaJean 897-6609 or visit www.angelfoodministries.org.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**  
The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

**FREE FLU SHOTS**  
Kent County residents age 60-64 are eligible for free flu shots. Thurs., Oct. 9 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Schneider Manor Community Room. Call Marcia at 897-5949, with any questions.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Oct. 10, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Oct. 11, 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.

**HARVEST HUSTLE 5K RUN/WALK**  
The Lowell Community Wellness Family Fun 5K Run/Walk will be Sat., Oct. 11. Registration begins at 8 a.m., race at 9 a.m., beginning at the Lowell Police Station, \$10/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family. Call Patty Sellner at 616-340-7781 for more information.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
The ladies of the museum will be baking some mouthwatering pies for a special fundraiser on Oct. 11 from 1-4 p.m. Stop by to enjoy a piece of pie (\$2.50) or cup of cider (\$1). For more information contact Linda Barnes, 897-7688.

**PSAT**  
The PSAT's will be held Oct. 15 for sophomore or juniors who are planning to attend college. Cost is \$15, made payable to Lowell Area Schools, and students should register in the Student Service Center.

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL**  
Nov. 14, 15 & 16 visit Lowell for a unique shopping experience. Visit www.discoverlowell.org for more info.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES**  
The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of fruit, soup, crackers, corn, green beans and paper products. Please help if you are able.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, **KIMBERLY ANN DAVIS**, 3695 Heron Hollow, Lowell, Michigan, died 9/9/08.

Estate of **KIMBERLY ANN DAVIS**, deceased. Date of birth 12/12/1950.

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
Target National Bank, Countrywide Home

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **SARA**

September 26, 2008

**PONCHAUD**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

**Sara Ponchaud**  
102 Riverport Drive  
Lowell, MI 49331  
616-897-2062

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate  
File No. 08-185,731-DE

Estate of **WILLIAM FREDERICK WIERENGA, JR.** Date of birth Aug. 18, 1926

**TO ALL CREDITORS**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent **WILLIAM FREDERICK WIERENGA JR.**, who lived at 11220 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan, died August 31, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **WILLIAM JAY WIERENGA** named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 23, 2008

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Suite 14  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
616-942-0020

**William Jay Wierenga**  
370 Riverplace  
Lowell, MI 49331

## Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Gardner would like to thank all of her many friends and family for all the kind deeds that were shown to her during her illness.

A special thanks goes out to The Laurels of Kent for all the good care she had for the short time she was there. Also a special thank you to her good neighbors at Schneider Manor for all the help that was given to her. The ladies of the Lowell Methodist Church for the lovely luncheon, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for all the help given to us and Rev. Rick Blunt for his wonderful sermon.

A special thanks for all the floral tributes, phone calls and cards. It truly meant a lot to us. She will be missed by all.

With heartfelt thanks,  
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Residents will vote for president, state house and local seats

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that Monday, Oct. 6 is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 4 general election.

"Michigan residents have an opportunity to be heard in this presidential election," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "If you are not yet registered to vote, I encourage you to sign up now. Your vote is your voice, and in this election, you have the opportunity to be heard at every level of government."

Ballots will include the presidential race, state House contests, local races and statewide and local proposals.

To register, people must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. They must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver

the application to their local clerk, are age 60 or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents also will be able to find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They can also find a map to their local polling place.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons

appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered Michigan voters who have moved within 60 days of the election may still vote at their previous address if they did not register to vote at their new address by the close of registration for this election. This also applies to voters whose homes have been foreclosed upon. Voters in default on their mortgages but living in their homes may still vote without restriction.

Clerks are required to provide accessible polling

places for all voters, including voters with disabilities. In addition, the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal will be available at all polling locations to assist voters with disabilities in marking their ballots.

Residents are again reminded of the voter identification requirement on Election Day. They will be asked to present photo identification at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of

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**LUNCH MENU**

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
Week of  
Oct. 6, 2008

**MON:** Hotdog on bun (bagel w/yogurt & peanut butter also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, orange, milk.

**TUES:** Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm apple slices, milk.

**WED:** Waffles with syrup or cereal & graham crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit/applesauce, milk.

**THURS:** Cheeseburger on bun (Burrito also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven potatoes, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**FRI:** Grilled cheese sandwich (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup/crackers, pears, milk.

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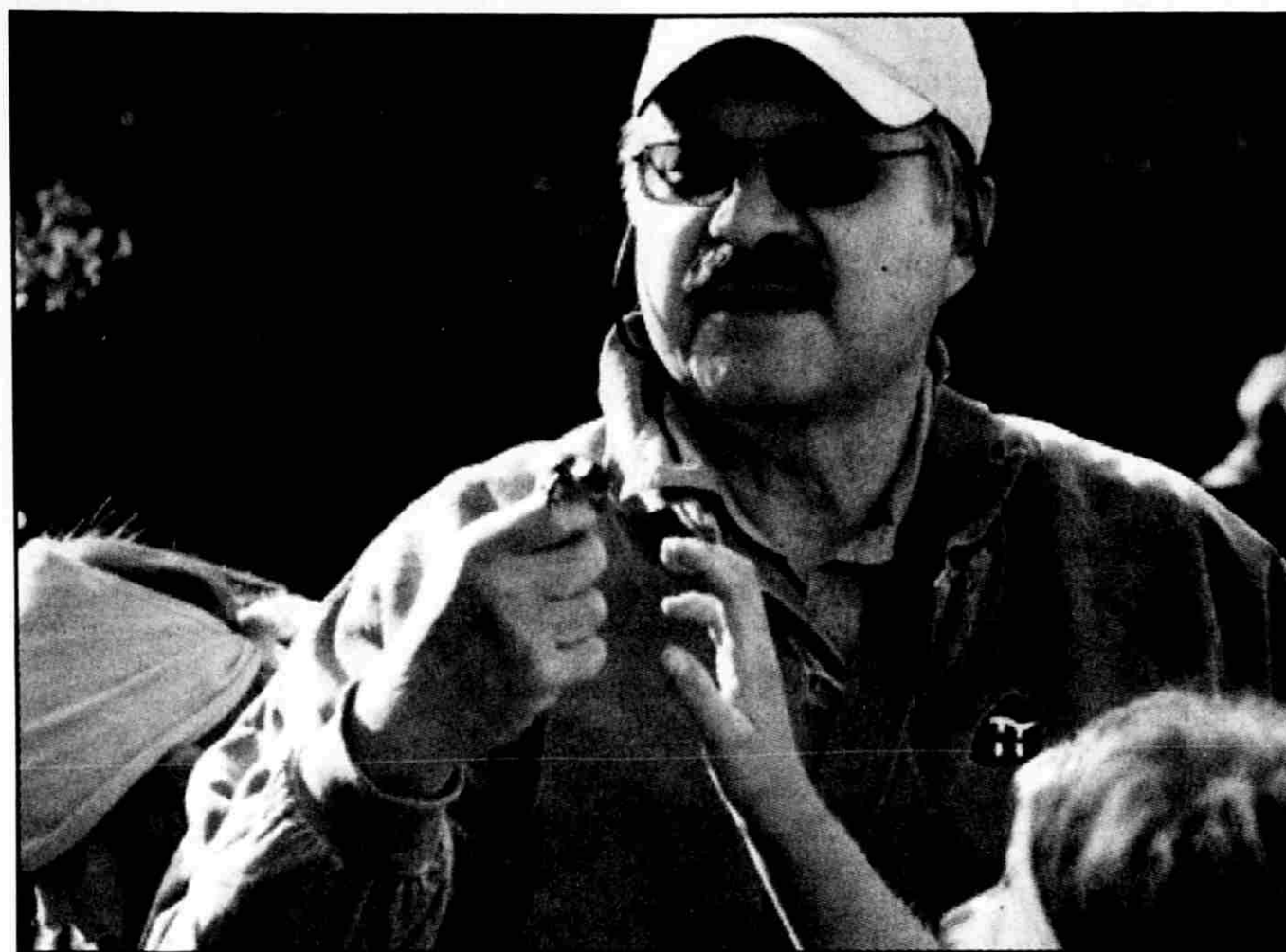
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

## Cherry Creek, continued ... From Page 1

challenge the students to solve problems creatively, work with partners or teams and celebrate everyone's successes," Young said. More than 20 volunteer teachers, retired teachers and parents are needed to run the program each year.

The Ebersole Center staff supports the program with food service, naturalists, certified water safety personnel and 24-hour medical staff.

"The effort and dedication of this group, to put on such a wonderful learning and growing experience, year after year are truly impressive. I am proud to have been part of this event," added Shelli Otten, Cherry Creek's principal.



Retired teacher Bob Garcia shows students how frogs hear from small ovals on the sides of their heads in Water Ecology.



The students learn to use a compass.



Three students work together to paddle their canoe to the far side of the lake and back.

## At Your Local Library



### INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE SCIENCE

Children ages six and older and their parents are invited to the Kent District Library to try their hands

at some yummy science experiments. It's food, science and fun at the library, so don't miss out! This program will be offered at Alto Branch, Tues., Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Englehardt Branch, Tues., Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact or visit your local KDL branch or visit us online at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org).

## REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

**TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

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### QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

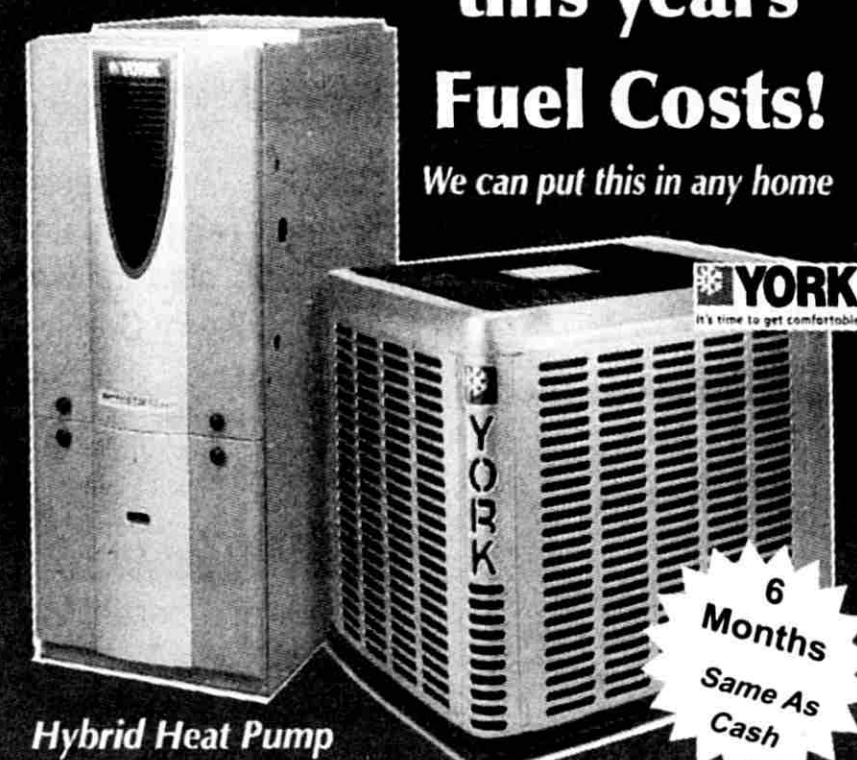
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## Voter registration, continued ... From Page 3

photo ID or is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo

Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university

Tribal identification card with photo.

Additional information is available on the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

## CITY OF LOWELL FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

For the months of October and November yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be on Thursday, the same day as your refuse/recycling pickup.

Please note if a holiday falls during the week, Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday.

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



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Barak O'bama says he is a Christian. Yet, when asked when life begins, he hedges by talking about theologically or scientifically and ends by saying it's above his pay grade.

He needs to open his Bible and read Psalm 139:13-14, "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb", or Exodus 21:22-25,

"If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely...and if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life..." How much clearer can it be than that. Killing an unborn baby was murder then and is still is now.

John McCain got it right when he said that life begins at conception. Please, speak for these little ones who don't have a voice and vote for life.

Carla Coon



By Shelly MacNaughton

## 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL OCTOBER 3, 1883

Bridge Street, from Monroe to Washington streets, is to have paved gutters, also.

Owing to the appearance in school of Scarlatina last week the first and second primary rooms were closed for a few days.

Flat River Bridge needs more attention than the suspension bridge at Niagara.

## 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 1, 1908

W. L. Stowell of Mason, Mich., and R. T. Ford of Rochester, N. Y., are the purchasers of the Edelmans hardware, which will be conducted at the old stand under the style of Stowell & Ford. Both gentlemen are here with their families and are moving into their new home in the Hinyan house, purchased by Mr. Stowell as announced last week.

## 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 5, 1933

Last Thursday night some lowdown skunks entered the potato patch on the Harry Kinsley place, about 1 1/2 miles southeast of Lowell and made away with 25 to 30 bushels of potatoes.

The Kinsleys lost their home by fire a year or so ago. Thieves who steal from hardworking people like the Kinsleys should be horsewhipped in public.

## 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 2, 1958

Showboat annual report shows loss of \$2021.18 for 1958 operation. This is the first time in the history of the annual production that an operating loss has been incurred.

Richard Curtis, Manager of the new local plant of Curtis Cleaners at the corner of Main and Hudson St., revealed this week that his organization has no recession fears about Lowell. The new plant, the most modern in Michigan, Curtis pointed out, is specializing in fast careful cleaning services.

## 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 28, 1983

Candidates for the Lowell High School Homecoming King and Queen are: Freshman Mike Nugent, Sophomore Tony Huver, Junior Dennis Jannenga and Seniors Steve Wernet, Allan Southland, John Pursley and Ed Rash. The young ladies chosen are: Freshman Jami Andrews, Sophomore Valerie Phillips, Junior Phyllis Beachler and Seniors Kelly Swan, Mary Butts, Beth Sharp and Michelle Serne.

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## Sharing The Vision

With Gregory Pratt  
LHS Superintendent

### THE ART OF GIVING

As I began to write the Sharing the Vision article this month, I couldn't help but reflect on the extraordinary moment in time that we, as an entire community, shared on September 12 at the Pink Arrow Service Learning event. This project confirmed for me that there truly is an art to giving. Giving requires more than dropping pennies in a cup and walking away - it goes a little further.

As I observed the sea of 'Pink Arrow Pride' t-shirts, and as I heard the sound of a thousand pink thundersticks, and the site of rare pink football jerseys, I was deeply moved. Not only did our students and staff, demonstrate that they have learned the art of giving by raising nearly \$100,000 for donation to memorial scholarships and the Lowell Community Wellness Organization, but they went a little further. They came together and turned their focus to honoring cancer survivors, remembering loved ones lost, and increasing the level of awareness about breast cancer. Students, staff, parents, and volunteers gave the gift of resources

to help one another and to help the community as a whole, and as a result, you fostered a profound commitment to service. That kind of selfless expression is essential to community life in Lowell. I am incredibly proud of our entire school community for modeling the values of respect, responsibility, caring and citizenship embraced by our school district. You showed us that there is an art to giving and that helping people is a satisfying and fulfilling experience.

It was once said that "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." I believe that we, as a community, witnessed that expression Friday evening. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Noel Dean for his outstanding leadership with the Pink Arrow Service Project and the positive example he set forth for our student athletes. I am grateful for the countless hours given by Patty Sellner, Lowell Community Wellness Director. I applaud the efforts of Amy Hayes at Pep Talk, whose tireless work ensured that every participant was clad in a Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt. I am appreciative of the collaborative partnership with the Lacks Cancer Center that made this event possible. I am thankful to work with a Board of Education who provides consistent support for our students and staff. And, of course, to our volunteers and community members who came out to participate and support our efforts.

We are so very fortunate in Lowell, we have much for which we can be thankful. Go Lowell Arrows!

## Writing to the editor ...

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# Engagements

## Tate/Burghdoff

Jennifer Tate and Jim Burghdoff together with their parents, the late Wendell and Faire Tate of Lowell and Rex Burghdoff and Ellie Norton both of Hastings, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Jennifer is a 1992 graduate of Lowell High School and is currently employed at Ada Hospital



Jennifer Tate and Jim Burghdoff

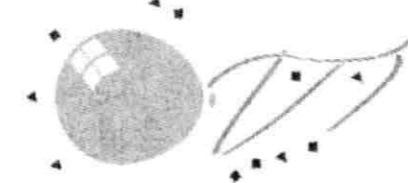
for Animals as a Vet Technician.

Jim is a 1985 graduate of Rogers City High School and is employed as a locksmith for SA Mormon & Co. in Grand Rapids.

An October 25, 2008 wedding date has been set and will take place at Friendship Country Chapel in Lowell.

# Happy Birthday

- OCTOBER 1:** Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema.
- OCTOBER 2:** Doris Titcombe, Timothy Hoag.
- OCTOBER 3:** Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.
- OCTOBER 4:** Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.
- OCTOBER 5:** Bradley Kiczinski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.
- OCTOBER 6:** Steven J. Ayres, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser, Corey Mol, Bridget Lally.
- OCTOBER 7:** Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.



# Reflections of faith

David Sims, Lead Pastor  
First Baptist Church

## FAITH WITH SKIN ON - SKY DIVING!

There are certain special moments in time when, though words elude you, you know you are experiencing something big, something deep, something profound. These

October weeks will be our journey together in an attempt to harness some of these larger-than-life-events and share their significant impact on me and my growth in gut-understanding of a God-kind of faith.

This summer had one of those unique intersections where the learning curve accelerates at exponential speed. I was gifted an opportunity to go skydiving, something I'd long dreamed of, especially since that bungee-jumping adventure I shared here a year ago. As the chosen date neared, the excitement grew. Visions of wild weightlessness and suspense of being suspended over nothingness sought to preempt all other matters. The July morning dawned to a gorgeous, clear, blue-sky day. The time had arrived!

Once we rendezvoused at our flight site, preparations kicked in - an orientation "class," a demonstration, and then a wait-your-turn season of watching others launch and land, listening to their breathless delight in the drop, and getting suited and harnessed for the impending adventure. Then, I heard it...my name being called.

With the videographer's interview and camera capturing these poignant minutes, I crawled into the tiny aircraft and breathed my last terrestrial air as Deryl, Bill and I flew into the wild blue yonder. While still ascending at about 8000 feet, I thought the thought, "What in this world am I doing?" "Why would anyone take a flying leap from a perfectly fine-flying plane?" Wrestling the apprehension away with some deep swallows, I engaged Bill in conversation as we continued up to nearly 11,000 feet - when the door flew open and it was time to exercise faith!

True faith, that is - it's all that is left at moments like that. Oh, it's one thing to believe planes can fly; it's another

thing to get on one and fly for 14 hours over absolutely nothing but ocean - I did that on a trip to Australia a few years ago. Yes, it's one thing to believe that parachutes work by watching them, but it's another thing to climb into one and trust it to manage a safe descent. Soooo, Gironimoooo! On the count of "three" Bill and I tumbled headlong into space and as the altimeter reading fell, my adrenaline rush rose! Wow! After 5000 feet of freefall I didn't want to pull the cord...but Bill did!

Faith - I was living it in real time. In the danger zone I had exhilarating peace - because I had placed complete trust in the one I had been buckled to - Bill. I knew he was very interested in his own safe landing, and I was just along for his ride.

Saving faith is more than mere belief, more than simple affirmation of fact - it is transfer of total trust to Someone else, entrusting all of your life in His ability to see you to a safe arrival. That is what John 3:16 means... "God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him, would not perish, but rather have eternal life." Jesus looked at Martha as they stood by her brother's grave and said, "I am the resurrection and the life, anyone who believes in Me, even if he dies, will [actually] live; everyone who lives and believes in me will never [ever really] die. Do you believe this?" Salvation comes only to those who exercise a real God-kind of faith - giving it all up; signing off on their own control; placing everything past, present and future in Christ's work of grace, dependent totally on Him alone and living confident in His promise and love. Go ahead, jump! It's the most important single step you will ever take in life.... or eternity.

# 20th annual LIFE fest set for mid-October

The guest speaker for the Franciscan Life Process Center's 20th annual LIFE fest talks about overcoming odds and obstacles, a message both young adults and their parents and grandparents can understand. National Character Education Foundation representative Charlie Aeschliman encourages everyone to dream and set goals, persevering through the difficult times. The former Navy SEAL and championship basketball handler will speak at the Saturday evening dinner October 18, beginning at 6 p.m.

A Southern Illinois University graduate, Aeschliman also stresses the core values that define a person's true character. "It's about the small steps you take every day. Doing the right thing at the right time even if no one is watching; that's integrity." The event is open to adults and students grades 7 - 12. Emcee for the evening will be Grand Rapids Symphony Associate Conductor John Varineau.

Continuing the weekend celebration, "A Country Sampler" family picnic takes place from noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., October 19. The afternoon begins with noon Mass, followed by a casual lunch of hot dogs, Sloppy Joe's, chips and more. Guests can enjoy plenty of family games, horse and wagon rides and craft demonstrations on the grounds. Children's activities are rock painting, pumpkin carving, mask making and other craft projects. Four separate stages scattered around the grounds will feature a variety of local and regional music from big band to jazz to vocals and rhythm and blues.

# HEALTH



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

## FLU SHOTS

As we approach the flu season, it's time to discuss the importance of getting your flu shot. The flu causes 200,000 hospitalizations and more than 30,000 excess deaths annually in the United States. A large portion of these could be prevented if more people at risk were vaccinated.

The flu is caused by a virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat and fatigue. Other illnesses can cause similar symptoms and are often confused with the flu. The flu usually lasts a few days but in susceptible individuals complications like pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious respiratory conditions can occur.

Influenza vaccine can prevent the flu. Every year scientists try to make the vaccine with the three most likely viruses that will cause this year's flu. Every year the viruses causing the flu change and this is why the flu shot is recommended yearly.

The most common vaccine is given as the flu shot. This is a killed or inactivated virus. It can not cause the flu. Another flu vaccine is given as a spray in the nose. This is a live, weakened virus.

The CDC recommends administration of the vaccine in October or November to provide protection throughout the season. Flu season in our area usually lasts from November to May and peaks in January and February. Who should get a flu shot?

- all children 6 months to 18 years old
- anyone 50 or older
- women who are pregnant during the flu season
- residents of nursing homes/health care providers
- household contacts or caregivers of children and older adults

The flu shot can be given to anyone who wants to reduce their likelihood of getting the flu or transmitting the illness to others.

Most people will need one dose of the flu shot but children less than 9, getting the vaccine for the first time, should get 2 doses at least one month apart.

The risks from vaccination is minimal. Common reactions include soreness or redness at the injection site, slight aching and low grade fever. Most people will not have any side effects.

You should not get the vaccination if you have a severe allergy to eggs or have had a previous severe reaction to the flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine is probably one of the most important, underutilized, preventative medicines available at a reasonable cost. Supplies of vaccine should be more than adequate this year. For more information visit the CDC on the web at www.cdc.gov/flu.

# LHS September Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School announced that Samantha Grasman, 12th grade, and Brandon Strick, 11th grade, are the LHS September Students of the Month.

In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting, selecting two students to be honored for the month. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1324 students eligible for nomination. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Grasman was nominated by Kim Keglovitz. "One of the

most important skills a student can learn is to be meta-cognitive. Sam has demonstrated this ability by analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of her writing. Not only is this impressive because it's difficult, but it's impressive because she takes the initiative to advocate for herself, making sure that she has the help that she needs to turn in excellent work!"

Strick was nominated by Cyndi Gibson who writes, "Brandon deserves to be Student of the Month for taking pride in himself, making the choice to do better in school and making it happen."

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



Brandon Strick



Samantha Grasman

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# 2008 Fallasburg Fall Festival marks 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Butternut squash bisque with cinnamon and origami art by Hito Akehi were some of the highlights of this year's 40th Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival.

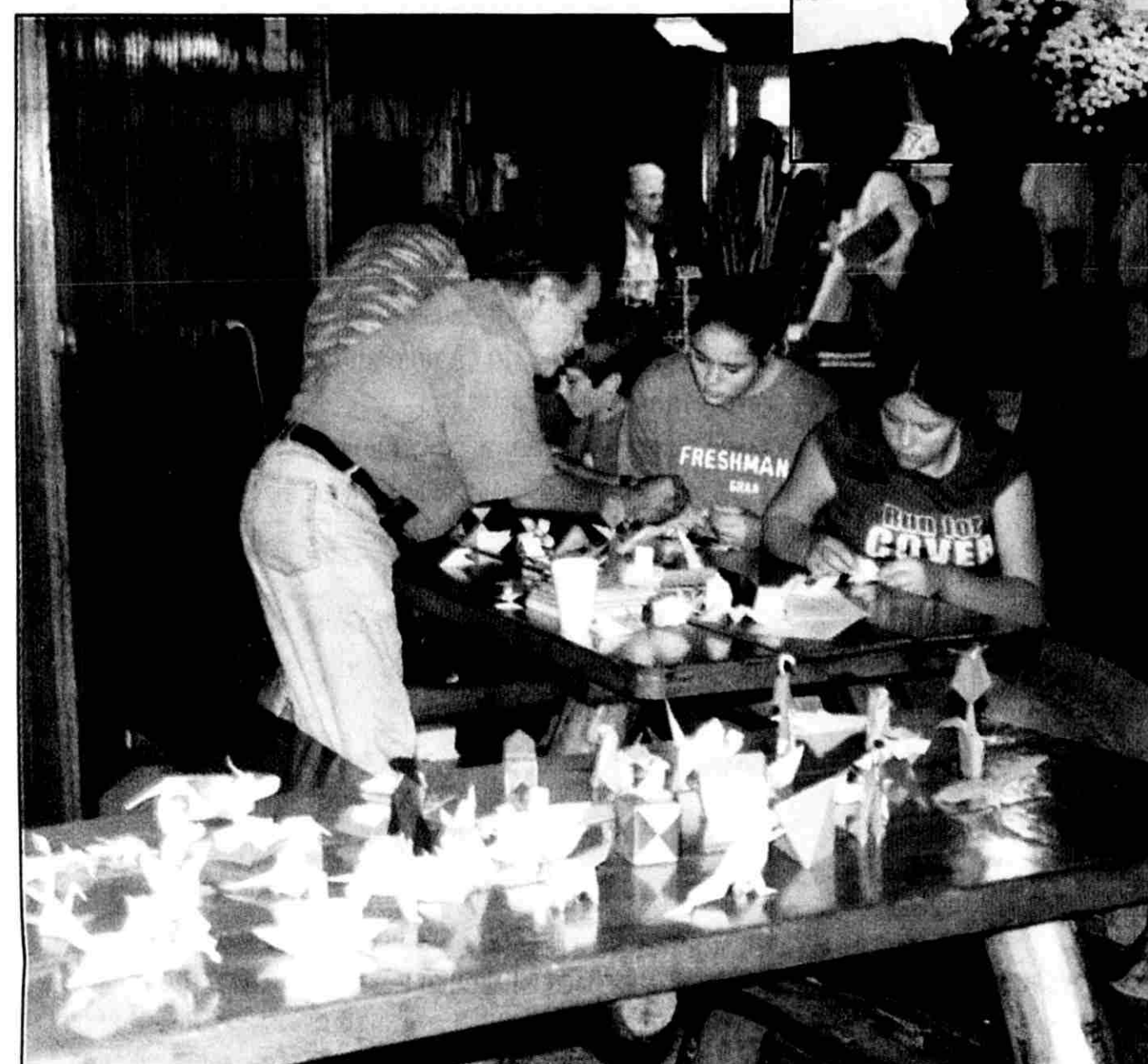
Beautiful weather, good art and music rocked the grounds all weekend long. Several artisans held demonstrations in the cabin including weaving and rug hooking.

This year 85 artists were selected in a juried competition. Booths included jewelry, pottery, glasswork, leather-tooling, fiber work, wood carving, painting, sculptures, dried floral, photography.

Pumpkin decorating and face painting was by the Lowell High School Crew team.



The Lowell Historical Museum booth sold apple dumplings



Hito Akehi demonstrated origami



Music provided by Luke Lenhart Family.

Quilting demonstrations by Betty Carpenter



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Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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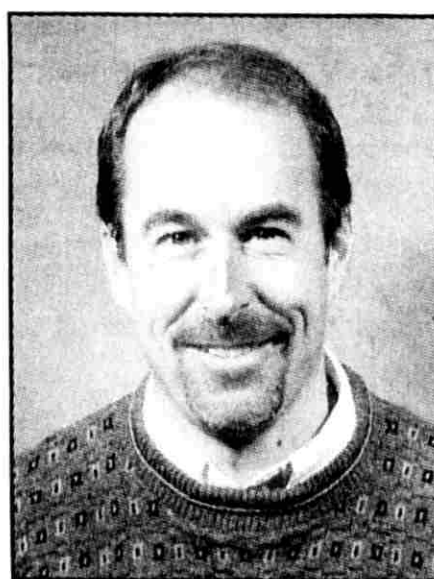
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## Business Matters



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# Museum, continued ... From Page 1

"What I remember when I was a kid was the smell," said Ivan Blough about Hill's Shoe Store, "this heavy, musty leathery smell. I used to take a deep breath every time, I went in. Just like a good tobacco shop. You don't get that kind of smell anymore. All these foo-foo sprays and candles now. Give me a stinky shoe store any day. And Mr. Hill knew everybody's shoe size in town. Amazing."

Proprietor Hazel Hoag of Hazel's Hat Shop was perhaps one of the first few self-made businesswomen. To get experience, she worked for free her first year. At 74 as the owner of the hat shop, she was still looking to many more years on Main Street.

"She should be honored as a working woman," wrote the Lowell Ledger.

Beverly Anderson remembers Hazel as a prim and proper lady.

"Her shop always had

plenty of inventory," said Anderson, "ladies would retrim their hats every season with a feather or a flower. They would have a straw hat for spring and summer, and a felt hat for fall and winter."

She closed doors in 1973, followed by Coons' in 1974.

Bill Wood remembers Hartman's Drug Store used to sell textbooks along with extracts like Witch Hazel. He bought an algebra textbook for \$6, when he tried to sell it back he got 50 cents.

"Our emphasis is on supporting retail in downtown and our community," said Allechin.

The purpose of the annual special exhibit is to bring back people and students to the museum.

"We wanted to feature something the public is really going to enjoy," said Allechin.

The exhibit opens this Saturday for the public.



Hazel's Hat Shop

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*Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane.*  
- Philip K. Dick (1928 - 1982)

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# BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

## BLOOMINGTON

This Saturday our whole family was in Memorial Stadium. Before kickoff we watched the home team band and the players warm up. Meanwhile the cheerleaders warmed up the fans. The prelude is always fun getting the spectators prepared for the contest at hand, the Hoosiers hosting the Spartans.

A bit before the national Anthem our oldest son, who has first hand experience with Spartan Football himself, asked an interesting question. While watching his brother execute a warm-up blocking assignment he asked, "What is it like being a father of a player (in Big Ten Football)?"

He and I decided that question had potential for the theme of this week's column. Let me attempt to share some personal thoughts without being too personal because I certainly don't want to be accused of bragging too much. After all I'm not the first Lowell father to have a Big Ten Football son on the field, nor the last.

So, "what is it like?" I'll tell you. It's like being with your first born on his homecoming weekend and school friends elect him Homecoming King. It's like being in the graduation audience watching your daughter march and receive her diploma from the president of your beloved university. It's like witnessing those sacred moments of

baptism and marriage of your children and grandchildren. It's like watching your defensive lineman son make a key tackle against East Grand Rapids. Yeah...it's like learning your son or daughter has been accepted to your alma mater masters degree program...or your baby has made the Dean's list...or your daughter has been elected captain of her cheerleading squad...or you witness your grandson win the regional wrestling finals.

Yes. Yes. Yes. What is it like? It is awesome.

Meanwhile, Big Ten football players have lots of pressure on them and all the parents of Spartan players that we know are very supportive which means parents are very close to the situation. Sometimes parents might get in the way. Then they learn and grow and support in an even more positive way. So in short, please allow me to be personal and say Big Ten football parenting in deed and in spirit is a wonderful experience for the parents, players, families and universities. There is a mystique about it. It is special and...it is a privilege.

God bless parents of kids of all ages and all achievements. Let us all more completely love, lead and lift up our children and grandchildren in their daily tasks and in all their ups and downs.

Moving on, wow, Saturday was a fun day in the Big Ten football. Northwestern wins a close one. Freshman sensation QB Pryor has a successful start for the Buckeyes. Michigan pulls off a late come from behind win. That was probably the biggest wow of the day in the Big Ten. Penn State prevails over a worthy Illinois opponent. And our Spartans found ways to come out on top in Bloomington. I'll tell you what...it took all of 58 of the 60 minutes in Memorial Stadium to secure the Spartans 4th win. Oh yeah...The Irish?...non conference Notre Dame defeated Purdue.

And now after the conference games have begun, here's how I see the season. Every team in the Big Ten is a threat to all the others, home and away. Every team will have big play makers emerge and it will be a ball for this father to go to seven remaining Big Ten contests and then report back to you weekly in Big Ten Talk.

Coming up this weekend: The Spartans have Homecoming and host The Hawkeyes at noon. The Wolverines host Illinois at 3:30 p.m. and the Hoosiers travel to the Metrodome to play the 4 -1 Gophers.

A comment on our host campus today in Bloomington: Indiana University has a new basketball arena. Beautiful. Take a trip down this winter for a Big Ten basketball game. Plus their football stadium is being expanded by filling in the north end. Capacity now 50,000. Capacity after construction will be significantly increased. Very nice people - a nice setting for great sport competition.

*Quote for the week:* Peter McPherson, former President of MSU, was back home for the Lowell class of 1958 50th year class reunion this weekend. I asked him what one of the biggest positive effects Big Ten football has on higher education. President McPherson said, "MSU would not have become the great university it did as early as it did but for Hannah, Munn and Daugherty. John Hannah saw it and did it in the 50's and 60's (by getting MSU voted into the Big Ten in 1948ish)." (Hannah was president, and Munn and Daugherty were national champion coaches for Spartan football.)



## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### FINANCIAL 10/1

Should you prepay mortgage or invest?

If you're fortunate enough to have some disposable income lying around, you might want to use it to advance your long-term financial goals. If so, you can choose among many different options. Here's one such decision: Should you make extra principal-only mortgage payments, or should you invest the money?

There may not be a clear-cut answer to this question, because each choice - to prepay or invest - has some merits. So before making any decisions, you'll need to familiarize yourself with both options.

To begin with, you might try to calculate whether prepaying or investing gives you the greatest financial return.

To come out ahead by investing, you'd need to find an investment vehicle that paid more than your fixed mortgage rate. For example, if you pay off a fixed-rate mortgage of 5 percent, you are in effect "earning" a 5 percent return, so if you found an investment that paid 6 percent or 7 percent annually, you could say that you'd be better off making the investment rather than prepaying your mortgage.

At first glance, you might think your choice is clear. After all, you reason, it shouldn't be too hard to find an investment that pays 6 percent or 7 percent. Over the past 80 years, large-company stocks have returned on average more than 10 percent annually, according to Ibbotson Associates, a leading investment research firm.

And yet, despite these figures, you can't necessarily conclude that investing always beats prepaying. For one thing, as you've no doubt heard, "past performance does not guarantee future results." And those impressive long-term stock market returns are just averages; though the market has trended upward over the long term, it can also go through extended periods of low returns, or even sizable losses. But when you pay down your mortgage balance each year, you're earning a regular, low-risk "return" in the form of interest savings. So you need to ask yourself if you

can accept taking on greater investment risk in exchange for a potentially higher return.

Furthermore, you might find it psychologically beneficial to pay off your mortgage as soon as possible. And the less you owe on your house, the greater your profit when you sell it.

But other factors may weigh against prepayment. You generally get a tax deduction on your mortgage interest, and this deduction, especially in the early years of your mortgage, can be considerable. Even more importantly, though, is the need to diversify. If you have all your money tied up in your house, and the housing market slumps, as it has recently, your net worth might suffer more than if you had spread your money around a variety of assets, including stocks, bonds and government securities. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Clearly, you'll need to weigh all these factors before deciding whether to prepay your mortgage or invest. Fortunately, it's not always an "either-or" question. One month you could pay more on your mortgage while the next month you could invest any money you have available. It's your choice - so make the most of it.

# DNR fall hunting seasons preview -- part II

Prospects for the 2008-2009 hunting seasons are excellent, according to Department of Natural Resources officials, with several new opportunities available to big-game hunters

**Bear**  
Season: Bear licenses are issued, by lottery, for specific time periods and geographical areas. Hunting on the mainland in the Upper Peninsula runs from Sept.

Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. A special hunt may be held Jan. 15-19 in agricultural areas if biologists determine the earlier hunts yielded an inadequate harvest to meet population goals. A total of 330 permits, issued by lottery, were available this year; one-third for the first hunt, two-thirds for the second hunt and in a similar ratio for any elk (bull or cow) or antlerless-only animals.

Outlook: As a result of refinements in its elk census techniques, the DNR estimates the fall elk herd is more than 1,100 animals, above the state management goal of 800 to 900 animals going into the season. Based on this population, additional hunters received licenses this year which will result in significantly increasing the harvest. Wildlife officials project an excellent season.

**Deer**  
Season: New this year is a five-day antlerless-only firearms season on private land only in all of Zone 3 (southern Lower Peninsula) and in six counties of the northeastern Lower Peninsula. The early firearm antlerless season was held Sept. 18-22. Archery season is Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 1. Firearms season is Nov. 15-30. A late antlerless-only firearms season on private land is slated for Dec. 22-Jan. 1 in most of Zone 3. Muzzleloader seasons are Dec. 5-14 in the Upper Peninsula, Dec. 12-21 in the northern Lower Peninsula and Dec. 5-21 in the southern Lower Peninsula. A special youth and 100 percent disabled veterans deer hunt is scheduled for Sept. 27-28 and a special firearms hunt for hunters with certain disabilities is on tap for Oct. 16-19. The season limit is no more than two bucks. Hunters may purchase up to five antlerless deer licenses, though no more than two may be for the northern two-thirds of the state. New this year, Upper Peninsula hunters who wish to take two bucks will be required to buy

the combination license and the tags will be restricted to a buck with at least three antler points on one side and a buck with at least four antler points on one side.

Outlook: An estimated 700,000 hunters will take to Michigan's fields and forests this year, enjoying more than 10 million days of outdoor recreation. The deer population is estimated to be similar to slightly larger than it was last year, when hunters took roughly 476,000 whitetails. Roughly half that harvest comes from the southern third of the state and officials expect that trend to continue; the Upper Peninsula herd is somewhat smaller than usual following a long and tough winter, although field reports project a somewhat bigger than expected population in the northern Lower Peninsula. Biologists predict the additional five days of antlerless-only hunting in September will add one to two percent to the total harvest, though they encourage all sportsmen and sportswomen to purchase and use antlerless licenses if they are available in the areas they hunt, especially in southern Michigan where the population is well above the management goal. Hunters in the Lower Peninsula are reminded not to bait deer due to disease risk concerns with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD was detected in a Michigan deer on Aug. 25.

**Bobcat**  
Season: Bobcat hunting in the Upper Peninsula is divided into two zones; the mainland (Unit A) and Drummond Island (Unit B) and both are open Dec. 1-March 1. In the northern Lower Peninsula, for Unit C (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties) the season is Jan. 1-March 1. In Unit D (Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford

county) the season is Feb. 1-Feb. 1. The bag limit is two with only one from Unit B and only one from Units C and D combined.

Outlook: Bobcats are primarily found in the northern two-thirds of the state. The population appears to be in somewhat of a decline in the Upper Peninsula, where harvests vary widely from year to year, based in part on snow conditions and road access. Last year hunters killed 340 bobcats statewide. Hunters must possess a valid fur harvester's license and a bobcat kill tag, which is available free from DNR field offices. Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the hunter must apply the kill tag to the animal. Hunters are required to present the carcass to a DNR office within 10 days of the close of the season. DNR personnel will collect data, including the date, location and method of harvest and may collect the skull or a tooth from the cat. The bobcats will be sealed by the DNR.

**Coyote**  
Season: July 15-April 15 (Upper Peninsula) and Zone 2 (northern Lower Peninsula) during the firearms deer season (Nov. 15-30). They may be taken year-round on private property when they are doing or about to do damage. Coyotes may not be taken from April 1-Sept. 14 on state parks and recreation lands and they may not be pursued with dogs from April 15-July 14. There is no bag limit.

Outlook: Coyotes are widespread across Michigan and although they are most common in the northern two-thirds of the state, their numbers are increasing dramatically in southern Michigan. Highly adaptable, retiring and primarily nocturnal creatures, coyotes may be present in significant numbers without being highly visible. Coyote hunters are advised to be especially careful in the

Upper Peninsula where young wolves may be confused with coyotes. Coyotes may be hunted at night. Night hunters are restricted to .22 caliber or smaller rifles or handguns, bows and arrows, or shotguns with shells containing shot smaller than buck shot. Check the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for additional restrictions.

**Raccoon**  
Season: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 statewide, though they may be taken year-round on private property if doing or about to do damage. There is no bag limit.

Outlook: Raccoons are abundant and widespread and may be found practically anywhere, though they are partial to hardwood forests, especially along waterways. Wood lots adjoining agricultural fields are particularly productive early in the season. Raccoons are typically hunted at night with hounds. Last year hunters took an estimated 75,000 raccoons in Michigan. Check the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for firearms and equipment restrictions.

**Fox**  
Season: Oct. 15-March 1. There is no bag limit.

Outlook: Both red fox and gray fox are found across all of Michigan. Red fox, which are more numerous, are found largely in agricultural areas and mixed habitat of fence rows, fallow fields and shrub coverage adjacent to wood lots or waterways. Gray fox are typically found in woodlands. Although both species are found in all counties, fox numbers may be locally abundant, but are down in some areas, perhaps because of increasing coyote populations. Although they are commonly hunted with dogs - often in conjunction with coyotes - the use of predator calls has become increasingly popular in recent years. Last year hunters killed about 750 gray fox and 2,000 red fox in Michigan.

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this year. As always, the DNR encourages hunters to introduce the pastime to friends and family members, especially youngsters.

Changes in licensing requirements allow first-time hunters, who find they have an opportunity to go afield, the ability to purchase an apprentice license without having to have completed hunter education first. The apprentice license allows a new hunter the opportunity to participate for two seasons with a mentor before completing hunter education. Otherwise, anyone born after Jan. 1, 1960 is required to have a hunter education certificate in order to buy a license.

Youngsters can begin hunting small game at 10 years of age with a firearm or deer with bow; youngsters must be 12 to hunt deer or bear with a firearm. Firearm deer hunters 12 and 13 years of age are restricted to private-land hunting only.

10-Oct. 26. On Drummond Island, the season is Sept. 10-Oct. 21. In the northern Lower Peninsula, the Red Oak Management Unit -- for bow and arrow only -- Oct. 5-11.

Outlook: Bear hunting is excellent in Michigan, with an estimated bear population of 15,000 to 19,000 animals in the northern two-thirds of the state. In the Upper Peninsula, the population appears to be stable, though animals continue to range farther south. Hunters using hounds are not allowed during the first five days of the season in the Upper Peninsula. Wildlife officials anticipate a typical harvest of slightly more than 2,000 bear this fall.

**Elk**  
Season: Dec. 9-16 in all of the state's elk range in Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan,

and in six counties of the northeastern Lower Peninsula. The early firearm antlerless season was held Sept. 18-22. Archery season is Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 1. Firearms season is Nov. 15-30. A late antlerless-only firearms season on private land is slated for Dec. 22-Jan. 1 in most of Zone 3. Muzzleloader seasons are Dec. 5-14 in the Upper Peninsula, Dec. 12-21 in the northern Lower Peninsula and Dec. 5-21 in the southern Lower Peninsula. A special youth and 100 percent disabled veterans deer hunt is scheduled for Sept. 27-28 and a special firearms hunt for hunters with certain disabilities is on tap for Oct. 16-19. The season limit is no more than two bucks. Hunters may purchase up to five antlerless deer licenses, though no more than two may be for the northern two-thirds of the state. New this year, Upper Peninsula hunters who wish to take two bucks will be required to buy

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell boys' cross country team kicks around alternative practice ideas

by Thad Kraus  
Ben Partridge scratched nearly 90 seconds off his previous week's time at the Carson City-Crystal Invitational on Saturday. "That's a good day of racing," said Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.

Lowell finished 18th among a strong contingent of teams which included perennial power Rockford, Heritage Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Haven, Ionia, East Kentwood and Grand Edge.

"I'm happy with where we are. The times are getting better," VanderWarf said.

With more strong

practices, VanderWarf believes his club can continue to shave its times.

An unconventional practice may be aiding Lowell in the process. On Friday, VanderWarf had his club play soccer. Yes! Play soccer.

"It's a good hard workout and the boys enjoy it. It breaks the routine,"

VanderWarf explains. The Lowell coach has also had his club play Capture the Flag. "It's something I've done for many years," he says.

Robinson (32nd) led all Red Arrow runners on Saturday with a time of 17:06, just short of breaking the 17 minute mark a goal set by the junior.

He was followed home by teammates Jon Woods in a time of 18:36; Tom Mark 18:40; Partridge 18:53; Josh Corteville 20:09 and Jackson Morse 21:33. Lowell finished at 481.

Heritage won the state's second largest invitational with 57 followed by Rockford

71, Ionia 115, Grand Haven 148 and Caledonia 158. Lowell hosts the third of four conference jamborees on Wednesday (Oct. 1). The Red Arrows placed third in each of the first two jamborees held at Gaines and Manhattan Park.

## League soccer title aspirations may depend on Lowell's ability to finish

by Thad Kraus  
With back-to-back games coming up against Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids, Lowell will have to take care of business at Greenville and against Creston if games against the Eagles and Pioneers are to have any conference championship implications.

Lowell currently stands at 4-2 in league play, tied with Grand Rapids Christian for second place. East is a perfect 6-0 but still has

games left with both clubs.

The Red Arrows found out Northview what happens when they are not ready to play. Lowell loss a 2-1 decision to the Wildcats following a huge 5-4 win over the Eagles.

"We just didn't play well. The boys were flat and looked fatigued," Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge explained. Northview is a club Lowell defeated earlier in the season 5-1.

"There were a number of missed opportuni-

ties which changed the outcome," Legge said.

Lowell's only goal of the game came in the second half off the foot of Alex Vera. The Red Arrow was assisted by teammate Jeremy Woodarek.

"It was a rough week. We had a tough game against Grand Rapids Christian and followed that up with a 5-2 win against Union," Legge said. "We just didn't have anything left against Northview."

Against the Eagles,

Lowell had plenty in the tank as it opened with a 4-2 lead after one half of play.

Vera scored the game's first goal. Ian Beddows then netted goals two and three and before half, Joe Sweet added goal number four.

"We started strong and got a goal early in the second half to make 5-2 and then the boys king of coasted," Legge said. "Christian is a good club, they came to life over the final 20 minutes when their backs were to the wall and scored two

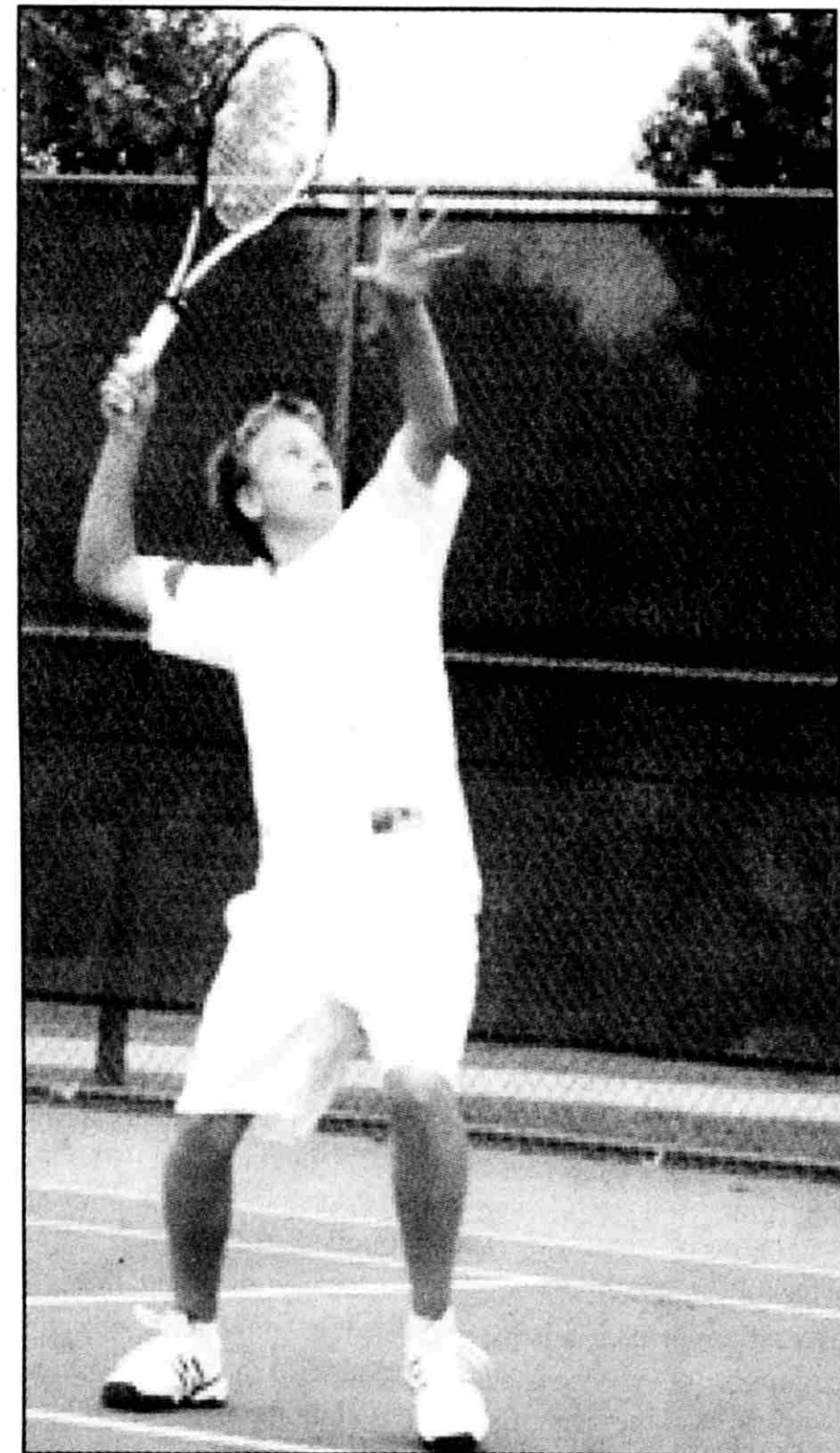
goals to pull within one. We ended up hanging on for our dear lives."

Lowell's offense has been pretty consistent throughout the year. Its attack has created a number of scoring chances. Legge would like to see his club improve on finishing. "Our offense has created a lot of good chances, but we've been inconsistent in finishing chances created by our offensive attack," Legge explained. "On the defensive

side our backs have played a lot of good games, however, we had some meltdowns which have cost us goals."

With his two-goal performance against the Eagles, Beddows has not recorded 17 goals in 13 games. "Ian has just been outstanding for us this season," Legge said. "This club has been one of the more exciting teams to watch that I have coached."

## Spratt continues with solid tennis play at G.R. Christian with straight set win



by Thad Kraus  
When playing a club that is just simply better, one must look for small victories within the framework of the competition.

Lowell boys tennis coach did that following the Red Arrows 7-1 loss to Grand Rapids Christian.

"Their doubles teams are really strong and their singles players handled us as well," Wall said.

What the Eagles did not have an answer for was Lowell's Josh Spratt at third singles. The Red Arrow defeated Klaas Walhout 6-2, 6-4 in straight sets.

"Josh has taken big steps

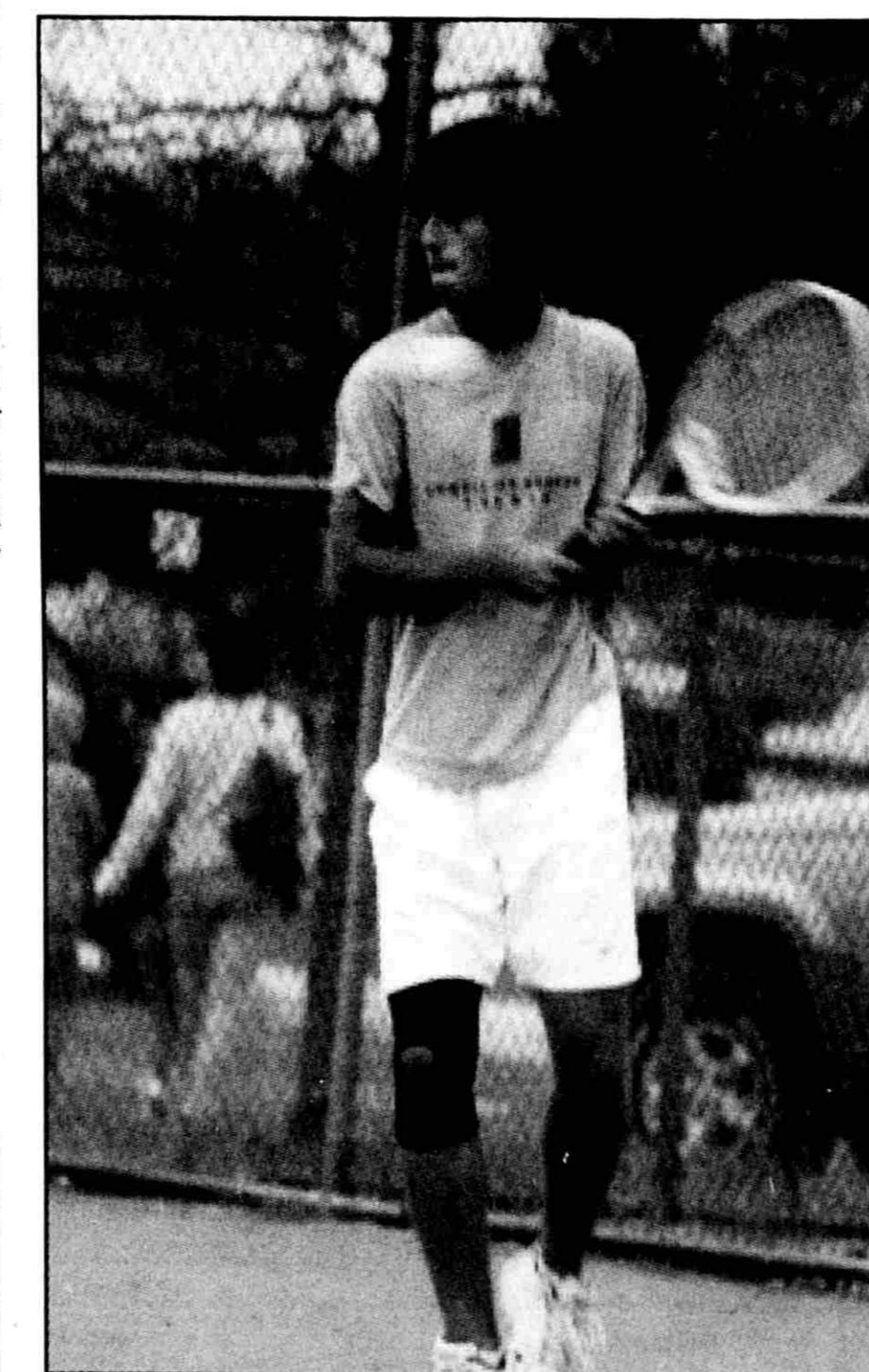
over the last three matches. He's moving better. His footwork is better and he's keeping the ball in play," Wall explains. "And he's a junior and will be back for another year."

Cort Thompson, first singles, did not find as much success, however, his record going into play against East Grand Rapids was a sparkling 18-2.

Second singles play from Pat Misner (13-7) has also netted a record well above .500. "Both of these guys have real good records and have played well throughout the year," Wall said.

Lowell's match against East Grand Rapids on Monday was postponed due to rain. It was scheduled to be completed on Tuesday (Sept. 30).

The OK White Conference Tournament is scheduled for Saturday. Matches will be played at East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian.



Red Arrow Sean Briggs was in action this week against East Grand Rapids. Briggs plays at third doubles with partner Jack Weeber.

Lowell's number one singles play Cort Thompson enters the week with an impressive 18-2 record.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

"I felt like I was at an old  
North Carolina basketball game...  
- coach Noel Dean

## 90 yards later... Boss takes it to the house as Lowell rolls to 5-0

Three touchdowns in a span of four minutes lift Red Arrows to 42-7 win over Northview

by Thad Kraus

Spreading out the defense. Throwing to the corners. Running as much time off the clock before running a play.

"I felt like I was at an old North Carolina basketball game... the four corners... they took every second off that clock before they ran the next play. Wow! I think we only ran 10 plays in the first half. It was strategy on their part, and it kept the game close," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Close... until the last three-and-half-minutes when Lowell found pay dirt twice to build a 28-0 halftime advantage.

"The real issue was the margin of error," explained Northview football coach Rob Zeitman. "When you play the number one team in the state the margin is very small. In the last few minutes of the first half we gave up two touchdowns

and one on the and opening kickoff of third quarter... you can't recover from that."

The Wildcat coach was right. His club didn't recover as Northview fell to the Red Arrows 42-7 in both teams' OK White Conference opener.

"Our kids played hard and never gave up. They learned a lot about how to play in a big game," Zeitman said. "We knew there was some things we could do against Lowell to use some of their aggression against them."

What Lowell used effectively against the Wildcats was senior Torsten Boss. "Torsten does a lot of different things," Dean said afterwards. Boss, on this night, caught seven passes for 121 yards, returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and caught one of two touchdown passes thrown by Kyle Nichol.

The kickoff return provided the most enjoyment

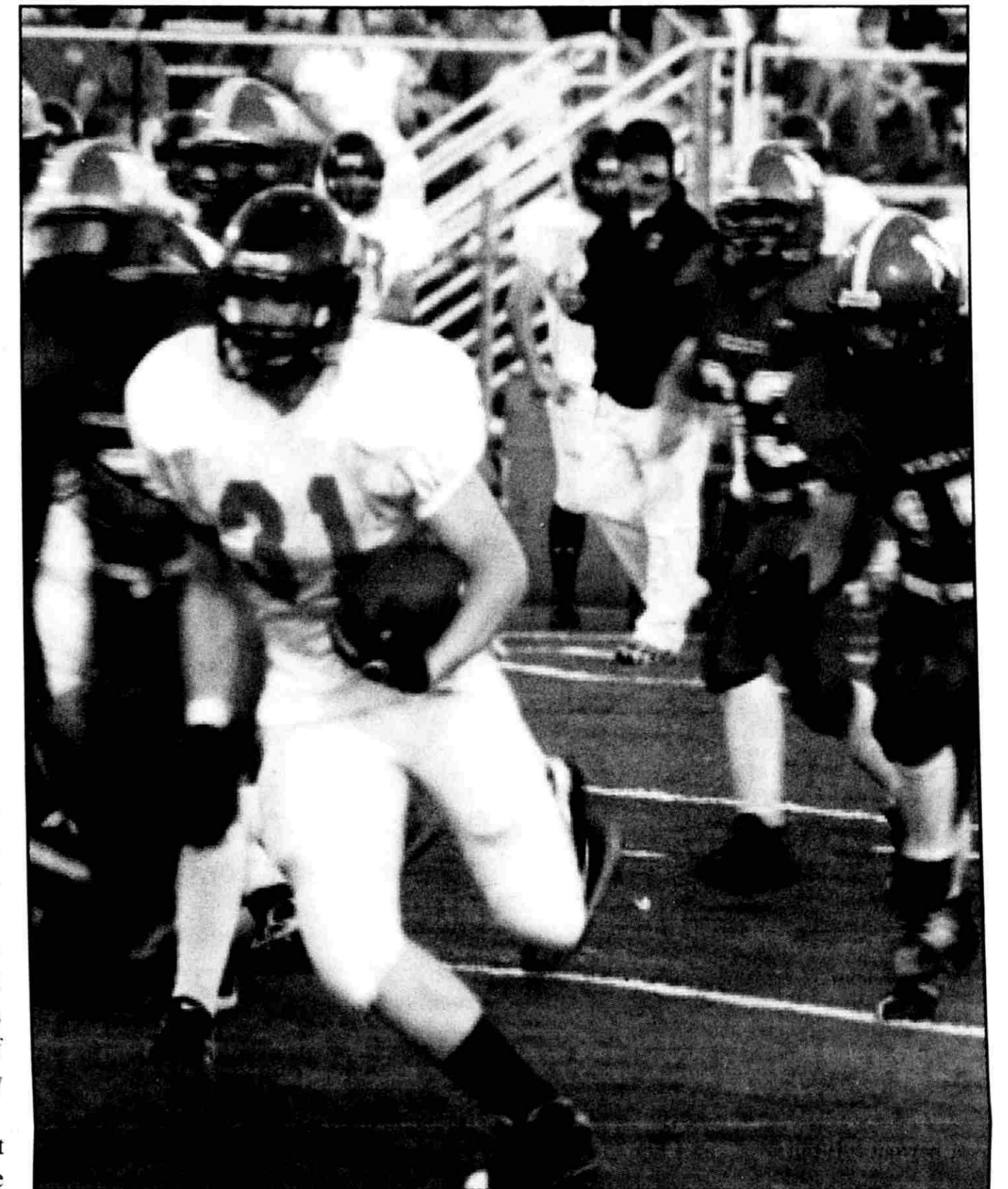
for Boss. "That was my first kickoff return for a touchdown. That was big fun. The return was designed to follow all the blockers going right and find a hole," Boss explained. "Special teams always have a chance to make a big play and I'm just thankful our team made a big play right there."

Boss' touchdown reception came in the opening minute of the second quarter on an 11-yard pass from Nichol.

The Red Arrow senior QB a perfect 12-for-12 through the air for 194 yards.

"I appreciated Kyle's decisions tonight. I thought he did a marvelous job with all the stuff he threw at everybody tonight," Dean said.

Nichol's first touchdown pass came with 3:12 to play in the



Austin Graham rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns in Lowell's 42-7 win over Northview.

opening half when he hooked up with Derek Cornish for 28 yards.

Lowell's efficiency and effectiveness was not just through the air. The Red Arrows rushed for 233 yards on 23 carries. Many of those yards were churned up by running back Austin Graham. The junior churned up 147 yards and tallied two touchdowns on runs of three and eight yards.

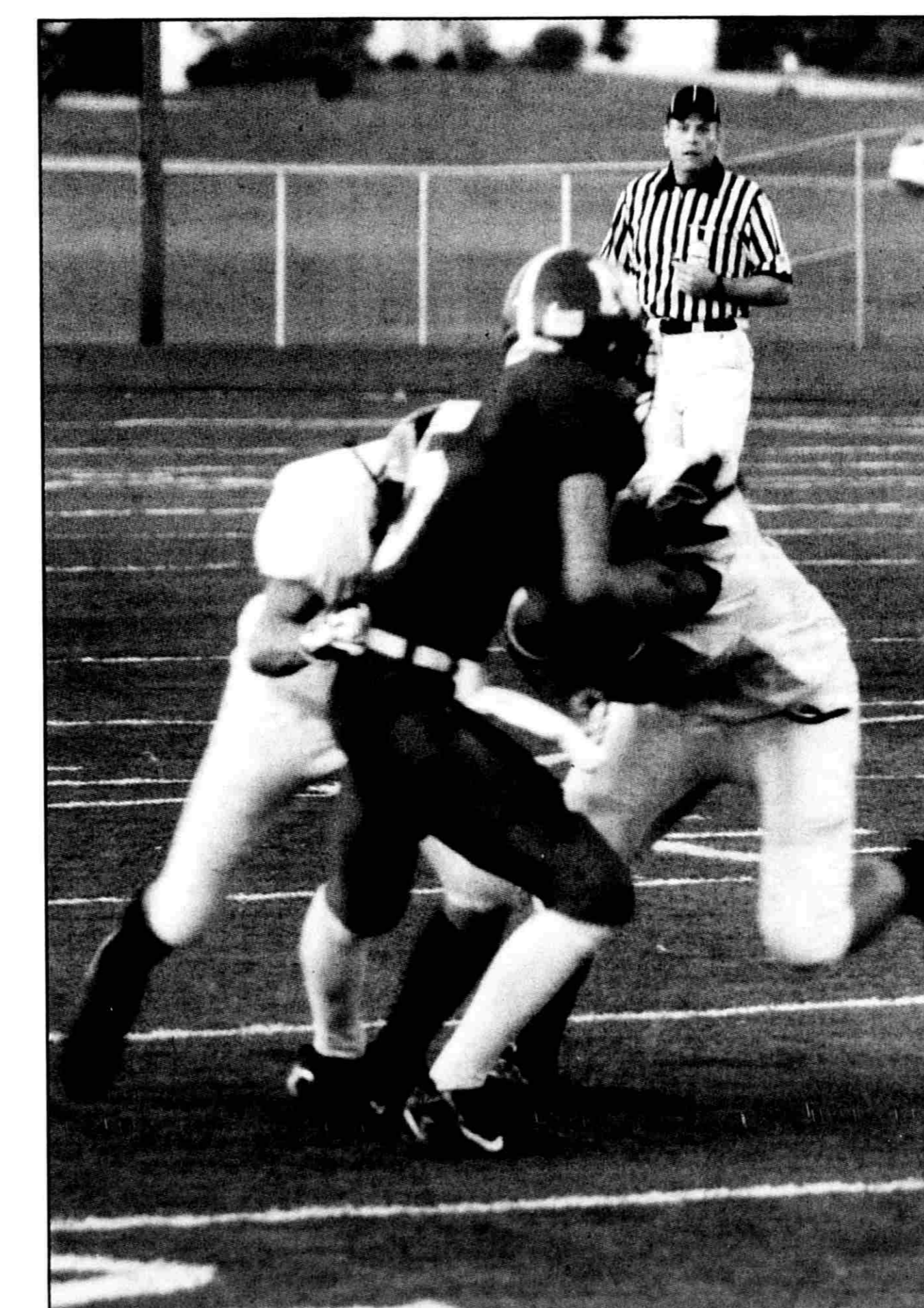
The win improves Lowell's

record to 5-0 and the Red Arrows will host Greenville Friday. The Yellowjackets, losers of two straight, were ambushed at home by Grand Rapids Christian 56-7.

The Wildcats only score came on their first possession of second half. Kyle Friedt capped off a six-play, 42-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown burst.

Northview, with the loss, falls to 1-4.

"Coach Dean has one of the top programs in the state. No doubt about it. And there will be no rest for us as we play East Grand Rapids next week," Zeitman said. "I told the kids we were playing the number one team in state this week and now I have to tell them that we're playing the number one team in the state next week."



Northview's Cody Harmon is stopped in his tracks by two Lowell defenders.



Wildcat back Jordan Harper eludes Lowell's Jacob Meyer in first-quarter action Friday night at Northview.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell equestrian moves on to state competition

The Lowell Equestrian team competed this past weekend against three other teams from southwest Michigan. The competition was close with rankings changing after every event. Lowell ended the day on Saturday in first place but that was short-lived. They quickly fell to third place Sunday and had to rally back into contention.

separating first and fourth, every placing counted. The team members stepped up and everyone placed in at least one class. It came down to the speed events at the end of Sunday to determine the winners. Lowell managed to move up to second place to assure a trip to the State Meet October 9 - 12 in Midland.

Team members and the events they rode in to bring their team to State are: Katie Bartholomew,

saddle seat fitting, showing and speed; Keerstin Bazon, speed; Kari Bergy, western showmanship and speed; Brittany Deven, western and hunt seat classes; Molly

Doyle, saddle seat pattern and jumping; Gina Giuliano, western showmanship; Katie Jousma, jumping and speed; Brooke Mellema, hunt seat

showmanship, saddle seat fitting, showmanship and western classes; Kristin Schramm, equitation over fences, western equitation

and speed; Ashton Vanderwarf, hunt seat and western classes; Kelsey Wittenbach, reining and western equitation.

## Thinking of leaving work in 2009? Now's the time to apply for Social Security

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist  
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**FALL DOG PARK OWNERS** - meet other dog owners and their dogs at the free Lowell Dog Park on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. K9 run, fun and socialization.

**LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK** - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailer for rent. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

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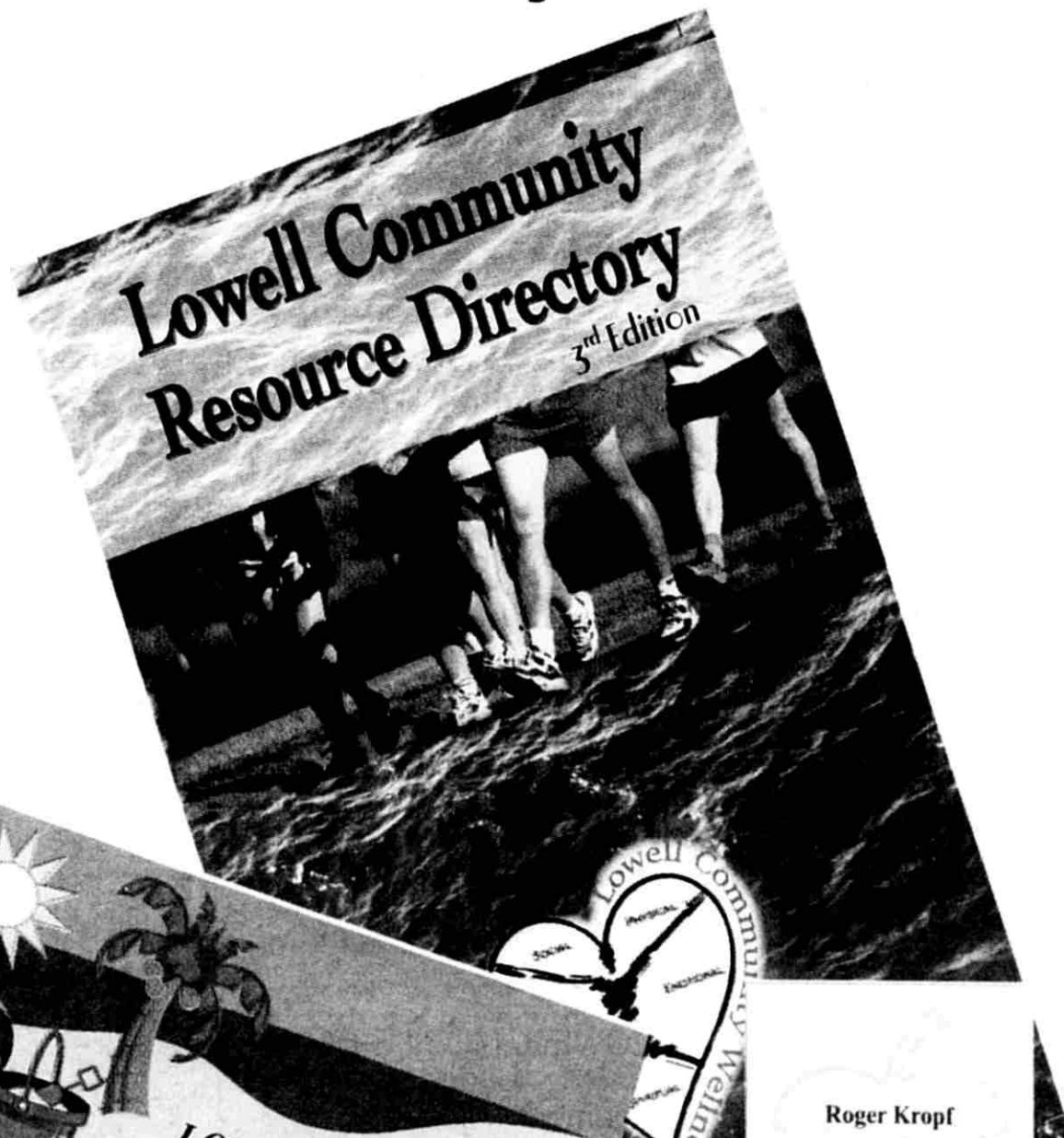
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