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Christmas through Lowell rings in the holiday spirit

by Emma Palova

What started out as a walk-through seven crafters' homes in the Suffolk Street neighborhood has grown into a major event signaling the holiday season.

The 17th annual Christmas through Lowell tour this year features old mainstays such as 'Sleigh Bells and Holly' at the arts council, as well as new crafters and businesses.

Among the emerging crafters are Abba Pottery, Lailo Designs, Jay-Tee Products, Christine's Confections and Crafts and The Comfy Home. New businesses on the tour include The Hanger and Daisy Floral and Gifts.

"This is an opportunity

for crafters to sell their crafts," said Barbara Schmaltz, volunteer and marketing coordinator for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

The tour features 44 homes, businesses and churches offering a wide array of delightful gifts. The vendors are scattered from as far as Parnell to the downtown core. And the wares are many from woodwork items to Cabin Comfort honey. Usually more than one crafter is stationed at a certain location.

Over the years, the event, coinciding with the hunting season, has grown tremendously. Annually it attracts thousands of shoppers to the downtown

area during the three-day period from Nov. 14 through Nov. 16.

"Our goal is to bring business to Lowell while providing a pleasurable experience," said Schmaltz. "It's one of the events that makes us well known."

It is not unusual for shoppers to pile up in a van and go from place to place, according to Schmaltz.

"This is when people start their Christmas shopping," said Schmaltz.

Most crafters donate gifts for a drawing of the post cards at the end of the event. One person then wins a whole basket of gifts.

The chamber has sent 2,800 post cards to people who have attended in the past.

Teresa Baker of Backyard Boutique along with the Lily Pad is one of many stops on this year's Christmas tour.



Mock election held at Alto Elementary

The students of Alto Elementary made their way to the "polls" in our Media Center and cast their vote for president as

well as other "issues" on the ballot including movie for movie night (three choices), favorite color M&M (six choices), favorite food on a

stick (five choices), favorite non-chocolate candy (five choices), and favorite patriotic holiday (five choices).



The results are in:

- President - McCain 61 percent over Obama 39 percent
- Movie - 101 Dalmations 44 percent
- M&M - Blue 35 percent
- Food on a stick - Cotton Candy 33 percent
- Non-Chocolate candy - Skittles 30 percent - Air Heads 29 percent
- Patriotic Holiday - Fourth of July 80 percent.

Election 2008 yields record voter turnout

by Emma Palova

It was an emotional day for most, regardless the party vote. The young and the old voted for the first time, from college students to retirees. They flocked to the polls from far and near, voting absentee in distant corners of the world, because it mattered.

For Lowell city

clerk Betty Morlock, the presidential election 2008 was exciting. She recalls a young man coming to vote, who looked too young.

"He had just turned 18," she said. "It was his first vote. That was very cool, to see the young and the old vote. I saw a lot of young kids."

It was a beautiful November day, some voters

like in Vergennes Township congregated outside the township hall under a canopy.

General election on Nov. 4, 2008 has now entered history. On this day, American people elected Barack Obama, 47, the

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L Saturday's game moved to Grand Haven

The site for the regional championship game between Lowell and Muskegon has been switched from Hackley Stadium in Muskegon to Grand Haven High School's Gene Rothi Memorial Field. (at Grand Haven Buccaneer Stadium)

Kickoff between the two undefeated teams is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The gates will open at noon.

Fans traveling to the game should take 96 west to the Nunica/Spring Lake (M-104) exit. Turn left at the exit. Follow the road south through Grand Haven to Ferris St. Turn right, the school is on the right.

Obituaries



ANDERSON
Lillian L. Anderson, aged 77 of Lowell, formerly of Alto, passed away Tuesday, November 4, 2008. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Art. She is survived by her children, Yanetta 'Mickey' (Ron) Dawson, Marva (Ronald Hayes) Casler and Barb (Nick) Welemirov; sisters, Pat Crothers and Arlene (Stan) Hartger; grandchildren, Melonie (Doug) Warner, Tracy (Mark) Marentette, Vektra Casler, Dawn Brown, Ross (Loretta) Casler; great grandchildren, Blake, Brice, Kendra, Brady, and Justin. Memorial service will be held

Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to, Faith Bible Church of Alto, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

FONGER

Surrounded by loving care, the Good Shepherd called home his faithful one, Dorothy M. Fonger of Whitehall, on November 6, 2008. She was born May 17, 1924, in Melrose Park, Ill., to Rudolph and Helene (Kuhlmann) Luurs. She lived in the Spring Lake area for many years. On August 23, 1952, in Montague she married Richard Fonger, who preceded her in death. She had been a homemaker and had worked as a rural letter carrier for the U.S. Postal

Service. She attended St. James Lutheran Church in Montague and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Spring Lake prior to that. Dorothy loved reading, music and the beauty of Duck Lake. Her family included one son, Hoyt (Janet) Fonger of Richland; three daughters; Jane Fonger (Roy Vosberg) and Lucy (Brent) Yemc, both of Wisconsin, and Becky (Lee) Hughes of Florida; a grandson, Eric Hughes of Florida; and a brother, Ronald (Bridgette) Luurs of Arizona. A memorial service was held Monday. Memorial donations may be made to the building fund of St. James Lutheran church, 8669 Stebbins St., Montague, MI 49437

Open season for medicare prescription drug coverage

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Do you have Medicare coverage? Do you take prescription medication? Would you like help paying your premiums, deductibles or co-payments? If the answer to these questions is yes, then we have important news for you.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary who has not enrolled in the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program, you may do so during the open season, which begins Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 31.

If you also have limited income and resources, you also may qualify for extra help which could be worth more than \$3,600 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$15,600 for an individual or \$21,000 for a married couple living together.
- Resources limited to \$11,990 for an individual or \$23,970 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count your house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or get an application, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting was approved as corrected and the accounts payables were approved.

Motion to adopt the Tree Ordinance as presented.

Motion to adopt the resolution establishing LCTV Endowment Board and Other Matters Related Thereto as presented.

Yea: Ellison, Pfaller and Hodges.
Nay: Altoft. Absent: Shores

Motion to award contract to O.E. Bieri and Sons for \$7,500 for the Water Street storm sewer replacement project.

Motion to approve the amended 2008-2009 Light and Power Annual Budget and Capital Plan as presented.

Motion to approve the blocking of the west end of the alley between the Post Office and Lowell Ledger behind the Lowell area Historical Museum.

Yea: 3 (Altoft, Ellison and Hodges)
Nay: 1 (Pfaller) Absent: 1 (Shores)

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 17, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

A NOTE FROM THE F.R.O.M. THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift shop will be open on Wednesdays, 11/12 and 11/19 until 8:00 p.m.; also on 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17 for your shopping convenience!

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE V, "TREES," TO CHAPTER 23, "VEGETATION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 08-04 adding Article V, "Trees," to Chapter 23, "Vegetation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on November 3, 2008. Ordinance No. 08-04 provides requirements and procedures for the planting, care, removal and replacement of trees, shrubs and other woody plants in and adjacent to public street right-of-ways and in city parks and other city-owned property. A copy of Ordinance No. 08-04 is available from the City Clerk at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City.

Ordinance No. 08-04 is effective ten days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL

FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

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

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

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

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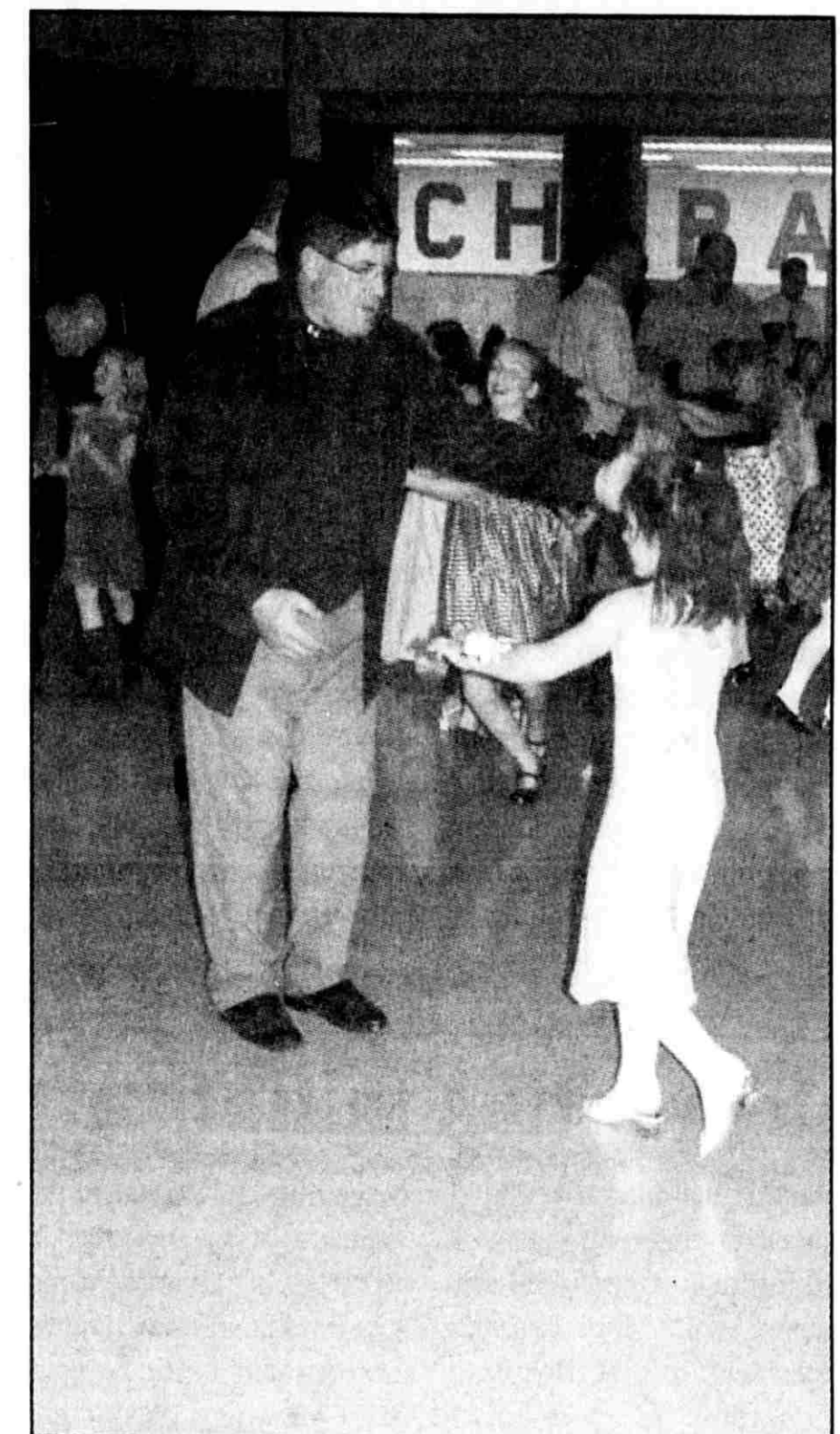
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Lady Arrows Varsity Club holds annual father-daughter dance

The Lady Arrows Varsity Club of Lowell High School hosted its annual father-daughter dance on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Cherry Creek Elementary.



Darby Dean and her father Noel enjoyed dancing together at the Lady Arrows father-daughter dance.

Along with several members of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club, approximately 85 girls in second and third grade from Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake Elementary Schools enjoyed the evening of dance, food and fun.

Nicole Halbeisen, co-chairperson of the event welcomed everyone. Each girl received a carnation, a goodie bag containing fun items, and a framed picture of the father-daughter couple. Fifty-three door prizes donated from local businesses, including McDonald's, Pep Talk, and Ada Lowell 5, were also awarded to raffle winners.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Lady Arrows Varsity Club. The Lady Arrows Varsity Club is a Lowell High School club founded by Kathy Talus, a long-time LHS teacher and coach, before her death. Its focus is to honor female athletes from LHS and provide leadership and networking opportunities.

Any high school girl who has earned a varsity letter in a MHSAA sanctioned sport and maintains good citizenship and grades qualifies for admittance. Robin Briggs, Dee Crowley, Sarah Ellis, and Patty Sellner serve as advisors.

College News

The following Lowell area students were on the dean's list last semester at Aquinas College: Heather Becker, Jamie Fink, Connie Hight, Hannah Knudstrup, Allison Schneider, Nicole Shepard, Mary Vezino and Elise Wisniewski.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above in a minimum of 12 hours or more of graded credit in any semester.

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former Illinois senator, as their next president while the world rejoiced.

Presidential election 2008 marked a massive turnout at the polls. Approximately 136.6 million Americans voted, mainly because of the economy.

Lowell saw an increase in voting compared to the last presidential election.

"We were up on overall voting," said Morlock. "It was an upbeat election, the lines went well. Everybody got in, voted and got out. It was very smooth."

Morlock doubled the number of election workers to 20.

In Lowell, between the two precincts, 68.5 percent turned out to vote, of that 922 voted for Senator John McCain and 915 for now president-elect Obama. In Lowell Township, 77.1 percent voted, of that 1,736 for McCain and 1,244 for Obama. In Vergennes Township, 80.6 percent voted, of that 1,550 for McCain and 898 for Obama.

President-elect Obama, however carried Kent

County for the first time as a democratic presidential candidate since 1964. He

won by a landslide in a resounding electoral victory 364-173 over McCain.

Holiday Cash and Carry Multi Vendor Open House
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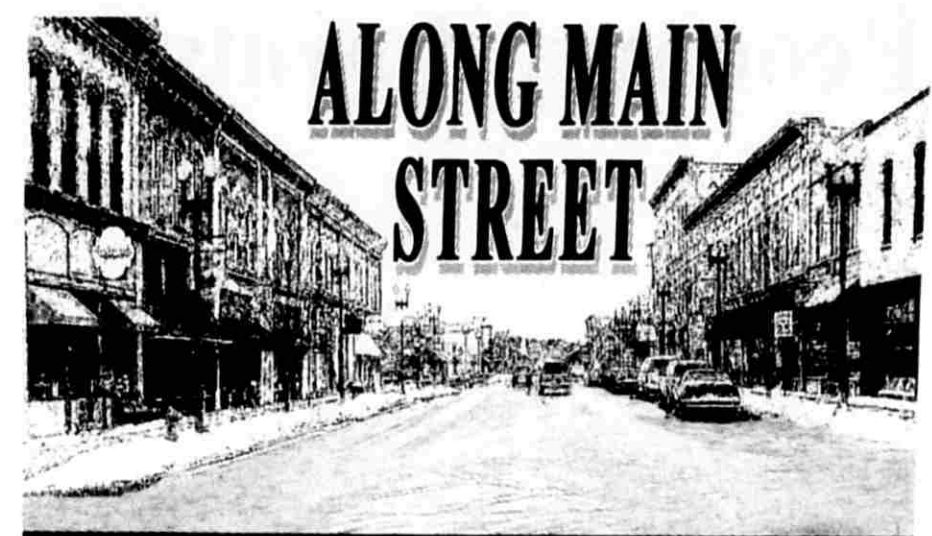
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NEW EXHIBIT
Francisan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. will be presenting "Rejoicing in the Simple & the Profound," a collection of work by members of the Calligraphic Society of Grand Rapids, Nov. 17-Jan. 16, 2009. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 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.

MUSEUM DINNER
The Lowell Area Historical Museum would like to start your Christmas holidays with an elegant dinner in our dining room, Dec. 2, 3 & 4. The evening starts with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information call the museum at 897-7688.

CHRISTMAS TEA
The Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our decorated dining room and parlor prior to the Christmas parade, Sat., Dec. 6, from 4-6 p.m. Donations are accepted to partake in tea and light refreshments. Call the museum for more information at 897-7688.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS
26th annual fine art and craft sale, Sat., Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11700 Vergennes Road. \$1 admission benefits Lowell High School special activities.

BOWLING BENEFIT

This benefit is being held in honor of Morgan, and to help raise funds for Michelle's medical expenses and living expenses. This family is in need of support, emotional and financial. Coming out to enjoy an afternoon of bowling with your community and friends, at a very reasonable cost, seems like a fun and easy way to help them!

Sunday, Nov. 16th 3 to 5 p.m.

at Lowell Lanes
(Located on M-21, 15 miles East of GR)

Cost: \$5.00 per person
(includes shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling)

For more information please contact: email: tweetybird902004@sbcglobal.net or (616)897-0584

Economy downturn a mixed -bag for area businesses

by Emma Palova

For Kristina Laux, owner of The Hanger, business has been good.

She has affordable prices and great service. Laux is on the Christmas tour for the first time.

"I don't think about economy, business is great for me," said Laux.

But, flair does not fly



Sarah Harmon by the Paris table with all items on sale at Fashionista Flair, as well as at L4.

In hard times. Most people barely buy groceries, gas and heat in a bad economy. They have to save on utilities and luxury items.

Two years ago, Judy Folsom, owner of L4 Boutique, had high hopes of bringing fashion to Main Street in Lowell.

"Clothes are too expensive," said Folsom, "wholesale prices make the retail cost unreasonable for the public."

Folsom knows she can't buy the numbers as the big box retail stores do. She never wanted to compete with them in the first place.

So, now she is closing the retail part of her business, even though Folsom will continue alterations.

"We just can't continue to give the service," she said.

Not even famous

Tummy Tuck jeans or other brand name products helped the situation.

But, she has no regrets. Over the last two years, Folsom got to know the people of Lowell.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with the public," she said. Folsom plans to be closing as of Jan. 1.

For 21-year-old Sarah Harmon, owner of Fashionista Flair, having her own business was an eye opening experience. She opened her storefront on Main Street one year ago in September.

It was a big step up from what she had started out of home as a personal shopper for customers. Finally, Harmon had her own venue, for the inventory brought from all over the world, in downtown.

"It's been a positive experience," she said.

Even though, she is closing the new location on West Main Street by the end of this month, Harmon holds hopes she will some day open a new storefront. In the meantime, she wants to write and do an archeological dig.

Mom Yvonne said she would reconsider partnerships in the future.

Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director says it's important to keep a positive attitude.

"It's a tough economy but the businesses are holding their own," she said. "We need to stay focused and support the local shopping district. This weekend will kick off the holiday season for many retailers."

Principal updates school board members on intervention initiative

The Lowell School board held its regular meeting Monday night. Parker Liu, the student council representative from Lowell High School, offered a report on the recent activities at the high school. There was a successful blood drive on Oct. 31 with over 100 pints of blood collected. The student council is

planning a food drive and considering various charitable giving opportunities. Exams are next week and Nov. 21 marks the end of the first trimester.

Larry Mikulski spoke briefly about the recently completed bus fleet inspection. "This is the fourth time out of the last five years we received a certificate of

excellence. I would like to thank the bus drivers and mechanics for their dedication," said Mikulski.

High school principal, Tricia Murphy-Alderman updated the board on the high school intervention initiative. This initiative includes short term and long term plans for specialized student interventions. A team of

administrators, faculty and staff is monitoring all areas pertinent to student achievement. For instance, if a particular student is struggling academically, behaviorally, or having attendance issues, steps are taken to intervene with that student and parents to help guarantee success.

"The ultimate goal of this program is to insure that all students of Lowell High School receive diplomas," said Murphy-Alderman. New initiatives taking place as part of this program include an ACT prep class, mentor assignments to help pair students with similar interests, tutoring, etc. "I

would just like to congratulate Tricia on all her work to insure success for all students," said Mark Lessens, president of the Board of Education.

The school board approved the request for starting Phase 2 of the construction project for Lowell Area Schools. Phase 2 will include updates to the bus garage, Bushnell, Alto, Cherry Creek, and Runciman elementary schools. "Most of the work is centered at Bushnell, Alto and Cherry Creek. We will be relocating the Bushnell office as a matter of safety," said superintendent Greg Pratt. Alto will

be getting new carpet in the majority of the building, a new roof of the north wing, new marker and tack boards, electrical and heating upgrades. Cherry Creek work will include upgrades to HVAC and electrical. "We hope to get bids just before Christmas. We look to continue our work of maintaining our buildings and looking out for safety for our students," said Pratt.

"MEAP is packed up and sent back, we expect results mid-December to early January," said Roger Bearup, curriculum director.

"The work of education has changed, we are individualizing every student's education as best as we can," said Pratt. "Despite the doom and gloom of the economy, Lowell stands out as a district whose lights are shining bright, thanks to everyone involved in that," said board member Nancy Hopkins. Pratt would also like to remind parents that students are off the week of Thanksgiving.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

For quite awhile now I have been reading about the young people around here wanting a skate park. I've read pros and cons. Here's my two cents.

If a skate park was a money making entity private enterprise would have already built one in the area. The way I see it that leaves the young folks to raise money for the park and ask the city for a place to build it. I believe that the process of getting the park built would be an invaluable lesson for the people involved. These young people would learn how to raise funds, work with the public and be well into the government processes. I do wonder how the skate park would be maintained. Who would pay for all that that entails? What better way to teach these youngsters how things work in the adult world. Think of the future leaders that the city might have because of the lessons learned by doing all the work themselves. This park could end up being a good people investment for the city.

I have heard that a spot near Stony Creek Park could be made available. Since I moved to the Lowell area seven years ago, I have not seen Richards Park being used very much. Since the skating rink was built I've noticed a far greater number of people using it. This park would be more centralized and closer to any businesses that the skaters might use.

I was recently in Manistee. They have a skate park that was expensive. Call the city manager. I was recently in Ludington. They have a less expensive park that was spearheaded by the chief of police. I was recently in Byron Center. South of town on Byron Center Avenue there is a skate park next to the government offices. It did not look like it cost a lot. Many of us have tastes for steak but are living on a hamburger budget. These kind of decisions on the part of our young folks could also be good life lessons.

Eric Nelson

Dear Editor,

I've been reading with interest the letters to the Editor concerning hunting. Having grown up in a hunting family where putting venison on the table was a necessity and having felt the exhilaration of the hunt myself I can relate to many of the letters in support of hunting. But I wonder if I could ask you to explore another perspective which might support the individual who feels "hunting isn't cool anymore."

I've watched the deer hunt over the past number of years as our deer population continues to grow. My frustration is the focus on killing the bucks. Even the contests are "First Buck" rather than "First Deer."

Using hunting as a form of population control makes no sense if all the focus is on bucks. Killing a buck drops

the population by one. It's a doe that has one or two fawns every year. Every doe taken could drop the population by up to three immediately and that expands exponentially over the years. That makes much more sense if you are supporting population control.

Some of the little immature bucks taken are too young to have even had a chance to compete for dominance and breeding which helps to create a healthier, stronger deer herd. I feel the tradition of posing with rifle in hand holding the head of a dead buck (sometimes a wee, small baby buck) is more a macho thing than population control. I realize this is tradition (I even have one of my own) but then let's be honest and not rationalize it as population control.

I'd like to see more of a focus on deer management. Perhaps this could include requiring a certain number of does taken before receiving a buck permit or raising the price of a buck permit to encourage more doe permits. Probably no solution is perfect but let's start changing the mentality from trophy hunting simply for the sake of getting some sort of antlers to true deer management. That would be cool.

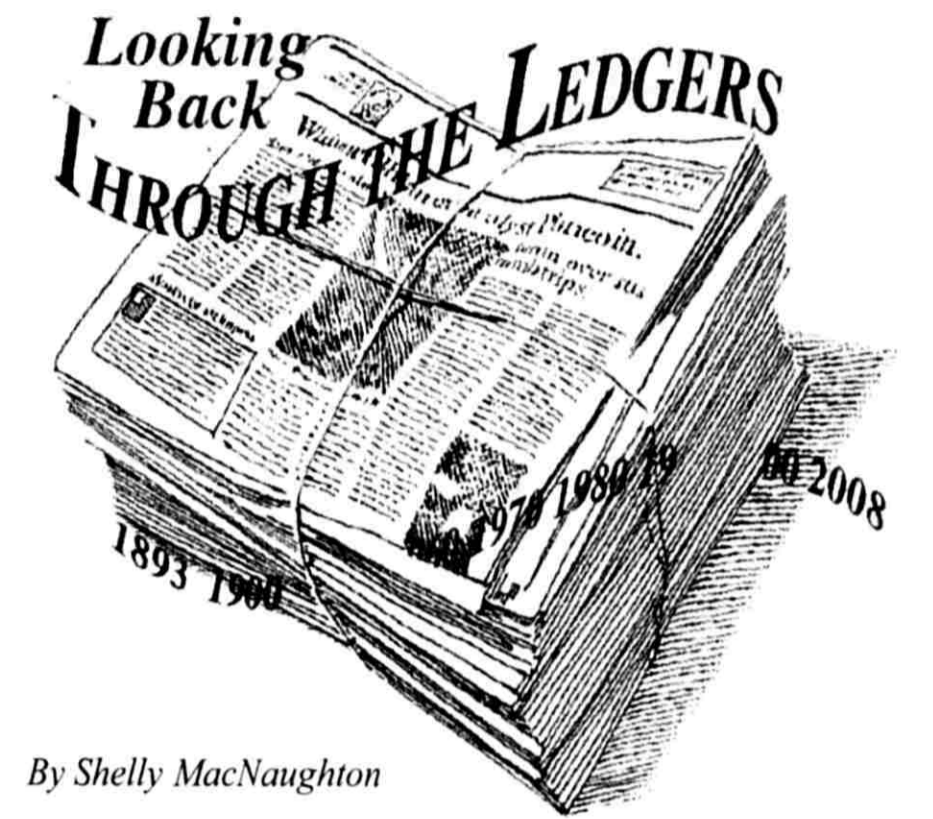
Thanks,
Peggy Covert

Dear Editor,

A Nov. 3 City Council meeting opened a public hearing to all comments in the forming of a Lowell Cable TV Endowment Advisory Board, but before I go any further you should know that the city council was against an advisory board from the very beginning. It was a private group, their lawyer and their persistence that brought forth the opportunity for a community advisory board for the LCTV Fund. What stands out in this almost two year quagmire with the city council is the council's endeavor to use its authority to have the final say on how the endowment funds will be spent. Could this public hearing be nothing more than a sham producing a false premise that the constituents of Lowell will have a say in how the endowment funds will be spent? Who will pick the members of the advisory board, will it be the city council? A member of the council said that the council did compromise. I wouldn't call our city council compromising with their out right demand to have the final say in how the LCTV Funds will be spent and their picking of the members that would be the make up the advisory board.

To me that sounds a little one sided. I believe that if the city council picks the advisory board it will just add to the mistrust much of the community already has with the city council. Choosing the advisory board with some kind of out of a hat pick system guided by members of the community would be a fair way.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL NOVEM

A plank removed from the sidewalk north of the congregational church leaves a hole large enough and deep enough for a child to fall into. Ought to be attended to before somebody breaks a leg.

Sojourner Truth is very ill at Battle Creek.

Dogs have done considerable damage in flocks of sheep owned by J. F. Cilley, H. Stark, J. Ferney, and D. H. English.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEM

Reports from teachers showed an excellent attendance of pupils during the month of October.

Raymond Bergin, member of the physics class, recently added to the laboratory equipment a neatly made wheel and axle for use while studying machines.

Editor Winchester of Clarksville was a caller at THE LEDGER office Monday.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO NOVEM

Butter in cold storage adds no heat to the youngster's body, according to the dairy industry at Michigan, which has called a meeting at East Lansing, November 21, to discuss ways of reducing the stocks now awaiting consumption.

Consumption of butter has dropped during the past few years. This is in many cases a mistaken economy because this food product has fuel, energy, and health values which should be included on the daily menus for every family.

People in the United States eat only 17 pounds of butter while Canadians are eating 25 pounds and while many Europeans consume even greater amounts.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEM

James Kerr, 54, was fatally injured at an early hour Saturday morning when the jeep he was driving left the road, struck two trees and rolled into a ditch a quarter mile west of Lincoln Lake Rd, on Bailey Drive. James Kerr was unmarried and lived with his mother, Mrs. George Kerr, and was well remembered in West Michigan as a boxer. In 1929 he won the national flyweight amateur championship in Boston after defeating every opponent brought before him.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEM

Just over eighteen percent of Lowell's registered voters turned out in last Tuesday's city election. In all 322 voters each allowed three votes, cast a total of 891 of a possible 936 votes to return incumbents Jim Maatman and Phillip Schneider to the Lowell City Council, and elected new comer Bill Thompson in favor of the third incumbent, Bob Christiansen.

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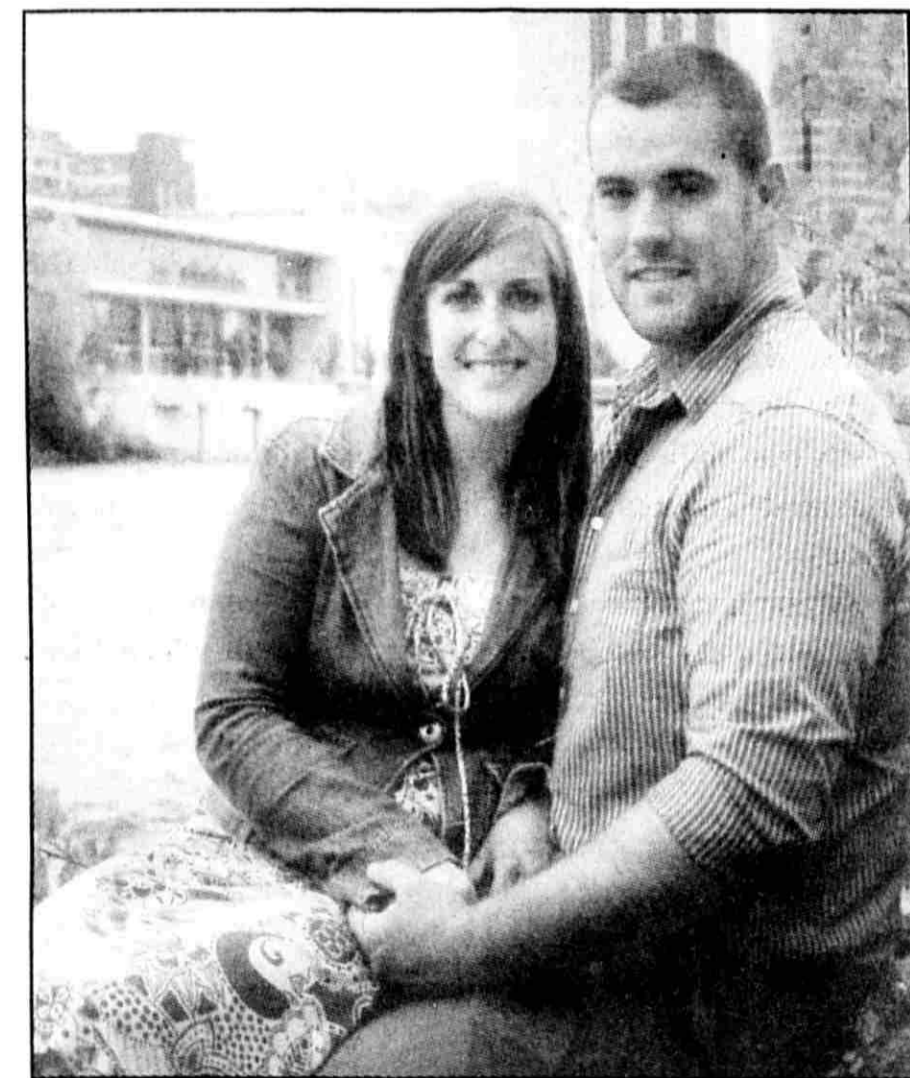
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Engagements

Hudson/Vaught



Allison Hudson and Benjamin Vaught

Allison Hudson and Benjamin Vaught will be pronounced husband and wife on December 12, 2008. The bride-elect graduated from Grattan Academy in 2006 and attends Grand Valley State University. She and her parents, Steve and Sue Hudson, are of Greenville. The groom-elect graduated from Lowell High School in 2002 and Baptist Bible College in 2006, and is currently employed at Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp. He and his parents, David and Mary Vaught, are of Lowell.

Reflections of faith

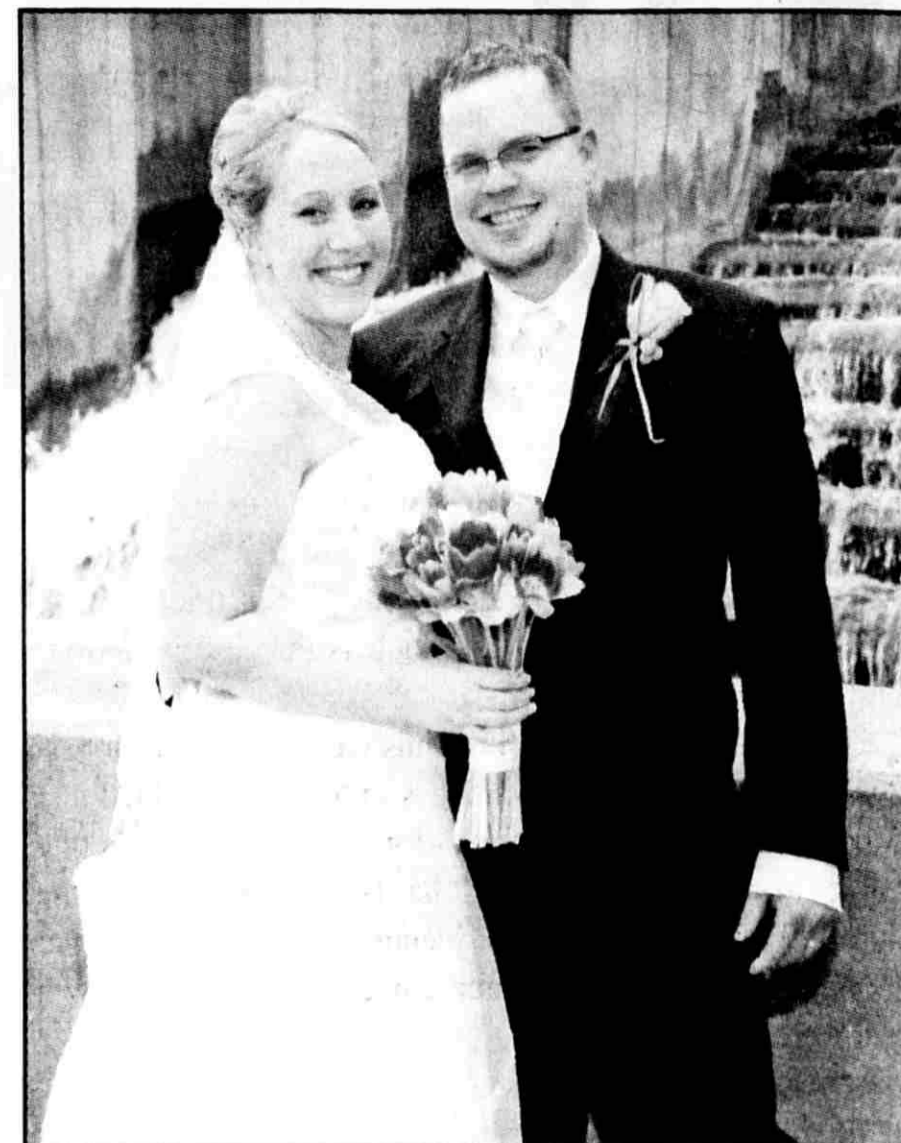
by Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

This past week besides my "normal" activities as a pastor, I was busy serving the community at three different times. Along with a bunch of Senior High School Junior Rotarians, the Lowell Rotary and I went to the Litehouse salad dressing plant and packed gift packs. These are attractive and delicious three-packs of dressing. Rotarians sell or give away these gift packs to raise money for our community investment fund. Because the Junior Rotarians were so helpful we were done in record time.

Weddings

Timothy Michael Scrivener and Evie Bryant were flower girls. Elisabeth Smith and Jaimi were groom's brother, Pat Scrivener. Groomsmen were Phil Partlo, Ryan Okenka, Kevin Kissel, Sean Woodruff, and Ben Elder. Joe Bryant was ring bearer. Tim and Jaimi are both graduates of Central Michigan University. Jaimi is currently teaching in an autism classroom for Genesee Intermediate School District. Tim is employed with Comcast. The couple reside in Swartz Creek.

Scrivener/Smith



Jaimi and Timothy Scrivener

New Arrivals

Kayleigh Nanninga is pleased to announce the arrival of her identical twin brothers, Evan and Ethan. They were born on Monday, Sept. 29. Ethan weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches. Evan was 6 lb. 4 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. Parents are Matthew and Cassandra Nanninga of Lowell; grandparents are Paul and Sue Nanninga and Brian and Charmain Burke; great grandparents are Alice Nanninga of Lowell and John and Marge Olthof of Grand Haven.



Evan and Ethan Nanninga with big sister Kayleigh

The next service opportunity was when some friends from Ignite Community church and I helped the teachers and counselors at the Lowell Middle School on their Mix-it-up lunch day. A couple students had already reached that "we're too cool for this" stage but most were fine mingling with new classmates. It was nice to see all the energy that the students have and their willingness to try on change. It was quite invigorating to work together to make a positive difference in the lives of young students.

The third project I worked on was for Flat River Outreach Ministry. Calvary CRC sponsored the foodmobile in November and paid the \$430 cost to bring in all the food. This was unique because Ignite sent the word out through their network and joined us with much needed hands, energy, and enthusiasm. In large part, because two churches worked

together, this was a very efficient and well run Food Mobile. My two boys had fun passing out the broccoli. They even named our operation the BTFMB or "Broccoli Team Food Mobile Boys." Making a difference is so much fun!

Sometimes church is not so much fun. Not surprising, James chapter 2 says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." Maybe if more of church looked like community involvement, it would be more fun? Maybe church would make more of a difference too.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
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DIVIDENDS STILL WORTH PURSUING IF TAX LAWS CHANGE

Tax laws change all the time — and these changes can have a big impact on your investments. But if you have some inkling of these changes in advance, you may be able to make decisions that can help you stay on track toward achieving your financial goals. Such is the case with dividend-paying stocks.

Until a few years ago, dividends were taxed at your personal income tax rate. But changes in tax laws resulted in a 15 percent tax rate on dividends for most people. This rate was set to expire in 2008, but it has been extended until the end of 2010. At that point, dividends will again be taxed at your individual tax rate, which currently could be as high as 35 percent.

Of course, things can change. As an alternative to taxing dividends at an individual's income tax rate, lawmakers could decide to impose a higher fixed rate than the current 15 percent. At this point — and maybe at any point — no one can predict these things. Nonetheless, as you prepare your investment strategy, you may want to factor in the possibility that, in the near future, dividends will be taxed at a higher rate than they are now. If this happens, should you still consider adding dividend-paying stocks to your portfolio?

To answer that question, you'll want to assess the benefits that dividend-paying stocks may offer, regardless of how they are taxed. Here are a few of them:

- Potential for rising income — Some stocks have paid — and increased — dividends for many years. So, if you're looking for a possible source of rising income that can help you combat the effects of inflation, you might want

to consider these types of stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that companies may decrease or discontinue dividends at any time without notice.)

- Stability during market turmoil — As you are no doubt aware, the stock market has gone through some difficult times for much of 2008. Generally speaking, though, dividend-paying stocks are less volatile than those stocks that don't pay dividends. Furthermore, historically in down markets, dividend-paying stocks tend to outperform non-dividend-paying stocks, although past performance is not an indication of future results.

- Ownership of quality companies — Dividend-paying stocks usually represent well-run businesses that seek to reward their investors. In fact, these are the companies that actually have money to pay the dividends. And despite the many "fads" you can find in the investment world, investing in quality companies never goes out of style.

- Ability to increase ownership shares — If you consistently reinvest your dividends, you'll boost the number of shares you own. This can be particularly beneficial when the market recovers and stock prices rise.

If you invest in dividend-paying stocks, it would be advantageous if the tax rate were to stay at its current 15 percent level. But even if the tax rate were to rise, you've got plenty of good reasons to consider adding these types of stocks to your portfolio — so give them some serious consideration.

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- John Dewey (1859 - 1952)

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HEALTH

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



NOROVIRUS

Norovirus has been in the headlines this week as the cause of illness and subsequent closing of Hope college for several days. This is the virus that causes the "stomach flu." We have seen this in our area the past several weeks.

The proper name of the illness is viral gastroenteritis. It is easily transmitted by eating contaminated foods, drinking contaminated liquids, and by direct contact of contaminated surfaces.

Symptoms typically begin within several days of contact. It starts with headaches and nausea, which then rapidly progresses to abdominal cramping, vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms usually resolve within three to five days.

Treatment consists of rest and staying hydrated. This infection can rapidly lead to dehydration, especially in the very young.

This is a virus and antibiotics will do nothing to cure the infection. Prevention is the best defense.

Contaminated clothing, sheets, and towels should immediately be washed in 140 degree hot water. Contaminated surfaces should be cleaned with a chlorine bleach type disinfectant. Most importantly, frequent hand washing with antibacterial soap.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Nov. 17, 2008

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TUES: French toast sticks/syrup or cereal/graham crackers & scrambled eggs, applesauce, 100% fruit juice, milk.

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THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes, peaches, milk.

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Featured Artist

Bommarito

by Emma Palova

While traveling through the countryside to visit grandparents in Corunna, artist Julie Foster found inspiration along the road.

Trees, barns, farmlands and farmhouses have made their way onto Foster's canvas. Whether the black and white early oil monotype

print of trees or the bold colors of the acrylic 'Farm Scene,' Foster's work resonates her love for the country.

"I love trees and nature," she said.

For the 1995 graduate of the Aquinas College with bachelor's degree in studio art, the show at the Riverwalk Gallery, now on

display, is more than exciting. It is an opportunity to share her passion for nature with others.

"I finally got this far in the cycle of being an artist to show work," she said.

Foster considers most of her pieces loose and semi-abstract, even though some recent paintings are either completely abstract or realistic. She is particularly interested in color, and brush-stroke, and often white spaces.

"I feel very connected to my subject matter having spent a lot of time on Michigan roads gazing, especially on Route 21," she wrote in her artist statement.

Her artistic plans include doing more smaller pieces, acrylics and oils with vibrant colors.

"I will continue to work with water

Black and white monotype print 'Trees.'



Julie Foster hanging 'Farm Scene.'

color," she said, "and do more abstracts."

Foster's main goal is to bump up her work and improve it by taking more

courses at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

"They got me focused on art," she said. "I plan to take more guest workshops."

She's hoping to sell a few pieces from the show titled 'Michigan Farmlands' in Lowell.



Hunters encouraged to follow some health safety tips

It's that time of the year again. Thousands of people get up at the crack of dawn during firearm deer season and head for the woods. And unfortunately, every year media reports include stories of sportspeople suffering heart attacks during this season. If someone has not prepared, hasn't had a physical, and hasn't exercised much in the year since the last hunt, they may be putting themselves at a risk of a heart attack.

"A recent study compared the heart's workload of an individual while deer hunting to that of the same individual while exercising on a treadmill on a

different day and discovered that deer hunting places the heart under more strain," said Dr. Frank Belsito, D.O. of Metro Health.

Hunters who have not been to their doctor in the year since the last hunt should take this opportunity to get a checkup.

"If you're planning to hunt," Dr. Belsito said, "it makes sense to first see your doctor, and perhaps have a stress test."

Smoking is another major risk factor for heart attack and heart disease. Other tips include avoiding a heavy breakfast before heading out into the woods and to avoid hunting alone.

Bring a cell phone to reach emergency services if needed and tell friends or family your location and scheduled return. Also, make sensible plans for moving any game taken.

Preparing early will not only help with physical fitness come deer season, but also with overall general health. Studies show that being physically fit lowers heart disease risk even in people who have other risk factors like high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol.

Warning signs of a heart attack are an uncomfortable

pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back again. Also, the pain spreads to the shoulders, neck and arms and is often accompanied by light headedness, sweating, nausea and shortness of breath. Stroke is also a concern while hunting and its warning signs include a sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, and a sudden dizziness and loss of coordination.

Both heart attack and stroke are medical emergencies and 911 needs

to be accessed immediately. The American Heart Association has a new series of online tools that can encourage conditioning. The Start! program is a new initiative for the association in which tools are provided to businesses and individuals to get America walking for health. The Grand Rapids and Lakeshore Inspire Change sponsor is Metro Health and the focus of Start! is simple - Walk more. Eat well. Live Longer. Studies have shown that walking is good medicine for the heart. In fact it's great medicine. For

every hour of regular, vigorous exercise, like brisk walking, one can expect two hours will be added to their life expectancy. There are extensive Web tools available at www.americanheart.org/start, an online resource that motivates users by connecting them to experts, related health and nutrition information, virtual teams, and by providing an interactive and customized experience. Or, for more information on Start! you may also call (616) 482-1502.

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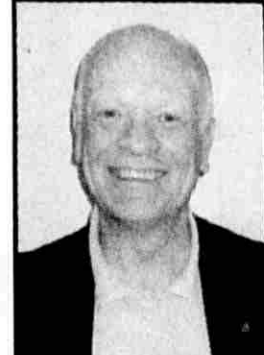
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BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

EAST LANSING

Wow! This is week 12 of the Big Ten Talk column already. With only one or two games remaining in the regular schedule, depending on when the bye week falls, one might say this season has gone fast. In fact this weekend both Indiana and Michigan State celebrated senior day... you know, the day that the regular season is almost over and the seniors play in their last home game.

Senior Day in East Lansing was special. Saturday morning all senior parents were invited to attend the team chapel service. (This is an optional service for team members.) The message was: A. Life is short. B. Everyone leaves a legacy. C. Do your best to be sure to leave a good legacy. Boy that's for sure.

Then the senior parents were invited to walk with the entire team with their senior sons in the ritualistic walk from Kellogg to Spartan Stadium. During the walk, one bystander fan said to the senior parents, "Thank you for sending your sons to Michigan State." That was nice and thoughtful.

Well friends, lots of good young student athletes are found on all the Big Ten teams. And they are leaving a good legacy with their performance both on and off the field.

Today five games were played in Big Ten stadiums and one was played on Ford Field. A few surprises... Iowa beat Penn State with a field goal at the end of the game. Western beat Illinois; and Michigan dominated Minnesota in Minneapolis. I will not call any of these games upsets, because every team in the Big Ten has enough star play makers that can beat any opponent on any given day on any field. Congratulations to today's Big Ten winners: The Badgers, The Buckeyes, The Spartans, The Wolverines and The Hawkeyes.

As a result of today's outcomes, Michigan State, Penn State and Ohio State all have one conference loss. Michigan State has a bye and then plays Penn State on 11/22. Penn State hosts Indiana, followed by the Spartans; and Ohio State is at Illinois followed by the annual rivalry clash at home against

Michigan. The possible bowls for these conference leading teams as a result of Penn State's loss to Iowa are The Rose Bowl, the Capital One (Citrus) and the Outback in Orlando and Tampa respectively. Other likely bowlers are Minnesota and Northwestern with Iowa looking for consideration.

Anyway, 16 senior Spartans were recognized in Spartan Stadium, playing their last game on home grown Spartan sod. Senior Jeff McPherson started at fullback. In short Lowell's McPherson had another strong game and represented Lowell Football very well. Wolverine Senior Terrance Taylor of Muskegon is having a strong season as a key D Lineman for the Wolverines. Coincidentally Lowell and Muskegon play for the High School Division Two Regional Championship this Saturday. There are no other seniors, to my knowledge, from other West Michigan schools playing in the Big Ten this year.

Coming this week on TV for our more local Big Ten teams: Michigan is hosting Northwestern at noon on BTN and Indiana is at Penn State at noon on BTN.

Quote of the week on leaving a legacy: Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7 (NIV).

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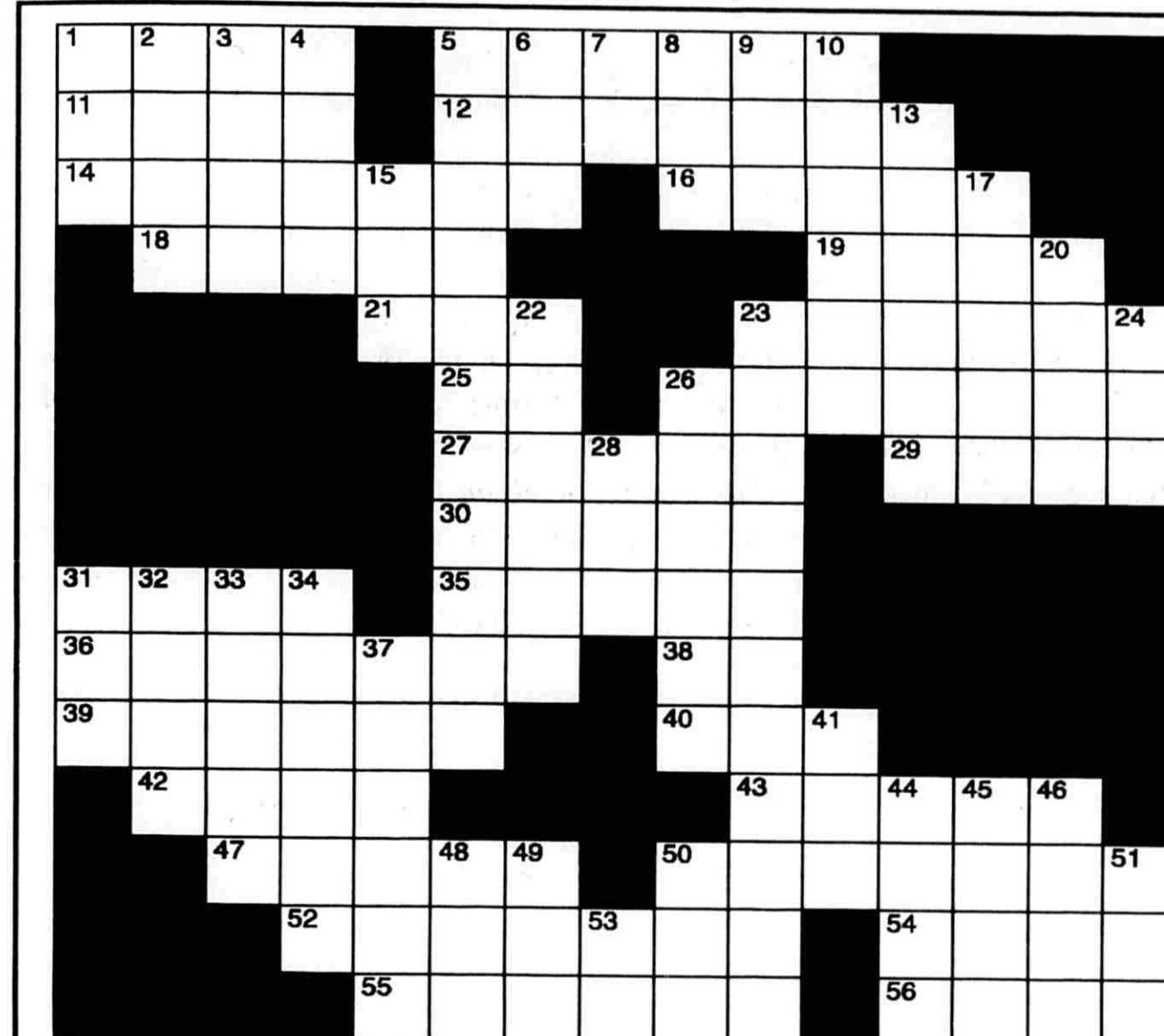
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- Sir _____ Newton
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- Wearily
- Begin
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- Opponent - f_____
- Covered in folds of cloth
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- Bichrome
- Biblical son of David
- 1930's design style
- Expose while ridiculing
- Utter sounds

CLUES DOWN

- Game with Tic & Toe
- T_____ - fortuneteller cards
- French Polynesian island X2
- Rebuff
- Salad made with a raw egg
- What we breathe
- Railroad
- _____ - review and correct
- Wild boar genus
- Rockface climber
- Ob_____ - got possession of
- Women's movement
- Bonnie and _____, criminals
- Speak
- Unsound from decay
- Dishwashing area
- Bill, The Science Guy
- Type of knit fabric
- Consumed
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Paddles
- Biblical song
- Reddish browns
- Manner of procedure
- Habitual facial twitch
- Indicate by signs
- Big bang theory original matter
- Venues
- Brew
- Hill in San Francisco
- Good (Gaelic)
- Decay
- The 12th Greek letter

The first Thanksgiving observance in America was entirely religious and did not involve feasting. On Dec. 4, 1619, a group of 38 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation, on the James River near what is now Charles City, Va. The group's charter required that the day of arrival be observed yearly as a day of thanksgiving to God.

The first Thanksgiving in New England was celebrated in Plymouth less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in America. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed about half the members of the colony. But new hope arose in the summer of 1621. The settlers expected a good corn harvest, despite poor crops of peas, wheat, and barley. Thus, in early autumn, governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to give thanks to God for the progress the colony had made.

The festival lasted three days. The men of Plymouth had shot ducks, geese, and turkeys. The menu also included clams, eel and other fish, wild plums and leeks, corn bread, and watercress. The women of the settlement supervised cooking over outdoor fires. About 90 Indians also attended the festival. They brought five deer to add to the feast. Everyone ate outdoors at large tables and enjoyed games and a military review. Similar harvest Thanksgivings were held in Plymouth during the next several years, but no traditional date was set.

Later Thanksgiving Days in the United States. The custom of Thanksgiving Day spread from Plymouth to other New England colonies. During the Revolutionary War, eight special days of thanks were observed for victories and for being saved from dangers. In 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation naming November 26 a day of national thanksgiving. In the same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church announced that the first Thursday in November would be a regular yearly day for giving thanks.

For many years, the country had no regular national Thanksgiving Day. But some states had a yearly Thanksgiving holiday. By 1830, New York had an official state Thanksgiving Day, and other Northern states soon followed its example. In 1855, Virginia became the nation's first Southern state to adopt the custom.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Getting the party started!

Lowell triumphs over Caledonia 35-7 Graham burst busts Scots' chops

by Thad Kraus

Austin Graham wasn't the fastest nor was he the flashiest in Friday night's Division II district final, but boy did he know how to get the partisan crowd at Red Arrow Stadium jumping.

"Austin changed the whole atmosphere. It's like he walked into the room and the party started," Lowell football coach Noel Dean explained. "He was stumbling and stumbling

and I was just hoping for him he could get in."

Following a stellar defensive effort which saw the Red Arrow defense stop Caledonia inside its own 20 yard line, Graham busted through the line and rumbled for 67 yards before being dragged down from behind at the Caledonia 13 yard line.

"The line blocked hard and I just broke through

untouched and started running," Graham said.

That run propelled Lowell to a 35-7 win over a solid Caledonia football team and into the regional on Saturday against unbeaten and the number two ranked team in Division II, Muskegon. The Big Red advanced with a 12-6 win over Hudsonville on Saturday.

Graham followed up

the 67 yard burst with a run of 11 yards and then a two-yard touchdown blast, giving Lowell a 21-7 lead.

"Graham is a heck of a player running the football. He's a big, strong kid," Caledonia coach Steve Uyl said. "They are as good as advertised. Lowell is good in all areas of the game. They have so many weapons out there. You take away one thing and they beat you with something else."

The Red Arrows needed all their weapons to overcome a well coached

team the caliber of the Fighting Scots. On this night it was the Lowell defense and Graham which led the way.

Torsten Boss, from which much of Lowell's offense is schemed around, played but played under the duress of the flu. Quarterback Kyle Nichol played and rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns, but was not at a level of play he's accustomed to. He fumbled twice (recovered both) and threw three interceptions.

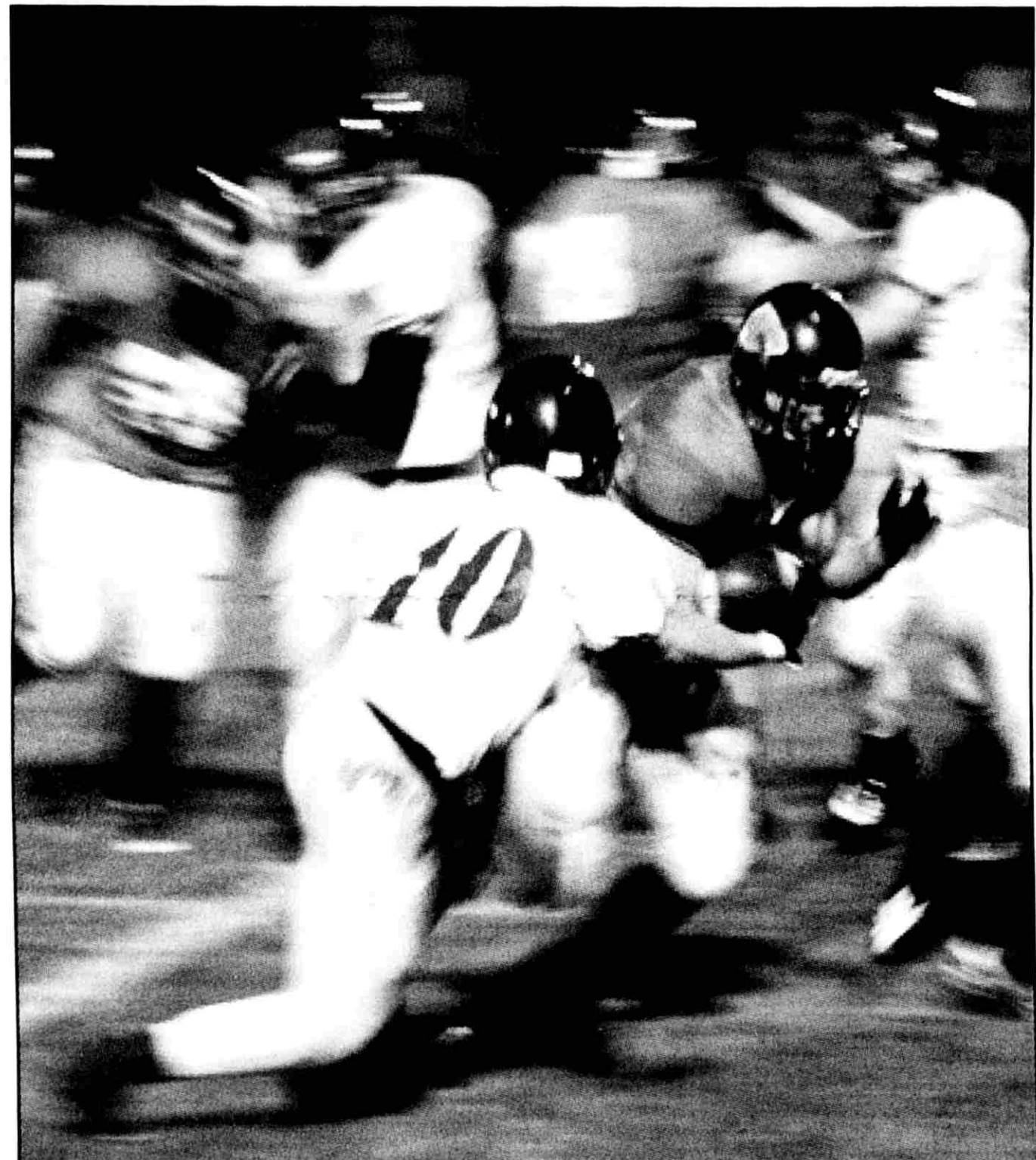
The Red Arrow defense allowed Caledonia inside

its 20 only once all night. The Scots were held to 103 yards rushing and 71 yards passing.

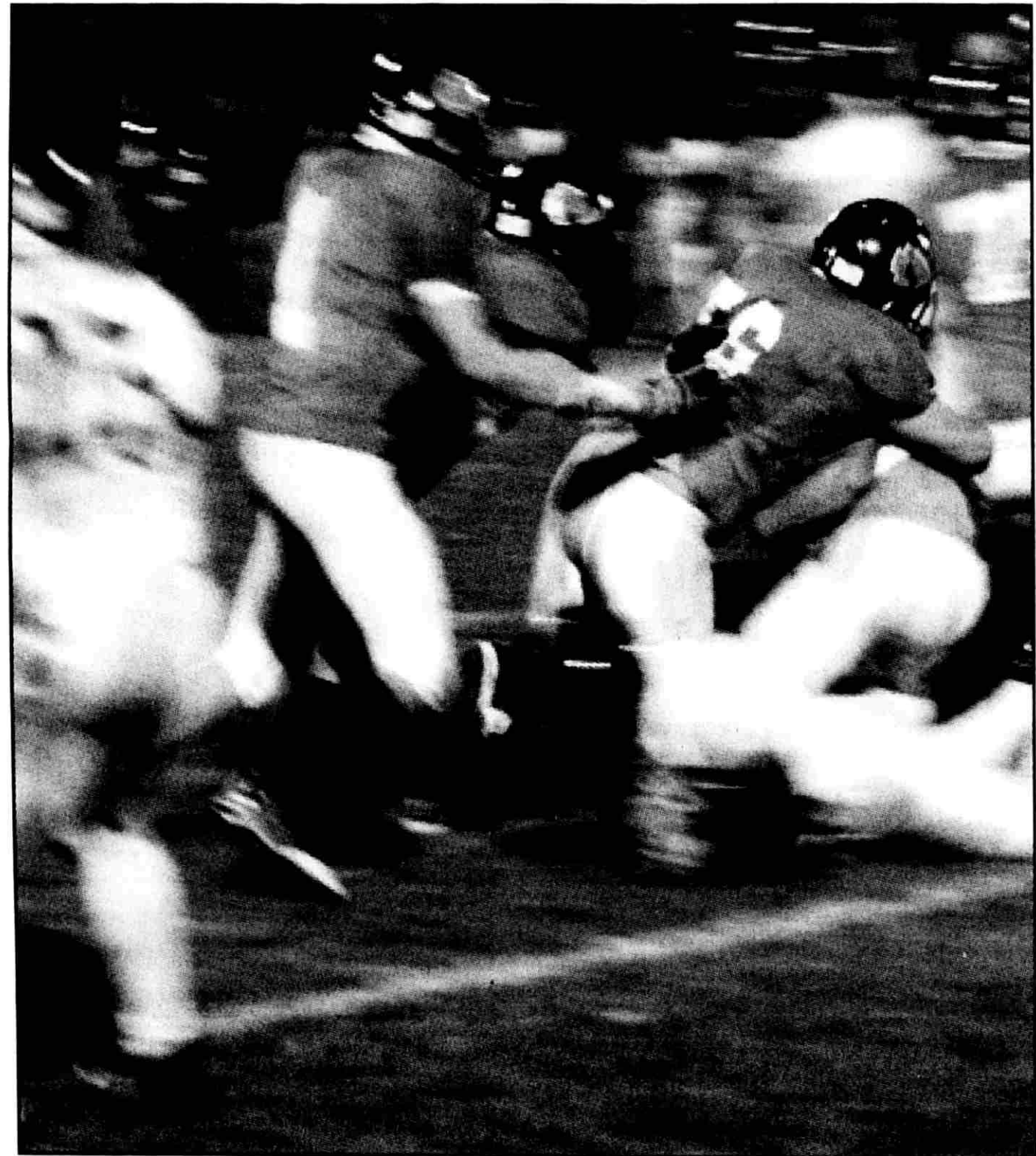
"The defense pitched a shutout. Anytime you do that against a team so well coached and a program as strong as Caledonia's your excited, and to do it in a playoff adds zest to it," Dean said.

Caledonia's only touchdown was scored by its defense when Luke

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Austin Graham rushed for two touchdowns and 153 yards in Lowell's district championship win over Caledonia.



Selimi Agim wraps up Caledonia's rushing effort.

OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

It's finally here! The big game. Or is it The Game? It's Number 1 versus Number 2. It's Lowell versus Muskegon. It's the Big Red against the Red Arrows. It's preview articles, and sports talk radio fodder. It's M-live chat. It's coach's speak. It's high school football ratcheted up a number of decibels.

It's a chance to continue chasing the dream for one West Michigan school. It's fast versus blazing. It's three-point stand versus running around and by you. The two schools last met in 2006, however, both weren't undefeated. Muskegon won that battle and marched on to a state title. It's three hours of fun on a Fall, Saturday afternoon. ENJOY!

2nd Chance
Second Chance Spartans. Yes! Michigan State will get a huge second chance at season's end when it travels to Happy Valley to play the Nitty Lions, losers to Iowa on Saturday.

If Ohio State and Michigan State and Penn State win out till season's end, a Spartan win against Penn State could earn them a share of the Big 10 Conference championship.

A-Maizin
Big Blue showed some big time pride Saturday when the Wolverine's traveled to Minnesota and put a hurting on a pretty good Gopher football team.

Fightless Irish
Same cannot be said for my Irish. Losers (17-0) to Boston College. Things could get ugly for Coach Weis if Notre Dame falls to

Navy or Syracuse before the trek to Southern California.

Bye Bye Ty!
Where is all the outrage about Washington firing coach Tyrone Willingham after three-and-a-half miserable seasons. Now he's a bad coach, when Notre Dame did it - it was about not giving him an equal chance/opportunity. Willingham is a class act but he is not a good

college football coach. I'm not being Johnny-come-lately here, I said that six years ago.

Changing Locations
Possibly, you've already read this on the front page, if not here's a reminder, Saturday's game between Lowell and Muskegon has been moved to Grand Haven.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

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Wiest intercepted Nichol at the Lowell 17 and returned it for a touchdown.

"I am so proud of our kids. They have fought all year. The difference in the game is we didn't finish drives early," Uyl said. "But Lowell is a heck of a football team. They are well coached, physical up front and have some great athletes on both sides of the ball."

Lowell put a crooked

number up on the scoreboard first. The Red Arrows marched 73 yards on their first possession with Nichol scoring on a 33-yard scamper.

The Red Arrows made it 14-0 in the second quarter with Nichol capping off a 75-yard drive on a 15-yard touchdown run around the right end.

Lowell's final two scores of the night came over the final 12 minutes of

play. Graham finished off a 14-play drive with a six-yard touchdown run, giving Lowell a 28-7 lead. With 3:19 to play in the game, Nichol tallied Lowell's fifth and final touchdown of the night with a three-yard run.

Red Arrow senior Jerry Adams extended his state record for consecutive extra points made to 124.

Lowell rushed for 331 yards. Graham rumbled for 153.



Torsten Boss had four receptions for 59 yards in Friday's win over Caledonia.

ROUND TWO... Muskegon and Lowell meet again on the road to Ford Field

by Thad Kraus

Good programs which shared similar 2007 seasons, will continue their search for the ultimate prize Saturday, a rendezvous with destiny at Ford Field.

Lowell advanced with a 35-7 win over Caledonia and Muskegon moved on with a 12-6 win over Hudsonville.

The two squads last met in 2006, their first-ever meeting, with the Big Red winning. Both schools share the same school colors, both are 11-0, however, their approaches are substantially different.

Lowell is a line up in a three-point-stand, pounding it between the tackles and busting yeah a good one in the chops type of team. Once an opponent drops its head it will fly one over their head.

"Up front we're a physical group of kids on both sides of the ball. If we can turn the game into a physical game on Saturday and not have it be a perimeter type, basketball grass type game, we'll have some great success I think," Lowell football coach Noel Dean explained.

Muskegon counters that physicality with 10 players on its team who run

sub-five second 40's. Not surprisingly, the Big Red does everything at a fast pace and does it all exceptionally well.

When asked to compare the speed Lowell faced against Lansing Everett and what it will face on Saturday, Dean said Muskegon's is organized differently.

"Muskegon's overall team speed is a concern for us and will be difficult for us to overcome. However, we've played some good opponents over the last four weeks and that will help us get ready for Saturday," he said.

The two teams share some commonality on defense. Both teams hit hard and have not given up many points.

"The O-K Red is a spread offense league. Hudsonville and Rockford are the only teams that compare to Lowell from a pure toughness aspect," Muskegon coach Tony Annese said. "However, we have not faced a club, from a system standpoint, that operates like Lowell does. They do things differently than anyone we've played. This is a different team than we faced in 2006. Lowell

is more of a running team now."

Annese cautions that stopping the run can come at a cost.

"Then there's Torsten Boss. "I think he's the best football player in the state. When Lowell needs a big play, you can bet they will go to that well."

Jason Hannett and Elan Banks individually create plenty of problems for a defense, together they have proven to be unstoppable in 2007.

A big Lowell defensive effort on Saturday will be enhanced by the play of linebacker Randy Hogan. "He's an exceptional linebacker and we're proud of his abilities," Dean said.

Hannett, Banks and other Big Red backs have combined for over 3,000 yards rushing. Muskegon has passed for over 1600 yards.

Annese calls Hannett the heart and soul of the Big Red.

"My message to the kids is the same as it was at the beginning of the year, have fun, play hard, and value today," Annese said. "I'm going to have fun this week."



Kyle Nichol helped engineer a first-quarter scoring drive. Nichol finished with 162 yards rushing.



Andrea Coffey, senior, has been Lowell High School marching band's baton twirler the past four years. Above, Coffey is pictured performing at half-time of the district title game against Caledonia. Lowell won the game 35-7.

Lowell FFA members honored at national convention

Several members from the Lowell FFA traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana Oct. 22-25 to take part in the 81st National FFA Convention. The FFA convention is the largest annual student gathering in the nation, with over 50,000 FFA members, teachers, administrators and guests filling the streets and hotels of Indianapolis. Twenty students from Lowell made the trip with several either participating in the convention or being recognized for awards. Four members from

Lowell were presented with the American FFA Degree. Melissa Blough, Louis Glinzak, Hannah Knudstrup and Katie Rottier earned this award which is the highest degree level in the FFA. While in high school, students are awarded the Chapter and State degrees based on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences or projects that they were involved in for FFA. The American Degree recognizes those individuals that continue to develop and improve their SAE projects after high school. Examples of projects students from Lowell worked on include raising fair animals, working at a local farm stand and educating elementary students about agriculture.

The Lowell Chapter was also recognized with a National Chapter Award. This award is presented to chapters that have outstanding activities that help build student leadership skills, develop chapter teamwork and promote agriculture in the community. Approximately 10 percent of the over 7,300 chapters throughout the nation receives this award. Lowell was one of just 10



Receiving the American FFA Degree from Lowell were (left-right): Katie Rottier, Hannah Knudstrup, Melissa Blough and Louis Glinzak.

schools from Michigan to be recognized as a National Chapter recipient. The other students that attended from Lowell took part in many areas of the convention. The sessions included motivational speakers and presentations from the National FFA

Officers. The students also attended the National FFA Career show which contained over 1,300 booths representing colleges and career opportunities. Emma Bencker, Dakota Bergy, Kari Bergy, Ian Blodger, Paula Blough, Mike Clover, Sara Fosburg, Sheryl Huber, Cody Kastanek, Kelsey Langlois, Kirsten Mork, Chelsea Pipkins, Mackenzie Roerig, Brandon Thomas, Mary Kate Walsh and Jack Weeber.

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

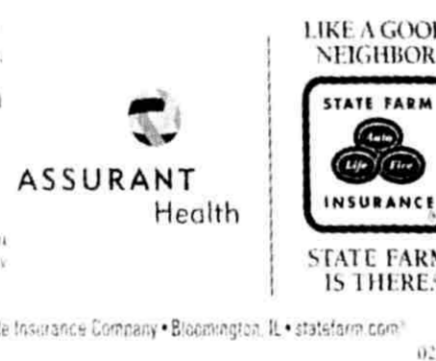
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With the election over, do you now feel you will vote more on the issues and less along party lines?

YES (more on issues only) 70%

NO (stay with my party) 30%

Be sure and check us out online at www.lowellbuyersguide.com and participate this week!

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The poll workers and officials did a great job in the city of Lowell. Thank you for your service.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the St. Patrick play group teachers and coordinators. Our children had such a great time in your beautiful preschool facility. We look forward to this play group every Thursday.

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