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Crowds of shoppers enjoy **Girls Night Out**

a lovely October evening, hundreds of ladies from far and near hunted for bargains during the annual Girls Night Out

From fragrances and soaps at Simple Pleasures Fine Bath and Body on the west end of Main, to fine furniture designs by Hearthstone Design Studio on the east end, the merchants participating

"This is usually their first stop," said owner Pamela Motyka. "Everything here is natural and organic."

A full Asian-inspired spread was catered by Mynt Fusion. On the other side of the street Daisy Floral had fresh carnations for the ladies. Inside, Patricia Ramos with Avalla by Nutrimetics was giving "handcials."

"It's just fun to see all the shops," said customer Renee Kramer.

The Common Gentry Carriage Co. with horse Pete and crew Steve Weber and Connie Elsasse.

offered their best.

last week.

For many women, the bargain tour started right at Simple Pleasures.

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Huge girth helps big oak win city's Big Tree Contest

by Emma Palova

The biggest tree in the city of Lowell is just a tad short of 15 feet in circumference. This magnificent giant oak tree is located on Schneider Manor property.

The first Biggest Tree Contest was organized by the Lowell Arbor Board to promote awareness, respect and appreciation of the city's trees according to Jim Reagan.

"The trees that were submitted are as much a part of the neighborhoods as the homes, families, dogs and cats that live here," said Reagan. "They are part of the heritage of Lowell just like the historic district. Without these trees the neighborhoods would feel a lot emptier."

The winning application was submitted by Becky Reagan.

Diver finds artifacts in the Flat River

end of October.

to Barnett.

by Emma Palova

oe Barnett feels under better water than on the ground.

As he dives into the Flat River by the downtown bridge wearing a titanium wet suit and an oxygen tank, he tests out the water with



Other big trees in the city limits include an oak tree on the corner of North Washington and King streets submitted by Kim Schwacha, measuring 158 inches in circumference; a maple tree on Riverside and Hunt submitted by Steve and Betsy Maki, measuring 154 inches in circumference.

A silver maple, measuring 144 and a quarter of an inch, located at Bowes and Pleasant submitted by Tess Reagan, received fourth place. Jim Hall submitted an application for an oak tree on Monroe and Grant measuring 135 and three quarters of an inch. They placed fifth.

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his left hand first. It's fine, Watching from the 56 degrees about cuts it for bridge last Saturday, some diving in the Midwest at the It also has to be sunny for good visibility, according

Barnett will be looking for bloodworms that are used in medical research. But, they will also lead him to metals in the water since they live in anaerobic environment. He uses scientific research to hunt for artifacts and lost items in waters all over the world. This former lifeguard studied aquatic medicine to become a paramedic in southern California.

spectators spotted bubbles coming up from the water. Unlike four years ago, they didn't call the entire rescue squad that someone was drowning. Barnett related that story about the first time he was diving in Lowell, after

he spotted some floating wooden pilings by the dam. It was on a Sunday and the rescue guys were watching a football game.

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BRIGGS

Jim "Lefty" Briggs Jr. passed away, after an eight month courageous battle with cancer, Friday, September 19, 2008. Jim graduated from Lowell High School in 1966. He attended Lansing Community College and graduated with honors from DIT in Detroit. He recently retired from Dumbarton Oaks in Washington DC as Chief of Facilities, Operation & Development. He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Briggs Sr., his mother, Dorothy Mulder, his stepfather, Irving Mulder, and his nephew, Jim Hale. He is survived by his wife, Roberta; his two sons and their children, Jason, daughters, Katelyn and Ashley; Adam, daughter, Madeline; his stepchildren and their children; sisters, Judy (Duane) Schwahn, Joan (Cameron) Hoffman, and Pam (Norris) Carstensen: his stepmother, Ardie Briggs and her children; aunts, Iris Clark, Thressa (Fred) Sawdy and Maxine Starbard; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Honoring Jim's wishes cremation took place and years, Deborah (Heiman);

a private celebration was held in New York by his immediate family.



HEFNER

Belding, formerly of Lowell, Monday, October 13, 2008. He was born June 18, 1954 in Rochester, New York to Bernice and Floyd Hefner. He was preceded in death by his father Floyd Hefner, uncle Tom Ford, father-inlaw and best friend, Donald Heiman. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 27

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his children, Heidi Hefner years as a Seabee in the Navy

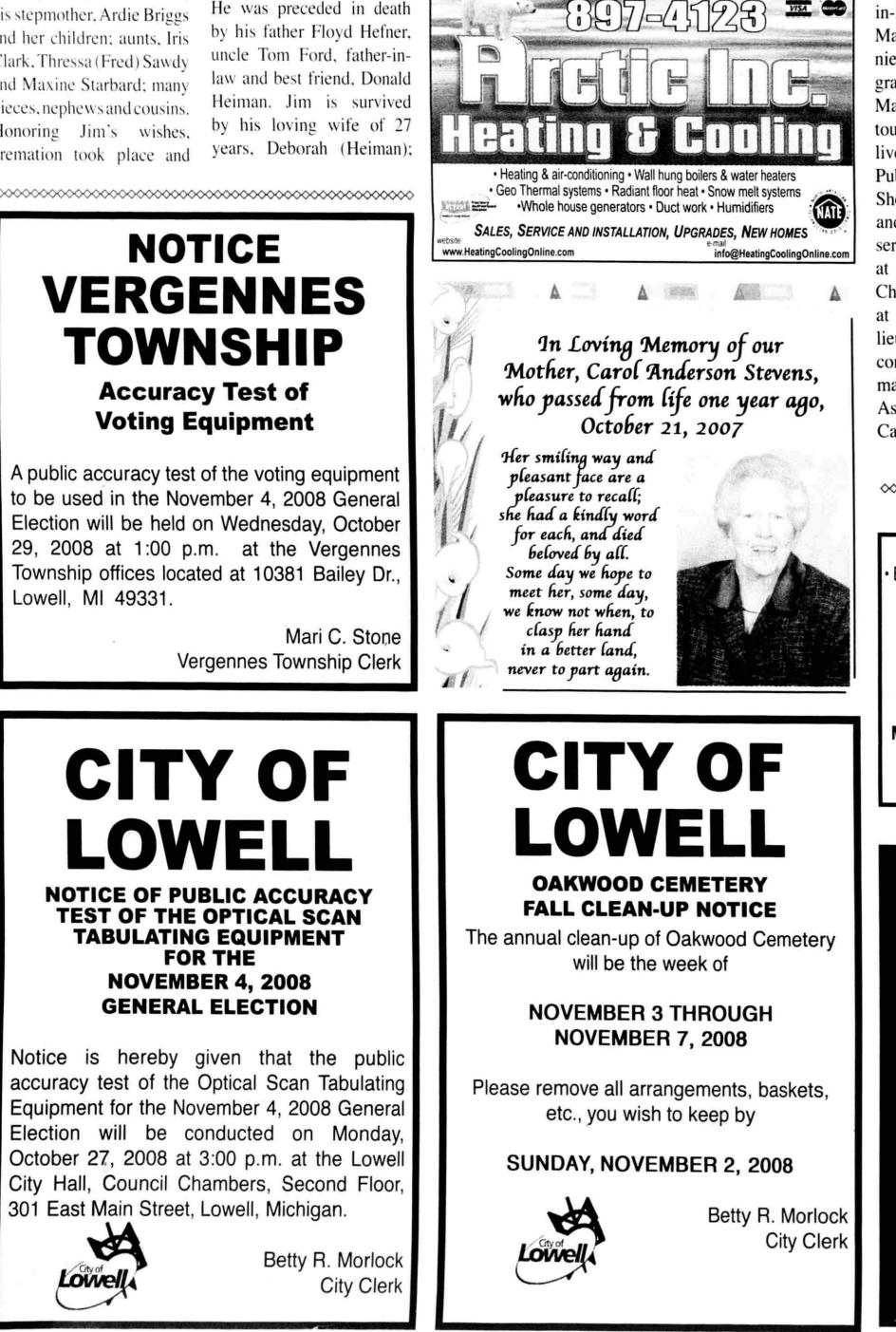
and fiancé, Roi Hardiman of after high school, then seven Grand Rapids, sons, James years in the army. During Lottie M. Hoffman, age 92, Hefner, Jr. of Grand Rapids, his military service he was a long-time Alto resident, David (Kayla) Hefner of stationed in many places went to be with her Lord Belding and Neil Hefner including Vietnam and the and Saviour on Saturday, of Iowa; grandchildren, Philippines along with many October 18, 2008. She Sean Redding and Caleb stateside posts. He met his was preceded in death by Hardiman of Grand Rapids, wife Debbie during his her husband, David and Jayden and Kiana Hefner of assignment at Ft. Campbell, daughter-in-law, Jackie Iowa. He was also looking KY and married her while Hoffman. She is survived forward to the December serving in Germany. After by her children, David birth of granddaughter Cora returning from Germany (Judy) Hoffman of Windsor, Hefner; mother and step- he was stationed at Ft Polk, Ontario, Louise Gilliland of father, Bernice and Ken LA in the Military Police as Castle Rock, CO, Douglas Louisa of Ft. Pierce, Florida; stockade supervisor. Jim also (Gayle) Hoffman of Grand sisters, Maureen Hefner joined the New Llano, LA Rapids; seven grandchildren, of Ft. Pierce, FL, Beverly volunteer fire department, one great-grandchild. There (Alan) Kenyon of Gallatin, After the military he worked will be a family memorial. TN; brothers, Richard several jobs including local Interment Bowne Mennonite Hefner of Waynesboro, GA, and over the road tractor Cemetery. Paul (Tammy) Hefner of trailer driver. He was most New York, Jeffery Hefner proud of his job with the of Ft. Pierce, FL, Daniel Metro Enforcement Security Marjorie "Marji" Ann Kropf, (Doris) Hefner of New in Nashville, TN where he age 78, of Lowell, passed York, Michael (Lisa) Hefner quickly worked his way to away Wednesday, October of CT; mother-in-law, Cora major. Funeral services were 15, 2008. She is preceded Heiman of Ada; brother- held Thursday at the Good in death by her husband, in-law, Michael (Shirley) Shepherd Lutheran Church. Marcel. She is survived by James Edward Hefner, 54 of Heiman of Ada; sister-in- In lieu of flowers, memorial her children; Dale (Cindy) law, Alice Harris of White contributions may be made Kropf, Denise Kropf, all was called home to heaven on Cloud; many nieces and to American Cancer Society of Lowell, Debra (Dennis) nephews. Jim served four or Spectrum Heath Hospice. Mastin of Northfield;

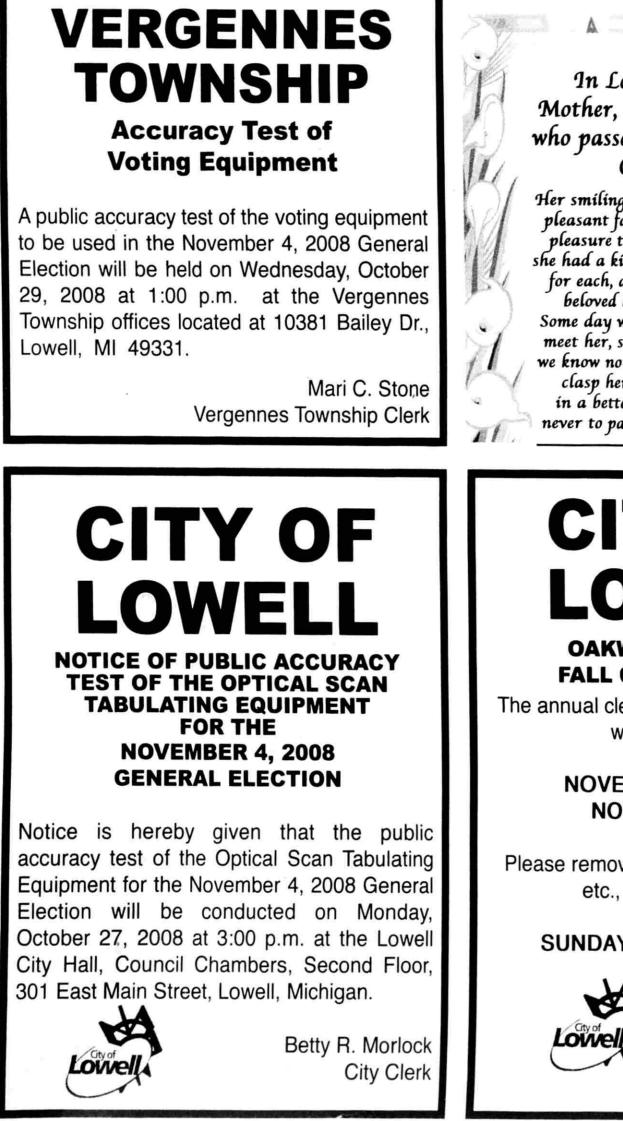
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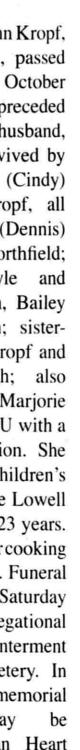
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grandchildren, Kyle Mattie Kropf, Sam, Bailey and Emily Mastin; sisterin-laws; Marilyn Kropf and Marguerite Blough; also graduated from MSU with a Public Schools for 23 years. She had a passion for cooking and loved traveling. Funeral services were held Saturday at First Congregational Church of Lowell. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may made to American Heart Association and American Cancer Society.

VISA









Mrs. Rowena M. Peckham, 86, of Comins, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2008 at the Medilodge of Hillman. Mrs. Peckham was born on April 14, 1922 and raised in Ionia. She married Howard Peckham in 1952 in Lowell. They moved to Comins in 1957. She was a homemaker who was a member of the Comins Eagles Club and the Lowell Moose Club. Rowena is survived by her husband, Howard; children, Lil Moody of Davenport, FL. Henry Smith of Comins, Clara Burgett of Sebewaing, and Sue Kappen of Cass City; three sisters, Eleanor Attenburger, Dora niecesandnephews.Marjorie Barker, and Edna Ray; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-Masters in Education. She grandchildren; and seven touched many children's great-great grandchildren lives teaching in the Lowell She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Cherri Vargo and son, Eddie Charles Smith. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Comins Eagles Club, Aerie 3544. Arrangements were handled by Lashley Funeral Home of Mio.

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Assistant fire chief advises drivers to pay attention to surroundings

week's accident when road slow/stop signs while rediworker Matthew David-Al- recting traffic around a tree len Burden, 24, was seri- trimming project conductously injured on Segwun ed by MEDCO in Lowell and Gulliford Drive in Low- Township. Driver Troy Areell Township, assistant fire din Smith failed to see him chief Ron Van Overbeek and was unable to avoid hitwarns to pay attention to ting him. surroundings

In the aftermath of last an orange vest and holding

"This is unheard of," Burden was wearing said van Overbeek, a 19-

year veteran of fire rescue. killing another person "This is a first incident of this magnitude. Guys had close calls, but nothing like tential for stiff penalties will this

In October, Gov. Jen- closely on their responsibilnifer Granholm signed two new laws into effect last week that will provide stiffer penalties for injuring or Kirk Steudle.

City sets public hearing to adopt LCTV resolution

The city has set Nov. 3 in the make-up of the board. after months in the works.

The major changes Township. from previous proposals are

to hold a public hearing to If approved, the board will have the final authority," butions of the annual investadopt a resolution establish- comprise of four members said Dave Pasquale about ment earnings realized from ing the Lowell Cable Tele- from the city, two members the actual distribution of the the LCTV fund. vision Endowment Board from Lowell Township and funds. one member from Vergennes

"The city council will to the city in regard to distri-

The endowment board occur prior to September of will make recommendations each year.

Group names the worst roads in the state

The Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) today unveiled a list of the state's worst roads, naming Detroit as the worst condition. followed by Ann Arbor (187), Grand Rapids (178), Flint (148) and Lansing (136). The group also announced that the five top counties with the worst roads were Wayne (1,617), (1,093), Washtenaw (989) and Calhoun (665).

municipality with a whop-system in 83 counties and and require a complete ping 523 lane miles in poor almost 1,800 municipalities structural overhaul, usually across Michigan. Federal costing six times as much aid roads are those that are as the cost of routine maineligible to utilize at least tenance. some federal dollars in ad-

"This analysis is shockdition to state dollars, and ing," said Mike Nystrom, are often considered the best vice president of public and maintained roads in the state government relations at the Oakland (1,279), Genesee because of their high traffic Michigan Infrastructure & volumes. The program rated Transportation Association condition: each road on a scale from (MITA) and co-chair of the

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for an oak tree located at Monroe and Pine streets. The tree which placed sixth, measures 134 and three quarters of an inch.

A willow tree located at Lafayette and Pine Boutique, Watson, received seventh Feed. place with a circumference of 119 inches. Jacob Reagan

Fonger submitted an application submitted an application for a tree on Bowes and 99 Pleasant measuring inches and received eighth place.

Prizes were donated by Bernard's Ace Hardware, Chimera Design, L4 Sneakers, submitted by George Voyages and Blue Ribbon

The Lowell Arbor Board meets monthly and

10th Annual

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Please call and choose one of the seatings below:

Seating #1 - 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Seating #2 - 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Sponsored by Riverside Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists

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has recently received a grant of \$15,000 from the Lowell Community Fund. "We are looking to plant

trees in your neighborhood," said Reagan.

If you would like to receive a tree and you live



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The findings utilized 1-10, one being the worst. Michigan Transportation 2007 data from the Michigan Today's report analyzed Team. "This isn't a case of Asset Management Council the municipalities with the road agencies not doing PASER Road Evaluation most roads rating a four or their jobs adequately. Lo-Program, which evaluated lower. Roads in this condi- cals are literally starving for all roads on the federal aid tion are considered "poor" more dollars as our roads deteriorate into unsafe conditions that require the most expensive repairs. Meanwhile, state policymakers from these areas of the state have not yet recognized this as a priority and the problem has gotten much worse." Counties with the most



Michigan work zone.

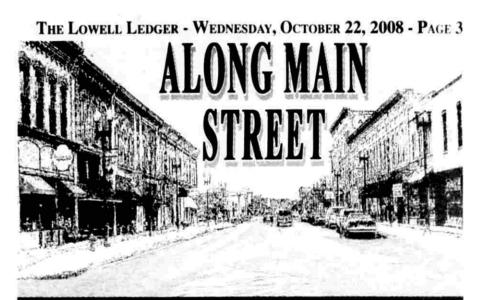
"We hope that the pohelp motorists focus more ity to drive safely through construction zones," said state transportation director

Review of projects shall

miles of roads rated in poor Worst roads.

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in the city of Lowell, write to: The Lowell Arbor Board, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI



FOOTBALL FRENZY FOOD DRIVE

Show the visitors from EGR about community pride and spirit by bringing a donation of non-perishable food items to the varsity game on Fri., Oct. 24. This event will benefit the FROM food pantry.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER

The first annual Halloween Hike will be Sat., Oct. 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Center. Cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. Enter the pumpkin decorating contest. Carve or paint your best pumpkin and drop it off on Oct. 23 by 6 p.m. at the Center.

SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Free smoking cessation classes start Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. Call 616-975-0123 to register.

HALLOWEEN

After trick-or-treating, come to First Congregational Church for some more tricks and treats from 6-10 p.m Children's costume contest at 7 p.m. Bonfire, outdoor movies, cider & doughnuts. Free. 865 Lincoln Lake S.E.

COMMUNITY SALE

There will be a huge indoor garage sale Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. between Advanced Eyecare Professionals and BC Pizza. All funds raised will be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Bank. Outside monetary donations and clothing are welcome, call 897-7000.

LHS CLASS OF 1983

Please join us for a casual style gathering on Nov. 1, 5 p.m. to ? at Tri-Town Conservation Club, 5616 Dunn Rd. Please pay at the door, \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Please RSVP at lowellhs_1983@yahoo.com.

LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

VIETNAM PANEL PROGRAM

"Vietnam - The Troubled War" will be a panel discussion between combat veterans on Wed., Nov. 5 at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Presented by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Free admission.

FROM FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is really short on food and especially needs fruit, corn, soup, crackers, green beans, toilet tissue, and any other canned and boxed foods. Can you help?

Cherry Creek, the lone Kent County recipient of 'Safe Routes to School' funds

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's Cherry Creek Elementary is one of 41 Michigan elementary and middle schools in 10 counties announced by Lt. Governor John D. Cherry to receive more than \$8.7 million in federal "Safe Routes to School Funding for safety improvements and programs."

Cherry Creek is the only school in Kent County who will receive funds.

With these funds Cherry Creek Elementary School

will improve its parking and update advance warning state. and crosswalk signs; and introduce activities to grant monies started four encourage walking and biking to school. The project Schools' is budgeted for \$289,815.

on a reimbursement basis. successful because of Lowell will use state grant determined parents and a money as start-up money for collaborative effort on the the Safe Routes to School part of the city and school. project.

years ago," said Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski. All funding is done "This grant effort was Everyone put forth their

documented, and began laying the ground wrote the grant. Mikulski guarantees. "The work for these said Lowell was one of the initial six schools to do so.

The program, while parents, however, it will identifying the safest routes create an awareness to available for kids to walk the obstacles a child may and ride to and from school, encounter while walking or inherently promotes exercise riding to school. and a healthy lifestyle.

"Research shows more home," Valentine explains. learning and better jobs are done in school by children Funds must be spent best effort." Lowell Schools who exercise," said parent coordinator Lynn Draigh.

Lowell Police Chief Jim lot for pedestrians and required reporting needs to work for the grant four years Valentine said, "The Safe bicyclists; construct a multi- be completed before Lowell ago. Dee McKendricks, Routes to School program pathway on Gee Drive; will be reimbursed by the serving on the committee, doesn't provide child safety

With the collaborative effort of school, city and

"Safety has to start at Partnerships between parents, school and city bring about children's awareness

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"Can't you check into the station first?" said one of them when he found out it was a false alarm.

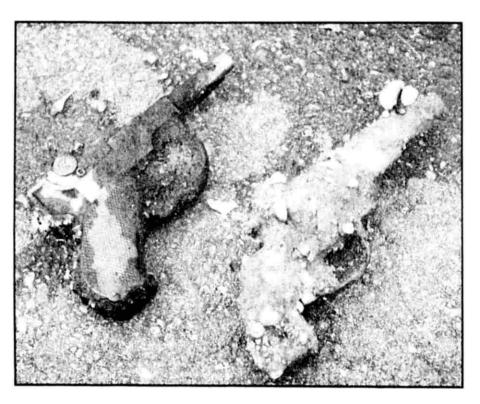
So, Barnett tries not to dive on Sundays.

When he emerged out of the water after about an hour and a half of searching last weekend, his loot included two old guns. One, a gun possibly from the late 1800s, resembled a sea horse, the other could be a toy gun. About four polychaetes (worms) will go to research.

Barnett says, "it's a beautiful world down under the water." A 15-pound walleye constantly kept him company.

Local watched Barnett dive in and come out.

Barnett.



At left, Barnett begins his dive into the Flat River and some of the loot found including two guns, one possibly from the late 1800s, and a toy gun.



fishermen

Barnett has 40 years of diving experience. He says he has salvaged coins from "Hey, I might be your shipwrecks and he hires a biggest catch!" should team of researchers to track the history of artifacts.

"A child that hasn't been

informed nor is cognizant

of safety issues should be

driven to school," Valentine

an effort to promote safety

and educate families, made

a presentation in February

to parents and most recently

spoke before the board of

put in place the elements

to start its own program

when Valentine learned of

the state program through a

state officers meeting.

Lowell initially had

education on the topic.

Lowell's police chief, in

added

tion."

The Michigan Asset Management Council was created by the Legislature as a result of the Transportation Funding Study Committee Report of 2000. Since then, the council has been tracking road conditions on approximately 98,000 lane miles on the federal highway system and identi-

"Our legislators inabil-

fied almost 25,000 miles of roadway considered in poor condition. Overall, Michigan has about 257,000 lane miles across the state. Details on the worst roads in Michigan can be found by visiting www.drivemi.org.

MITA represents a broad spectrum of highway construction companies and suppliers that help build a better Michigan infrastructure from the bottom up. They have been a leading voice for securing adequate transportation funding at the federal and state levels.

Viewpoint



Dear Editor.

It has come to our attention that a "Gifting" program often promoted as a stewardship investment or a sharereward plan or circle has gained interest and involvement in the local community, and to an unknown extent in area churches.

Questions, concerns, documents and comments directed toward First Baptist Church prompt this response. We have communicated this information openly and in greater detail within our church family, and now desire that those in our community know our concerned caution as well.

While new to us, plans of this type apparently have been widespread internationally for years. While we have no doubt that there is a sincere and genuine desire to help, do more good, and express true care for others involved in this circle scenario, there can also exist real possible perils for those who innocently or inquisitively join.

These include:

 Partnership with unethical efforts and/or unscriptural gains by giving with a view to, or hope for some return later. While we applaud Christian care, help and ministry, this type of means and mode is questionable. Right things can be pursued in an inappropriate manner. Clubs of this sort have a history that is seriously suspect including legal injunction.

 Involvement either directly or indirectly associated with actions of "sharing" a plan that seeks others to "gift" with a "hoped for return" is, in effect, solicitation which is a violation of the IRS code as we understand. A true gift cannot be expected or otherwise directed.

 Cooperation with a system that is mathematically improbable to maintain. Each person would need to get six to eight other new persons to join in order to effectively perpetuate the cycle. Someone down that line eventually runs out of people and is subjected to jeopardy and injury in the process. This sort of activity has led to financial and emotional pain for many individuals caught at the end.

We rather encourage the thoroughly biblical mode of mutual sharing, giving, helping and encouraging. We affirm whatever noble causes and good intentions are at the heart of choosing to use such a group. Our position is, however, that at their best, such circles are questionable and inadvisable. We lovingly, gently, respectfully, and forthrightly recommend that people steer clear of this type of organized activity, and if approached, politely and graciously decline. We also advise anyone currently involved to promptly disengage.

> Sincerely Rev. David O. Sims, Pastor, Rev. W. Lee Taylor, Ministries Pastor, and The Pastoral Staff and

Deacon Board of First Baptist Church of Lowell

Dear Editor,

In response to a comment published in the Oct. 8 section of 'Sound Off' stating: "People who teach children to hunt should reconsider. You can show young people how to enjoy the outdoor environment without terrorizing, torturing and killing its inhabitants. Hunting just isn't cool anymore."

My name is Lynn Seese and I am a certified Hunter Safety Instructor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). I have been an instructor for over 20 years. I have taught in the Lowell area for most of that time, and many of you reading this, have either been to one of my classes or you probably have a son or daughter, or grandchild who has, and if not, you probably know someone who has.

I try to hold at least three or four classes each fall prior to the Firearm Deer Season, and I assure you the attendance is wonderful. My first class this year had 52 students in attendance. My second class had 25 and my last class will be filled when it begins on Oct. 24. I've certified hundreds of students who are the hunters of this generation and the next. Usually, in one year I certify between 75-150 students (new hunters)!

As instructors, even though a student may do well in the class, if we feel we do not want to certify a student because of his behavior or attitude, it is our choice if we certify them or not - even if the written test earns 100 percent. The students know the rules for the class established by the

DNR. It is one of the first things I cover when I start the class. If I feel a person is not responsible, I do not have to give them a certificate.

Anyone wanting to hunt, who was born after the year 1960, has to provide a Hunter Safety Certificate showing With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand they attended a class in order to purchase their first hunting license. It is also advisable for anyone born prior to 1960, that has not attended a class, to take a class and receive a certificate if they ever plan to go to another state to hunt. With gas prices on the rise the United States is looking More and more states are requiring the Hunter Safety for ways to domestically meet growing energy demands. Certificate in order to purchase a 'nonresident license' from Currently 60 percent of oil used in the United States is their state. imported.

I ask this person - how many deer do you see wandering In addition to lack of access to domestic oil resource, around - even within the city limits of Lowell and at any refining capabilities are also limited. Without additional time of day? The deer herd needs to be thinned out, as it is refining capacity, attempts to increase domestic supply getting out of control. The deer are eating the farmer's crops through further drilling in the Gulf of Mexico will not ease doing damage to the orchards, and even eating peoples growing demand. To address this problem, I introduced gardens and flowers. They cause hundreds of dollars worth legislation to provide incentives to companies that invest of damage when there is a car/deer accident. Because of the in refinery and pipeline infrastructure here in Michigan. A deer and the amount of car/deer accidents, it increases the refinery has not been built since the 1970's. If we attract that premiums on our vehicles. investment here in Michigan, it will mean a multi-billion A person can still hunt, provide for their family, and still enjoy the environment! I have taken some of my most investment and hundreds of high skill, high paying jobs for treasured pictures while I have been out hunting! Some our state, as well as lower gas prices.

of my most memorable times relating to nature have been to go out there!

While renewable energy is undoubtedly the future, for while I am hunting. I even keep a journal while I hunt, and now we are dependent on oil and if we want to lower gas I receive so much enjoyment from nature that I can't wait prices, we must increase refining capacity to meet demand. My plan is part of a comprehensive strategy needed to meet They need to know the game laws pertaining not just the state's growing energy demand. If we take the lead by to the animal they are hunting, but they need to know other welcoming the industry here, we can lower gas prices while laws so they do not go afield and break any laws. also creating jobs for our Michigan residents.

True sportsmen strive to bring home game by inflicting What do you think? Please contact my office regarding a minimal amount of suffering. It is essential that they your thoughts on this or any other issue toll-free at: (877) understand the anatomy of the game they are after and 328-3086. learn how to place a shot for a 'clean kill.' An ethical and responsible hunter will track the animal if it is not an effective shot. This is why good marksmanship and patience is the main key to hitting an animal in a vital spot. It is a Outdoors good idea to wait for the best possible shot. An ethical and responsible hunter will not shoot at an animal unless he knows it is a good shot!

Most hunters consume their quarry and don't just leave it behind. Most hunters are anxious to get something to take home to prepare for the special meal - but it takes patience and time.

My main objective is teaching them to be safe hunters, hunting and the ethics of hunting.

Off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts in Michigan but they also learn tons of other information regarding received some good news. State law now allows counties in the Northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula to open I teach them that they need to wear Hunter Orange the far right portion of county roads and city streets to off garments - as it is the Law and it is there to keep them safe road vehicle traffic. This is not automatic or all-inclusive so they can be seen by other hunters. because the county, township, or municipality must pass They learn that they must have permission from the ordinances to designate roadways open for ORV use

property owner in order to hunt on private land. I teach them that if they have permission to hunt on private land, that they need to know exactly where those property boundary lines are so that they do not trespass. They learn about the Safety Zones around buildings as

well as their Safe Zone of Fire. One of the things I stress the most is that alcohol and drugs do not mix with firearms. Consuming alcohol before or during a hunt increases incident risk because it impairs several functions.

Finding places to ride an ATV, or "4 wheeler," has been difficult because unlike trucks and motorcycles, they are not They learn about the different hunting positions; the street-legal, so the machines must be hauled to designated areas, roads, or trails. ATV's are designed for off pavement operation and tend to become unstable on hard surfaces, especially at faster speeds. Also, the aggressive tires can cause soil erosion, destroy ground cover, and damage streambeds and wetlands. Operation at high speed, spinning wheels, and They learn some first aide and about hypothermia. sharp turns increases the damage. Consequently, ATV use on public property is limited by law to designated areas, roads, and trails. ATVs have many non-recreational uses, such as I could go on and on about what I teach my students farm work, hauling firewood, gardening, and even lawn care if driven carefully. The machines have become very popular for work and play

prone which is the steadiest of the four positions as it is the easiest and the best for mastering the fundamentals of shooting - air, breath control, trigger squeeze and follow through. The other positions are sitting, kneeling and standing, of which standing is the most difficult. They learn about bows and muzzleloaders. They learn about proper carrying of firearms in the field. but I don't want to stray too far from the subject. Most hunters do enjoy the outdoor environment because if they

didn't they would not be out there in the inclement weather. Most hunters I know are real "die hard" individuals. They like nature and just being an outside kind of like a farmer.

The new law could encourage governmental units to open roadsides to ORVs. Doing this will permit ATV riders to travel between trail systems and to access gas, food, When the author stated that "Hunting just isn't cool anymore", am I to assume that this person once liked supplies, and lodging where available. Most state and federal forest roads are open to ORVs, so these roads in addition hunting' Hunting is not for everyone - just like the opera or ballet to designated trails plus county roads or city streets, open up a large network of routes for ORV riders. Even now, it isn't for everyone, but most importantly - everyone needs to get along and not be critical of those hunters. God created is possible to spend time in areas of the Upper Peninsula

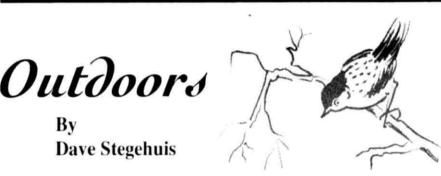
us as "individuals" and we will never like everything about

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Prepare Michigan for oil production



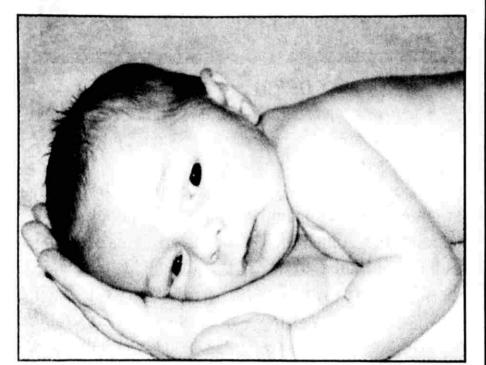
OFF ROAD

All terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, and 4-wheel drive trucks are considered off road vehicles. There are several thousand miles of designated ORV trails in Michigan. Snowmobile trails are different from ORV trails and are not necessarily open for ORV travel. A number of trails are for motorcycles only, while other trails allow both ATV and motorcycle use while some allow all ORVs.

Outdoors, cont'd., pg. 7



Ruis



Andon Harrison Ruis

Sept. 13, weighing 6 lb. Debbie Miller.

Mark and Jennifer Ruis 11 oz. and measuring 20 are proud to announce the inches. Proud grandparents birth of their son, Andon are Pat Smith, Ken and Harrison. He was born on Laurie Haan, Gary Ruis, and



Pastor David Sims. First Baptist Church

FAITH WITH SKIN ON - TEENAGE TERROR!

Once again we take this time-out to reflect on unique slices of time when, though you can't put a finger on it, you perceive that something bigger than the moment is happening to you. An event in time that captures something outside of time is both a mysterious and magnificent thing. This is another one of those sort of happenings that has had a part in shaping my gut-understanding and awareness of a Godkind of faith.

The summers were wonderful but work-filled on our remote rural farm in Michigan's "God's Country" - the Upper Peninsula. Actually, we didn't have or even know about very many activity options, and besides, my transportation was mostly confined to the conveyances of the back of the neighbor's cow, a bicycle, or a tractor, (yes, a snowmobile in the winter). Life was simple, rugged, good. Vital to our



Sidney and Carole Kerr

and hunt. The church in which to worship, serve and have Shots. community.

were in charge of the tickets for the fling. Upon getting home from school, one of my duties was to bike up to the store for the mail and any smaller grocery items needed. "Go on up to Spencer's and give them their Banquet tickets" was mother's commands. Only about a 1/2 mile extra. But as I approached on my trusty old red bike, I remembered something that worried me.

Spencer's farm had a menace ... an unnerving situation between the house and the barn. They were harboring a terrorist; caretaking their cousins' German Shepherd - meanest lookin' beast in the north! Fiercest sounding monster in them there parts! When passing by previous times, I had seen him jump and lunge on the end of a massive chain. He was terror-times-a-thousand. It happened so quickly Jesus in a whole new way. - I sailed into the driveway, stopping astraddle my bike.

Kerrs celebrate 55 years of marriage

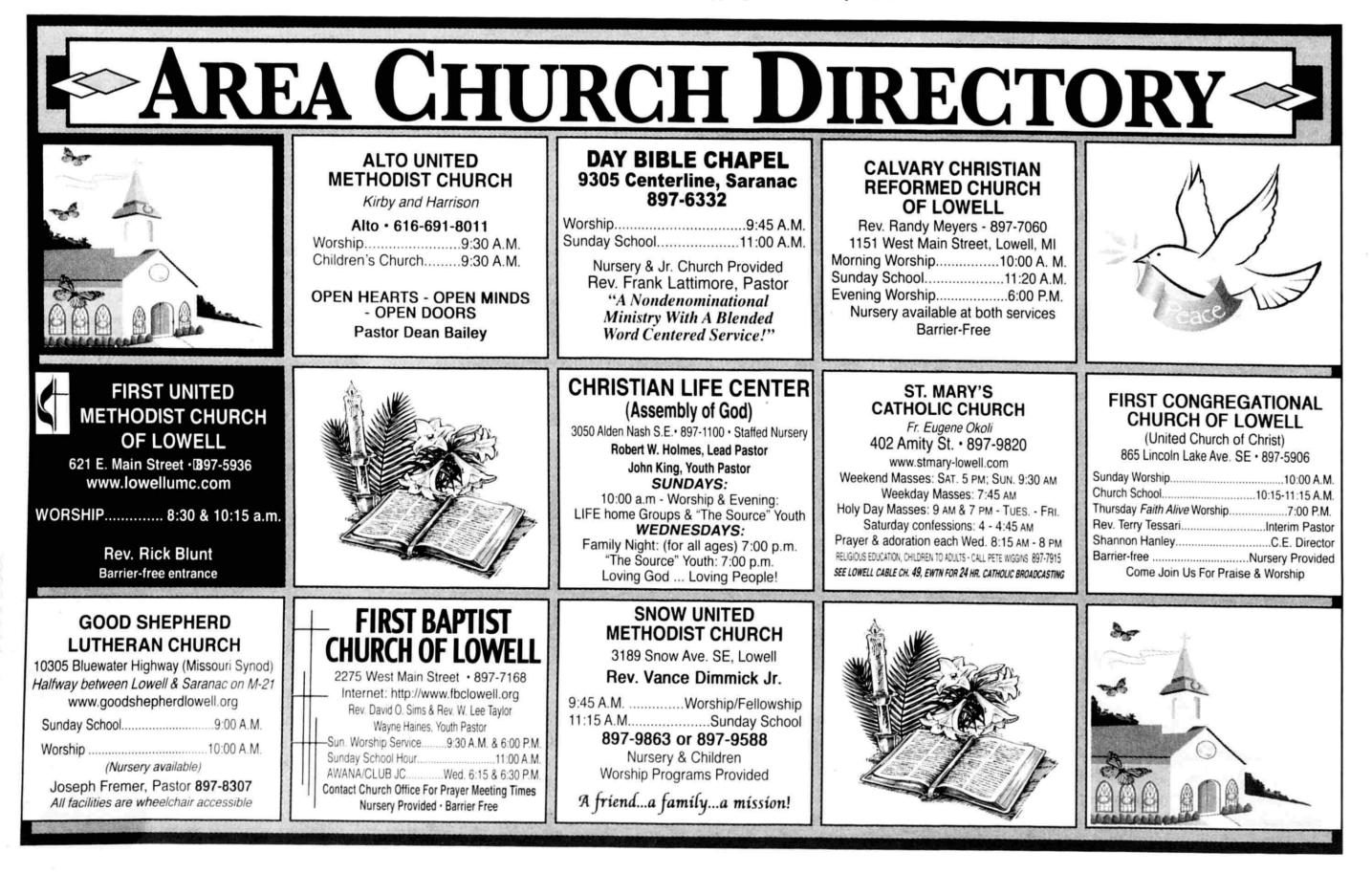
Sidney and Carole their six grandchildren, Kerr of Lowell, will be Anthony, Dustin, Dena and celebrating 55 years of Casie Pedley, and Zac and marriage on Thursday, Oct. Brianna Vanderstelt, will 23. Their children, Rich be spending an enjoyable and MaryJo Kerr, Dave and evening together as a Karen Pedley, and Craig and family. Bev Vanderstelt; along with



Two Lowell residents, Elizabeth Gerard and Larinda Marker, graduated from Cedarville University (Ohio) on May 3. Each Science in Nursing degree. Hamilton of Lowell, is a rages.

family's life was the tiny country church, and learning and A bark. A snapped chain. A streak of lightning. A vicious living the Bible. It was like the hub of the old wagon wheel lunge. A ripping and tearing. A bite. Another. My screams. - everything revolved around it. So, while life was simple, A mad scramble. Carnage. Wounds and blood. Pants shredit was never boring. The fields and woods to work, play ded. Torn off. Shaking. Cold water. Ice. Phone calls. Doctor.

I didn't make it to the banquet. (I think they used their So, you see, midst the routine of plant-harvest-survive, tickets, though.) But I did get an indelible picture in my the annual Fall Banquet for the "young people" was a big mind of "The End" rushing at me. And how can I thank thing! And dad and mom, being stalwarts of the church, Gary enough for grabbing that piece of chain and yanking "Jaws" off me? Helpless and hurting I was - 100 percent dependent on somebody's intervention. That's real faith, isn't it? That's life, too! We are guaranteed "dinner" for the devil on our own - our only hope is an intervention of Miracle Size - Someone who can step into our "The End" and rescue us from mortal danger. There is only one person able and available to accomplish that - the intercepting of the very sober and certain terror rushing our way in everlasting judgment for our sin. Faith, real faith, acknowledges this grave situation and acts in up-reaching belief - trust in Christ, our real go-between. (1Timothy 2:5; Romans 5:9) How glad I am to have had the helping hands of a neighbor in the nick of time. My scars help me see those nail-scarred hands of



2004 graduate of Lowell High School.

Central Michigan completed a Bachelor of University's summer honors list includes Kelly L. Gerard, the daughter of Trumble, of Ada, Keegan John and Lori Gerard of Rae Folsom and Tara R. Or-Lowell, is a 2002 graduate miston, both of Lowell, who of Lowell High School. earned 3.35 (on a 4.0 scale) Marker, daughter of Carol and higher grade point ave-

Post Offices putting on the pink for Breast Cancer Research

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and on Monday, Oct. 27 the Lowell Post Office™ will be getting their pink on for a "Pink at the Post Office" event to promote the sale of the Breast Cancer semipostal stamp.

is one of several hundred post offices in the Greater Michigan District (which covers post offices with zip code areas beginning with prefixes 486-491 and 493- history, when it was issued 497) participating in this on July 29, 1998 at the White one day event.

and awareness in support of important social issues."

The Breast Cancer Research stamp was the first semipostal stamp in U.S.

Business Matters

Wendell Christoff. co-owner. Litehouse, Inc., of Lowell, was recently reelected to serve on the 2009 Board of Directors for The Association for Dressings and Sauces.

was held in Naples, Florida, information visit in conjunction with the associations web site at Association's 2008 annual www.dressings-sauces.org meeting.

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The Association for Dressings and Sauces is an international trade association of salad dressing. mayonnaise, mustard, other condiment sauce manufacturers and The Oct. 7 election their suppliers. For more the

"Our Retail Associates House. By law, 70 percent of date since its issuance, with will wear pink this day in the net amount raised from \$63.9 million dollars raised support of this important the sale of the stamp goes for research. subject," said Postmaster Gil to the National Institutes of Brown. "Few things reach Health and 30 percent goes Lowell Post Office and as many Americans each to the Medical Research purchase pink (the Breast day as the U.S. Mail, so the Program at the Department Cancer semipostal stamps, Breast Cancer semipostal of Defense. 835,202,000 that is) and you will be a postage stamp provides an Breast Cancer semipostal part of the continued fight The Lowell Post Office opportunity to raise money stamps have been sold to for a worthy cause.

Outdoors, continued

hunting, fishing, shopping, and trail riding with an ATV as the only mode of transportation.

Regulations for ORV operation are extensive and complex, so it is wise to consult a copy of Michigan's Off-Road Vehicle Guide, available from a DNR service center, before riding on public land or roadways. Trail maps are available at the service centers or by mail using an order form in the handbook. The maps can also be found on the DNR website.

Recreational users of ORVs should expect expanded opportunities to ride under the new law. Retaining these privileges and increasing the possibility of expanding them depends on responsible behavior by all riders. This means strict adherence to regulations and observing safe riding practices. Lets all cooperate because it sure is fun.

> Facts are stupid things. - Ronald Reagan (1911 - 2004)

Happy Birthday **OCTOBER 22:**

Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter, Devin Falk **OCTOBER 23:**

Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison. Rachael McIntyre.

OCTOBER 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.

OCTOBER 25: Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk. **OCTOBER 26:**

Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Cook, Kait Thomas Cummings.

GILLAN

DENTAL EXCELLENCE

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

OCTOBER 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Aaron Stencel, Bonnie

Purdy.

Tracey Johnson, Judy Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk. JOHN AND THERESA UMLAUF To your providential union And all its riches abound

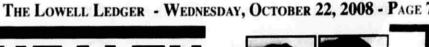
OCTOBER 28:

Seràn forever our heart, our love our parents And, forever each other's

Happy 30th Anniversary to a couple who deserves more than the world can give.

Love, The Kids

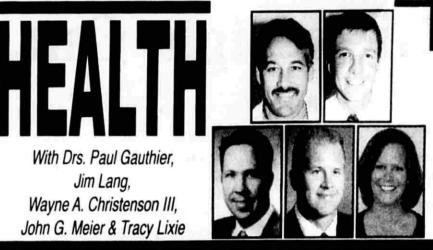




On Oct. 27 visit the



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DEPRESSION

There are many forms of depression. This article will explain several forms of depression, and the next will discuss treatment options.

Major Depression, is characterized by many symptoms. These include feelings of hopelessness, sadness, or guilt, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, insomnia or increased sleeping, and thoughts of suicide. These interfere with a person's ability to eat, sleep, work, and enjoy pleasurable activities. It is disabling and disruptive to a person's life. It can occur only once, but more often occurs many times throughout a person's

Dysthymic disorder, is also called dysthymia. This is characterized by two years or more of less severe symptoms. These are still disruptive to a person's life and ability to feel well. This can occur with episodes of major depression.

Postpartum depression is a episode of major depression that develops within one month after delivery.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), is characterized by depression that occurs during winter months when there is less natural light. This usually improves over spring and summer. Some patients improve with light therapy, but the majority do not.

Bipolar disorder is also known as manic-depressive disorder. This is characterized by dramatic mood changes ranging from an overly "high" or irritable mood, to sad to hopeless, and then back again. Normal moods typically occur in between these cycles. A mania episode must last about a week with daily symptoms and a depressive episode must last at least two weeks. These symptoms range in severity and can be difficult to diagnose.



At Advanced Eyecare Professionals, we believe that one's financial situation should not be the deciding factor in whether one can obtain quality health care. Therefore, we have put together a "Community Eyecare Day"

to help those that are in need of vision care. Our goal is to provide low-cost/ no-cost eye exams to approximately 40 patients in need, within the greater Lowell area, on Saturday, November 1, 2008. Board Certified Ophthalmologist, Dr. Michael Flohr, M.D., Board Certified Optometrists, Dr. Katherine Selleck and Dr. Chad Kresnak and all the Advanced Evecare Professionals staff will be donating their time, and resources to help those in need in the greater Lowell community (Cannon, Grattan, Otisco, Ada, Vergennes, Keene, Cascade, Lowell, & Boston Twps).

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THIS EVENT IF YOU FIT INTO **ONE OR MORE OF THE BELOW CATEGORIES:** You meet the state's poverty level

 You have Medicaid Kent Health Plan

You have Medicare

- You have a Bridge Card
- You are uninsured

· You receive outside assistance for food, health, and shelter

Please call the Advanced Eyecare Professionals Lowell office to check eligibility, set up an appointment, or to ask any questions. The Community Eyecare Day is

possible through several community organizations that gave donations to help those in need in greater Lowell area. These donations will allow for low-cost/no-cost vision assistance beyond the exam such as glasses. If you or your organization/company would like to donate to this cause please also call the number below.

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Girls Night Out, continued ... From Page 1

the Hearthstone Design prize drawing.

straightened Tummy Tuck Connie Elsasser.

But, maybe the biggest Studio, owner surprise of the night was some fine Halloween Shannon Parnofiello eagerly horse Pete, patiently cookies at Chimera Design. signed cards for the grand awaiting customers for a Owner Cliff Yankovich hid carriage ride through Lowell among his black opals, some Gail Blanchard at L4 with crew Steve Weber and seasonal pumpkin ale.

Joanne Lucas sampled



Shannon Parnofiello signs a card for Helen Vezino

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

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

Minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payables were approved.

Motion to approve the increase in the cost of Solid Waste bags from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bag, Yard Waste bags from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per bag and the recycling (which is paid by the City) cost \$4.23 per month per residence from \$3.01 and to provide recycling the first and third Thursday of each month effective December 1, 2008.

Motion to set a public hearing for November 3, 2008 to consider a Tree Ordinance.

Motion to adopt the MERS retirement Benefit Increase (Benefit Program E for retirees as presented.)

Motion to set a public hearing for November 3, 2008 to consider a resolution establishing LCTV Endowment Board and prescribing its duties and responsibilities and other matters related thereto.

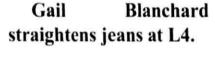
Motion to amend the City Council rules of procedures.

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 3, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or City Hall.



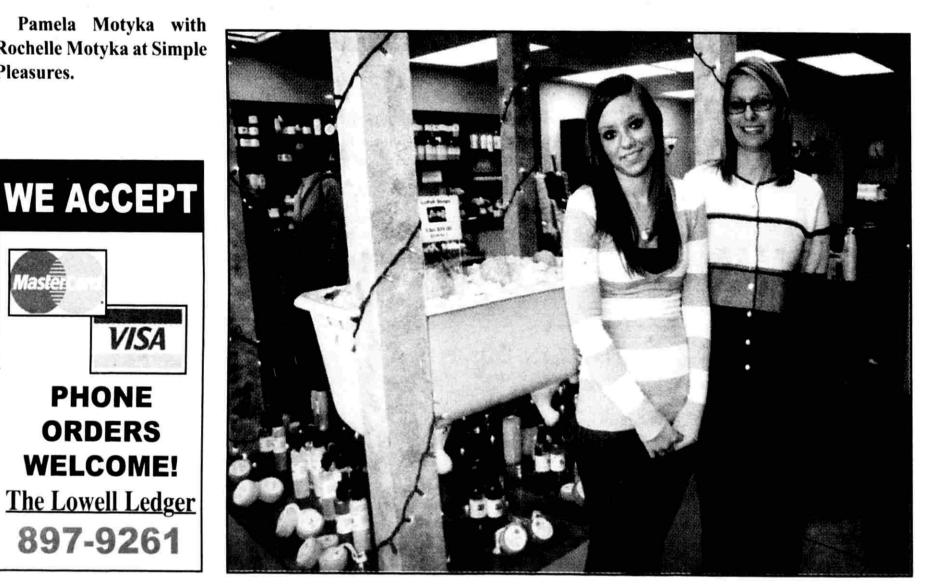
Betty R. Morlock City Clerk





Pamela Motyka with **Rochelle Motyka at Simple** Pleasures.







Joanne Lucas enjoyed shopping at Chimera's.





Patricia Ramos gives "handcial" to Renee Kramer at Daisy Floral.

"When we walked into Fountain View of Lowell we just felt that this was the best place for my mom. Everyone is very special.

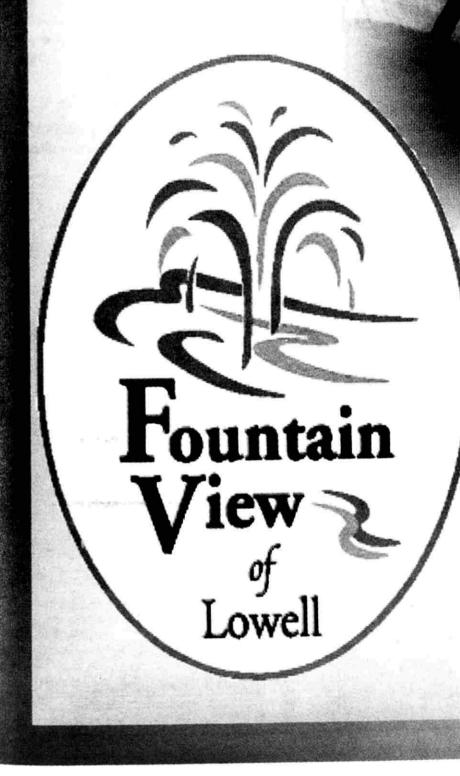
At Fountain View they not only take care of your loved one they also give families so much support.

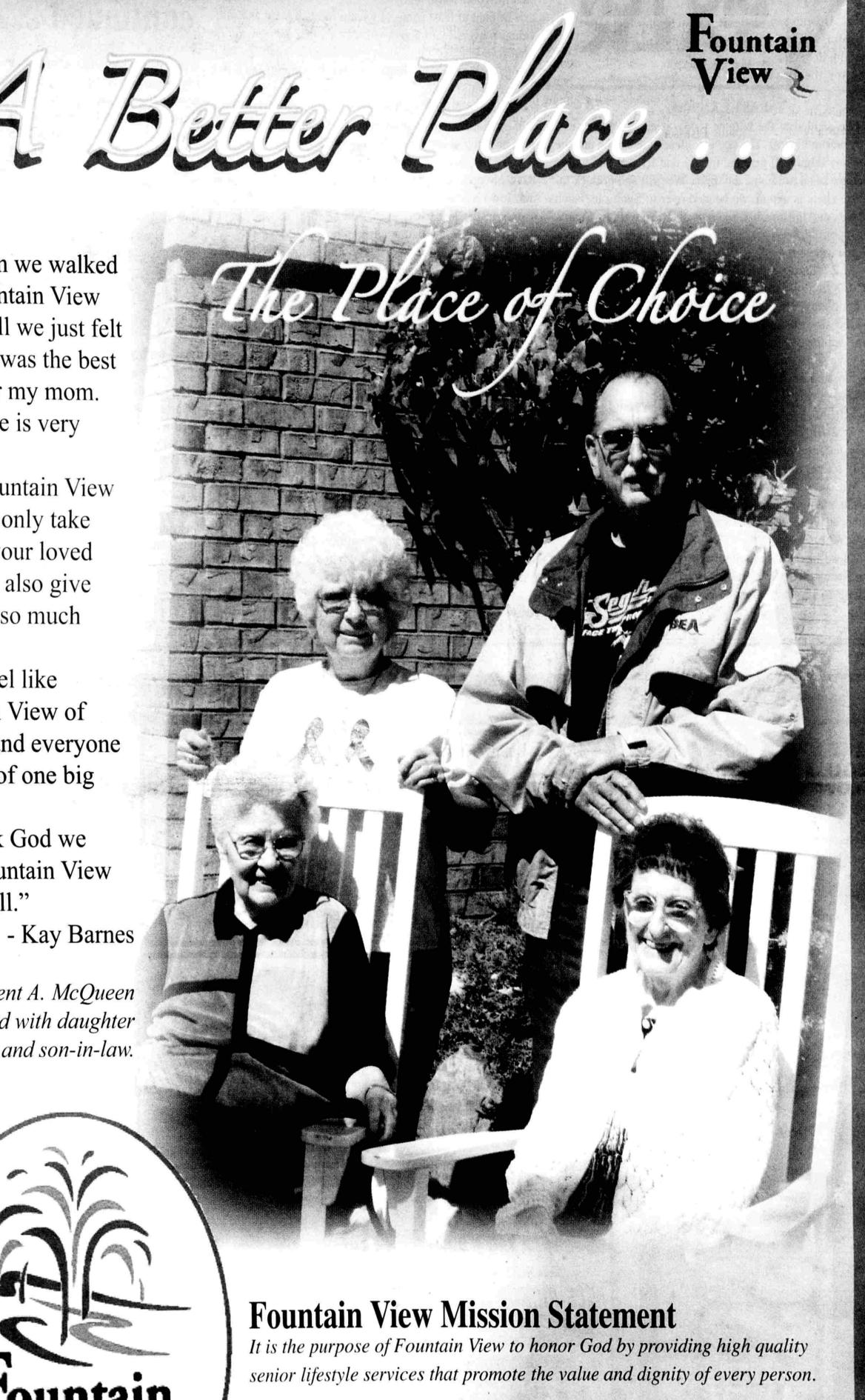
We feel like Fountain View of Lowell and everyone are part of one big family.

Thank God we have Fountain View of Lowell."

- Kay Barnes

Resident A. McQueen and friend with daughter and son-in-law.





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EAST LANSING

We arrived at the tailgate today at about 9:30 a.m., 6 hours before kickoff. The sky was clear blue. At the tailgate there are about 150 parents, family and friends that gather together. It's a fun game day prep. We grill and potluck together. Then, at 1 p.m. we headed over to Sparty to watch our sons and the coaches, in coats and ties, walk by Sparty. When your blood is green, this is a very touching and inspirational moment.

At 2 p.m. we returned to the tailgate for more food. A brass section of the marching band stopped by and played the fight song. Then, a person next to me noted again how blue the sky was and that there was one tiny white cloud in the southeast sky. At 2:15 p.m. one of the charter parents gave some emotional remarks about MSU football as a program and as a family and how today's game against the Buckeyes is important to the now and the future of Spartan Football

At 2:20 p.m. Otis Wiley, father of strong safety Otis Wiley, led us in prayer, followed by the usual group Spartan family photo, followed by the Spartan fight song.

We were all sufficiently ready. We then all went to Spartan stadium and watched Ohio State play probably their best game of the season, while MSU had five turnovers. Whoops.

These losses in a football season are, perhaps when a team learns the most about itself and about what needs to be done to improve as a football program...as a football family.

A winning Big Ten Football team is glorified. When it stumbles, the coaches and the team learn, then improve, and then move forward.

In fact, at least some of what a football team and individual players learn about setbacks on the gridiron can be used in every day life. When something goes wrong, keep going, fix the problem, improve, keep looking up and move forward with humility thanks and praise.

So keep looking up. The sun will rise tomorrow and life will get better, in particular, when we learn, plan, work our plan and give thanks. Yes. Blue sky's are in life's forecast.

By the time you read this column on Wednesday, you have already seen the game scores. I would like to note that Iowa has figured out how to score points with two big scores in the last two games; and Ohio State's QB Pryor discovered how good he really can be.

Coming up this weekend is another showdown between leaders in the conference race...today was Ohio State at further. MSU, this coming Saturday will be Penn State visiting the Buckeyes on ABC at 8 p.m. EDT. That should be dandy. Watch this one to see how freshman QB Pryor does against the 8-0 Nittany Lions. Other games have the annual clash of the Spartans (6-2) visiting the Wolverines (2-5) at 3:30 Dear Editor, p.m. Every year this game is a toss up. Inner state rivalry makes it so. Also, Indiana hosts Northwestern. Enjoy watching your favorite Big Ten Team. Believe me. There is a lot of good Big Ten football being played this season. There are five Big Ten teams that are now bowl eligible with four or five games left to play. See you next week, and keep watching those 8 - 0 Red Arrows. One game at a time can add up to something special.

Tagline: Perhaps what a coach might say to a team that just got defeated by a stronger team (as a friend told me on the phone on Sunday), the team we just played is what we want to emulate.

comes before 'work' is in the dictionary." Vince Lombardi in the 1960's.

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everyone or what they like or do. Hunting is one of those areas where some like it, and some don't, and then there are those who don't care one way or the other. I can assure you that today's hunters (both young and old) are some of the safest hunters in the field and I am proud to say that I am responsible for helping to get these hunters out there. One of my best rewards is to bump into one of my students and they will stop me and tell me of their success and the good times they have being out there enjoying Michigan and all it has to offer us and they tell me "Thanks" for being their instructor.

I'd welcome the author of that comment to attend my next class so we can get acquainted and I could educate you

I am writing today to express my support of Dave Hildenbrand for State Representative. As a business owner, I have watched Dave fight for Michigan jobs during his terms in Lansing. As Michigan's economy struggles, it is important to put individuals in office who know the problems that workers and small business owners face every day. Dave voted against the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) and argued for a fairer, simpler, and less burdensome tax. Dave fights against over regulation in Michigan, and has been instrumental in passing legislation to redevelop areas such as the Lear facility in Walker. I belive Dave Hildenbrand is the best candidate for State Representative due to his integrity and his experience in fighting for businesses and jobs in Quote for the week: "The only place that 'success' Lansing. Please join me in voting for Dave Hildenbrand on Nov. 4



Lynn Seese, Certified Hunter Safety Instructor

Dave Emmett

Red Arrow SPORTS

Summer work enables golfer to savor striking senior season

by Thad Kraus

Sydney favorite golfer is Ben Hogan.

Hogan is remembered as the greatest ball striker the game has ever seen.

the biggest stage of her high school career, the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state at my game last summer He also knows how to cheer tournament at Eagle Crest Golf Club and Resort in golfer I could be my senior myself," the senior said. Ypsilanti, was hopeful she year," Stuewe explained. would enjoy her best ballstriking day.

Stuewe was one of 15 players to qualify for the state individual tournament.

"It was a difficult course. There was a lot of water, trees and the greens were tricky," said Lowell girls' golf coach Stuewe averaged 42.1 per and father Bob Stuewe.

Sydney finished with a 192 (94-98) placing her ninth in the field of 15.

"Sydney was happy that she was there, but did I can and have fun with it."

not play as well as she had she explains. Stuewe's hoped.'

finishing third overall at the While many may think

in edging out Greenville's has experienced something Stuewe, playing on Svenja Diehl in the O- completely different. White Conference Κ Tournament.

so that I could be the best me up when I get down on

of her game that was left school golfer himself. He unturned.

swing, focused on chipping College. and practiced my putting," Stuewe added.

nine holes and 85.2 over 18 What musical groups would holes.

Stuewe kept her goals for the state tournament Chris Brown and Breaking pretty basic, "To do the best Benjamin.

Helping her all along the She qualified by way was her coach/father. regional with a round of 87. having your father as coach The senior shot an 83 would be difficult, Stuewe

"I think it has been helpful to me. He knows me "I decided to work and he knows my tendencies.

Bob Stuewe, father, There wasn't a part was also a pretty good high played for Jenison and then "I changed my iron took his game to Davenport

Sydney is interested in playing college golf at In her senior year, Robert Morris College.

> be found on Stuewe's i-pod? Green Day, Pink,



Favorite food? Steak and pasta Favorite woman golfer? Lorraine Ochoa Area of study in college? Culinary arts - pastry chef.

LOWELL-EAST Is big game diminished by playoff shadow?

by Thad Kraus

When is the biggest game of the year not the the contest undefeated. biggest game of the year?

begin the following week. Lowell and East Grand Rapids football teams find week 10. That won't be the said Lowell football coach with East Grand Rapids can themselves as they prepare case next week. for the Friday night clash.

embodies "big game" as advantage during the regular quality team and then move a.m. and 3 p.m. for \$5. it will pit the number one season. They have split the on to the playoffs." team in Division II against last four games. the number one team in Division III.

senior class.

organized the work force

float. Other class presidents

leading their classmates were

Kendall Solon, freshman

class; Cassie Miles, junior

class, and Racynda Corliss,

collaborated on Project

senior class.

All

Both clubs come into

And while each school games. When the playoffs would like nothing better

The two clubs have fans. Lowell athletic director grill, will open at 4:30 p.m., also split a pair of playoff Barry Hobbler anticipates but reentry is not permitted.

than to knock the other off play in week nine. There are clash. That is the scenario its lofty perch, both schools, bigger fish to fry for both win or lose, play again in teams going into week 10," night's varsity football game p.m. Noel Dean. "It's a balancing be purchased in the athletic at Creekside Park with Since Noel Dean's piece because it's also good office at Lowell High School individuals walking to the The confrontation still arrival. East holds an 8-4 for both teams to play a between the hours of 7:30 pick-up point at Cherry

It will also be good for the concessions, including the

Kendall



Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney, number one doubles, were the only Red Arrows to advance into the semifinals of the tennis regional. They defeated Mona Shores 7-5, 0-6,

Muscular Dystrophy. His The sophomore class 'family was presented with Schumacher, was the winner of the float a check for \$1,000 to help Lane, Ellie Timpson, Joel competition. The theme of pay for medical expenses. Morgan, Heather Burger, its float was the Decade of The classes donated \$2,500 Tim Hettinga, Sierra Moore,

sophomore class president, Dystrophy Organization. The members of the Blanton, and Rocky Pabon. behind putting together the Homecoming court were:

> FAXING 2072 four classes



The Lancaster Cup, Parent Muscular Dystrophy. named in memory of Austin Students raised \$3,500 Solon and Jim Collins. Lancaster, is awarded to selling bracelets and t-shirts. the class which embodied Jared Sweet, an elementary Kargyl and Blake Hayes. the most school spirit. This student at Lowell Schools year's award went to the suffers from Duchennes and Derek Cornish

Homecoming Notes:

Sophomores: Alyssa Juniors: Tracy Jones Seniors:

Taylor Danny the 60's. Summer Moore, to the National Muscular Tom Alberts, Erin Brechbiel, Jonathan Woods, Laura

Freshmen:

Sydney Stuewe spends some time with coach and father, Bob Stuewe prior to the individual state finals golf tournament in Ypsilanti.

> Favorite pastry? Fudge - white and peanut butter. Favorite television show? The Office The last movie she saw? Eagle Eye

Favorite teacher at Lowell High School? Chris Phillips - teaches digital imagery and photography.

between 10-12.000 fans to

Free shuttle bus service "It's a hard game to be in attendance for Friday's will run from the Middle School and Cherry Creek Tickets for Friday Elementary beginning at 5

> Parking is also available Creek. Buses will return The gates and immediately after the game.

CORRECTION

Cole Wade was pictured making the reception against Creston in last week's edition.

In addition Kendal Solon, at right, was incorrectly orange gelatin, milk. identified as Alyssa Kargyl in last week's Ledger.



pizza (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, applesauce,

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Third-down conversions spells doom for G.R. Christian

by Thad Kraus

won and lost, Grand Rapids on to the playoffs." Christian came up short in its effort to derail the number one ranked high school team fans forgetting the Eagles in Division II.

convert on third down and its big match-up with East. we couldn't get off the field on defense on third down, that's where you win and lose big games," said Grand situations. Unfortunately, touchdown pass. Rapids Christian football that put us down big at half coach Brad Mockabee.

on three third down attempts well," Mockabee explained. while allowing the Red Arrows to convert 11 times. Boss continued his excellent 21-0. The result was a convincing play. The Lowell senior 49-13 win for Lowell. The caught three passes for ball to start the second half. Red Arrows improved their 114 yards and scored three Lowell marched 68-yards record to 9-0 setting up a touchdowns. Two of them in 12 plays with Graham much anticipated showdown came on passes of 16 and 51 running it in from the five with the undefeated Pioneers yards from Kyle Nichol and yard line, giving Lowell on Friday. East Grand Rapids a third came on a 90-yard a 42-6 advantage. It also

"It's a hard game to before half time. play in week nine. There are bigger fish to fry for both the Friday night game. He's teams going into week 10," certainly fun for me to watch. of the night came on a said Lowell football coach Torsten is a competitor. fourth-quarter, three-yard Noel Dean. "It's a balancing He loves to compete. His run by Tom Jeffrey.

Where the game was quality team and then move up," Dean said.

half time lead may have had were that quality team "We couldn't always Lowell was playing before yard drive. The Red Arrows

"Lowell is a great team. We got a couple bad breaks and put ourselves in bad time, but Lowell deserves a fumble, Austin Graham The Eagles converted lot of credit for doing things finished a 72-yard drive

Red Arrow Torsten punished Greenville 56-13. kickoff return 27 seconds marked the ninth straight

"Torsten brings value to been invoked. piece because it's also good competitive level goes up as

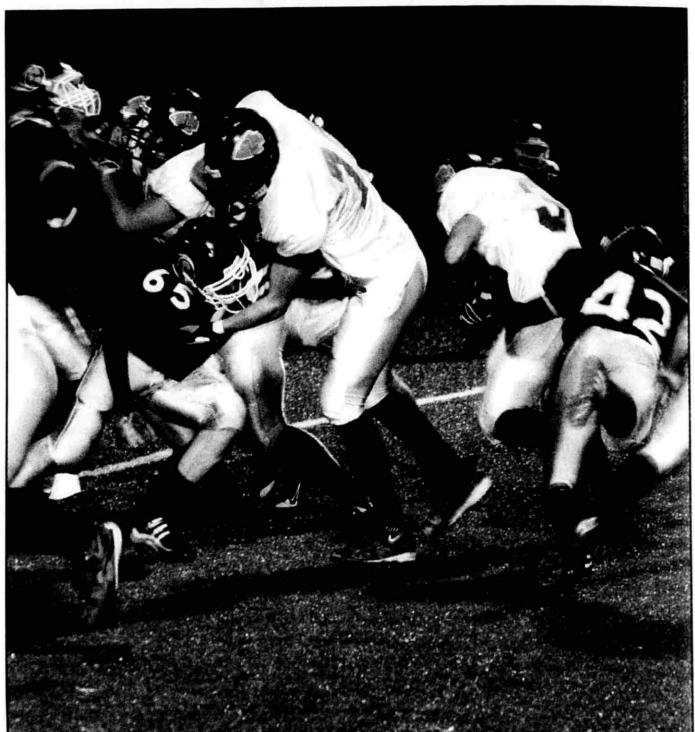
for both teams to play a the competition level goes

Lowell scored its first The Red Arrows 35-6 of seven touchdowns on its opening possession. Nichol pushed one in from the one yard line, capping a 69made it 14-0 in the opening minutes of the second quarter when Nichol connected with Zach Stephens on a 16-yard

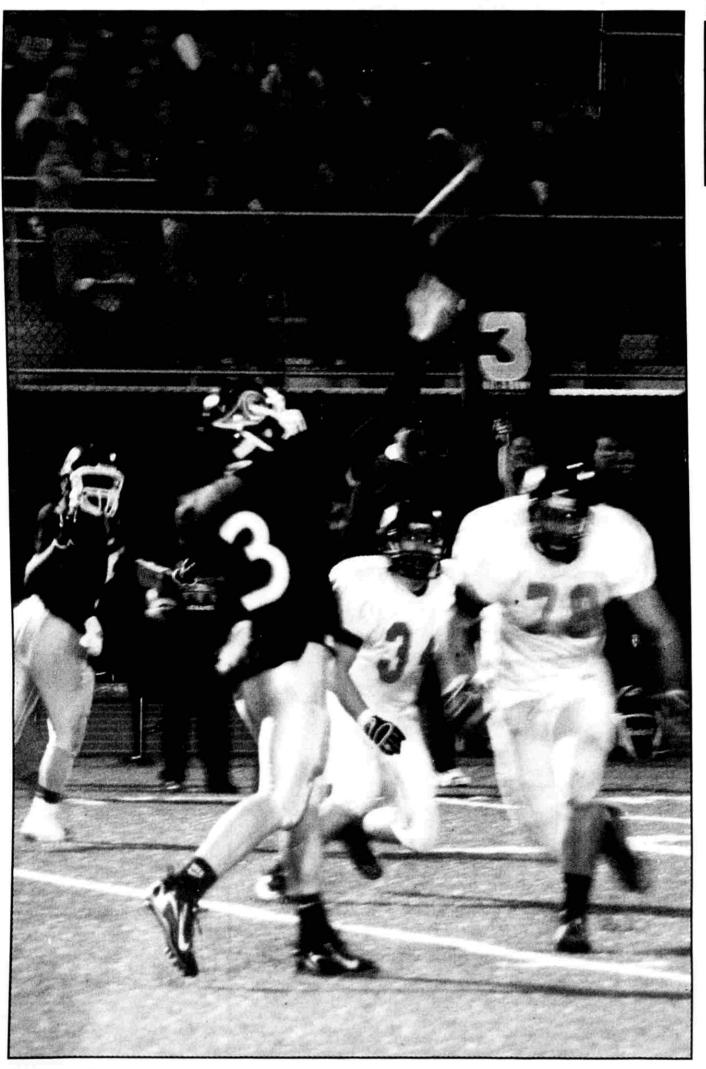
> Following a Christian with a one-yard rumble, extending Lowell's lead to

The Red Arrows got the week a running clock has

Lowell's last touchdown



Kyle Nichol finds a hole on the right side of the line in first half action against the Eagles.



Lowell's Josh Faulkner closes in on Grand Rapids Christian quarterback Drew Vos.

OKAY -Someone Has To Say It ...

SAY IT AIN'T SO BOBBY AND JOE!

Paterno, the grand old men by the national media and of college football.

Bowden that folksy, not what we perceived them "awe shucks" coach in Tall- to be; in reality they have ahassee.

Paterno the professorial looking, "straight by folks the truth doesn't lie. the books" coach in State College.

They took the baton the "clean" program. In the from the grand old men of late 90's winning became Tuscaloosa and Columbus. The Bear and Woody.

Let me back up. There more effort. was nothing grand about sential, original grumpy old his approach. coach.

know about Bobby and Joe started offering scholarships Bear and Woody and more questionable character. like the poster coaches for what ails college sports. And Lines" recently reported good reason to be grumpy. State football players have you won't stop! We, the fans of college faced 163 criminal charges.

the recruiting wars took a lot That's when it seems Woody. He was the quintes- Joe Pa changed. Or at least Instead of the All-Ame-Knowing what we now rican student athlete, Paterno



by Thad Kraus

our own naivety. They are turned out to be much less. I know that hurts, but

Paterno, for years was the respected coach who ran more difficult, competing in

Twenty-seven players were convicted or pled guilty to

The players and their list of school violations is as long

Bobby Bowden and Joe football, have been deceived faces NCAA probation for a major academic scandal uncovered in 2007. For those not up to speed, 25 Seminole football players were involved in grade and test tampering.

Despite the long lists of misdoing by their players, Paterno and Bowden continue on with support of their administrations and fans.

Therefore, validating winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.

Both men are at the top of the list of winningest coaches. Because of this, neither appears to want to walk away before the other.

From my perspectives Pa, they are less like The to let's say, athletes with both Bowden and Paterno should take their wins and ESPN's "Outside the the programs they've soiled and walk much like Forest they have given their fans that since 2002, 46 Penn Gump ran. Just promise me

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45 charges.

Bowden is no different. as the Gettysburg Address.

The program, however,

"Christian scored a lot of points on our over pass. Basically that's setting up the kill for the other team,"

By Thad Kraus

Christian.

Unable to effectively

control its passing, Lowell's

volleyball team caught

heat from Grand Rapids

net presence of Division I

standout Morgan DeVries,

the Eagles maintained their

spot atop the O-K White

won in three straight games,

unforced errors. In their first

meeting the Red Arrows

committed just eight. Red

Arrow volleyball coach

GiGi Peal attributed that to

the Eagles pressure at the

net and Lowell's inability to

control its passing.

Grand Rapids Christian

Lowell committed 29

with a win over Lowell.

25-18, 25-20 and 25-9.

Behind the menacing

Peal explained. "We just did all Red Arrows in kills not make it hard enough for with eight and Jordan them to set and serve the Timmer led in aces and

SPORTS

Red Arrow

Lowell spikers upend

Creston but doesn't have

answer for Eagles' DeVries

The Lowell coach was respectively. happy with the way her club competed in the opening same success against two games.

"The girls got their against them. feet under them early and competed well, I thought. happy with our execution. We had a chance to pull out The girls served well and game two," Peal explained. "I thought, however, the throughout," Peal said. girls lost their fight in game

DeVries led all players 15, 25-12, 25-12. with 13 kills. The senior was held to just six in the clubs' long way, but we're just first meeting.

DeVries will play for Seton Hall next year.

"She's one of the best players in the state," Peal kills with nine. Timmer said. "She makes a huge was the club leader in difference for them."

Madelyn Brower led with nine.

assists with four and 16

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Lowell enjoyed the Creston as Christian did

"I was extremely controlled the match

Lowell won easily in three straight games, 25-

"Creston has come a a few levels higher in our play at this time," Peal concluded.

Brower led Lowell in aces with 10 and assists

Kentwood sticks 2-0 district loss on Red Arrows

by Thad Kraus

John Conlon called Nermin Crnkic the Falcons' glue.

the Following Kentwoods' 2-0 district win, Lowell would agree with that observation.

It was Crnkic who stuck the decisive two goals on the Red Arrows in the opening 10 minutes of the district contest.

first-half action against Kentwood.

East Kentwood coach energy. At 5'6" and 145 "You just can't spot a pounds he is fearless," Conlon explained.

10 costly minutes to get up to speed. That proved costly

"After the first 10 minutes I thought we played prettyevenly with Kentwood. They still controlled much of the game," Lowell soccer "He's 100 percent coach Paul Legge explained.

team like Kentwood two goals like that and expect It took the Red Arrows to win. Kentwood is just too good." Kentwood, defending

state champion, doesn't have the star power that it's had in the past, but Legge believes this year's squad has more depth.

"They have six or seven guys that they can rely on for scoring. I think that may make them more dangerous."

Conlon referred to dangerous when talking about his clubs district draw.

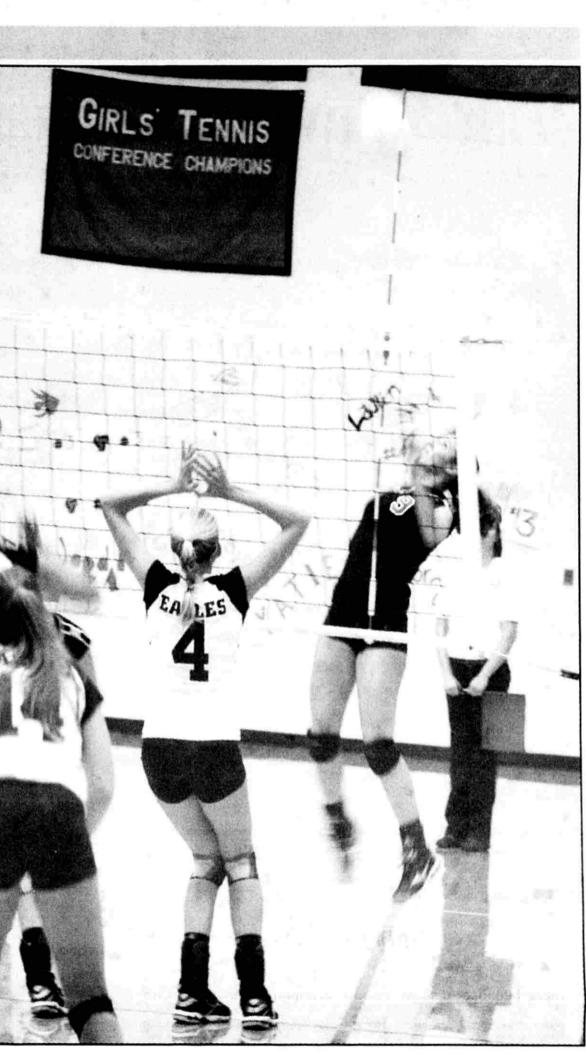
'We got exactly what I expected from Lowell. They are physical, fit and extremely fast," Conlon said. "I'm just glad we scored early. They play just like their coach did when we were teammates. Lowell and Rockford, that's a pretty tough way to start a district.'

Crnkic scored Kentwoods' first goal at 37:20 of the first half and then netted the game's second and final goal at 23:24.

Lowell finishes its season at 12-7 overall.

Kentwood lived Ian Beddows brings the ball up the field in to battle on against Rockford.

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Lowell's Lyndsey Crawford attempts a cross net blast in volleyball action against Grand Rapids Christian.



Tommy Rodriquez gains possession in the early minutes of the district soccer game.

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Anything Goes Column



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To the person who thinks hunting is not cool anymore, we (the hunters) are population controlists. If it was not for us, people would be hitting more deer. And didn't our ancestors respectfully take game to survive on? It's called living off the land, not our local grocery store. You should try it.

-Respectful hunter, Jason

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Thank you, Mrs. and Mr. Tenney, for your dedication with our orchestra and fiddle club students. (Even on the weekends!!) Your enthusiasm is contagious!

I'm a proud football mom, will the Ledger allow me to write something every week that only brags about my son? He plays for Western, it's not Michigan or MSU, but we're quite proud of him!

Why is it that at some fast food restaurants the same person that takes your money also gives you your napkin? I think that is gross.

All of the comments about Mr. Obama's middle name indicate to me how racist and hateful the people of this community are, as well as the rest of society. You're all a sorry lot!

When I first heard that hunting wasn't cool anymore, I was shocked. But then I wondered, has hunting ever been cool? Hunting wasn't cool to my grandfather. It was just how you put food on the table. I don't think DNR biologists view hunting as cool. It's just an incredibly effective tool used to insure animal populations stay in balance. I don't know if parents think hunting is cool. It's just a unique opportunity to teach respect for nature and build incredible bonds with their children. I know PETA definitely doesn't

think hunting is cool. Hunters, maybe some hunters think hunting is cool. But every hunter understands that hunting is a tradition steeped in our nation's heritage. But cool? The idea of "Cool" suggests that something could eventually be un-cool, a fad, or a part of pop culture. I remember when Bellbottom jeans were cool. No, I have to agree - Hunting isn't cool. Personally, I hope it stays that way forever. - Parent, Hunter, and Hunter Safety Instructor.

Who ever said it's not okay for young kids to hunt is so wrong. I'm an 11-year-old girl who loves to hunt. If I didn't hunt my life would be so boring. Even though I'm not old enough to deer hunt, I still rabbit hunt with my dad. Even when we don't get a rabbit I still loved spending quality time with my awesome dad, and it teaches a life skill too. So whoever said kids shouldn't hunt is so wrong. Thanks dad for teaching me everything I need to know about hunting. - Amber Cook, proud kid hunter.

To the thieves who took Obama signs from yards in Eastgate - Are you against free speech or are you just angry your guy is losing?

Why do some people put their garbage out to the street too early? I have to look at it for two or three days, then I have to look at their empty can sit on the curb for a couple of days. What is up with this?

I can't believe someone would steal the cap off a scarecrow the first day it was up.

Killing off the gene pool of young healthy bucks for racks - that's macho, not cool. Hunting does having two and three fawns each year, that's population contol.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of October 13, 2008 Reports

Parker Liu, Student Representative, provided an update on high school and student council activities.

Mr. Mikulski and Chief Valentine presented a "Safe Richard John Boudro, 4 Counseling Position, High School Routes to School" Report.

Mr. Dean provided an update on the Pink Arrow Project.

Action Items

The Board accepted the following gifts to the district:

- Discounted Facility Use Rental, Valued at \$207.00, Donated by Roll Away Family Fun Center
- Three Bikes/Trikes and One Cozy Coupe Kids' Car, Valued at \$35.00, Donated by Kim Pallottini
- Train Table, Valued at \$50.00, Donated by Sharon Rau Books, Various Elementary Level Games, Science Magnets & Binoculars, Viewers and Math Manipulatives, Valued at \$250.00, Donated by Mary and Dan Pastor

Approved Section 403(B) Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan Adopted 403(B) Interlocal Participation Agreement Resolution

Consent Items Approved

Minutes for the September 8, 2008 Regular Meeting; September 8, 2008 Closed Session Meeting; September 22, 2008 Work Session Meeting, and October 6, 2008 Special Meeting

The following payment of bills for September, 2008: ...\$1.083,758.98 GENERAL FUND. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND ...\$1,734.98 Food Service Fund. ..\$16,701.20 Athletic Fund. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND. ...\$149,109.59 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:. ..\$1,290,211.19

The following Personnel/New Hires: Regular Meeting of August 11, 2008

Reports

Mr. Nugent presented an update on the Lowell Education Foundation.

Mr. Dean reported on the Lowell Pink Arrow Project, a service learning initiative at the high school.

Action Items

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

Consent Items Approved

Minutes for the July 14, 2008 Organizational Meeting, and July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting.

The following payment of bills for July, 2008:

CEVED AL FUND	
GENERAL FUND	\$1,209,461.75
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
Food Service Fund	\$18,609.92
Athletic Fund	\$11,102.91
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$22,687.26
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$21,050.00
2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$1,422,456.45
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$2,705,368.29
The following Personnel/New Hires:	
Meggan Johnson, Director of Outdoor I	Education Programs
Nicholas Bond, Special Education Teac	her, High School

..\$38,607.36 Budget Update

.\$300.00 Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the

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

Curriculum Update

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

Superintendent's Report

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

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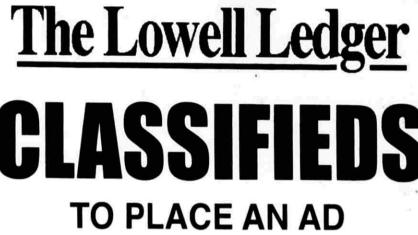
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Mike Larkin donates \$2,045 in proceeds from the annual harvest cook-off to Kraig Haybarker of Flat River Outreach Ministries. The money will be used to stock the pantry.



Army Reserve Sgt. Alan C. Conway has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security, and counterinsurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign

powers to govern the people of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces, to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as democracy.

Conway, a civil affairs technician with seven years of military service, is regularly assigned to the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, Dallas, Texas.

He is the son of Joe Conway of Ada.

The sergeant attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Texas, where he received a bachelor's degree in 2003, and a master's degree in 2006.

PV2 Tony Amelia is currently deployed in Kuwait for more comprehensive combat training before being deployed to Iraq for one year.

Amelia completed Boot Camp in Fort Leonard Woods, MO. As a Combat Engineer, he has been through additional extensive training such as; C4 and TNT (explosive training), Mount Training (clearing houses, raids) and bridge building while being stationed at Fort Riley, KS.

While at Fort Leonard Wood, he received the Certificate of Achievement for "Engineer Trailblazer". This certificate is awarded to one PVT during the 08-09 cycle. He received this for meritorious achievement as a combat engineer by exceeding standards for rifle marksmanship, hand grenade, physical fitness, leadership, motivation, teamwork and discipline.

Amelia is the son of Dan and Dawn Ruegsegger and a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School.

Alto Elementary Preschool playgroup

Every Thursday, Alto Elementary hosts a playgroup for parents with children birth to school age. Each playtime consists of a story, snack, craft and time for free play. There is a different theme each week, and this past Thursday children had a great time making a festive scarecrow to be displayed at The Dairy Discovery Farm in Alto. Oct. 23, the theme will be "pumpkins" and on the 30th they will have a Halloween costume party. Playgroup runs from 9:30-10:30 each Thursday (no playgroup on Nov. 27 or Dec. 25).





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