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Wednesday, September 23, 2009

41st annual Fallasburg Fall Festival this weekend

This year's 41st annual Fallasburg Fall Festival is expected to draw thousands to the historical setting of the Fallasburg Park. The festival is a unique combination of arts, crafts, demonstrations, music and food. It will feature 85 fine artists, who will be selling their artworks.

With hundreds of crafters and artisans booths set amidst trees decked out in fall colors, the festival takes place on the backdrop of the historical setting, which is on the national register of historical sites.

The Fallasburg Covered Bridge and village with one-room schoolhouse attracts thousands of visitors year-round.

Among the most popular dishes served at the festival are butternut squash bisque with cinnamon and signature apple dumplings.

Demonstrations at the cabin include weaving, quilting, rug hooking, fly tying, and origami art. Artworks on display range from fine arts, to sculptures, jewelry, and photography.

Hand painted gourds and wooden carvings make popular gift items along with dried flower bouquets and arrangements.

Children's art activities will include face painting, pumpkin painting, and crafts at select stations.

The highlight of the festival weekend is the raffle drawing for a hand-made quilt titled 'Quilt Flowers' made by Dawn Ysseldyke.

Musical entertainment will include Monique Doolittle, Proulx Brothers, Blue Water Ramblers, Carol Johnson, Black Canyon Band, Jonesy, Kinfyre, Hawks & Owls, Easy Idle String Band, The Panning

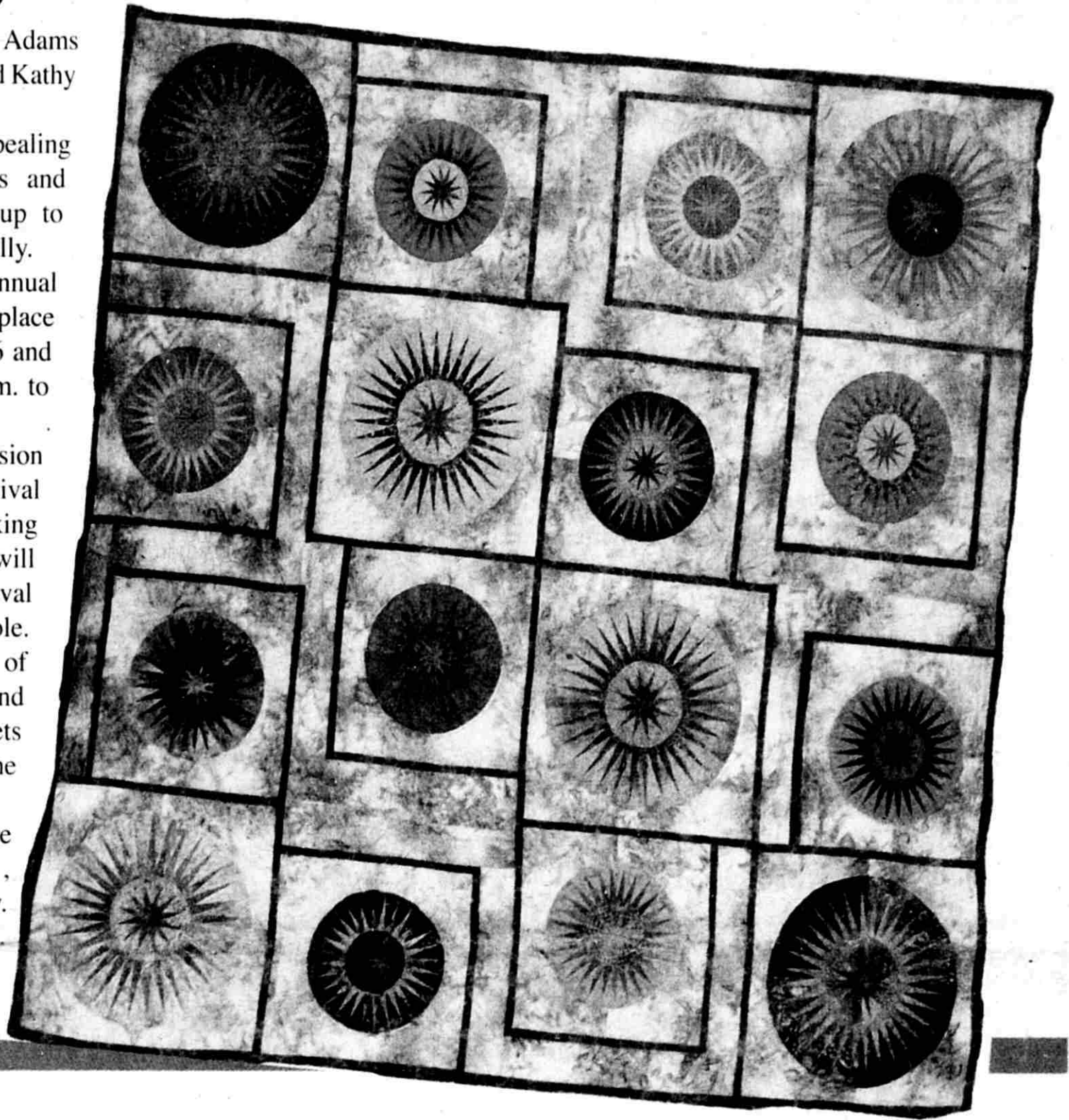
Family Band, The Adams Family, and Greg and Kathy Proulx.

It is this appealing combination of arts and crafts that attracts up to 30,000 people annually.

The 41st annual festival will take place this year on Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no admission fee to attend the festival and supervised parking is available for a freewill donation. The festival is handicap accessible. For the safety of all attendees and participants, no pets are allowed within the festival area.

For more information, go to www.lowellartscouncil.org.



New playground equipment at Cherry Creek

Cherry Creek Elementary students were greeted with new playground

equipment when they arrived back to school on Sept. 9. The new equipment promotes physical fitness

and upper body strength. It's been all about the new equipment these days at recess. The structure cost

the district \$32,000. It was installed over the summer by All About Play, located out of Lake Orion.



Obituaries



OSSEWAARDE
 Brian Anthony Ossewaarde, age 59, born in Grand Rapids, formerly of Wheat Ridge, CO, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 15, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin Ossewaarde and Marjean Ossewaarde. He is survived by his brothers, Gary, Randy (Gloria) Ossewaarde; nieces and nephews, Jennifer (Mike) Magner, Melissa Ossewaarde, Jonathan (Sue) Ossewaarde, Stephanie Ossewaarde, Devinne Ossewaarde, CJ and Cody Sokolowski; aunt, Betty Ossewaarde; uncle, Bob DeKlein; many cousins; and other family members. He wished to especially thank his cousins, Paul and Isolde Carrier, and Lynn Carrier, of Denver, for their assistance and care during the many years of his illness. Special thanks go out to his close friends, John, Ron and Phil, from Denver. Funeral services were held September 18 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Pastor David Sims of First Baptist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment at Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions in Brian's memory may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, American Cancer Society and First Baptist Church of Lowell - Building Fund.

YURKINAS
 Isabelle Agnes Yurkinas, born January 27, 1914, went to be with her Lord and Heavenly family on September 14, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Frank Yurkinas; son, Joseph William Yurkinas; grandsons, Joseph Michael and Kyle Joseph William Healey. She retired from the Donnelly Corporation in the mid 1960's and had lived in Lowell since her retirement. She loved bingo, traveling, baking, people, and casinos. She will be dearly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie Sue (Thomas) Healey of Rochester; granddaughter, Cathy; great-granddaughter, Denell; great great-granddaughter Olivia, of Clarksville, and all the other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Graveside service will be held for family at a later date. Cards may be sent to Cathy McCaul, 10776 Bell Rd., Clarksville, MI 48815. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

LAMB
 Nilafern "Fern" Lamb, aged 87, of Grand Rapids,

formerly of Lowell, died Monday, September 21, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Lamb. She is survived by her four children, Barbara (Harold) Chastain of Grand Rapids, Marcia Kubilis of Holland, Devere Lamb of Nevada, and Charles Lamb of Grand Rapids; six grandchildren, James (Jeannie) Chastain, Roger Kubilis, Jonathan (Christi) Kubilis, Krista (Steve) Tuls, Michael Kubilis, and Andrea (Andy) Champlin; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Brooks; sister, Myrna Williams; and nieces and nephews. Fern quietly and humbly passed through her life, never realizing what a profound effect she had on so many lives. She will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial services will be Saturday, October 3 at 11 a.m. at the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash, with Pastor Robert Holmes officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, Michigan 49301.

Social Security's 800 number: A history of service

Today, most adults in America carry a cell phone. If they don't, they probably have a landline phone at home. Although millions of people go online each year and take advantage of our convenient services at www.socialsecurity.gov, we still offer a full range of services over the telephone. That's an important thing to remember when you need to do business with Social Security. You can conduct many business transactions with our automated telephone services 24/7. Simply dial 1-800-772-1213. You can also talk with a Social Security representative from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Our phones are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. Also, whenever you call, have your Social Security number handy. Bilingual representatives are available to assist our non-English speaking members of the public.

Do you have a Social Security question or problem and cannot call during normal business hours? Recorded information and many automated services are available 24 hours a day — including weekends and holidays. Callers can use these automated services to report a change of address or telephone number, start or change direct deposit of benefits, request a proof of income letter or a replacement Medicare card, and order some of our most popular public information pamphlets.

Of course, if you have a computer, you may find that the information and services offered online are even more convenient at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

- Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

LEGAL NOTICE • LEGAL NOTICE •

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 09-187,280-GA

IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY MEYERS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: to the missing and unknown presumptive heirs of TIMOTHY MEYERS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 13, 2009 at 9 a.m. at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 before Judge DAVID M. MURKOWSKI (P35026) for the following purpose:

To appoint a guardian for Timothy Meyers. 9/15/09

Tom Ellsworth PO Box 3682 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 09-187,407-DE

Estate of JOSEPHINE HERNANDO SCHOLTENS, deceased

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOSEPHINE HERNANDO SCHOLTENS, who lived at 3925 Leland Avenue NE, Comstock Park, Michigan died 8/21/2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to BRENDA ANN FRANKEL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 9/16/2009

R. John Stephan - P71686 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080

Brenda Ann Frankel 4132 Robert Street NE Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-307-7419

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 09-187,355-DE

Estate of ROSEMARY STREK, date of birth 12/27/1950

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROSEMARY STREK, who lived at 413 Cherry St., SE, Apt. 124, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 died 8/24/2009.

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

STREK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 9/11/2009

Craig A. Bruggink - P29358 429 Turner Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-5048

James Stanley Strek 1053 Pulawski SW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-8321

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MacRaven concerts to be held at arts council

MacRaven CD release concerts and receptions will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery, 149 S. Hudson, on Sunday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. with a reception following each concert. Tickets are \$8 in advance by calling 897-8545 or visiting info@lowellartscouncil.org, or \$10 at the door.

Comparing the musical duo MacRaven with a culinary dish? "We're a cross between Vichyssoise and a steaming bowl of Campbell's Soup," according to composer and pianist, Roger MacNaughton. "Steve VanRavenswaay comes from a 30-year career performing cello with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and I've done everything from rock, jazz, and pop on piano. We leave all the preconceived ideas, of what piano and cello should

sound like, at the door and just create our own sound." Apparently the "sound" is working. In addition

to touring regionally, the MacNaughton composition "Charlevoix Keepsake," from the duo's CD Winter



Roger MacNaughton and Steve VanRavenswaay.

Canvas, was awarded first place in the United States as an original instrumental composition by the International Music Aid Awards in 2006. Expect more sumptuous originals when MacRaven releases their second CD, The Heart Does Not Forget, in identical concerts sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council. Immediately following each concert, patrons will be treated to wine and cheese receptions and have an opportunity to meet the artists.

Area alpaca farms hold open houses Sept. 26-27

Local alpaca farms will open their properties to the public next weekend as they observe National Alpaca Farm days. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27, owners will welcome guests to join them at their respective locations for many activities including fiber spinning, alpaca agility demonstrations and more.

Participating farms include:
 • Lowell-Waterwood Alpacas, Susan and Kent Riddle, 5342 Waterwood Drive, SE, 616-340-6439, seyridle@gmail.com.
 • Vermontville Tealwater Ranch LLC, Cora Foley and Bob Davis, 1312 N. Ionia Road, 517-726-0899, coraf@hughes.net, www.TealwaterRanch.com
 • Plainwell - Flying Cloud Alpacas, Gayleen Rollins and John Rizzo, 301

Fourth St., 269-685-3101, FlyingCloudAlpacas@msn.com, www.alpacanation.com/flyingcloud.

The open houses are part of National Alpaca Farm days, being held across the United States and Canada, to help the public learn more about the unique and inquisitive animals.

Alpacas, cousins to llamas, are native to the Andean Mountain range of South America, particularly Peru, Bolivia and Chile. The U.S. first commercially imported alpacas in 1984. There are now over 150,000 registered alpacas in North America.

Although almost physically identical, what distinguishes the two types of alpacas is their fiber. The Huacaya (wa-Ki-ah) is the more common of the two and has a fluffy, extremely fine coat. The Suri is the

rarer of the two and has fiber that is silky and resembles pencil-locks, according to spokesperson, Shirley Knaack, of Encore Alpacas.

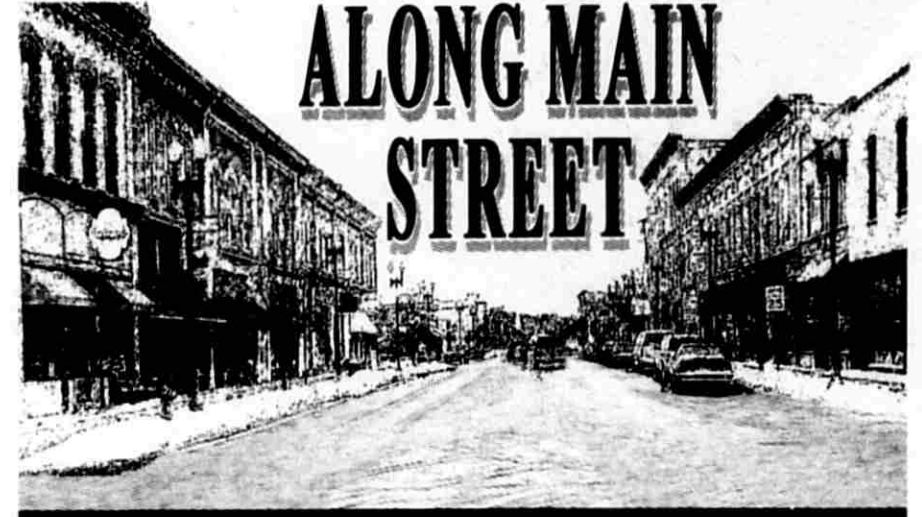
Newspapers: Carrying the Torch of Freedom



National Newspaper Week Oct. 4-10, 2009

SHELVES ARE EMPTY AT FROM FOOD PANTRY

The shelves are almost totally empty in the FROM Food Pantry. Approximately 300 families a month are receiving food, and now that more people are losing unemployment payment, the need is bound to escalate. Please, if you are able to make a donation of non-perishable food items, it will be greatly appreciated. We can't do it without the support of our churches and community! Some suggested food items are canned vegetables, boxed or canned potatoes, soup, cereal, and peanut butter.



HARVEST MOON WATCH

Join the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association for an exploration of our amazing solar system from the deck of the Wittenbach/Wege Center on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. This event is free and all are encouraged to attend.

HOMECOMING PARADE 2009

Calling all Lowell clubs, organizations, community groups or school sports teams that would like to participate in the homecoming parade on Fri., Oct. 9. If interested, contact Nick at the Lowell High School to reserve your spot, 987-2988 or nblough@lowellschools.com.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Lowell Women's Club is offering entertainment books to raise funds for Senior High School girls' scholarships and local projects. Books are \$20 and are available at Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, Lowell Area Arts Council, Salon 206, and from club members, or call Marj, 897-8107.

F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

The shelves are almost totally empty in the FROM Food Pantry. If you are able to make a donation of nonperishable food items, it will be greatly appreciated. Some suggested food items are canned vegetables, boxed or canned potatoes, soup, cereal, and peanut butter.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember LaPonsie.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting as submitted and the accounts payables was approved.

Motion to approve the extension of solid waste, yard waste and recycling contract with Allied Waste Industries to November 30, 2010.

Yea: 4 (Altoft, Ellison, Pfaller and Hodges).
 Nay: 0. Absent: 1 (LaPonsie).

Motion to award contract to the low bid of Team Elmer's for the sealing of manholes to eliminate ground water infiltration.

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 5, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
 City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 30th.



City of Lowell Water Department

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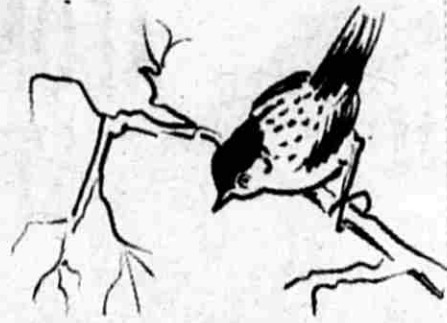
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Outdoors

By
Dave Stegehuis



OUTDOOR SAFETY

Early this summer in the Upper Peninsula, my partner and I set out on a three-mile hike on a well traveled and well marked trail through rolling hardwoods and cedar swamps. A mile and a half into the walk, we decided to continue around on a six-mile loop back to the trailhead. A confusing sign and an overgrown section of trail led us off course into the middle of a huge wetland where the trail finally ran out. The detour increased the hike distance from the original three-miles to twelve-miles in 90-degree heat without water. We were running the risk of heat exhaustion by the time we got back to the trailhead. It is easy to overlook basic

safety practices when involved with common recreational activities.

The lesson from this hiking experience is that when entering wild areas, be prepared to navigate unfamiliar ground and have the means to survive out there if necessary. It is wise to plan ahead and be prepared for the unexpected.

Since hunting deer from an elevated stand became legal in Michigan, every season there are reports of injuries and death as a result of falls from elevated platforms or tree stands. These accidents can be avoided by using a fall restraint system which keeps one connected to the tree when off the ground.

Watercraft operation presents a wide range of hazards. Boat traffic, weather, navigation challenges, and mechanical difficulties make it important to be well educated about boat operation and safety before taking to the water. Non-motorized craft also require a knowledge of fundamental procedures and safety rules. Always wear a recommended flotation device and complete a boating safety class to make fun on the water a reasonably safe activity.

The potential speed and weight of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmobiles call for extreme caution when operating these vehicles. Follow manufacturer recommendations and take an appropriate safety class before venturing out on the trails.

Hunting and shooting sports are statistically safer than riding a bicycle, but mistakes made with firearms can have serious consequences. Anyone born after January 1, 1960 must complete a hunter safety course in order to buy a Michigan hunting license. Others not required to take the class and nonhunters should receive firearm training before handling firearms for any reason.

These are just a few examples of enjoyable and rewarding outdoor activities that, with training and common sense, are relatively safe activities. No matter how much training one has or what type of safety equipment is purchased, it is necessary to consistently follow the rules and actually use that equipment to be safe.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

Do you have enough insurance - and the right type?

September has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness month - so you may want to take this opportunity to learn more about your life insurance needs and determine if you're adequately covered.

In fact, helping people understand the necessity of being properly insured and the need to seek professional advice regarding those needs is the ultimate goal of Life Insurance Awareness Month, which is coordinated by the nonprofit Life and Health Foundation for Education (LIFE). Some 68 million adult Americans have no life insurance at all according to LIMRA International, a

worldwide association of insurance and financial services companies. And many people with insurance have far less coverage than they need.

If you have loved ones depending on your income, it's important to discuss how life insurance may protect them. But choosing the right amount of coverage, and the right type, is not quite that simple. So let's take a look at two key questions you need to ask: How much insurance do I need? And what type of insurance is right for me?

There are many factors to consider when determining how much insurance you need. That's why you'll need to look at some key variables in your life, such as: How many children do you have? Do you plan for them all to go to college? Do any of them have special needs? How many years left are on your mortgage? What other debts do you have? An experienced financial professional will be able to use the answers to these questions and others to help determine how much life insurance you need.

Your next step is to decide which type of coverage best fits your needs. Essentially, your choice is between term insurance, which offers a death benefit for a specific period of time, and permanent insurance, which can provide lifetime protection plus the potential to build cash value tax-deferred. Keep in mind that all guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance

company and that certain features come at additional costs.

There's no hard-and-fast rule as to which type of coverage to choose. However, when you're starting out in your career, and your children are young, you might find that term insurance could be a cost effective way for covering a short-term need (generally 20 years or less). On the other hand, if you choose a permanent insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, you can potentially build cash value that you can access during your life on a tax-advantaged basis. Since permanent insurance has a cash value component, the premiums may initially be more costly than those for term insurance.

Which choice - term or permanent - is right for you? It depends on a variety of factors, including your cash flow, your investment portfolio, and how many years you plan on keeping your coverage. Also, you'll need to review your insurance coverage regularly to make sure it still meets your needs and addresses any changes in your situation. A financial advisor can help you make the right selections.

Taking steps today allows you to celebrate Life Insurance Awareness Month secure in the knowledge that you've taken the right steps to help protect your family.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Saturday, the 19th, I turned my son's youth football equipment in at Burch Field. He played one game, mostly standing on the sidelines.

Last year was his first year playing and he absolutely loved it, practice and the games. He liked it the most when it was cold and raining; playing in the mud was the best. Last year's coach took an interest in all his players and tried to find the best position for each one, relative to their abilities, and the team rocked.

Coaches can pick five players for the next year, usually their son and their assistant coach's son, and maybe one or two gifted players or friends.

This year my kid had a different coach. From the first practice, he had all the skill positions filled, with no tryouts, and no chance to show him what he could do. I attended every practice and couldn't really believe what was happening. My son saw it faster than I did and hated practice. I forced him to stick it out and play the first game, where he stood on the sidelines for almost three quarters.

I will be dismissed as another parent who thinks the team should be designed to showcase my kid's talents. So be it. What my son brought to last year's team was speed, hitting, and no fear of making diving tackles. He did play

on the line as center, and on defense as a safety, so he got to root in the mud as well as being in a position of visibility where you can't expect much help.

This year he played part time and stayed on the line both ways, being taught "bear crawling," i.e., the defensive guards being taught to reach and grab opposing player's ankles; a good way to get your hand stepped on. He's not a big kid and doesn't have much possibility of playing on the line at a higher level.

So, he lost some of his love of the game and a year of development. I lost a few bucks and the fun of watching him play. This year's coaches moved their core group along and used the rest to plug the holes left. They used other people's kids like light bulbs; burn one out and screw another one in.

Dale Trollman

Dear Editor,

We, the Lowell football fans, were privileged to see and hear the Mona Shores' High School Marching Band perform at the football game on Friday, September 18. Kudos to a school that appreciates the arts as much as theirs obviously does. And kudos to a band that obviously enjoys performing for, and cheering with, the crowds and cheerleaders at their football games.

Jeanne Rockwell



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 24, 1884

The September term of the circuit court opened Monday. The case of the People vs. Geo. Behler, for violating the liquor law, is on the calendar for this term.

The new cannon was fired last Thursday for the first time. The barrel weighs about 500 pounds and was made at Nash's shop. It will be put on wheels.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 23, 1909

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Andrews entertained the Jolly Dozen, Saturday evening, in honor of their thirtieth wedding anniversary. A delicious supper was served and the evening spent in merry conversation. The guests left, as a remembrance of the occasion, a fine linen tablecloth.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 27, 1934

Kent County sheep owners will have an opportunity on Saturday, October 6, to trade or sell their purebred rams at a sheep meeting to be held at the sheep barn at the West Michigan fairgrounds.

The Strand Theatre front has been embellished with a new coat of gold bronze paint.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 24, 1959

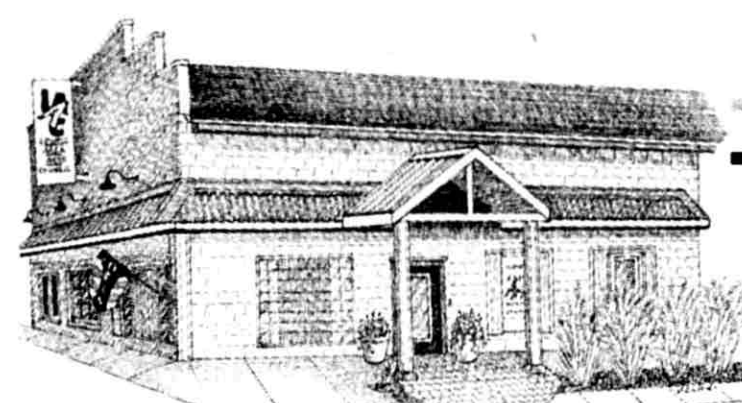
Lowell Lanes announces the formation of a free Class of Instruction in bowling to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 26, at the Lanes on Main St. in Lowell.

More intensive research in control of Dutch Elm disease is urged by Rep. Gerald R. Ford in a recent letter to Benson, Secretary of Agriculture. Ford said that the \$92,000 targeted for Dutch Elm disease research this year should be at least doubled in fiscal year 1961.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 3, 1984

Two new businesses have opened their doors in recent days here. Modern Mini-Lab and Camera, and Front Row Video are now both eager to have you stop by and see what they have to offer.

Front Row Video opened last Wednesday in the Crystal Flash Mall with 225 video cassettes and 5 video cassette recorders for rent. Owner, Tony Ellison, says that he already has 50 more tapes on order and plans to add to his inventory, buying all new tapes as they hit the market and filling his selection of older movies steadily as the business grows.



At the Lowell Area Arts Council

IN PRAISE OF VOLUNTEERS

Like so many local organizations, clubs, fire departments, churches, and sports groups, the Lowell Area Arts Council would cease to exist without our volunteers. Many of us donate our time, energy, and money on behalf of others with no expectation of personal gain. Volunteerism benefits all of us by offering new avenues for social and personal growth, experiences, and education. Our community and individuals are far better off due to the generosity of volunteers.

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 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).

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
City of Lowell

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Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.
- Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931)

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(Corner of Cascade Rd. & Alden Nash)

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- GAMER (R) 9:40

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009 Reports

- Parker Liu, Student Representative, provided an update on student council activities and high school events.
- Ms. Lum and Ms. Tousley reported on the 2009 Lowell Arrows on the Move Summer Program.
- Mr. Nugent reported on the Board of Education Action Plan Work.

Action Items

- The Board accepted the following gifts to the district:
 - 52 Books to Cherry Creek, 55 Books to Lowell Middle School, and an HP Scanner to Cherry Creek, Valued at \$250.00, Donated by Patty Linak, for use in the School Library.
 - Two Boxes of 3-Ring Binders, Donated by MSU School of Medicine, to be Used, Where Needed, District-Wide.
 - York Cornet with Case, Donated by Ronald Rittersdorf, Valued at \$75.00, to be used by the Lowell Middle School Band Program.
 - Two Market Lambs, Shearing, and Hauling for Exhibition and Sale at the Kent County Youth Fair, Donated by Tim Bergy, to the Lowell FFA.
 - The Board re-affirmed the CIPA Compliance Policy 4520.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes for the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting; August 22, 2009 Board Retreat; August 24, 2009 Special Meeting, August 24, 2009 Closed Session, and August 24, 2009 Board Work Session.

Hired Amy Wierzbicki, Special Education, Middle School; Kori Groeters, 5th Grade Teacher, Murray Lake; Katey Kutt, Math/Science Teacher, Middle School; Melanie Hook, School Psychologist, District; and Wendy DeBoer, 3rd Grade Teacher, Cherry Creek.

The following payment of bills for August, 2009:

1. GENERAL FUND	\$1,019,433.80
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$23,767.17
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$16,383.61
C. Scholarship Fund.....	\$5,847.52
3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$17,727.70
4. 2004 DEBT FUND.....	\$2,118.00
5. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....	\$836,953.62
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$1,922,231.42

Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

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- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted.
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Weddings

Meissner/Aksamitowski



Amy and Ryan Meissner

The ceremony which united in marriage Amy Aksamitowski and Ryan Meissner was performed at St. Robert's Catholic Church in Ada on June 20, 2009. Parents of the couple are Tim and Linda Aksamitowski, and Jim and the late Linda Meissner.

Many boomers may be forced to change their retirement plans

It's not exactly boom to bust, but many Americans nearing retirement are being forced to revamp their retirement plans due to the economic downturn. A new survey of Baby Boomers at the age of 60 reveals many now are planning to work longer and cut spending.

Almost 75 percent have reduced spending, with more than half of affluent 60 year-olds revamping their retirement plans -- double the number who reported making changes a year ago, according to the fourth annual national "Affluent Boomers at 60 Survey" by Bell Investment Advisors.

"It is critical for investors to realize there is no bailout package for retirement," said Jim Bell, founder and president of Bell Investment Advisors. "The current economic situation is a wake-up call for investors at 60 to have a clear retirement plan that incorporates a sound investment strategy."

Of those who report changing their retirement plans, two out of three are delaying retirement to add more working years. And

when it comes to investing, the majority of aging Boomers surveyed think the stock market is too risky for people their age.

The goal for many is to rebuild retirement savings hard hit by tough times.

"Merely increasing savings and working longer will not fill the gap for most Boomers approaching retirement," said Bell. "Recent stock market volatility has many Boomers reconsidering risk, but it's critical to keep in mind that when you reduce investment risk, you also reduce the upside potential to rebuild wealth. Boomers who choose to wait for a market recovery to decide when to reinvest will miss early gains."

According to the experts at Bell, there are several smart money moves to consider:

- Determine How Much You Need: One rule is to multiply your annual income needs in retirement by 20. If your investments can average at least an eight percent return annually, you can plan to withdraw up to

five percent yearly in retirement.

• Create A Withdrawal Plan: A few years prior to retirement, create this plan. Consider setting aside up to five years of your projected income needs toward lower risk investments, such as fixed-income funds. This can help protect money needed for the first years of retirement, enabling you to weather short-term market downturns.

• Don't Bank Heavily On Your Home: Many think their homes are worth more than they are. Also, to realize its value, you'll have to move to a lower

cost home which will require cash up front, plus moving expenses.

• Plan To Live Long: The average life expectancy is approaching 90, so invest a portion of your portfolio in long-term investments.

For more information about managing your investments for retirement, visit www.bellinvest.com.

Interestingly, despite the radical changes many Boomers are making to retirement plans, the market downturn hasn't altered their positive feelings about life. A whopping 97 percent said they feel great about their lives.

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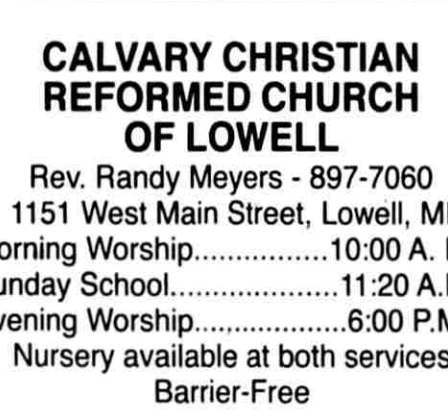


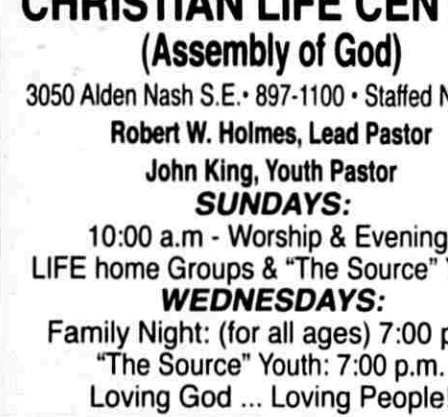


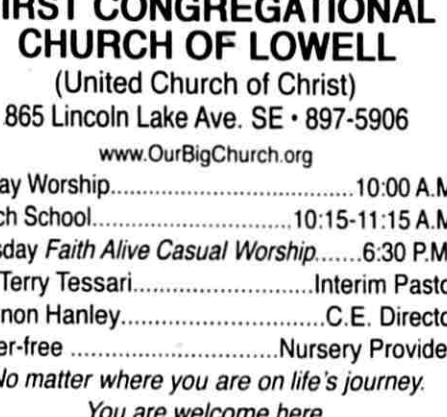
New Arrivals

Glupker

born on September 13, 2009, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Philip and Karen Glupker, of Byron Center, and Tom and Jo Boersma, of Lowell.

Aaron and Lynn Glupker, of Kentwood, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth. She was

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In The Service

Army National Guardsman Brian J. Sejat graduated from basic military training at Ft. Benning US Infantry Training Base, Georgia. The infantryman completed an intensive, nine-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Army core values, physical fitness, basic warfare principles, along with core ballistic weaponry. Sejat has returned to Central Michigan University where he will continue his



core studies along with the ROTC program and monthly training. He will return to Ft. Benning next summer for Advanced Infantry Training. He is the son of Joe and Sue Sejat, of Lowell. Sejat is a 2008 graduate of Lowell High School.

Brian J. Sejat

Surge the Afghan army

With Senator Carl Levin

The battle against the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan is at a crucial stage. The Obama administration's new strategy, focusing on securing the Afghan population's safety, is an important start at reversing worrisome recent trends. But after recently traveling to the region, I believe there is an urgent need for additional resources to make that strategy successful.

One question our nation now faces is whether those new resources should include more U.S. combat troops, beyond the already-planned increase now underway, which will raise our troop commitment to about 68,000 by the end of this year. Before we decide to add troops beyond that commitment, we and our Afghan allies should focus on accelerated efforts to train, equip and field a larger Afghan force, and to win the allegiance of low- and mid-level Taliban fighters in the same way that Sunni insurgents in Iraq were transformed from enemies to allies.

While the situation in Afghanistan has worsened, we still have important advantages there. Public opinion polls show that the Afghan people hate the Taliban. And the Afghan military is a highly motivated force of proven fighters. Security problems there remain serious, but we must ensure that Afghanistan does not revert to a Taliban-friendly government that would once again provide a safe haven for al Qaeda.

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HEALTH

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

TESTICULAR CANCER SCREENING

Testicular cancer affects males of all ages, but is most prevalent in young men. It is one of the most common malignant tumors found in males age 15 to 34. Some risk factors for testicular cancer include:

- being caucasian;
- having a brother or father with testicular cancer;
- having an undescended testicle (one that did not come down into the scrotum) even if it was surgically corrected;
- having small or irregularly shaped testicles;
- or having Klinefelter's syndrome (a genetic condition).

Some signs of testicular cancer include:

- a hard, painless lump in the testicle (most common);
- a dull ache in the scrotum (less common);
- or a scrotum that feels heavy or swollen.

Testicular cancer has good cure rates if found early and treated. All men should perform monthly testicular self-exams. If a lump, swelling, tenderness or any other change in the testicle is discovered, see your healthcare provider right away.

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Safe travels - Mikulski wouldn't have it any other way

by Thad Kraus

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In 20 years, as head of operations of transportation and maintenance, Larry Mikulski saw to the safe travel of Lowell's fleet of buses and listened and worked with contractors while advising on building renovation and new construction in the district.

"The building status in this district is excellent. Every building has been redone, reworked, renovated or newly built," Mikulski explains.

Lowell School District's bus fleet has doubled in 20 years. When Mikulski started, the number was at 24. It now stands at 48. For a short span it surpassed 60.

"That is a reflection of the district's growth," Mikulski said.

Keeping an eye on and studying where growth may come from has been a pivotal part of his tenure.

"Knowing whether growth will be occurring in the north or south will continue to be an important piece," Mikulski said. "Currently, there is small room for growth in all buildings."

Mikulski was hired in at the start of the new high school construction.

That has been followed up with building projects throughout the district.

The most recent renovation project was completed at the middle school.

"We renovated that building twice. Two years ago we came to the conclusion that the entire building needed to be rebuilt. It was four years of work that took six years to complete,"

Mikulski explained.

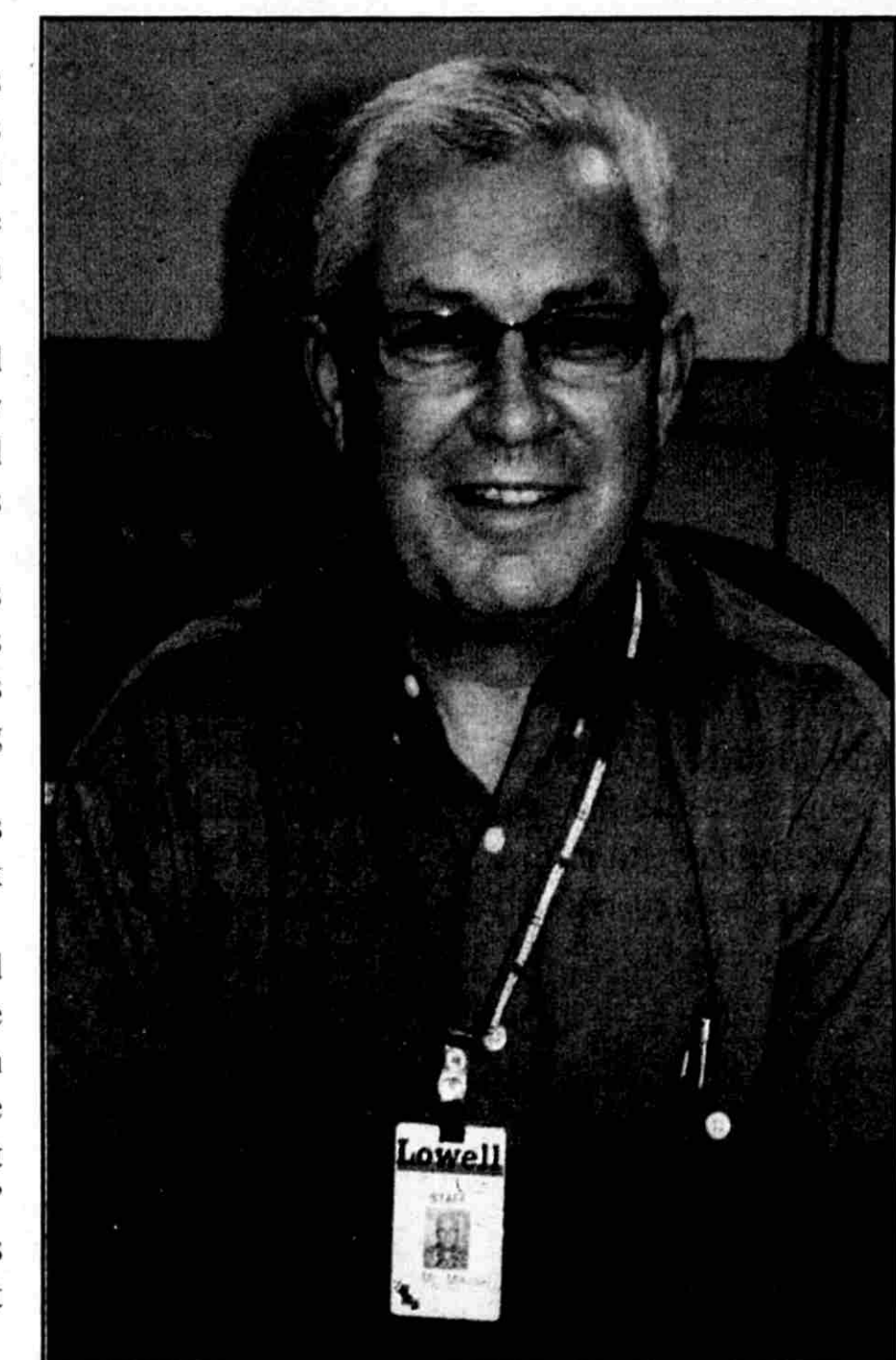
The project's measurement of success has come from the students and parents. Their reports on the finished product have been excellent.

"Both parents and students agree the capacity for students to learn and the school environment has improved," Mikulski said.

On Oct. 2, Lowell's head of operations leaves due to medical reasons. His wife Maureen's ongoing bout with cancer.

Both Mikulski and his wife were part of the Pink Arrow event parade.

"It's amazing how good that makes you feel. To have so many people have an awareness of what you're going through and to want to help is a great feeling," Mikulski explains. "This truly is a community that gives."



Larry Mikulski started as transportation supervisor. Over the last 20 years, that evolved into the head of operations for transportation and maintenance. Mikulski steps away officially on Oct. 2.

put sidewalks on Gee Drive and to reorganize the walks and paths around Cherry Creek Elementary - making it more convenient and safe for kids.

The head of operations will leave as a new transportation building opens.

"We go from antiquated to a new facility," Mikulski said. "We now have

computerized services which are able to diagnose problems with a bus. Also, parents can now talk to drivers directly at the office."

Even with Mikulski's departure, he will remain involved in the Lowell Community Expo and school committees. He may even be part of a campaign to help elect a former Lowell superintendent to Lansing.

Carol Hamilton will assume the role of transportation supervisor while Steve Turnbull will be the new head of maintenance and custodial.

Pushed for a funny story or anecdote, Mikulski remembered organizing and setting up for three retiring school officials: one was the late Bob Perry.

Each was provided space to bring in memorabilia for the reception.

"Bob showed up at 9 a.m. the day of the reception to set his stuff up. I left in the morning and walked back into the room five minutes before the event was to start and Bob was still there (talking) and setting up, and had not yet gone home to change," Mikulski recalls with a broad smile.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Sept. 28, 2009

MON: Pepperoni pizza (cheeseburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), later tots, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Beef ravioli & meat sauce w/wheat bread (BBQ ribbette on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, fruit crisp, milk.

WED: Bosco sticks w/ dipping sauce (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh vegetables, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

THURS: Spaghetti & Italian meatsauce (stacked ham & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), cooked carrots, pineapple, milk.

FRI: Chicken mashed potato bowl w/gravy & roll (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

New Transportation Supervisor

Larry Mikulski is the new Transportation Supervisor for Lowell Schools. He has 25 years in the retail furniture business, where he was service manager and later operations manager. Larry is a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College and Davenport College. He has lived in Lowell for 22 years and is a member of St. Mary's Church. His family includes his wife, Maureen, 2 daughters, both graduates of Lowell Schools and now attending Grand Rapids Junior College, and a son in the fifth grade in Alto. The drivers find Larry to be likeable, easy to work with and to have a very necessary sense of humor.

A clipping from the Ledger announced Mikulski's arrival 20 years ago.

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A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM SEPT. 16 - SEPT. 22

Secret tapes made public this week of President Clinton and his daily life in the White House. Every day President Clinton had Taylor Branch come to the White House in secret to give an oral report of his daily accounts. Branch, a Pulitzer Prize winning author, is now coming out with a book based on these tapes.

- A report released Monday for Alzheimer's Disease International day, states that Alzheimer's cases to nearly double every 20 years. Much of the growth will be fueled by longer life spans and population growth.
- Christian Rossiter, 49, a quadriplegic in Perth, Australia who had won a legal battle to starve himself to death, died on Monday.
- Mad Men wins top Emmy again. The American period show about the advertising industry wins an Emmy award for best drama. Glenn Close takes best lead actress in a drama series for Damages.
- Another two U.S. banks were shut down last week by federal regulators, taking the total number of American banking failures this year to 94.
- Former House Republican Whip, Tom Delay, a.k.a. The Hammer, is one of many celebrities this season on "Dancing With The Stars." His first dance was a cha-cha to the song "Wild Thing."
- Former New York Giant Plaxico Burress was sentenced to two years in prison, after shooting himself in the thigh, for reckless endangerment and two counts of attempted criminal possession of a weapon.
- The head of oil giant Total told the BBC the world could face a shortage of oil because of underinvestment. Chief executive warned that too little has been spent trying to tap into new oil reserves because of the economic crisis. He also said he thought oil prices would rise to more than \$100 a barrel from their current level of \$70.
- Israel has not ruled out any options in dealing with Iran's nuclear program, a senior Israeli official has said. Foreign Minister, Danny Ayalon, said there is no guarantee that Israel would not launch a strike against Iran.
- Huge floods rage in Georgia as storms pound the southeast. The death toll from the flooding has risen to eight; the first being a two-year-old child who was swept from his father's arms.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell misfortune plays role in soccer's 1-1 tie

by Thad Kraus

Lowell and Grand Rapids Christian entered Thursday night's contest as two of the best soccer teams in the O-K White.

Following a 1-1 overtime tie, nothing had changed for the Red Arrows and Eagles.

"It (the game) is what I expected," said Eagle coach

Larry Klaasen. "It was a great game between two evenly matched teams who play hard."

The tie did not settle as well for Lowell.

"I thought we dominated offensively," explained Lowell's soccer coach, Paul Legge. "We were able to create a number of scoring

opportunities but were unable to finish."

That has become one of the themes in the early part of the 2009 season.

The other is solid Red Arrow defensive play.

"We played as well as we have all year," Legge said.

Grand Rapids Christian's game-tying, second-half goal was a gift from above for the parochial school visitors.

Lowell defender, Brent Cone, cutting across inside the box, in what Legge described as great defensive position, had a ball deflect off his heel and into the empty net.

Brent was in perfect form to defend and our

goalie had stepped out to get the ball when it hits off Brent's heel and goes into the net," Legge said. "It's one of those fluke plays."

The goal was credited to the Eagles' Shane Colburn.

"We didn't create many scoring opportunities. We weren't able to get the ball inside the box very much," Klassen said.

Lowell (5-1-1, 1-0-1) took the lead with a first-half goal from Tommy Rodriguez.

The Red Arrows now travel for big games against East Grand Rapids and Northview this week.

"It's obviously a big week for us," Legge concluded.

Jacob Karasiewicz works for separation prior to booting a crossing shot.



Lowell harriers eighth at Sparta Invitational

by Thad Kraus

Lowell harriers were seventh in a field of nine at the Sparta Invitational on Saturday.

Kenowa Hills took first with 58, followed by Hudsonville, 66; West Ottawa, 72; Rockford, 110; Grandville, 129; Jenison, 183; Lowell, 205; and Greenville, 227.

The Red Arrows' top five times were recorded by Zach Robinson, 17:12;

Tom Mark, 18:28; Caleb Hershberger, 18:42; Josh Corteville, 19:34; and John Mark, 19:44.

The top time was posted by Kenowa Hills' Kamyszek Reed. The Knight stopped the clock in 15:22.

In the Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational on Wednesday, Lowell finished seventh.

Caledonia was the event leader with 33

points. The Fighting Scots were followed by Byron Center, 72; Hastings, 109; East Grand Rapids, 112; Middleville, 119; Rogers, 124; Lowell, 158; and Wayland, 176.

Lowell's top times were recorded by Zach Robinson, 17:52 (seventh); Tom Mark, 18:51 (21st); Josh Corteville, 19:53 (44th); Caleb Hershberger, 19:55 (46th); and John Mark, 20:26 (67th).



Evan Kohtz battles for possession in first-half action against Grand Rapids Christian.

Red Arrows legs out fourth in Middleville

by Thad Kraus

A fourth-place finish at the Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational highlighted a week of running for the Lowell girls' cross country team.

The Red Arrows were fourth with 110 points. East Grand Rapids won the Invitational with 21

points followed by Byron Center, 80; and Caledonia, who was third with 102.

Following Lowell home was Middleville, 117; Hastings, 131; Wayland, 144; and Wyoming Rogers, 237.

Lowell's top five times were recorded by Rebekah Betts, 21:42 (17th); Taylor

Marchido, 21:52 (18th); Katie Jousma, 22:49 (30th); and Haleigh Timmers, 23:09 (35th).

At the Sparta Invitational on Saturday, Lowell placed seventh.

The Red Arrows competed minus three of their top five runners.

way with a time of 20:55, followed by Amy Bartkus, 22:04; Karis Dilly, 22:16; Emily Jelsma, 22:41; and Skye Thebo, 23:17.

Jenison won the event with 42 points. Lowell had 165.

The Red Arrows run

at home in an O-K White Jamboree on Wednesday (Sept. 23).

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BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated.

- 9/25 Greenville
- 10/2 Creston
- 10/9 at 7:30 p.m. G.R. Christian*
- 10/16 East Grand Rapids
- 10/23 Northview*

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home game at Deer Run Golf Course
Games begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/23 East Grand Rapids*
- 9/28 Calvin Christian*
- 9/30 Conference at Thornapple Point
- 10/5 Forest Hills Eastern
- 10/6 Unity Christian

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/24 at 7:15 p.m. Northview
- 9/26 at 11:45 a.m. Zeeland East
- 9/29 Mona Shores*
- 10/1 Greenville
- 10/6 Creston*
- 10/8 at 6:15 p.m. G.R. Christian
- 10/13 East Grand Rapids*
- 10/15 Northview*

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus
Meets begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/25 Greenville
- 10/2 Creston
- 10/16 East Grand Rapids

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Tennis Courts.
Meets begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/23 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids
- 9/26 at 9 a.m. South Christian Invitational
- 9/28 at 4:15 p.m. Northview*
- 9/30 NorthPointe Christian
- 10/3 time TBA Conference*
- 10/5 Unity Christian

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/24 Creston
- 9/29 G.R. Christian*
- 10/1 East Grand Rapids
- 10/3 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Invitational
- 10/6 Northview*
- 10/8 Greenville*
- 10/13 Creston*
- 10/15 G.R. Christian
- 10/20 East Grand Rapids*
- 10/22 Northview
- 10/24 at 8 a.m. Unity Christian Invitational
- 10/27 Greenville
- 10/31 time TBA White/Black Tournament at EGR

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus
Meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/23 Jamboree*
- 9/26 at 9 a.m. Bob Perry - Lowell Invitational*
- 10/3 at 9 a.m. Carson City Invitational
- 10/7 Jamboree at Northview
- 10/10 at 10:15 a.m. Allegan Jamboree
- 10/21 at 4:15 p.m. Jamboree at Creston



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Hogan interception provides Lowell with play of separation

by Thad Kraus

An 80-yard kickoff return, followed by a failure to convert on fourth down, left Lowell in unfamiliar territory.

The Red Arrows had to defend an opponent who started a third-quarter drive with a chance to tie or take the lead.

In what could be called the game's play of separation, Mona Shores quarterback, Tovanian Golliver's, toss over the middle was picked off by Lowell middle linebacker, Randy Hogan, who returned it 30 yards for a Lowell touchdown, extending the Red Arrow lead to 28-14.

"I was looking for a running back to leak out of the back field," Hogan explained. "It was my first interception and touchdown playing varsity football."

Lowell's 57-34 win over the explosive Sailors of Mona Shores improved its record to 4-0. The Red Arrows travel to Greenville

on Friday to play the Greenville Yellow Jackets.

"It was good to play four quarters of football. The nature of the game took on the feel of our Lansing Everitt game last year," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

The 34 points tallied by the Sailors may be a misleading indicator as to how well Lowell defended Mona Shores.

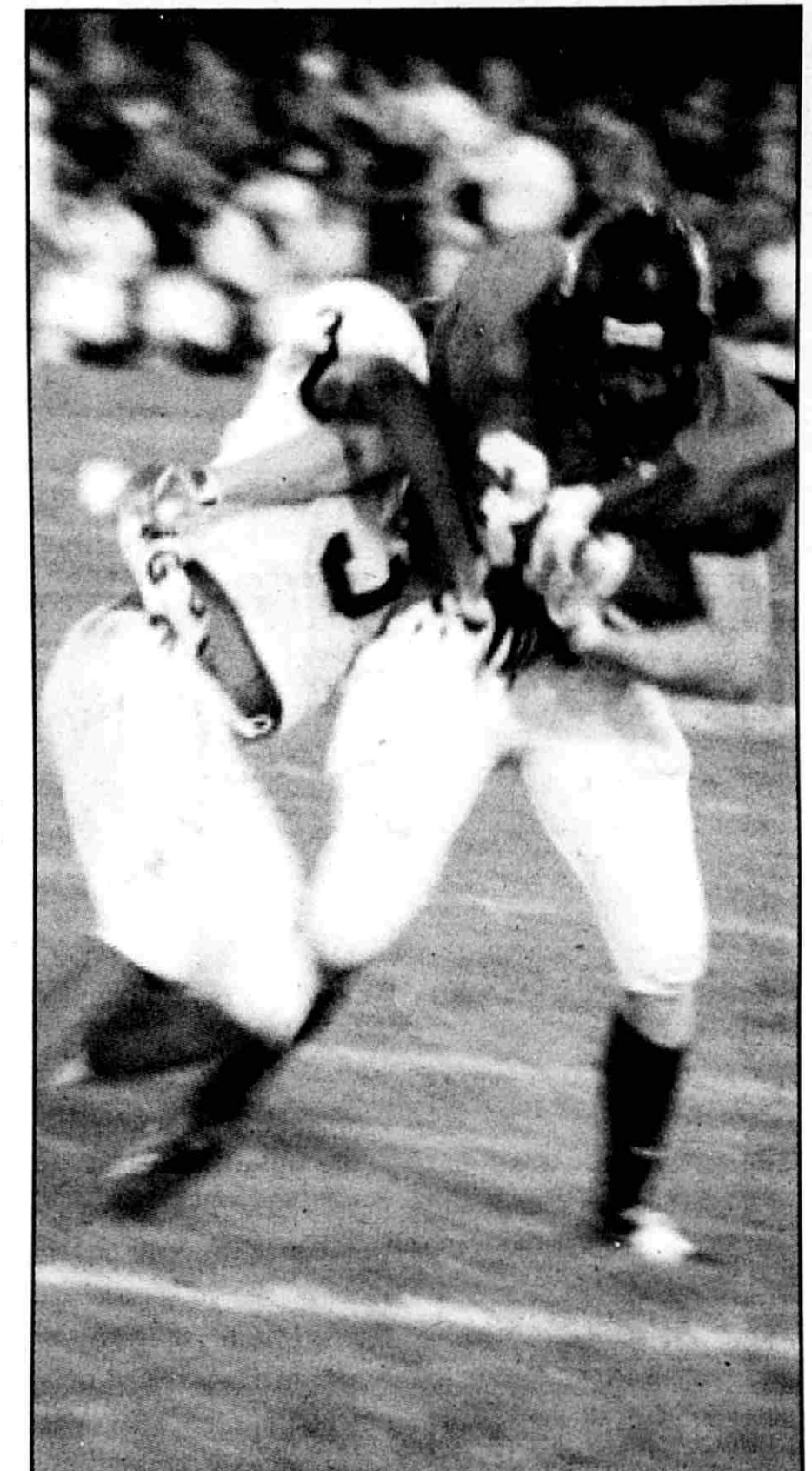
"I thought our defense played great. You have that kickoff return and those two second-half jet sweeps," Dean explained. "I think those sweeps came at a point in the game where we may have lost our focus."

The first jet sweep (73 yards) came late in the third quarter with Lowell leading 43-14. The second sweep (72 yards) came late in the fourth quarter with the Red Arrows leading 57-28.

Whether Lowell lost its focus or not, Mona Shores coach Ken Rose found plenty to be excited about.

"I talked to our kids all week about them being able to play with anyone and tonight they showed they believe," Rose said. "I was pleased with our effort and fight, and the fact we came into Lowell and battled."

While Hogan provided the key defensive play, Austin Graham was the punishing force behind Lowell's ground attack. The senior ran for a career-high 242 yards on 34 touches and four touchdowns (runs of five, two, 17, and one). He also caught two passes.



Austin Graham rushed for 242 yards on 34 carries and scored four touchdowns against the Sailors.

Lowell's only touchdown pass came on a 29-yard pass-and-catch from Gabe Dean to Keegan Hanrahan.

The game also authored a rarity, both halves of football were started with kickoff returns for touchdowns.

Lowell's Matt Houston opened the game with an 85-yard return while Mona Shores' Demar Drayton started the second half with an 80-yard return.

Houston also caught four passes for 47 yards and one touchdown.

Drayton finished with 133 rushing yards, one pass reception (five yards) and two touchdowns.

Lowell led 7-0 after one quarter of play, 21-7 at halftime, and 43-21 after three.

The Red Arrows were guilty of two turnovers via the fumble.

Lowell's defense surrendered 224 yards on the ground and 113 through the air.

The Red Arrows ran for 372 yards while passing for 94.



Matt Houston returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown against Mona Shores Friday night.



OKAY -
Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

Thad's 10 on 10

Coaches always like to see improvement as the season progresses. That would make me a star player this week. After two 7-3 weeks, I improved to 8-2 in week four.

My only losses were South Christian sneaking past Middleville and Byron Center taking it to Zeeland West.

There are some good games on the slate for Friday night and I'm going to tackle them all.

Let's start with Grand Haven at Rockford. Both are 4-0, but one will fall. It won't be the Rams. Rockford wins!

East Grand Rapids

travels to an improved Northview. The Wildcats have a history of playing the Pioneers tough, but history isn't playing Friday. Pioneers win!

In another battle of the unbeaten, Hamilton travels to Byron Center. I like Hamilton's body of work better. Hawkeyes win!

Forest Hills Eastern is at Wayland, just long enough to blast the Wildcats. Wayland wins!

Comstock Park ventures to West Catholic. It's the Falcons flying away with a pound of flesh. West Catholic wins!

West Ottawa hosts Jenison. A tough game. A close game. A game West Ottawa wins!

Coming off a tough

loss to Forest Hills Eastern, Hastings must go to Caledonia. Fighting Scots fighting mad. Caledonia wins!

Muskegon and Hudsonville in what has turned into an exciting rivalry. Eagles are low flying birds this year. This could get ugly. Muskegon wins!

Cedar Springs travels to Coopersville. Broncos win! Lowell is off to Greenville. It has beaten the Yellow Jackets 15 straight times. Friday will be 16. Lowell wins!

Here is my new Top 10!

1. Rockford
2. Grand Haven
3. Lowell
4. EGR
5. Holland Chr.
6. Hamilton
7. EH Eastern
8. West Catholic
9. Byron Center
10. West Ottawa

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by five to one. A Marine company commander in Helmand Province told The New York Times, in July, that a lack of Afghan troops "is absolutely our Achilles heel."

Solving that problem requires many more trainers from our own military and our NATO allies. Supplying more trainers is the best recipe for success.

A larger Afghan military will need more equipment. I strongly urge the administration to send a large amount of military equipment, now leaving Iraq, to Afghanistan. It is troubling that we apparently do not have a list of Afghan army and police equipment requirements, nor an urgent plan for sending equipment from Iraq to Afghanistan to meet those requirements.

In Iraq, the shift of former Sunni insurgents into the "Sons of Iraq" groups opposing al Qaeda was a crucial development. And U.S. commanders see significant potential in Afghanistan to win over local Taliban fighters, many of whom are motivated by the need for a job or loyalty to a warlord, and not by ideology or religious zeal. Gen. McChrystal himself has said, "There is significant potential to go after what I call mid- and low-level Taliban fighters and leaders, and offer them re-integration into Afghanistan under the constitution."

Despite that belief, Gen. McChrystal's upcoming assessment apparently does not consider the impact

an effort to win over these Taliban fighters would have. I believe it is necessary to promptly develop and implement a plan to attract the persuadable Taliban fighters.

Strengthening and supporting Afghan forces will give our new strategy, of focusing on protecting the Afghan people, a chance to work. I agree with Gen. McChrystal that shifting the momentum in our favor in Afghanistan is crucial. The best way to shift momentum is to rapidly field trained and equipped Afghan forces - in short, to surge the Afghan army and police before we consider whether to further increase U.S. combat forces.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Do you think the President of the U. S. should address students on their first day of class?

- YES - I think it's a positive thing.60%
- NO - The president should not be allowed to talk to children13%
- CONFUSED - Why the fuss?20%
- DON'T CARE -7%

**This week's online poll:
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Editor's note:
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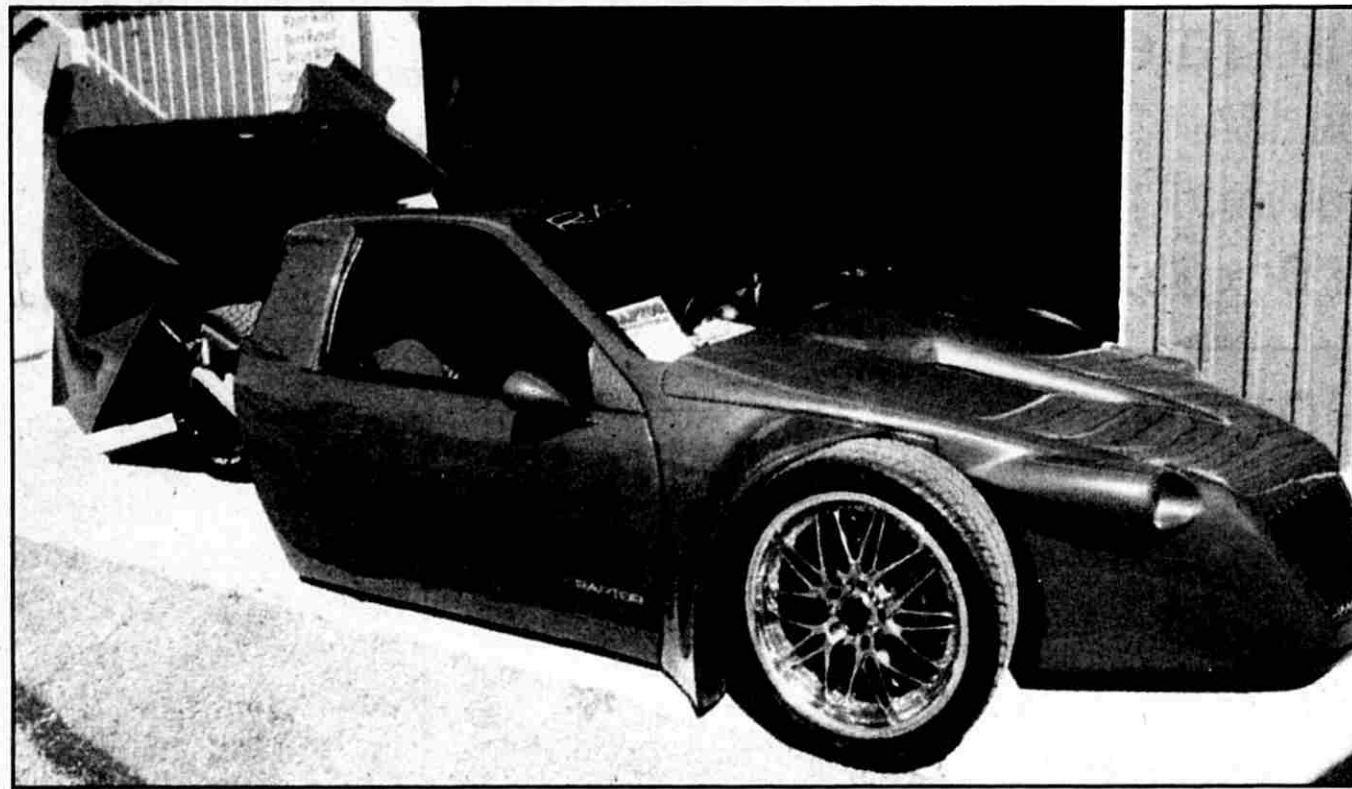
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The Raptor Autocycle, designed and fabricated by John Chambers, drew a lot of attention at the annual Alto Harvest Festival and car show.



Bluegrass Echoes played Sunday during the 14th annual Bluegrass Fallfest at the Kent County 4-H fairgrounds. "We draw a nice crowd," said vice-president of the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association, Warren Curtis. The three-day event featured a band scramble, bake sale, music workshops, 50/50 drawings, and headline acts such as Hardline Drive and Schlitz Creek.

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