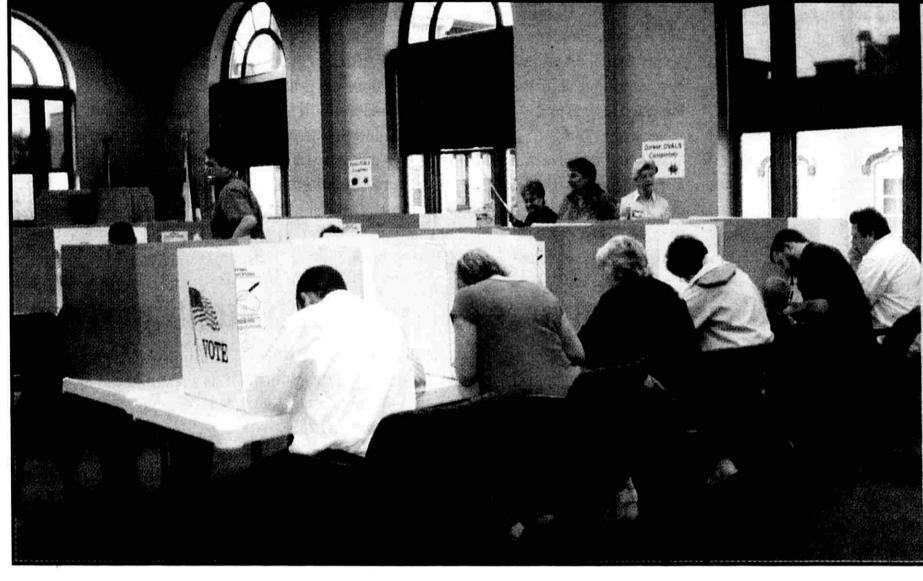
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Election Day 2008

Hundreds of voters flocked to the polls Tuesday in the historical US presidential election. At 10 a.m., the parking lot in front of the city hall was full, and people were streaming in. All the voting booths were taken and election workers were busy handing out registration forms and ballots.

In Vergennes Township, some voters were congregating outside due to the beautiful weather under a canopy. Lines were forming inside. The crowded ballot could take up to 20 minutes to fill out.

Area business helps trigger hunt of a lifetime

by Thad Kraus

magine being an avid hunter and Lowning a large collection of guns and not able to pull the trigger on any of them.

pull the trigger on any of Idaho native. them.

That has been the world of Chris Clark for the past 13 years.

A special set of events and

Literally, not able to changed all of that for the should be done. Chris and

Glen Beck read about Chris's story, which was also a family hardship tale decided something

his brothers Ben, Layel and Radio talk show host Russell all suffer from the dehabilitating disease called

muscular dystrophy. Their sister, the only Clark sibling who did

not suffer from muscular dystrophy, had her life taken three years ago, after coming down with a rare stomach disorder.

Beck, learning of the family hardship, organized

a fundraiser for the family.

Learning that Clark and his brothers used to hunt, Beck wanted to get them hunting again.

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Michigan Wildlife Center expands with addition

by Emma Palova

gi, a seven-year-old iguana, rescued by _volunteer Kristin Cowell now has a new home in the latest addition to the Michigan Wildlife Center.

Owners Sjana and Bob Gordon finished the building this summer to house incoming wildlife for rehabilitation on top of all their outdoor pens and barns on 20 acres of property off Vergennes Road.

Igi's not alone. He keeps good company with squirrels, possums and other mammals waiting for rehabilitation. All the animals on the property have been rescued.

The center is unique because it takes all animals unlike others specializing in certain animals only, according to Sjana. The 501C3 federal non-profit organization has a license to rehabilitate animals, which will later be released into the wild or adopted.

"We try to find homes for them," said Sjana, "people can adopt them."

Then, there are also pigs, Bogie Humphrey, who was found in downtown Grand Rapids and Betty Boo, left

mention countless goats, geese, ducks and horses. The only thing Sjana doesn't take are migratory birds, and the Department of Natural Resources does not allow her to take bats or skunks.

For Sjana, the center is more than just an expensive hobby which relies on donations and fundraisers. It's also a matter of providing balance in the nature and educating about her mission

"It's very rewarding seeing an animal wild," she said.

last summer during

many from funding to capacity to finding better formulas for animals that are hardest to rehabilitate.

"Every animal different, they show pain different," Sjana said.

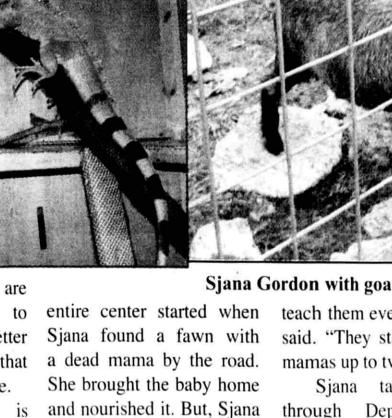
She considers fawns

in schools. go back into the

The center peak season had 900 to 1,000 animals including farm animals, also a relatively new addition to the rescue portfolio.

The challenges are

by their owners. Not to her specialty since the



also likes squirrels, while

she compares raccoons to

human babies.

teach them everything," she said. "They stay with their mamas up to two years."

Sjana takes classes through Department of Natural Resources to keep up to date. "There's not a lot of people who do "You have to physically rehabilitation," she said. for Michigan Wildlife is the

"You have to have a permit to take any animal in."

The center is on the calling list of the Kent County Humane Society, police, Blanford Nature Center and other agencies.

The biggest fundraiser

upcoming Christmas tour through Lowell Nov. 14 through Nov. 16. They are also accepting donations of hay or any nuts dropped by Michigan trees.





McCAUL

his loving wife of 53 years, Rosemary; children, Valarie McCaul, Annette (Dan) Bergy, Roxanne (Terry) Witherell, Laurie (Jim) Sission and Mike (Lori) McCaul; brother, Ronald (Margie) McCaul; nine grandchildren, Joe and Justin Provonche, Nick and Chad Bergy, Marissa Gillespy, Matt Van Camp, Renee Sission, Trisha and Christina McCaul; many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday Clare Lewis McCaul, aged at St. Anthony Catholic 75 of Lowell, passed away Church. Interment Oakwood Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers He was preceded in death by memorial contributions his parents, Claude and Avis may be made to: Spectrum

McCaul. He is survived by Hospice of West Michigan.

star and hunting advocate brothers are more severely above the scope so that the he couldn't. It was exciting Ted Nugent called in and handicapped. Chris is barely handicapped hunter doesn't for him to just fire the gun. volunteered to get the Clark able to move his fingers, have to look through the To see the smile on Chris's brothers hunting again.

has donated his time and years resources toward 'Hunt for a Cure" in an effort to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Nugent was introduced to Lowell's Pete Odland.

The Lowell resident has a son battling cystic fibrosis and has been involved in producing units designed to aide handicapped hunters.

Knowing this, Nugent e-mailed Odland and asked designed, one for a bow and him to help with the Clark the other for a 270 rifle.

more mounted on a camera that was challenging and com-

Listening to Beck, rock plicated. Chris and his preventing him from being scope. The hunter just has to Nugent, in recent years, able to hunt for the past 13 look at the monitor above the

Hunt, continued ... From Page 1

"It was definitely more complicated, but I knew the designed, a hunt for exotics capability of White's Bridge Through that endeavor Tooling and its ability to rise to the occasion," Odland

> The unit designed by and axis deer, black buck the Lowell company is set up so that the weapon can be aimed and shot through the use of a joystick.

units were The weapons are

looks through a scope.

shoot a rifle for the first time in 13 years brought tears to your eyes," Odland explained. "Chris and his brothers have such wonderful attitudes and are The 2,000 acre ranch so upbeat."

"A monitor is attached get home and and of course

scope," Odland explained.

was scheduled at Laguna

is stocked with silk, fallow

antelope, elk and many

trip took place Oct. 18-22.

to fire a gun for 13 years,

Chris kept buying guns and

never lost the passion. He'd

buy a gun thinking maybe

this one he could fire. He'd

The four-day hunting

"Despite not being able

species of African game.

Vista in Pearsall, Texas.

Once the unit was

The trip and expenses were paid for by Nugent, but the Idaho community and even some members of the Lowell community provided support.

All four Clark brothers got animals on the four-day hunt, as did their father.

million will pay higher taxes

can be found at www.

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CASE NO. 08-06617-DM

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CAROLINE J. MARTIN 1058 Lake Grove SE East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Mary L. Benedict (P45285) Mary L. Benedict PC 4519 Cascade Road SE Suite 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-942-0200

JASON P. MARTIN 4949 Glen Meadow Ct.

TO JASON P. MARTIN

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by Judge Nanaruth plaintiff in this court to Carpenter

address above on or before December 10. 2008. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

You must file your

answer or take other

action permitted by law

in this court at the court

A copy of this order shall be published one week in The Lowell Ledger. and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

The Process Server shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at 4949 Glen Meadow Ct. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 for one time, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to JASON P. MARTIN at the lastaddress by registered mail, return receipt requested, SE before the date of the Grand Rapids, MI 49546 last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall

be filed with this court.

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and Supplemental Security corresponding period of amount of earnings subject as a result of the increase in Income benefits for more the current year. This year's to the Social Security tax than 55 million Americans increase in the CPI-W was (taxable maximum) will increase to \$106,800 from Medicare changes for 2009 will increase 5.8 percent in 5.8 percent.

Monthly Social Security of the prior year to the that increase, the maximum

Social Security announces 5.8 percent benefit increase

2009, the Social Security The 5.8 percent Cost- \$102,000. Of the estimated Administration announced of-Living Adjustment today. The 5.8 percent (COLA) will begin with will pay Social Security increase is the largest since benefits that over 50 million taxes in 2009, about 11 Social Security beneficiaries Social Security and receive January Security 2009. Increased payments Income benefits increase to more than 7 million based on the rise in the Income beneficiaries will

Bureau of Labor Statistics' begin on December 31 Consumer Price Index for Some other changes that Urban Wage Earners and take effect in January of each Clerical Workers (CPI- year are based on the increase W), from the third quarter in average wages. Based on

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Church article clarification

164 million workers who Medicare.gov.

The article with headline Church community center to locate in Larkin's Other Place published Oct. 29 was about Impact Church proposing to start an autonomous body inside this location, not about it being sold. If approved, the new body would be called Ignite Church.

As such, Impact Church approached the commission for a special use permit to establish a church community center on Oct.

27. When a commissioner questioned if the church had purchased the building the response was positive.

At that time, without all parties being present there was no way to verify that or a reason to doubt statement. Owner Mike Larkin said that the have only had preliminar negotiations. "I don't hav an offer yet, he said, I'm

There will be a public hearing on Nov. 24.

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Students at Alto Elementary hold fundraiser

Alto Elementary held its first fundraiser of the year, a Hawaiian themed Walk-A-Thon. Students walked around the school with stops at activity stations to do jumping jacks, an obstacle course, and hula hoop just to name a few.

In addition to raising money for school projects and activities, the Walk-A-Thon allowed the students to learn about the fun in fitness.

Through donations from area businesses and kind families and individuals, Alto PTO was able to collect over \$7500!

Julie Smithee, PTO president, says, "We really wanted to get away from the usual catalog fundraisers. Our goal with this second annual Walk-A-Thon was to raise money for our school through a community based fundraiser, bringing together students, faculty and parents to walk with a common goal while emphasizing wellness in a fun and energetic environment. I think we met our goal and everyone seemed to have a great time."



Local law enforcement warns of cash gifting schemes

Local police depart- or chain promotion is any parent company that sells NASCAR fans, or "socially conscious women.

No matter how these schemes are presented, the bottom line is the same for all - cash gifting schemes are illegal in Michigan. This consumer alert will provide Michigan consumers with information on how to spot illegal cash gifting scams, and what to do if they believe one of these scams is operating in Michigan.

Pyramid schemes are illegal in Michigan

Section 28 of the Franchise Investment Law (MCI 445.1501 et seq.) makes pyramidsillegal in Michigan. The statute reads in part:

{a} person may not offer or sell any form of participation a pyramid or chain promotion. A pyramid

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which (a) a participant gives through a person introduced by the or more additional persons into participation in the plan, each of whom receives the same or similar right. privilege, license, chance,

or opportunity. is a scheme in which participants receive compensation for recruiting other participants.

Violations of Section 28 of the Michigan Franchise Investment Law are a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or seven years in prison.

Multi-level marketing plans vs. pyramid schemes - what is the difference?

Multi-level marketing plans typically involve a

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people recruited.

another type of pyramid

the quintessential example pattern outlined in this alert. of a pyramid scheme. give people cash, but the because early participants other pyramids, cash gifting schemes are based on the amount of people recruited.

The key difference the chart every time they participant introduces one between a legal multi-level recruit more people into marketing plan and an illegal the "circle" or "club." And pyramid scheme is that a once the participant moves multi-level marketing plan enough on the chart, they are bases compensation almost "guaranteed" a large payout entirely on the amount of Gifting schemes operate product sold, whereas an under a variety of names, Essentially, a pyramid illegal pyramid scheme is as con artists that start based on the amount of these schemes are endlessly

Instead of selling products, including cash cash gifting schemes forego schemes, the sale of products and just popular premise is the same - like often receive their payout as

Generally, plan or scheme or device by products to consumers gifting "circles," "clubs, independent or "groups" encourage a valuable consideration for sales people. Generally, participants to pay the opportunity to receive independent sales people substantial entry fee (which compensation or things of do not receive a salary - can range anywhere from value in return for inducing rather, they are compensated \$500 to \$5,000 or more). other persons to become based on the amount of This entry fee will guarantee including schemes targeting participants in the program product that they sell. Multi- the participants a place on or (b) a participant is to level marketing plants are a chart of members. The receive compensation when generally legal in Michigan. participants will move on

creative in their quest to con Cash gifting - just a lot of people out of a lot of money. But most gifting Cash gifting schemes are schemes follow the general

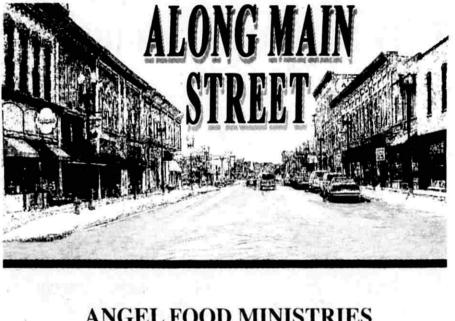
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ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

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.

FOOD DRIVE

Firstbank of Lowell is holding a community food drive through Nov. 7. A deposit of non-perishable food or a cash donation can be made at the local office, 2601 W. Main. Donations will go toward helping families in the Lowell community.

NEW EXHIBIT

Francisan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. will be presenting "Rejoicing in the Simple & the Profound," a collection of work by members of the Calligraphic Society of Grand Rapids, Nov. 17-Jan. 16, 2009. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Thebes Players are casting 13 parts for "Beanie & the Bamboozling Book Machine." Auditions are Tues., Nov. 18 and Thurs., Nov. 20 at 6-8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Englehardt Branch of Kent District Library, 200 N. Monroe. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

SCRAPBOOKING

Bring your pics, pages and ideas for a day of scrapbooking facilitated by Kris Gallagher at Englehardt Library, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call Beth at 987-2510 for more information.



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City approves resolution establishing Lowell Cable Television Endowment Board

by Emma Palova

day approved a resolution establishing the Lowell Cable Television endowment board on a 3 to 1 vote. Voting against the resolution was council member Jeff Altoft.

The resolution establishes a seven-member advisory board comprised of four city residents, two Lowell Township residents and one Vergennes Township resident.

However, the final say about the disbursement of funds remains up to the city council. Council member Sharon Ellison spoke in favor of the resolution

city will have the final say," to include street repairs.

she said. "It is not selling out ment we could come up with. for too long. It gives us an opportunity to work with the townships."

Myers, former mayor and where all sides have been former Lowell Light and Power board member, the lot for our community." disbursement of should be solely up to the did compromise, but still shareholders or investors, that is the city residents.

fluence from Vergennes and Lowell townships," he said. "The argument of extending Television in 2007. cable TV into the townships

considered the resolution to "This establishes the the townships. He said the will be conducted. make-up of the board, the language is flexible enough

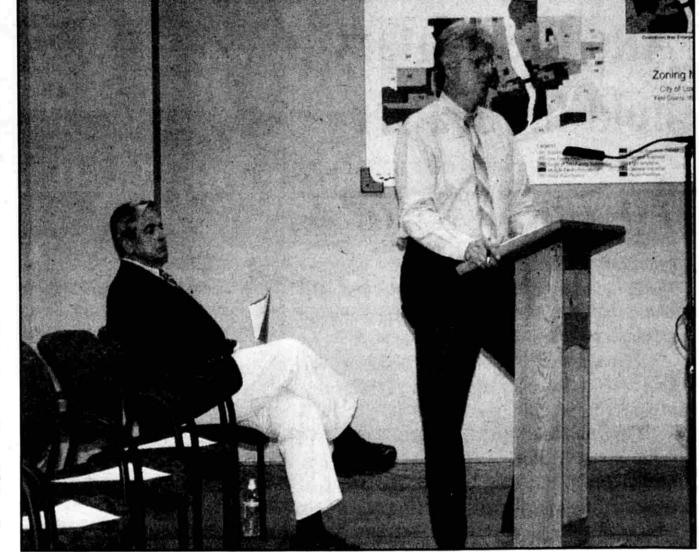
Ivan Blough said the The city council Mon- the city. It's the best agree- process has been going on

> "It's not the perfect thing I want to see, but it's According to Chuck a good piece of legislation

Altoft said the council has control of the money.

The process to establish "There should be no in- the endowment board is in its second year. It started after the sale of Lowell Cable

In related business, the council discussed the re-Resident Dennis Kent moval of non-functioning antennas from the LCTV be fair that it is not excluding tower. A tower inspection



Chuck Myers listens while Greg Pierce, now named permanent manager, presents amended Lowell Light and Power budget.

Alley closure approved by city council

Lend A Hand



TUTORS NEEDED

information for prospective volunteer end of the session, there will tutors. This session is held be an opportunity to sign up

hour. It allows persons

The Literacy Center interested in becoming more about the Center and Wed., Nov. 5 its literacy programs. At the at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of ext. 10 to register.

W. Michigan is a non-profit,

information session will be held the Grand Rapids Public (VanderVeen Center - 4th Floor) located Please call us at 459-5151, for the carriers.

United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

by Emma Palova

approved the blocking of the alley between the post office and the Lowell Ledger to increase parking spaces for the Lowell Area Historical

The city council Monday

Supervisor of Lowell Post Office Sue at 111 Library St., NE, Dombrowski opposed the more parking. Downtown, Grand Rapids. action citing safety hazards

"We operate six days a week," she said. "It's a Valentine supported the Dombrowski said huge inconvenience. Our understanding was that the parking spaces west of the alley will just be paved.

How are we going to go in river.

If the alley gets closed, dumpsters and trash bins will have to be moved.

Jim Doyle, on behalf of the Lowell Area Historical the future use of the facility for rentals, thus the need for closing the alley," he said.

in that area," he said. Police chief

action due to the shortage of

"Parking is an absolute

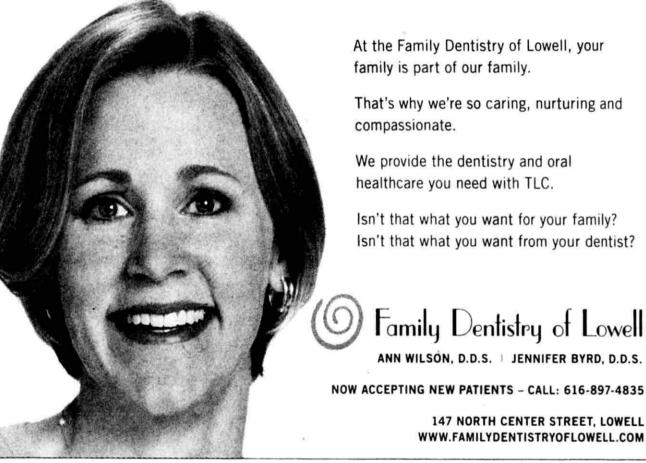
premium," he said The only opposing voice on the city council was Jim Pfaller stating the alley provides access to the Museum, emphasized the Ledger and the post office.

"I am not in favor of

For the post office, it "We're short of parking means that it loses parking for carriers.

"It's not a safe thing,"

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Cash schemes, continued ... From Page 3

promised. Those participants that receive their money then gifting scheme - what should involved relay their success stories I do? to prospective participants, getting their money back.

limited prospect of ever office, or local prosecutor.

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

I've been asked to join a If you are currently should In Michigan, prosecu- consider contacting a and the cycle continues. The tions of cash gifting schemes private attorney. For help in problem is that eventually are generally handled by finding a private attorney, the pool of new participants local prosecutors. Michigan please visit the Michigan runs out, and the pyramid consumers who have been State Bar's website, at collapses, and very few asked to join a gifting http://www.michbar.org, participants actually receive scheme, or who are aware of for information on finding any money. Once a pyramid a pyramid or gifting scheme a Lawyer Referral Service collapses, everyone, except operating in their area, should in your area. Along with the initial con artist that contact their local police violations of the Michigan started the scam, will have department, county sheriff's Franchise Investment Law, charges under other state statutes are also possible.

Finally, if you are currently involved in a gifting scheme, or have participated in a gifting scheme in the past, keep in mind that you are also required to report any earnings you received to the Internal Revenue Service. Despite any promises made to you by those operating cash gifting schemes, earnings received from a gifting pyramid are taxable. Thus, in addition to consulting a private attorney, you should also consider speaking to a professional tax advisor about your situation.

Viewpoint-

To The Editor

You may disagree with Governor Sarah Palin's political views, but how can one not respect her character and many eccomplishments? What character traits do we want women to possess?

Respectfully, Carol Drenth

Dear Editor,

I was extremely taken aback by the letter to the editor regarding Sarah Palin, excuse me, "Governor" Sarah Palin. I believe her to be a fine role model for women for many reasons.

She is a college graduate, wife and mother, who served her community as mayor, and now her state as Governor, demonstrating leadership, time management, organizationa and managerial skills, knowledge, and a work ethic. she chose not to abort a Down syndrome child, demonstrating compassion, love, dedication, courage, and a lot of faith

She is an excellent public speaker, and many people love her candor.

She participates in sports and hunting, so she mus be "well rounded" (a term used to describe the kind of person employers want to hire in today's world) and able to maintain some balance in her life between work, family and leisure time activities.

She is a Vice Presidential candidate, and demonstrates a passion for America, patriotism, and a willingness to serve our country.

This letter is in response to Donna J. Potter's letter in the Oct. 29 Lowell Ledger, where she expressed her extreme distaste for Senator McCain suggesting "Sarah Palin is a role model to women." With all due respect, I beg to differ. From what I have read, heard, and seen about Governor Sarah Palin, I find that she has many character traits that I admire. Hunting caribou shows me she is a woman who embraces a challenge and exhibits patience, skill, and determination; she is educated, and dignified in her accomplishments. She also exhibits perseverance and a willingness to work hard Of all the things Governor Palin has shown us about herself, I find it odd that you would pick one thing to dismiss her whole self. Closed-minded thinking prevents us from seeing the complete person for who they truly are. Governor Palin holds fast to values I deem most important, as well as her love of God, family and country. So yes, I too feel she is a "role model to women."

> Respectfully submitted, Sharon A. Vosovic



PASS IT ON

Stories about young hunters bagging their first deer circulated around dinner tables, church pews, and water coolers. For two days last month, youth 10-16 years of age were given the opportunity to take a whitetail deer while accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. The main objective of this hunt is to introduce youth to the hunting experience before they become distracted by an increasing number of demands on their time and attention as they get older.

Deer hunting is usually done on an individual basis. During the youth hunt, parents or mentors don't have their own hunting agenda and can focus undivided attention on the young hunter. A similar hunt was held for waterfowl

Hopefully, the participants in these special hunts will continue to hunt as adults and pass the lifestyle on to the next generation. People who hunt, fish, or gather natural

Writing to the editor ...

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food experience nature firsthand and become personally involved with natural life cycles. Because of this connection and because of their interest in the well-being of both game and non-game species, hunters usually become both critics and supporters of environmental policies. Hunters financially support habitat acquisition and management and also help keep game numbers within the ability of the habitat to sustain healthy populations.

Recently, when given the opportunity to spend time with our 9 year old granddaughter my wife Gwen and I left our bows in the truck and sat with Sabrina in a friend's deer blind late one afternoon. I was surprised at the patience she exhibited when asked to sit still and quiet for well over two hours in a confined space. Her patience paid off when finally four deer wandered slowly by the blind less than 25 yards away. I had to hold her tight to keep her from jumping around with excitement and her big smile and wide blue eyes reveled the joy of being close to such wary and beautiful creatures.

If you have the opportunity, better yet make it a priority to introduce a young person to the outdoors in any way that is comfortable for you. The experience can help expand his or her perspective on the world and enrich the youngster's life. Pass it on.

By Shelly MacNaughton 125 YEARS AGO

THE LOWELL JOURNAL **NOVEMBER 7, 1883** Quicksand and other difficulties have been met in

placing the foundation for the lower bridge. Fire broke out in the basement of the Hastings Banner

building the other day but the banner was too good a paper to be sacrificed and the flames gave up to the ghost.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 5, 1908**

Fire destroyed Hotel Central Monday evening but the Lowell fireman made a hard and successful fight to save adjoining property, the adjacent Lee block being in great danger, but through good work getting off unharmed.

Out of a possible vote of over 900 only 620 ballots were cast in Lowell Tuesday.

The Taft electors got 394 to 195 for Bryan electors.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 9, 1933**

A yearling steer, weighing 350 to 400 lbs, owned by Mrs. C. Wittenbach of West Lowell, was slain for its meat sometime during last Thursday or Friday night

Mrs. Vern Armstrong entertained the members of the seventh grade and their teacher, Miss Dorothy Koth, last Monday evening with a Halloween party.

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

The Lowell Fire Department was called out twice on Sunday, the first call being shortly after midnight from the Charles Cox residence at 112 S. Jefferson, where the oil burning space heater became flooded and burned out of control, no damage.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the department was called to the Anna Light home, 520 N. Monroe; a porch chaise lounge chair stored in the garage was on fire. Fireman thought it might have caught from the leaves being burned nearby. The chair was badly burned, but there was no other

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **NOVEMBER 9, 1983**

Make plans now to dance the night away this Saturday, November 12 at the Harvest Moon Showboat Shindig. This fund raising event is being sponsored by the Lowell Area Jaycee's and Jaycee Woman and held at the Deer Run Golf Course.

Airman Kevin L. Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Conner of 727 Lafayette, Lowell, Michigan, has graduated · We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced. For e-mailed letters, please copy letter from the U. S. Air Force munitions maintenance course at Lowery Air Force Base, CO.

Hannah and Christopher Meeuwsen

Fallasburg Park was the setting for the wedding of Hannah Strzyzewski and Christopher Meeuwsen on Oct. 20. Parents of the camp. couple are Luke and Cindy

Strzyzewski and Jim and Gerri Meeuwsen.

The groom graduated from the Marine Corps boot



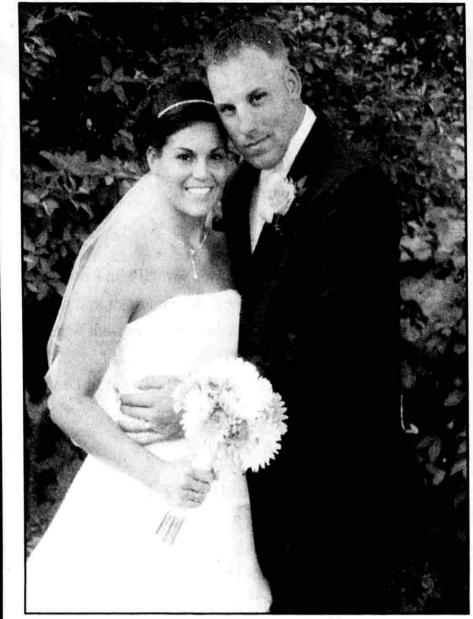
by Rev. Randy Mevers

Calvary Christian Reformed Church

people in the United States and much of the rest of the great Christmas present and instead they received an awful to offer the community. April Fool's Day joke. Why is this so?

Psalm 20 verse 7 states "some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." It seems that lately many have trusted in donkeys and many have trusted in elephants. However, children of God should trust in God.

Tucker/Ford

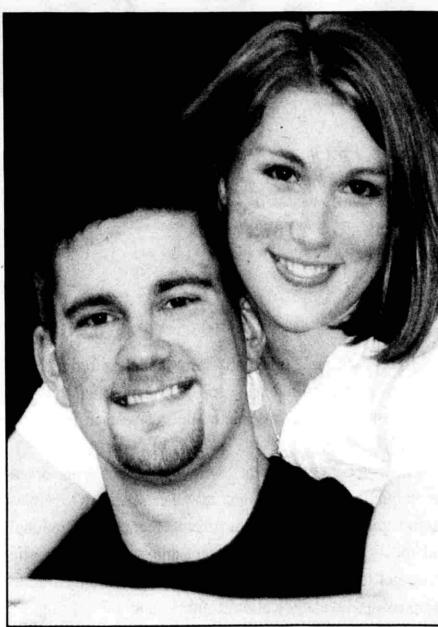


Kristen and Richard Tucker

Kleist. Bridesmaids were school. Elizabeth Koopman, Emily

Kristen Lynn Ford and Hunt, and Andrea Benore. Richard William Tucker Best man was Brian Benore. were united in matrimony Groomsmen were Michael on July 26 at Boulder Creek Tucker, Richard Ford, and Golf Course in Grand Rap- Robert Tucker. The couple ids. Parents of the couple are honeymooned in Punta Cana Bob and Mary Ford of Low- and will reside in Lexington ell, Robert and Karen Tucker Park, MD. Richard is curof Samaria, and Glenn and rently serving in the United Mona Kuntz of Toledo, OH. States Navy and Kristi cur-Maid of Honor was Amy rently teaches elementary in 2003, and Grand Valley

Ingagements Gemmell/Veltkamp



Jenell Jean Gemmel and Adam Philip Veltkamp

The marriage of Jenell Jean Gemmell and Adam Philip Veltkamp will be celebrated on Nov. 22, 2008. The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School State University. She and her parents, Ty and Christine

Gemmell, are of Lowell. The future groom graduated from Cedar Springs High School in 2003, and Ferris State University. He and his parents, Roland and Christine Veltkamp, are of Cedar Springs.

When you are in distress, or just plain stress, do not done in the world. In fact, your plans may come true, but new place. Trust God to send you help from someone at the the journey you sit back and wow in God's creative glory. church you attend. It may not be as flashy as you would like,

come true, unless they are inline with what God would want for God.

rely on a new chariot or a perky donkey to move you to a God could direct your course of action so that by the end of

For most of us, chariots and horses are the things of but you will be surprised at how God has a way of meeting movies we watch while eating extra butter popcorn. I have you in your time of trouble with a kind and insightful word often wondered what the electoral world would be like if Yesterday was Election day. Today about half of the from a friend. God has a strange way of speaking through there were more animals than donkeys and elephants to other saints who tell you the truth with liberal doses of love. vote for? But Psalms challenges us to think about what world are now officially disappointed. They hoped for a God remembers your faithfulness and knows what you have our world would be like without donkeys and elephants. Imagine voting, Jesus for President? "Jesus for President" When you become apathetic, or just plain pathetic, do also happens to be the title of a good book written by Shane not depend on a sleek sure-footed horse or a strong elephant Claiborne. Another good book for those wishing to vote for to inspire you to new heights. Trust God to give you the God is "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and desires of your heart and to make all your plans succeed. the Left Doesn't Get It" by Jim Wallis. Or turn to the Good This is not to be confused with having your wildest fantasies Book, look at Psalm 20, and re-read why you should vote

Lowell Women's Club welcomes new members

Lowell Women's Club inducted 13 junior members and 5 new members at the Oct. 8 luncheon meeting.

13 members are all seniors from Lowell High School. Back row, left to right: Alex Herb, Ellie Timpson, Heemstra, Lauren Phalesha Kyes, Hannah Oberlin, Candice Althof, Brittany Holst, Melissa Slater, Sierra Moore, and Samantha Grasman. Middle row, left to right: Ashley Whittington, Elena Brubaker, and Katie Krolewicz. Front row, left to right: Tori Parsons. High School Lowell Guidance Counslor and Tricia Murphy-Alderman, High School Lowell Principal.

new members received red carnations at their induction. Pictured, left to right: Penny Rozema, Connie Elsasser, Jackie Morgan, Mary McAlary and Dawn Van Iterson.

> Photographs submitted by Barbara Brown





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Jim Lang. Wayne A. Christenson II. John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION

There are several different ways to treat depression. There are many medications available. Many years ago, our selection of medications was limited. Now we have many medications that work well with minimal side effects.

Brain chemicals called neurotransmitters work to regulate moods. These neurotransmitters are serotonin, norepinephrine, and dopamine. Medications work by altering the amount of these neurotransmitters in the brain, thereby affecting mood. Prozac, Paxil, Celexa, and Zoloft are the most common medications used to increase serotonin levels. Effexor and Cymbalta act by increasing both serotonin and norepinephrine. Wellbutrin acts to increase dopamine. The most common side effects are nausea, sedation, and dizziness which last less than a week. These medications take three to four weeks before most people note a difference. Every patient reacts differently to these medications.

Most patients should consider psychological therapy in addition to medical therapy. There are two different types of psychotherapy. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and Interpersonal therapy (IPT). CBT helps change negative thinking and behaving that may contribute to their depression. IPT helps people to understand and work through troubled relationships that may cause or contribute to their depression. Studies show that a combination of psychotherapy and medications work the best to alleviate depression and prevent relapse.



In The Service

than J. Burk has graduated from basic military training tions. at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

Air Force Airman Na- training exercises, and special training in human rela-

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn During the six weeks credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of John

Burk of Lowell. Burk is a 2007 graduate

of Lowell High School.



Airman Nathan J. Burk

WEDDING

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NOVEMBER 6:

NOVEMBER 7:

Keegan Geldersma, Charlene Butler, Kelsey Ligman, Carl Blough, Rachel Plotner.

David Korte, Andrew Potter, Dick Rutherford, Joshua Chamberlain.

Stouffer. De Young.

Kimberly Chamberlain, Doyle.

NOVEMBER 8:

NOVEMBER 9:

Roxanne Goff. Danielle

NOVEMBER 5:

Carol Sue McGregor, Angie Briggs, Tom Mohr, Daryll Kehoe, Becky

> **NOVEMBER 10:** Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor Tyler Dewey.

NOVEMBER 11: Mike Roudabush, Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingeier

Jr., Rachel Burns, Zachary Ligman, Justin Warren, N Stephen Kelley.

ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Nov. 10, 2008 Bundy, Katie Mendez,

LUNCH MENU

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TUES: Taco (soft or hard shell) w/cheese & lettuce (ham & cheese sub/lettuce also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh fruit, apple juice, animal crackers, milk.

WED: Rotini & Italian w/dinner meatsauce (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto. Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, pineapple, milk.

THURS: Tonv sausage pizza (chili w/ crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli warm baked slices, milk.

FRI: Chester Cheetah macaroni (turkey sub offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake). green beans, assorted Trax, milk.

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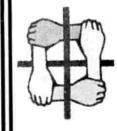
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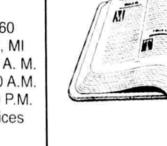
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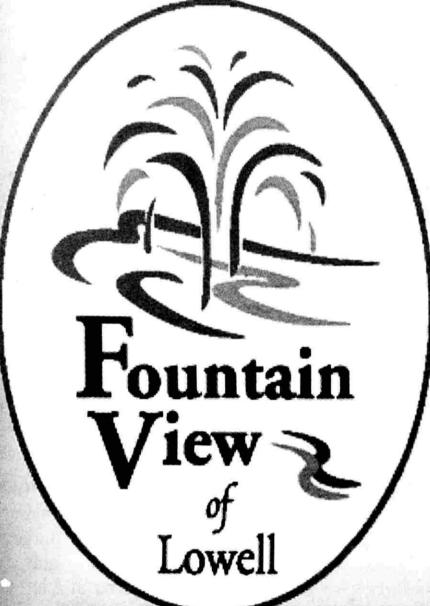


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Featured Artist

Bommarito opens her doors the venue is profitable and The group has met through on this year's Christmas affordable to the artists and Davis and Loretta Sailors. tour, visitors will find a the customers. big collection of paintings

Bommarito is number 14 it." located off Cumberland house will be adorned with in her own home. She went ahead. artincluding a spot dedicated came up with the idea of to many artists.

Mary doesn't charge commission, final results are surprising.

art," she said. "I encourage big family," she said. A mainstay of the tour, everyone to come and enjoy

different interpretations,"

artists get together and paint disappointed. She will have cement casting birdbaths through Nov. 16. the same subject matter. The art by Davis, Sailors, Doris

"First we were spread "It's nice for the artists out, but then we met and it by her colleagues. Call it a to be able to sell a piece grew into a love affair we temporary gallery, if you and for people to see their have with each other like a

Moreover, Bommarito show would be taken, but Road. All the rooms in the loves seeing all the artwork encouraged by Davis she

"It's always been a to late David Davis, a mentor showcasing art nine years wonderful show," she said. ago, before the Christmas "It's bittersweet for me that

through Lowell tour started. he cannot be here. But we Larson, wooden bowls and her own watercolors

by Lars Larson, Bonnie and mixed media. "I will Bommarito promises Osborne, Gerard Wood, keep doing it until it's no fun that nobody who walks Gerri Treves, Cheryl Perry, anymore," she said. Quite often, the circle of into her home will be lotions by Dee Bellini, new

The tour runs Nov. 14



Mary Bommarito hanging her art will play host to other artists.

Area businesses enjoy some Halloween fun



Did they do that? Laboite Inc. employees certainly did dress up for Halloween. Pictured from left to right, are: Cindy, Rose, Allan, Sue, Richard, Bill and Lisa.



The spirit of Halloween was served up at Lowell's Backwater Cafe on Friday. Dressed up in their Halloween costumes are, left to right, Billie Jo, Shelly, Kelly, Linda and Bif.

You know what's interesting about Washington? It's the kind of place where second-guessing has become second nature.

- George W. Bush (1946 -), Speech on May 17, 2002





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EAST LANSING

Sometimes life is smooth sailing. Sometimes life requires struggle to reach a goal. Today in East Lansing, Champagne, Bloomington, West Lafayette and in Minneapolis, there were five Big Ten games that were requiring at least five teams to battle to reach their goal.

Final outcomes of those five games:

- 1. Illinois beat Iowa by a field goal in the last 24 seconds. 2. Indiana lost a close one to CMU.
- 3. Purdue fought to win their first conference game over Michigan.
- Northwestern

weekend

In East Lansing, for the fifth game, football life wasn't any easier as the Spartans took on a tough Wisconsin team that is trying to get back on track. Here are some observations of today's game as it relates to life, in my opinion. First, here's the scenario.

The score at end of first quarter: Wisconsin 7 - MSU 0. At end of the second quarter: Wisconsin 10 - MSU 6. At end of the third quarter: Wisconsin 17 - MSU 13. At seven seconds to go in the fourth quarter: Wisconsin 24 - MSU 22.

This game was a battle all the way. Coaching kept their cool. The team kept playing hard throughout the game. The quarterback kept his cool; and even though someone might not catch a pass, Brian Hoyer did not blame incompletions on others. He did not get angry with receivers or with himself. He simply kept playing. Everyone simply kept doing their assignments. They didn't blame someone else for failure.

It's called trusting teammates and trusting coaches. Enter State's placekicker Brett Swenson with seven seconds to go. He kicked a 44 yard field goal to win the game 25 - 24.

unfavorable results. Many human beings do it. I confess that play executed better. So hang in. Each team runs about 60 to I have my moments. Now, when we have an organization 80 offense plays per game. Your team will not win the battle of people that operate with trust and teamwork, whether of all 60 to 80 plays. Recognize the professional coaches are they have smooth sailing or struggle, the organization wins probably more knowledgeable than you and I are. Recognize or loses knowing they did so as a team. And even with the that the players with lots of success in the past, although they struggles, the team grows and achieves together. In fact, I want to recommend a book to anyone interested to consider reading, "The Magic of Thinking Big" by Schwartz. Schwartz suggests that we must stop blaming someone else for ourfailures and figure it out and be positive. Ok? Sound good? Sounds good. Just some thoughts, friends.

Coming up: Here's what the contenders are doing this hosting Purdue at noon on BTN. next weekend. Penn State is visiting the tough defense of Iowa, Ohio State is traveling to Northwestern who can be a team when they are the star. It is difficult to participate on difficult and MSU is hosting a potent Purdue team that is a team when they are not the star. This lesson is excellent for fresh off a big offensive win at home.

Tagline: During a game in any one of the Big Ten stadiums probably every Saturday, there will be fans that grumble or question play calling. "Gosh that call was so 4. Minnesota struggled to stay in the Big Ten race and lost to predictable!" or "Why did they call a time out?" or "Gee, how could the quarterback not see the receiver? He was wide Meanwhile, Ohio State and Penn State had a bye open." or "Holy cow the defense is not tackling very well." Or "How can the quarterback be so far off on that pass? Who was he throwing to anyway?"

Please allow me to come to this column with humility and share a perspective that is as a result of watching kids and coaches from little 78'ers on up to fifth year seniors in Big Ten football. A perspective: 1.) The head coach knows more about the entire situation, and he has more command of all the details than anyone else in the stadium. Does that make him flawless? No. It does make him more prepared to make the best decision in his judgment for the situation at hand. And the player who seemingly had poor execution... did he really? Well that's why they watch film on Sunday to

Also, we (you and I) might think we know better than the coach and/or player. However, keep in mind that every team in the Big Ten wants to win. All 11 teams have talented play makers and they all have above average coaching. So when we see that our favorite team fails on any given play, keep in mind that it might not be just because your team executed

Friends, it is human nature to blame someone else for poorly. It probably is because the opponent on that particular are not flawless, are still executing well. As a team when the team and coaches trust each other, the results get better and better over time. Hang in football fans and cheer for your favorite team including the 10-0 Lowell Red Arrows.

TV times, Michigan is at Minnesota at noon on ESPN; Indiana is hosting Wisconsin at noon on BTN: and MSU is

Quotes of the week: "It is easy for kids to participate on the football player when he leaves football and goes to work where he starts out on the bottom again before he becomes a star later in his professional career," said Sheryl Bacon, Mother of Mike Bacon #60 Spartan offensive lineman.

"Football mothers look for each other. They have a sisterhood connection that only a football mom understands. We have the same goals for our boys. We don't have to say anything. We understand each other," said Darlene Ringer, Mother of #23 Javon Ringer Spartan tailback.

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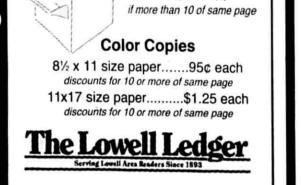
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First bridal show, a big success for Grand Volute

by Emma Palova

Intimate and with plenty of chatting time between vendors and brides allowing for relaxed purchases may best describe the first bridal show at Grand Volute Ballrooms.

Grand Volute opened its doors for business in March decked in elegance and sophistication. Since then, it has hosted weddings as well as business and private

vendors present, the show It wasn't a massive crush." covered the entire gamut of wedding services. From nothing was rushed: The from the area." dresses to confections, music brides-to-be with moms to make-up and decorations, or future grooms could as well as modeling brides comfortably sit that paraded down the grand on a sofa with Modern staircases, enjoyed it all.

"The bridal show was

a wonderful success," said Kent McKay, owner of Grand Volute Ballrooms. Mulnix, "I was pleased with "The clients had time to

With approximately 37 speak to vendors at length, the success. We had out-of-

participants Photographics **Brandon Mulnix**

Mulnix registered 114 brides and moms.

"That's awesome," said

town brides, who stopped by And at this show truly and we drew a good number

> Even couples not immediately getting married browsed through the facility checking out goodies for

Complete Music MiraBella strawberry shortcake and custard cake.

Unlike Grand Rapids bridal shows, Grand Volute oridal show was much more subdued and relaxed.

"Brides like that for a relaxed purchase," said McKay.

McKay has plans to do a bridal show in 2009.

owner brides-to-be. Harpist Julie Mowery provided soft music, while danced away the afternoon Confections offered samples of their

> Floral and decorating vendors showcased new ideas such as the wall of lights and Eiffel Tower



Julie Mowery played soft music on the harp.

Complete Music DJs danced away the afternoon. Lowell High School announces

Peckham, 11th grade, are the LHS October Students of the

for this honor a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms for

Britny Peckham

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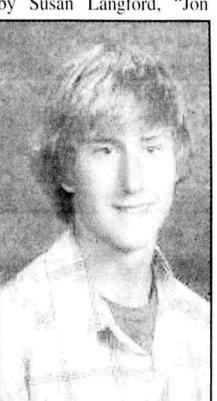
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gift card and a certificate.

October Students of the Month



Jonathan Woods

Woods was nominated the month are then reviewed by Susan Langford, "Jon my classroom!"

and voted on at the monthly is an incredibly positive Rehabilitation in Ohio, the war. Later, she worked at schools. LHS Academic Boosters, Department Chair Meeting, influence, artist and student where she now resides. Chase Lanes in Grand Rapids announced that Jon Woods, be honored for the month. independently finds tasks to granddaughters, came from Brunswick instructor. In with her son and daughter-Students are selected based help the classroom run more Dayton to mark the occasion 1966 she was "Woman in-law, Carroll and Carolyn on academic achievement, effectively. In addition to with her son, Carroll. Among Bowler of the Year" at Chase Weller. character, and work ethic. these tasks, he creates very There are 1314 students high level projects and he In order to be eligible eligible for nomination. The assists other students when students receive a \$20 movie they need help. There are



days that I wonder how he accomplishes so much in

nominated by Nick Blough who writes, "Britny is a Cascade Christian Church very hard working student! where she was known for She is motivated, respectful, her chicken dinners and attentive in class and a great including gardening, arts candidate for Student of the and crafts, county fairs, card

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I think age is a very high price to pay for maturity. - Tom Stoppard (1937 -)



Former Lowell resident celebrates 100th birthday Emma Quiggle, form- she worked for Lear-Avia erly of Lowell, turned 100 as an aircraft parts inspector she was also an inspector

the greetings she received for Lanes with a high game of her special day was a card from the White House.

Emma was born in St. Leon, Manitoba, Canada She lived near Grand Rapids, for more than 70 years of her adult life. She and her was husband, Guy Quiggle, were active members of the organized, on time to class, caramel corn. She developed focused on class material, many interests over the years games, bingo and bowling.

During World War 2

In her long career, years old on Oct. 25 and and participated in the Civil at Amway in Ada in their celebrated with a party Defense program. She and quality-control department arranged by the staff at Guy operated a bowling and cooked school lunches West Chester Nursing and alley located in Lowell after at both Ada and Lowell selecting two students to in my ceramics class. He Her grandson, and great- where she became a certified Mason area in 1996 to live

Quiggle moved to the



Emma Quiggle turned 100 on Oct. 25.

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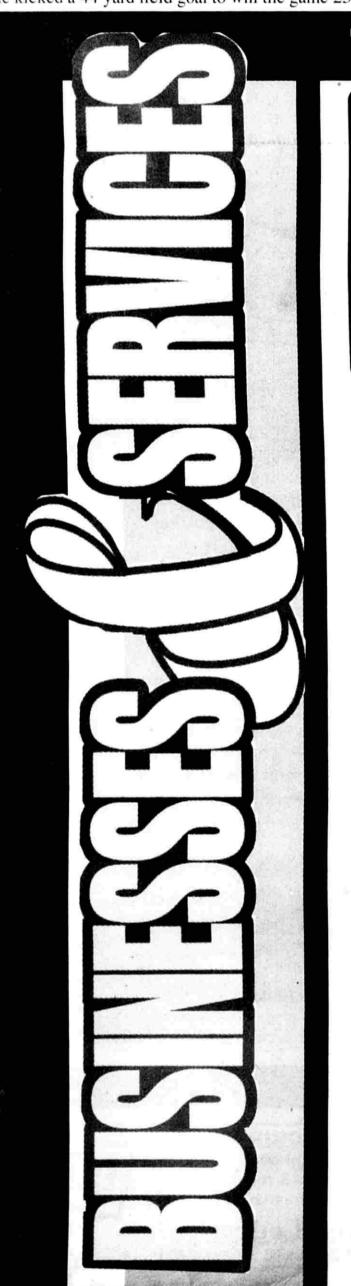
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Hard-hitting Rockford powers past Lowell spikers

by Thad Kraus

lines of the Class A district tournament for a youthful Delacher. Lowell volleyball team was a new experience.

Playing against the fourth ranked team in the state didn't help ease the task at hand.

tempo and with it never gain confidence as it won the match in three games 25-19, 25-17, 25-13.

they gave us, but when we extra needed to finish.

cleaned that up our offense Being on the front took over," said Rockford volleyball coach Kelly

> The Rams, who finished third in the O-K Red, with the GiGi Peal said. "In game nine. Jordan Timmer added win over Lowell advanced to three, with that aspect of six. Madelyn Brower was

start. There is always nerves A big hitting club from going in. It's always good to to 17 and 18 with a lot of Rockford controlled the get that first win out of way and now hopefully we'll allowed the Red Arrows to improve throughout district play," Delacher explained. Despite struggling with

its serve receive all night, "We did a good job Lowell managed to make it The girls struggled early games one and two. But, with controlling their tips what has been the case, the and some of the free balls Red Arrows lacked the little

one and two despite not Lowell volleyball coach

our game struggling, the "It's definitely a good girls just finally wore down. Throughout the year we got good teams, but just could not get over that little hump confidence. That's moving toward the ball instead of taking a step back."

Rockford's Kim Weaver with putting balls away. work throughout much of had a match-leading 44 assists. Cailie Johnson led

"She's a great jumper. It's tough for blocks to get

championship in Battle

Morse and Olep victorious in national wrestling tournies

wrestlers, Lowell's Jackson Dylan Alton. Morse did just fine.

tournament in Greensboro going into the tournament. North Carolina.

"It's one of the toughest national tournaments in the country," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean said.

win Morse championship, had to defeat some of the country's best.

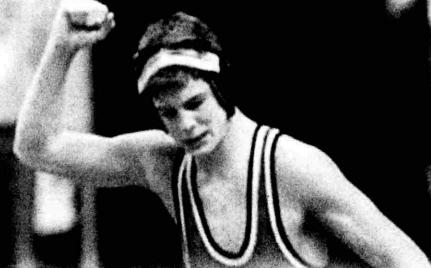
In the quarterfinals, Morse defeated Brandon, Florida's Joe Cozart (ranked seventh nationally).

The semifinals saw Morse defeat the number

one ranked 145-pounder in Morse was not alone Competing among the country from Central in victory. Ryan Olep. some of the nation's elite Mountain Pennsylvania, competing in a national

In the finals it was Morse Creek, won top honors in The Red Arrows besting Joseph Napoly the 171-pound division

wrestler claimed top honors out of Cumberland Valley, with a win over Montini in the 145 pound class at Pennsylvania. Napoly was Catholic, Illinois grappler the Super 32 wrestling ranked 13th in the country Alex Sanders.



Jackson Morse was the 145-pound champion at a national tournament (Super 32) in Greens-

thought the girls out and close on her. She hits the club leader in kills with hung with them in games over blocks and into holes," Delacher explained.

Heather Burger led all year with the same group Red Arrows in assists with

said. "They have a lot of kids taking off. We hope to be where Rockford is over the next couple of years."

Lowell finishes the

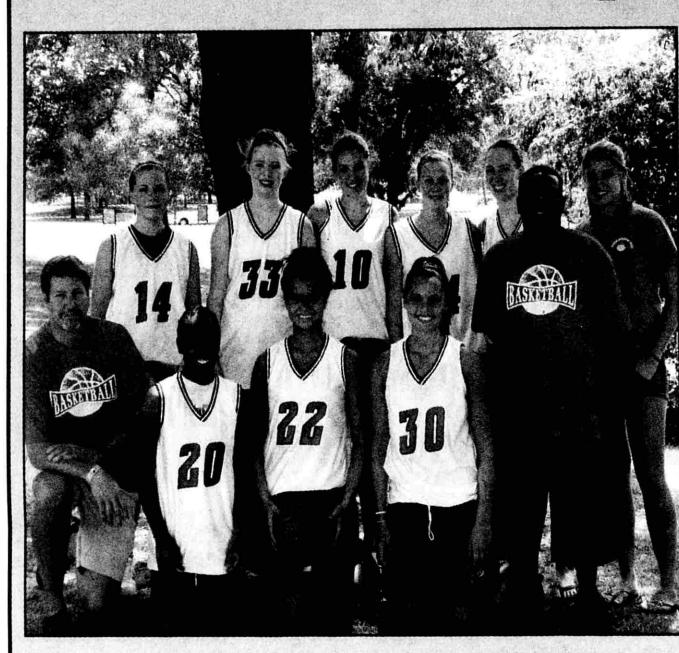
Tournament Champs

five while Lauren Ferguson

"We start over next

and that's exciting," Peal

contributed with five.



The Lady Red Arrows and Company claimed the American Youth Basketball Tour Tournament held in Fort Wayne, IN. The 40-team tourney came down to the West Michigan club with an AAU team from Ohio. The national tournament was held in August. The Lady Red Arrows and Company have been playing together for the past three years. Pictured in front row, left to right: head coach Dan Geelhoed, Destiny Robinson (Grand Rapids Christian), Jordan Roberts (Grandville), Stephanie Snikkers (Unity Christian) and assistant coach Robinson; back row, left to right: Kayleigh VanKeulen (Kalamazoo Christian), Bryleigh Laughlin (Lowell), Hannah Geelhoed (Lowell), Taylor Flanagan (Lowell), Katie Thomkins (Lowell), and assistant coach Amanda Geelhoed.

boro, North Carolina.

it probably isn't going to win anyhow.

at winning a state title in Division II. So do a few other it is warranted.

teams - Muskegon comes to mind. that East Grand Rapids may very well be the best team in the Christian, or East Grand Rapids?

I read in a West Michigan publication earlier this year Everett? Are they better than Davison, Grand Rapids

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OKAY -

Someone Has To Say It ...

I've heard and I am sure you have heard and/or read that Lowell is ranked number one in the country by the Massey High School Football Poll

It sounds good, but folks don't drink that Kool Aid.

Coming from a source that has never seen Lowell play or probably 90 percent of the other teams mentioned in that poll, how credible can it be?

I admit I don't put a lot of credence in state or national polls or local rankings by area sports writers.

They are fun. Fans like to read them especially if their club is ranked among the best. Other than that they don't mean anything.

Whether the Red Arrows are ranked one or 251 will have no impact on Friday's game with Caledonia. I guarantee it won't have any affect on the Scot's play. Caledonia doesn't need a poll to get it ready for a playoff game. If it does, then

state let alone in Division III.

I didn't believe it then and I certainly don't believe it now following their 35-12 defeat to Lowell a few weeks How the two teams execute will determine the ago.

The problem with all these polls, state or locally Lowell is a good football team and has a legitimate shot generated, is it is as much political and publicity driven as

The best poll is the eye test. How good was Lansing

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Offensive Explosion!

Red Arrows need all 62 points in electrifying win over Vikings

by Thad Kraus

practice.

physicality, however, that we would have to go down

physical than we were. That up against. You could almost happens. We worked on that see him run right, set up all all year but it just caught up the blocks and cut back, to us. Hats off to Lowell. almost setting a wall up. He I was embarrassed." We wish them the best of does a great job with that luck. They are a very strong offense.'

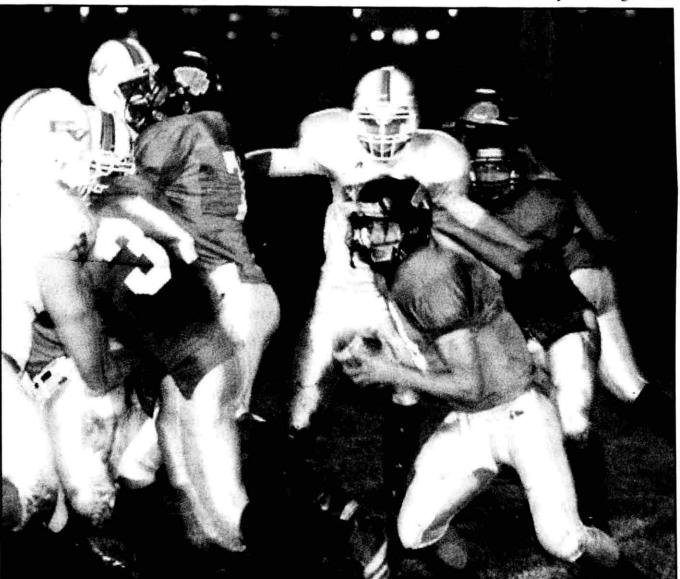
Lansing explained. Despite all of Everett on film could cause Nichol's offensive fireworks, an opponent to get winded. Everett's explosiveness never Chasing down the likes of gave the number one team in Viking quarterback Reggie Division II an opportunity to separation and not make it

at 62, you know, if Everett

they score, we score, they "I didn't feel comfortable score, we score," Dean explained. We knew coming Lowell's onside-kicks at the end there in we might have to steal a

to catch and eventually get But Everett kicks it out of pick up that extra, extra ahead and stay ahead of the end zone so then we knew point but the call was made fleet-footed Vikings. Lowell they were conceding," Dean to the perimeter kids but the defeated Lansing Everett said. "Reggie (Williams) is a line had no idea that call in a Division II pre-district phenomenal player. We knew was made. That probably shootout at Bob Perry Field, that coming in. We watched comes back to coaching. enough of their games this We need to do a better job "They were just more year to know what we were of getting word across shuffle pass and it just got

A 23-yard touchdown run midway through the



Kyle Nichol rolled up 254 yards rushing against the Everett defense.

find a way to stop them. We Deshawn Thompson. knew going in if we were able to stop them it would driving 72 yards on its be a close game."

to slow down Williams, in from three-yards out. stopping Kyle Nichol. The 'plays and a punt, Nichol 180 while throwing for three pass. A missed two-point

"He's done a nice job

we just couldn't get them the Vikings marched 65 yards many teams would have off the field," said Everett and scored the game's first of been a comfortable 27-6 coach Marcelle Carruthers. 16 touchdowns on an eight- advantage, but this was an "Whoever plays them has to yard pass from Williams to electric group of Vikings." Lowell answered,

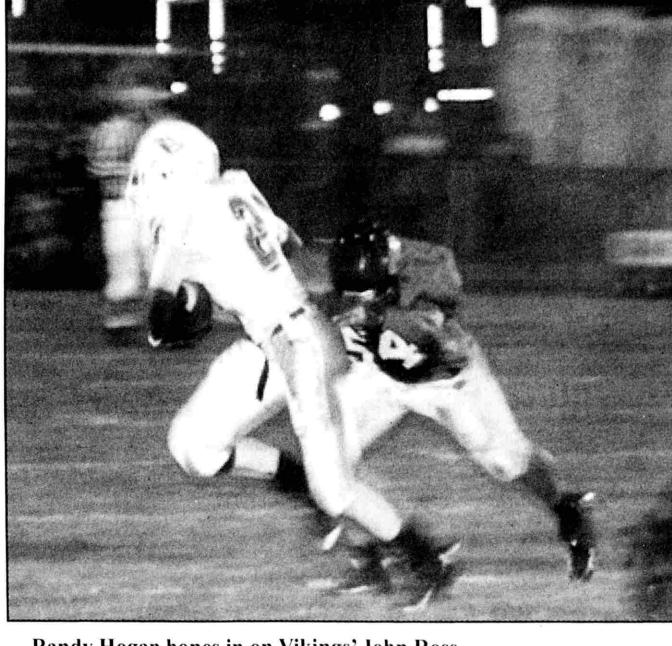
answer for defense held Everett to three

a 13-6 advantage. to interception ratio is successful onside kick. seven at 27-20. incredible. Kyle is certainly Lowell then marched 44one of the best quarterbacks yards with Nichol running were up against. They in the state of Michigan. it in from the two-yard line, are two plays from being We're proud of him," Lowell giving Lowell a 20-6 lead undefeated and two plays

Everett drew first blood second quarter by Nichol move the ball on them but on this Halloween night as gave Lowell what against Everett took three

minutes to drive 80 yards with Williams running it opening possession with into the end zone from the While Lowell struggled Austin Graham busting one 11-yard line. Trailing 27-13, the Vikings intercepted After the Red Arrow Nichol on Lowell's next possession at the Red Arrow 48 yard line. It didn't take senior quarterback rushed connected with Torsten boss the Vikings long to find for 254 yards and threw for on a 50-yard touchdown the end zone. Three plays into the drive, John Ross touchdowns and running for conversion left Lowell with exploded 45 yards over right tackle trimming what The Red Arrows was a comfortable 20-point all year. His touchdown followed that up with a Lowell lead minutes ago to

"We knew what we



Randy Hogan hones in on Vikings' John Ross.

playoffs. All you had to pass and Nichol scored his That set us back, reeling do is watch a little film on third rushing touchdown Also, Cole (Wade) didn't trouble," Dean said.

Lowell's most impressive to build Lowell's lead to 48- that kind of production. That drive of the night came in 27. the final 90 seconds of the first half. Nichol completed two scores Adarius Beard with-all," Dean explained. two 19-yard passes to Boss returned a Lowell kickoff moving the ball down to the 80 yards for touchdown. Viking 30. A 15-yard pass to Graham advanced the for Lowell came on a 21- Caledonia (10-0). ball to the 15. Two plays vard touchdown run by later Nichol connected with Graham, who finished with about Caledonia. It's a Derek Cornish on a 15-yard a 140 yards rushing, and a different kind of team. touchdown pass giving 31-yard touchdown scamper We're looking forward to Lowell a 34-20 half-time by Nichol.

Everett did not get total yards. within 14 points in the second half. Lowell scored has been doing a nice job were hoping for this matchon its opening two drives all year. Especially tonight, up and look forward to it," of the third quarter. Boss with losing Josh (Faulkner) Dean concluded.

them to know we were in of the night on a six -yard play tonight. Without two of scamper with four minutes our better offensive lineman What may have been to play in the third stanza we still came out and had

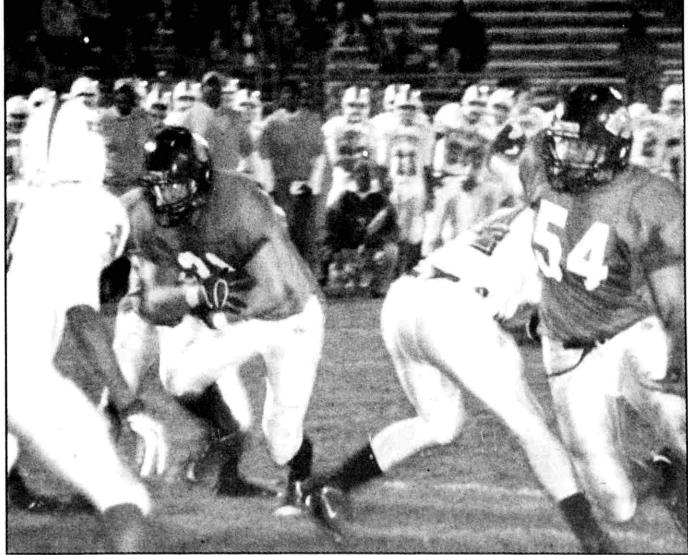
Fourth-quarter scores

caught a 20-yard touchdown the first play of the game.

speaks to our line depth and In between, Lowell's it speaks to their where-

The win advances the Red Arrows to the district final against undefeated

"The focus now is playing Caledonia. We have Lowell rolled up 596 been looking forward to playing them all winter, all "Our offensive line spring and all summer. We



Lowell's Austin Graham busts a run up the middle in first half action football coach Noel Dean and some separation. from not being out of the Friday night at Bob Perry Field. Graham finished with 140 yards.

Winner receives free shoes when ice melts

The Lowell Historical to Tin Knockers" exhibit Wolverine Shoe Company.

Museum's 2008 "Cobblers featured an ice melt contest Showboat Week back duplicating the participants made their guess in 1934. 1934 promotion done by as to when the giant frozen cube of ice containing a pair the closest to the time

The Coons Men's Store of work boots would melt.

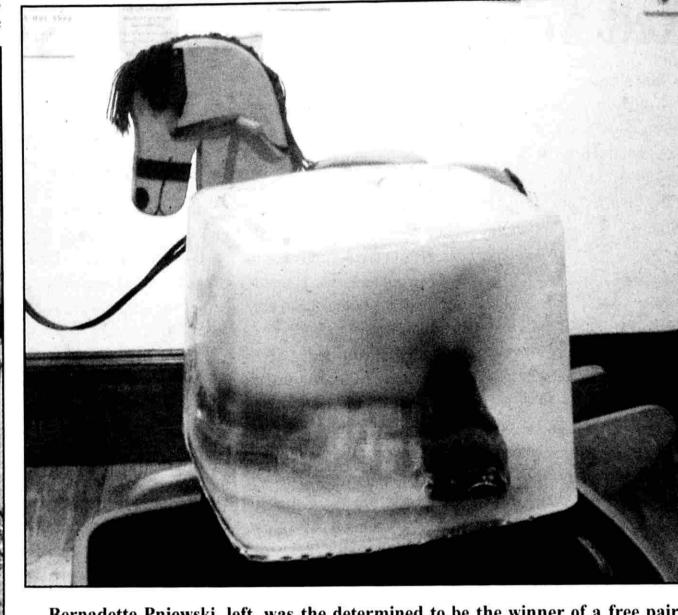
Bernadette Pniewski took 91 hours. The correct in front of their store during was the winner of the free time was Monday, Oct. 6 pair of shoes again donated Block opened with a in 1934. Then and now, by Wolverine Shoes just as guessed Oct. 6 at 9 a.m.

She won by guessing

our block of ice melted. It Bernadette, is the greatat 11:55:30 a.m. Pniewski Ironically, the winner, building which now contains

great granddaughter of Dr. Reagan's office, The Morgan Lyon, the builder of one-half of the Lyon Block. He built the four storefront

Hanger, Dovetail Antiques, and Glass House Designs.



Bernadette Pniewski, left, was the determined to be the winner of a free pair of shoes by guessing how long it would take the above block of ice to melt.

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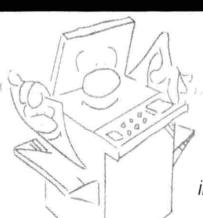


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What an honorable tribute to retired firefighter and Army Ex-POW Thomas Van Putten on Tuesday. Lowell was awesome to look at with the procession of the fire trucks, paramedics, and local firefighters paying tribute to this honorable man on his last ride on a fire truck. Thank you for serving Thomas. You will be missed.

Coach Ellis-- You are the best!!! Thank you for giving the cross country girls a great season. Your efforts are very appreciated!

We were Booed! Wednesday evening! What a wonderful surprise! Thank you for all the Halloween treats. One of us wished for chocolate 10 minutes before you knocked on our door. You're a good neighbor, we wish we knew who you are!

Why can't the kids for the skate park get help from the Community Grant Funds? I don't see the harm in helping these kids and I don't even have any kids this age left at home.

Kudos to the Ace Hardware store whose employees are so helpful. Special thanks to Andrew for fixing my spotlight. You're awesome!

Thanks for making me look good! I'm the Schwan's route manager in the Lowell area and had a running friendly wager with the route manager whom services E.G.R. My blowout prediction was realized-THANKS! Good Luck in the state playoffs

and congrats on the number #1 ranking in the MidWest per USA Today. It's very impressive to watch a community that is so behind their program and to see all of the enthusiasm. Keep up the hard work, focus, and humility

The football team is great! But let's also remember the marching band works very hard for these play-off games,too. They rock!!

I wish we could go to back to the "good old days," when the people we sent to Washington were statesmen, not politicians, people wanted to be elected to an office to "work," not "fight" for the people, and people were proud to be an American, not a Democrat or a Republican.

Check out the "test" LED street lights on N. Jefferson Street. Information about the lights are posted on the the City of Lowell home page. Please give the city your opinion!

I've been trying to find a home in the Lowell area to rent and not only are the prices outrageous but people don't allow pets. Don't they realize that they are part of the family too. Isn't that the for a security deposit? Come on people - give us animal lovers a break.

The Lowell community did an outstanding job of raising money for the Pink Pride Project. I was so surprised and disgusted to see two young women wearing the pink shirts and both smoking. I wonder if in a few years if they get breast or lung cancer they will remember what those shirts stood for.

To the person or persons that took the boy statue from our baby son's grave in Oakwood Cemetery, we really hope you enjoy having it.

I would really like to let the Lowell community know about Kathy Cole the founder and director of the TOTS program and all the things she does for the community and all of the opportunities that are out there through the TOTS program. How would I go about doing so?

-Thanks, Jamie

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