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Harvest Festival

A grand finale to a busy season

by Emma Palova

Pumpkins, scarecrows, chili, and ghost stories read at the Reath Barn during this year's Harvest Festival will close a busy season in the Lowell area on Oct. 10.

New this year is the

old fashion Barn Dance fundraiser for Gilda's Club with entertainment provided by Hawks and Owls string band, and food in the Reath Barn at the fairgrounds from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., or until the cows come home. Admission is \$25 per family.

The fifth annual family

fun Harvest Hustle 5K run/walk will be in costumes this year with registration starting at 8 a.m. on Avery Street on the north side of the Lowell City Hall.

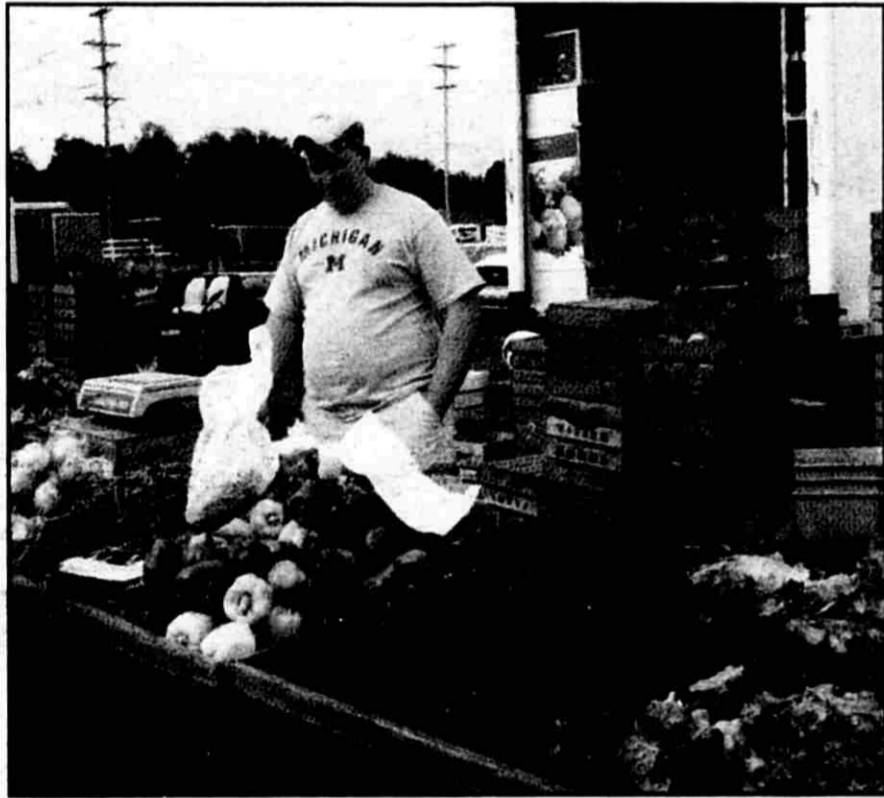
Kids' Apple Chuckin' and the Great Mini Pumpkin Chuckin' contests with trebuchets promise to be a lot of fun. Both event contestants use a trebuchet designed to toss an apple or a 6" pumpkin.

Concessions by Carolyn's Popcorn and Great Lakes BBQ will be available, featuring barbecue pulled pork, beef and ribs, as well as hot dogs, caramel corn, and ice cones, at the fairgrounds well into the night.

The Lowell Area Farmers' Market and the



Lowell Area Farmers' Market is still strong with produce by Starbard Farms of Lowell. Pictured: Kara Kelley.



Case Visser of Visser Farms from Zeeland.

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Fallasburg Fall Festival celebrates art and autumn bounty

by Emma Palova

Sweet smelling wreaths made from Sweet Annie, also known as artemisia, by Paul Geer of Belmont from Frozen Creek Floral, were just a few samplings of arts and crafts at the Fallasburg Fall Festival last weekend.

Geer has been coming to the festival for the last 20 years for its fun atmosphere. He spoke knowledgeably about artemisia that was used in vaccines against

malaria prior to World War II.

The seed pods of artemisia have about a million seeds inside and work well against odors when dispersed around the home into carpets.

Just a few booths down from Frozen Creek, blacksmith George Blair of Blair's Forge had his shop set up. A few years ago, Blair bought the blacksmith equipment from an ad in a newspaper. Then he joined

an association to learn the trade. Ever since, he has been entertaining the young and the old with his craft.

For Jack Eppinga, better known as the Bearclaw Jack, the fall festival is always a fun time. He has carved wooden sculptures out of trees around Lowell numerous times. His twin bears can be found off of Hudson Street in downtown Lowell.

Most recently, he has carved a gigantic fowl out of

a beach wood tree destroyed by an August storm in Fruitport. At the festival, Eppinga had his brand new 'Tornado' sculpture, inspired by the storm.

The festival was complete with food by local churches and service organizations such as the Lowell Area Firefighters and the Lowell Rotary.

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Carol Johnson band.



Wooden sculpture 'Tornado' by Jack Eppinga.

Planning commission continues work on ordinance regulating temporary garages

by Emma Palova

After much ado, the Lowell Planning Commission will continue to work on an ordinance that will regulate temporary garages in town.

Commissioner Maryalene LaPonsie will prepare the ordinance language for the

commission to review and eventually for the city council to approve or to turn down.

The ordinance may allow soft-sided temporary garages if they're kept in good repair. However, the size may be smaller than the originally proposed 600 square feet.

"If we allow soft-sided, it has to be in good repair," said commissioner Don Green.

It was the consensus of the commission to provide options for people, but not to allow structures to go into disrepair.

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Obituaries

KRIEG

Mrs. Kimberly Dru Krieg, age 55, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at her home surrounded by her loving family. The daughter of David A. and Stacey Z. (Smith) Drummond, she was born October 13, 1953. She loved to do family history work. Kim had a love for life, her family and friends. Her favorite memories were made at the beach spending time with her family or enjoying family color tours during her favorite season, autumn. She was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are her husband, Robert R. Krieg Jr., of Lowell; their children, Nathan Krieg and Angela Ogiego, Ryan and Lindsay Storey, Delaina and Scott Bryde, Austin and Kara Krieg, Corey and Sylvia Krieg and Kyler Krieg; her grandchildren, Alyson and Gavyn Bryde, and Adalynne and Hannah Dru Krieg; her brother, Gary Joustira; and sister, Zandra Clemens. She will also be missed by her close friends in Al-anon and the young women she served over the

years. Funeral services were held Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Private interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Instead of flowers, Kim would have appreciated memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Kim's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, www.mi-cremation.com.

SIMON

Joshua J. Simon, age 26, of Lowell, unexpectedly went to be with his Lord on September 23, 2009. Joshua enjoyed road trips, the beach, Crooked Lake, cars, music, and spending time with family and friends. Joshua was loved and adored by family and many friends. We will miss Joshua every single day for the rest of our lives. Joshua is survived by his mother, Colleen (Brad) Christian; his father, Al (Raelyn) Simon; his sisters, Jessica and Ashley Simon; his brother, Blake Simon; grandmother, Beverley Simon; aunts and uncles.

Gwen (Ron) Larmore, Chris (Heidi) VanNieuwenhuyzen, Linda (Larry) Wright, and Brenda Simon. Joshua was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ellen and Len VanNieuwenhuyzen, and Albert Simon. Services were held Saturday, September 26, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contributions can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.

THURTELL

Howard T. Thurtell, aged 87, of Lowell, passed away peacefully Friday, September 4, 2009 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Ruth; his children, Joel (Karen Fonde) Thurtell, Craig (Margo Harris) Thurtell, Stephen Thurtell; grandchildren, Adam, Abraham, and Leila Thurtell;

WELFARE

Martha Mae Welfare, aged 76, of Alto, passed from this life on Monday, September

21, 2009 and is now in full possession of life eternal. After living a full life filled with many joys, she has now followed Jesus in victory. It is because of His life, His death, His resurrection and His ascension, that we rejoice in the midst of our tears. Martha was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Albert and Marvin Porritt. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 53 years, Elwyn; children, Ellen and Rev. Dan Clemons, Kyle Welfare; grandchildren, John Clemons, Sheri Colling, Tim Clemons; great-grandchildren, Steven, Isabella, Victoria, MacKenzie, Laura, Kevin and Amber; sisters, Elizabeth and Kenneth Palmer, Marilyn Johnson; sister-in-law, Gloria

Porritt; brother-in-law, Max Welfare; and many nieces and nephews. Martha enjoyed singing and playing guitar as a young lady with her cousin, Irene Porritt, in various community events. She was very active in her church as custodian, Sunday School teacher, head trustee, and former president of the United Methodist Women. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 12051 - 84th St. SE, with visitation from 12 noon until 2 p.m. The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Hospice of Michigan, St. Mary's Doran Foundation (Lacks Cancer Center) or Bowne Center UMC Building Fund.

Secretary Land advises customers to consider needs now to avoid delays

Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land, today encouraged Michigan residents to consider early renewal options for driver's licenses or license plate tabs to avoid delays in the event of a state government shutdown Oct. 1.

"Residents who need Secretary of State services in the next couple of weeks may want to take care of business ahead of time," Land said. "Although I remain hopeful that lawmakers and the governor will reach a budget agreement, customers should know their options now in case a shutdown occurs. People can visit a branch

office or skip the trip by renewing online, over the phone or by mail."

Online, Self-Service Station, and touch-tone phone license plate renewal is available to those customers with a renewal notice that has a personal identification number (PIN). Self-Service Stations are ATM-style machines that feature simple touch-screen instructions and can dispense new license tabs within minutes. Customers simply scan the bar code on a renewal notice that has their correct name, address, vehicle information, and PIN, and swipe any branded

debit or credit card to pay their registration fees. Some Self-Service Stations are open 24 hours, seven days a week. A list of those locations can be found on the Branch Office Locator on the department's Web-site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Land also reminds customers that many transactions require several days processing time. The lack of a state budget for the fiscal year that starts Thursday, Oct. 1, would close most state agencies until a budget is approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor. In addition to the branch office closures, department personnel who process transactions, conducted

online or through the mail, would not be working so those transactions would be delayed as well.

Each day, the Michigan Department of State processes about 80,000 transactions, including 10,000 driver's licenses, 33,000 license plate tabs, and 10,000 vehicle titles. About 57,000 of those transactions are conducted at branch offices with the others conducted over the Internet, telephone or by mail.

Visit www.Michigan.gov/sos or call 1-888-SOS-MICH (1-888-767-6424) for information about Department of State programs, services, office locations, and hours.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on September 21, 2009, Ordinance No. 04-2009 was adopted. This ordinance repeals the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance adopted on May 19, 1980 in its entirety and adopts the revised Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. This is a re-format of the original Zoning Ordinance to correct the numbering system. It also eliminates the Table of Use Regulations and provides a separate article or chapter for each zoning district. Certain revisions were made to drop or change references to other Township Ordinances which have been adopted since 1980 and to change certain words to clarify their meaning.

The revised Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance shall become effective October 7, 2009. A copy of the ordinance can be viewed at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours, or on the Township website at www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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Scarecrow Building Hoedown will take place at the fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All the supplies are provided by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Music will be provided by the Easy Idle Bluegrass band.

"We just need you and your creative juices," said chamber director Liz Baker.

The scarecrows will be displayed in the "Festival of Scarecrows" in historic downtown through Oct. 28.

Horse drawn carriage rides, by the Common Gentry Carriage Company, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lowell fairgrounds.

Ladies of the Lowell Area Historical Museum will serve home-baked pies

for their second annual pie fundraiser from noon to 3 p.m. The Victorian garden will be fully decorated for the fall season. The museum will also be open to view all the exhibits.

The Kent County Youth Fair and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Harvest Arts and Crafts, and the Flat

River Antique shows at the Lowell fairgrounds in the Foreman Building. More than 70 booths will be open from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

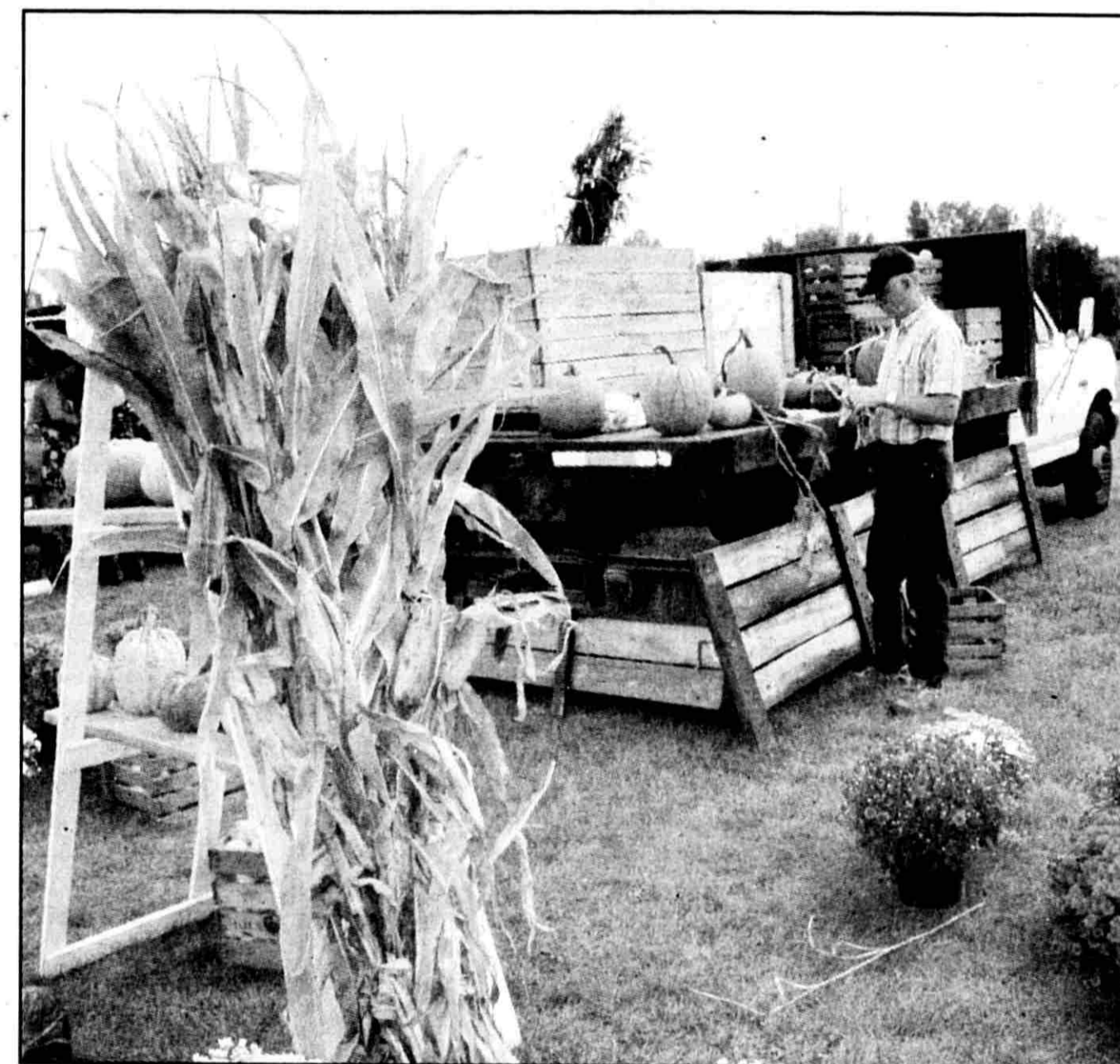
The Lowell Light & Power will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with bucket rides for kids.

Larkin's is hosting the 8th annual Chili Madness Chili Cook-Off right on North Broadway. Many local teams will be competing for the grand prize and the bragging rights to the 'Best Chili in Town.'

A panel of local judges will determine who's chili is the best and the public will get to vote for people's choice. The tasting and judging starts at 3 p.m. to the live music of 'Homebrewed.' All the funds raised will benefit the Lowell Area Trailways.

The Lowell Area High School Orchestra along with the Lowell Area Arts Council will present the 'Creepy Classics' reading of ghost stories and music directed by Wendy Tenney at 2 p.m.

Some downtown merchants will have open houses and sales.



Dan's Pumpkins of Hastings with Dan Eggers.

Scouting celebrates 100 year anniversary

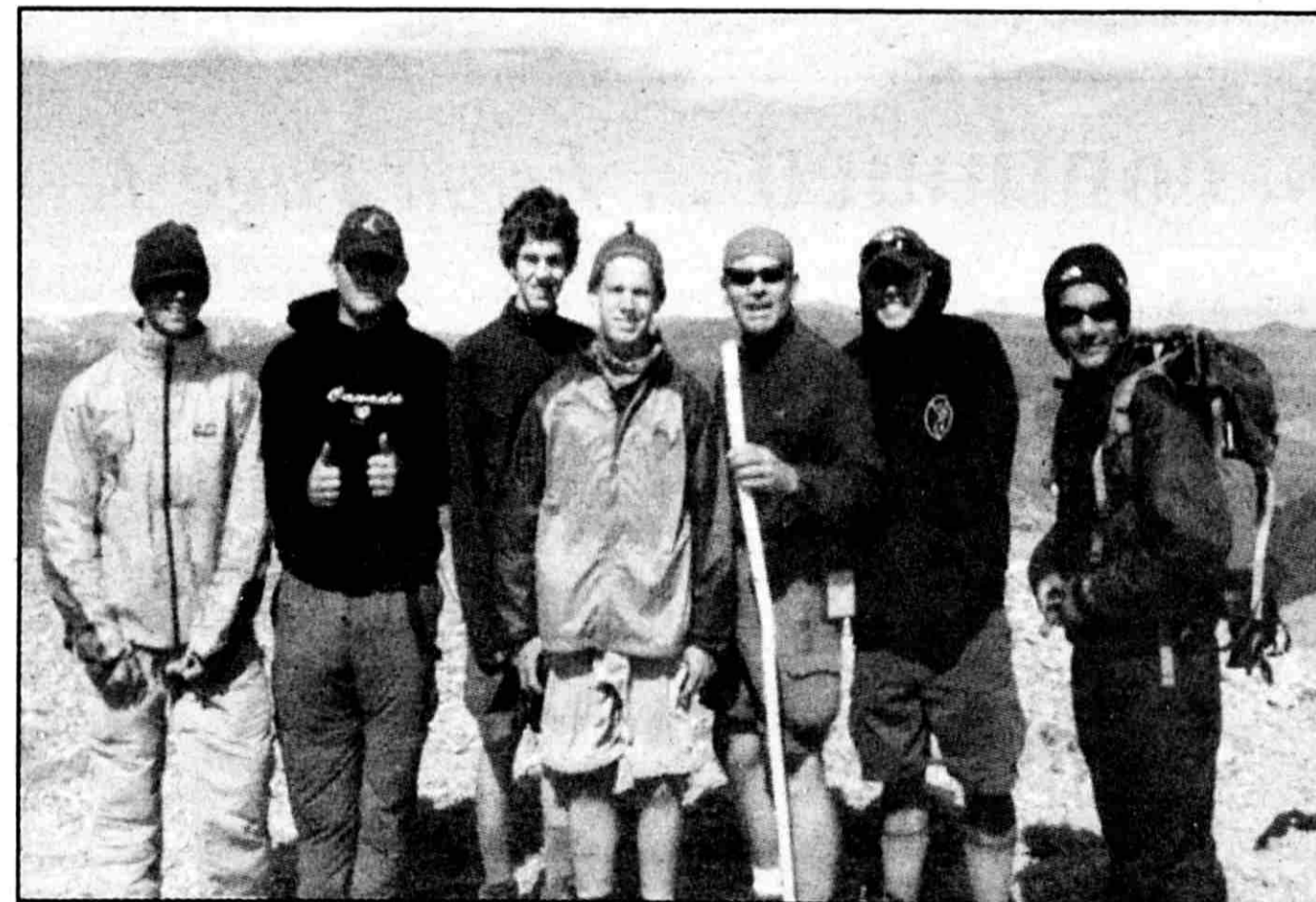
Scouting in the United States will celebrate its centennial anniversary in February of 2010. The Lowell Boy Scouts of America Troop 102 would like the community to know that this is a great time to join scouting.

The troop meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Scout cabin at the end of Washington Street. Activities that are planned for this year include survival camping, hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, and more. They plan at least one outing each month.

Throughout this summer the troop had several week-long events. Twenty-one Scouts attended summer camp, 13 boys and six adult leaders participated in the Mackinac Island Honor Guard, and three young men

and one adult leader traveled to Philmont High Adventure Base in New Mexico for 10 days of backpacking.

For 100 years Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community in young men.

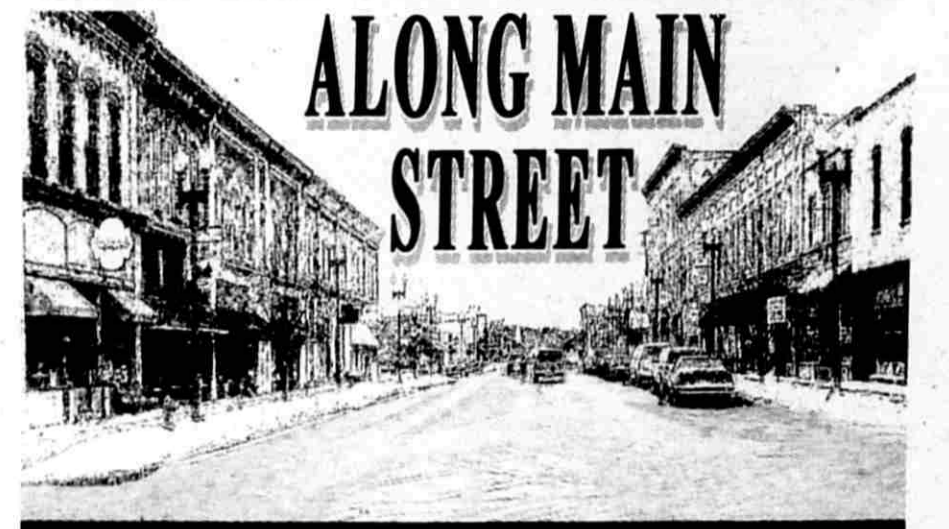


Scouts pictured last summer on top of Mount Baldy in New Mexico, from left to right: Daniel Ruland (Lowell), Michael Anderson, Keefer Riley (Lowell), Ben Carlson (Lowell), Rich Riley (Lowell), Tyler Churchill, and Armann Dandavati.

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Heidi Christine's Salons, Keiser's and Bernard's Ace Hardware.
\$25 for two adults & up to 3 children;
\$10 for single adult and \$5 for single child ticket.
All proceeds go to Gilda's Club.



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.

Varsity Football

The Oct. 2 varsity football game vs. Creston will be played at the Grand Rapids Christian stadium, 2300 Plymouth, SE.

Athletic Boosters Meeting

The boosters will hold its October meeting on Mon., Oct. 5, 7 p.m., in the teacher's lounge at the Lowell High School.

5th Anniversary For Relay For Life

You are invited to be a part of this year's planning committee for the upcoming (late spring/early summer) annual Relay For Life of Lowell. First committee meeting is Tues., Oct. 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Schools' Administration Office, 300 High St. For more information contact Carol Briggs, 897-5501.

Angel Food Ministries

First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St., will be taking orders on Fri., Oct. 9, from 4-6 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Delivery is Oct. 24, 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information call IlaJean, 897-6609. Order online at www.angelfoodministries.org.

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.

Heidi's Farm Stand's PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE
(Corner of Cascade Rd. & Alden Nash)
NIGHT CORN MAZE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY till 10 PM
Fall activities include petting zoo, hay rides & bonfires!



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

LESSONS FROM A BEAR MARKET

If you invest for many years, you'll eventually encounter both bull and bear markets. Although you obviously prefer seeing the bull, you may actually learn more from the bear — and when it's "hibernating," you can put these lessons to good use in making investment moves for the future.

Here are some of the key "bear market lessons" to consider:

- Purchase quality investments. A bear market tends to drag everything down with it. But quality investments — those with strong fundamentals and good prospects — have the potential to bounce back quickly once the bear market ends. That's why you'll want to consider owning these quality vehicles in all investment climates. In fact, try to avoid owning investments today that you wouldn't want to own in a bear market tomorrow.

- Maintain realistic expectations. Many investors look back fondly at the mid-to-late 1990s; when we frequently experienced double-digit stock market returns. Unfortunately, these results "raised the bar" in terms of what investors expect — and these elevated expectations led to problems for people whose long-term financial goals were based on overly optimistic projections. By anticipating more modest returns, you'll be able to set more realistic, achievable goals. At the same time, don't be surprised at the recurrence of bear markets, which are a normal part of the investing process.

- Know your risk tolerance. If you find yourself losing sleep over the fate of your investments in the midst of a bear market, you may need to review your risk tolerance and adjust your portfolio accordingly. But keep things in perspective. Instead of fretting over daily or monthly downturns, ask yourself this: "How much can I afford to lose and still meet my financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?" You'll come up with different answers at different stages of your life.

- Base investment decisions on principles — not predictions. Everybody can make investment predictions — and they usually do. But many of these prognosticators have poor track records. So, instead of acting on predictions, base your investment decisions on principles, such as buying quality investments, maintaining a long-term perspective and diversifying your portfolio. While diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help reduce risk when the market is volatile.

- Maintain adequate liquidity. If you are planning on cashing out a long-term investment to pay for a major expense, such as a down payment on a home or college tuition for a child, you could run into difficulty if a bear market is raging and the value of your investments have dropped. To avoid this problem, maintain a portion of your portfolio in liquid investments. Although these vehicles won't provide you with a high return, they offer greater preservation of principal — which is just what you need when you need the money now.

- Look for good investment opportunities. During a bear market, you can almost always find quality investments. While their prices may be down, these investments can still offer good growth potential — and typically, the best time to buy them is when their value is down.

By following these lessons, you can prepare yourself for a bear market — and help avoid getting "clawed" by it.

Lowell's Tea Party

On August 27, Dot Lacie had her annual tea with the Golden Girls.

They came in from Stanwood, Caledonia, Grand Rapids, Alto, Lowell, and Pentwater.

The youngest, newest member being Caden Dulree, 10, from Stanwood.



Temporary garages, continued ... From Page 1

"I don't want to end up with ripped up tents sitting in front of garages," said commissioner Jim Hall. As currently proposed,

temporary garages could be located at the existing driveways, but they have to meet setback requirements. If approved, the

amendment to the zoning ordinance would still allow two accessory buildings including the temporary garage.

Green summarized that if the city does not want soft-sided structures at all, they won't need to do anything with the ordinance. The current ordinance does not regulate soft-sided structures, but it does regulate auxiliary buildings other than garages. According to the ordinance, garages have to be enclosed,

as opposed to auxiliary buildings that do not have to be enclosed.

But, building inspector Doug Hopkins said it should be spelled out.

In related business, the planning commission recommended to the city council, for approval, a zoning ordinance change

to include group and commercial daycare homes and facilities in suburban residential districts as a special use.

The commission also approved a special use permit, contingent on zoning amendment approval by the city, for a group daycare home at 529 Avery Street.

A joint planning commission between the city and the townships will be held on Nov. 10 at the city hall.

The next city council meeting is Oct. 5.

LARA approves change to MDNR trust application for Phase I development

The Lowell Area Recreational Authority, Monday, approved an amendment to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) trust grant application at a special meeting.

The change includes alignment of the proposed project due to an inability to acquire necessary easements. Also, the total match funds for the project have increased from \$585,000 to \$618,000 due to an increased MDOT conditional commitment. This in turn has decreased the requested amount from the MDNR to \$398,000. The total project cost has decreased from \$1,020 million to \$1,016 million.

According to a proposed schedule, the engineering should be completed in January; the match should be secured also in January, and the final design completed by the end of March.

The trail will utilize the Safe Routes to School path down Gee Drive and connect to Alden Nash. It will stay within the road right of way.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Realtor of the Month in September. This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

- Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been a part of the Lowell community for over 25 years, and even though I live out of town, all five of my children have attended Lowell schools, my church is in Lowell, and I do almost all of my business there. It is with a sense of pride that I tell others where I'm from. This community has proudly displayed a sign that says, "Lowell, The Next Place To Be." What makes this community the next place to be? Is it the beauty that surrounds it? Or the friendliness within it? Could it be all the activities surrounding this community: the parades, Cropwalk, Riverwalk Festival, Girls' Night Out, Christmas through Lowell, Fallasburg Festival, 4H Fair, Bluegrass Festivals, Flat River Ministries, Senior Neighbors, and just recently, Gilda's Club? The list goes on, not to mention our football program. The Lowell football program has the biggest following I have ever seen. And now, with the brain child of coach Noel Dean, the Pink Arrow project, our community has drawn national attention. When those visiting our community talk about Lowell, what will their words say? Will they mention all the awesome things going on here, the friendliness, the beauty? Or were they one of the people who happened to attend one of our football games and saw poor sportsmanship at its worst?

On September 3, our football team, followed by countless fans, drove to the lakeshore to play against Holland. Walking into the stadium, you could see in the chain link fence where the students from Holland had spelled out 'BEAT LOWELL' and 'GO DUTCH.' When our cheerleaders got there, they put up a sign on our side that said 'DON'T GO DUTCH.' Approximately halfway through the game, we were up by three or four touchdowns (Holland never scored) when some girls walked over to Holland's side with that sign and taunted them with it. I, and many of those around me, was appalled by their conduct. We teach

our kids to be good sports when they lose; the same is to be said when they win. We all want to win, and when you're on the losing side, you certainly don't need to have it rubbed in your face. That is equivalent to whining and crying when you lose. If any of their parents were at the game, I hope they reprimanded them. They should be ashamed of themselves. The announcers in the press box are always reminding us about good sportsmanship. Evidently those girls weren't listening. The behavior of those girls reflects on the entire Lowell community.

I don't go to all the sporting events, so I can speak only from this one incident. I am going to believe it was an isolated case and is not an example of other such cases. I want visitors to see Lowell as the next place to be. I take great pride in our community and hope others do the same.

Carol Hyzer

Dear Editor,

A recent confutation at a Sept. council meeting, over the rental property on North Washington St., brought back memories of the two-year long dispute over the North Washington St. property and its preservation for future generations. Part of the property was put into a park by name only and is not preserved. The rental property is the front property to the park, but is separate. I see the rental property and its renters as the overseers to the park and the Boy Scout property, and if the house is disposed of, it not only puts the occupants in a hardship, but opens the door down the road for the disposal of all the property. Could a recent inspection requirement of the rental house be more about the disposing of the house than presenting a livable situation? It will be interesting in what will materialize from this unfortunate situation in the coming months. It could materialize into something or it could be nothing. But one thing is for sure, that this situation will be scrutinized.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL OCTOBER 1, 1884

Guy Perry is now the clerk in the post office. Numerous apple buyers from abroad are being shipped immense quantities of apples from Lowell. A number of new crosswalks have been laid on our principal streets.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 30, 1909

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth McMahon and John J. Lalley was solemnized at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m., with Rev. Father Behan performing the ring ceremony. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, where a three course luncheon was served.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 4, 1934

The opening game in the World Series for the baseball championship was played in Detroit on Wednesday. The St. Louis Cardinals of the National League defeated the Detroit Tigers of the American League by the score of 8-3. The game was broadcast in front of The Ledger office and at a number of other places along Main Street. Radios were in great demand and all local dealers were completely cleaned out of stock on hand.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 1, 1959

At a special meeting of the Village Council, on Tuesday at noon, approval was given for a vote on Thursday, November 12, to give the Consumers Power Co. a franchise to supply natural gas in the Village of Lowell for 30 years. Lowell High School announced, last week, the new LHS student council president who will be presiding over the student body for the coming year. He is Robert Thaler, 17, a senior, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thaler of Lowell.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 3, 1984

Bill Nowak, better known as Mr. Bill to the scores of boys that experienced Boy Scouting under his tenure as a scoutmaster of Lowell Scout Troup 102, was remembered by approximately 100 scouts, past scouts and scouting supports on Monday evening. The Lowell scout cabin at the end of Washington St. was renamed the "Bill Nowak Activities Center," and a bronze plaque mounted at the door was unveiled at Monday's ceremony.



Exploring Nature

With Meggan Johnson,
Director of the Wittenbach/Wege Center

will then vote on their favorite pumpkin Saturday night after the hike. There is no entry fee for the contest and the owner of the pumpkin voted best in show will win a gift basket filled with lots of seasonal goodies. All entries can be picked up on Sunday, October 18 between 1-4 p.m.

Outdoor Skills
October 24 9 - 5 p.m.

This challenging workshop will cover basic and advanced outdoor skills.

Subjects include - compass and map reading, GPS use, fire starting, outdoor cooking, making shelter, and ropework. Participants should expect to be challenged! Class size is limited so contact Beth Henry at bhemy@lowellschools.com or 616-987-2510 to register.

Autumn Olive Removal Workshop
October 31 9 - 1 p.m.

Help the Land Conservancy of West Michigan restore the oak forest on the Wege Preserve. This workshop will focus on removing autumn olive, an invasive shrub, from the under story of the forest that surrounds Lee Creek. This workshop is recommended for adults and children 10 and up with adult supervision. All tools provided. Please bring leather gloves if you have them. Advanced registration is not required, but appreciated.

Please email Melanie@naturenearby.org or call 616-451-9476.

Don't forget to pick up your Connecting Families with Nature passport at the WWC. This is your family's ticket to outdoor adventures right here in Kent County. Earn stamps for attending environmental education programs (like the ones listed above - hint, hint) and taking family hikes. Each completed passport can be redeemed for a child's admission into John Ball Zoo for the wrap up party on September 25, 2010. Visit <http://kentconservation.org/families> for more information.

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Weddings

Smith/Onan

The marriage of Kimberly Onan and Matthew Smith was celebrated at the First Baptist Church in Lowell on September 26, 2009. Parents of the couple are Roger and Karen Onan, of Lowell; Jamie Smith, of Arizona; and Janet Fisher, of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Charlie Hathaway.

Bridesmaids were Sara Onan and Kayleigh Page. Flower girls were Hannah Bechill and Gabriella Sornson.

Best man was T.J. Sornson. Groomsmen were Chad Vandyke and Alan Onan. Ushers were Brian Bowden and James Joswoski. Ring bearer was Alden Merritt.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER 30: Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main, Ernie Barnes, Jessica Spencer, Don VanSickle, Kyle Potter.

OCTOBER 2: Doris Titcombe, Timothy Hoag.

OCTOBER 3: Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk, Sr.

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Frequently asked Social Security questions

Question:

How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

Answer:

Since numbers were first issued in November 1936, about 442 million numbers have been assigned. Want to learn more about the history of Social Security cards and numbers? Step back in time with a visit to our history page. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/history.

Question:

Can a widow receive Social Security benefits on her husband's record?

Answer:

Yes. When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, certain members of the family may be eligible for survivors' benefits. Social Security survivors' benefits can be paid to:

- A widow or widower - full benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- A disabled widow or widower - as early as age 50;
- A widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and the child gets Social Security benefits;

- Unmarried children under 18 (or up to age 19, if they are attending high school full time);
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you may still qualify for survivors' benefits.

Question:

How do I qualify for benefits as a divorced spouse's survivor?

Answer:

You can receive benefits as a divorced spouse on a former spouse's Social Security record if you:

- Were married to the former spouse for at least 10 years;
- Are age 62 or older;
- Are unmarried; and
- Are not entitled to a higher Social Security benefit on your own record.

In addition, the former spouse must be eligible to receive his or her own retirement or disability benefit. If the former spouse is eligible for a benefit, but has not yet applied for it, you can still receive a benefit if you meet the eligibility requirements and have been divorced from the former spouse for at least two years.

Generally, we won't continue to pay benefits if you remarry someone other than your former spouse.

Question:

I was disabled for a while several years ago. My health has since improved. Can I receive disability benefits for the time I was disabled?

Answer:

If you were disabled "several years ago," but are not disabled now, you probably can't get benefits at this point. Whether or not you are entitled to what we call a "closed period of disability" depends on when you became disabled and when you apply for Social Security disability benefits.

You may be entitled to a "closed period of disability" when medical evidence establishes you were unable to engage in substantial gainful work activity for a continuous period of 12 months, but by the time the disability decision is made, you have medically recovered.

You must also meet the following requirements to be entitled to a closed period of disability:

- You must file an application within 14 months after the disability ended; or
 - You must have filed an application between 15 to 36 months after the disability ended and you must show that your failure or inability to file a timely application was due to your physical or mental condition.
- If you meet the requirements for disability benefits, there is a five-month waiting period before your first monthly benefit can be paid. You can receive up to 12 months of retroactive benefits from the date you file an application with Social Security. Learn more about Social Security disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

What is Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Answer:

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based Federal income supplement program run by Social Security. SSI is funded by general tax revenues, not Social Security taxes. It is designed to help aged, blind and disabled people who have little or no income. SSI provides income to help meet a person's basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. You'll find further information on our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.

Question:

Can I get both Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Answer:

You may be able to receive SSI in addition to monthly Social Security benefits. But you only can get both if your Social Security benefit is low enough not to interfere with the SSI limit on income. The basic SSI payment is the same nationwide. In 2009, the SSI payment for an eligible individual is \$674 per month and \$1,011 per month for an eligible couple. If you receive Social Security, that income will reduce the amount of SSI you're able to receive. The more income you have, the less your SSI benefit will be. If your countable income is over the allowable limit, you cannot receive SSI benefits.

Lowell's class of 1944 gets together

The Lowell High School class of 1944 met for their 65th class reunion on August 29 at Schneider Manor.

Members with spouses or guests numbered 20. Seven class members have been lost since the last reunion in 2003; 29

are still living. Traveling a considerable distance were: Ralph Luther and his wife, from Montana; Roger Krum and his wife, from

Wyoming; and Dale Shade, from Arizona.

The next get together is being planned for 2011.



1944 class reunion, front row, left to right: Vivian Wingeier Feldman, Bonnie Hale Bryant, Jeanne Blaser Owens, Barbara Thorne Zolliker, Lorraine Bloomer Meeuwsen, Kathryn Kloosterman Wingeier, Irma Krebs Porter, and Dorothy Shores Bergsma; back row, left to right: Ken DeBois, Avis Canfield Cookingham, Elaine Behnke Johnson, Dale Shade, Patricia Priebe Wilcox, Keith Franks, Adella Timinskis DeBrito, Roger Krum, Tony (Junior) Wingeier, Harold Krebs, Ralph Luther, and Victor Purchase.

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

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

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The fluoride content of local water supplies varies. Typically city water contains fluoride, but well water may not. If you have children at home, it's important to know the fluoride content of your drinking water. If you live in town, check with the water department to find out the exact water-fluoride content. If you have a well, have it tested. Drinking water should contain at least six parts per million of fluoride. If not, your child may need to take a prescription fluoride supplement. Typically when needed, children are treated with fluoride supplements from age six months to age 16. Receiving adequate fluoride is important for healthy teeth, but too much can be harmful. Talk to your health care provider if you feel your child may need fluoride supplementation.

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Fallasburg Festival, continued ... From Page 1

The Lowell Area Historical Museum served up apple dumplings as part of their annual fundraiser.

Fine art was represented by 85 fine artists. Other activities included face painting and pumpkin carving for children.

Among the featured bands were J3, Monique Doolittle, Proulx Brothers, Blue Water Ramblers, Carol Johnson, Black Canyon Band, Jonesy, Kinfyre, Hawks and Owls, Easy Idle String Band, The Panning

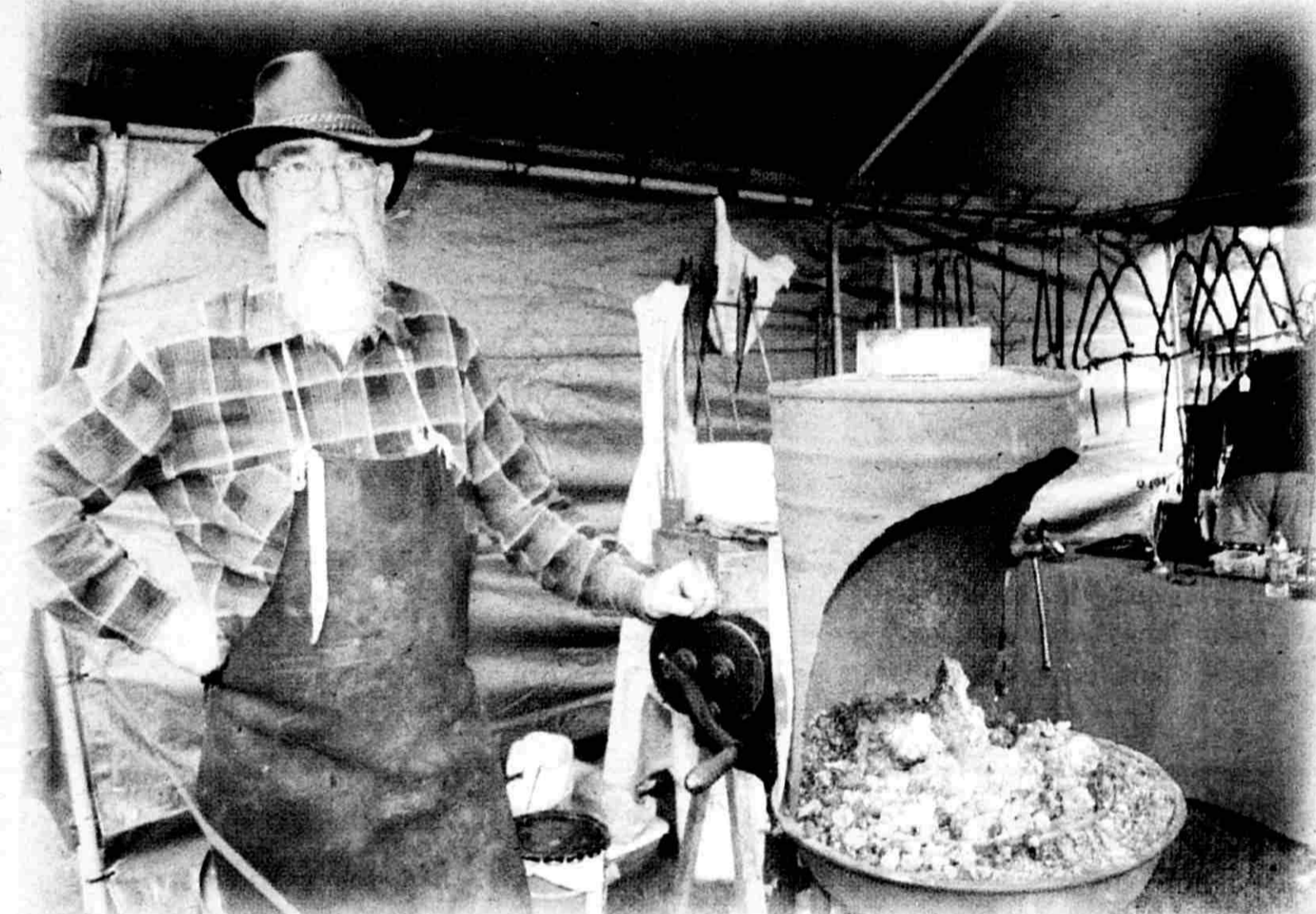
Family Band, The Adams Family, and Greg and Kathy Proulx.

In conjunction with the festival, some of the historical Fallasburg Village landmarks, such as the one-room schoolhouse and the Fallas house, were open.

These were manned by Edwin and Doris Roth, members of the Fallasburg Historical Society. Edwin even attended the school in the village in the mid to late 1920s.



Pictured, clockwise from top: Wreaths by Paul Geer of Belmont; Edwin Roth inside the one-room schoolhouse in Fallasburg Village and Blacksmith demonstration by George Blair.



2nd Lowell Community Eyecare Day

Oct. 10th, 2009

Because of the continuing need in our communities during these difficult economic times, we are holding Community Eyecare Days in each of our locations in 2009. Our 2nd Lowell Community Eyecare Day will be held on **Sat., October 10, 2009.** Advanced Eyecare Professionals will provide **low-cost/no-cost eye exams** to approximately another 40 patients in need, within the greater Lowell area. Board Certified Ophthalmologist, **Dr. Michael Flohr, M.D., Optometrists, Dr. Katherine Selleck, O.D.** and staff will be donating their time, and their resources to help those in need in the greater Lowell community (Cannon, Grattan, Otisco, Ada, Vergennes, Keene, Cascade, Lowell, & Boston Twps). **Low-cost/no-cost glasses** will also be provided if needed thanks to generous community sponsors.

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THIS EVENT IF YOU FIT INTO ONE OR MORE OF THE BELOW CATEGORIES:

- You have Medicaid
- You meet the state's poverty level
- Kent Health Plan
- You have a Bridge Card
- You have Medicare
- You are uninsured
- You receive outside assistance for food, health, and shelter

Please call the Advanced Eyecare Professionals Lowell office to check eligibility, set up an appointment, or to ask any questions. The Community Eyecare Day is possible through several community organizations that gave donations to help those in need in the greater Lowell area. These donations will allow for low-cost/no-cost vision assistance beyond the exam such as glasses. If you or your organization/company would like to donate to this cause please also call our office.



A special thanks to all our sponsors who help make this event possible!

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Saturday, October 10

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Participate in this run/walk event just for fun. You can even wear a costume - it's up to you!

Race day registration begins at 8:00 am
At the rear entrance of Lowell City Hall.
The race will start at 8:30 am
on Avery Street, behind city hall.

Run, walk or jog - have fun and get moving!
The focus of this event is to encourage families to lead a healthy and active lifestyle together.

Prizes will be awarded for race winners as well as best costume!

\$5 per student, \$10 per adult, \$25 per family, includes a T-Shirt.
Registration forms available on www.lowellcommunitywellness.org
or at the race! Call 340-7781 or email: info@lowellcommunitywellness.org
with any questions.



Nightforest Jewelry offers custom designed vintage jewelry

by Emma Palova

At Nightforest Jewelry located in downtown, owner/artist Jeana Schwacha offers quality designed and redesigned costume, vintage, and artisan jewelry.

The tastefully remodeled store located next to Eja Salon was the right fit for the jewelry store that runs parallel products to other downtown shops oriented for females.

"I want this to be more than just jewelry. I want this to be a female oriented store," said Schwacha.

Schwacha owned a similar smaller store in Houghton-Hancock for seven years.

She plans to carry handmade female items from all over. This will include scarves, purses, oils, candles, and soaps, as well as vintage-looking crystal from the 50s or earlier, and a large selection of earrings.

"I am a silversmith who could not give up beads," she laughed.

Schwacha also buys good quality costume and

vintage jewelry, cleans, polishes, repairs, and redesigns, for example, multi tier jewelry after grandma. For example, a restrung 16-inch choker, depending on the added material, may cost around \$20.

She carries loose beads for women who want to make their own jewelry. By Christmas, Schwacha wants to have vintage sterling and gold.

The large store will accommodate needed display cases.

Among some of the novelties, Schwacha will have a registry for women so they can get exactly what they want and lay-it-away. To make it easy for the husband or partner, everything will be ready in a package to walk out the door to be handed to the female of choice.

"The registry went over wonderful in the U.P.," she said. "Men hate shopping and wrapping. I want to make sure the guys walk out of the store with a package ready to go."

Schwacha carries

delightful little gift boxes for jewelry that may be included depending on the price of the gift.

"I hope this will be a popular and happy place," she said. "I want to see women go out the door happy, carrying things they love."

Some of the uncovered brick walls will be decorated with artwork. Schwacha, herself, loves to shop.

"I create and I shop; those are two things I like to do," she said.

Future plans include keeping the store full and the people happy.

"I adore the downtown location," she said. "The downtown has great energy and the whole space feels good. People are friendly and kind to each other. All

these beautiful buildings are coming back."

Schwacha grew up in Lowell and now she has fallen back in love with the town.

The name of the store has been inspired by a magical, enchanting place in a forest, at night where

things sparkle and fireflies fly.

"I want to send you out the door happy," she said.

The store, located at 210 W. Main, is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

The prices will range from \$4.75, for the handmade soaps, to \$1,000. Hours will be extended during holidays.

A grand opening will be held during Girls' Night Out on Oct. 15.



Necklaces designed by Jeana Schwacha.

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A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM SEPT. 23-SEPT. 29

After a 19-game dry spell, the Detroit Lions win against the Washington Red Skins.



Even though nothing has been proposed, and the president last month signed a law allowing people to carry loaded guns in national parks, gun "enthusiasts" have been stocking up on guns and ammo since the election causing a nationwide bullet shortage. It's reported that manufacturers are working around the clock, seven days a week, and still can't keep up with demands.

For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented the AIDS virus in a study of 16,000 volunteers in Thailand.

An Indonesian woman has given birth to a 19 lbs. 2 oz. baby boy. However, it is not the record. The largest surviving infant weighed in at 22 lbs. 8 oz.

President Barack Obama chairs a summit at the U.N. Security Council hoping to rally world support for nuclear non-proliferation and to advance nuclear disarmament.

Iran test-fired two short-range missiles,

two days after the U.S. and allies disclosed that Iran had been secretly developing an underground uranium facility.

Pope Benedict was addressing politicians and diplomats in Prague when a spider crawled up his neck, onto his face, and down his back. He swatted at it and missed. As he walked away, the spider was seen dangling from a strand of web off the Pope's robes.

Roman Polanski was arrested in Zurich (because of a request from the United States) some 30 years after being found guilty in the U.S. for raping a 13-year-old girl. He escaped to France and had been living there until traveling to Switzerland to receive an award for his life's work.

A humpback whale became entangled in a shark-control net off an Australian beach. After more than three hours, exhausted, it was finally released.

At least 106 are dead following a tropical storm in the northern Philippines. The storm has caused the worst flooding in forty years.

Seattle Mariners' outfielder, Ichiro Suzuki, was ejected from a game against the Blue Jays. It was the first time he has ever been thrown out of a game. He apparently was arguing about a third-strike call.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Late Wildcat goal derails Lowell Red Arrows

by Thad Kraus

Following its high throttle victory at East Grand Rapids on Tuesday, the Red Arrow soccer team had a difficult time getting things going at Northview.

Once it did, the Red Arrows could not slow down the front-running Wildcats as Northview posted a big 3-2 OAK White Conference win.

"The boys came out strong, especially in the second half," said Northview soccer coach Frank Android. "It was a hard fought game. It always is with Lowell. Paul Legge does a good job of putting out a good team."

Northview's win elevated its league-leading record to 5-0 (10-2 overall). The loss slipped Lowell to 2-1-1 (7-2-1 overall).

Trailing 2-1, Lowell tied the game in the 35th minute with a goal from Matt Killeen.

The Red Arrows, however, could not hold back Northview. The Wildcats reclaimed the lead minutes later on a free kick off the foot of T.J. VanSlooten with 3:09 remaining in the second half. It was the junior's second goal of the night.

Northview was first on the board in the first half with a goal from Juan Toreros. Northview played

without two key offensive players, Paul Campbell and Kyle Bemires, who were injured.

"We're trying to fill holes, and kids are stepping up," Northview coach Frank Android said. "It's consistency. This is my seventh year, and this year, we're more consistent."

Lowell's Evan Kohtz tied the game with 20:13 left in the first half.

"Our boys were resilient tonight, but the energy was missing," said Legge. "We looked like a tired club. I am, however, proud of the way we held on and held our ground."

Lowell is in a stretch of playing six games in nine days.

Lowell 5 East Grand Rapids 3

It was as brilliant a first half as the Red Arrow soccer team has played all year and the results were even better as Lowell dumped the Pioneers 5-3.

"It was as exciting and explosive a half of soccer as I've seen at Lowell," Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge said. "The boys were brilliant."

Brilliant as in netting five goals in the opening 40 minutes.



Red Arrow soccer coach Paul Legge talks to his club at half-time of the Northview game. The Wildcats won the game 3-2.

Three came off the foot of Jacob Karasiewicz.

Single goals were added by sophomore Joe Sweet and junior Tommy Rodriguez.

The Red Arrows suffered from a little bit of a letdown in the second half as East Grand Rapids rallied to score three times over the final 40 minutes.

"I told them, 'Don't think you're great because you had a good half of soccer.' This is

a big rivalry, and I knew this team was going to come out and play," Legge explained. "It's disappointing because it was about a perfect first half and the second half was not. We made some bad mistakes

in the second half."

Trailing 5-0 at half-time, East Grand Rapids first-year coach Dan Siminski challenged his squad.

"This is a good team, but they are just very mellow,"

Siminski said. "You have to get them upset to wake them up. They work hard, but this is a strange team to figure out. It takes catastrophic events to wake them up."

Tennis players prove themselves worthy

by Thad Kraus

Not even Bonnie Wall's hoarse whisperer tones could mute her elation with last week's tennis results.

"It was a really good week of tennis," Wall said. "We had good wins over quality opponents."

Lowell opened the week with a 6-2 victory over Mona Shores, winning three of four matches in three sets.

"It's a big win because we will see Mona Shores in our regional. This win will help our seating so we won't run up against tough opponents right away," Wall explained.

The Red Arrows (5-4, 3-0) swept all four of its singles matches against the Sailors.

Cort Thompson posted a 6-1, 6-2 win at first singles.

Isaac Tawney, playing second singles, earned a 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 win in second singles.

"After losing the first set, Isaac played more aggressively, taking the game to his opponent," Wall explained.

Connor Smith, third singles, needed three sets

before winning 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

"Connor steadied his play the last few games of the third set. He had a good mental approach," Wall said.

Josh Spratt completed the sweep with a 6-3, 6-1 win at fourth singles.

"Winning three set matches shows the boys buckled down mentally and wanted to prove themselves," Wall said.

In doubles play, Evan Wilterink and Jack Weeber, needed to, and played their best tennis of the season in recording a straight set win in first singles.

After losing 0-6 in the second set, Micah Babcock and Sean Briggs rallied for a three set victory.

"Mentally and emotionally, they kept their emotions in tact," Wall said.

Lowell boys' tennis team followed its win against Mona Shores up with a program-first win over Grand Rapids Christian.

"This was a really good win against a good tennis program," Wall said.

It also was Lowell's

third O-K White win of the season without a defeat.

However, the toughest tests await in East Grand Rapids and Northview.

Lowell repeated its singles dominance as it won all four flights against the Eagles.

Thompson, playing one of his best matches of the year, posted a 6-2, 6-2 win.

Tawney used his play at the net to take the match in two sets, 7-5, 6-4.

Smith won at third singles, 6-1, 6-3 while Spratt recorded a 6-4, 6-1 victory in fourth singles.

Lowell's only win in doubles play was in the third flight which saw Dan Wernet and Carlos Ruiz come through with a 6-0, 6-4 win.

"This is an excellent win for them. They have not been playing together all that long (since Sept. 9). They are really beginning to gel," Wall explained. "It's really exciting to see the boys come through and win some really exciting, close matches. They held their own against some good competition this week."

Climb for respectability comes in small steps for Lowell volleyball team

by Thad Kraus

For the first time ever, Lowell's volleyball team received state recognition in the high school volleyball rankings.

The Red Arrows were voted Division I honorable mention status.

Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal believes the recognition comes in part because of her team's tough schedule.

"The girls have nine wins against state ranked opponents and six losses against state ranked opponents," Peal explained. "To be ranked in the state makes it a great day. That's just one more small step for our program. Last year our win loss record against state ranked teams was not balanced."

Lowell finished fifth

at the Caledonia Invitational, but did so in grand fashion.

The Red Arrows had East Kentwood, ranked third in the state, down 18-12 in the third and decisive game before the Falcons got up off the mat to rally for the win.

"The girls couldn't take care of stuff on our end of the floor. That's a maturity step," Peal said.

Lowell won its first game decisively against the defending state champions from Jenison.

"I think our girls got a little cocky after that first game. You don't do that against the defending state champion," Peal said. "The girls played good volleyball. We made small steps at Caledonia, but were still points away from taking that large step."

In a conference meet,

Lowell defeated Creston 25-11, 25-6, and 25-18.

The Lowell coach was pleased her girls played good volleyball against a lesser opponent.

Madelyn Brower and Jordan Timmer each had six kills. Timmer also added a club-leading 18 assists.

Stephanie Stevens added three aces and Katie Tompkins dished out five blocks.

Lowell battles this week against league powers, Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids.

"Our match against Christian could be a defining moment for our program," Peal concludes. The two teams will enter the match tied for first in the O-K White.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell remains grounded; Greenville gracious in defeat

With a state-ranking of No. 1 in Division 2, Lowell's focus was first and foremost on Greenville Friday night as the Red Arrows rolled to a 42-3 O-K White Conference win.

"They're an awfully good team," said Greenville coach Dave Moore. "I was proud of our kids. We came out fast. It was a great start for us. But they are the

No. 1 team in the state for a reason. They showed it. They had the ability to run it and throw it and they played good defense. That's what good teams do."

What Lowell did was run Austin Graham and Gabe Dean, 17 of its opening 20 plays, scoring two touchdowns and building a 13-3 first-quarter advantage.

Graham finished the game with a team-high 119 yards. The senior found the end zone three times on runs of three, three, and five yards.

"We knew they were a pretty good team," Graham said. "We just went out there and tried to execute what we did and got it done. I felt pretty good tonight. We came out strong. This was our first O-K White match-up, so we wanted to show them what we can do. We have a great offensive line, and I love running behind them."

Dean ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns while connecting on nine-of-11 for 175 yards and a third touchdown.

"Austin (Graham) is what he is. He's a machine. He plods along and then he busts off the long one. Gabe (Dean) is doing a nice job. He has a long way to go," said Lowell coach Noel Dean. "He has a lot of growing up to do, but he is a listener and he understands it. He knows he has a long ways to go, and sometimes kids at that age don't know that."

Dean scored on first-half touchdown runs of two and nine yards. He also threw an 11-yard touchdown strike to Derek Cornish with less than two minutes to play in the half.

Greenville actually grabbed the early lead as it took the opening kickoff and

marched 52 yards before settling for a 35-yard field goal by Caleb Wolfe.

"I'm so proud of our kids. They played hard. They did everything we asked them to do all week long," Moore said. "They had a great attitude. They came, they competed; that really showed at the beginning of the game. That's a big part of it."

Lowell's defense held the Yellow Jackets to 99 yards on the ground and 32 yards through the air.

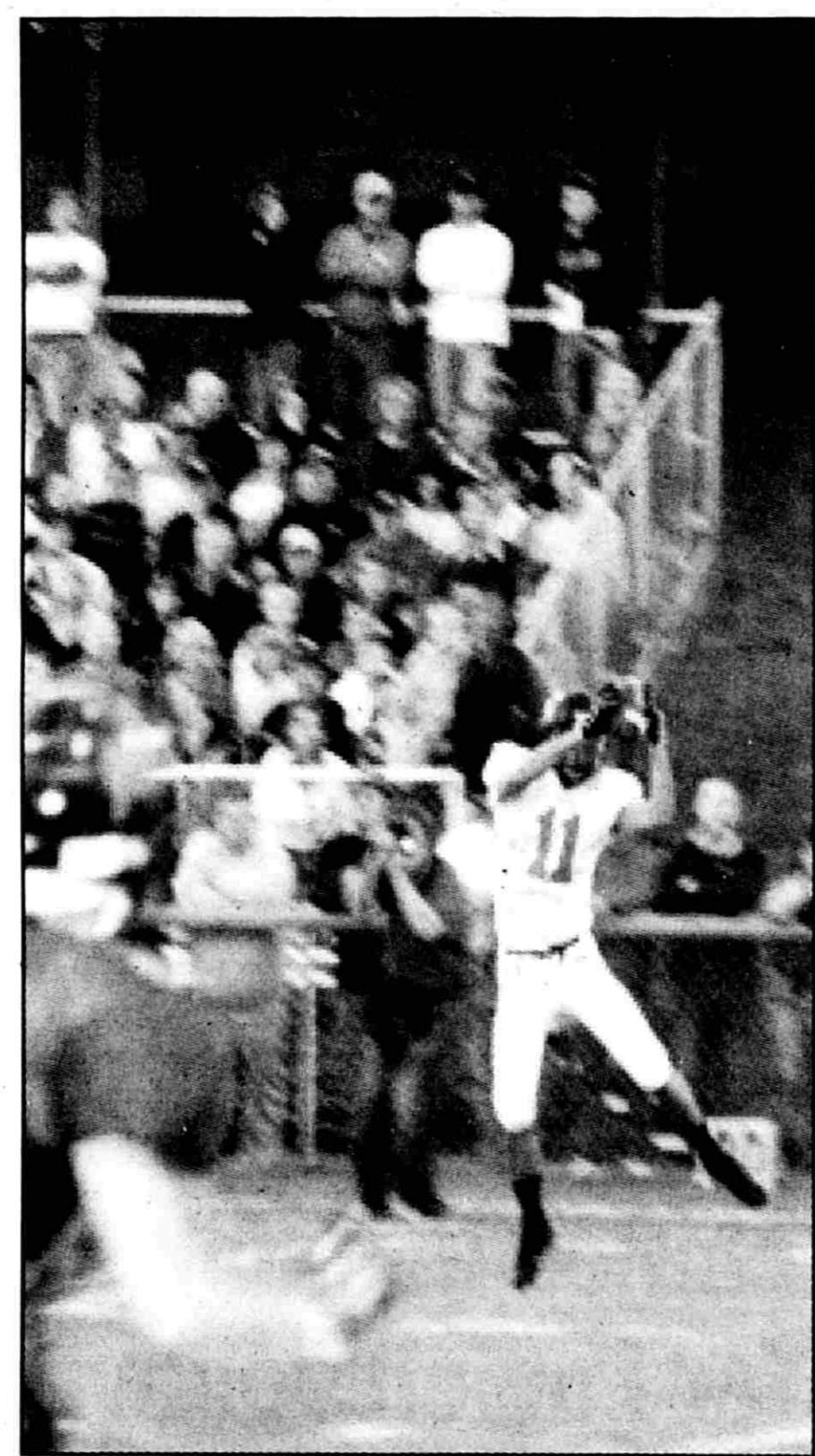
The Red Arrows,

meanwhile, amassed 281 yards on the ground while throwing for 175. Cornish led all receivers with six receptions for 87 yards.

"I thought we did all right," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "We had four or five starters on defense out (with injuries) and we are trying to get them healthy, but our defense played well. We were pretty proficient on offense. We didn't turn the ball over tonight. And only one time in the red zone, we didn't take care of business."



Lowell's Austin Graham ran the ball 26 times against Greenville rolling up 119 yards and three touchdowns.



Derek Cornish leaps for one of his six receptions at Greenville Friday night.

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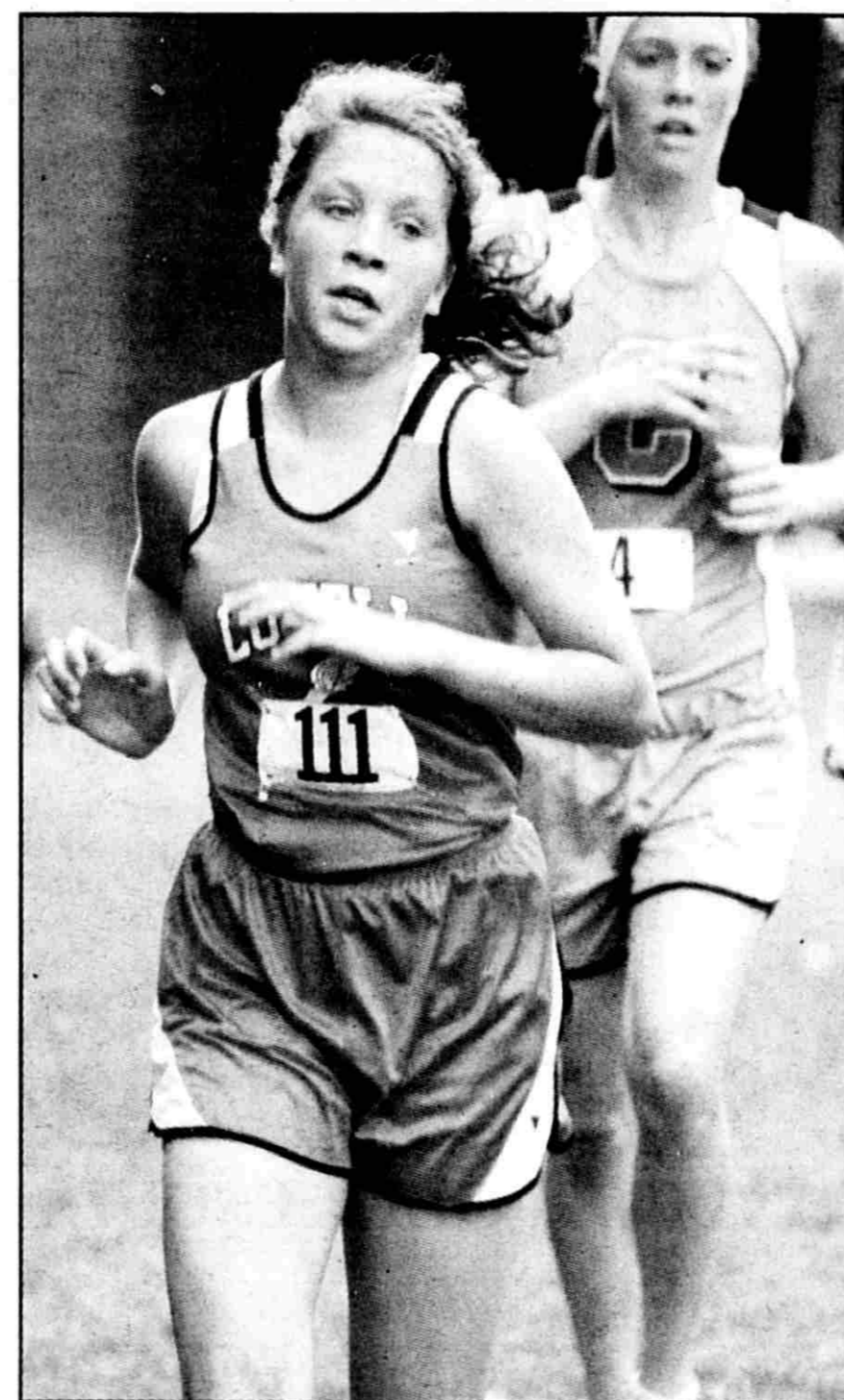
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell girls struggle on home course



Karis Dilly stopped the clock in 23:39.

by Thad Kraus

Not only did their results not meet with expectations, but the Lowell girls' cross country team's performance did not equal that of their ability.

"It just wasn't one of our better efforts," said disappointed Red Arrow cross country coach Sarah Ellis.

Lowell placed fifth in the second O-K White Jamboree of the season, finishing ahead of Creston who did not field a full team.

Rebekah Betts was the first Red Arrow in, finishing 22nd in a time of 22:20.

Following her home were teammates Taylor Marchido, 32nd, 22:51; Katie Jousma, 36th, 23:03; Karis Dilly, 45th, 23:39; and Skye Thebo, 48th, 23:55.

Grand Rapids Christian's Julia Bos won the event, coming off the course in 19:12.

Bob Perry Memorial Invitational

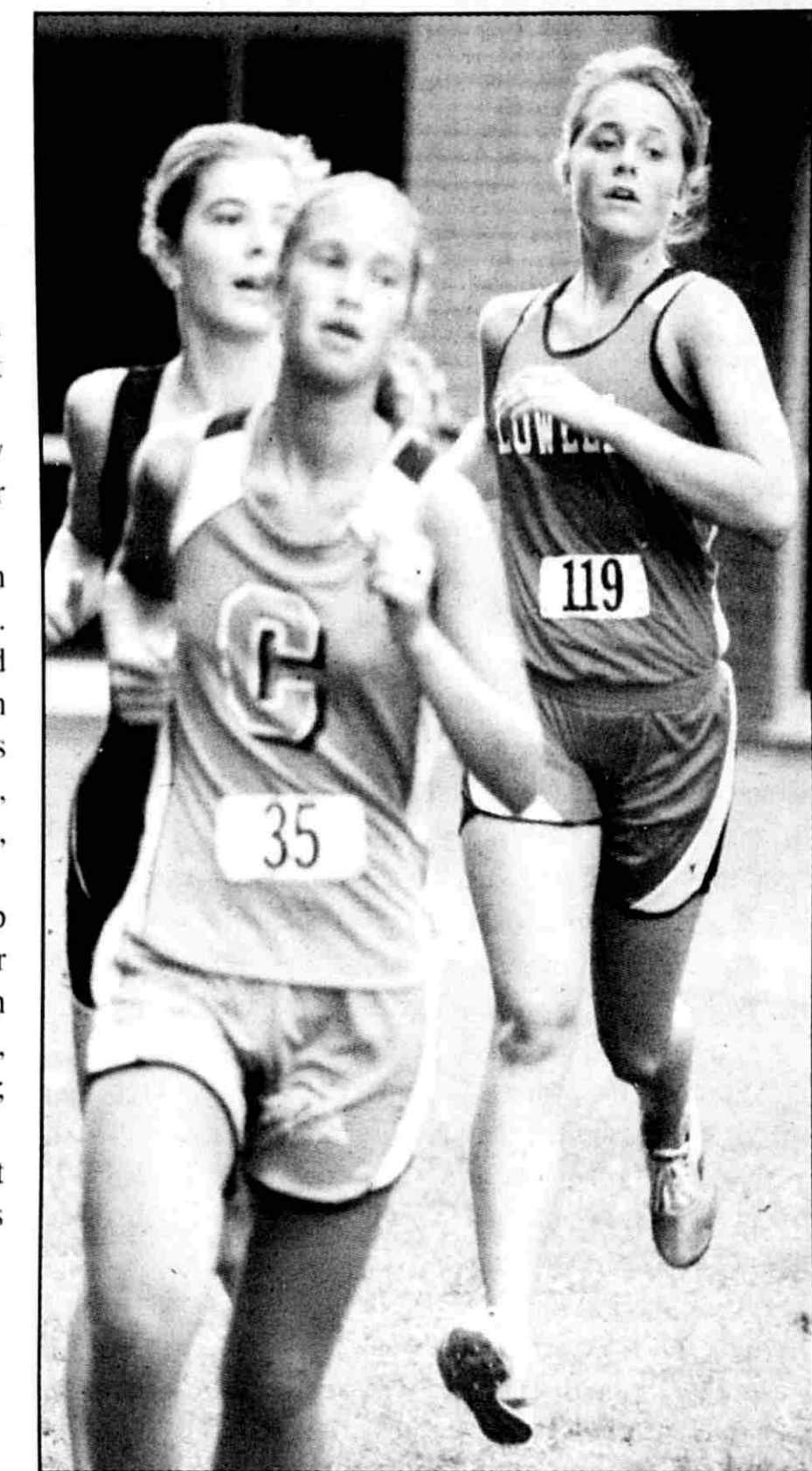
Lowell finished seventh in the Division I field at Saturday's invitational.

Grandville's Sammy Mandry was the top runner coming home in 19:43.6.

Hudsonville won the meet with 46 points. The Eagles placed ahead of Grandville, 57; Byron Center, 75; Forest Hills Central, 95; West Ottawa, 117; Ionia, 117; and Lowell, 136.

The Red Arrows' top five runners were Taylor Marchido, 22:14.9; Rebekah Betts, 22:36.3; Amy Bartkus, 23:06.3; Karis Dilly, 23:17.5; and Skye Thebo, 23:33.5.

Running, but not figuring in the final score was Emily Jelsma (24:01.3).



Taylor Marchido's time in the second O-K White jamboree was 22:51.

Red Arrows run past Northview

by Thad Kraus

It's not a coincidence that the rise in performance of the Lowell boys' cross country team coincides with Zach Robinson finding his stride.

The Red Arrow senior continued his fast pace to the top of the league with top finishes at the second O-K White Jamboree (Lowell)

and at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational on Saturday.

"Zach is looking really good," said Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "He's running relaxed, focused, and in control."

Robinson's first-place finish in the second Jamboree of the year helped

Lowell jump past Northview for third place.

The Red Arrows placed fourth in the season-opening jamboree.

Robinson came off the course in a leading time of 17:56.17. The senior was nine seconds ahead of his nearest competitor, Jacob Kuyvenhoven (18:05.11) from Grand Rapids

Christian. Kuyvenhoven's Eagles, however, grabbed eight of the top 10 places to easily win the Jamboree.

The Eagles finished with 20 points followed by East Grand Rapids, 79; Lowell, 96; Northview, 101; Greenville, 110; and Creston, 127.

"The boys are running considerably stronger than

at the start of the season," VanderWarf said.

Red Arrows following Robinson home were Caleb Hershberger, 20th, 19:21.30; Ben Partridge, 32nd, 20:08.59; Jon Mark, 42nd, 20:36.34; and Josh Corteville, 43rd, 20:37.31.

At the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational, Lowell finished sixth out of seven Division I schools.

Ionia won the event with 17 points. Forest Hills Central was second

with 82, followed by West Ottawa, 87; Byron Center, 90; Grandville, 104; Lowell, 139; and Ottawa Hills only ran four runners.

The best time was handed in by Ionia's Austin Acala who stopped the clock in 16:29.9.

Lowell's top five times were Robinson, 17:37.9; Partridge, 18:54.8; Tom Mark, 19:14.2; Hershberger, 19:21.8; and John Mark, 19:58.7.



Zach Robinson took top honors in the O-K White Jamboree at Lowell.

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by Thad Kraus

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Perfection is a wonderful thing when it comes to prognostication, especially when you are the one doing the picking!!!!

Yes, believe it or not, I was a perfect 10-0 with my selections last week, raising my overall record to 32-8 (80 percent).

Shall we try again?
Let's start with Byron Center traveling to Unity Christian. The Bulldogs are coming off a tough loss at home to Hamilton. The Crusaders won't be the cure. Unity Christian wins!

East Grand Rapids is at home against Grand Rapids Christian. The Eagles will not muster any lift for flight - Pioneers win!

Hastings, looking to get back on the winning track, travel to Catholic Central. The Cougars aren't what they used to be. Improved Saxons win!

Muskegon hosts East Kentwood. Falcons blasted Grandville last week, however, Big Red has more veracity than the Bulldogs - Muskegon wins!

Undeclared Forest Hills Eastern hosts Ottawa Hills. I'm calling this the upset special. Ottawa Hills wins!

Rockford, coming off an emotional win against Grand Haven, will need help from the crowd at The Ted, but finds a way against West Ottawa. Rams win!

South Christian hosts Caledonia. Big rivalry! This week the big results tip in Caledonia's favor. Fighting Scots win!

Kelloggsville, after a big home win against Hopkins, travels to Calvin Christian. Visitors beware, it's going to be close. Kelloggsville wins.

Middleville plays Wayland. Big rivalry. Trojans are just stronger this year. Middleville wins!

Lowell travels to Grand Rapids Christian to play the undermanned Polar Bears, Creston Wins! NOT! Lowell gets win number six. Red Arrows win!



Here is my new Top 10!

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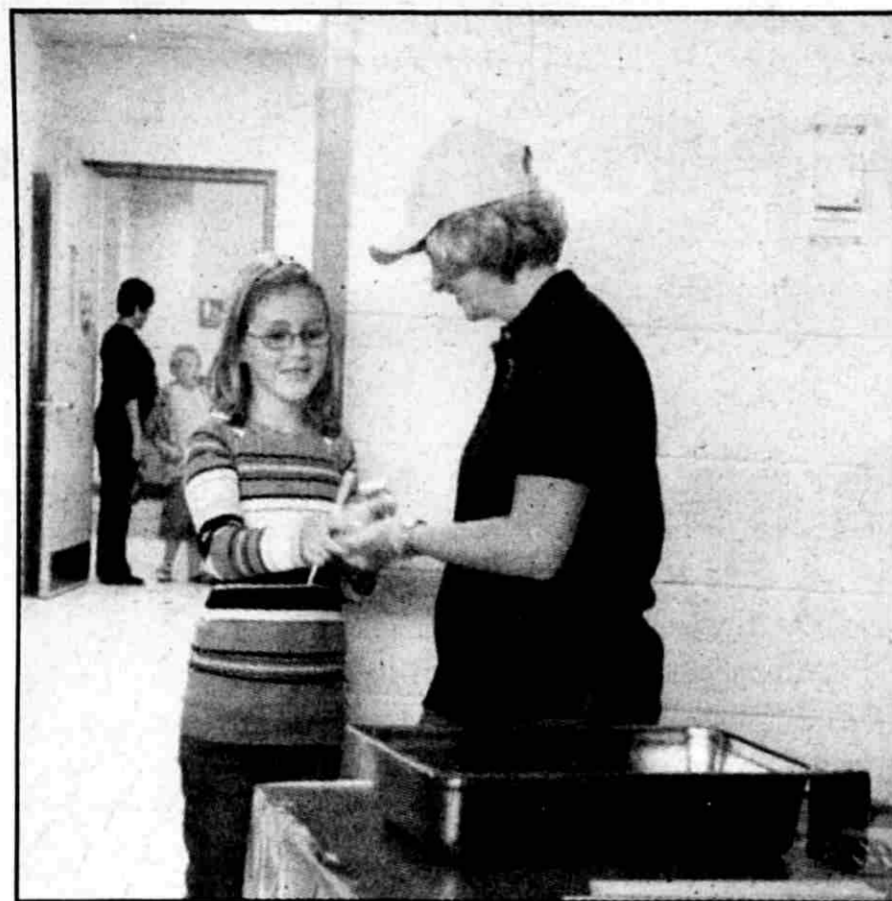


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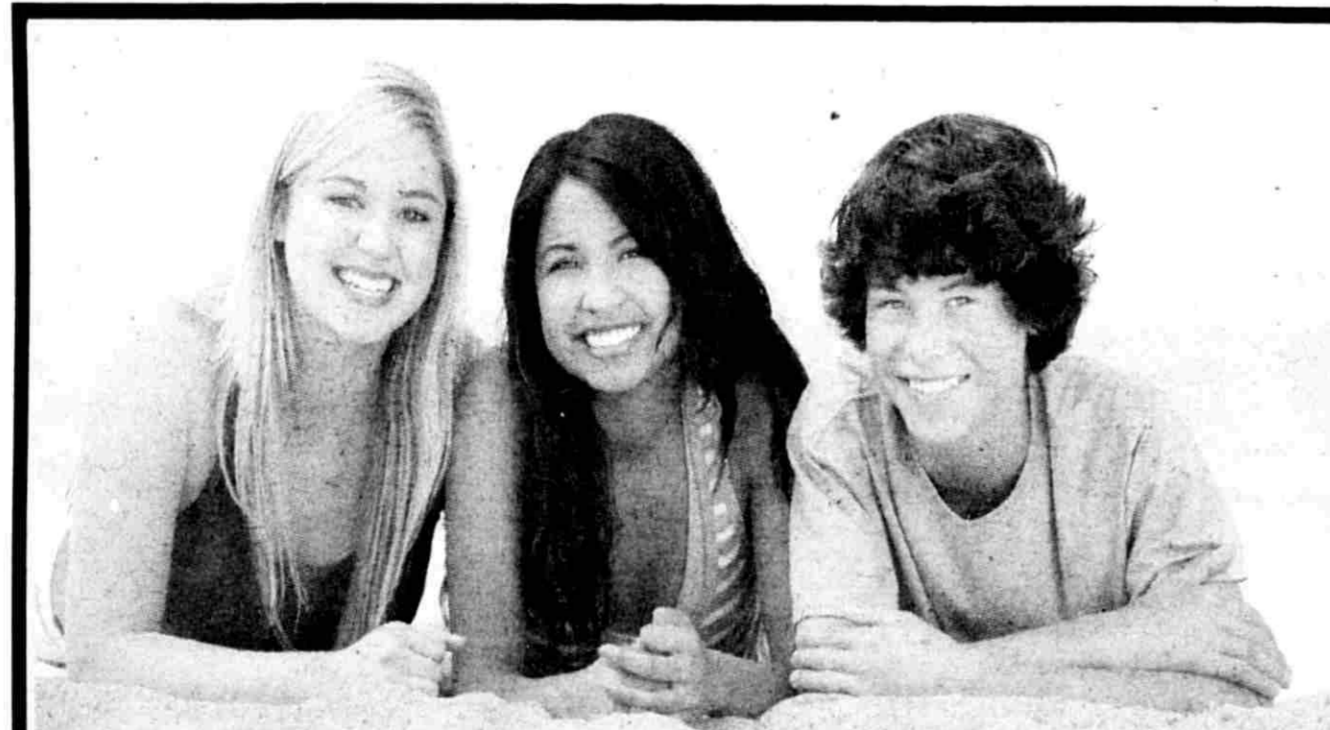
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MOVING SALE - Oct. 2 & 3, 9 to 6 p.m. 7350 Rivendell (just E. of Deer Run Golf Course). Furniture, toddler toys, boys clothing, 24 mos. to 4T, 12" bike, crib, changing table, jogging stroller & more.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 9720 Sayles Rd. Lowell, Oct. 1 - Oct. 3, 9-4. Kids clothes, boys & girls up to size 14, Xbox & Playstation games, Party-lite, household items, Pack & Play, John Lennon crib bedding, toys, Hoover hard floor cleaner.

MOVED SALE - Oct. 1 - 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Craft & decorating items, tools, kids clothes & toys, men's suits/ sport coats, furniture, 4755 Miriam Rd., Belding. East out of Smyrna on Button Rd. which curves & becomes Miriam, 1st drive on right past Flat River Trail.

BARBIE COLLECTOR SELLING - off collection at garage sale prices! All never removed from box. Sat., Oct 3 at the TOPS Fall Sale, 300 High St., Lowell, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SERVICES

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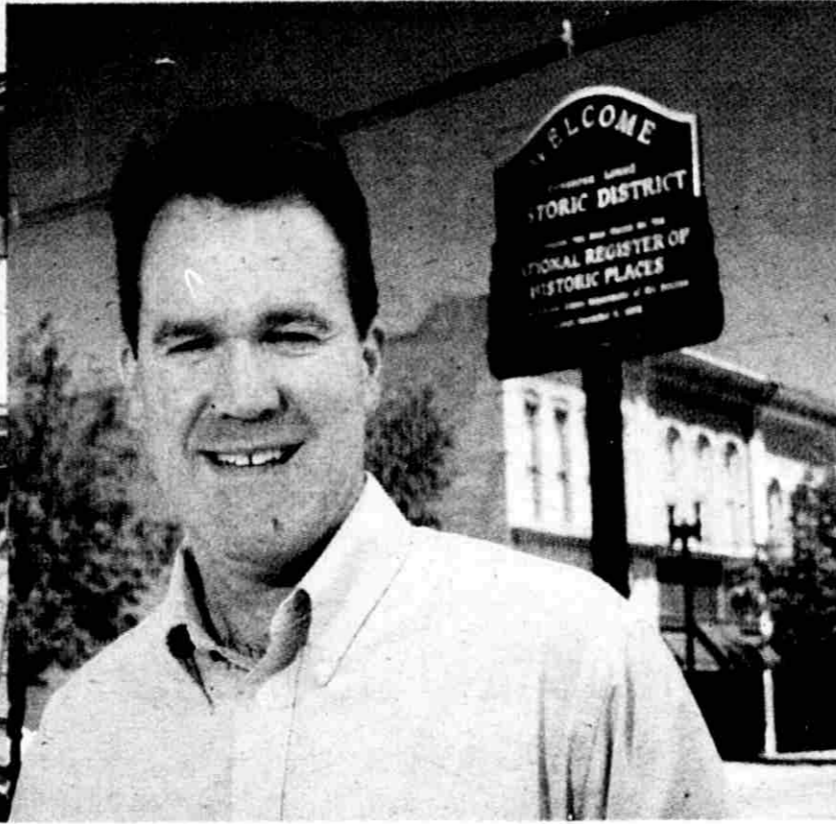
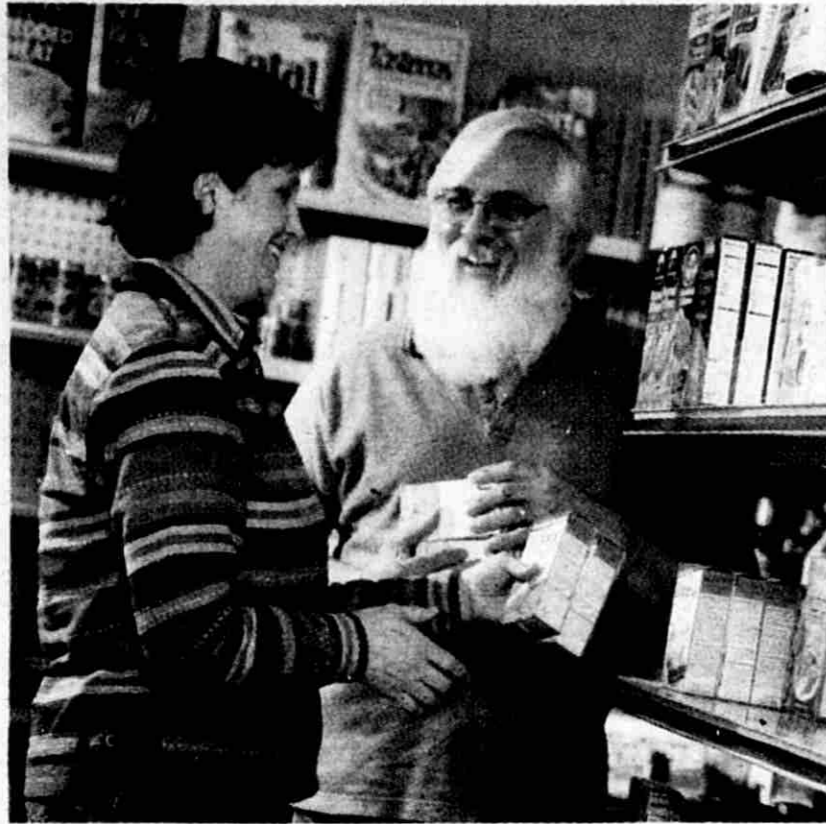
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The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community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



FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2009

REVENUES	
Investment Earnings	\$ (3,173,413)
Contributions	\$ 540
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ (3,172,873)
EXPENSES	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 703,200
Investment Manager Fee	\$ 81,366
Support Services	\$ 60,542
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 845,107
Change in Net Assets	\$ (4,017,980)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$ 15,997,646
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 11,979,666

Community Fund Advisory Committee

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



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Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Safe Routes - Gee Drive Walking Path	To assist the Safe Walks 2 School project along Gee Drive.	City of Lowell	\$72,500
City Trees Program	To provide more trees throughout the City in both public and private areas.	City of Lowell	\$5,000
Emergency Housing Needs	To address the present and growing basic needs crisis for families in Lowell.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
Agency Expansion and Building Renovation	To address expanding community service needs by accomplishing a major capital development initiative.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$150,000
Organizational Development	To continue fund development mentoring, completion of the organizational structure and fund development planning.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$10,000
2009 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2009 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$13,125
2009 Kaleidoscope	To publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based website.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$17,420
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$20,000
Invasive Species Removal	To eradicate autumn olive from the Wege Natural Area preserve.	Land Conservancy of West Michigan	\$2,510
Arts Alive Everyday in 2009	To support new and on-going administrative costs in calendar year 2009.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$12,500
Museum Exhibit "Cobblers to Tin-Knockers"	To fund an exhibit that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history and character of the Lowell area.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$6,825
Museum Strategic Plan 2009-2012	To facilitate a strategic planning process that will guide the Museum in its mission for the next four years.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$7,500
Video Production Webcasting	To upgrade video production equipment to produce more complex and advanced programs suitable for eventual webcasting.	Lowell Area Schools	\$44,899
Tots on Track for School	To help families prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$74,000
Robotics Education	To provide for the purchase of a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics kit and associated supplies and curriculum.	Lowell Area Schools	\$6,000
Elementary Traveling Summer Schools	To create a highly effective summer school experience for all Lowell students.	Lowell Area Schools	\$9,000
Academic Service Learning	To continue to grow the practice of high-quality academic service learning within Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools	\$16,000
Organizational Development	To increase community awareness of the organization, improve the effectiveness of fundraising efforts, and develop a plan for long term sustainability.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$9,200
LEF 2008-2009 Grant Request	To fund grants for innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
High-Speed Internet Acquisition	To collect data that will assist in preparing a business case for potential internet service providers.	Lowell Charter Township	\$10,000
Organization Growth and Community Outreach	To continue to grow and develop programs, partnerships and services that will help, support and inspire citizens to work to healthier families and lifestyles.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$16,000
Lowell Ambulance Replacement Program	To replace the ambulance stationed in the City of Lowell.	Rockford Ambulance, Inc.	\$30,000
High-Speed Internet Acquisition	To perform a survey, collect data, and create a business case for desired Internet service providers.	Vergennes Township	\$10,000
Lowell to Ionia Trailway Acquisition	To acquire a railroad corridor for trail development that will eventually link the Lowell Area Trailway with the Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail in Ionia County.	West Michigan Trails Greenways Coalition	\$75,000
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell Area Students		\$43,000
TOTAL GRANTS			\$720,479