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## Consolidation among changes since last presidential election

by Emma Palova

Consolidation is one of many changes in voting in the city limits since the last presidential election.

City clerk Betty Morlock advises those voters who voted at the Englehardt Library and at the Look Memorial Fire Station that both precincts now vote at the city hall on the second floor.

Voters must now also show a picture identification such as a driver's license.

Due to the length of the ballot, voting may also take longer, approximately 20 minutes.

"If you have all day to vote, come between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.," said Morlock. "It picks up in the afternoon."

The parking lot across from Avery Street will be blocked off for the election,

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while Avery Street will be reserved for handicapped parking.

According to the city and township officials,

registrations are up for the presidential election. In Lowell Township prior to the Oct. 6 deadline, people waited to register.

The entire Kent County will be voting on optec scan machines. All machines are tested prior to the election, and they will remain sealed up until the election.

There are no local issues on the ballots of the three municipalities.

Two candidates are running for the 86th District, both from Lowell.

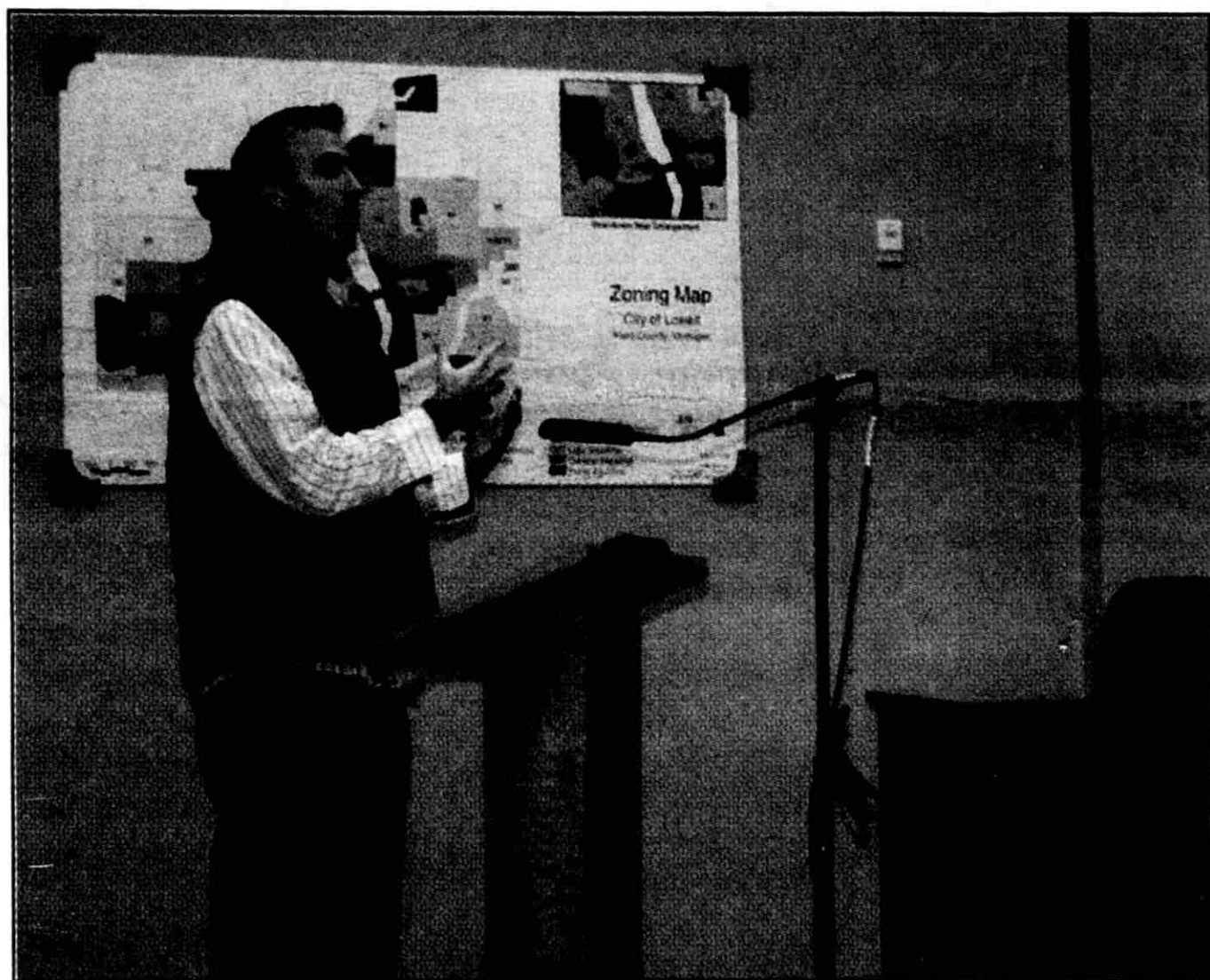
Incumbent Dave Hildenbrand is running

on the Republican ticket against Democrat Melissa Cassalina.

There are two state proposals on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

The upcoming ballot, on top of presidential, congressional and other candidates, includes two state proposals in Michigan.

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Pastor Phil Struckmeyer explains the need for a church community in downtown area.

## Church community center to locate in Larkin's Other Place

by Emma Palova

Impact Church will establish a new body in Larkin's Other Place if special use permit is approved by the planning commission. A public hearing has been set for Nov. 24 to establish a church community center in the downtown area.

Pastor Phil Struckmeyer explained the need for an autonomous place of assembly or campus for teens and parents with teenagers in conjunction with Calvary Church.

"We feel maxed out," he said.

Possibly partnerships with the YMCA and the

middle school will be considered. Ignite has purchased the building from Mike Larkin, according to Struckmeyer.

The property is zoned as a central business district. The building can accommodate 120 to 200 people. The only concern remained parking for the facility.

However, public parking can be utilized as well.

"We have to make sure accommodations are made for parking," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

Struckmeyer said the goal of the church

community is to be in rhythm with downtown parades and events such as Girls Night Out and Guys Night Out.

According to zoning rules, having a church next to a bar is not a problem. However, it becomes an issue if it is the other way around, having a bar next to an existing church, according to Pasquale.

"We want to help the community with teen needs," said Struckmeyer.

In other business, the planning commission will be reviewing the new civil infractions ordinance with police chief Jim Valentine at the next meeting.

## Fallasburg Festival founder donates yearbook to museum

by Emma Palova

At 92, Ferris Miller speaks eloquently about his childhood, growing up across from the Fallasburg schoolhouse.

Recently, he donated a 1934 yearbook to the Lowell Area Historical Museum. That was the year he graduated from Lowell High School. "I save everything," he said. "I kept it all these years."

He recalls having to hitch a ride to school from Lincoln Lake. He helped organize the 51st reunion in 1985. His dad had a job on the railroad, and later Miller also worked on the CSX railroad. He married in 1941 to wife Lucy, and they have four children.

But, perhaps Miller should be most known for developing the Fallasburg Festival. It started out as a get together for the high school alumni.

"There was nothing going on after Labor Day, so we met at the pavilion," he said.

And it grew from then on, as food and entertainment were added, while merchants were selling wares. As different organizations that ran the event changed, the event remained the staple of fall happenings in the Lowell area.

Finally, the arts council took it over as one of its fundraisers, due to a lack of volunteer base.

As a member of the Fallasburg Historical



Ferris Miller

Society, Miller used to sell coffee, doughnuts and cider in a booth on the south side of the pavilion.

Although Miller hasn't been back lately to the festival, he has fond memories of the area. The 1934 yearbook now is at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, and Miller encourages people to look at it.

## Lowell woman beneficiary of Pink Arrow Project partnership

by Thad Kraus

Partnerships, Resources, Benefits.

All three are significant elements of the Pink Arrow Project.

A young Lowell woman recently experienced the power of all three working for her.

"I was getting my haircut and a young woman in the salon asked me if there was a place where she could receive a free mammogram. She did not have insurance," explained Director of Lowell Community Wellness, Patty Sellner.

Following the conversation and during her haircut, Sellner went to work. She contacted Lacks Cancer Center at St. Mary's Health Care, a partnership that formed through the Pink Arrow Project. Lacks shared with Sellner that through the Susan G. Komen Fund, financial resources were still available. The young Lowell woman was able to set up an appointment that day.

"It's exciting to see how this project has already started to give back," Sellner said. "This also brings an awareness to what already exists and to what is

available out there." There are multitudes of resources out there that provide support for families through programs, support groups, educational workshops, and nutritional support.

"There is a lot out there. Initially, though, we're going to provide a few core elements and do them really well," Sellner explains.

One thing the Lowell community has done well is raise money. The Pink Arrow Project now stands well over \$93,000. Through donations and other activities

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# Obituaries

## FENNING

Lester B. Fenning, 91, passed away unexpectedly October 12, 2008 at home in Macomb. He loved hunting and fishing and will be deeply missed. He was born in the house on 158 S. Pleasant. After finishing school in Lowell he went into the service, from there to Medical in Detroit, then was hired at Doctors Hospital where he stayed until he retired, 45 years later. This is where he also met Gerry and later married her. He will be buried in Oakland. Services will be held at a later date.



## VAN PUTTEN

Thomas Harry Van Putten, Sr., born September 12, 1947 passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Evelee; daughters, Regina (Jon) Davis, Linda (Andrew) Milley; son, Tommy (Celena) Van Putten; 11 grand children;

three great grandchildren; two sisters; one brother; aunts, uncles; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Thomas was an Army Veteran as well as serving 18 months as a POW-MIA during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Lowell Fire Department and served with the Saranac Fire Department. Funeral service will be held Tuesday at the First Baptist of Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to: Lowell Fire Department of Roadbed Ministries, 5010 S. Division, Wyoming, MI 49545.



## WITHERELL

Mark Arlyn Witherell, age 55 of Jenison, passed away unexpectedly October 26, 2008. He is preceded in death by his wife, Julie. He is survived by his sons, Travis Mark and Adam J. Witherell; parents, Arlyn and Ruth Witherell; brothers, Craig and Eric Witherell; granddaughter, Ciana; also nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held Friday, October 31 at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Chaplain Shannon Witherell officiating. Interment Balcolm Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 1 to 3 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Mark Witherell Family, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

## Still time to get an absentee ballot

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today reminded voters of the absentee ballot option in the upcoming November election.

"The absentee ballot option gives those who qualify the opportunity to participate in the election and to vote the ballot at their convenience," Land said. "You still have time to get an absentee ballot for the November election if you qualify, but the deadline is fast approaching. Simply contact your local clerk for more information."

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person
- expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 to submit their absentee ballot application to their city or township clerk. Voters must include their name, address and the qualifying reason

for requesting the ballot. An absentee ballot application is available at any local clerk's office or online at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

A request can also be submitted in a simple letter or on a postcard.

Registered voters may also visit their city or township clerk's office for an absentee ballot through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 3 must vote the ballot while in the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by hand or by mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters should note that if they have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan, they are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct instead. However, this restriction does not apply to voters who are age 60 or older, disabled or overseas.

Absentee voters should remember to sign the return envelope. If a voter receives assistance in preparing the ballot, the signature of the person providing the assistance must also be on the return envelope. Signed absentee ballots can only be returned to a clerk's office by the voter, a family member or person residing in the voter's household, a mail carrier or election official.

When completing an absentee ballot, voters should be aware that building managers and staff cannot take possession of a person's ballot, unless they are handling it as part of their duties to collect that building's outgoing mail. It is also illegal to vote in a group setting. Residents should not attend any meeting at which the residents of their building or members of an organization to which they belong are being asked to vote at the same time.

Land encourages anyone who believes these procedures are being violated to call the Michigan Bureau of Elections toll-free at 1-866-766-4355. For additional information, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) or contact your local clerk.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,742-DE

Estate of DONALD BLUHM Date of birth Aug. 18, 1926

TO ALL CREDITORS:

October 20, 2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DONALD BLUHM, who lived at 3955 7 Mile Road, Belmont, Michigan, died March 23, 2008.

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

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

Mary L. Benedict P45285 4519 Cascade Road SE Suite 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-942-0020

Cassandra Kinney 6606 Cannonsburg Rd. Belmont, MI 49306

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## City discusses portable garages/ approves Trombly Chiropractic expansion

by Emma Palova

The city planning commission discussed portable garages, among other issues Monday night, currently not allowed by the zoning ordinance.

The main concerns included the aesthetics of the structures.

"I am not thrilled with this," said commissioner Dee Doyle, "I wouldn't like it in my neighborhood."

But, on the other hand, some commissioners like Clark Jahnke didn't want to be too restrictive.

"I don't want to be the

one who says you can't have them," said Jahnke, "that's too restricting."

Much discussion was devoted to whether the structures should have hard surface paving since they are only temporary.

"Once you remove the structure, do you want that left behind?" said Jahnke. "We shouldn't force a permanent base to something that is temporary."

However, resident Bob Robinson, maintained he's had his accessory building for the last 17 years.

"I have investment in it," he said. "I am trying to improve what I have."

The commission will take up the issue to determine a time frame on a temporary structure with a regular review process.

"My concern is a conglomeration of stuff like a long overdue garage sale waiting to happen," said commissioner Vance Dimmick.

In other business, the city planning commission approved the expansion of Trombly Chiropractic

Monday night waiving several conditions. The former Fifth Third building built in 1999 will now be renovated into a medical building.

The addition will be to the rear of the building with parking along the west side and in the front. The roof line will stay the same. There will be more room for staff and an additional message room. Due to the lack of a dumpster, waste will be kept inside.

There will be no changes in lighting or signage.

## No Halloween treats for drunk drivers

Ghost and goblins may be hiding in the shadows this Halloween, but law enforcement officers in West Michigan will be out in the open looking for drunk drivers.

Last year 12 people were killed in traffic crashes in Michigan during the Halloween holiday, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2; four of those crashes involved alcohol.

Over 60 law enforcement agencies in 14 counties have

chosen to participate and accept federal overtime funding from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) to step up drunk driving patrols between Oct. 30 and Nov. 2.

West Michigan counties receiving funding for additional patrols during the Halloween enforcement period are: Allegan, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa, St. Joseph and VanBuren.

OHSP also offers these

tips for a safer Halloween weekend:

- Designate a sober driver before you begin celebrating.
- Don't get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.
- Take the keys and never let a friend drive while drunk.
- If impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend to come get you.

Stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

If you're hosting a party, make sure guests have a safe ride home.

Each county determines when to schedule patrols based on crash data, officer availability and unique local needs. For a list of planned Halloween patrol dates, times and locations, please visit [www.michigan.gov/ohsp](http://www.michigan.gov/ohsp).

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it is conceivable that the final total could surpass \$100,000 by the end of the year, more than doubling original expectations.

A key element of the project is the educational initiative which provides opportunities for students in the school district beyond the regular science curriculum.

Sellner notes, that with budget constraints, oftentimes field trips are eliminated. It is Sellner's wish that the \$15,000 earmarked for educational opportunities will help stimulate the imagination of students to study and learn more about cancer.

"Through field trips and by seeing, students may be inspired to study, thus creating excitement and possibilities," Sellner said.

Of the funds raised through the Pink Arrow Project, \$25,000 will be placed in the Kathy Talus Scholarship account and a Dr. Donald Gerard Medical Scholarship is being created.

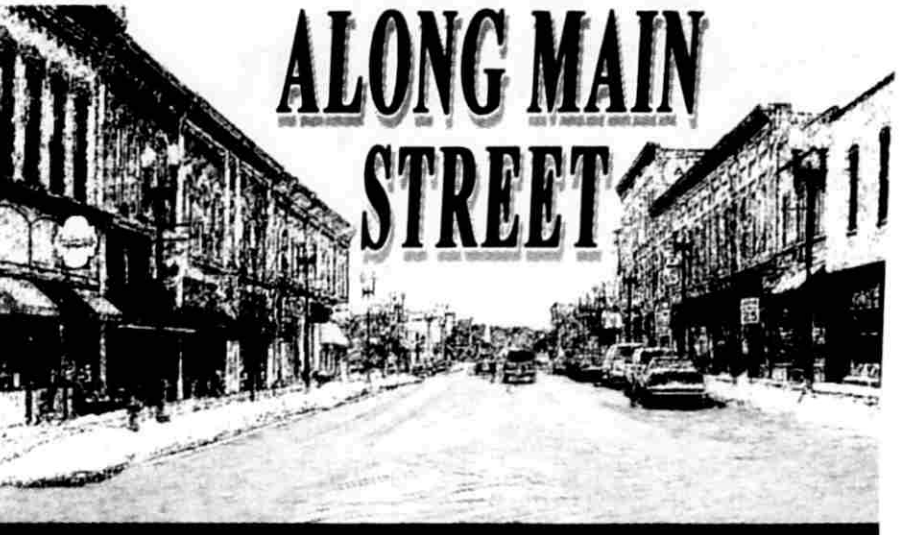
The Talus scholarship is given to a female athlete

who is an active leader and one who exhibits traits the coach endeared herself to. The medical scholarship will be awarded to a Lowell High School graduate who has been accepted into medical school. Both scholarships will generate close to \$2,500 a year.

"The Pink Arrow Proj-

ect has surpassed the vision we all had in the beginning," said Talus friend and coaching assistant, Robin Briggs. "Kathy would have been the first one in line to

help with a project like this. This continues to get bigger and bigger and hopefully it continues."



## 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 and doughnuts. All for free. 865 Lincoln Lake S.E.

## 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 [lowells\\_1983@yahoo.com](mailto:lowells_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. The program will be presented by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Free admission.

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 211 N. Washington St., Fri., Nov. 7, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

## CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

Visit Lowell for a unique shopping experience on Nov. 14, 15, & 16. Visit the web site at [www.christmsthroughlowell.org](http://www.christmsthroughlowell.org).

## 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?

# ELECTION

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### ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL VOTERS

City of Lowell voters, who previously voted at either the Englehardt Public Library or the Look Memorial Fire Station, WILL NOW need to go to the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street to vote in all elections, including the November 4, 2008 General Election.

The parking lot located on the northeast corner of Avery and Monroe will be posted for election parking only. Voters are not to use the parking lot immediately west of the City Hall/Police Station.

Handicapped parking will be posted on Avery Street.

If you wish to use an elevator, you should use the entrance on North Monroe Street (Clock Tower Entrance).

If you have any questions, please contact the Lowell City hall at 897-8457.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



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# CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly meeting of Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to add Article V, "Trees," to Chapter 23, "Vegetation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

A Resolution establishing LCTV Endowment Board and prescribing its duties and responsibilities and other matters related thereto.

Copies of both documents are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

# CITY OF LOWELL

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for mowing and trimming of various City properties until Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Please mark envelope "MOWING BIDS".

Your company is required to sign in to schedule an on site inspection to be eligible to place a bid. Contact Scott Fosburg at (616) 897-5929 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to schedule your appointment.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

Betty R. Morlock  
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One is a legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions. If approved, the law would permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions. It would also permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

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

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

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

The embryos are created for fertility treatment purposes, are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs, would be discarded unless used for research, or they were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

But stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins. The proposal would prohibit any person

from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research, prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.

For more information go to [www.accesskent.com](http://www.accesskent.com).

## November 4 election essentials

- Anyone who registered to vote in Michigan by Oct. 6 may participate.
- Registered voters who moved within the same city or township and did not change their registration address by Oct. 6 may still vote at their former precinct; so may those who moved to a different city or township after Sept. 5 but didn't register in their new place of residence.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. Qualified voters standing in line at 8 p.m. will be permitted to vote.
- For a faster voting experience, voters are encouraged to visit their polling place at an off-peak time, avoiding the busy times immediately before and after work, and during the lunch hour.
- Michigan's voter ID law is in effect. Properly registered voters who do not bring acceptable ID, such as a valid Michigan driver's license, may still cast ballots by signing an affidavit stating they are not in possession of ID.
- A specially equipped voting station called the AutoMARK is available for use by voters with disabilities. It permits voters to cast their ballot independently without the assistance of another person. Those who desire voting assistance should ask election workers for help. No reason need be given.
- Michigan law prohibits any person from soliciting votes or engaging in any type of campaigning within 100 feet of any doorway used by voters to enter the building in which a polling place is located. This includes the display of any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate or a ballot question.
- For additional information regarding the Nov. 4 presidential election, including a map to their own polling place, voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
General Election  
Tuesday, November 4, 2008  
Kent County, Michigan  
City of Lowell, Precinct 1

**TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:

**IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

**PARTISAN SECTION:** To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

**Straight Ticket:** Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

**Split Ticket:** You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

**Mixed Ticket:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

**DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and completely darken the oval. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

**CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

**WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that the votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulation. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

**NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

PARTISAN SECTION	LEGISLATIVE	STATE BOARDS
<b>STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET</b> Vote for entire ticket	<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b> Vote for not more than 2
Republican Party <input type="radio"/>	Dave Whitbeck Republican	Daniel V. Zemanick Republican
Democratic Party <input type="radio"/>	Patricia Sheehy Democratic	Paul J. Sullivan Democratic
Green Party <input type="radio"/>	Scott Jenkins Republican	James M. Beckering Democratic
U.S. Taxpayers Party <input type="radio"/>	Rick Johnson Republican	Margaret Gutzwiller Democratic
Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/>	Richard A. Bandiera Republican	Rick Rybakamp Green
Natural Law Party <input type="radio"/>	John G. LaFond Republican	U.S. Taxpayers Party U.S. Taxpayers
<b>PRESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>COUNTY</b>
<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES</b> Vote for not more than 2	Scott Jenkins Republican	<b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b> Vote for not more than 1
John McCain Republican	Rick Johnson Republican	Paul J. Sullivan Democratic
Sarah Palin Republican	Richard A. Bandiera Republican	William A. Foreyth Republican
Barack Obama Democratic	John G. LaFond Republican	<b>SHERIFF</b> Vote for not more than 1
Joe Biden Democratic	Laurence B. Delich Democratic	Lawrence A. Steina Republican
Cynthia McKinney Democratic	Denise Birch Democratic	John G. Steinhilber Libertarian
Rose Clements Democratic	Ellis Boal Green	<b>CLERK/REGISTRAR OF DEEDS</b> Vote for not more than 1
Chuck Baldwin Republican	Richard Rybakamp Green	Mary Hollibaugh Republican
Darrell L. Castle U.S. Taxpayers	Joe Sanger U.S. Taxpayers	Roger M. Williams Democratic
Bob Barr Libertarian	Eric L. Larson U.S. Taxpayers	Bill Gelfandau Libertarian
Wayne M. Roy Libertarian	Kerry L. Morgan Libertarian	<b>TREASURER</b> Vote for not more than 1
Ralph Nader Libertarian	<b>MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b> Vote for not more than 1	Kenneth O. Parrish Republican
Matt Gonzalez Natural Law	Lisa Bouchard Republican	Stephen Lauka Democratic
<b>CONGRESSIONAL</b>	George Scott Romney Republican	Steve Nickerson Libertarian
<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> Vote for not more than 1	Diana Woodard Republican	<b>DRAIN COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not more than 1
Jack Hoogendyk, Jr. Republican	Therese Marie Storm Republican	William R. Byl Republican
Carl Levin Democratic	Robert Gie U.S. Taxpayers	Brian P. McKay Democratic
Narley G. Mickelson Green	Crytal Van Sickle U.S. Taxpayers	<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not more than 1
Michael H. Nikitin U.S. Taxpayers	David A. Brown Republican	Sandra Frost Parrish Republican
Scotty Brown Libertarian	Joseph Rosenquist Democratic	Mary Larson Libertarian
Doug Dem Natural Law	<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> Vote for not more than 1	Walter J. Eilers Republican	David M. Murkowski Republican
Henry Sanchez Democratic	Erwin J. Hues Libertarian	<b>JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT</b> Vote for not more than 1
Erwin J. Hues Libertarian		Gregory T. Boer Republican
		Sara J. Smolenski Judge of District Court

**Front and back of 2008 ballot as it will appear on Nov. 4.**

NON-PARTISAN SECTION	PROPOSAL SECTION
<b>JUDICIAL</b>	<b>STATE</b>
<b>JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>PROPOSAL 08-1</b>
Robert W. Roddis Republican	<b>A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS</b>
Chif Taylor Justice of Supreme Court	The proposed law would:
Diane Marie Hatheway Democratic	- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.
<b>JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS</b> Vote for not more than 2	- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
Richard A. Bandiera Republican	- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
Jane E. Markey Judge of Court of Appeals	- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.
<b>JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS</b> Vote for not more than 2	Should this proposal be adopted?
Daniel V. Zemanick Republican	YES <input type="radio"/>
Jane M. Beckering Democratic	NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT</b> Vote for not more than 3	<b>PROPOSAL 08-2</b>
Daniel V. Zemanick Republican	<b>A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN</b>
Brian C. Downs Libertarian	The proposed constitutional amendment would:
<b>CATHOLIC ANN FEENEY</b> Judge of Circuit Court	- Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos --
<b>PAUL J. SULLIVAN</b> Judge of Circuit Court	- are created for fertility treatment purposes;
<b>CHRISTOPHER YATES</b> Judge of Circuit Court	- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
<b>JAMES L. KOEJLE</b> Judge of Circuit Court	- would be discarded unless used for research;
<b>DAVID M. MURKOWSKI</b> Judge of Probate Court	- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.
<b>JUDITH A. BOER</b> Judge of District Court	Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
<b>WILLIAM R. BYL</b> Republican	Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.
<b>BRIAN P. MCKAY</b> Democratic	Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures.
<b>GREGORY T. BOER</b> Republican	Should this proposal be adopted?
<b>SARA J. SMOLENSKI</b> Judge of District Court	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Lowell City Council is considering revising the resolution passed in April regarding the use of annual earnings from the LCTV sale. The Council named itself the sole decision maker but was met with public opposition. As a result, there have been more public work sessions and meetings in an effort to give residents another chance for input.

Basically there are two groups with opposing points of view. One group feels LCTV was built upon subscriber's fees and insists an advisory board with equal say from Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township be established. The other group feels that since the City assumed the financial risk and liability, it should be the solitary decider.

The revised resolution - to be presented for public hearing on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. - provides for the establishment of an advisory board based proportionately on the number of LCTV subscribers at the time it was sold. The function of the board would be to receive, review and forward applications to the City Council, who will be responsible for the final decision. The resolution is available at City Hall for anyone interested.

In my opinion, the revised resolution seems to be not only the best compromise, but one that will enable our communities to work together fairly. Whatever opinion you may have, I encourage you to attend the public hearing. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Sharon Ellison  
Lowell City Council Member

Dear Editor,

On the debate which aired Wed., Oct. 15 at 9 p.m., McCain stated "Sarah Palin is a role model to women." I find that statement so very degrading, embarrassing and so very disrespectful to me! I don't even want to be categorized in the same sex as that woman! What an injustice and insult to my intelligence. I guess if I were to use her as my "role model", I'd have to learn how to gut out a caribou and try to figure out how many miles I am from Russia! What a concept. That's something I could really be proud of. Not! I, Donna J. Potter, approve the above message.

Donna Potter

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my support of incumbent Dave Hildenbrand in his campaign for State Representative.

As a small business owner, I appreciate Dave's understanding and experience in dealing with the economy, particularly during these troubling economic times. Dave voted against the Michigan Business Tax in an effort to save small business and jobs. Dave also protects Michigan jobs by fighting against overregulation, which has an adverse effect on business. Dave has also worked to get government spending under control.

As an avid outdoorsman, I appreciate Dave working to protect our hunting heritage and conserving our environment. Dave authored resolution 'A', which would add a section to the Michigan Constitution to establish hunting and fishing as a constitutional right. Dave has also been unwavering in his support of the 2nd amendment. He also understands that hunting and fishing creates a substantial portion of our Michigan economy.

As a Christian, I appreciate Dave protecting the sanctity of life by supporting pro-life values.

As a personal friend, I appreciate Dave's honesty and integrity. I find it refreshing to see a state representative at local fundraisers working to help raise funds to fight children's disease.

A vote for Dave is a vote that will benefit all Michigan Residents. I urge you to cast that vote.

Pete Odland



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL OCTOBER 31, 1883

Edwin Krum committed suicide on Friday morning (19th) instead of Monday morning as printed in the JOURNAL. An informant says his trouble did not arise from any possible division of property, also that he did not have hold of the rope with one hand when hanging.

C. D. Hodges went to Chicago last week to see Jay Eye Sec.

Next week's JOURNAL will contain election news from several states.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 29, 1908

Clayton Gunn is having a cement walk built along the west side of his lot.

Fay Brandis has been confined to his home with diphtheria, but is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kropf returned Tuesday from a three months' visit in Byrne, Switzerland.

A game of football between the high school teams of Greenville and Lowell is announced for Saturday afternoon at Recreation Park.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO

Headline: John Gesick, Son of Flat River Indian Chief, dies at age 123

John Gesick, died at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at the age of 123 years.

Until recent years this aged Indian would amaze tourists by sitting in a chair on his porch with a bow and arrow, shooting sparrows and blackbirds marauding his strawberry patch.

Indian John, as Gesick was known to hunters and fisherman whom he guided in this country for years, bore the name of Shag-wa-go among his people, the Ottawas. He claimed to be the son of Who-win-de-go, the White Giant, and Chief of the Flat River band of his tribe, which lived around Lowell.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 6, 1958

The Conservation Department is bracing for one of the biggest deer seasons in history and is preparing again to gather vital information in its long-range plans for Michigan deer herd management.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 2, 1983

The City of Lowell today announced the acquisition of nearly nineteen acres of new park property.

"This land was not acquired with any special interest group in mind, but is part of the City's five year plan to improve parks throughout the City and to meet recreational needs of the community now and in the future," said City Manager Ray Quada.

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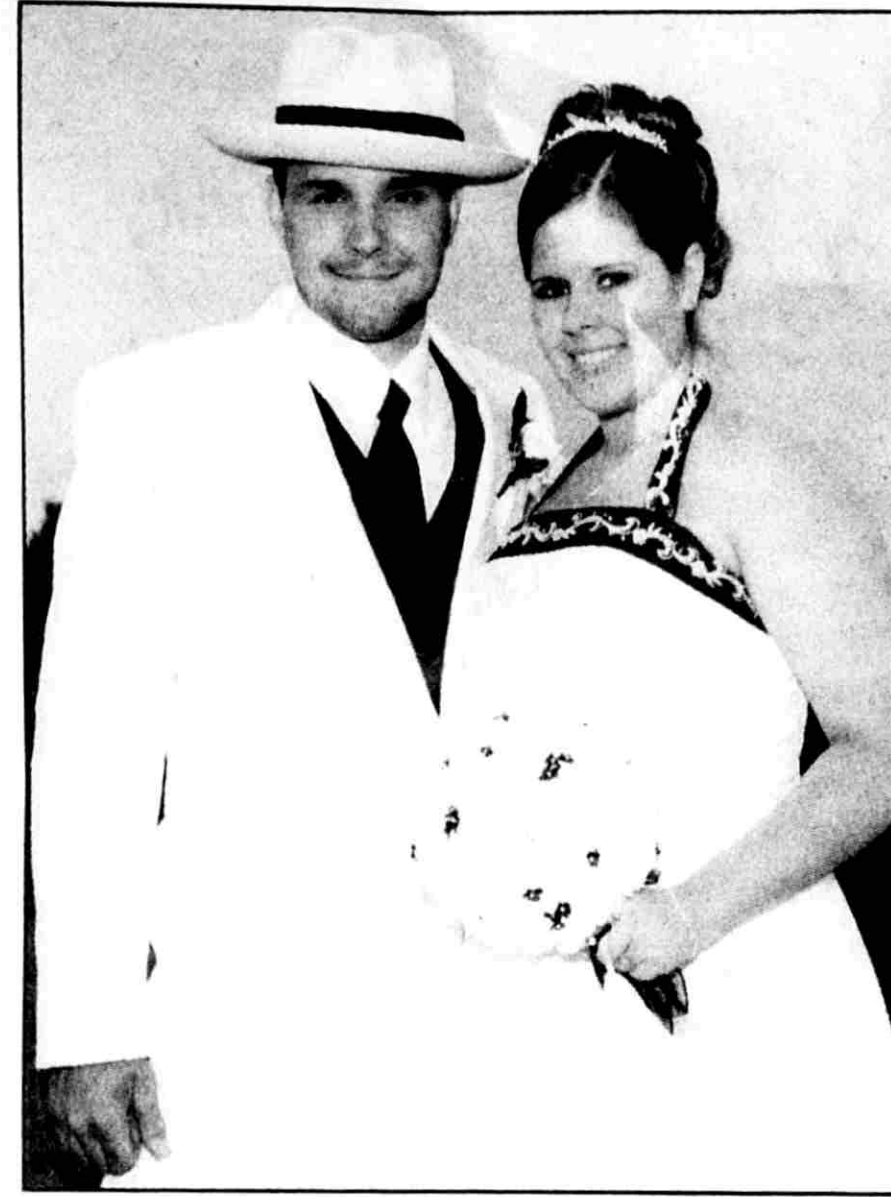
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# Weddings

Bruse/Nauman



**Donald Nauman and Hannah Bruse**

Hannah Marie Bruse and Donald Benjamin Peter Nauman exchanged wedding vows on June 14 in Grand Rapids at the Thornapple Pointe. Parents of the newlyweds are Rick and Valarie Bruse and Ron and Jeni Nauman. Dustin and Kristi Bruse were Master and Mistress of Ceremony. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Upper Peninsula and reside in Ionia.

## Collins/Smit



**Cory James Collins and Amy Gerrette Smit**

Greg Smit of Ada and Geri Smit of Lowell, along with Jim Collins of Lawton and Marcia Collins of Marcellus are pleased to announce their children, Amy Gerrette Smit and Cory James Collins were united in marriage on the evening of June 21, 2008 at Quail Ridge Golf Club in Ada. Maids of Honor were sisters Kristin Smit, Ashleigh Smit, and Lauren Smit. Bridesmaids were Stephanie (Herblet) Phillips, Laura (LaHaye) Ellam, and Victoria Collins. Bestmen were Garrett Collins, Wyatt Collins, and Dave Brown. Groomsman

## Forsyth/Falk



**Kerrin Falk and David Forsyth**

Kerrin Falk and David Forsyth were united in matrimony on Sept. 27 in Madison, Connecticut. Parents of the couple are Peter and Peggy Falk and William and Joanne Forsyth. The groom is the grandson of Florence Jefferies and the late Dr. Harold Myers. Matron of Honor was Kristen VanHull. Bridesmaids were Andrea Forsyth-Telling, Kendall Falk, Molly Brady, Shayla Ramseyer, Martine Hall, and Chelsey Stevens. Flower girl was Hallie Cargoni. Best man was Ryan Abbasse. Groomsman were Adrian Telling, Sean Russell, Brad Edwards, Patrick VanHull, and Matt Edwards. The couple reside in Denver, CO.

# Reflections of faith

by David Sims, Lead Pastor First Baptist Lowell

### FAITH WITH SKIN ON - AMBULANCE RIDE!

These weeks have been quite a flashback for me. Together, we have shared some real-life experiences that have impacted my gut-level understanding of just what true faith looks like. There are those times-in-life where it seems as though time stands still and you discover that, mysteriously, you are experiencing something much larger than the present event itself. Have you had something like that happen to you?

The year was 1993. Easter was just a week away. Snow was melting. The spike was searing! At least that was how it felt. I awakened from sleep with what seemed like a dock spike through my skull. Sharp, intense pain. Indescribable. Right between my eyes through my forehead. I thrashed my way through the rest of the night on the couch, praying for some relief. None. With kids off to school, I, yes, I, called my

doctor. Thus began a faith-building, faith-stretching journey of unimagined proportions.

Doc Vicki said, "Let me admit you - just a couple of days to get you better for Sunday." Famous last words. Admitted to hospital I was; better I did not get. One day. Three days. Five days. Seven days. IVs. Tests. X-rays. Sinusitis? Fever. Coughing. Black eyes. Weakness. Unable to stand. Descending vitals. They finally called.

In our small U.P. town where I was ministering, the ambulance drivers were first-of-all Ford Garage mechanics. Neighbors. They did their best. Lights. Siren. But it was nearly three hours to better help downstate. The longest ride of my life became a hallmark of what faith means. 100 percent dependence. Humble, helpless trust. Knowing and wanting help that only another can deliver. Belief that your emergency, your extremity, your trauma has not escaped God's love, God's care, God's knowledge, or God's plan. It is a gift to be given such a close look at your own eternity and be deeply impressed with a peace that, in Christ, it's OK.

But faith was rewarded, too. It just so "happened" that the ER Dr. in Petoskey caught the radio-panic of my driver and rider as I continued to slip away. He dispatched a Paramedic unit to intercept, and under the mighty Mackinac Bridge Toll Booth canopy, God showed up! I was transferred

to professional care, stabilized and rushed to the "tools" God would assign to help rescue me from lethal septicemia. The league of prayer-plus-physicians was God's answer. Then, months of slow-but-steady recovery. It's true - you get to know what you really believe when your Forever is at your side. You have to deal with who you trust most when the next day is highly questionable.

May you discover the single solution to true, deep satisfaction and genuine, eternal salvation - faith. Faith only. Faith alone. Casting your past, present and future upon the Person of Jesus and the Work of Jesus for you is the key to receiving all the care and rescue of the Ultimate First Responder. Ephesians 2:8-9 invites us: "For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift - not from works, so that no one can boast."

I think that was an experience that fleshed out for me the words of an old Ande' Crouch song: "I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys; I thank Him for the storms He's brought me through; for if I'd never had a problem, I'd never know that God could solve them. I'd never know what faith in God could do. Through it all, through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all I've learned to depend upon His Word."

# New Arrivals

Bruse



**Katelyn Camara Bruse**

Dustin and Kristi (West) Bruse of Holland announce the birth of their daughter Katelyn Camara. She was born on August 29 at North Ottawa Community Hospital, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Rick and Valarie Bruse of Saranac and John and Karen West of Portland. Great grandparents are Donald and Margaret Videan Sr. of Saranac, John and Janean West, and Marie Schaffer of Portland. Great-great grandmother is Florence Videan of Ada.

# Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



The past two articles have been dedicated to understanding and managing controlling behavior. The first article was about some of the causes of controlling behavior, the second article was about the importance of setting healthy personal boundaries, and this final article discusses the need for a good "self definition."

What is "self definition?" Basically, this refers to one's:

1. clarity of values,
2. identifying their own emotional agenda, and
3. functioning within the framework of the personal bill of rights.

First of all, having a clear set of values that is understood and articulated gives a person healthy boundaries. For instance, if someone ignores or "steps on" something or someone that the individual holds dear, a person with good self-definition will say something about it. In other words, they will advocate for their value system. Also, a person with good self-definition will know what makes them happy. So, when other people's emotions are toxic, they can choose not to go down that same road and become negative. Their emotions can stay positive. They can make choices about how they want to feel because they have good emotional control.

The Personal Bill of Rights is another way a person can maintain good self-definition. These rights come from Edmund Bourne's work, "The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook." Many of these can be useful when gaining the skill set of good self-definition. These include:

1. I have a right to ask for what I want,
2. I have a right to say "no" to requests or demands that I cannot meet,
3. I have a right to express all of my feelings- positive and negative,
4. I have a right to change my mind.

# Happy Birthday

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OCTOBER 30:

Jeremiah Russo, Joseph Russo.

OCTOBER 31:

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Brenk, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis, John Luc Richmond.

NOVEMBER 2:

Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.

NOVEMBER 3:

Connie Stencil, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Dommer, Christina Dixon, LeeAnn Brenk, Becky Myers, Ken Kline.

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5. I have a right to make mistakes and do not have to be perfect,
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7. I have the right to say "no" to anything if I feel that I am not ready, or if it is unsafe, or if it conflicts with my values,
8. I have the right to determine my own position,
9. I have the right not to be responsible for the actions, feelings, or behavior of others,
10. I have the right to expect honesty from others,
11. I have the right to be angry at someone I love,
12. I have the right to be myself, to be unique,
13. I have the right to express fear,
14. I have the right to say, "I don't know,"
15. I have the right not to give excuses or reasons for my behavior,
16. I have the right to make decisions based on my feelings,
17. I have the right to my own personal space and time,
18. I have the right to be playful,
19. I have the right to be healthier than those around me,
20. I have the right to feel safe, and be in a nonabusive environment,
21. I have the right to make friends and be comfortable around people,
22. I have the right to change and grow.

Ask Kathryn, cont'd., pg.12

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Linda S. Regan Lowell Charter Township 11am - 2pm 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7600	Mari Stone Vergennes Township 11am - 2pm 10381 Bailey Dr Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5671

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## To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

Michigan. You will see that they received most of their financial backing from NORML, the National Organization for Responsible Marijuana Laws. These people have their own agenda in which they would like to see all marijuana laws revoked. The way you start this is by introducing medical marijuana. The theory behind "Medical Marijuana" is the patient will smoke the marijuana and this will reduce the nausea and vomiting caused by the chemotherapy. So to put this in the "Jeff Foxworthy" "Are you smarter than a fifth grade DARE student?", would you want to treat cancer symptoms with smoking a substance that contains 50-70 percent more of the cancer causing chemicals than tobacco smoke! (National Institute of Drug Abuse). This is illogical. I do support the use of the drug Marinol, or Dronabinol which is a man made THC ingredient of marijuana which is already legal. This creates the same nausea and vomiting reducing affects without smoking a harmful and illegal substance! Proposal 1 supporters are aware of Marinol, but again they are agenda driven. They will say it doesn't work as well. Yeah, you don't get high from smoking it! Just say the truth and I'd have more respect for you! Medical marijuana is the first step in legalizing all marijuana. That's why Proposal 1 is not supported by the Prosecutors Association and numerous law enforcement agencies across Michigan. Let's keep the abnormal lifestyle of NORML in California. Proposal 1 just needs to be exercised with some common sense. Vote NO on Proposal 1.

Steven Bukala

never be a shot in the bum and will not be available in my lifetime, but there is a photograph of Jonas Salk in my living room.

G.M. Ross

Dear Editor,

We are writing today in support of Dave Hildenbrand for State Representative. We have known Dave personally for many years. We supported Dave four years ago when he first ran for State Representative because we knew he had the qualities and character to get the job done in Lansing. We operate a trucking business in Lowell and have experienced firsthand what Dave can do to help businesses in this very tight economy. Dave understands that in order for jobs to stay in Michigan, businesses must be able to afford to operate in Michigan. We need people like Dave in the State House of Representatives. Dave voted against the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) and argued for a fairer, simpler, and less burdensome tax. Dave stands for lower taxes for both Michigan residents and the companies that employ them, responsible spending and more efficient state government. Please join us on Nov. 4 in reelecting Dave Hildenbrand for State Representative.

John and Colleen Timpson, Timpson Transport, Inc.

Dear Editor,

We urge you to join us in voting for incumbent Judge Sara Smolenski for another term on the 63rd District Court. Judge Smolenski has served as our judge for 18 years, carrying on the judicial tradition established by her father, Judge Robert Smolenski. Her courtroom performance is well reflected by her appointment by the State Supreme Court as Chief Judge of the 63rd District Court and by the Grand Rapids' Bar, recently, awarding her their highest accolade of "exceptionally well qualified" while rating her opponent, Greg Boer, simply as "qualified."

Judge Smolenski has extended her important judicial role with generous gifts of her time and talent to many organizations in the community. In our area, she is an annual speaker at the Lowell Rotary Club and for the DARE program, and has appeared, recently, at the Riverwalk Festival, the Fallasburg Fall Festival and the Pink Arrows football game.

Proposal 2 is a lash up, however: a) Amending a state constitution is not a good idea for a policy area like medical research. b) There is no state or even public money in sight despite televised lies - and maybe there should not be. The argument could be made. Embryonic stem cell cures will

As a well respected and experienced judge, we urge you to support Judge Smolenski in the upcoming election.

Bob Richards and Ethel Stears

Dear Editor,

Vietnam was time of political upheaval in the United States. There were demonstrations and riots against the war. At the same time, this country asked hundreds of thousands of men and women to fight that war in jungles and leech infested rice paddies against an enemy that was rarely seen until it was too late. The veterans of that war came home, not with the respect they deserved, but with disdain from a general public that was indifferent to the hell they had been through. Because that war was so unpopular, it is little talked about, and the Vietnam veterans are rarely given a chance to tell the story of Vietnam as they saw it.

On Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, three combat veterans of Vietnam, Rich Straub, Louie Dudeck, and John Vanderwilp will be telling their stories. Two of the three received Purple Hearts for their injuries and all three spent their entire time of duty in Vietnam in the bush where the enemy was always watching. The program, "Vietnam, the Troubled War," is free to the public and is presented by the Lowell Area Historical Museum. At the end of the interview, moderated by Mark Weber, there will be a question and answer session. This is a rare opportunity for everyone in our community to learn what the Vietnam War was really like and to finally welcome these veterans back home.

Mark Weber

Dear Editor,

On October 11, our community and several visitors to our community experienced a wonderful Harvest Celebration. Part of this celebration is to build scarecrows to decorate the City of Lowell.

It has been brought to my attention that our scarecrows were placed on the flag poles and in the memorial area of the Veterans' Park on Main St. It happened because of my lack of communication with my volunteers; however we would like the veterans to know that in the future this will not happen again. This display was not intended to cause disrespect.

The scarecrows are made by children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. They take great pride in what they have made and love to see them displayed along Main Street. We certainly want this fun tradition to continue in the future. We thank the Veterans for service to our country so that we can experience freedom and so that we can also be tolerant of mistakes.

Sincerely, Liz Baker  
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referred to as action planning (who will do what and by when).

Finally, an organization must assess and monitor the implementation of a strategic plan for effectiveness in attaining its goals as well as to provide the opportunity to make adjustments. This requires involvement of the people within an organization who will be responsible for implementing the plan. A strategic plan must be measured for results to assure success in achieving an organization's mission.

This fall, the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education has been examining their role in the strategic planning process. At a recent workshop, the Board of Education developed an instrument to help them keep focus on the status of the district action plans and to provide feedback to school leaders.

Be assured that district leaders and the Board of Education are fully committed to establishing and monitoring a living, working plan. The Board of Education will continue to provide opportunities that will prepare students to reach their full potential and become "contributing, responsible members of our global community."

## Sharing The Vision

With Gregory Pratt  
LHS Superintendent

### STRATEGIC PLAN

At the start of the 2008/2009 school year, I wrote about the district's Strategic Plan and indicated that I would be keeping the community informed as to how we are progressing with achieving our mission as a district. I thought it may be helpful to first describe the process of strategic planning.

It's no secret that change is inevitable - and our world is rapidly changing. We must frequently ask ourselves if we are doing everything we can to prepare our students for the world that is ahead of them. For the past several years, Lowell Area Schools have been making changes based

upon state and national standards. However, we won't rest our laurels on that alone. Our district will continue to plan, revisit and revise our work in order to create a school system where every child graduates with the preparation necessary to succeed in college and the world of work.

Simply put, strategic planning determines where an organization is going within a targeted number of years. A strategic plan is a tool to help an organization define how it will get there and how an organization will know if it got there or not. In other words, the development of a strategic plan helps to clarify an organization's goals and ensure that its leaders are all on the same page.

The Lowell school community worked to define our vision and values as an organization. We have embraced our mission, as follows:

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

Strategic Planning also calls for an organization to establish goals to work toward its mission, and develop strategies to achieve their goals. This part of the process is

## Midwest Seniors win Bronze at World Senior Softball games



Four local senior softball players travel to St. George, Utah to compete in the Huntsman Senior World Softball Championships. The Midwest senior team was made up of fourteen players 75 or older from the Midwest states. They were successful in winning a bronze medal, and finishing

behind teams from Canada and Oregon.

Tom Ambrose, of Comstock Park, coached the team. It was his fifteenth year to travel to St. George to compete in the Senior World Softball Championships.

Ivan Blough, of Lowell, hit two home runs, one

triple and six singles during the seven game series.

Jim Buysse, of Lansing, played an outstanding outfield.

Marv Christiansen, of Lansing, caught all the games and did some relief pitching.

Pictured, from left to right: 3rd baseman Ivan Blough, coach Tom Ambrose, outfielder Jim Buysse, and catcher Marv Christiansen.

## Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### SCARY INVESTMENT MOVES CAN LEAD TO FRIGHTFUL RESULTS

As we approach Halloween, you'll spot many ghouls, ghosts and graves, which you probably will find more amusing than frightening. However, whether it's Halloween or not, you can encounter things that truly might threaten your future well-being - such as scary investment moves.

Here are a few of these "terrifying tactics" you'll want to avoid:

- Investing too conservatively - When most people think of making investment mistakes, they're probably worried about investing too aggressively. And, of course, you don't want to take unnecessary risks. But what you might not realize is that "playing it safe" can be just as dangerous

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## Winners of ghost story contest announced

by Emma Palova

One of the many highlights of the past Harvest Festival is the annual Ghost Story Contest, when master of ceremonies Bonnie

Grooters reads them aloud in a spooky barn.

"We had a great time," said Elaine Hommowun of the Lowell Area Arts Council.

A full version of the winning entry by Marsha Wilcox, "Charlie and the Haunted Barn" follows the article.

And here are the winners in the adult category: "Charlie and the Haunted Barn" by Marsha Wilcox of Lowell. Angela

Deluca Placencia of Grand Rapids got second place for "The Woman with the Feathered Hat" and Craig Moore of Ada received third for "Reap Man."

Five adults received honorable mention: "A Night in Montmatre" by Sarah Harmon, "Back Seat Driver" by Craig Moore, "The Cornstalks are Whispering" by Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton, "The Little Stone Cottage" by Rose Manning and "Ghost Dog" by Virginia Braley of Grand Rapids.

The winners in the youth under 18 category are: "The Winning Entry" by Kyra Marks, "The Maze Monster" by Bailey Groendyke and "The Child of Dark Nights" by Catherine Tremblay.

Honorable mention went to middle schoolers

Alyssa McCormick for the "Spooky Gathering" and "Millicent James" by Emily Cornell.

Elementary students were also mentioned for their work. They are: "The Dead are Rising" by Rachel McVey, "The Creepiest Halloween Ever" by Darby Fuller, "Death Street" by Riley Coxon, "Long-Chiga-Way" by Alina Chappell, "One Halloween Night" by Shane Endres, "The Hungry Ghoul" by Adam Korzen, "The Ghost" by Adam Beachler, "The Shadow Hand" by Nina Vulpetti, "The Dungeon, Goowey Monster and the Creepey Ghosts" by Molly Hoseth and "When John Went Missing" by Brody Chapman.

The winning entry follows.



## Charlie and The Haunted Barn

by Marsha Wilcox

Charlie and his mother lived in a humble farmhouse with a ramshackle barn out back. His dad died nine years before, when Charlie was three, and they lived on a tiny pension. Charlie helped his mother with the yard and garden, and sometimes he helped the neighbors with their yards and gardens. When they paid him, he saved the money so he could buy a new pair of running shoes. He wanted to work more to help his mother with the bills, but not many people would hire a twelve-year old.

One October day, Charlie launched himself off the school bus and ran at top speed up the long driveway. He burst into the house calling, "Mom! Mom!"

"In the kitchen," she answered. When he huffed and puffed into the room, their old dog, Buddy-boy, was just getting up from his nap under the table where he liked to wait for scraps. Charlie's mom was at the stove filling the canning kettle again. The counter was filled with quart jars of red-orange tomatoes and plump purple plums. Their

lids were gleaming, and the house smelled like the cinnamon applesauce she was just placing into the canner.

"We're so lucky!" she said. "That nice Mrs. Longway gave me a bushel of ripe tomatoes, and a bag of plums." She looked very pleased with the delicious food she would store away for winter. "And I picked up the drops from those old apples trees down the lane."

"I got this great idea," Charlie blurted out. "Logan and Garrett are going to a haunted house

for Halloween, and it costs \$10!"

His mother came and put her arm around him, "I'm afraid we can't afford something like that," she said. "I'm sorry, but the furnace needs fixing before winter, and I don't know how much it will cost."

"I don't want to go," he said. "I want to make our old barn haunted and charge kids \$10 each to go through it!"

"Well, I don't know," she said, "it is kind of spooky in the dark." His enthusiasm was catching, but she

thought the costs would be way more than they could afford. "There are some old lanterns down there, but I don't even know if they work? And how would you actually scare kids? And who would help you get the barn ready?"

"I'll get Buddy to help me make the barn haunted. Then, on Halloween, you can take the money, and I'll take kids through the barn."

"Buddy?" She slipped her glasses down on her nose and looked doubtfully at the old hound sitting under the table. His tired

eyes were cloudy, and his muzzle was gray. He was no longer fast enough, or interested enough, to even chase a rabbit.

"I can do it, Mom. I know I can. Please? Pleeeeeease?" Charlie pleaded.

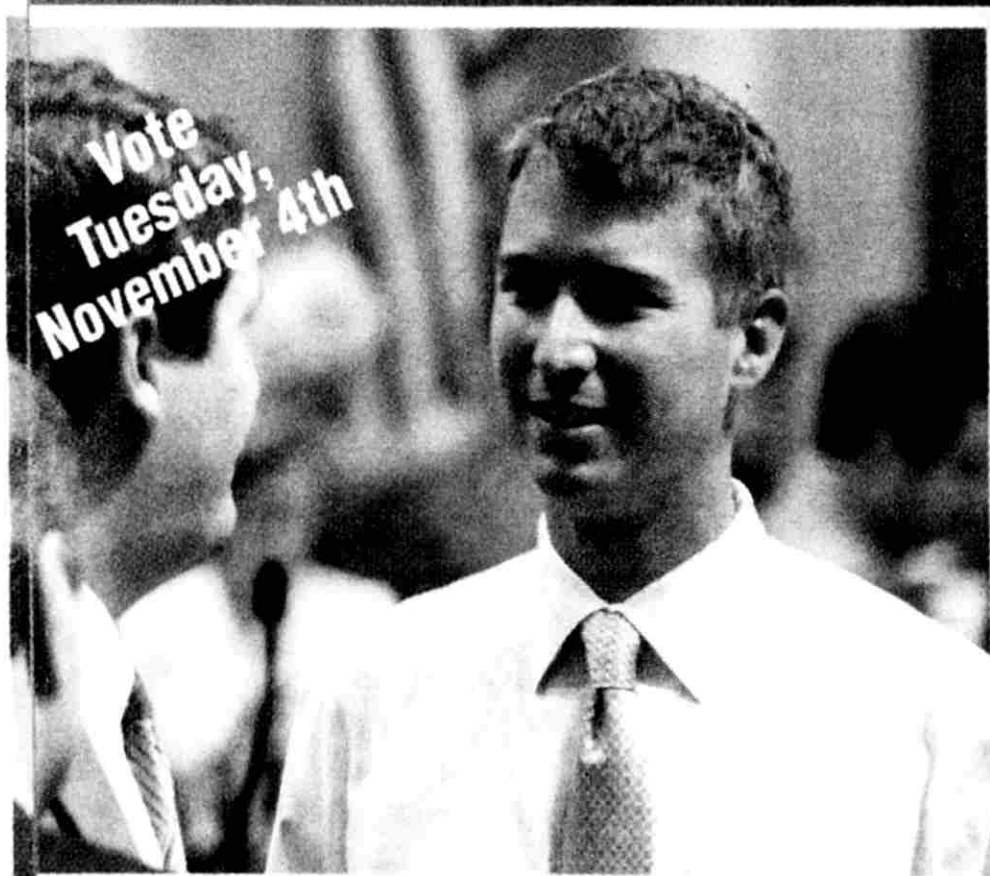
"Why don't you and Buddy-boy just go down to the barn and look around. See what you think might be scary-looking. We can't afford a lot of special effects like the real Halloween haunted houses, so maybe we should only charge \$5."

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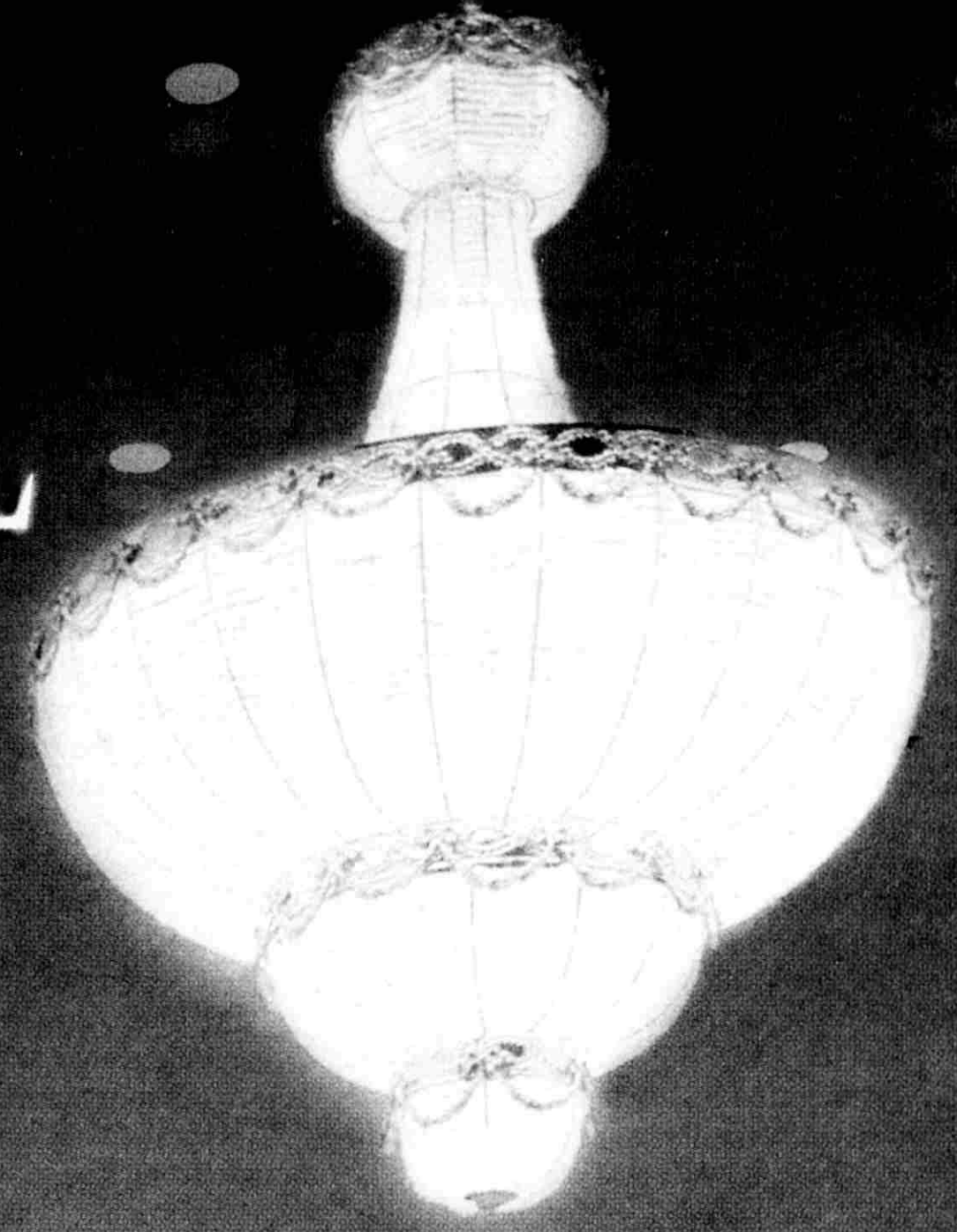
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# BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

ANN ARBOR - I have in prior columns noted that, in my opinion, there are more important ideas in life than football alone. I have also noted in prior columns that football is important to life because of all the good that comes to life through football, including the sport itself.

To the point, Pinky and I attended, with out of state friends, an event at The Michigan League Building on campus Friday night. Our friend's oldest son is a Masters in English Candidate at U of M; and he was to read his poetry to several aspiring writers. In Blaine's poetry not a word of football or any sport was mentioned. It was, though, a football game and poetry that brought close friends from Virginia together to this great learning center called the University of Michigan.

By the way, I know lots of you in this circulation have attended games at Michigan Stadium. For those of you that have not ventured to the entire campus, check it out sometime before or after your next visit. The buildings, like The Michigan League, are beautiful. And of course the students...the students are what a Big Ten campus is all about. The students all appeared to be bright, confident and happy to be learning in their studies and in the extra curriculars that the great Big Ten universities offer their students like Football.

Also to the point, the good that football brings can be from lessons learned from defeat and celebrations from victory. So keep looking up. Hang in Big Ten fans. Blue skies continue to be in life's forecast.

Now let's talk football. Today much was on the line for Ohio State and Penn State, as both teams were undefeated in the conference. Final score in Columbus...Penn State 13 - The Buckeyes six. Penn State is 5-0 in league play, while The Buckeyes, The Spartans and The Gophers have only one loss in league play.

The remaining conference schedules for each team are:

1. Penn State (5-0): Bye, at Iowa, Indiana and Michigan State;
2. Ohio State (4-1): Bye, at Northwestern, at Illinois, Michigan;
3. Michigan State (4-1): Wisconsin, Purdue, Bye, at Penn State; and
4. Minnesota (3-1): Northwestern, Michigan, at Wisconsin, Iowa.

The second half of the Big Ten schedule is always interesting. Check it out.

Here's a quick summary of the game here in Ann Arbor today. Michigan's QB play continues to improve while the Spartans' QB is a sure "ringer" for Big Ten offensive player of the week. 110,000+ fans were on hand to watch this year's instate rivalry. For those of you that go to the stadiums and watch games live, the performance on the field (stage) is very exhilarating...correct? Imagine how exhilarating the stage is for the players. Great competition for Obi Ezech, Michigan's linebacker from Grand Rapids Catholic Central for example, brings out the greatest; Obi delivers on the stage and in life after football. The greater the expectation in Big Ten Football and in Big Ten Masters in Poetry, the greater the contribution by the athlete/poet to the game and to society.

Coming next week: The Spartans host the Badgers at noon on ESPN or ESPN2, Michigan is at Purdue on BTN at noon and Indiana hosts Central Michigan. (Not televised). Fun games. Check them out.

Tag Line: Now that we are three quarters of the way through the regular season, I would like to restate for the readers that missed the first Big Ten Talk column that Big Ten Talk is centered on...the Big Ten. No disrespect is intended to other conferences or divisions. Further, as promised in the introduction column (publish date August 27, 2008), Big Ten Talk has not focused on any one team, or on any one or two players. Have Lowell athletes currently playing in the Big Ten been recognized in Big Ten Talk? Yes, of course. This is not an apology. This is an explanation. So, I hope you all continue to enjoy the column as much as I enjoy writing it. Thank you...and continued success to the Lowell Red Arrows.

**Quote of the week:** "Keep your eye on the target, not the prize." Noel Dean.

## Ask Kathryn, continued ... From Page 7

23. I have the right to have my wants and needs respected by others,
24. I have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, and
25. I have the right to be happy.

This is the last article that will address how to manage controlling behaviors. The next months, I will discuss dreaming and healthy and unhealthy sleep patterns. Once again, I welcome your questions, so please email me at [kathryndenhouter@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouter@gmail.com) or on the web at [www.kathryndenhouter.com](http://www.kathryndenhouter.com).

## College News

Central Michigan University announced the Summer 2008 graduates.

Kathryn Davis, received a Bachelor of Science degree and Laura Prescott received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, both of Ada.

Kelise A. Vriesema, of Lowell, received the Calvin Presidential Scholarship and Jacob N. Vriesema, of Lowell, received the Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship.

Calvin College has awarded more than 1,100 scholarships to 800 first-year students who began their studies at the college this fall. Those scholarships are worth \$3.5 million.

Michelle Blunt, of Lowell, received a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree.

## Financial Focus, continued ... From Page 9

to your long-term goals. If you consistently put most of your investment dollars into fixed-rate vehicles, such as Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and Treasury bills, you might not even earn enough to stay ahead of inflation, much less achieve the growth you need to pay for a retirement that could last two or three decades. Consequently, you will need some exposure to growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. While it's true that stock prices will fluctuate, and you do risk losing some or your entire principal, you can lessen this risk by purchasing quality stocks and holding them for the long term.

Timing the market - Too many people jump in the market when they think it's going up and get out when they feel it's going down. But it's impossible for anyone to really predict market highs and lows - and if you base your investment decisions on this type of "market timing," you

could end up hurting your progress toward your financial objectives. For example, if you stop investing when you think a slump is coming, but the market quickly turns around, you'll miss the opening stages of a rally, when the biggest gains are often recorded.

Over-reacting to bad news - Wars, corporate scandals and natural disasters, among other occurrences, often send investors scurrying to the sidelines, convinced that the bad news will lead to a severe market decline. Typically, though, any decline following a significant, negatively perceived event, is short-lived, and, in many cases, the market recoups its losses and moves to higher levels within a matter of months.

Chasing "hot" stocks - You can get stock "tips" from everyone - friends, neighbors, magazines, the Internet, talking heads on television and so on. Some of

these tips come from well-informed sources, while others do not, but they all have one thing in common - they're essentially worthless to you. For one thing, by the time you get a tip for a "hot" stock, it may already be cooling down. But more importantly, the stock may not be appropriate for your individual situation. If, for instance, you buy shares of a company that is very similar to other companies you already own, and an economic downturn affects the industry to which those companies belong, you will hurt, rather than help, your portfolio by purchasing the so-called hot stock. You're much better off by ignoring these tips and focusing on building a portfolio that is suitable for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

By avoiding these "scary" investment moves, you can help yourself achieve some results that aren't too frightful - in fact, they may eventually be sweeter than the best Halloween candy.



## A rescue plan for Michigan's economy

With Senator Carl Levin

Congress has recently taken three significant actions in response to the credit crunch and foreclosure crisis. We provided \$25 billion in loans to automakers; we enacted the Housing and Economic Recovery Act; and we passed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act as a rescue plan for our struggling financial system.

I pressed to make \$25 billion in loans available to auto manufacturers and suppliers to help them retool facilities. This will allow our domestic manufacturers - and American workers - to take significant steps forward to produce advanced technology vehicles and their component parts, that will reduce our consumption of oil and emissions of greenhouse gases and ultimately save consumers money at the gas pump. This retooling is important to help our automakers thrive in these tough economic conditions.

I supported the housing legislation because it offers hope of remedying a number of the current problems facing homeowners and providing some protection against a deeper, longer term economic crisis. It will help struggling homeowners switch to more affordable 30-year fixed rate

mortgages and provide counseling to help keep people in their homes.

I also voted for the rescue plan recently signed into law. I hope that allowing the government to inject capital into financial institutions, will help restore availability of credit to businesses and consumers. I am pleased that the bill includes significantly more taxpayer protections than the original Bush Administration proposal, including oversight provisions, some limits on excessive executive pay, and protections to prevent foreclosures and keep people in their homes, which I believe are essential for turning our economy around.

If we failed to act, pensions and savings could quickly be decimated by a wrecked stock market, and Americans could suffer significant job losses and less ability to buy everything from groceries to a new car or house. Businesses could see their access to capital greatly reduced, home mortgages could become even more difficult to acquire or refinance, foreclosures could further skyrocket, and auto and student loans could be much more difficult to get. Construction jobs would disappear, the auto industry would cut back even further on production and lay off workers, and retail and service jobs would be lost. Retirees counting on their retirement savings would see their nest eggs shrunk. Investments - even those made long ago in supposedly "safe" assets - would be drowned.

The path we have traveled to get into this predicament has been marked by an appalling lack of oversight by the regulators who were supposed to police the marketplace. As in the run-up to the Great Depression, our financial institutions were allowed to run wild. The Bush Administration has reduced capital requirements for financial firms. The authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission to regulate certain major transactions was reduced, and speculators took over the majority of some commodity trading, like oil. Still, echoing Roosevelt's opponents in the 1930s, some opponents of the government stabilization actions we have adopted argue that these rescue plans - and regulation of the practices that brought us here - threaten our free markets. They are wrong.

In a free country, we need to have stoplights and cops to maintain order, keep people safe and give everyone fair treatment and opportunity. The same is true of a free economy: when stoplights and cops are replaced by a drive to achieve total deregulation, the country is left with an absolute mess - and that's what we face today. Cops have been taken off the beat in our financial markets; reasonable restraints on free markets, so they don't run wild, have been dismantled. It is clear that a financial industry regulatory overhaul should be one of the first priorities of the next President and the new Congress.

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## Snowbirds reminded to renew licenses

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today reminded residents heading south for the winter to renew their driver's licenses and plates before leaving Michigan.

"I encourage snowbirds to take a moment to check the expiration dates of their license and vehicle tabs before leaving the state," Land said. "It's one less thing you'll have to worry about and it could save you from late fees."

People can renew plates for individually owned or leased cars, pickup trucks, vans and motorcycles up to six months before they expire. They must renew at a Secretary of State office. Company-owned passenger plates cannot be renewed early.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Too big, too good - Lowell's size and execution decisive in 35-12 win over East

by Thad Kraus

Paul Bear Bryant, the legendary Alabama football coach, made football practices more difficult than

any game his team might play. If a player was going to quit on him he wanted it to be in practice and not in a game.

Lowell football coach

Noel Dean has taken a page out of that chapter. "Tuesday isn't a fun night in Lowell for the players," Dean quips.

It's had a domino

effect. The Red Arrows, in turn have made Friday nights a difficult one for their opponents. "These kids sort of remind me of the 2004 team.

They are kind of an angry group of kids who just want to come out and prescribe some pain and torture to some folks. That's how they play and they play together

well that way," Dean says.

That was the case again Friday as Lowell put a hurting on East Grand Rapids 35-12 to claim its third consecutive O-K White Conference championship.

It marks the first time since the Ron Finch coaching era that such a feat has been accomplished.

Lowell won four consecutive Kent County C League championships between the years 1930-1933.

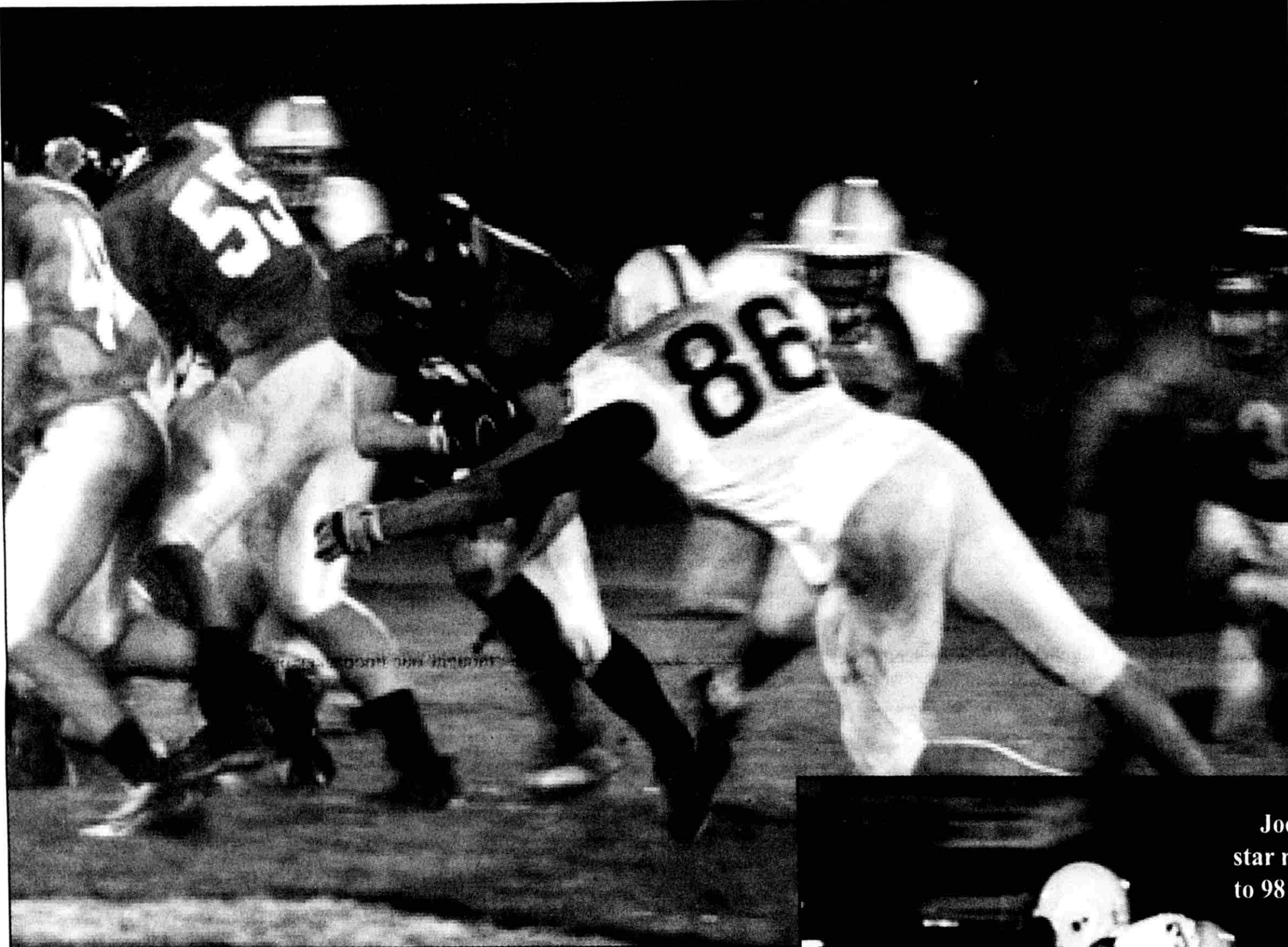
The Red Arrows won two consecutive Grand Valley titles in 1972 and '73.

"They make big plays and they were too big up

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Austin Graham rushed for a game-high 183 yards against East Grand Rapids.

Joe Glendening, EGR's star running back was held to 98 yards on 25 carries.



### OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

It is commonplace these days for writers to tell readers whose going to win a game, who the difference makers are, and what will decide a game's outcome.

I'm not going to do this. I did give thought to running through the Division II bracket and picking a winner, however that's no fun because I'd likely be wrong.

So, instead, prior to Friday night's game I bullied a few visitors from East Grand Rapids into analyzing what would be the difference in the game between East and Lowell.

Now I get to rate and bully some of them for their thought process.

Bill Brown  
At the moment, I give the edge to Lowell. The difference will be if they

are able to hold back East's rushing game. There are times this year where East has held onto the ball almost an entire quarter.

Lowell held East to 106 yards rushing. Joe Glendening had 98 and did not score a touchdown. Brown came up big on his analysis.

Dan Ronda  
The difference will be penalties and who is able to hold onto the ball. It will be a great game. These are two small towns that like good football.

A pretty safe analysis by Ronda. No game changing information.

John Rogers  
The team who controls the ball and minimizes its mistakes will win. The home team has won the last seven or eight years. Being an

East fan I hope we break that trend tonight. When people are sitting in the stands with weather like this an hour before the game you know it's a community rivalry. Unfortunately, with the way they change conferences every two years, we're losing community rivalries.

A pretty safe analysis, but high grades for comments on community rivalries.

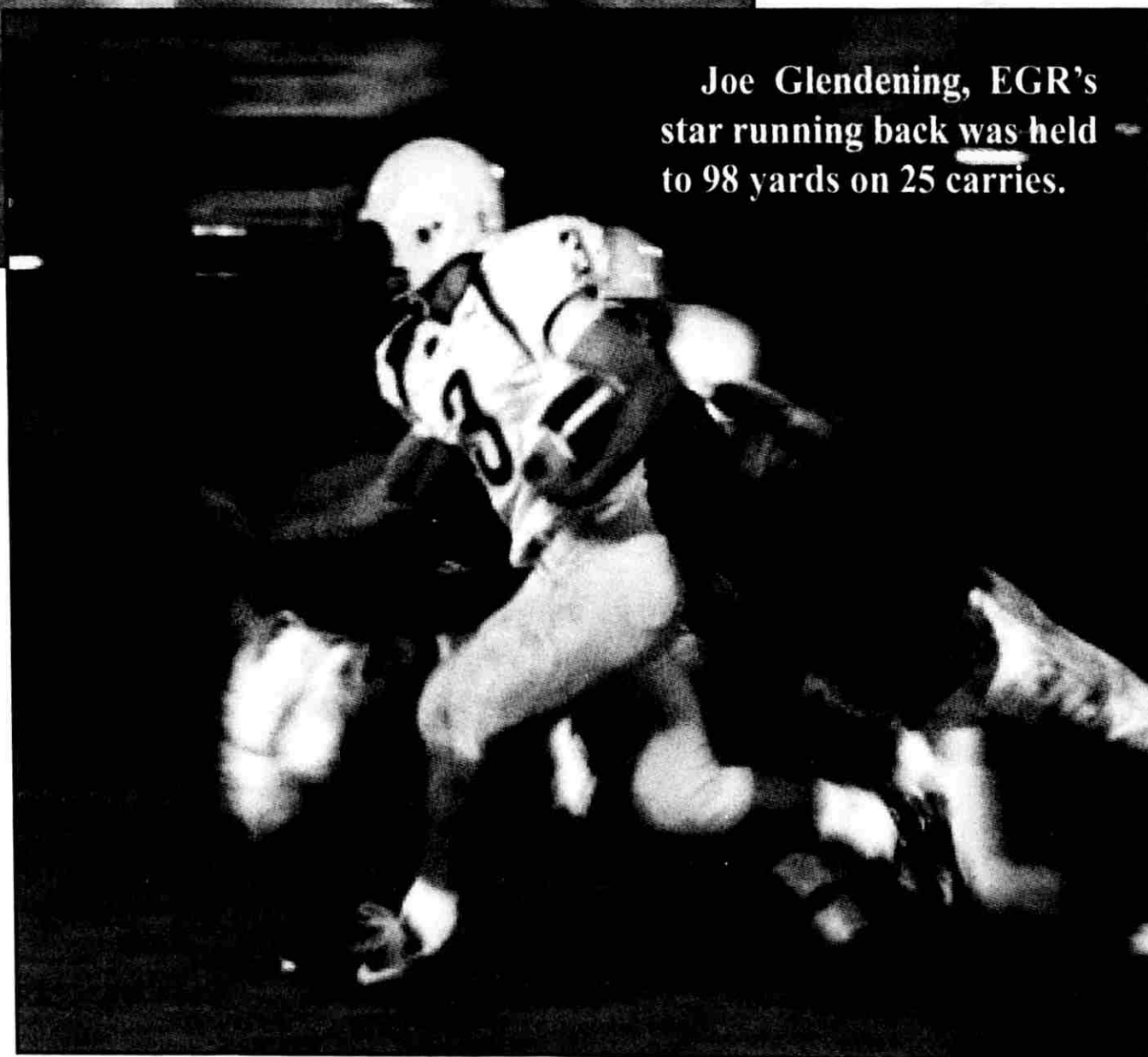
Josh Leighty  
The weather is the difference. Lowell is not able to air it out. East wins.

Lowell threw for 184 yards and two touchdowns of 41 and 66 yards. So much for not being able to air it out.

Rick Rockwell  
Joe Glendening. East running game. With this weather that is the difference. Glendening is a good runner.

Rockwell was right. Glendening is a good runner. On this night though, he didn't take into effect

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### Game-time Notes

The pre-district football game between Lowell and Lansing Everett at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. this Friday (Oct. 31).

Tickets are \$5 (except for infants in arms). They go on sale Wed. in the athletic office from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will be available on Thurs. and Fri. as well.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. Friday. No blankets or reserving of seats will be allowed in the stadium prior to gates opening.

With this being a playoff game, no passes will be accepted including senior citizen, super fan, season ticket or O-K conference passes.

All seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell vs. EGR, continued ... From Page 14

front. Credit goes to Lowell. They played well. They beat us up front. They beat us in all facets of the game." East Grand Rapids football coach Peter Stuursma said.

"I'm proud of the guys for their effort. They didn't quit or give up. Lowell just had too many big plays and too many guys up front who were knocking people down. They were getting eight and nine yards a clip and we were struggling to get three and four yards. We'll regroup and come back next week."

The game's biggest score came right before half.

On second and 10 from midfield, Nichol aired one 41 yards to Torsten

Boss. Up to that point, the senior receiver had just one reception for eight yards. Nichol followed the throw with a nine-yard touchrun scamper.

"That score at the end of the half was a big one. There again we came back in that first drive (third quarter) and scored. It showed a little fight in our guys" Stuursma said.

East drove 60 yards in 13 plays. The final 12 yards came on a pass from Andrew Thompson to Kirk Spencer, making the score 14-6. The extra point was missed.

Lowell answered with a 68-yard touchdown drive.

The big play coming on a 20-yard scoring burst on

fourth down and nine by quarterback Kyle Nichol. The extra point was good, giving the Red Arrows a 21-6 advantage.

Lowell kicker Jerry Adams extended his state record, extra-point streak to 108.

Lowell secured its ninth win of the year and third straight league title late in the third quarter when Nichol connected with Boss on a 66-yard touchdown toss.

"He's just too good a player to let go loose like that. Tip your hat to him," Stuursma said.

Boss ended the game with three catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

Lowell's dominance up front was most evident through its running game.

Austin Graham, the iron horse, carried the ball 29 times, while amassing 183 yards.

"Graham is a fun little guy to get in there behind those guys. Our line has come together immensely the last three-four weeks. It's been a point of contention we've had in practice. Those six linemen and Graham behind them is a lot of fun. That allows and sets up a lot of things we do with Kyle, Torsten and the receivers," Dean explained.

Lowell's fifth and final touchdown of the game came early in the fourth

quarter when Graham busted one home from 16 yards out. The 69-yard drive featured Graham (six straight carries) from start to finish.

Lowell opened the game with a 65-yard drive capped off by a nine-yard touchdown pass from Nichol to Zach Stephens.

The Pioneers' second and final touchdown of the night came late in the third quarter on a six-yard pass from Thompson to Spencer, cutting the deficit to 16 at 28-12. The two-point conversion failed.

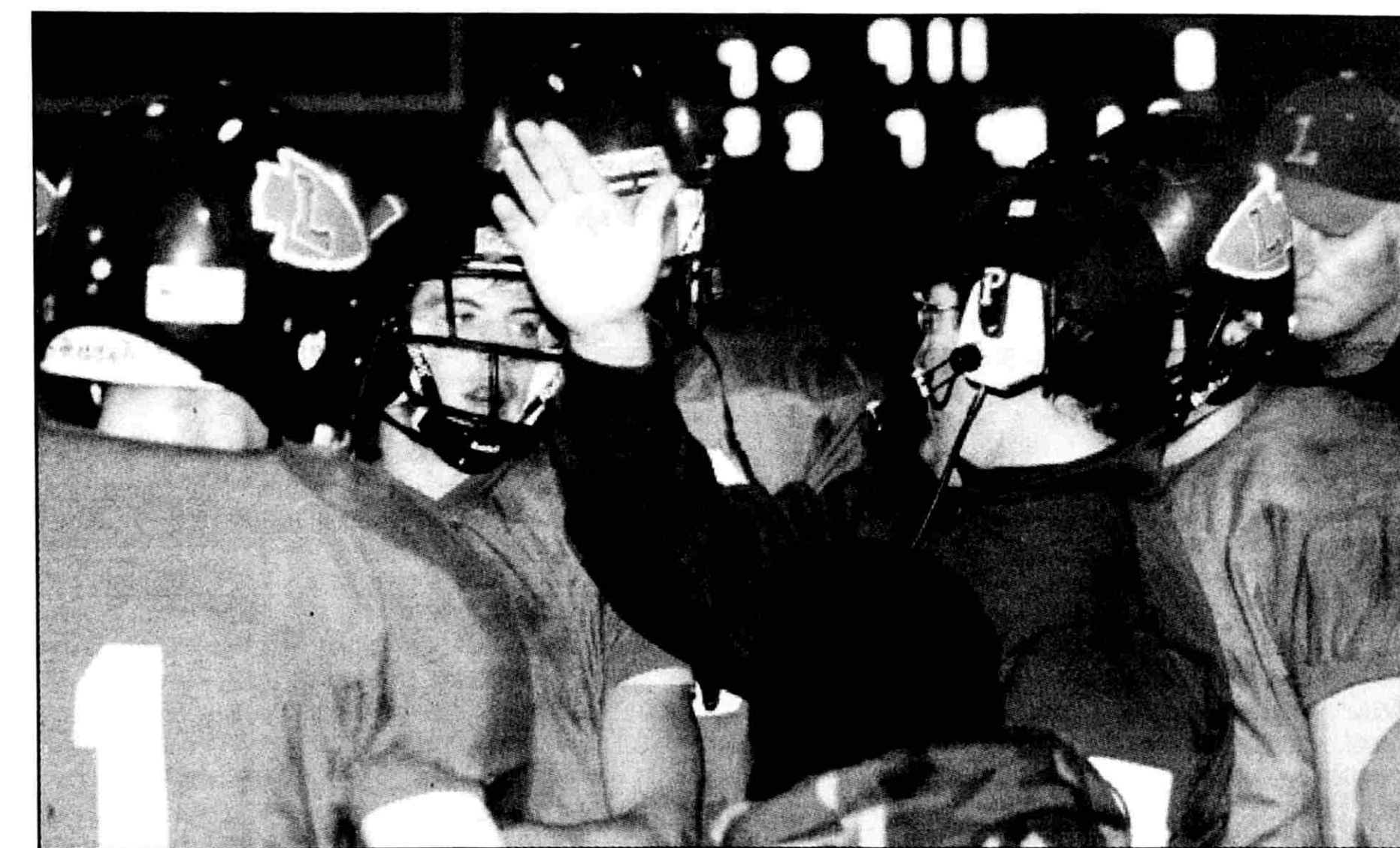
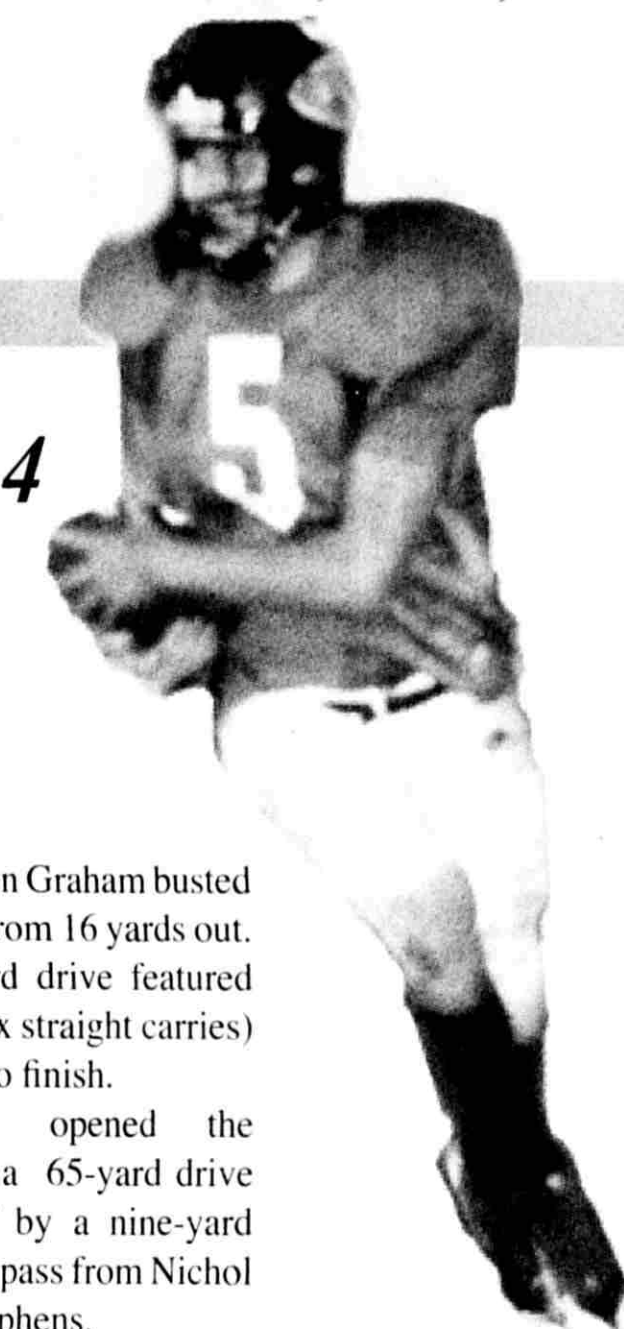
Pioneer Joe Glendening, touted by many as an all-state tailback, was held to 98 yards on 25 carries and no touchdowns by the Red Arrow defense.

"He ripped off a couple big runs in there. I was impressed with our defensive performance. I thought our linebacker play

was exceptional. The key to that was the way our defensive line kept their line off our linebackers, allowing them to flow and make tackles," Dean said. "We competed against a great team tonight. Any time you can beat them it's good."

The stakes only get bigger now. Lowell will host Lansing Everett (7-2) in the first round of the playoffs Friday night at Bob Perry Field.

Zach Stephens



At left, Coach Dean discusses strategy with Kyle Nichol and the team.



Torsten Boss caught three passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns Friday night.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Weather complicates Saturday's run at regionals



Andy Mark



Zach Robinson ran close to the front in the early stages of the regional on Saturday.

by Thad Kraus

Given the cold, wet, muddy conditions Lowell's boys cross country team ran well.

Oh, the conditions had an affect, on all runners. It's just that the number of runners who were able to put it out of their heads were few.

"Probably not" was Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf's response when asked if his club was able to put the poor conditions out of its mind.

"We haven't run much in those type of conditions. Removing the negative aspects of the weather conditions is a difficult thing to do. A runner really must be focused," VanderWarf explained. "We were hopeful to match or better the times

recorded in the O-K White conference meet." Lowell placed 11th in the 16-team field.

The divisional winners ran the course in the mid 16's. On a good day, VanderWarf says the times would have dropped to low 16's, high 15's.

Lowell's top runner, Zach Robinson came off the course in 17:48, placing him 21st, six spots from qualifying for the state tournament.

He was followed home by Jon Woods (58th) 18:57; Tom Mark (61st) 19:09; Ben Partridge (76th) 19:53; and Josh Corteville (85th) 20:25.

"The weather was bad. The ground was baked in mud. With every step you either slipped or got stuck in

mud," explained Lowell's Robinson. "I'm pretty happy with the season I've had, however, I've learned if you run over summer it helps a lot during the season."

Robinson plans on running this summer and hopes to get his teammates to join him.

Looking ahead to 2009, Lowell returns five of its eight runners. Lost to graduation will be Cody Kastanek, Woods and Dylan VanderWarf.

"We definitely need to build our numbers and depth," VanderWarf said. "If we can build up the numbers and work hard during the off-season, I think next year can be a good year."

## Pioneer spikers tested by Lowell's Red Arrows

East Grand Rapids, in its final league match of the season, was playing for the top spot in the O-K White.

The Pioneers needed a performance fitting a conference champion to shake a confident, young Red Arrow squad.

"We're playing some real good volleyball heading into the district," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi

Peal. "I was very pleased with the competitiveness and confidence the girls displayed against a state-ranked team like East Grand Rapids."

East defeated Lowell 25-21, 25-20 and 25-23.

"The girls at this point I think are satisfied with playing good matches against quality, ranked teams," Peal said. "The

next step in the process is to realize we're good enough to play with these teams and now it's time to go out and win one of those matches."

Even with the loss, Lowell finished third in the O-K White behind EGR and Grand Rapids Christian. The Pioneers and the Eagles tied for first.

In matches where Lowell serves and receives

well they also play well.

Arielle Nausieda, Courtney Schmidt and Jordan Timmer, defensive specialists, all recorded five digs apiece.

"Our defensive players had great games," Peal said. "With two freshmen and five sophomores I think we finished in the league probably where we should be. I talked all year with the girls that the season is about the process and not the outcome. This year gets us ready for the next few years."

Katie Tompkins and Madelyn Brower led all Lowell players in kills with 12 and 10 respectively. Timmer and Heather Burger each had 16 assists. Taylor Schumacher finished with three aces.

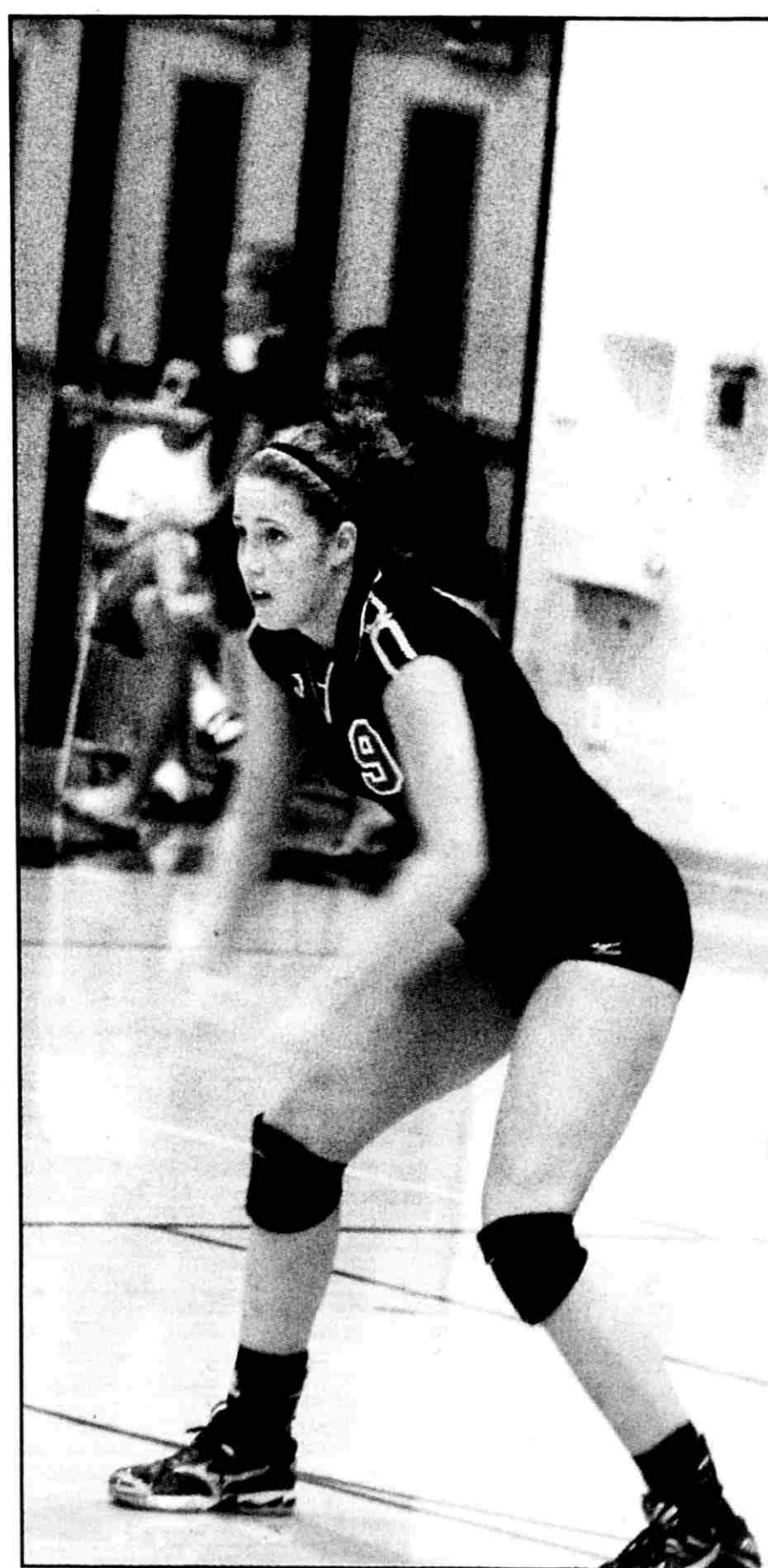
Lowell finished fifth at the Unity Christian Tournament over the weekend.

In Pool play, the Red Arrows lost to Forest Hills Eastern, defeated West Ottawa and then split with Unity Christian.

The Red Arrows defeated Wayland in the crossover game before losing two-of-three games to Unity Christian in the quarterfinals.

Lowell hosts district play on Monday (Nov. 3). The match against Rockford will begin at 7:30 p.m. "Against comparable

teams, we've done about the same. So, whichever team shows up more ready to play should win," Peal explains. "Hopefully, that will be us."



Madelyn Brower sets for a serve receive in volleyball action against East Gra

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Harder ground a muddy proposition for Red Arrow girls cross country team

by Thad Kraus

Finding harder ground was a difficult task for runners at the Division I cross country regional in Sparta Saturday.

The wet and muddy

conditions proved untimely for Lowell runners as well, however, it may have aided first-year coach Sarah Ellis.

"I told the girls before the meet if anyone finished 15th or higher I would



Logan DeClercq was the top Red Arrow runner on Saturday.

eat a worm" Ellis explained.

Senior Logan DeClercq was the coach's biggest threat, DeClercq finished 42nd in a time of 22:07. The Red Arrow said the poor conditions probably added 60 seconds to her time.

"It was muddy and slick out there. I had a few close calls where I could have slipped," DeClercq said. "I just tried to find the steady, solid, dry ground. Toward the end of the race I gave up and just splashed through the puddles."

Red Arrows following DeClercq home were

Haleigh Timmers (64th) 23:39; Magnhild Karsrud (67th) 23:49; Kristen Dunn (66th) 23:45; Emily Jelsma (74th) 24:30.

Ellis said the course set times back by roughly 50 seconds.

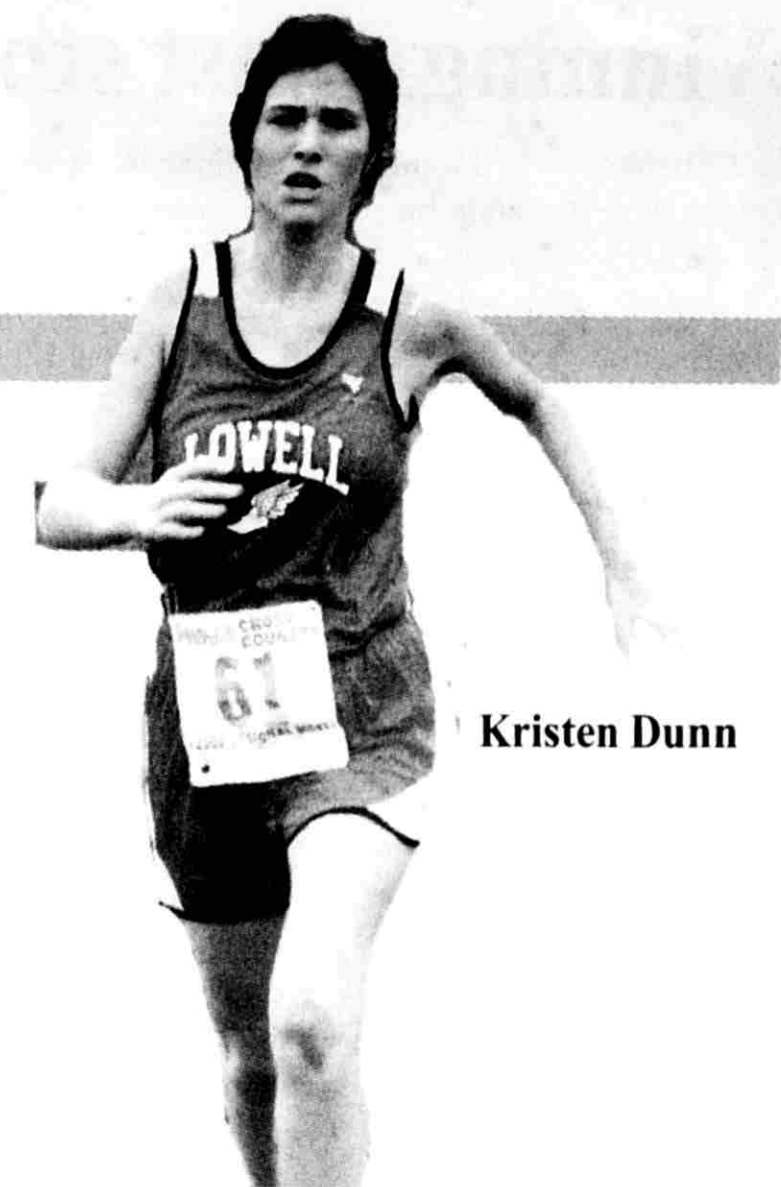
"The course was slow but I was pleased with how our girls competed," Ellis said.

"The future looks promising. We had 20 girls out this year and we have girls who are excited

about joining the team next year," Ellis said. "Of the 13 girls returning next year, the majority will be conditioning this summer. With many new runners this year time is needed to develop legs and form."

Not running Saturday due to injuries were Karis Dilly (hairline fracture) and Taylor Marchido (sprained ankle).

Lowell finished fifth in the O-K White Conference this year.



Kristen Dunn



Magnhild Karsrud sets an early comfortable pace.

## Okay, someone has to say it, continued

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the defense the Pioneer would be running against. Glendening was held to his lowest rushing total of the season.

Dave Mester The weather will be the difference. It will affect the passing game of Lowell and East will do fine running the ball. This is a good healthy rivalry. Our coach wouldn't want it any other way. This is good for high school football.

Mester was wrong about the weather and its affect on Lowell's passing, but I give him points for his broader perspective on the rivalry. The two coaches shared more than a grip-and-grin handshake afterwards, which leads me to believe Mester was right. Both sides view this as a healthy, good rivalry and one filled with respect.



Haleigh Timmers, second from the right, runs with the pack at the start of the regional cross country race.

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# Winning ghost story, continued ... From Page 10

"Thanks, Mom!" Charlie gave her a big hug, and started for the barn.

"Aren't you going to take Buddy?" she asked.

"Oh, sure. C'mon, Buddy-boy," he called and slapped his leg. The old dog heaved himself to all fours, and emerged from under the table.

Charlie's mom handed him an apple on his way out.

All the way down to the barn, Charlie was thinking and plotting. The dog poked along behind him, sniffing here and there. The siding was loose and weathered to a soft gray. The roof looked like a sway-backed horse. The rusty weathervane creaked eerily as the breeze spun it around - screeeeeeeeck,

screeeeeeeeck. That was a good, scary sound, Charlie thought. Of course, he couldn't guarantee that the wind would blow on Halloween. As he pulled the barn door open, those hinges squeaked, too. He poked his head around the door. Darkness and musty smells greeted him.

He called out, "Buddy, I'm here," and he stepped inside. The dog had not caught up to him yet.

Out of the wooden chute from the upstairs granary oozed a small, white ghost. Its eyes were black and round. It floated over near the door until Charlie spotted it.

"Hi, Buddy," Charlie said. "I'm going to need your help." Buddy hovered like fog over a cornfield.

"I want to make this into a haunted barn for Halloween. Oh," Charlie slapped himself on the forehead, "it already is haunted! But we have to make it more haunted, so kids will pay to come and see it."

Buddy swished around in front of Charlie and covered him in cobwebs.

"Great! We'll need those all over the barn. I'll bring the kids in this door, through the barn, and out the other side."

Buddy zig-zagged from one side of the barn to the other and cobwebs were installed all along the way. "And what about some bats and skeletons?" Buddy zipped back up the grain chute and when he came down, bats followed him and flew helter-skelter around the barn. Skeletons peeked from

behind each barn support post. "What about more ghosts? Do you have any cousins who could come for Halloween?"

Buddy let out a long "OOooOOooOOoo!" At least a dozen other ghosts came down from the loft and in through the broken windows. "Could they all make that great OOooOO noise on Halloween?" Charlie asked. They began. Charlie covered his ears. They quieted down.

Except for the howling going on just outside the door. The old dog had joined in. "You need to leave the howling to the ghosts, Buddy-boy!" Charlie patted his head as he started back to the house.

"I'll bring my mom down in a few days to see the

cobwebs and the skeletons. Then, on Halloween, I'll need you all to put on a great show," he called back to his ghostly friends. "Thanks so much for your help!"

When Halloween night finally came, a slight breeze was spinning the creaky weathervane.

Charlie's invitation to his school friends brought carloads of kids to see Charlie's Haunted Barn. His mother couldn't believe all the cars that were parked in their driveway and along the road.

Charlie talked his mother into charging \$10 each for the spooky trip through the haunted barn. She sat outside on a bale of hay to collect the money. Kids and their parents were lined up nearly back to the

house. Charlie would take a big group through single-file with only the dim lanterns to show the way. The noises and screams coming from inside just made those waiting outside in the dark all the more eager to see what kind of haunting was going on in there.

Kids went away saying, "The ghosts... and the bats... and the skeletons... were all so spooky!"

"But they looked real." "I've still got cobwebs in my hair!"

Needless to say, Charlie and his mother, Buddy and Buddy-boy, made enough money that night, not just to fix the old furnace, but to buy a new one! And, Charlie got a new pair of running shoes, too.

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A HUGE "Job well done" to Deb and her

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Kudos to Mike Larkin for donating the proceeds from Larkin's Chili Cook-off to Flat River Outreach Ministries. We live in a wonderful, giving community! -Peggy Idema

I just want to congratulate our JV and Freshmen football boys on a great season this year. We're very proud. Varsity boys- you rock. Let's keep the momentum going. -Very proud JV mom

Great job Lowell Red Arrow freshmen boys. -From a freshmen mom

Come on. What has it come to about Mr. Obama's middle name. That's just not cool.

I was wondering if you would publish a story on the upcoming Halloween this Friday and inform readers that trick-or-treaters should actually go out Saturday night due to the Lowell Football game against Lansing Everett. There will be 1500 trick or treaters deciding between going Saturday or Friday night, and I believe some will go on each night, becoming a nuisance.

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HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

FOR RENT - Campau Lake Mobile Homes - 2 bedroom (\$400 mo), 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, \$550 month. 1st and last required. Call 868-6950.

SHARE HOME - Ada/Lowell Area. \$350 a mo., private bedroom and bath, non-smoker. Call 676-3158.

ADA/LOWELL - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 1/2 story, country setting, 1,200 sq. ft., \$700 per month. No pets, or smoking. 10860 Bennett St. 897-6337.

MORRISON LAKE - newly remodeled furnished cottage w/lake front access. Available immediately. Includes 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage. No smoking, no pets. \$650 per month, \$650 security deposit, 1 year lease required. Call 616-642-6870 for more information. Shown by appointment only.

SMALL HOME ON ALDEN NASH ROAD FOR RENT - \$700 per month. Renter to pay all utilities including propane & fuel oil. House is on 6.8 acres (no vehicle storage or other businesses allowed). Great place for handy person/couple. Landlord easy to deal with. Available Nov. 30. First & last month's rent due on signing of lease. Renters can go month-to-month (with minimum month notice) after first year's lease. Serious renters only, 616-443-6959.

### The Lowell Ledger CLASSIFIEDS

TO PLACE AN AD  
In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell  
By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331  
By Phone: 616-897-9261

Classified ad rates:  
20 words...\$4  
each additional word 10¢  
Bold \$1 each or Box \$2 each

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CLASSIFIEDS NOW POSTED ONLINE!  
[www.lowellbuyersguide.com](http://www.lowellbuyersguide.com)

### FOR RENT HELP WANTED

LOWELL FOR RENT - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath newer home. Close to schools & shopping. \$1,200 month + deposit. 616-260-2545.

FOR RENT - Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in historic downtown Lowell. \$640 per month + utilities. \$500 deposit. No pets. 897-0222.

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

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

BOAT STORAGE - \$100 to \$150 per season. Call 897-5426 or cell 581-5265.

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Phone 897-9261  
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We Have a Drop Box in the Door Closet to the Post Office  
Sound Off Phone Line  
897-0787

### WANTED

CASH PAID - for old toys, games, antiques, jewelry, sporting goods, hunting/fishing etc. Call today for an appt., 616-550-0521.

### CARD OF THANKS SERVICES

THANK YOU to all of my family and friends for the food, gifts and being there for my 90th birthday.  
Ella Thompson

### EVENTS

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sight-in at their range facility at 8731 West Riverside Dr. This service is free to the public & will be held on Nov. 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Targets & assistance will be provided. For more information go to www.Quake-Zik.org.

FASHIONISTAFLAIR OPEN HOUSE - To celebrate our new location, we are hosting an open house on Sat., Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be refreshments, prizes and an appearance by Audrey Hepburn, so bring the girls for a fashionably fun time! Call 897-8987 with any questions. 505-F West Main St.

COPIES COPIES - Color & black & white copiers! Excellent quality! As low as 10¢ per copy for black & white. Stop by our office, Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

GALLERY AND CUSTOM FRAMING - Fire and Water Art! 219 W. Main St., Lowell 890-1879. OPEN Wed. - Sun. 1-6 p.m. and Friday 1-7 p.m. NEW ART created by OUR 25 leading local artists! ART CLASSES! [www.fire-and-water-art.com](http://www.fire-and-water-art.com)

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE - earn \$ for losing lbs. Free nutrition classes, \$29 entry fee (awarded to winners). Call 616-693-2602.

### SERVICES

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

WINDOW WASHING & GUTTER CLEANING - Residential & commercial. Call Randy at R & R Enterprises. 616-581-8561.

AIR DUCT & DRYER VENT CLEANING - Call Randy at R & R Enterprises 616-581-8561.

ALTERATIONS & SEWING - by professional seamstress. Carol, 676-0473.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE HAS OPENINGS - on 1st & 2nd shifts. Call 897-8386 or 308-0195.

UPHOLSTERY - Furniture, RV cushions, boat seats, dinette chairs, 50 years exp. Low prices. 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Richard Kuyt Sr. 531-3309.

PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER - CHEAP! Removals, trims, storm damage, brush removal & chipping. Licensed & insured. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

WEDDING INVITATIONS Available at Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway. Stop by & check out one of our books for the weekend. Wide variety of invitations & prices. For personalized service call 897-9261

SMITH'S AFFORDABLE TREE REMOVAL & TRIM - free stump removal. Call 813-4794.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dudley's Dumpsters. Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. Now accepting credit cards. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, plumbing, electrical, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

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BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$28 for 250. (white card, black ink). Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

FINAL TOUCH PAINTING - Interiors/exterior, homes, barns, drywall & repairs, textured ceilings, window glazing & waterproofing. For estimate call 616-691-7728 or mobile 616-706-7913.

ADVERTISE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS IN THE LOWELL PHONE BOOK! - Rates as low as \$130 (that's for the whole year, not a per month price!) Deadline is Dec. 1. Call Tammy, 897-9560 for an informational packet or email your request to citydirectory@att.net.





The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$ (480,410)
Contributions	\$ 2,100
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (478,310)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 747,033
Investment Manager Fees	\$ 84,430
Support Services	\$ 78,763
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 910,226</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (1,388,536)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 17,386,182
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 15,997,646</b>

**Community Fund Advisory Committee**

- John Darling, representing the Englehardt family
- Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township
- Sandy Graham, representing Lowell Township
- Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Principal, Lowell High School
- David Organek, Huntington Bank
- David Pasquale, Lowell City Manager
- Gregory Pratt, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools



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**Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
LACF Committee Member Service Recognition	To honor Kurt Lardie's service on the Lowell Area Community Fund Advisory Committee.	Alpha Women's Center of Lowell	\$1,000
Downtown Lowell Historic District	To preserve historic buildings in downtown Lowell.	City of Lowell	\$50,000
City Trees Program	To provide trees throughout the City of Lowell in both public and private areas.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
Lighting and Electrical Upgrade	To improve visibility level and electric connections for people using the Lowell/Englehardt Library.	City of Lowell	\$1,977
Expo Drawing Grant—Skate Park	Selected in a drawing at the Lowell Community Expo.	First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Lowell	\$100
Strategic Planning and Development	To set goals, set a strategic plan, identify future needs and resource those needs.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$5,000
Expo Drawing Grant	Selected in a drawing at the Lowell Community Expo.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$200
Organization Development	To complete an organizational assessment and retain consultant for organizational coaching services.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$12,000
Restoring the Circle Pow Wow	To provide an opportunity for Native Americans to gather together and celebrate customs and traditions and provide education to the public.	Grand Valley American Indian Lodge	\$2,500
2008 Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2008 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$11,125
Kaleidoscope Publishing	To publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based website for the period of Winter 2007/2008.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$15,889
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$30,000
Fallasburg Park Improvements	To provide general improvements to preserve the shelter house structure, improve safety and services, and promote the historic character of the area.	Kent County Parks Department	\$9,500
Fallasburg Park Property Acquisition	To acquire six acres of private land just west of the covered bridge that is currently surrounded by park property.	Kent County Parks Department	\$16,500
Staffing and Goat Barn upgrades	For continuing staffing support and also for facility upgrades to the fairgrounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$24,694
Enhancing Safety and Accessibility	To enhance the safety and accessibility of Kent County Fair participants, fair guests and year round users of the Fairground facilities.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$8,500
Vergennes Township Land Preservation Education	To create a new model of public and individual education for the preservation of prime farmland and open space in Vergennes Township.	Kent MSU Extension	\$19,500
Communications Tower	For the erection of a 100 foot communications tower.	Lowell Amateur Radio Club Inc. (L.A.R.C.)	\$5,500
Arts Alive Everyday in 2008	To support the Arts Council's administrative costs for calendar year 2008.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$21,700
Education and Program Director—Part-Time	To fund a part-time Education and Program Director whose primary responsibility is to maintain, develop and implement historical programs to enhance understanding of local history for the community and school children.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$15,000
Lowell Area Trailway Fundraising Assistance	To hire a fundraising professional to conduct a campaign planning project that will raise funds for local match of State and Federal grants to build phase one of the Lowell Area Trailway	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	\$20,000
Lowell Trailway Phase I	For trail construction, engineering and fundraising expenses of the first segment of trail.	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	\$150,000
Family Resource Centers	To establish a Family Resource Center at Cherry Creek Elementary to provide a single point of entry for linking families to resources appropriate for the ages of their children.	Lowell Area Schools	\$11,300
Video Broadcasting Public Channel & Internet	To purchase video and audio equipment, allowing for broadcasting of sporting and other community events.	Lowell Area Schools	\$19,175
Tots on Track for School	To help families with children prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$84,296
Shared Wireless Intercom System	To purchase a wireless intercom system to be shared between the WLHS AV Club and the Lowell Performing Arts Center (LPAC).	Lowell Area Schools	\$11,000
2007-08 Education Foundation Grant Cycle	To provide matching funds for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation grants	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Strategic Organizational Development	To increase community awareness, broaden donor base, and develop effective fund raising activities to enhance student learning in the Lowell Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$10,000
Organizational Strength and Weakness Analysis	To determine organizational strengths and weaknesses and position the organization to sustain the ability to address the mission.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$2,000
Program and Operating Support	To promote wellness by inspiring individual responsibility through affordable and accessible wellness programs.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$16,000
Silver Ring Thing (SRT)	To bring a sexual abstinence program to the Lowell Community.	St. Mary's Church	\$3,360
Move it to Lose it—Teen Style	To educate 40 Lowell high school students through exercise and healthy eating to change their lifestyles to overcome issues of obesity.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$10,000
New Facility Feasibility Study	To conduct a feasibility study in response to the Peter Wege Foundation's interest in developing land in Lowell for a new YMCA facility.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$50,000
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell Area Students		\$42,000
			<b>TOTAL GRANTS \$724,816</b>

Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation