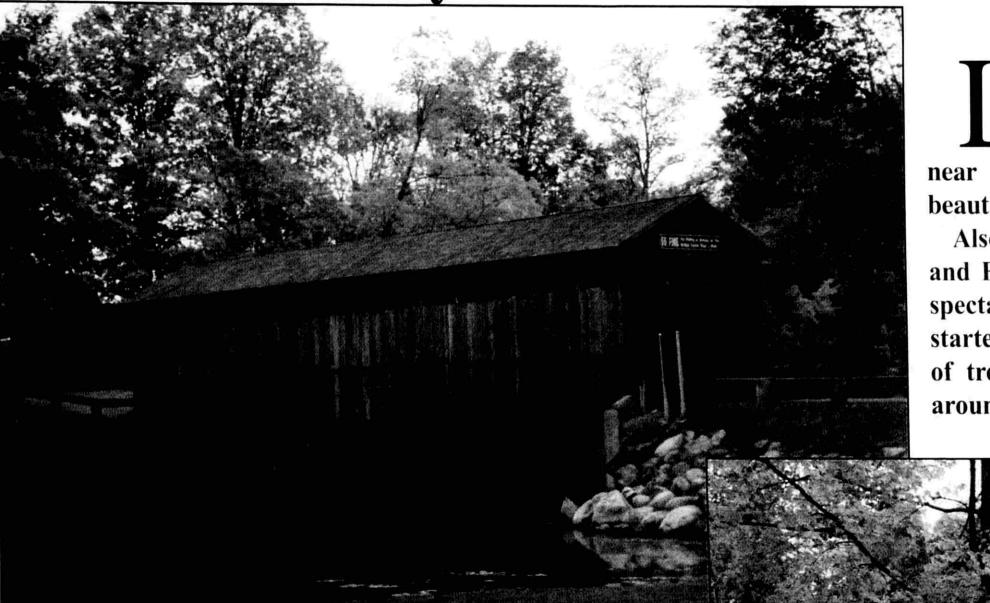


# Autumnal beauty abounds in and around Lowell



owell area boasts two covered bridges, Fallasburg Covered Bridge and Whites Bridge near Smyrna lending themselves to beautiful fall color tours.

Also the two rivers, Grand River and Flat River offer autumn vistas of spectacular colors. The colors have just started to break with five to 20 percent of trees turning. Colors should peak around mid-October.

# LL&P open house geared to educate public on energy savings

#### by Emma Palova

Lowell he Light & Power (LL&P) will hold an open house during upcoming Harvest the Festival on Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to educate public about energy savings and lowering electric bills.

The effort is in conjunction with the National Public Power Week to launch a public awareness campaign regarding energy efficiency.

The biggest savings in the long run can be realized using compact fluorescent light bulbs, according to

LL&P interim director Greg Pierce. Coupons for fluorescent light bulbs will be available during the open house. Local retail merchants have agreed to accept the coupons and the promotion will run through December 31, 2008.

These light bulbs can generate 25 to 30 percent savings on lighting.

"That's a significant cost saving," said Pierce.

When changing appliances, customers should buy Energy Star efficient appliances. These too will provide savings of up to 25 percent.

In the future, Pierce hopes to offer energy audits of homes to determine unnecessary usage of energy.

As far as Christmas lights, Pierce recommends buying LED lights.

"They will save energy," he said.

Traditional methods of saving energy include turning out the lights when leaving a room or turning down the heat at night or putting extra insulation in the attic and weather stripping around windows and doors.

"This will be the first phase



Interim director Greg Pierce talks about energy savings.

in an effort to inform our customers of ways become to more energy efficient and reduce their use of electricity," Pierce. said "We anticipate other promotions will be introduced over the several next months."



# **Gleaners - a reliable source** supplementing area donations

by Thad Kraus

**T**t's the difference between shopping for what you want and being given something you may not like and won't take time to prepare.

Second Harvest Gleaners has given West Michigan food banks an opportunity to improve their way of doing business and in the process put more food on their shelves for less.

Flat The River Outreach Ministry pantry has been involved with Second Harvest Gleaners for 10 years. It just hasn't used Gleaners a lot. That changed within the last year thanks to a \$5,000 grant toward purchase of food from Gleaners.

"We've been able to keep the pantry pretty well stocked with our donations," says food pantry director, Jodi Haybarker.

With its new location at 11535 E. Fulton, and increased space, the grant enables the local food pantry to purchase more food at a much reduced cost.

"With our grant money we're paying 16 cents a pound," Haybarker explains. That allows us to buy a heck of a lot of food."

With its last purchase from Gleaners, the pantry Gleaners,

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BECKHORN Kenneth Frank Beckhorn, and Mary and Jim Lewis age 85 of Ionia, passed away of Ionia; 17 grandchildren October 5, 2008 in Ionia. He and 14 great-grandchildren. was born March 20, 1923 in He was preceded in death Ionia, the son of Frank and by his parents; 3 brothers, of Ionia, Tim Beckhorn and contribution in Kenneth's Carol Moore of Saranac, name to Ionia Hospice. Anne and John Jarman Online of Hastings and Cherie may be made at www Beckhorn of Chelsea; sisters, lakefuneralhomes.com.

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Anita Reynolds of Ionia Emily (Coates) Beckhorn. Fred, Harold and Robert and He worked for Ionia Fire Winona. A memorial service Dept. as a fireman, owned will be held Wednesday, 8 and operated Valley Lea p.m. at Lake Funeral Home Mild and worked for Indian in Ionia with Pastor Dan Summer Orchards as a Graybell officiating. The foreman where he retired family will receive friends from. Kenneth is survived and relatives Wednesday at by his children; Terry and 6 p.m. until time of service Sandy Beckhorn of Lowell, at the funeral home. You Thomas and Dawn Beckhorn may make a memorial condolences

your small business..

## BEIMERS

John Robert Beimers of Lake Havasu, AZ, born September 24, 1970 went to be with his heavenly Father, Tuesday, September 30, 2008. John is survived by his parents Kurt and Deborah Beimers: loving brother, Douglas and Heather Beimers: nephew. Christian and niece, Delaney Beimers; his aunts, Penny Oswald and Rose Evans: and many life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joyce Bignall and James Lasuasky, Richard and Mildred Beimers. Cremation has taken place by his parents wishes and John's remains will be returned home for burial. Private services Public Affairs Specialist will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may look at the Indianapolis be made to Humane Society of Kent County, 3077 Wilson quarterback NW, GR, MI 49534.

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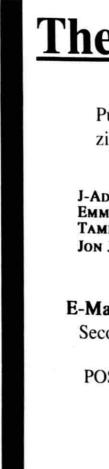
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He was preceded in death by with Rev. Terry Tessari of his mother-in-law, Claudia the First Congregational Daverman. He is survived by Church of Lowell officiating Oakwood Interment children, Krista Miller, Mark Cemetery. Visitation will Kaufman and son-in-law, be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday David Miller; grandchildren, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Logan Kaufman. A memorial Rapids, MI 49503. (In case service will be 11 a.m., anyone is wondering, the Thursday, October 9 at the welding shop is closed - fix

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# **Sports writer loves community reporting**

by Emma Palova

You may have seen him around town. A familiar face with a shy smile and a camera dangling on his hip.

After a hiatus that lasted five years, Thad Kraus of Grand Rapids has returned to the Lowell Ledger to pursue his love of writing.

people, the businesses and have confidence in you." the schools."

Advance Newspapers as rapport with people in the Guide. a marketing consultant community and to boost and most recently he was community coverage.

stocking the shelves of local grocers with Sara Lee bread. "I realized how much I enjoy writing," he said.

Kraus loves being out and about on the streets, and sharing information with others.

"It's a nice feeling being informed and being able to "It's just great to be share that with other people," back," he said. "I missed the he said. "People trust you and

His plans are to build Kraus worked for the on relationships and better

"Community reporting is very important," he said. "I feel community newspapers will survive based on that connection with people."

Kraus says he will handle his stories accurately and fairly.

"I want to present the whole story," he said When Kraus is not

penning his stories, he will be working as a marketing consultant for the Lowell Ledger and the Buyers

# Alto kids get a glimpse of the past



Alto Elementary students in Brooke Culver's classroom had the opportunity to explore a 1950's military ambulance. The ambulance was stocked with almost all original equipment. Students got a chance to sit in the driver's seat and lay out on the stretcher. They also got to crawl into a pup tent set up along with the ambulance.





**Thad Kraus** 

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### THE RIVER OF TIME PAEGANT

The story of the founding of Lowell, written by Heidi Kaebstoller and directed by Luanne Kaeb, with actors from the local 4H clubs, will be shown on local cable channel 20 on Wed., Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.; Thurs., Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 10 at 5 p.m.; and Sat., Oct. 11 at 10 a.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

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

### 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.

### GARLIC MUSTARD PULL

The Girl Scouts have volunteered to hold our first fall Garlic Mustard Pull on Sat., Oct. 11. To help and support them, meet at the Boy Scout cabin at the end of N. Washington St. at 10 a.m. Any questions call Peggy. 897-7948.

#### 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 FUNDRAISER

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.

#### THEBES PLAYERS

The Thebes players will be performing 'Barefoot in the Park' by Neil Simon at the Lowell Performing Arts Center (Lowell High School), 11700 Vergennes on Oct. 17, 18 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets day of sale: LAAC members, seniors & students \$12, non-members \$14. Call 897-8545 or visit Lowell Area Arts Council for more information.

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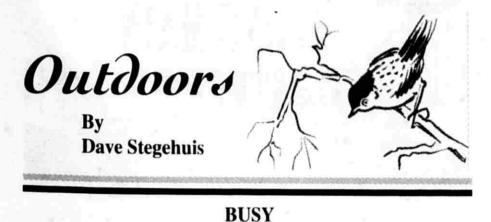
Held Sat., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place. Only \$5.

### **CORN HOLE** TOURNAMENT

Oct. 18 at Lowell Fair Grounds (Forman Building). \$20 a team, 2 person teams, cash payout to top 3 teams, must be 17 years or older. To pre-register go to www. discoverlowell.org before Oct. 11. For additional information contact Dave, 897-8805 or Mike, 897-6005. 50 percent of proceeds go to F.R.O.M.

#### CHRISTMAS **THROUGH LOWELL**

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



In a world of instant communications and multi-tasking, for a long meager winter under the ice. the term busy usually describes being overwhelmed by daily responsibilities. Taking time to experience a long list of outdoor activities which are unique to our part of the country this time of the year can also keep one busy.

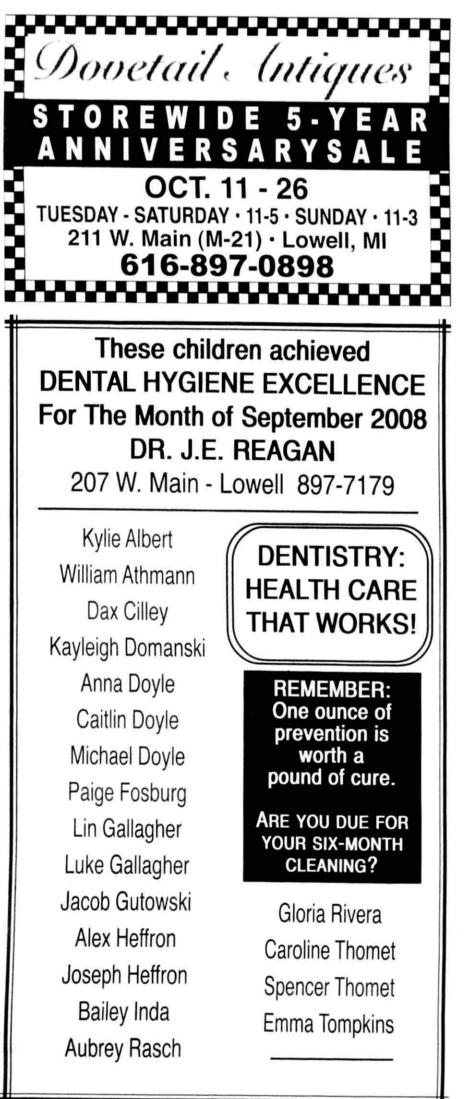
There is some kind of festival celebrating the fall season in small towns across the state almost every weekend from now until the snow flies. Getting there requires driving less traveled roads through landscapes ablaze with fall color. Along the way, roadside farm stands sell fresh fruit and



This has been a landmark year for the Great Lakes. In an extraordinarily short period of time, Congress passed the Great Lakes Compact and the Great Lakes Legacy Act. These two measures are critical next steps in our conservation and restoration efforts for the Great Lakes, which are vital to Michigan's economy.

The Great Lakes hold 18 percent of the world's fresh water, providing drinking water to tens of millions of people. They support over 550,000 Michigan jobs - about 1 in 7 jobs in our state - not to mention the \$18.8 billion in tourism revenue that Michigan generates annually, in large part thanks to the Great Lakes. Manufacturers save over \$1 billion each year thanks to the Great Lakes shipping industry, and the Great Lakes are home to a \$5 billion fishery industry. I introduced the Great Lakes Water Compact and the Great Lakes Legacy Act because the lakes are such an important natural, recreational and economic resource for our state.

Building on the existing protections of current law,



vegetables, apple cider, and Halloween carving pumpkins. There is always plenty to eat at the festivals, and if evening finds one a long way from home, quaint bed and breakfasts welcome the weary traveler.

Excellent fishing opportunities are often overlooked this late in the season. As water in the Great Lakes and connecting rivers cool, salmon head for the streams where they were hatched or planted. Cooler water and diminishing forage motivate inland fish to feed eagerly in preparation

Small game hunting presents another good reason to get out and about during the season of harvest. Listening to beagles baying on the trail of a cottontail rabbit or watching a bird dog work dense cover and then stand on a solid point over a bird are classic hunting experiences. For some it doesn't get better than watching the sun come up from a duck blind in the company of good friends and a wet retriever. Squirrel hunting is a great first hunting experience for a youngster and creates fond memories for Michigan is a very busy time.

the Great Lakes Compact will protect the Great Lakes by implementing sound water management and conservation. It bans future water diversions from the basin. It also creates a consistent scientifically based standard to review proposed uses of Great Lakes basin water, and for the first time, establishes water conservation goals. Lastly, it keeps the water management authority in the Great Lakes region with for the initial testing and surveying of sites. people who have an interest in protecting the lakes. Under the Compact, sustainable management of the Great Lakes will be a central consideration in economic development.

The Great Lakes Legacy Act provides funding to clean up contaminated sediments in the U.S. "areas of concern" in the Great Lakes. The current Legacy program, enacted in 2002, removed nearly 800,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from U.S. waters, including three sites in Michigan - Black Lagoon (now Elias Cove) south of history

parents, grandparents, uncles, or friends that take the time to mentor the youngster.

A number of deer hunting seasons run from September to January. Regular archery and firearm season plus several special hunts create a large window of hunting opportunities for even the most over-booked individuals. Those fortunate enough to have received bear or elk tags will participate in a very unique hunt and, at the same time, help manage game populations as is the case with all legal hunting. Now is a good time to paddle down scenic rivers where

autumn leaves paint the banks with brilliant colors and the pesky insects of summer are gone. The same pleasant conditions can be found while biking backcountry roads and hiking nature trails.

In addition to all of these opportunities, most of us have to find time to make a living, raise a family, keep up with schoolwork, clean up the yard, watch football, or deal with a variety of other distractions, and responsibilities, so fall in

Detroit, Ruddiman Creek in Muskegon and the St. Mary's River near Sault Ste. Marie. The new Act expands on the 2002 program. The bill reduces the cost-share requirement at sites where the original source of the pollution is no longer around to pay for cleanup, allows Legacy funds to be used for habitat restoration, and requires the EPA to pay

These positive developments will benefit the Great Lakes for years ahead. But there's far more work to be done. I will continue to fight for the Great Lakes, including working to stop the introduction of invasive species.

The Great Lakes are an integral part of life for the people of our state. We must all work together to ensure that future generations are able to benefit from and enjoy the Great Lakes as our people have throughout Michigan's

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Gleaners, continued ... From Page 1

bought 1.864 pounds of get is limited. So we still to go with what is being food for \$293. "What we desperately need donations purchased," Haybarker said.

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The pantry serves 160-180 families per month and The list of donation that number continues to gradually rise. Haybarker hamburger points to loss of jobs, hours any one demographic. It's explains.

> One element of Second Flat River Ministry food pantry has used a lot over the last five-six years is the Mobile Food Pantry.

The Mobile Food Pantry comes into Lowell once a month with 4,000 pounds of food which serves 100 families. The cost for this service is \$430. The distribution cost is covered by area churches. This enables the pantry to get food to the people who need it in the most efficient way possible.

The next Mobile Food Pantry visit is scheduled for Oct. 12.

GOOD Lowell's Chevrolet donates the use of a cargo van when there is inclement weather.

# Viewpoint-



#### Dear Editor.

There's a stench of arrogance in the air and it just reeks with incompetence.

An article in the Sept. 3 Lowell Ledger stated that the DDA may extend boundaries to finance a RV park. The Downtown Development Authority [DDA] has been using part of their tax base, for whatever good or folly they have in mind, for the past 16 years.

I believe in these harsh economic times those taxes belong in the general fund. The city council or the DDA should not be financing on whatever whim comes to mind like a RV park.

There are always some in our community that can come up with all kinds of ideas on how to spend your taxes, but not one good idea on how to lower them. You can make your judgment if our city council has really changed, like some have professed, after the council makes their decision.

Jim Howard

Dear Editor.

In response to Carla Coon's letter published in the Lowell Ledger on October 1, taking to task the religious beliefs of Senator Barack Obama (not Barak O'bama); in my opinion, there is only One who truly knows when life begins, and it is neither Senator Obama nor Senator McCain! So when Senator Obama says that it's above his pay grade, I believe he is making a valid assessment.

If you are going to quote chapter and verse from the Bible you should do so verbatim, not pick out the parts you want and piece together a statement to prove your point. (But I guess that's the Republican way, isn't it?) There are parts contained within that refer to the prematurely born child and some that refer to the mother. I invite any and all to read Exodus 21: 22-25 and interpret it for yourself.

In your final paragraph you state that "John McCain got it right (in your opinion) when he said that life begins at conception (in his opinion). Please speak for these little ones who don't have a voice and vote for life." In the beginning of this statement you speak of conception and end with abortion, but fail to differentiate between the two. Which is it, Ms. Coon? And how many unwanted children born to mothers, who were pressured into giving birth by you right-to-lifers, have you adopted?

For the record; I am pro-choice on abortion. I'm not saying that abortion is right or wrong, I'm saying that it's not your decision whether another woman chooses to terminate an unwanted or ill-conceived pregnancy.

This presidential election, as well as every other one, is an important one. We, as a nation, get to choose who will lead us for the next four years. No matter if you are a Democrat, Republican, or Independent, if you are old enough to vote and are registered ... please get out and vote. If you don't you've got nothing to complain about during the next four years.

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Charles Miller

In fact, the roots of the current economic crisis go back to the social pressures and governmental regulations imposed on the banking and mortgage industries to make what are now considered "questionable" or "bad" home mortgage loans to those at the bottom of the income ladder who had always been renters and "could not afford" to own a home. The resultant creation of "sub-prime" mortgages predates the current Bush Administration.

The subsequent problems with "FrannieMae" and "FreddieMac" also predate the current Bush Administration. Those quasi-governmental organizations were operated as if "financial playgrounds" by those appointed by prior By Shelly MacNaughton administrations, including Democrat administration The mismanagement and even out fraudulent actions of those running "Freddie" and "Frannie" led to even more serious problems in the economy. The resultant failure of the mortgage titans cannot legitimately be blamed on the current Bush administration.

The economic problems caused by the collapse of The Lowell Manufacturing Co. is largely increasing the the sub-prime mortgage market was, in fact, precipitated capacity of their manufacturing. by the skyrocketing oil prices brought on by the OPEC Somebody threw a stone through one of the stained monopoly-control of the supply of oil at a time when glass windows of the catholic church. Boys, there are eyes watching you and before you know it you will be crying to worldwide demand for oil was rapidly increasing. That, get out of jail. coupled with Congress' refusal to deal with the need for additional energy resources caused the American economy to be "held hostage" to the oil cartels. With resulting **100 YEARS AGO** retail gasoline prices spiking to over \$4 per gallon, the average low- and moderat-income earners were squeezed THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 8, 1908** between rapidly rising costs of their own transportation Born, at Nome, Alaska, September 15, a 10-pound and everything dependent upon gasoline or oil for its son to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ranney so says the Nome Daily manufacture or transportation. Combined with the Gold Digger of that date, a copy of which reached our table kicking in of the rate adjustment on the 5-year adjustable Tuesday morning. Mr. Ranney is an old Lowell boy; and his mortgages ('ARM'), many people could no longer afford many friends here will be glad to know he has made so rich the mortgage payments that they previously had been able a find in the gold diggings. to manage

Again, to blame the current economic crisis on the current Bush administration is demagoguery; it is false and does not reflect well on those who try to make that claim. It smacks of pure "politics as usual" - blaming and accusing the opposition of everything.

I could respect the positions of many of our Democrat While testing an electric pad, Blanche, young daughter of Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Allen E. Stebbins of Ionia, received representatives and congressmen and women more if they were either better informed, or more truthful, or both, a shock that hurled her across the bathroom and rendered her unconscious. She was found an hour later by her brother. regarding the causes of the current economic problems rather than resorting to political posturing and trying to blame the current economic crisis entirely on the Bush **50 YEARS AGO** administration. There is sufficient blame to go around, THE LOWELL LEDGER much of it also attributed to prior Democrat administrations **OCTOBER 9, 1958** as well as Congress.

At the meeting on Monday night the Village Council It is time for all sides to come together, put aside discussed the advisability of dropping the Christmas Main political rancor, and work together for the benefit of the Street lighting program that has been a highlight of Christmas American people. It's time now to tap the vast resources of for over 25 years. In view of the Village financial condition our country, and begin drilling for oil both offshore and in some members of the council feel that here is a place to cut "ANWR" (the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge"), as well expense. as developing oil from coaltar sands and other techniques. We need to promote and implement technology that has recently been developed that can produce synthetic gasoline **25 YEARS AGO** using cellulose-based ethanol for only \$1.50 per gallon. THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER (Imagine the "boom" in auto, truck, and SUV sales if we **OCTOBER 12, 1983** could get gasoline for less than \$2 a gallon once again!) The State Savings Bank of Lowell is pleased to announce In addition, we need to further develop nuclear power, as the addition of Chuck Myers to its staff. Mr. Myers will have well as wind, solar, and clean-coal sources.

We need it all! All of these sources of energy, and more, need to be developed in a coordinated energy program that will enable the American industrial might to, once again, produce the products the world needs, and provide goodpaying jobs for the hardworking men and women who are now facing economic hard-times. We don't need fingerpointing, bickering, backbiting, politics as usual.

Dear Editor.

I beg to differ with often publicly stated views of most Democratic politicians and many in the obviously biased news media that the current economic crisis is due to Regan-Bush era deregulation of the financial industry or "failed economic policies" of the last eight years of the current Bush Administration.

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David G. Thaler



**125 YEARS AGO** THE LOWELL JOURNAL **OCTOBER 10, 1883** 

It is settled that the new bank will be in the Lyon block, corner building

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 12, 1933**

the title of Assistant Vice President and will assist in lending and in operations. Chuck has spent the past four years with the Clinton Bank & Trust Co. of St. Johns, Michigan. Chuck and his lovely wife, Noreen, have a nine-year-old daughter. They are planning to move to Lowell as-soon-as possible.

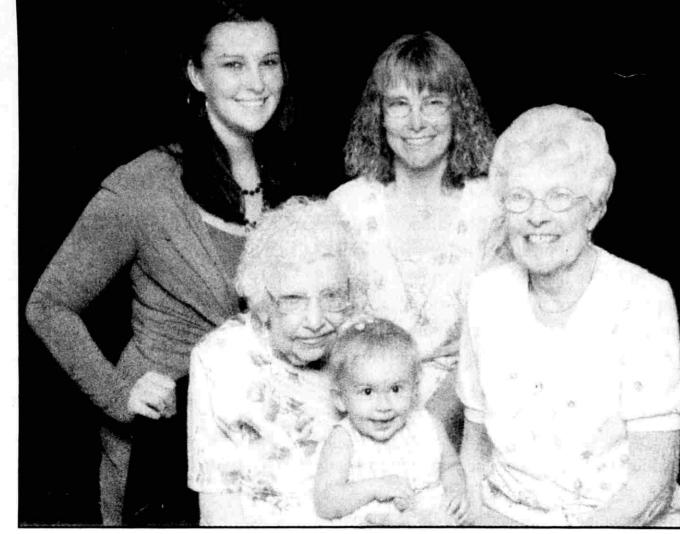


**Five generations of women** 

Pictured at right, are great-great-grandmother. Gert De Haan, greatgrandmother, Joyce VanDyke, great-aunt, Diane Gee, mother, Ashley (Kennedy) Reinbold and Savannah Kaiya Reinbold. Ashley, along with her husband Cal, are currently stationed at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa.

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The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up. - Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



Reflections offaith

by David Sims, Lead Pastor First Baptist Lowell

### FAITH WITH SKIN ON

Role Reversal! These October weeks we are journeying together, trying to harness some of life's larger-than-lifeevents and share their significant impact on me and my growth in gut-understanding of a God-accepted faith. You've probably had some of those unique incidents when, though words evade you, you know you are experiencing something huge, something deep, something profound.

This particular "adventure" began late in 2003, as my father's medical tests returned with foreboding indicators portents of things we would rather not consider, shadows of possible scenarios that we all hoped were mere machinations of our collective family imaginations. The statistics were ominous; the numbers were re-run, calculated, ciphered, reevaluated and deciphered by the hoary heads of the genius minds of skilled and experienced physicians, combining their wisdom as highly esteemed hematology professional associates. Their verdict was a gut-wrenching, mind-

live. Period. Sorry. Regretful. Period.

Now you need to know my dad. Picture of health all of life. Hard worker. Never hospitalized. Farmer. Quarry manager. Leader. Timber cutter. Teacher. Lay Preacher. Elder. Helper. Care giver. Quiet. Strong. Loving. Kind. Generous. Faithful. Steady. Holy. How could this be? But as time progressed, the disease advanced. The phantoms metastasized into full-blown monsters of reality. Months of chemo, radiation...then remission? But the menace 3:17-19 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights."

During those long final weeks, something happened. The one who had carried me home from the hospital, who had countless times picked me up from falls and scrapes. who had held me safe from the scary closet-monsters in the night, who had wrestled and hugged and swatted and mauling, heart-rending, soul-sobbing pronouncement and high-fived me into a discipline and confidence I would not



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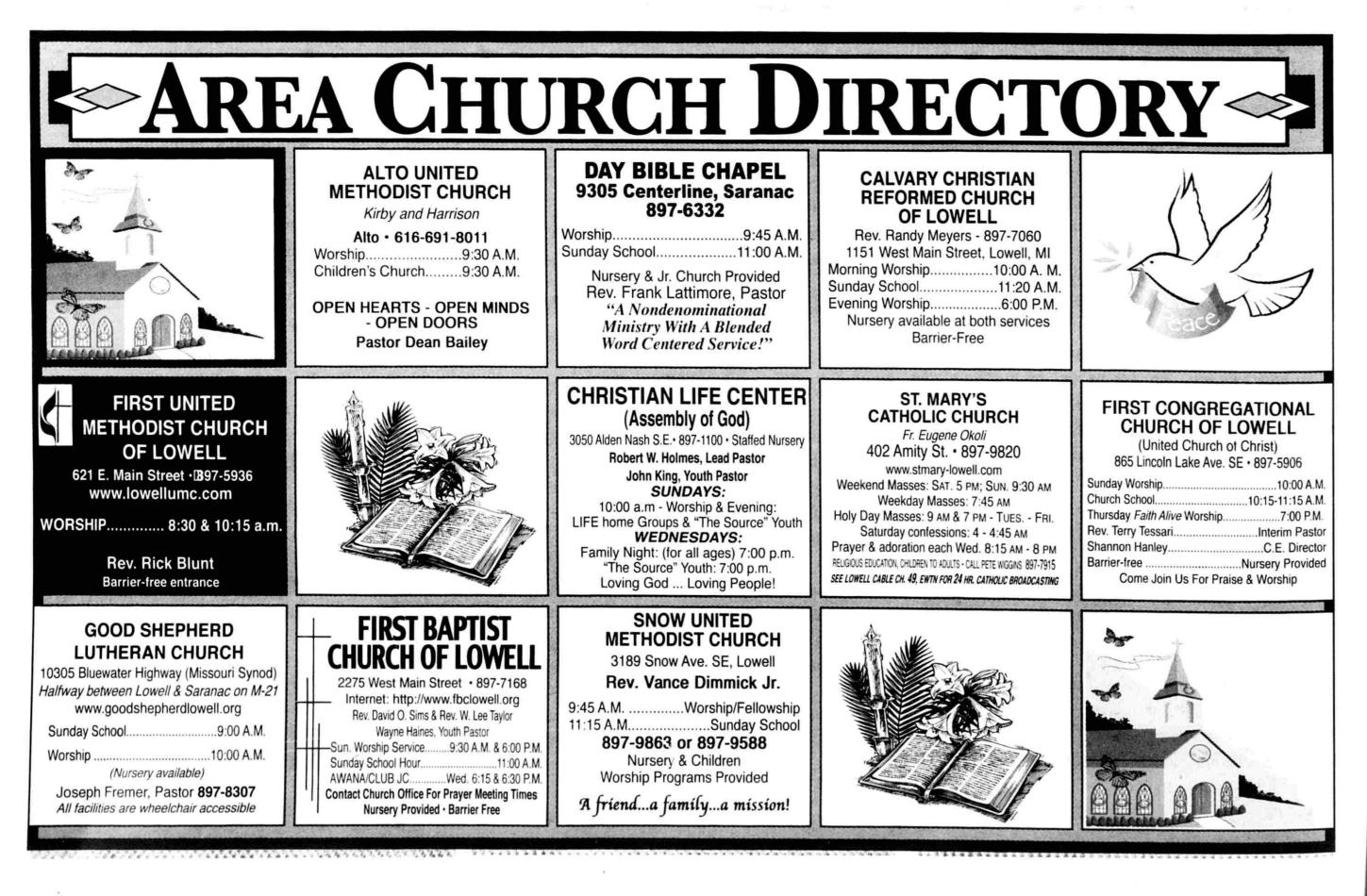
**OCTOBER 9:** Jerrid Uzarski, Cameron Kiczenski, Ralph Clouser, Zengri, Patricia Andelkovic, Don Smith.

**OCTOBER 10:** Traci Newhouse, Michele DeHaan.

**OCTOBER 11:** Susan Merriman, Ashley Hendrick, Dale Ruse.

prognosis: rare form leukemia, scanty treatment, months to otherwise know, now ended up in my arms! I wrestled him to more comfortable positions in the hospital bed in the living room; I picked him up and carried him to his chair; I held him and prayed for courage and peace to envelop him in the shadows of his valley. I, the child, was now "parenting" the father. Extreme reversal, indeed.

But more striking than that experience was the lesson I saw in my dad. How quietly and lovingly he submitted of our thoughts could no longer be suppressed as they to such a humbling call upon his life. How carefully and purposefully he somehow let us know it was ok; being childlike for him was acceptable once again since it was regrouped and marched forward with lethal surge. To God's plan and path. And I shall forever be embossed with the end (which was actually dad's new beginning), he such a living-and-breathing picture of true, genuine faith. remained true to the text he and mother chose when they Our eternal destiny hinges upon the call of God to release discovered this path they were called to walk...Habakkuk ourselves into total submission to and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Jesus said it this way on the day he had called for a child to be brought to his arms: "Unless fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven." (Mt 18:3) No, faith is not childish, but it is childlike. Trusting, dependent, expectant, vulnerable. God's merciful call to us and His gracious love for us is able to accomplish its wonderful work in us only as we are willing to switch roles. Get off the throne of your life. Relinquish control of yourself. Climb out of the driver's seat. Give up being #1 boss. Run to Jesus as a little one who knows how much he really needs...and admits how weak and helpless he is on his own. It's a choice that will live in infamy



# Happy Birthday

**OCTOBER 12:** 

Neille Stephens, Becky

# **OCTOBER 13:**

Adam Thaler, Joe VanLaan, Patrick Doyle, Kurtis Clouser Jr., Emily J.

**OCTOBER 14:** Jeanne Shores, Ericka

Onan, Barb Erickson, Debra Duiven, Court Duiven, Kyle Hildenbrand, Stacey Kinyon, Jim Watrous, Kelsey Callihan, Caleb Baker.

# **Congregation celebrates 40-year anniversary**

Calvary Reformed Church in Lowell celebrates 40 years have served the congregation as an organized Christian over the past 40 years. The Reformed Congregation on present pastor is Rev. Randy Sunday, Oct. 19.

The church began as a Christian Reformed Home Mission project in 1953 sponsored by the Ada and East Paris Christian Reformed Churches. Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church took over the sponsorship in 1958, hired a full time evangelist, Henry Buikema, to work at the church, and erected the church building at 1151 West Main Street. The building was dedicated on April 19, 1960.

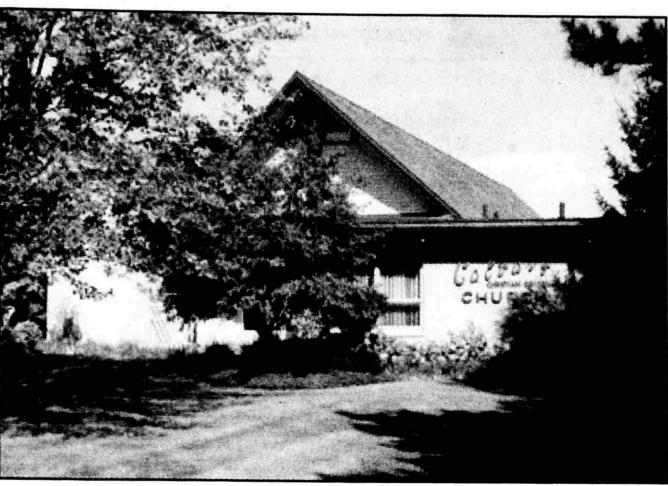
In 1968 the congregation had grown to the point where it was ready to be organized as a church and call an ordained minister. This organization took place

Christian on October 21, 1968.

Six ordained pastors pastor since 2004.

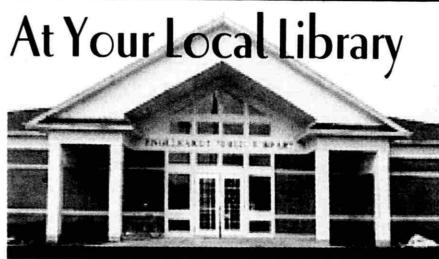
pastor of Eastern Avenue of the congregation. Christian Reformed Church

The morning service on bringing the message. The 6 October 19, begins at 10 a.m p.m. evening service will be with the Rev. Mel Hugan, led by Curt DeVries, a son The Lowell community Meyers who has been the at the time of organization, is invited to the celebration.



Calvary Christian Reformed Church has served the Lowell community for 40

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years.

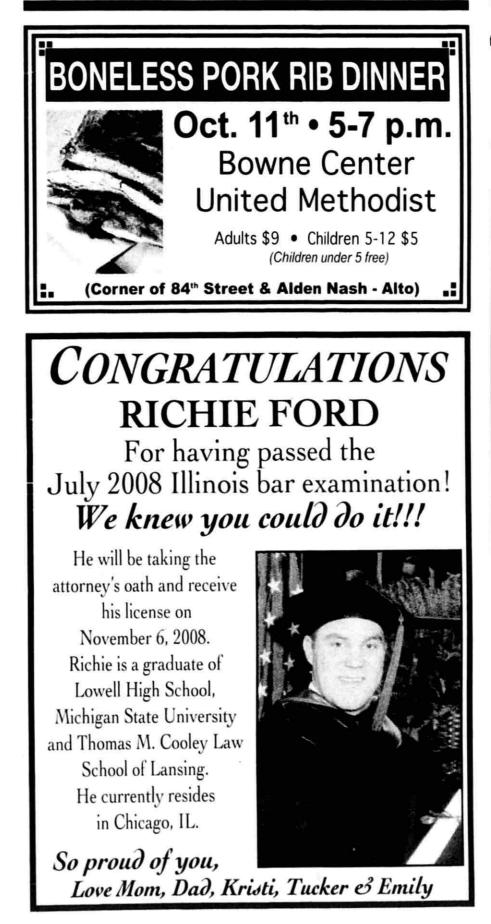
Nathaniel D. Clements. Hope College junior from Lowell, is studying of Lowell and is a 2006 campus at Waseda graduate of Lowell High University in Japan during School. the 2008 fall semenster.



Teens, don't miss out on your chance to show off your musical talents with DDR and Guitar Hero at the Kent District Library. Several KDL branches offer rhythm packed jam and dance sessions this fall:

Englehardt branch, Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

Registration is required at some branches. For more information contact or visit your local KDL branch or visit us online at www.kdl.org.



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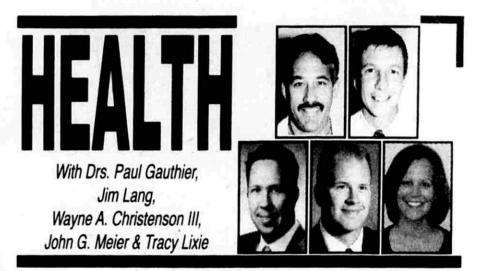


the year on

Alden Nash, SE

Zoning Ordinance.

Clements is the son of David and Susan Clements



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### **HEART FAILURE**

Heart failure is one of the most common causes of heart related hospitalizations and deaths in the United States. Heart failure occurs when the heart does not work effectively as a pump. This leads to a back up of fluid into the veins, tissues and lungs.

Frequent causes of heart failure include high blood pressure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary artery disease, heart valve disease and infections. Occasionally there is no specific cause found

Patients with uncontrolled heart failure may develop shortness of breath especially with exertion. Frequently there is an increase in weight due to retention of fluid. Swelling of the ankles and legs may also occur.

If your doctor suspects heart failure as a cause of your symptoms the diagnosis is usually made after listening to the heart and lungs. A chest x-ray, EKG and echocardiogram will aid in making the diagnosis. Certain blood tests also help in detecting congestive heart failure. Once heart failure is diagnosed it is most important to determine a cause. Heart failure is treated with medication to reduce the work load of the heart and improve the pumping effectiveness of the heart muscle. Diuretic medication is often prescribed to reduce excess fluid volume. Heart failure is usually a lifelong condition requiring indefinite medical treatment.

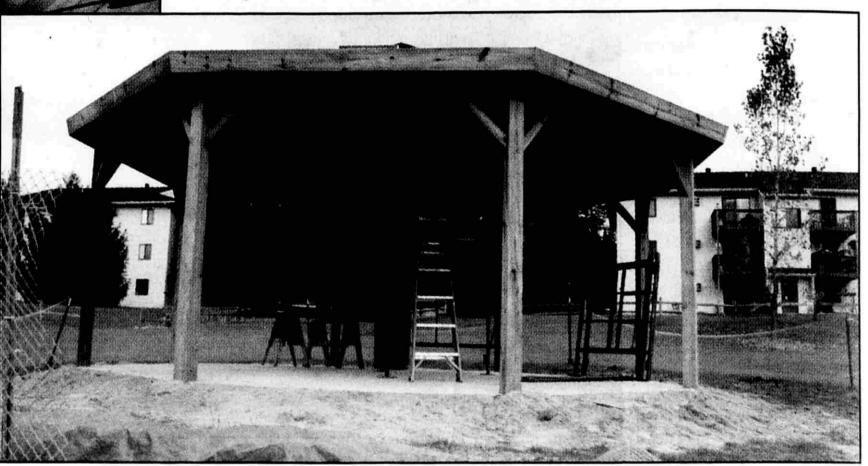
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# Gazebo finished at Stoney Lakeside Park

Volunteer Leo Pfaller completed a gazebo at the Stoney Lakeside Park on the east side last weekend. The new gazebo will compliment the existing picnic shelter, and it is just one of many improvements at the Lowell area parks. The monies for the project were generated from the recently-established park user fees.





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Featured Artist

Bonnie Osborne

### by Emma Palova

figs still on palate, artist best local and Michigan Bonnie Osborne calls the artists including workshop new pastel show, a 'Taste of Tuscany.'

The soft light over the VanderMeulen, hills and valleys in Tuscany in Italy made its way on to Jan McKinnon, Carol Pope the canvas of a handful of and Holly Sturges American artists. whose work is now on display at has created their own the Riverwalk Gallery inside memorable impression of the Lowell Area Chamber of Val-du-Orcia and Monte Commerce.

The exhibit "Italian Works' showcases the skill of Michigan painters who transformed the beauty and the atmosphere of the pastoral scenes viewed from the Belvedere farmhouse on La Foce estate home to enrich and to inspire. Magnificent in its simplicity, the paintings create a feeling of tranquility.

"By painting plein air you have the memory of the place and the feeling," said Osborne, one of the local participating artists. "Your colors and values that is the dark to light scale, are more accurate.

Painting au 'Plein Air' With the flavor of fresh in Italy were some of the instructor Jim Markle, Bonnie Osborne, Ruth Carol Brenot, Eleanore Markle,

Each one of the artists Amiata.

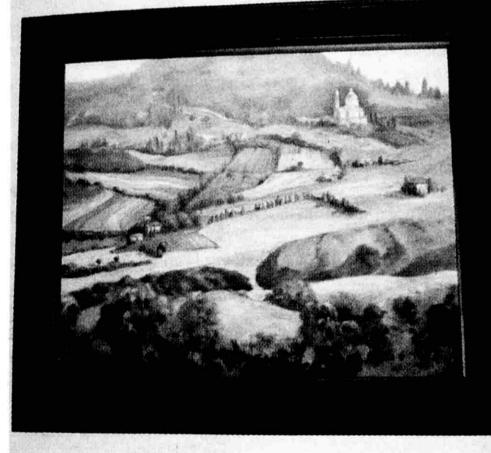
"It was peaceful painting with friends," said Osborne. "We were all in the same places, but it was interesting to see what people chose to paint, what caught their eye."

Almost every artist painted a view from the 'Belvedere' into the valley focusing on what the painters called the 'zig zag road.'

"Yet, the paintings were all different," said Osborne. Interesting were scenes captured in oil by artist

Ruth VanderMeulen such as 'Theology and Sunshine.' A reception for the

artists will be held on Oct. 10 at the Riverwalk Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m.



# Murray Lake students elect student council reps

Student council candidates began running for office on September 15. Each candidate gave a speech to his or her fellow students. Student council elections were held last Friday. Pictured are the members of 2008-2009 Murray Lake Student Council.

Back row, left to right: Travis Cornell, Sam Mason, Bryan Ashenbremmer, Eden Nethercott, Gabe Steed (President), Allison Mooney, Garrett Nauta, Carter Noskey (Treasurer), Brady Schaefer (Secretary), Nathan Stephens, Sam Russell, Keaton Bell, Josealyn Pontius, Nicholas Kloosterman, Maria DeCator, Courtney Lubbers, and Jerrod Humphreys. Front row, left to right: Eric Dimmick, Adam Marks (Public Relations Officer), Mason Misiak (Vice President), Kayeleigh Lubbers, Sonja Grasman, and Sar Majestic.







Artist Bonnie Osborne talks about a Tuscany workshop that inspired pastel show "Italian Works."





#### EAST LANSING

friends and family: this week let's try something that I have on their sons. Remember, your son does not have to be the quietly participated in for many years. The development of a student athlete football player.

First of all, it rarely happens naturally. Don Dilly's path to Indiana football, and ultimately playing both ways in the 60's was because Dilly was a natural in my opinion. one player's success. The ascension from seventh grade flag football to starting that ascend to D-1 are rare.

For many boys, preparation for Saturdays in Spartan Illinois who defeated Michigan 45-20 on Saturday.

So again, here's the formula:

K – 6 play YMCA soccer in the spring for fun. This develops hand eye coordination and team work and little kids Saturday, with your friends. Talk ends up bringing unnecessary love soccer. It's fun!

Seventh grade or sooner - Lowell Youth football if the fun in Friday Night lights with his friends. child wants to play football instead of soccer.

for the lower body, do a rapid jump rope workout after lifting. Jump rope loosens up the leg muscles to help with flexibility and quickness.

example, proper squat technique might/should develop speed and vertical (Also vertical enhancements help for basketball and many other sports.)

Further, all along the way, your boy wants to have fun with is for those that love it. Many of the themes of the first six weeks came from what he is doing. So the parents should not put undo pressure starting offensive tackle for Penn State or an All-American defensive back for Northwestern to get into Heaven.

> So have fun with your son. Go to his games and cheer for the team. The team's success is truly more important than

Further, while watching your sons Freshman and JV halfback for the Hoosiers is rare, because pure natural athletes games if you see Saturday potential, then implement another step. Before the description of that step, let me share this quick glimpse of the past. In a Junior Varsity game against Stadium, Columbus, Ann Arbor, and West Lafayette etc, Greenville, I saw a boy make a sweet move while carrying requires more than natural talent. Here's my formula. The the ball. In a Junior Varsity game against Three Rivers, I next person to write this column might have something totally saw another boy make a very athletic tackle. In both plays, different to say. And keep in mind it is not something that a both athletes registered in my mind...this boy has excellent parent plots from birth to age 18; because you might not have potential for Lowell Varsity football and for Saturday Division a feel for it until freshman or JV football if the athlete has One. Did anyone else notice? Did anyone else care? No. Still the raw skills and frame to be developed to compete for say the vision was there. So when the raw talent is there, help develop your athlete to continue to succeed.

Now the next few steps:

1. Don't talk about your son wanting to play on pressure on a high school athlete who simply wants to have

2. Beginning Freshman year when it's in the budget Then in June, before Freshman year, start lifting free and when it is healthy, broil your son a steak in the evening weights. Lift year around. For kids that want to wrestle or for a fourth meal of the day. An extra 10 to 12 ounces of play round ball (In the 60's we called basketball players lean beef fourish evenings a week over a long period of time "roundballers.") and track or whatever in the spring, they can complimented by a year around regimented weight lifting lift in the morning before school starts year around. Before program will often times put 15 to 20 pounds of solid muscle every lift session and after every lift session, stretch to help weight on per year. Then after six years of excellent coaching

keep flexibility. And on days that the weight room workout is in the Dean program, if he wants to and if his skill level and physique measure up, maybe your son goes as a walk on or scholarship athlete. And when they go to a college program, that program will make a well prepared dedicated athlete that In Lowell, we are fortunate to have excellent coaching loves to play football an outstanding and well disciplined for both weight room workout techniques and football. For student athlete...one that is proud to represent the Big Ten football on and off the field. Once again, remember that we don't have to play football at any level to get into heaven. We don't have to play football to have a successful life. Football

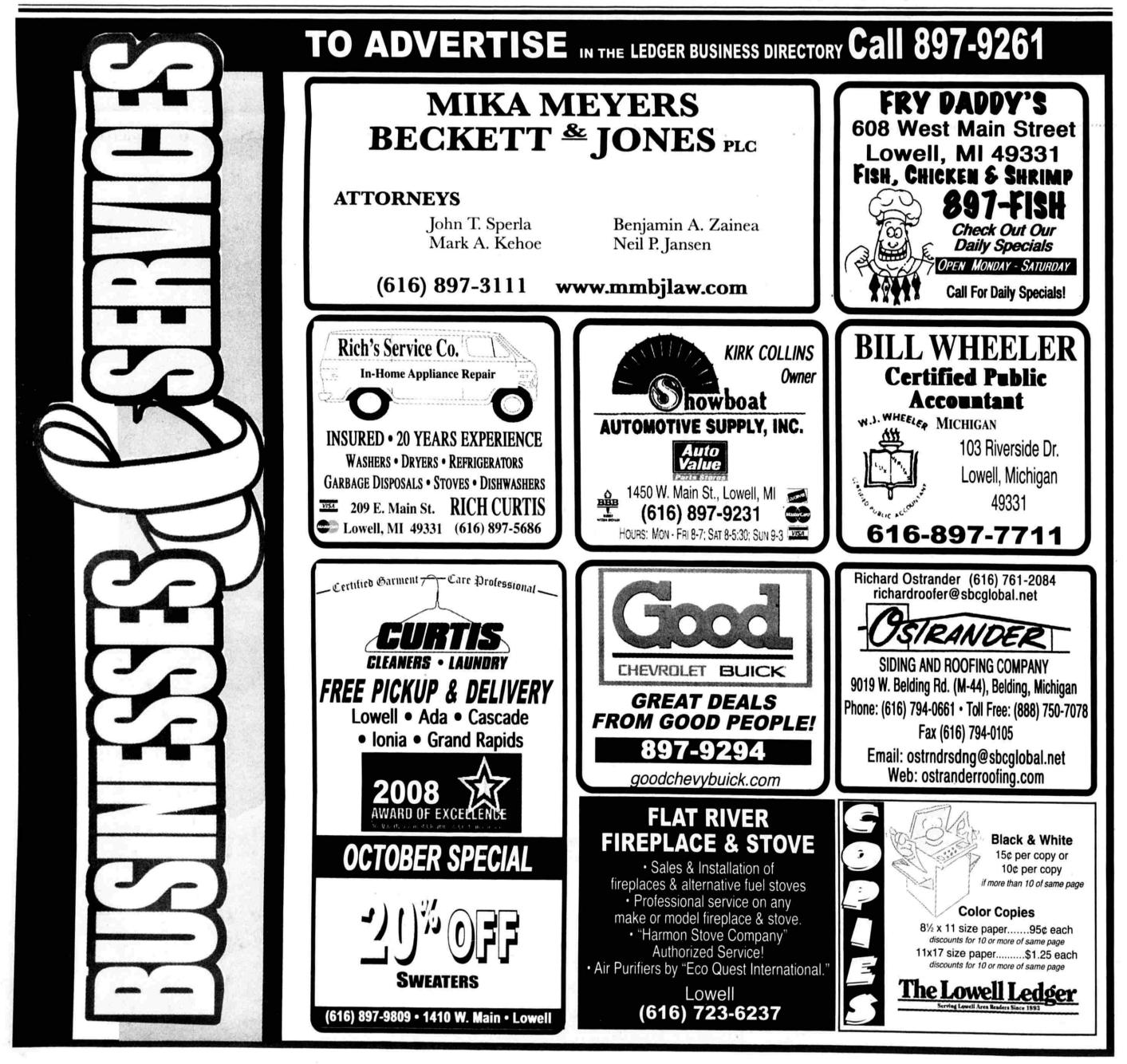
> Moral of the column today...let's raise our kids with love and leadership that helps them prepare for a happy and healthy productive life; and football can be part of the journey of a happy life if the child wants.

> Moving on, on Saturday, the Big Ten games came out about as expected, except Minnesota beat Indiana. At 5-1, Minnesota might be a dark horse. Let's see how they do at Illinois this coming Saturday.

> Coming this weekend: The 5-1 Spartans have a tough game at Northwestern at 12 noon EDT. The Wildcats are 5-0. Michigan hosts Toledo; and Indiana will host Iowa. That will be a brawl. Good offense versus strong defense. Other noteworthy matchups have Penn State at Wisconsin and Purdue at Ohio State. This could be a week when some of the projected winners yield. Have a great week in life.

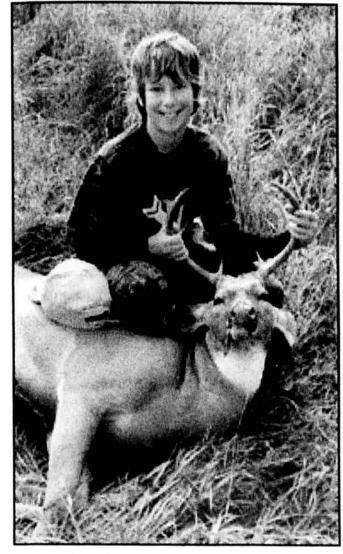
statement of all.

Plus here is a Big Ten Talk add-on that probably was only noticeable to a Lowell fan: On fourth and one with two minutes to go, Iowa ran their star tailback on a sweep to the left. And the Spartan's Mike linebacker Adam Decker, who played on the Brother Rice team that lost to Lowell and Coach Dean's first state championship team that our son Jeff played on, tackled the Iowa tailback for a loss. With only 1:40 to go in the game, State took over...Iowa having no timeouts remaining...game over. Brother Rice and Lowell once divided are now united. The Moral is don't hate your opponents. Play to win...just don't hate your opponents. Someday you may end up on the same team.



Quote of the week: "\_\_\_\_\_." Sparty. Sparty is the Spartan's speechless mascot and the Bronze statue on campus. Sometimes being speechless marks the most profound

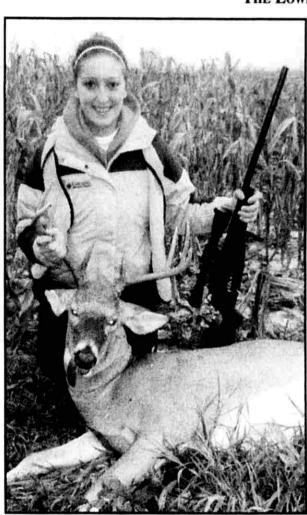
# Youngsters successful in early youth hunt



Austin Krebill, 12, took his first deer with a gun Sunday, Sept. 28 at 7:35 a.m. in Hastings on private land. He was with his father John. The eight-point buck fielddressed at 130 lbs. Last year he took his first deer with a bow in Lowell Township. Krebill is a seventh-grader at Lowell Middle School and he also enjoys baseball and fishing.



Forest Stouffer took an eight-point buck while hunting with his father, Russ Stouffer, during the youth hunt. He is a seventh grader at Lowell Middle School. He was with his friend Austin Krebill.





# Financial Focus, continued ... From Page 4

comfortable retirement. You still need to invest to achieve times, you can benefit from the assistance of an experienced those goals. And you still need to follow an investment strategy that's appropriate for your individual objectives, preferences, risk tolerance, family situation and long-term risk tolerance and time horizon.

However, with so much negative news, you might be tempted to make hasty, short-term - even panicky decisions. Don't. Instead, follow these suggestions:

• Be patient. There's no denying that the markets are now extremely volatile. At the same time, if you avoid making sudden moves, such as putting all your money into "cash" instruments, your patience may well be rewarded. After all, we still have an enormously powerful and resilient economy

• Stay invested. In the past, the market has fallen sharply after a variety of events - wars, assassinations, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, corporate scandals and so on - only to regain its footing and move on to new highs. And since the biggest gains can occur in the early stages of a market turnaround, you could miss out on the possibility for considerable growth if you're sitting on the investment sidelines

• Look for opportunities. If you never planned on buying any stocks again, you'd probably have good reason to be upset when you see the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling hundreds of points a day, which has happened several times recently. But if you are still investing for your future, you will be purchasing stocks, and that being the case, the market decline actually gives you some great opportunities to buy at lower levels. You may not be Warren Buffet, who invested \$5 billion in investment firm Goldman Sachs, but you can follow his long-held philosophy of buying quality stocks and holding them for the long term, through good markets and bad. It's worked pretty well for him, and it may be a good idea for you, too.

One final tip: Don't go it alone. During these tumultuous



objectives.

still attainable.



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Jelena Petricevic, a freshman at Lowell High School shot this eight point buck Sunday morning on private property in Pierson, Mich.



Hope Stepek, 13, and Nichole Allison, 15, were each successful at bagging their first bucks. Hope took a trophy five point and Nichole took a trophy three point. They both made perfect shots with their 12 gauge Mossberg shotguns, due to many hours of target practice. Hope's father Tim Stepek was with the girls.

Kaitlin Fisher, left, harvested this eight point buck on Saturday, September 27 in Lowell Township. She was participating in Michigan's youth deer season and was accompanied by her father, Michael Fisher. Kaitlin attends Lowell High School in the ninth grade, is a member of the Lowell Equestrian Team and is active in 4H.



### **Chilly weather for Red Arrow cross country runners** by Thad Kraus West Michigan, Lowell's VanderWarf. "I was pleased in time for the regional,"

Windy and in Michigan.

Those were the White schools at Lowell meets. High School for the third of four league jamborees.

cold! place among the six-team There's nothing like a field through the first three beautiful cross country day meets has been steady and consistent.

The Red Arrow boys elements facing the O-K finished third in as many

"it was a tough day to run with the wind and the While the change cold," said Lowell boys' in weather is constant in cross country coach Clay

remain steady." The Lowell coach, healthy."

however, realizes that to the next three weeks.

to work on our times. I East Grand Rapids (111), but did not figure in the team think we can get them down Northview (116) and to where they need to be Creston (140).

"Our top five runners are all

make a splash in the post- Lowell finished third with lower their times some over Rapids Christian (22), and Greenville (52). Coming 20:02. "We'll definitely need home behind Lowell were

Zach Robinson led all score were Jackson Morse. with our times. The boys VanderWarf explained. Red Arrows, placing third 37th, 21:30; and Dylan overall in a time of 17:23. VanderWarf, 41st, 23:19. He was followed home by Lowell's next meet On its home course, Jon Woods, 13th, 18:29; is Oct. 15 at Northview Tom Mark, 18th, 18:55; for the fourth and final season, his club will have to 83 point, behind Grand Ben Partridge, 20th, 19:11; league jamboree. The meet and Josh Corteville, 29th, will establish conference standings and all conference Red Arrows who ran honors.

# **O-K White conference tennis** tournament held last weekend

#### by Thad Kraus

intensity and execution Unity Christian, Kentwood made for a disappointing and then finish the week showing at the O-K Friday in the regional at White Conference tennis Grand Rapids Christian. tournament on Saturday.

beaten head to head earlier player, displayed Lowell's the week. Lowell defeated in the season we lost to on most competitive showing Northpointe 7-1 in a non Saturday," said Lowell against eventual league boys' tennis coach Bonnie runner-up Aaron Hardwick. Wall. "I'm not sure why but the energy, intensity and improvement and played execution just weren't where a very competitive match 6-0) won in straight sets 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 victory at third we would have liked it."

Lowellfinishedfifth with said. 21 points behind East Grand Rapids 40; Grand Rapids Isaac Tawney (19-6) Canning and Tawney were Christian 34; Northview 32; playing at one doubles lost 6-0 6-3 victors. Teammates lost his number one singles and Greenville 25. Creston in straight sets 6-0, 6-1. The Evan Wilterink and Dylan placed sixth with 7 points. same team it took to three

have a chance to atome for The level of energy, its performance as they play finish, Lowell tied with

Kort Thompson, "Flights which we had lowell's number one singles "Kort

against Hardwick," Wall at second, third and fourth

Chase Canning and The Red Arrows will sets earlier in the week.

Greenville for fourth-place in the league. The Red Arrows beat the Yellow Jackets head-to-head in their

conference dual meet. conference battle.

showed 3), Josh Spratt (6-1, 6-2), and Connor Smith (6-1, singles respectively. In doubles action,

# Lowell spikers unable to slow down tempo in loss to East Grand Rapids

by Thad Kraus

volleyball team settled in, what we've seen," said

By the time Lowell's tempo style of play than momentum."



"East runs a faster was tough to change the Tempo aside, Lowell's East Grand Rapids' fast Lowell volleyball coach coach was disappointed tempo style had already Gigi Peal. "Everything with her club's competitive

> matches where the girls had put together a good showing. I was expecting more fight from them," Peal explained.

left Lowell with a 25-15. 25-16, 25-20 win over the said. Red Arrows.

weeks."

On a young team where many have been asked to step up in different week at 3-3 in the O-K ways, they did just that White and 12-19 overall. in non conference games

discuss the resolution establishing LCT Endowment Board and prescribing its duties and responsibilities and other matters related thereto. The Council tabled the Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste collection issues for the October 20, 2008 meeting so

**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE** 

**REGULAR MEETING OF** 

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008** 

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor

Minutes of the September 15, 2008 meeting

was approved as corrected and the accounts

Kent District Library Board Trustee Chuck

Myers, Director of Information Technology Jim

Bruxvoort and Englehardt Library Branch

The Council reviewed an update on the

back to the Parks and Recreation

The Council established a work session for

Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7 p.m. to

proposed Parks Agreement Policy and sent

Manager Jane Aronson presented the Kent

Shores was presented and approved.

payables were approved.

District Library Annual Report.

Commission for further review.

additional information can be obtained. The Council tabled the issue regarding blocking of the east - west alley between the Post Office and Lowell Ledger to the Lowell Area Historical Museum to the November 3. 2008 Council meeting.

Motion to approve purchase of a police phone/radio logger system from DSS Corporation for \$4,990.

Motion to approve a five year Fixed Base Operator Agreement at the Lowell City Airport with Williams Air Power, Inc.

Motion to approve purchase of a rooftop HVAC united for the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Progressive Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration for \$17,697.

By consensus of the Council, Dan Brubaker was appointed as the City Representative of the Lowell Area Housing.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 20, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.,mi.us or City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock Citv Clerk

fifth-place

Pat Misner (7-5, 6-

Dues (second doubles) handed in their best performance of the year with a 6-0, 6-3 win.

"It's definitely the best match they played all year," Wall said. "They stepped Not all was lost for into their shots, moved to the net and put shots away.' With the win they improved their record to 16-8.

> Jack Weeber and Sean Briggs (third doubles) needed three sets to earn a doubles. Mike Lazar and Garet Foote posted a.6-3, 7-6 win at fourth doubles.

Lowell's Thompson match 6-3, 6-2.

following the tough loss to the Pioneers.

defeated Lowell Reeths-Puffer 23-25, 25-16, 25-14, 25-13. The Red Arrows followed that with "We were coming off a 25-15, 25-17, 25-16 win over Union.

"It was a good night for us. The girls settled in early and made quick work of the competition. Following the Instead, the Pioneers loss to east it was nice to get a couple of wins," Peal

Over the weekend. "The girls settled in Lowell's spikers played in toward the end of game two the West Ottawa Tournament. and start of game three and The Red Arrows lost to started to play with East," Hudsonville and Wayland Peal explained. "This was before defeating Shelby a missed opportunity. The and advancing into the second round of league Silver bracket. Lowell beat games start this week. We'll Wyoming Park to advance see East again in a couple of in the finals of the silver bracket where it upended Shelby 25-14, 25-22, 15-6. Lowell finished the

by Thad Kraus

along.

Greenville.

Arrow Project.

Friday night's game.

The Red Arrow victory

Yellow Jackets. The streak

vear old at the streak's

Rapids Christian has some

conception.

Greenville.

program keeps

Lowell's football

rolling

be a good contest between place on the point-after use a double cover concept. those two."

SPORTS

Red Arrow

On the field, as evident weeks out as Lowell will Even that turned out okay and Boss) have been doing that by its 57-3 win over host Creston on Friday.

In the community, as rolling and doing the right yard line, picked up the were a lot of little Torstens and evident by the \$93,000 plus things. We know we're ball, composed himself Kyle Nichols running out here raised through the Pink going to see some pretty and found Wade Cole tonight at half time. Everyone darn good teams and then in the corner of the end Growth of its youth the playoffs. This is not our zone for the two-point number four. That being said, football program, as evident first time through the mill. conversion. by the hundreds of youth We'll do best we can to get football participants that this team going," Lowell gathered myself, looked took the field at half time of football coach Noel Dean to see what was going on, Torsten on the field last year explained.

over Greenville was the clinching a playoff berth for afterwards. 15th consecutive against the the 10th consecutive year, got it going early and often half touchdowns came on started in 1995. To give against the Yellow Jackets, runs of one- and 10-yards When they (seniors) were it some perspective, Sam scoring five touchdowns by Graham and a 62-Young, Lowell's sophomore on its opening seven yard scamper by backup went after our kids and put inside linebacker, was one- possessions.

Lowell built a 14-0 lead on first-quarter touchdown Lowell rolled up 622 runs of 10 and 15 yards by 321 yards rushing. Nichol total yards as it dominated quarterback Kyle Nichol. The senior quarterback yards. The senior QB was "They are a tremendous finished the half with three 14-of-21 through the air team. They have great scoring strikes. The first for 281 yards and four athletes. It's tough to play touchdown pass traveled touchdowns. Boss caught against them and difficult for 23 yards to Austin Graham. 10 passes for 198 yards. us," said Greenville coach Touchdowns four and five Dave Moore. "We've gotten saw Nichol play pass and competent in both running beaten by some good teams catch with Torsten Boss on and throwing. It was just over last three weeks. Grand throws of 10 and 20 yards. a matter of if they were

great athletes also, it will Arrow mishaps took the box right off the bat and snap following Boss' first They did and that became good The Eagles are two touchdown reception. work for us. Those kids (Nichol for Lowell. Nichol raced "We're there. We're back to the Greenville 45 grade," Dean said. "There

"I got the snap, do have a pretty nice team and heaved it up and hoped for The Red Arrows, 6-0, the best," Nichol claimed

> Lowell's three second- but don't discount the work and quarterback Pat Martin.

Graham finished the game with 160 of Lowell's do in a program.... 117 point was responsible for 106

"We're fairly One of the few Red going to put 70 guys in



Hundreds of Lowell football youth were recognized Friday night at halftime

swing in four years."



pick'n is pretty slim!



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# Lowell rolls Greenville; runs record to 6-0

since they've been in fourth wants to be number three and they are nice players, but we we beat Greenville without There's a lot to be said about us having more talent. That's a great compliment to my kids, the effort they put into football. freshman they (Greenville) 60 points on these seniors, amazing what four years can

The Yellow Jackets' second-quarter field goal. three points per game.

Lowell's offensive only score of the game putout this year makes it easy was powered by the foot of to overlook a defense which Kyle Dunham on a 32-yard, has given up an average of



Torsten Boss goes up high for this reception.



We're halfway through the Sure, you have your Red begin. Arrows, Pioneers, Eagles, Reds and Rams, but after that the disasterous

pudding or in this case the records... and running clocks. # of above 500 teams?

running clocks?

weak, the not so good.

That's not a slap against the play. And the good programs see' matchups. take care of business.

Because of a season high school football season and dotted with just a spattering I've come to the conclusion that of good matchups, many of west michigan football is down, the great matchps will have bad, just not that good this year. to wait until the playoffs

And because of this realigning program that was instituted Whart proof is there? As a number of years back, fans "they" say the proof is in the don't even have many of rivalry games to look forward to anymore

In the OK Red you have the matchups between The records of the class Rockford, Muskegon and prgrams, as aforementioned, are Hudsonville. In the OK padded with wins against the White it's Lowell and East Grand Rapids in week 10.

So there you have it, xxx Lowell's of West Mchigan, you games and only a samll xx have to play who you have to number of those are 'must We're left with that big

daily paper to the west of us promoting a 5-0 Caledonia team aginst the 3-2 Saxons (Hastings) as some sort of game of the week. Stop it already

If you're a Pioneer fan

your game of week doesn't come until week 10. The big post season matchup won't ome until the finals. There are no Division III road pumps for East. As it has for the past three years. East will waltz through the weak west half of the bracket before it finds a challenger in the

Even that will probably be more of a coronation than a contest!

Again that is not a slap against one of the elite west michigan schools... East is on the short list of one of the best football programs in the state. It's just too bad for the Pioneers and high school football fans that they are not challenged more than just couple times a regular season





# **FROM pantry benefits** from Circle of Giving

Eight-year-old Claire Tatman of Ada opted for money instead of birthday presents. However, Claire didn't keep her money. The little philanthropist decided to donate \$73 to the Flat River Outreach Ministries pantry for food. Claire encouraged her friends to do the same thing for their birthdays. She calls her generous efforts, the "Circle of Giving."

"It's a nice thing to do," said Claire. "I challenged my friends." Her sister Emily, 9, also pitched in her allowance. "This is the next generation of volunteers," said Kraig Haybarker.

The pantry is in dire need of food or money donations. In September, the pantry served 211 families up from monthly average of 168.

Sound (

The Ledger "Almost Anything Goes Column



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**Barack Obama** John McCain

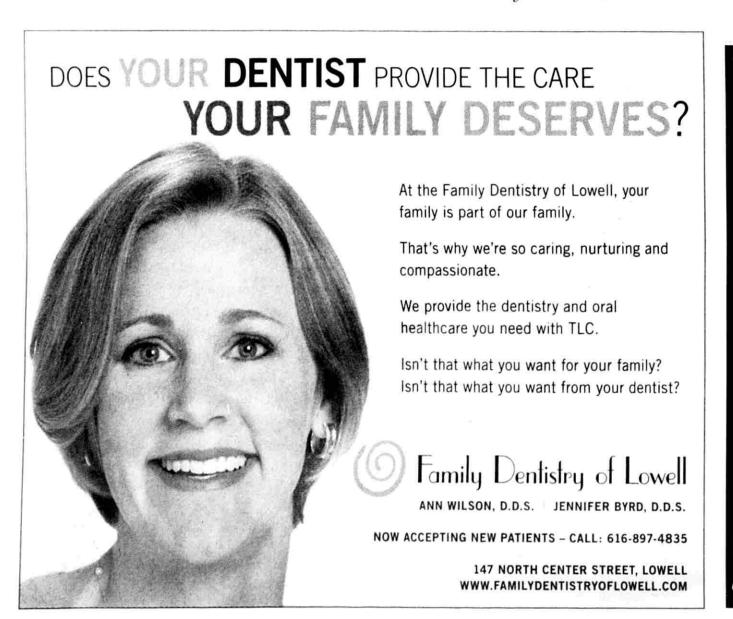
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When McCain's being shot down in Vietnam is discussed, the fact that he was bombing civilians is almost never mentioned. He's just lucky he survived. He might well have been torn limb from limb had he been a Vietnamese pilot shot down in Texas.

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*To the mother behind* me in the checkout lane on Tuesday afternoon, I can't



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# **Open space photo contest promotes importance of water**

#### by Emma Palova

Len Mol's photo series 'Floodwaters' was a perfect fit with this year's photo contest theme of Wetlands and Waters, organized by the Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County.

"The theme fit me well," said Mol, a resident of Lowell Township.

Mol recently got a kayak and a camera. What better way to explore the Grand River than on board and with a lens on high waters?

"I've always enjoyed photography and the kayak," he said. "Those two things I like doing happened to be in the flood waters," he said.

Mol couldn't wait to show the pictures to his wife. Then he entered the contest, and grabbed sec-

ond place in adult category and an honorable mention.

The placing in the contest has boosted Mol's confidence and opened up a whole new different world of possibilities.

"I did everything for fun and enjoyment," he said.

It was an equal success for the organizers of the second annual photo contest designed to promote open space in six Eastern townships.

"We were very pleased with the quality of the photographs and how well people were following the theme," said Betty Jo Crosby of Ada Township.

The contest organizers received 90 entries in adult and youth categories. The judges were Steve Frykholm, graphic designer at Herman Miller Inc. and an avid outdoor photographer,

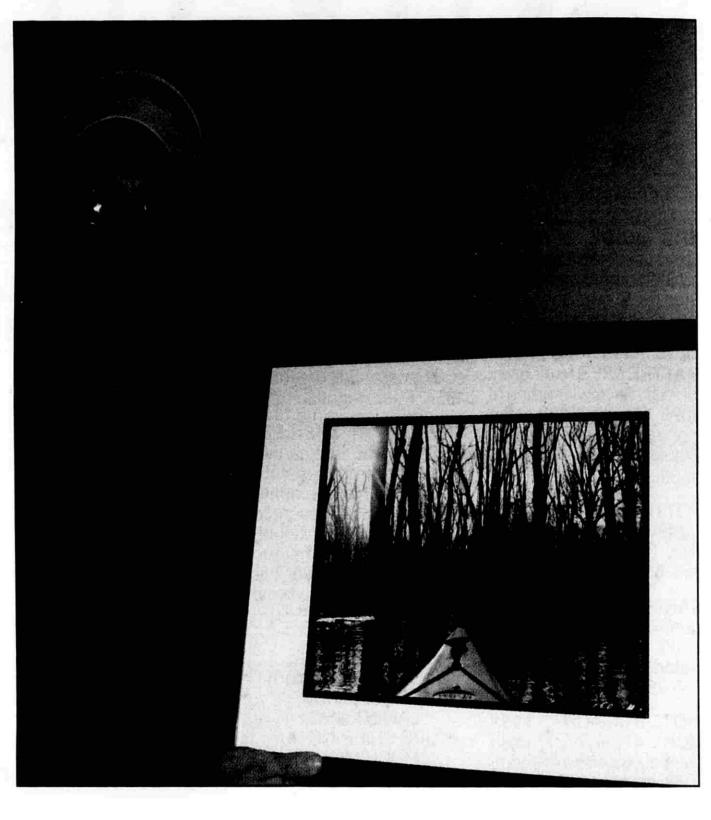
and Bob Day from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Crosby is encouraging people to get out there to the six townships and take a look at nature's beauty captured by the photographers. The photos are placed in Cascade, Ada, Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes and Lowell townships. They will be on display through Oct. 29.

Another Lowell Township resident Ted Bergin grabbed third place with his 'Iris Reflections' on display at the Cascade Township Hall.

The first place went to Sherry Moore of Rockford for 'Water Colors."

"We wanted to increase the awareness of preserving water, its purity and availability," said Crosby.



Len Mol grabbed second place and an honorable mention with 'Floodwaters.'

# **City to tweak LCTV resolution**

#### by Emma Palova

council The city will further fine tune the

Endowment Board in a work session set for Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

representing the city and the townships and specific details to the distribution of limitations need to be set

According to council member Jim Pfaller

in regards to closing or widening the alley between the post office and the Buyer's

more space," said council member Sharon Ellison. According to

funds will come under fire. resolution that will establish up of The make the Lowell Cable Television the endowment board

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 Chimera Design - 208 E Main St • Collectors Korner - 218 W Main St Cousin's Hallmark/River Hollow - 223 W Main St • Daisy Floral & Gifts – 505 W Main St • eja' Salon - 204 W Main St • Fire and Water Art! - 219 W Main St Flat River Cottage - 317 E Main St • Flat River Grill - 201 E Main St \* Glass House Designs - 215 W Main St \* Hearthstone Design Studio - 218 E Main St L4 Boutique - 216 E Main St • Larkin's Fine Food & Cocktails – 301 W Main St · Lowell Area Historical Museum - 325 W Main St · Modern Photographics - 104 W Main St • Pep Talk - 207 E Main St • Rookies Sportcards Plus - E106 W Main St Simple Pleasures Fine Bath Body - 508 W Main St • Springrove Variety - 123 W Main St The Backyard Boutique/The Lily Pad Candle Shoppe - 219 E Main St

when considering requests for grants.

"We need to tighten it up," he said.

In relevant business, the city discussed a possible franchise agreement with Allied Services. Recycling on bi-weekly basis may be an option to weekly recycling subsidized by trash pick-up. In the future, licensing fee for any carrier may be used to subsidize recycling.

In other business, the council tabled the decision

"The Fallasburg 40th Beauty"

Guide until November. Interested parties including Larkin's, Lowell Area Historical Museum, post office, Buyer's Guide and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be notified. The city is requesting their input.

The issue originated with the DDA in an effort to increase the parking space for the museum to 17 spaces.

"The museum needs

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden, the post office carriers and post master Gil Brown opposed the closing of the alley westbound to Hudson Street.

The council also approved a five-year agreement with Williams Air Power Inc. as the next Fixed Based Operator following the departure of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology.

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> A BIG thank you for the crew at Fallasburg Park, performing musicians and the many, many community volunteers for another great festival!

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