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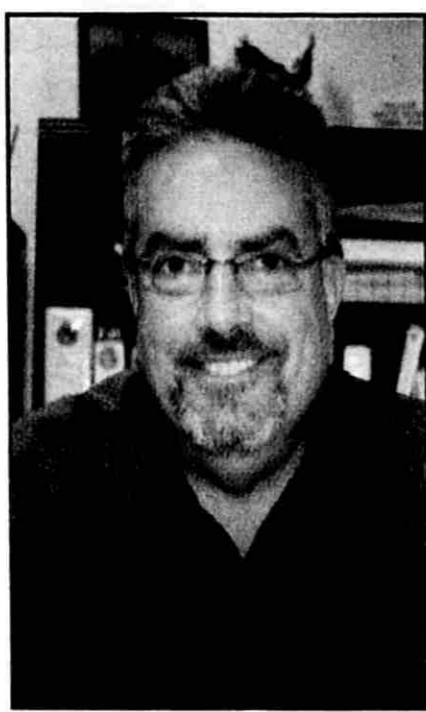
## Lowell police chief accepts new position in Ionia County

by Emma Palova

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine, 55, has announced his retirement with the city of Lowell just shy of 26 years. He has accepted the position of director of Ionia County Central Dispatch.

"I have had a desire to pursue another career while applying my training, education and experience in another field," Valentine said.

He has been in law enforcement for 34 years, starting with the Lake Odessa Police Department.



Jim Valentine

In 1994, Valentine became the police chief in Lowell, after being hired as a patrol officer in 1983.

He was also named the first DARE officer in 1991.

"I've enjoyed everything at both departments," he said.

One of the biggest highlights of his career was his training with the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2002 with other international students.

"It was a fabulous opportunity to attend something like that and to develop contacts," he said.

However, his first love is the Lowell community and his department staff.

"I've been blessed

with great co-workers and outstanding sworn personnel," he said.

Valentine has managed six full-time officers, two full time clerks and part time officers.

Crime-wise in a little town like Lowell not much happens. Valentine recalls two bank robberies, and mainly crimes against property.

"There weren't any heinous crimes in this wonderful community," he said.

Looking forward to his new job, Valentine wants to

serve the citizens of Ionia County much like he has the citizens of Lowell.

"I want to help and continue in the direction they are moving," he said.

City manager Dave Pasquale said Valentine will be missed.

"We respect his decision to seek other opportunities," he said. "It came as a surprise to us."

Sgt. James Hinton has been appointed as acting police chief starting Jan. 1.

"We want to make sure the best person is appointed," said Pasquale.

Hinton said it was no surprise that a person of Valentine's quality would get a top job in tough economic times.

"I am saddened, he was my chief for 14 years," Hinton said. "It's a tremendous honor to be considered acting chief. I have huge shoes to fill."

Hinton said the department is well trained thanks to Valentine.

"He inspired innovation and helped keep stability in changing times," said Hinton.

## Belding takes lead on rail to trail project

by Emma Palova

A citizens group working toward the conversion of Ionia to Lowell, and Lowell to Greenville, rail to trail has made a huge leap last week.

The Department of Natural Resources has offered to acquire the Ionia to Lowell portion, while Belding will be the grant writer for a \$600,000 grant for the acquisition of Lowell to Greenville trail.

Both trails will be rail banked, pending decision of Mid Michigan Railroad, to ensure future use for trains if needed.

"It's a great project," said coordinator Carolyn Kane. "It's been my pleasure."

Belding city manager Randy DeBruine said Belding will be a conduit for the Lowell to Greenville portion.

A review of the grant application is expected by March.

The total project cost is \$2.6 million with monies to be used from Ionia and Greenville, and Lowell community foundations.

Ionia city manager Jason Eppler discussed inter local agreement as part of a mechanism to manage the trail.

"Our goal is a single point of contact, but we may not need an inter local agreement," he said.

The biggest concern for the involved parties remains the maintenance of the trails, including the trussels.

Firm Williams & Works has been hired to conduct the survey on Lowell to Greenville portion.



## Shoppers enjoy 17<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Through Lowell

The 17th annual Christmas through Lowell was a big success as people flocked to crafters and businesses. The Hanger, with owner Kristina Laux, and Jay-Tees wrought iron works, owned by John and Theresa Umlauf, were big hits on the tour.

There was a steady flow of customers at The Hanger last weekend.



John and Theresa Umlauf of Jay-Tee Products on the Christmas through Lowell tour.

**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

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

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting was approved as corrected and the accounts payables were approved.

Motion to approve the request from Ignite (Impact) Church to utilize Richards Park to host a post parade Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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

Motion to adopt the resolution to extend the Assessor Employment Agreement with Jim Marfia for a period of two years covering 2009 and 2010.

Motion to adopt the resolution for the installment purchase agreement to finance the cost of the dump truck from Firstbank - West Michigan of Lowell at 4.75% interest annually for five years.

Motion to set a public hearing for Monday, December 1, 2008 to consider an Ordinance amendment to Article II, Uniform Traffic Code, and Chapter 21, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve the Parks Use Policy as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion to set a public hearing for Monday, January 5, 2009 to consider adoption of the Recreation Plan.


Letters of interest will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 for the three (3) City residents' positions on the newly formed LCTV Endowment Board. Letters should be sent to the City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell or emailed to bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us

Chief of Police Jim Valentine submitted his notice of intent to retire at the end of this year to City Manager David Pasquale. Valentine has been with the Lowell Police Department just short of 26 years. He wishes to move on to another career outside of actual law enforcement. He has accepted a position as the Director of Ionia County Central Dispatch.

Councilmember Ellison has been appointment by the Council to serve as the Council Representative of the LCTV Endowment Board.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on December 1, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or City Hall.

 Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

**How knowledgeable are you about your Social Security benefits?**

by Vonda VanTil,  
Social Security  
Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security is a vital program that touches the lives of almost everyone in the country.

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- If you are an average wage earner, how much of your pre-retirement earnings will Social Security replace?
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  - About 40 percent
  - About 70 percent
  - About 80 percent
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  - 12 years
  - 16 years
  - 25 years
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  - 10 years
  - 12 years
  - 16 years
  - 25 years

- Your last 10 years of earnings
- Your highest 3 years of earnings
- Your highest 35 years of earnings
- How much is the average Social Security benefit?
  - About \$507
  - About \$1079
  - About \$1201
  - About \$2024
- If you don't retire at your full retirement age, will your eventual benefit be higher?
  - Yes, your benefit will increase.
  - No, your benefit amount is final once you reach your full retirement age.
- How many baby boomers are expected to reach retirement age over the next 20 years?
  - About 20 million
  - About 50 million
  - About 80 million

questions right to be a winner. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov where the prize is an informative and easy-to-use web site.  
KEY: 1.B; 2.C; 3.C; 4.B; 5.A; 6.C

**At Your Local Library**



**GET CRAFTY FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The Kent District Library will offer hands-on holiday craft programs for the whole family this winter. The Alto branch will be hosting a Make It - Wrap It - Take It Holiday Gift Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Craft a gift and custom wrap it. For kids ages 5-15. Registration is required. The Englehardt branch will be hosting a Holiday Gift Workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Handcraft holiday gifts and wrap them too. For kids ages 5-15. Registration is required.

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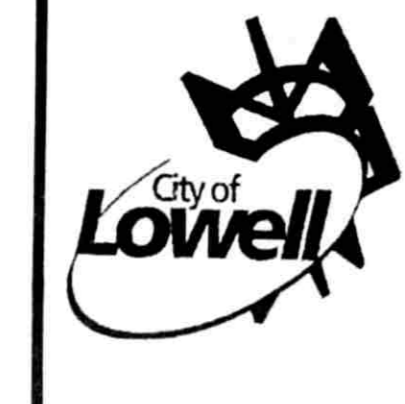
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**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Impact Church, who wishes to establish a church-community center called Ignite at Larkin Other Place (315 West Main). This property is zoned C-2 Central Business District under Section 11.03 Special land uses Item D., theaters, concert halls, or similar places of public assembly, as determined by the zoning enforcement officer are considered subject to Planning Commission review and approval. Thus, a Special User Permit is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

**Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.**

**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOYS**

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is making plans for distributing food and toys to area families for this holiday season.

If you or someone you know could use our help this Christmas season, please contact us. You can fill out a registration form in the Food Pantry.

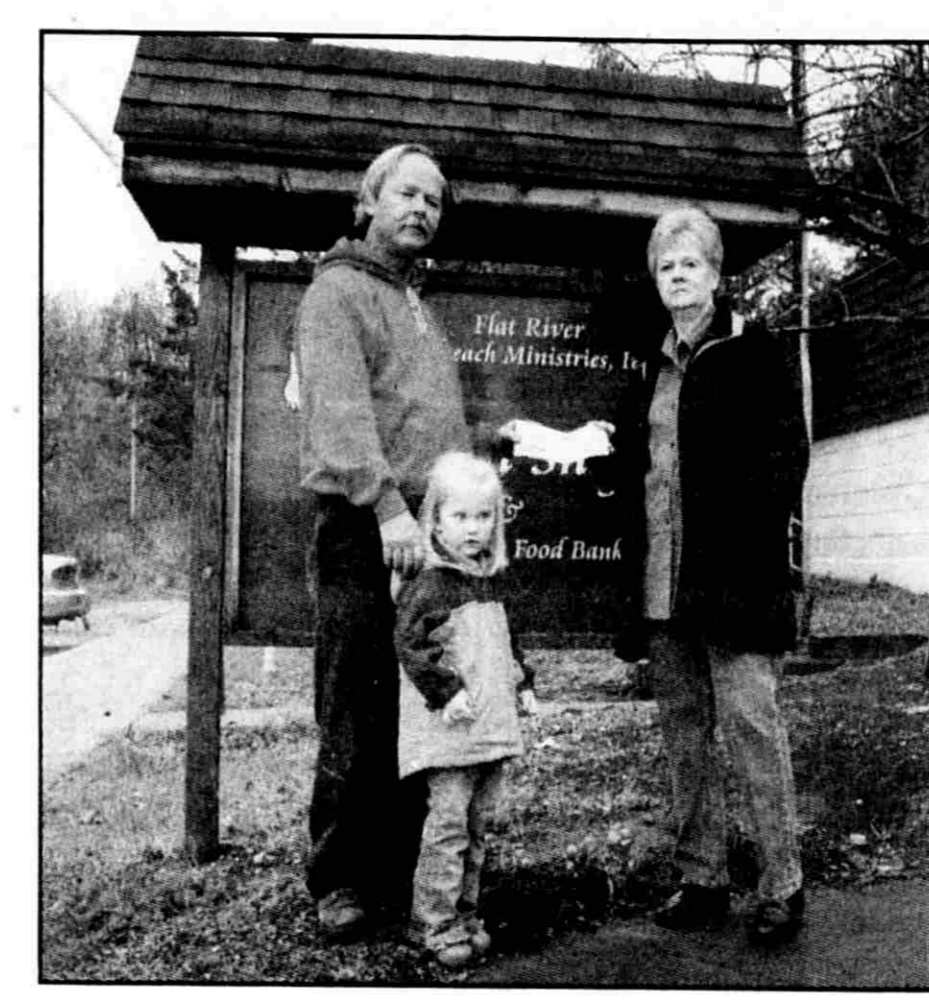
For more information, call  
**Kraig or Jody Haybarker at 897-8829**  
or the Food Pantry at 897-8260

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**Lowell man injured in boating accident**

by Jon Gambee  
Staff Writer

Two people were hospitalized after a 1990 Eliminator speedboat flipped over on Gun Lake Nov. 6. Tom Earhart, 66, a resident of Gun Lake, and his passenger, 25-year-old Mike Raimer of Lowell, were injured when they were thrown into the water after the boat veered suddenly, turned sideways in the water and flipped completely over.

Both Earhart and Raimer were wearing life jackets at the time, and it is believed the flotation devices saved them from more serious injuries. A malfunction to the steering gear may have caused the mishap. Trooper Ernie Felkers of the Michigan State Police Hastings Post said the result of the investigation indicated the boat veered suddenly to the right and flipped over

in approximately five to six feet of water. Both Earhart and Raimer were transported to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids with non-life-threatening injuries. "We talked with Mr. Earhart," Trooper Felkers said, "and he stated he thought a gear had broken in the steering mechanism and that caused the boat to veer suddenly and flip."

"One of our troopers talked to Mr. Earhart on Friday," Felkers said, "and he was still in the hospital at that time but was waiting to be released. I do not have any information on the condition of his passenger, Mr. Raimer." Employees from Premier Motor Sports and Matteson Marina, assisted on the scene.

**Deadline approaching for Lowell Community Fund requests**

Deadline quickly approaching for Lowell Community Fund requests. The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Friday, Dec. 5 at noon.

budget for the organizations requesting funds. From 1955-2008, the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$265,000 into the community. "It is important to note

that this funding program is entirely separate from the Harold Englehardt funding program (Lowell Area Community Fund) which is handled through the Grand Rapids Foundation," said Dr. Bob Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund.

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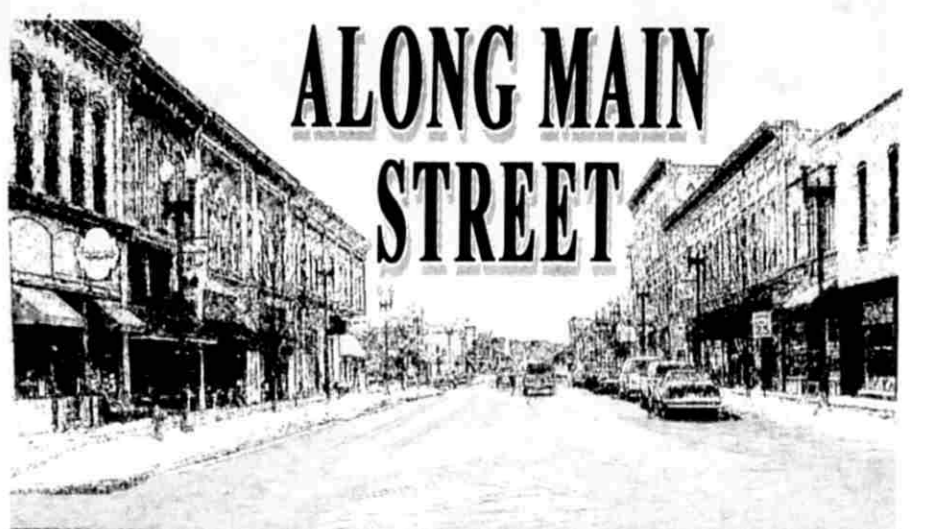
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**FOOD DRIVE**  
Firstbank of Lowell's community food drive has been extended through Nov. 21. A deposit of non-perishable food or a cash donation can be made at the local office, 2601 W. Main. Donations will go toward helping families in the Lowell community.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Angel Food Distribution at First Baptist Church, Sat., Nov. 22. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** new distribution time, 8-10 a.m.

**CELLO RECITAL**  
Wendy Tenney, Lowell Schools orchestra director, will be performing a benefit concert Sat., Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. A freewill offering will be taken at the door to benefit the Lowell Music Boosters and Dr. Debra Walker, missionary in Nakuru, Kenya.

**LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**  
The athletic boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

**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.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Regular box is \$30. Senior boxes also now available. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther at 897-7395.

**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.

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# Pauly's upgrades with more cooler space

by Emma Palova

Stacey Faba is better known as the beer goddess. Start talking to the beer connoisseur about craft beers, and you'll be talking for hours.

"To me beer is like

food, why would I want to eat meat loaf five times a week?" she said.

So, she experiments with different beers and has space to do so. Since recently Pauly's has added

more coolers to house up to 725 different beers.

"There's nothing like it in West Michigan," said part time help Ben Olds. "We have 1,269 square feet of cooler space."

And the numbers add up like 32 cooler doors and 425 linear feet of racks within the coolers.

But, what really makes the store tick is the knowledge of the owners,

Stacey and Paul. Even though they keep their departments strictly separate, they sometimes cross lines and give advice to curious customers wishing to try something new, whether wine or beer.

So what, if you're a diehard Budweiser drinker. No problem, start with something like Bell's.

"There's more flavor profiles with more character," Stacey said. "Why would you want to drink the same beer every day? They each have their own place."

So, expand your senses, challenge your taste buds and gear toward more variety.

"You need to excite your palate and give it something different," she said.

So, Stacey recommends trying Founder's brews. The store carries many single bottles to experiment.

A great alternative to Bud Light can be German beers.

Stacey is also an expert in food and beer pairings. If

you're eating asparagus, you should pair it with Pilsners.

"It's much like wine, there are so many different flavor profiles and different possibilities," she said.

And if you don't like one beer, like the hoppy IPA, so what, try a different one, Stacey advises.

"Don't give up on one style," she said. "There's just too much not to explore."

How about beer in green bottles as opposed to brown bottles?

Well, Stacey calls beer in green bottles light struck with distinct skunky flavor. But for that particular reason, some consumers may like it.

"One is light struck, the other isn't," she said. "It's just what you're used to."

The Fabas are devoted to keeping local business alive.

"The community that got us this far has been great," she said.

Stacey has taken courses at the Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago.



## Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold

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### WANT TO RETIRE EARLY? ADJUST YOUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Do you want to retire early? Many people do — but they're not always financially prepared. If you're thinking of taking early retirement, start preparing for it — as early as you can.

To afford early retirement, you've got to address at least two key financial concerns. First, by definition, you'll have

more years of retirement to pay for than people who retire later. And second, by retiring early, you're sacrificing the opportunity to contribute to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan; also, you need earned income to contribute to an IRA.

How can you overcome these potential barriers to a successful early retirement? For starters, you'll need to put as much as you can possibly afford into your 401(k) and IRA each year — and a greater percentage of the investments in these accounts may need to be in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks.

Of course, it's not a good idea to fill your retirement accounts entirely with stocks, given their higher risk and volatility. You'll also want to add some bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other fixed-income investments to help diversify your holdings. (Keep in mind though, that diversification cannot

guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) Furthermore, if you're going to retire early, you may well need these fixed-income vehicles to provide you with a more predictable income stream. Remember, however, that since your retirement could last 30 years or more, you'll still need growth-oriented investments to keep you ahead of inflation, which,

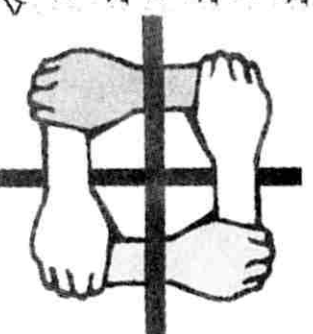
over time, can seriously erode your purchasing power. So a few years before you retire, you may want to review your portfolio to make sure you have the proper balance between "growth" and "income" investments.

To afford early retirement, you may also decide to take Social Security earlier than at your full retirement age. Your monthly payments will be lower than if you had waited, so before you retire, make sure these smaller checks can still provide for some of your needs.

And speaking of checks, there's no reason that early retirement means you'll never earn another paycheck. If you decide to open a small business, take a part-time job or do some consulting, you can once again contribute to an IRA or even open your own retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA or SIMPLE IRA. Obviously, the additional income and the ability to contribute to a retirement plan can make early retirement more affordable.

One final note: If you're contemplating early retirement, you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor well before you make your move to make sure you've saved enough. A financial advisor can also help you decide upon a reasonable annual rate of withdrawal from your investments. You don't want to take out so much that you risk running short in later years, nor do you want to withdraw so little that you struggle to make ends meet.

Early retirement can be both a challenge and a joy. To reduce the challenge and increase the possibility of joy though, you'll need to start planning soon — as in right now.



## F.R.O.M. CHRISTMAS BOX DONATIONS

**Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts through Dec. 20, 2008.**

**Toy Boxes** will be in place at the following locations beginning Fri. Nov. 21:  
Springrove Variety, Rite Aid, Dollar General, Brenda's Hair Design, Fifth Third Bank, Curves, Good Chevrolet, Harold Zeigler Ford, Wittenbach Pontiac-GMC, Grand Chrysler-Dodge.


**Angel Trees** will be in place at the following locations:  
Huntington Bank, Huntington Bank West, Firstbank, Englehardt Library, Voyages Coffee Shop.

**Food and Monetary Donations** will be collected at:  
Simple Pleasures, 508 W. Main Street.

*Foods and toys can be dropped off at the Food Pantry in the F.R.O.M. building, 11535 E. Fulton Street, on Dec. 17 & 18 from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Food & toys will be distributed on Sat., Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If we can be of assistance to your family with food and/or toys, please come to the Food Pantry to sign up.*

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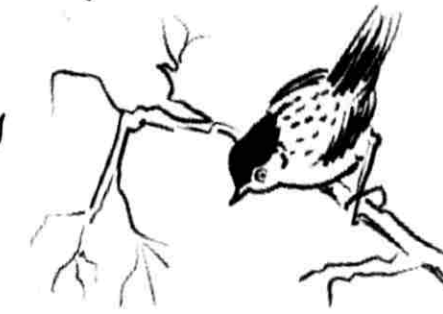
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# Viewpoint

## Outdoors

By  
Dave Stegehuis



### DEER CAMP

This week from Ontonagon to Tecumseh, three quarters of a million hunters are scattered about in fields, woods, and swamps in pursuit of the elusive whitetail deer. Many of the hunters will be gathered with friends and family at a place called deer camp.

The typical deer camp is a small rustic cabin nestled in a remote wooded location accessible by an abandoned two-track logging road that inside smells of wood smoke, bacon fat, and wet socks. Traditionalists, however, find shelter in the deep north woods with a wall tent heated by a sheet-metal shepherd's stove. Because of lifestyle, modern transportation, and the proliferation of deer throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, deer camp can also be a travel trailer, farmhouse, or suburban ranch.

The spirit of any deer camp reflects the excitement, anticipation, and companionship that exists when those who truly love to hunt or just be a part of it, gather in November for firearm deer season. It may be the only time all year when old friends make it a priority to get together. It is a time

when sons and daughters share experiences with parents which will be remembered and recounted over a lifetime.

Back in November 1957, I can't tell you what I was doing in school or what television programs were popular (did we have T.V. then?), or what the news headlines may have been, but the memories of the time I spent in a log cabin on the Little Manistee River are as fresh as yesterday: using a hunting knife to cut chunks of summer sausage off a link hanging from the mantel of the fieldstone fireplace, opening day and the nip of a cold November wind stinging my face, the solid feel of polished walnut and cold-blued steel of my first deer rifle, the sight of a ghostly gray form suddenly materializing out of the falling snow and a jack-pine cover, the smell of burned gunpowder, and holding the head of my first deer in my lap as I gave thanks for the gift of such a beautiful creature. My brother also took a deer that day and we hung them both from a pole by the cabin and went inside with our dad to tell and retell the day's adventure by a crackling pine-knot fire.

The drama will be played out over and over again as deer season 2008 evolves and is etched into the memory of the participants. No matter where the deer camp or who has assembled there, the familiar story repeats itself as it has for over 100 years in the woods and fields of Michigan. Even in a very complex world, the magic of deer camp never diminishes or gets old. Hunt well, hunt safe, and see you back at camp.



## Progress For Our Nation's Veterans

With Senator Carl Levin

Even when our nation has been divided politically, we have consistently come together behind the brave men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces. They offer their lives to defend this country, and for that we are all grateful.

But a year and a half ago, an investigation by The Washington Post and hearings in Congress uncovered major shortfalls in our efforts to care for our troops who have been wounded in combat.

Although these wounded warriors received superb, state of the art inpatient care, we learned that there was an inadequate system to ensure they consistently receive high quality care when they were outpatients. Instead, injured services members faced an overlap of different systems and bureaucracies that left them and their families confused, overwhelmed and all too often without adequate care.

In response, the Senate Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees held a rare joint hearing to address the problem. We then wrote the Wounded Warrior Act, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008. In January, the President signed it into law.

The Act requires the Defense Department to use the VA disability rating standards and to adopt the more favorable VA standards for determining if a medical condition is service connected. This should prevent our wounded warriors from being subjected to a complex maze of different and unfair ratings.

We also increased minimum severance pay for services members who are wounded in combat zones or combat related activities, and eliminated some counterproductive requirements that severance pay be deducted from VA disability compensation for combat injuries. We also authorized \$50 million for improved diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of service members suffering from Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

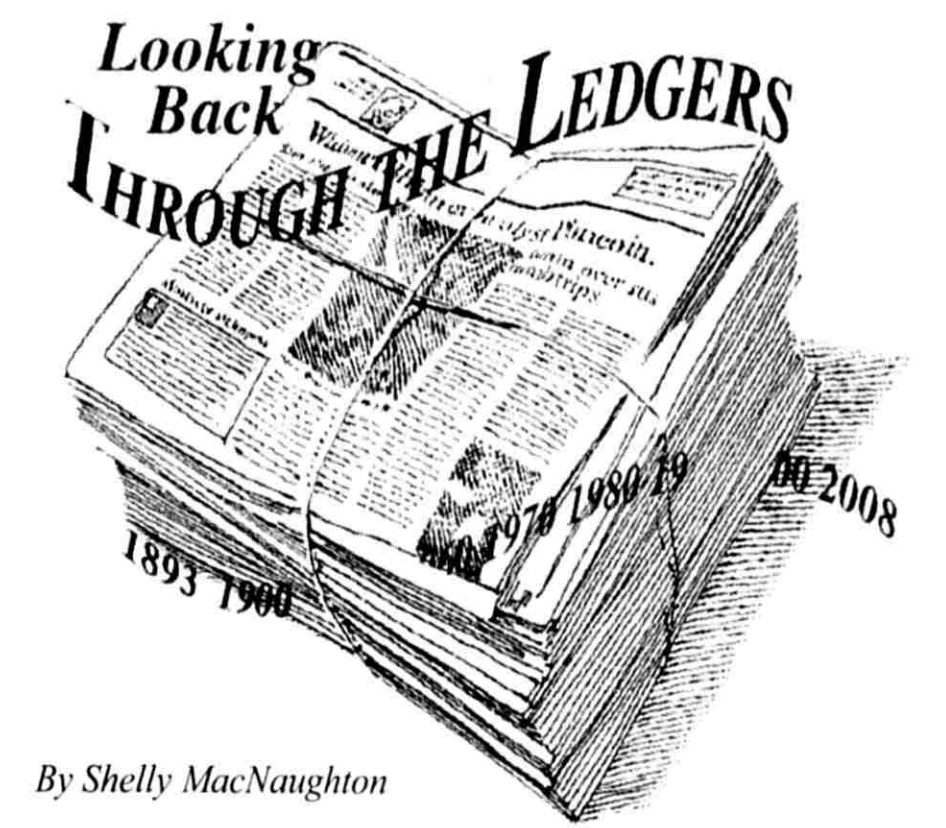
Additionally, we required the secretaries of Defense and Veterans' Affairs to develop comprehensive policies to ensure a seamless transition to VA care for wounded warriors, so that no service member gets stuck in the system or falls through the cracks.

Despite the significant step forward that the Wounded Warrior Act provided, there continue to be shortfalls in implementation. For instance, the increased staffing at the VA that we identified as necessary has not yet been fully achieved.

Beyond the Wounded Warrior Act, this year Congress also enacted a 21st Century G.I. Bill, which provides financial support to post-9/11 veterans to pursue a college education.

As we commemorate all who served our nation in uniform on Veterans Day, we will remain focused on doing

Levin, cont'd., pg. 16



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 21, 1883

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Housman came to Lowell Friday to attend the trial of Fred Snyder, who was charged with keeping his saloon open on Sunday. The trial was by jury, before Justice Hunter. The evidence being insufficient to sustain the charge, Snyder was acquitted.

The Washington monument has reached a height of 400 feet, and after 10 feet more are added, work will be suspended for the winter.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 19, 1908

Another big and enthusiastic meeting at the Grand-Saginaw Valley Waterway association was held at Saginaw last week and there were some developments of special interest to Lowell people. Talk of gold in and along Grand River in the Lowell section reminds old residents of the time when a little gold mining was done on the Carr farm and of a time more recent when W. B. Huston, now deceased, claimed that there was gold in the little creek that runs across the flats owned by him.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 23, 1933

Cheering news for Lowell!  
Gray skies will change to a rosy hue here next week when turning of the earth will start for the construction of a sewage disposal plant that will give steady employment to forty or more men for the next three months.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 20, 1958

Little Gail Kloosterman spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kloosterman, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Kloosterman were deer hunting. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weeks accompanied the Berwyn Kloostermans on the hunting trip.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 23, 1983

Amway Corporation said lingering effects of the recession and the strong US Dollar slowed its sales during fiscal 1983. The international direct selling firm's worldwide corporate revenues for the year ended August 31 and were \$1.13 billion, down from 1982 record of \$1.2 billion.

As a result, Amway said it will lay off 230 of the 7,000 workers it employs worldwide.

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# Reflections of faith

by Rev. Randy Meyers  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Hey dude, check out my old car! Hey guys how do you like my old shirt? Wow, nice old hairstyle! These are the kinds of phrases you might hear at an antique mall or at a retro party. You probably never hear them at school, at work, or in everyday life. Yet somehow some people say this every week at church. Hey friend, check out our old hymnal. Hi buddy, sing this old song with me. Wow, listen to this old tune. Some people like antiques. Some people like antique music. Some people like oldies. Some like the classics. Some like classic rock. Other people like new stuff. Other people like new music. Other people sing new songs.

King David was an "other people." David liked new stuff, new music and new lyrics. David liked new songs. David wrote new songs like Psalm 33, which says, "sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy." Sounds

crazy to many, but then again, David was known for his dancing.

The reason was that David knew from "whence" (a nice old word) he came. In one new song that David had commissioned, Psalm 40, he chronicles his not so shiny past. It does not go in to gory detail, but it paints a bad enough picture that we get it that David was a slime ball who was into deviant lifestyles and wild behavior. But God wooed David out of that life and gave him a new life and a new song to sing.

The new David became a song writing machine. He wrote, or had commissioned, hundreds of new songs. He became an advocate for new song singing. Five of his new songs challenge the listener to sing their own new songs. So refreshing were his new songs that they rocketed up the charts. David's new songs became so popular that they eventually became greatest hits.

Greatest hits albums are an odd thing. They are filled with tension. With one chord they sing like the newest greatest song ever. With another chord they sing like a golden oldie. The very fact that a song is old enough to be on a greatest hits album, already means that it is an old song. It is odd that the very newness of the song, which contributed to its being great in the first place, soon relegates it to the song scrap heap endlessly looping through elevators and background beats.

Saint John's vision of heaven includes a scene where those gathered sing a new song. I have often wondered, in eternity how long will a new song be new? How quickly will the first new song we sing become a classic, an eternal classic to be sure, but a classic none the less? It will be so weird getting to heaven and not knowing much of the music that has already been sung there for thousands of years. While I might miss some of my favorites down here, I am really looking forward to all the new music up there.

# HEALTH

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



**GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER**  
Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) is a condition in which a person worries excessively about a variety of every day problems for six months or more. They go through their day filled with exaggerated worry and tension when there is very little to provoke it. They worry about money, work, health issues, and family issues and anticipate disaster. Some have difficulty just getting through their day. Patients with GAD can't get rid of their worries even though they realize it is more intense than the situation warrants. They can't relax or concentrate, and have problems falling asleep. Physical symptoms include fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, sweating, nausea, dizziness, chest pain, shortness of breath, and trembling.

This disorder usually comes on gradually. It can occur at any age, but is most common between childhood and middle age. It occurs two times more frequently in women than in men. Substance abuse and depression commonly occur in conjunction with GAD. There is some evidence that this can be an inherited condition.

Treatment for GAD is similar to depression. Serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI's) like Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, and Celexa are commonly used to effectively treat this disorder. Psychotherapy such as cognitive behavioral therapy is also very useful in treating GAD. Treatment truly can make a dramatic improvement in someone's life.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City of Lowell Recreation Plan

A copy of the proposed Recreation Plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

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

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell has three positions available on the newly formed LCTV Endowment Board. Letters of interest will be accepted from City residents who are interested in serving until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2008. Letters are to be sent to City Clerk Morlock, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 or by email to [bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us](mailto:bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us).


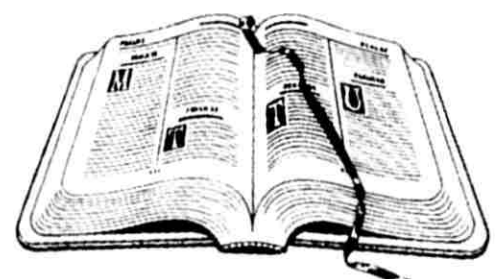





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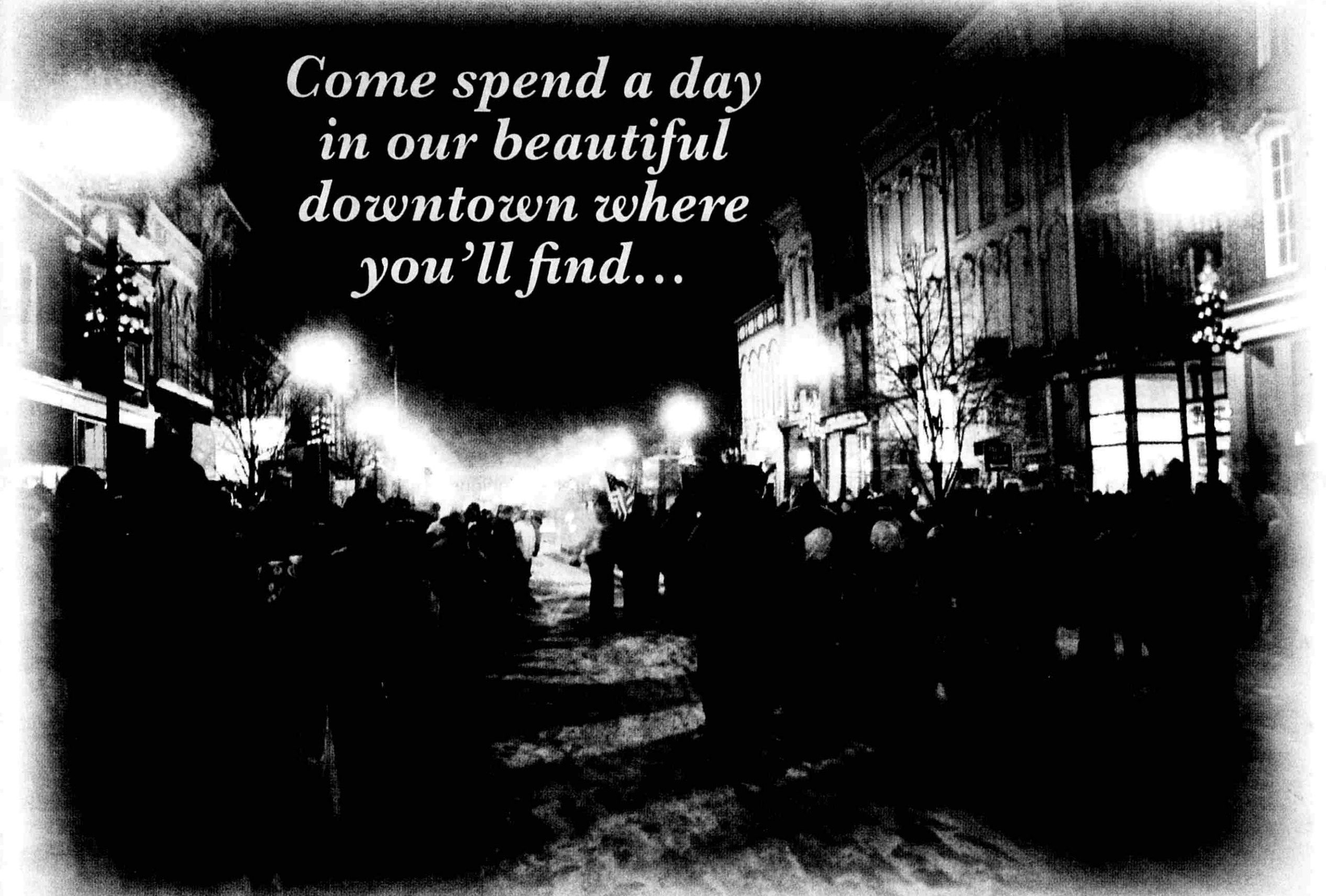
# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

 <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 <a href="http://www.lowellumc.com">www.lowellumc.com</a> WORSHIP..... 8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p>	<p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <i>Kirby and Harrison</i> Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.  <b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Rev. Randy Meyers • 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p> 	
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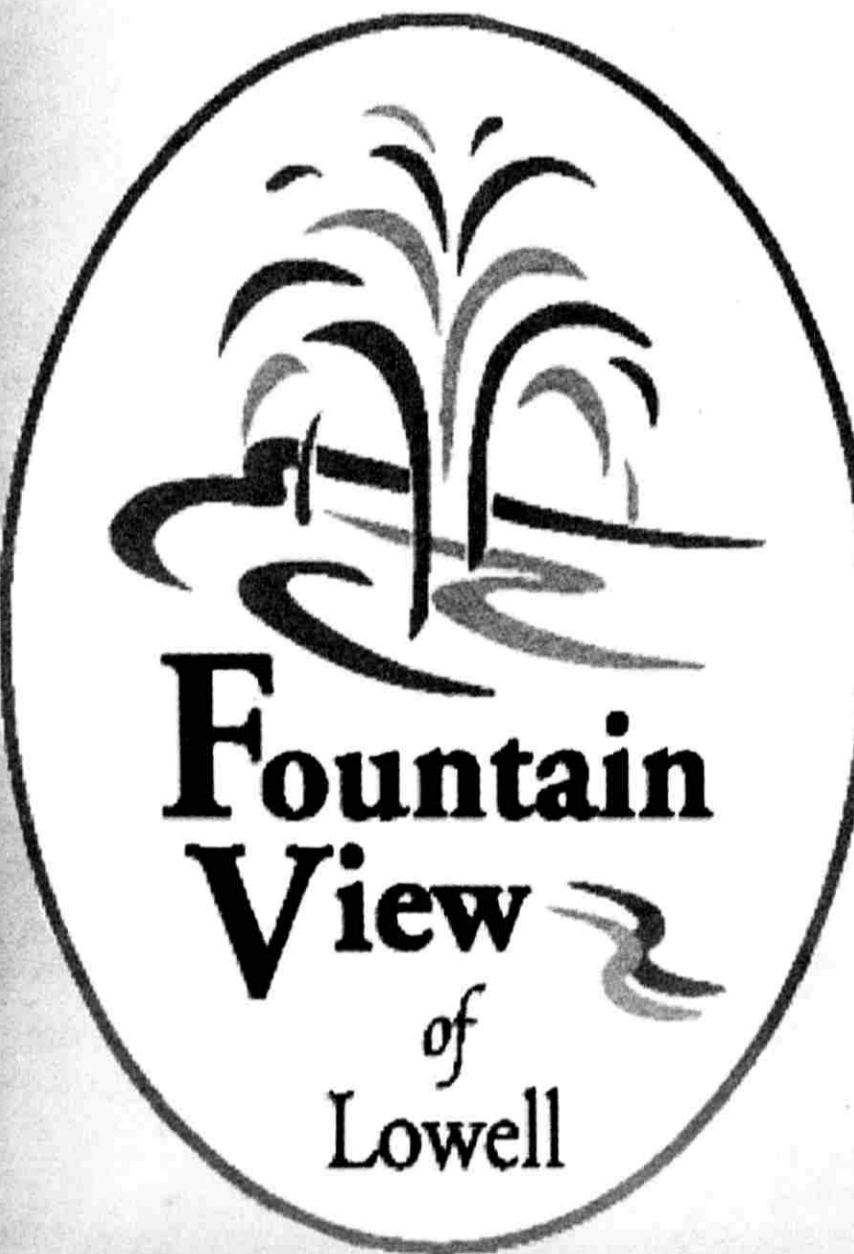
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## Pfaller and Hildenbrand first two in with winning bucks

On a morning when two sons were working and a third was serving in the Navy, Jim Pfaller decided to break his four-year hiatus on opening day for deer hunting.

"I used George's (son who is in the Navy) rifle," Pfaller explained.

He didn't need to use it long.

Pfaller was out, northeast of Kent County, for about an hour when he saw a six-point about 75 yards out.

Loaded and ready, the Lowell resident dropped his opening day prize.

"I started hunting on

opening day 20-plus years ago. I get more excited when one of my kids gets a buck now than when I do," Pfaller explained.

Pfaller was the first hunter in to The Lowell Ledger office on Saturday morning to claim his prize.

He arrived at the office at 9:35 a.m.

He was followed 40 minutes later by David Hildenbrand. The state representative was out for the 21st consecutive year on his birthday.

Hildenbrand with his

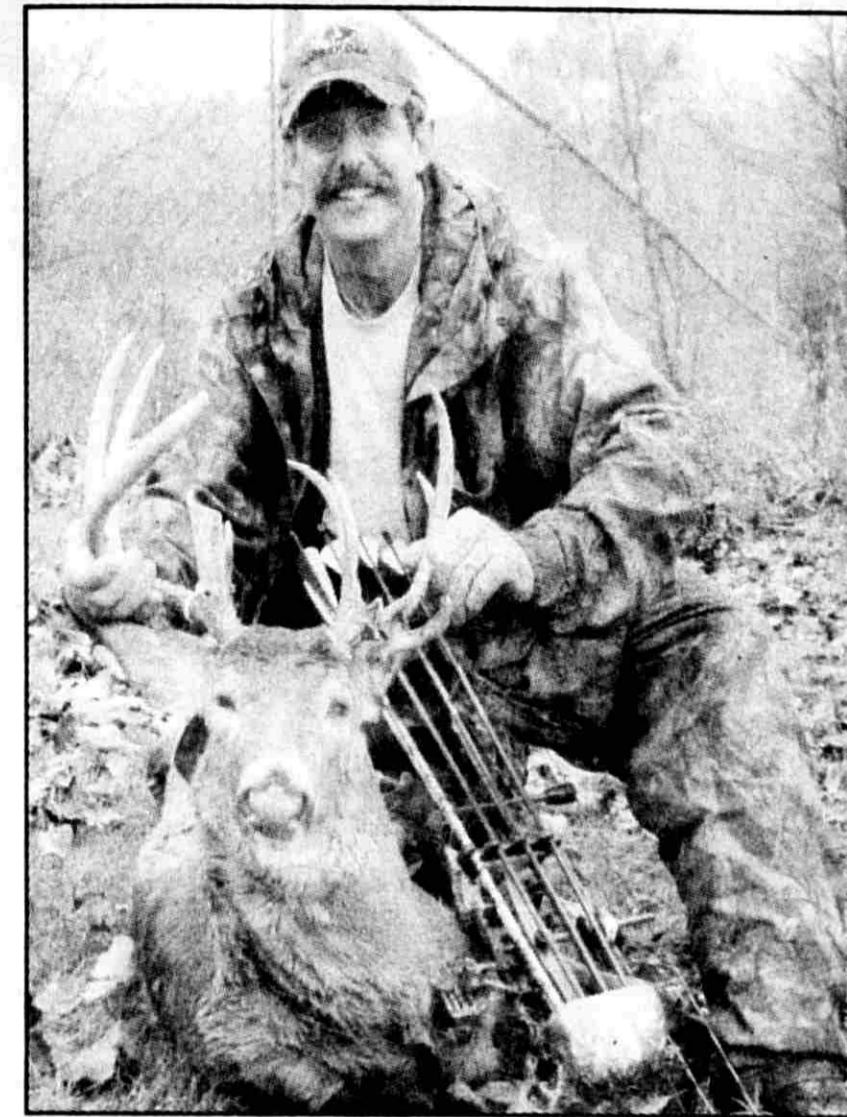
father Lee, shot on and hit an eight-point buck at 7:45 a.m. with his Remington 12-gauge.

Prizes for The Lowell Ledger's First Buck Contest were donated by Gary's Meat, Daisy's Floral, Backwater Cafe, Keiser's,

Bernard's ACE Hardware, Good Chevrolet-Buick, and Grand Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep.

Editors note: The Ledger regrets not having pictures of the winners. Due to a computer glitch the photos are unavailable.

## Experienced and first-time hunters successful



Tom Plite, of Lowell, shot a 13-point non-typical deer while bow hunting on Nov. 11 in the Lowell area.



Anthony Alderink, 12, of Lowell, deer hunting for the first time, gunned himself a prized seven-point buck Saturday morning north of Lowell. Alderink was out with his father, grandfather and two uncles. He shot the buck at 7:25 a.m. His initial deer-hunting experience was a short one as the youth dropped the first buck he saw.



Miranda (Randi) Drier took an 8 point at 7:20 a.m. on opening morning and a 9 point on Nov. 17. Drier, of Belding, is 19 years old and this is her first year out hunting.

## Great American Smoke Out November 20<sup>th</sup>

Over the years the Great American Smoke Out has promoted quitting smoking for a day as a way to create awareness of the health risks of smoking.

While raising awareness of health issues is a good idea, quitting cold turkey is not. Nicotine is a powerful and highly addicted substance. Quitting smoking requires planning, education and aids such as medications or nicotine replacement products in order to be successful. Healthcare providers do not recommend quitting

cold turkey. However, researching what tools and methods will work for you is a great first step toward better health.

Ten things you can do in place of quitting for a day that will improve your chances of success when you are ready:

Make an appointment with your physician to discuss what medications or nicotine replacement products would help you when you are ready to quit. Research smoking

cessation classes offered through work or in the community. There are free classes offered in January 2009 in Lowell. Call 975-0123 to inquire.

Consider attending a support group in Lowell. Call 446-7058 for details.

Make a list of people who would provide support when you are ready to quit.

Research websites on the Internet for tips and helpful hints to get you started. Good examples are

[www.quitnet.com](http://www.quitnet.com), [www.becomeanex.org](http://www.becomeanex.org) and [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Check with your health insurance company to see if they offer programs or materials that may help you.

Call the Michigan Quit Line for phone counseling at 1-800-480-QUIT (7848).

Make a list of reasons why you would consider quitting and what your next step would be when you are ready.

Consider reducing the number of cigarettes you smoke (or tobacco you chew) to see which ones you don't really need but smoke

out of boredom or habit.

Explain to friends, family and co-workers that quitting cold turkey is not helpful or medically advised. Then assure them that when you are ready to quit, you will let them know and ask for their support at that time.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

#### BID PROPOSAL

Sealed bids, in triplicate, for the Lowell Area Schools Phase 2 Renovations, will be received at Lowell Area Schools Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan on Thursday, December 04 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

All proposals received (mailed and delivered) will be opened and read publicly shortly after 2:00 p.m. local time on in Lowell Area Schools Administration Building Conference Room 300 High Street, Lowell, MI.

Bids may be mailed to Lowell Area Schools, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Mailed bids must be received prior to the bid due time and date stated above. **FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

#### SITE INSPECTION

A construction pre-bid meeting will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary in the Cafeteria, 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI, on Thursday, November 20 2008 at 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. local time. After the pre-bid meeting at Cherry Creek other facilities will be visited and other appointments can be made as needed. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

#### BID DOCUMENTS

The Bidding Documents may be obtained at Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., 300 Ionia N.W. Grand Rapids, MI. A deposit of \$100.00 is required. The deposit will be refunded if documents are returned within 15 days after bid opening. A non-refundable charge of \$25.00 will be required for mailing documents.

#### BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders submitting a Bid for this Project shall have qualifications as follows:

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- Shall have a license where required by public authorities having jurisdiction.
- Shall have ample financial resources for work of this magnitude.

#### BID SECURITY - PERFORMANCE BONDS

Each bid shall be accompanied by good and sufficient bid security or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the Bid amount and shall secure the Owner from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid by a Bidder or by failure of the successful Bidder to enter into a Contract with the Owner if his Bid is accepted by the Owner.

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# BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

## GRAND HAVEN

With the Spartans off for a Bye weekend, I retreated to Grand Haven High School Stadium to watch two excellent high school teams battle it out for the Regional Championship; and thanks to the announcer, we were kept informed about Big Ten football scores. Meanwhile, Muskegon and Lowell went at each other pretty good. Congratulations to the Big Reds Regional Champs. Interestingly, both these teams have at least two athletes that are now playing Division I and of those four, three are in the Big Ten and one in the PAC Ten. Again, congratulations to Muskegon (12-0) and to runner-up Lowell (11-1) for their performance this season and for producing lots of young men that go into college as student athletes in various divisions.

Let's talk Big Ten. Going into the final week of the regular season schedule, here are the standings.

	Conference	Season	This Weekend
Penn State	6-1	10-1	hosts MSU
MSU	6-1	9-2	at Penn State
Ohio State	6-1	9-2	hosts Michigan
Northwestern	4-3	8-3	hosts Illinois
Iowa	4-3	7-4	at Minnesota
Minnesota	3-4	7-4	hosts Iowa
Illinois	3-4	5-6	at Northwestern
Wisconsin	3-5	6-5	hosts Cal Poly
Michigan	2-5	3-8	at Ohio State
Indiana	1-6	3-8	at Purdue
Purdue	1-6	3-8	hosts Indiana

Interestingly and not surprisingly, Iowa came up with a 7th win to solidify a bowl game. Way to go Hawkeyes! They are not a dominate team. They definitely play tough "D." Iowa's win over Purdue sets the Big Ten with six bowl bound teams. Possibly Wisconsin may get a bowl invite with a win over Cal Poly.

The bigger story right now is who will be the conference champion? Penn State, the Spartans and the Buckeyes will have an intense week preparing for this Saturday, and then those three teams will decide on the field who most deserves to be The 2008 Big Ten Champion or Co-Champions.

TV Coverage: MSU at Penn State at 3:30 p.m. on ABC.

Michigan at Ohio State at 12 noon on ABC.

Tagline: The discussion of a playoff tournament for Division I keeps coming up. For what it is worth, here is my opinion. A playoff might be a fun experiment. Let's consider various perspectives.

Perspective of the athletes - the student athletes are students. To be playing four games in the exam month of December is too much for students. Therefore, a playoff might force a shorter regular season, say a nine game schedule. That would allow the athlete to be a decent student... to prepare themselves for a future whenever football is over for them.

Perspective of Athletic Departments - nine regular season games mean four to five home game ticket sales instead of six to seven home game ticket sales. By the way, in the 1960's Division I, schools like MSU had a 10 game schedule as compared to 12 today.

Perspective of Alums and other fans - I believe they basically would like the playoff idea. Would a tourney be flawless? Probably not. Would it settle what team is truly the best in the nation? Who knows? Maybe.

Perspective of Teams that don't qualify for the

playoffs - for a playoff to be manageable, would there be say eight or 10 teams? So what about the other roughly 20 teams that have normally been bowl bound and that are not in the playoff? For those 20ish teams, keep them going to a bowl game.

Perspective of the Universities and Coaches - probably various perspectives too numerous to generalize in this Big Ten Talk format.

Anyway, it is fun to debate. Let me know what you think when we see each other around town.

Quote of the week: When asked what game Big Ten Commissioner James Delaney will be attending this weekend, Scott Chipman, Big Ten communications lead said, "He will be attending Michigan State vs. Penn State."

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

"Mama said there'd be days like this." - Coach Noel Dean

## Muskegon 'Reds' prevail over Arrows in playoffs

by Thad Kraus

The memory of the two clubs' first meeting in 2006 brought many fans back for the much anticipated encore performance on Saturday.

The memory taken away from Saturday's game will be the shock and awe that Muskegon put on Lowell.

The Big Reds' 49-14 regional championship victory emphatically stamped Muskegon as the prohibitive favorite to claim the Division II championship. It also raised the question as to why there was ever any doubt.

One did not sense any doubt in Lowell coach Noel Dean's voice.

"Mama said there would be days like this. That's a fantastic football team. They are well organized and they do a great job and are very impressive," Dean explained. "I just know what my kids have done to other teams this year and to be on

the other end of that goes to show just how good they really are. I'm impressed. Very impressed."

Muskegon's performance was stirring for the home folks and toxic for the Red Arrows and their faithful.

It wasn't any one thing about Muskegon's performance, it was everything.

It was the 448 yards rushing the Big Red rolled up.

It was Jason Hannett 195 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

It was holding Lowell to 159 yards rushing.

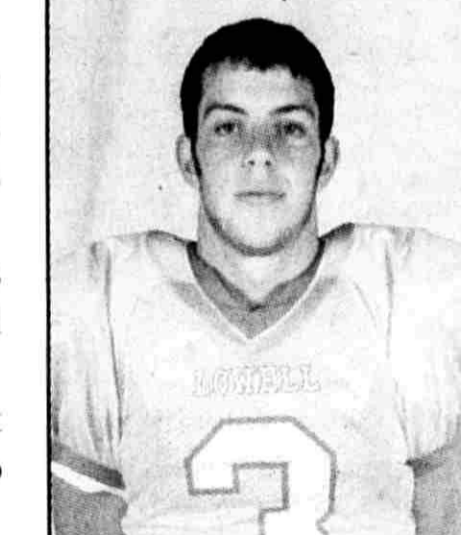
It was Elan Banks' 92 yards on the ground, two rushing touchdowns and a perfect five-for-five passing.

Muskegon scored on a sustained drive to open the game and on a three-play drive to end the first half.

Twice the Big Red defense stopped Lowell on

fourth and one. Once inside the Muskegon five-yard line and once at mid field.

"Sure, maybe we have a little more intensity level if we score early and we're up 7-6. Who knows, maybe



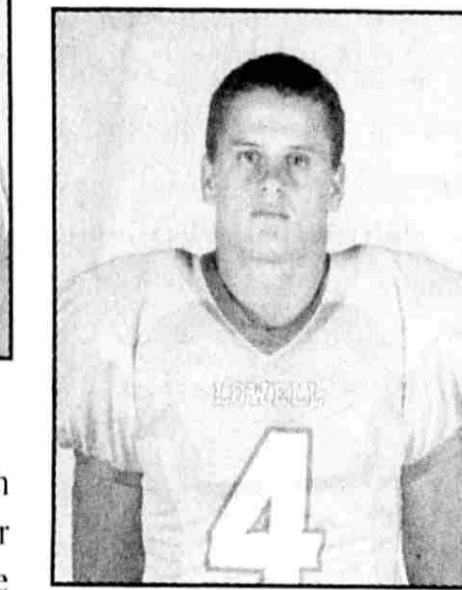
Kyle Nichol

we play a little harder, coach a little smarter for a longer time. I don't want to take away from what they did.

Maybe we didn't play to the level we're capable of, but that probably had a lot to do with the way they played," Dean said.

Muskegon scored on its first six possessions and seven of its eight possessions. The only thing that stopped the Big Red was a second half fumble inside the Lowell five yard line.

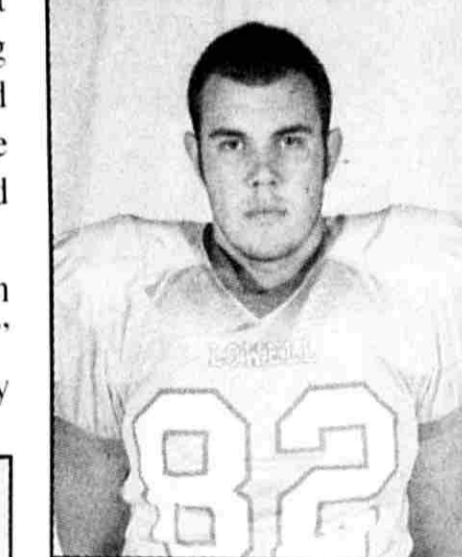
"This is a big win for us and our program," Muskegon coach Tony



Torsten Boss

Annese said. "We're happy to be able to move on. Jason (Hannett), in the 22 years I've been coaching is one

of the top five kids I've ever coached. He has an



Josh Faulkner

incredible heart."

Hannett also had an incredible supporting cast. Along with Banks, Anthony Davis Jr. ran for 82 yards and scored two touchdowns. Will Gardner rolled up 71 yards and tallied one touchdown.

Trailing 20-0, Lowell got on the board with 4:26 to play in the second quarter on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Nichol to Torsten Boss.

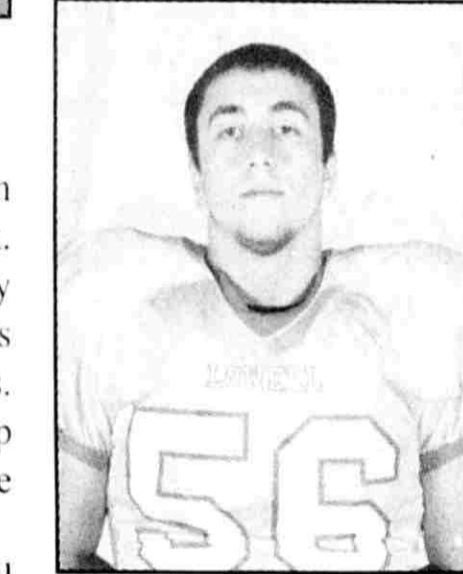
Lowell's second and final touchdown of the day came at the end of the third quarter on a 21-yard pass

and catch from Nichol to Boss.

Nichol was 12-of-19 for 172 yards and two touchdowns and one interception.

Boss caught nine passes for 133 yards and two scores.

"Our defense hung in there and tried to minimize Torsten Boss and his great plays," Annese said. "Give



Agim Selimi

credit to Lowell. People don't realize how good a team that really is and how good a program that has been."

Lowell ends its season at 11-1.



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

by Thad Kraus

So, how many of you out there watched the Lions on Sunday? My guess the numbers are slim about now. The hapless Lions are not a great way to spend your Sunday afternoon.

However, it's conceivable that come Thanksgiving day, Detroit, with a loss to Tampa Bay Sunday, will be 0-11 and Tennessee, with a win against the New York Jets, will be 11-0.

The network, CBS, would have two teams "chasing" history; the Lions on pace to go 0-16 and Tennessee becoming the second team in two years to go 16-0 during the regular season.

Forget all that talk about pushing the pathetic Lions off Thanksgiving Day; CBS will take that match-up 0-11 versus 11-0. My guess is NFL fans across the country will tune in for this turkey game.

Join me in rooting for the Lions to get waxed on Sunday and for the Titans to make life difficult for the Favre-led Jets. I know CBS is.

### Huge Gets It Right

I seldom agree with let alone listen to Bill Simonson; however, his booming voice caught my attention Monday when he was talking to a fan about the high school football playoffs.

The fan was complaining about how some school fans are bush...blah blah, blah. Simonson told him that he didn't want anything to do with verbal spars between schools. He then went on to say that Muskegon is the best football team in the state.

With my eyes being the barometer on Saturday, he could not be more right.

That is one talented football team. Just ask Lowell, Rockford and any of the other nine teams they beat this year.

Next up for the Big Red is Davison, a 25-19 winner over Midland. Lowell defeated Davison 42-7 some 10 weeks ago. I know things change and teams improve, but is there a high school football fan outside the Davison city limits who thinks Muskegon will lose?

### Kudos to Coach

Following Saturday's loss to Muskegon I watched as the teams lined up and shook hands afterwards.

What caught my attention was right in the middle of the Lowell Line was coach Noel Dean congratulating and shaking the hands of each of the Big Red players and coaches.

So what?

I've been covering high school athletics long enough to have observed that doesn't happen as often as one would like to think. It's been a pet-peeve of mine for many years. I hear coaches tell players to keep their heads up and shake the hand of the opponent.

Then I watch as the coach walks briskly across the field quickly shakes, not offering a hand to the opposing coach and then off he goes.

Here's to doing things the right way Coach Dean!

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PS. A big hello and hugs and kisses to Uncle Hank and Aunt Bea Hoekstra in Texas!

Thanks, Bry Sloan-Johnson,  
Troy & Angie Sloan & Brian Johnson

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Article II, "Uniform Traffic Code," to Chapter 21, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

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

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, email City Clerk at bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us prior to the meeting or appear in person.



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# Jared's team cheers to support first-grader suffering from MD

by **Emma Palova**

It was Jared's team last Friday at Murray Lake Elementary as hundreds of

students gathered to support Jared Sweet, 6, suffering from muscular dystrophy. That day was dubbed as Jared's day after a week-long of activities slated to help the cause. But, the assembly wasn't the finale yet, as martial artist Mariah



Moore of Alto, challenged the children to take on the other elementaries, to raise more money for the cure of muscular dystrophy. Now, the schools, Bushnell, Cherry Creek, Alto and Murray Lake are in competition including parents to gather change and coins and bring it in to help Jared.

The blue tee shirts on Jared's team read, "One good deed at a time to change the world."

So far, the school has raised \$700 to help Jared.

Moore, 14, after her martial arts performance gave a presentation.

"I am a normal kid like

you," she said. "I work hard and I never give up. I train every day and I set goals for myself."

Moore, a national champion from Phillippines, said she keeps trying in spite of hardship.

"I've had broken bones, a broken nose, but I have a secret weapon I never say I can't," she said.

From Phillippines, she brought home two gold medals.

However, her real passion is helping other people.

"We will fight MD and help save Jared," she said. "We're on Jared's team."

Jared sits in front of his many student supporters during assembly at Murray Lake.

## Sound Off

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column

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Gee Mr. Howard, seems like you have many opinions, why don't you join a committee and help make change!

Would like to say great job to the Lowell varsity cheerleaders.  
To the Lowell football teams. Thanks for a great season!  
- Fulton Manor staff and grandpas and grandmas

*I take pride in my town and enjoy all of the events that are put on here. One of my contributions to Christmas through Lowell is putting out the luminaries for the weekend and lighting them. Along with the help of my family and the Chamber. But it saddens me to have to pick them up at the end of the weekend and find trash in them, half knocked over and a dozen or more missing the glass for the candles. It's hard to believe that some people just can't leave a nice decoration alone.*

- April McClure

*Thank you Ron, Dan and all the workers at the public works department who helped make the foodmobile a success for 2008. We couldn't have done it without your help.*

- Bob and Diane

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of November 10, 2008

**Reports**

- Parker Liu, Student Representative, provided an update on high school and student council activities.
- Mr. Mikulski provided an update on the Bus Fleet Inspection Report.
- Mrs. Murphy-Alderman presented a high school intervention update.

**Action Items**

- The Board accepted the following gifts to the district:
  - \$900.00, Donated by Guarneri House to the High School Orchestra
  - 49 Computers Donated by Alticor, Valued at \$3,489.00
  - Powdered Poster Paints, Valued at \$25.00, Donated by Judith Potter
- Approved the Second Reading of Board Policy 3423 - Use of Credit/Debit Cards
- Approved Bus Garage Mechanics, Bus Drivers and Non-Union Staff Work Agreements
- Approved Consumers Energy Resolution
- Authorized Bid Phase II of Construction

**Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes for the October 6, 2008, Closed Session, and October 13, 2008 Regular Meeting

The following payment of bills for October, 2008:

1. GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,583,065.97
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$97,632.45
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$3,383.17
3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$82,237.92
4. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$1,049.85
5. 2007 DEBT FUND.....	\$ 500.00
6. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$1,195,062.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$2,962,932.27

The following Personnel Leave:  
Courtney Duffner, Bushnell, Social Worker (Itinerant)  
*Consent Items Continued...*

**Budget Update**

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of October. Mr. Zielinski informed the Board that he will submit budget amendment information to the Board in early December. Mr. Zielinski added that the district auditor will summarize the audit for the 2007/2008 fiscal year at the Board Work Session on November 24, 2008. Mr. Zielinski commented that Governor Granholm will address potential budget cuts and/or freezes as it relates to education in late November or December.

**Curriculum Update**

Mr. Bearup commended principals across the district for their hard work as it relates to improved student achievement. Mr. Bearup noted his excitement that the district is shifting its focus to understanding how students learn, and for examining data and interventions to meet the needs of all students. Mr. Bearup indicated that at the end of the first trimester, staff will begin using EPIC, which is an after-school credit recovery program. Mr. Bearup reported that the MEAP tests have been sent and estimates that results will be received in mid-December or early January. Mr. Bearup announced that a professional development records day is planned in November and indicated that differentiation through technology will be examined. Mr. Bearup stated that work

continues in the area of power standards and ACT.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Pratt commented that the work of education has changed and that efforts are being made to individualize every students education. Superintendent Pratt added that it is an exciting time in Lowell and indicated that this important work is a reflection of the high caliber of staff and community members that support the school district. Superintendent Pratt announced that school will not be in session for students the week of November 24. Superintendent Pratt expressed his appreciation to the staff and Board of Education for the hard work and dedication to students.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Brubaker informed the Board that he attended the Michigan Association of School Boards fall conference, and had an opportunity to learn about the myriad of challenges at other school districts as it relates to financial challenges, Board relationships, etc. Mr. Brubaker indicated he is grateful that Lowell Area Schools is a leader in education for our community, and for the excellent staff that serves our students. Mr. Turner shared his excitement that the district has taken a data driven approach to instruction and is eager to see the ultimate results. Mr. Haefner expressed appreciation to the bus drivers and mechanics for their commitment to safely transporting students to school.

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

All Board of Education meetings are held in the Board Room at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI

**Board Work Session**

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**FOUND -** Golden Lab. Young male. Found 11/10 Fallsburg Park area. Call 540-4319.

**FOUND -** small reddish color dog, wearing collar & dragging a leash. Bennett Street area. Call 897-8851.

### EVENTS

**COMMUNITY SOUP DINNER -** St. Mary's confirmation class will be hosting a community soup dinner. Please share with us an evening of homemade food, friendship & community. Wed., Nov. 19, St. Mary's Church Parish Life Center (N. side of church), 5-7 p.m. NO CHARGE. For questions please call the church office, 897-9820.

**THANKSGIVING WEEK HOURS -** M-W, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thursday & Friday. Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9555.

**FRIDAY NIGHT WITH A BAND AT THE STRAND** - Nov. 28 Rock & Roll with PRIMALURGE. Doors at 7, music 8-12. No Cover!

**QUARTER BINGO -** 2nd Thurs. of each month, 1-5 p.m. 2 cards for a quarter. 50% payback w/100% pay-back hourly specials. Open to the public. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388.

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*When calling please have zip code, weight & dimensions of box*

**MONEYS TIGHT -** Stretch yours at Larkins Monday Nights 2 Steak Dinners \$12.

**EARLY DEADLINE -** The deadline for the Dec. 3 edition of the Lowell Ledger is Mon., Dec. 1 at noon.

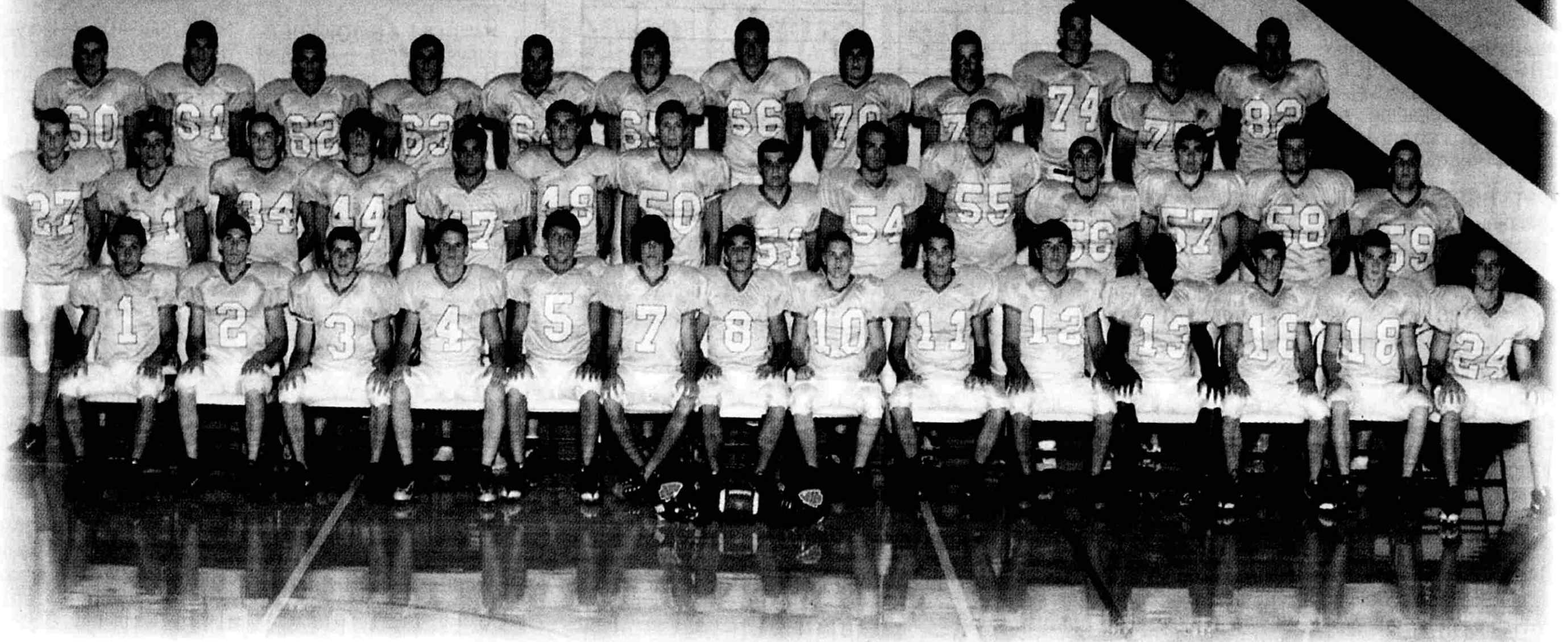
**CATS/KITTENS -** Spayed & neutered. \$25 for entire litter w/mama. Also, entire barn of cats for \$25. This is for Kent County residents only. Call 897-8865 to schedule an appointment.

**DRYWALL -** No job to small. Hanging, finishing, texturing. Call 897-9086.



# Congratulations on a great season

*- Lowell is proud of you!*



**2008 LOWELL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

(First row, L-R): Jacob Meyer, Lance Fargo, Kyle Nichol, Torsten Boss, Zach Stephens, Pat Martin, Drew Culross, Tom Jeffrey, Derek Corniss, Zach Noskey, Marc Destine, Jake Fillingham, Clinton Marsh and Austin Tackmann. (Second row, L-R): Jon Hanson, Austin Graham, Sam Young, Chris Eckman, Keegan Hanrahan, Cole Wade, Mark Ford, Trevis Shea, Randy Hogan, Connor Kruse, Agin Selimi, Torin Rix, Tom Alberts and John Bogardus. (Third row, L-R): Jason Miller, Sage Fox, Keith Williams, Dylan Olin, Zach White, Nick White, Matt Persons, Tyler Matteson, Kevin Jones, Josh Drake, Thomas Fleet and Josh Faulkner.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to Section 4.4, Signs and Billboards, of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. These amendments would in part: add new definitions of sign types; amend existing sign definitions; permit portable signs (currently prohibited in all zoning districts) according to regulations for type, size, number, duration and location including off premise farm product signs; provide new rules for wall signs and reader board signs in commercial and industrial zones; allow signs for home occupations and; amend the list of prohibited signs.

**The hearing will be held as follows:**

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter  
Township Planning Commission

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A free will offering will be taken at the door for the Lowell Music Boosters and for Dr. Debra Walker, missionary in Kenya.

Sat., Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

Lowell Performing Arts Center

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whatever it takes to improve care and support for the men and women who have bravely sacrificed in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

We must stay focused and resolute until we have a seamless, safe system that provides great care for our troops at every step along their journey from the battlefield back to civilian life.

Throughout the debates in our current wars, unlike the past, the citizens of our country have steadfastly supported our troops. That supportive spirit will continue this Veterans Day and into the years ahead, and as we continue our efforts to care for our nation's wounded warriors.

## College News

Local student Timothy Wernet has been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management.

Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker

Institute through a highly selective process based on academic achievement and demonstrated leadership abilities. Gerstacker members must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

Wernet is a first-year at Albion College. He is the son of Timothy and Suzanne Wernet of Rockford and a graduate of Lowell High School.

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  - Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Wednesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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