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Downtown Development Authority buys downtown lot

by Emma Palova

Downtown Development Authority(DDA) has purchased a parking lot adjacent to the Shell gas station on Main Street for long term use for \$60,000.

The parking will be unrestricted, mainly for employees, since many new retail outlets have opened since the DDA first considered the purchase 10 years ago. At that time the purchase price was double

at \$120,000. "It was to our advantage to wait, and since then retails have set up shops; and there will be parking also for the museum," said DDA chairman Jim Reagan.

The taxes owed for a total of \$1,690 will come out of the purchase price. The gate will be taken out.

The purchase is also contingent on phase I environmental study. "We'll have a parking lot; it just needs minor landscaping, but it's in decent shape," said vice-chair Brian Doyle.

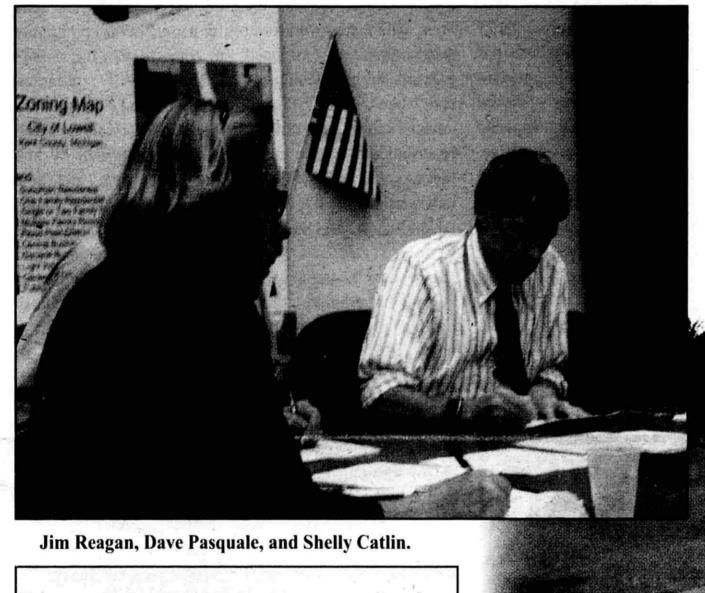
City manager Dave Pasquale said the new lot will take parking off Main Street.

"It will be helpful for employees," said Pasquale. The DDA also approved

\$2,800 for an engineering study by Williams & Works to stabilize the west river bank as a public improvement.

The study area will cover the portion from Springrove Variety to just north of the Lowell Light and Power maintenance garage. The intent, according to engineer Dave Austin, is to only stabilize the embankment and not to create an area suitable for a future Riverwalk surface.

Williams & Works will provide a site visit to observe and photograph existing conditions. There will be preliminary discussions with MDEQ regarding permitting requirements, review feasible alternatives including but not limited to rip-rap, gabions, and sheet piling, prepare preliminary construction cost estimates for viable alternatives, present findings in a written report to the city for review, and finalize a report.



Barn dance to raise funds for Gilda's Club

by Emma Palova

n old fashion barn dance at Richard building this Reath Saturday during Harvest Festival will raise funds for Gilda's Club.

"Our main purpose is to raise money for Gilda's Club to complete the set up," said one of the organizers, Patty Elzinga.

Gilda's Club is still in need of various supplies such as a TV set, chairs, and kitchen supplies.

The Hawks and Owls and Dr. Mogor will be the string band and Eric Elzinga's D.J.'s will provide music. Keiser's Kitchen will be preparing underwritten barbecue by Huntington Bank; Heidi Christine's Salons is underwriting all the marketing and miscellaneous expenses; and Daisy Floral is making all the floral arrangements.

There will be a silent auction with items from Pauly's, Curves, and Louis D'Agostino Builders donating labor for one day. There will also be cake walks, coloring for the kids, and cancer survivor Anna Organic will paint an original picture that will be auctioned off at the end of the dance.

Tickets are \$25 for a family of two adults and up to three children, \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. and the dance is from 5:30 p.m. until the cows come home. Tickets are available at the chamber office, Keiser's Kitchen, and Ace Hardware. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Lowell schools face cut in per pupil foundation allowance district wide

The city has purchased this parking lot next to the Shell gas station.

by Emma Palova

owell Schools (LAS) is facing imminent cuts in per pupil foundation as soon as the final budget is passed by the end of October. The lawmakers passed an interim budget to avoid government shutdown last week.

But, due to the budget impasse that has left Michigan without a fiscal year 2010 School Aid budget, the Michigan Department of Education cannot pay federal funds to Michigan school districts this week for programs ranging from Special Education to Title I, and the wide variety of school meals programs.

In the worst case scenario, the LAS district will get cut by \$218 per

pupil foundation, which is approximately a three percent cut.

According to Dave Hildenbrand, R-Lowell, this

The district faces a \$850,000 reduction in per pupil foundation monies, if the legislature passes the proposed cut. There has been

"It's been a tough budget"

- Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

is the first proposed major cut reduction in school aid. However, Hildenbrand does not anticipate the cut to be that high.

"It's been a tough budget," he said.

superintendent LAS Greg Pratt said the district will have to take a wait and see attitude.

"There's just a lot of uncertainties," he said. "I don't want to make any predictions; there's a lot of concerns."

an increase in funding of approximately nine percent over a seven year time frame in the per pupil foundation allowance. Following is the history since 2002, when the LAS district was promised \$6,700.

School Year Foundation Allowance Proration

2002 \$6635/student (received \$65 less per student than promised)

2003 \$6626/student (received \$74 less per student than promised)

2004 \$6700/student 2005 \$6875/student 2006 \$7085/student 2007 \$7204/student 2008 \$7316/student

The state legislature did not meet the Oct. 1 deadline, leaving the Department of Education without legal authority to process millions of federal funds that recipients receive on a weekly basis.

School districts and private organizations that operate federal programs appropriated in the School Aid Act normally are reimbursed their federal funds on a weekly basis. Without School Aid budget, those funds cannot be paid.

But, lawmakers aren't eager to pass the deep cuts or the tax increased proposals that would avoid them.



POPE

Robert Glenn Pope, aged surrounded by family and brother-in-law, preceded in death by his circle of many dear friends. Lowell.

D. Pope; father-in-law, John D. Barrett; and very special survived by his wife of 38 years, Laural; children. Audree (Matthew) Swift, Annitra Mallindine, Amber Pope, and Andy Pope; grandchildren, Morgan, Mayson, Addison, and Ava; sisters, Marilyn (Bruce) (Mike) Parker, Carol

Funeral services were held Friday, September 26 at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Peacock of St. Patrick Church, Parnell, officiating. parents; Glenn W. and Ollie In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made friend, Larry Holst. He is to the Pink Arrow Project of Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331 or to the Acoustic Neuroma Foundation, 600 Peachtree Parkway Suite 108, Cumming, GA 30041.

STEENWYK

Memorial services for Mr. Doyle, and Jackie (Jim) David L. Steenwyk, of Gallagher; mother-in-law, Lowell, were held Friday was received into the loving Lorraine Barrett; sisters-in- at the First Baptist Church arms of Jesus on Monday, law, Phoenix Shackelton, of Lowell with Pastor September 21, 2009 and Wendy (Dave) Becker; David Sims officiating. In Dana lieu of flowers, memorial friends after a courageous Barrett; several nieces contributions are suggested journey with cancer. He was and nephews; and a large to First Baptist Church of

ADVERTISE SHOP AT HOME GIASSIFIEDS CALL

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the

September 21, 2009 meeting as corrected

and the accounts payables was approved.

897-9261

TOWNSHIP

snowplowing for the 2009-2010 season.

Specifications may be picked up at the

Township Hall on Monday, Tuesday, or

Thursday or by calling 897-7600. Bids must

be submitted by October 19, 2009 to Lowell

Charter Township, 2910 Alden Nash SE,

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,

Please note if a holiday falls during the week,

If you have any questions, please contact City

Betty R. Morlock

City of Lowell

City Clerk

Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday.

the same day as your refuse pickup.

Lovvell

Hall (897-8457).

Lowell, MI 49331, or faxed to 897-6482.

Motion of concurrence of the City Council for purchase of parking lot at the southwest corner of West Main and Broadway by the Downtown Development Authority.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2009

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Motion to approve the updated Cross Connection Plan and Ordinance as amended.

Motion to approve Lee's Trenching Services for \$53,439.40 for the North East Reservoir Cleaning and Drain improvements.

Motion to approve the proposal and contract agreement with Dixon Engineering of Lake Odessa to provide specifications for maintenance work on the Water Treatment Plant reservoir.

Motion to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance text to include Group and Commercial Day Care Homes and Facilities as a Special Use in the R-2 and R-3 districts.

Motion to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance text to include Group and Commercial Day Care Homes and Facilities as a Special Use in the SR district.

Motion to approve a contract with Michigan Wildlife Centers for animal impoundment and transportation services as amended.

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 19, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Gilda's Club -Making a house a home

Leann D. Arkema

inside of the Gilda's Club Lowell and Lowell Senior

'Clubhouse' at 314 South - for Neighbors' program and the accomplished that." new Gilda's Club Lowell program. If you haven't had Everything from paint

What you will find Kathleen Mooney from house into a home." with your walk in the door, Fire and Water Art!, and of this old farmhouse has Association, natives, Teresa Beachum Gates and JoAnn Schuur. They worked feverously

over the summer months to in nine weeks time was a parents may also come for challenge when it came **LOWELL CHARTER** "Most furniture takes eight to twelve weeks to arrive death due to cancer. after orders are placed," said **SNOWPLOW BIDS** we'd have this beautiful Lowell Township is accepting bids for Thankfully, Israels Designs 8600.

keep pace with the volunteer to provide furniture on loan outdoor and indoor until the permanent couches, the construction crews. "We had chairs, and other pieces a lot to accomplish in a short arrive. Grand Rapids Chair time." said Schlosser. "We and Steelcase also came were up to the task though. to the rescue and supplied The We wanted to re-create the stackable chairs and library 'warm and welcoming' feel chairs you can now see of the Grand Rapids' Gilda's in the Clubhouse "for an both the Lowell Senior Clubhouse. I think we incredibly reasonable price and in lightening speed And, so they did. time," added Schlosser.

"What an awesome a chance to stop by yet, the colors, to floor finishes, thing to have happen," said community is invited to visit to fabrics for the furniture Leann Arkema, President/ on any Tuesday from 9 a.m. was carefully selected. As CEO of Gilda's Club. "All to 9 p.m. That will give you word got out in the Lowell the volunteers who worked plenty of time to check it community, people like inside and outside truly David Powell from Enwork, helped us transform this old

Now, for this home to something to behold Carol Dykhouse from the truly come alive, it is time indeed. The entire interior West Michigan Workroom for people in the community stepped to come to join the Gilda's been lovingly restored to forward to help Schlosser Club Lowell program. match the 'new' exterior and her team. Powell Arkema noted that anyone in construction that happened donated tables and soon-to- the greater Lowell area who this summer. Lowell native, be installed office furniture; has been impacted by any Pam Schlosser, chaired Mooney recruited a dozen kind of cancer - children, the interior design team local artists to donate or adults, families, and friends that also included Lowell loan artwork; and Dykhouse - is welcome to join "the worked with seven free support community on and Judy Joppie, as well as independent businesses who Tuesdays. Any child ages two designers from Israels helped design, find fabrics 3-18 impacted by a death Designs for Living - Lorie for, and finish all the window of any kind (including from cancer, other illnesses, an Completing the interior accident, etc.) and their grief support. Grief support is also offered for adults who have experienced a

> For more information Schlosser. "We were worried on this free cancer or grief support program, please call place, but no furniture." Gilda's Club at (616) 897for Living stepped forward

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City may raise parking fines

by Emma Palova

The city may raise fees for parking violations by the end of this month. Following a presentation by police chief James Hinton, the council leaned toward hiking fees that have not been raised since 1991.

The majority violations have occurred on the 300 block of West Main Street, according to Hinton.

Hinton proposed a \$5 increase to the current rate of \$5 if paid within 10 days of issuance of ticket. However, council member

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Downtown

(DDA) approved \$5,000

for this year's Christmas

month worth of Christmas

activities is the same as last

year, according to chamber

On top of the approved

The main items in the

Budget also includes

advertising with the Grand

Rapids Press, Ionia Sentinel

Standard, Buyers Guide,

and news releases, posters,

flyers, printing, and postage

Expenses include the roping

off of Main Street due to

safety reasons and large

police chief James Hinton.

charged to be in the parade.

"The roping off has

truck participation.

worked out well,"

"We have large floats."

There will be a night

for \$1,825.

decorations, and an arch for equipment.

budget include decorating

the Riverwalk and the

Showboat with Douglas

the Riverwalk for \$500.

director Liz Baker.

sponsors.

Chamber of Commerce.

Authority

budget for the Lowell Area for a total amount of \$800.

The budget for a live reindeer, there will be

budget, there are also on South Hudson Street and

individual and corporate some adjustments may have

fir for roping, Showboat for the speed measuring

parade on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. MDOT bridge project,

Jim Pfaller felt the proposal did not go far enough to be worth writing a ticket.

Pfaller proposed a \$25 fee that would double after 30 days. If paid within 48 business hours, the fee would decrease to \$15 as an incentive to pay.

to pay," said council woman Maryalene LaPonsie. Resident Barb Barber

increases

"We need to make it painful," said Pfaller.

budget approved by DDA

Santa and Mrs. Claus

get \$350 according to the

budget. Other items are

awards and prizes for the

annual ice carving contest

carriage rides in an effort to

Lowell Police Department

has been doing speed surveys

to be made in regard to speed

limits. The average speed

measured south on Hudson

The DDA paid \$15,000

Also, due to low

attendance, the Farmers'

Market may have to be

evaluated and the time for it

to be open shortened to only

been coming," said Baker.

Lowell may lose its banners

on Main Street. Further

discussion will be devoted to

possible alternate locations.

any events out of downtown,

businesses will have a

otherwise

No entry fees are terrible year," said Baker.

"We don't want to take

downtown

"People just haven't

Due to the upcoming

has been 38 mph.

through August.

This year, instead of

In related business, the

Chamber Christmas

approximately 200 to 300 citations are issued

According to Hinton,

In related business. the city council approved a contract with Michigan Center animal impoundment and "Weneedsomeincentive transportation services.

> The city will now allow group and commercial day care homes as a special use in residential and suburban be inspected. residential districts.

The council devoted much discussion to an updated cross connection

City manager Dave

Greg Canfield's project

Pasquale assured the project

will be expedited to get the

to fix up the three buildings

on Main Street is ahead of

schedule. The buildings

need to be released from

Catalogs

FLIERS/COUPONS

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. Business Cards

ENVELOPES

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Programs

Posters

MUCH MORE!

black &

full colo

issue Oct. 19.

crews out of town quickly.

can terminate water service. connection.

Mainly, those with lawn sprinkling systems need to

The city also awarded upgraded.

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden will updated cemetery rules for the Oakwood Cemetery at the next city council meeting

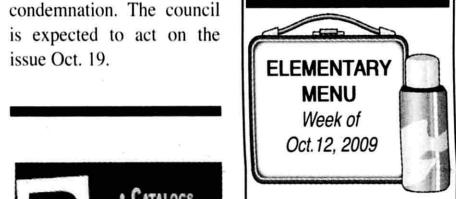
LUNCH MENU

graham crackers applesauce, milk.

WED: Pepperoni pizza (burrito also offered at Alto Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli

According to the update, the city will take care of any at risk cross connection and it The city manager will have any or all water customers. residential and commercial, who pose risk of a cross

a bid to Lee's Trenching Service of Byron Center for \$53,439 to pump sludge out of the North East Reservoir located off Shepard Drive. The tank will also be chlorinated and the drainage structure and valve will be removed and replaced. An eight inch drain line will be



MON: Hotdog on bun (chicken patty on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) fresh mini carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Belgian waffle sticks w/syrup or cereal w/ scrambled eggs, fresh fruit,

warm apple slices, milk.

THURS: Pizza dippers w/ sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake). fresh tossed salad assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Beef & cheese nachos (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) tossed salad, pineapple,

ALONG MAIN

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FALLASBURG FALL FESTIVAL 2009

The festival will air on Channel 25 on Wed., Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.; Thurs., Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 9 at 3 p.m.; and Sat., Oct. 10 at noon.

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.

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.

CREEPY CLASSICS AND GHOST STORIES

Storytelling and performances by Lowell Area Schools Orchestra on Oct. 10 at Lowell fairgrounds from

GIRL SCOUT OPEN HOUSE

Learn about Girl Scouts on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary, room 157, the old choir room. Parents/guardian must accompany girls.

FREE FLU SHOTS

If you are a Kent County resident, age 60-64, you are eligible for a free flu shot. Flu shots will be given at the Schneider Manor Community Room on Thurs., Oct. 15 from 10:00 - noon. Should you have any questions, contact Marcia Roth at the Lowell Senior Center 897-

THEBES PLAYERS PRODUCTION

A Dickins' Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts will be performed Oct. 16, 17, 22 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Lowell Performing Arts Center, Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. Tickets are \$8 in advance through Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545, or \$10 day of show at the box office.

HALLOWEEN HIKE

The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience Environmental Education Center's second annual Halloween Hike is Oct. 17, 5:30-8 p.m. This is a nonscary program with several skits along the guided trails. Costumes are encouraged. Cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult.

ATTENTION DANCERS

The VFW is holding an "Old Time Dance" on Oct. 17, 8 to 11 p.m. All are welcome, even if you don't or can't dance, come enjoy music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

BLUEGRASS HOT BANDS EVENT

The WMBMA will be hosting an event on Sat., Oct. 17 at Larkin's Theatre beginning at 7:15 p.m. There will be two bands performing and at the end of the concert, there will be a general Bluegrass jam session. \$5 per adult admission.

Patch

U-Pick



GOOD OLD FASHION BARN DANCE From 5:30 until the cows come home. Barbecue dinner (5:30 - 6:30) OCTOBER 10 AT LOWELL FAIRGROUNDS

Tickets on sale at: 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.

LOWELL LITHO "The People Paper"

897-9555 105 N. Broadway Lowell

Lowell's Teacher of the Year to be honored during Homecoming parade

Submitted by Eric Bredin

Kampfschulte's to teaching is passion. His passion for teaching U.S. government is legendary at Lowell High School and is surpassed only by his passion tables. for his students. Therefore, it will surprise few that he was named Teacher of the works with LHS's Model Year by the Kent County United (KCEA) last spring.

Kampfschulte has been teaching in Lowell for over twenty years, and those who

have sat in his classroom can attest to his ability to inspire Department. and motivate students to do Steve their best day in and day out. His enthusiasm for teaching can hardly be contained as evidenced by his dynamic presentations that have been known to include leaping on

government, Kampfschulte Association organizes and chaperones in Friday's Homecoming trips to Europe, and serves parade.

Green writing contest winners

from Murray Lake Elementary

nominations for Teacher of the Year based on exemplary practice in the classroom and beyond. Past award winners from Lowell include Lanie Rice, Carmen Reynolds, In addition to teaching Barb Wismer, and Kim Lum. The Lowell Education Association (LEA) will recognize Kampfschulte

> Steve Kampfschulte accepting his award last spring.

as head of the Social Studies Each year, the KCEA county-wide Teachers and Support Staff Working Together Great Public Schools

Understanding Insurance

With Dave Emmette

RISK MANAGEMENT

the possibility of suffering harm or loss; danger. Risk management is the practice family or organization from that in our everyday lives?

First, we take the time to identify our exposure develop and define strategies to handle risk. Then, we implement a plan to protect ourselves or organizations

plan and make adjustments Logical classifications of risk include insurance agents, your property, people, liability, and financial. Classes of risk may include economic, that you take a hard look at legal, political, social, risk and risk management as physical, and juridical (a it relates to you, your family, decision of a judge). We and your possessions. In make decisions based on closing, we offer these a correlation and decision final words: don't retain process that can involve more than you can afford a severity of loss or the to lose; don't risk a lot for frequency of losses that may a little; always consider the or may not be occurring. We odds; and finally, don't treat make choices whether or not insurance as a substitute for we retain the risk ourselves; loss control.

When the habitually even-tempered suddenly fly into a passion, that explosion is apt to be more impressive than the outburst of the most violent amongst us.

- Margery Allingham

transfer the risk to someone

else; try to reduce or prevent

the risk from happening;

make attempts to avoid the

risk; and finally, ignore the

risk and pretend it doesn't

managing risk in your life:

financial planners, bankers,

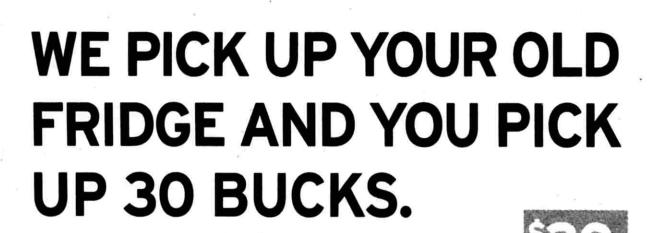
employer, and your family

and/or friends. It is our hope

accountants,

Who else might be

The Murray Lake students pictured above are the 25 winners of the Dell-Michigan Green writing contest. These students will be traveling to the Wittenbach-Wege Center on Friday, October 9. The students will be part of 100 Lowell elementary students who will plant 1,000 native Michigan trees on the Wittenbach-Wege property. The event is sponsored by Dell Computers, Michigan Green, the Wittenbach Center, Wege Foundation, National Wildlife Foundation, and Lowell High School's Natural Resources students. The goal of the event is to help restore some of the majesty of Michigan forests. Dell and Michigan Green hope to sponsor several more events like this one throughout the state, but the Wittenbach-Wege event is its first.



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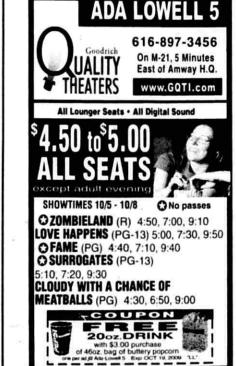
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Viewpoint-



FALL ATTITUDE

The weather is turning cooler, and splashes of color paint the wooded hillsides. Summer, which seemed quite brief this year, is past and suddenly fall is here. It feels and looks like fall. Other seasons tend to ease in and ease out, but autumn happens quickly.

School is back in session. Big yellow busses with flashing lights cutting through the predawn mist reappear on area roadways. Cheering football fans and band music fill the air on chilly Friday nights. Cities and towns across the state have festivals celebrating a variety of themes. Farm markets and roadside stands offer fruits and vegetables fresh from the orchard and field. These attractions provide a great excuse to make casual road trips through the colorful autumn countryside.

and wetlands across the state. Small game hunting seasons

began in September. A few big game seasons have already come and gone, but there are plenty of hunting opportunities still ahead. Thousands of hunters will intimately reconnect with nature in pursuit of wild game to restock the freezer.

Fishermen eagerly look forward to springtime but are certainly not left out of the action in the fall. Cooler water draws salmon to near shore locations and rivers where they begin their final journey. Inland lake fish will feed aggressively to store up enough energy to carry them through a long winter under the ice. Knowledgeable and dedicated fishermen take advantage of these conditions to get in on some great fishing before severe weather makes getting on the water uncomfortable or unwise when the storms of November come early.

Significant changes in the scenery, weather, and outdoor activities can affect ones outlook on life. Each season brings new hope and the possibility that things may be different, like a new beginning. The seasons give us an opportunity to shift our attitude into a different gear which can help us to climb the long uphill grades in life and be thankful when we can coast. It's time to become aware of what is happening out there and take advantage of the season, because it won't last long. Before we know it, the leaves will be gone, and The season of harvest extends to the uplands, forests, the colorful landscape will turn to shades of grey and white. That will require another attitude adjustment.



Exploring

With Meggan Johnson, Director of the Wittenbach/Wege Center

CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH NATURE

a hike; the last time you stopped to smell a flower; the last busily preparing for winter's arrival. Watch squirrels time you just sat and watched an animal do its thing as if scamper through the forest collecting nuts while listening bodies. you weren't even there? For some of you, these might be to birds sing to one another. Put together a quick scavenger things you do often, but for others, these could be distant

I am fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time in the the most rewarding parts of my job is introducing children to nature. Last week, we spent time exploring the forest floor using hand lenses with kindergarten students. I was found. Their creativity far surpassed mine. I never would have thought that an empty seed coat could double as an ant hat! I love how their brains work.

stop and take time to enjoy nature. Today's families spend little or no time together in the out of doors. With studies cared for when adults they respect spend time with them in showing children spend an average of 44 hours a week with electronics and the typical work week averaging 46 hours, there's little time left for being in the out of doors. But and get some fresh air with your family today!

think back to when you were a child. Often times our most memorable and magical experiences occurred in the out of doors. Wouldn't you like your child to have those same magical memories?

Enjoying nature is an easy and affordable thing to do. We are fortunate to have a great system of parks, trails, and natural areas right here in Kent County just waiting to be explored. Pack a few snacks and some water in a backpack,

Fall is a great time to take a family hike. The forest How many of you can remember the last time you took is filled with orange, yellow, and red leaves, and animals hunt before you go to test your observation skills. Look for memories. I even find myself forgetting to stop and take colored leaves, insects, feathers, and mushrooms, but make time to watch the magic of nature unfold right before my sure you leave everything unharmed right where you found

Stop out to the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and out of doors working as an environmental educator. One of Environmental Education Center to pick up your Connecting Families with Nature Passports. This free program is your family's ticket to outdoor adventures right here in Kent County. Your family will earn passport stamps for hiking amazed, as were the students, with all the cool objects we together, attending environmental education programs, and taking action to help the environment throughout the year. Next September, each completed passport can be redeemed for one free child's admission to John Ball Zoo for a special It's moments like these that make me remember to celebration. You won't want to miss it!

Research indicates that children feel respected and the out of doors. Kids, in turn, tend to talk and communicate more. Everyone benefits! What are you waiting for - get out

Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

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125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **OCTOBER 8, 1884**

W. J. Medler has added a lunch counter to his dining hall where cheap lunches can be had at all hours.

Henry Sebolt, of Cascade, aged 70 years, fell from a straw stack Saturday and broke his neck. Funeral Sunday.

J. B. Fletcher's little six year old girl picked up 25 bushels of potatoes in one day. There's a girl that is entitled

The Rink Grand Opening, Saturday night, was a success. Miss Garnsey pleased the large audience immensely with her expert rolling.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 7, 1909**

The firm of Stowell & Ford hardware dealers was dissolved Tuesday. Mr. Stowell is retiring for the benefit of his health which has not been of the best. He does not stand confinement well and will try and open air life for a time.

R. J. Flanagan and A. H. Peckham, of Grand Rapids, and H. A. Peckham, of Lowell, are planning the starting of a complete new factory here for the making of automobile

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 11, 1934**

The last minute instructions from Kalamazoo made it necessary to change some of the previous plans for the Freshman College. The courses which are offered are psychology, college algebra, Spanish, German, modern history and rhetoric. These courses are offered in the afternoon and evening, and students who pass these subjects successfully and who can qualify for college entry, will receive full credit for their work at any of our state

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 8, 1959**

According to law, the official name of the local school district is "4th Class School District Number One Fractional. Townships of Lowell, Ada, Bowne, Cannon, Cascade, and Vergennes, County of Kent; and Townships of Boston and Keene, County of Ionia." By action of the Board of Education on Monday night, Superintendent Gumser was directed to ask for suggestions, and to that end, the Ledger is making it possible for interested citizens to send in their

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **OCTOBER 10, 1984**

At the Lowell Board of Education meeting Superintendent Fritz Esch reported on the discussions concerning the establishment of soccer as a high school sport. Esch stated, "Given the district's current financial status and the additional costs which the district would have to assume in an area which is of secondary consideration to the replacement and improvement of academic programs, I cannot recommend the Board include soccer as a varsity sport at this time."



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The next five articles will analyze the components to



good "executive" functioning in children. Last month's article defined executive functioning and gave an overview of the brain development that is essential for children to function optimally in the cognitive areas. The skill of planning is what we'll be discussing this month. Dawson and Guare, in their book, Executive Skills in Children and Adolescents defines planning as the ability to create a road map to reach a goal or to complete a task. It also involves being able to make decisions about what's important to focus on and what's not important. difference between a successful student and one that is not is the student's ability to plan. How can we teach this very important skill to our children? The goal of the teacher is to have the student do the planning for a project on their own. In other words, the student needs to become independent in his planning. The first step is to "walk" the student through the planning steps. This needs to happen frequently before the student can truly be independent. The planning steps include: 1.) the student needs to determine the end result

Kyrie Bedford and Brian Koehn

2009. The bride-elect, of the son of Greg and Deb High School, attended Hope College.

Kyrie Michelle Bedford College, and graduated from and Brian Edward Koehn Blue Heron Academy. The will be wed on October 9, groom-elect, of Lowell, is Lowell, is the daughter of Canfield, of Lowell, and Chuck and Amy Bedford, Ed Koehn, of Ionia. He VanHill, of Kentwood. She School and flight school graduated from Grandville at Lansing Community



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OCTOBER 10: Traci Newhouse, Michele

Thank you to all friendships. I appreciate it. Come say goodbye -

October 14.

or the goal; 2.) then, the student needs to visualize the path they need to take to reach the goal. Using the road map as

an analogy can be very helpful, and then, as they move through the steps, the parent or teacher can prompt them with questions. These questions might be: "What is the first step?" then, "What do you have to do next?" Another way to teach them how to plan is to ask more general questions such as, "What would be on the list of all the things you have to do to complete this project?" Once this list has been made, the adult could say, "Okay, now let's put this list of tasks in the order that you need to do them." Once again, the key is repetition. The adult has to do these planning steps over and

Another dimension of training for planning skills is making the student aware of what needs his or her attention. The strategy for this skill is to bring the student back to the goal. Asking questions like: "How will this information help you achieve your goal?" or "Does reading this material Any teacher, and most parents, would know that the the steps you have mapped out to get to your goal or your have found in the social science area is that effective goalachieving them, affects how we feel about our competence, and hence, gives us higher self-esteem.

years and for the I'll be there through



over again, and in many different project areas before the

student can be expected to do this independently.

(even though it might be interesting) help you through destination?" Planning is an extremely important part of optimal executive functioning. Also, what the researchers setting can boost one's self esteem. Setting goals, and then

This discussion of the importance of planning and goal setting will be followed next month by a review of organization and how that promotes good executive functioning in students. I welcome any comments or questions. Also, if you would like some checklists on planning, please email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.

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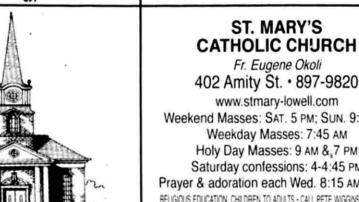
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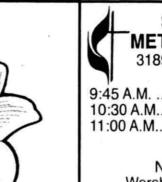


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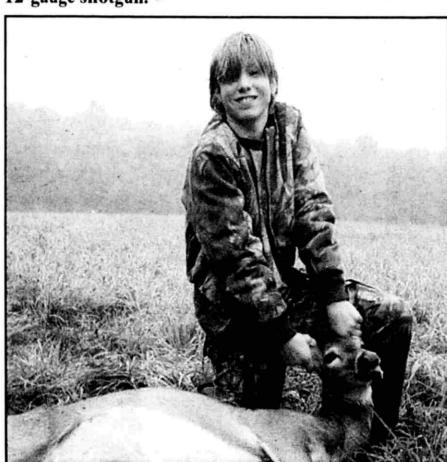
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Several young hunters successful during youth hunt



Hope Stepek, 14, a freshman at Lowell High School, bagged her seven-point buck on opening night of the youth hunt. She was hunting with her father, Tim Stepek. She shot her trophy buck using a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun.



Dylan Odland is pictured with a doe he shot during his dad when he shot this the youth hunt. Odland, 13, a student at Lowell Middle School, shot the deer near Lowell while hunting with a his bow. He is the son of family friend, Tim Kline. He is the son of Bobbie and Walter and Jody Price. Pete Odland, of Lowell.



Jason Price, 13, of Lowell, was hunting with eleven-point buck with

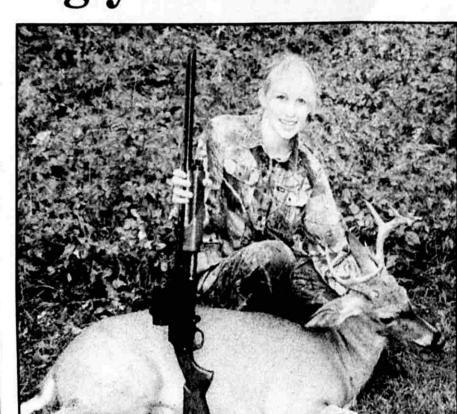
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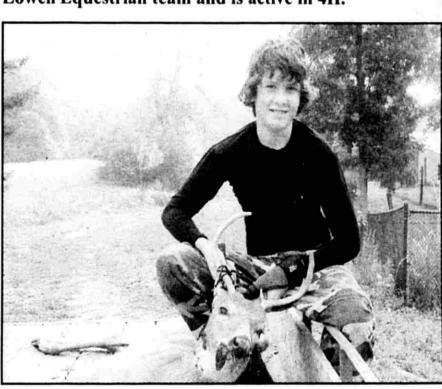
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While hunting in Pierson with her father, Jelena



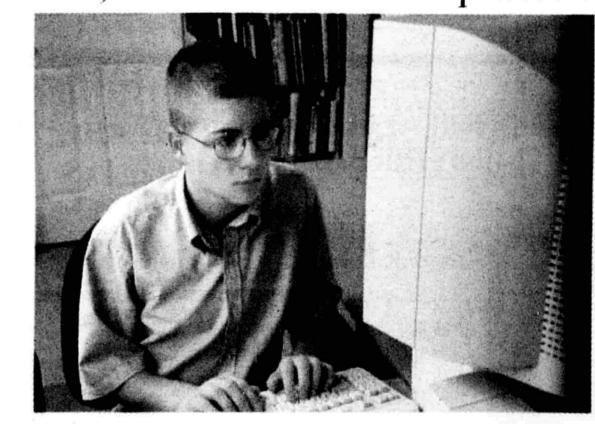
Kaitlin Fisher harvested this eight-point buck on Sept. 27 in Lowell Township. She was accompanied by her father, Michael Fisher. Kaitlin attends Lowell High School and is in the 10th grade. She is a member of the Lowell Equestrian team and is active in 4H.



Kyle Acker, 13, bagged this five-point deer early last Sunday morning while hunting with his father. The Lowell Middle School student was hunting on the Acker Farm in Grattan Township. He is the son of Cathy and Gary Acker, of Grattan.

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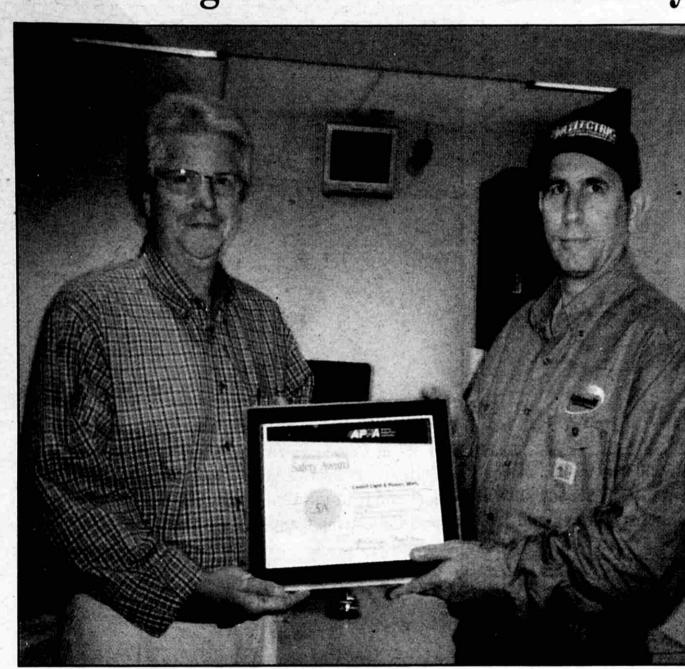
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Lowell Light and Power, one such municipally owned electric utility, will be celebrating Public Power Week with an Open House on October 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its N. Broadway Street office. Lowell Light and Power (LLP) will be offering hot dogs and a beverage to visitors, bucket truck rides for kids, and a compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb exchange where customers of LLP will

information available and City of Lowell as well as the demonstrations on stateof-the-art CFL and LED

will be displayed showing that the local municipal utility, Lowell Light and Power, received a national, Lowell Light and Power

received the first place American Public Power Association's Electric Utility practices in 2008.

"Lowell Light and Power is pleased to have hours. received top honors from the American Public Power were presented by Maude Association," Greg Pierce, Grantham-Richards, LLP general manager, said. chairwoman of the APPA "The safety of our employees Board of Directors, at is paramount to us, and it is reflected by the priority Engineering and Operations that we give to avoiding Technical Conference in accidents or incidents at Austin, Texas. APPA's more be able to exchange five our office, warehouse, than 2,000 community and incandescent bulbs for five generating facility in the state-owned electric utilities CFLs. There will also be an City of Lowell, and our serve 45 million people array of energy efficiency distribution sites within the across the nation.

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Additionally, an award Power, and other utilities. were judged by the APPA in categories according to the number of workrelated, recordable injuries first place award for work or illnesses, and the number of worker-hours during the previous year, as defined by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Lowell Light and Safety award for operating Power was entered in the category for systems with 15,000 to 29,999 worker-

The safety awards the Association's annual







A Better Approach to Missile Defense

With Senator Carl Levin

President recently announced that he has accepted the unanimous recommendation of civilian and military advisors to restructure our plan for missile defense in Europe. This plan will better protect our security and that of our

an anti-missile radar and an interceptor launch site in Eastern Europe. It would have taken years to deploy. Instead, the new system. with a combination of shipand land-based missiles, will deploy faster and is better designed to counter Iranian primary threat in that part of

President Obama put it this way: "Our new missile Europe will provide stronger, smarter, and swifter defenses American allies." Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the new approach "vastly more suitable" and "a far more effective defense" than the previous plan.

The Senate Armed chair, held a hearing shortly after the president's announcement. Three of his top military advisers told the committee that they had unanimously recommended this new approach because it would make us and our allies more secure.

The new plan will deploy demonstrated technology to defend against the existing threat of Iranian short- and medium-range missiles that can reach our forwarddeployed forces and our allies in Europe and Israel Secretary Gates has said that the existing Iranian threat "was not addressed by the previous plan."

This new architecture also is better suited to be modified if the Iranian missile threat changes. And it will be deployed starting in

2011, whereas the previously planned system would not have been deployed until at

The critics have claimed

this change abandons our European allies, Poland and the Czech Republic, which would have hosted sites in the previous plan. This is simply not true. After the Poles and Czechs learned the details of the plan, they were supportive, as are all our other NATO allies, because administration's plan would involve more allies than the previous plan, and would defend all of NATO Europe, rather than only a portion of Europe.

misguided when they argue that this new approach resulted from pressure by Russia, which opposed the previous plan. The facts are otherwise. Russia wasn't the issue. Defense against Iranian missiles was the issue. If the new plan opens the door to cooperation with Russia on missile defense. that would be a bonus. If Russia were to join with the United States and NATO on a missile-defense system to counter the Iranian threat, it

Levin, cont'd., pg. 14

Equestrian team gallops on to state



Submitted by, Janine Mork

Under cloudy, cold, and mostly wet conditions, the Lowell Equestrian team competed to take home the Regional Reserve championship over the weekend.

Coach Deb Biggs commented, "I didn't realize this was such a young team. There are a lot of freshman and sophomore riders in this group. They pulled together when they needed to, cheered each other on, and rallied into a solid second place behind Caledonia."

The other teams Lowell was up against were Edwardsburg and Zeeland West. They now ready themselves to compete in Midland, October 15 - 18, for a chance to bring home another state championship, hopefully under sunnier skies. They will be riding against ten teams at state.

Members of the team moving on are: Cassie Balfour, Kari Bergy, Kendra Black, Corryn Bieri, Leigha Frisbie, Gina Giuliano, Zac Graves, Kendall Hewitt, Karlie Paulin, Mackenzie Roerig, and Emma Roderick.

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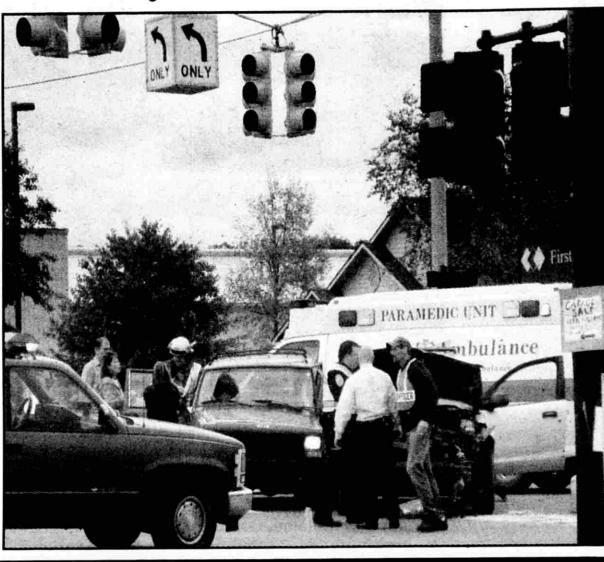
· The death toll from earthquakes that struck Indonesia last week had climbed to 608 by Monday.

 A 37-year-old woman died Sunday after being mauled by her 350 pound pet black bear. The woman was attacked after entering the bear's 15x15 foot steel enclosure.

The Air Force says its Boeing test laser weapon's precision could be especially helpful in urban areas where military targets are often surrounded by noncombatants.

Bernard Madoff's brother, sons, and niece have been sued by a court appointed trustee to return \$200 million.

A fossilized Tyrannosaurus rex needs a home after failing to win a \$6 million bid at a Las Vegas auction. The T. rex was discovered 17 years ago in South Dakota.



Two vehicles collided yesterday on the corner of West Main and Alden Nash at 12:12 p.m. Mary Hufstader, 57, of Lowell, was headed west bound

The two vehicles collided leaving Hufstader with injuries. She was transported to the hospital. "The accident remains under investigation pending interviews with both drivers and witnesses," said police chief James Hinton. "The injuries were minor compared to the impact." No alcohol was involved, and both drivers had seatbelts.

Hinton credits the lesser injuries to the speed limit in the area which is 45 mph. The other driver was not

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time to secure a 4=4 tie with

tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

"That made a big difference

in the match. Our kids did

NorthPointe.

by Thad Kraus

A more aggressive Wall. "Overall it was not a play." Northview tennis team put pretty site. The boys were away more shots, and with it, not ready for so many Lowell's hope of securing a balls to come over the net. doubles. regular season, second-place We have to work on their finish in the O-K White.

Instead, the Red Arrows Lowell 4 complete the regular season NorthPointe Chr. 4 at 3-2 in the league, behind the Wildcats and East Grand Rapids, going into the however, recover from conference tournament.

Northview Lowell 7-1.

The Red Arrows' (5-2-1, 3-2) only win came at matches and won just one number one doubles where of those," said Lowell boys' Weeber recorded a 6-1, 6-4

"That was a real nice show a lot of hustle and of Dan." win by Evan and Jack," said

Lowell earned a win

at number one and three Evan Wilterink and Jack

Weeber made it two wins in first doubles.

Carlos Ruiz and Dan The Red Arrows did. Weeber earned a 6-4. 6-3 straight set win at third

playing more consistent "We had four, three-set tennis and seem to be gaining confidence," Wall said. "In third doubles, Carlos' speed O-K White tournament and quickness was more consistent and meshed well with the conservative play tennis team finished fourth

In singles play, Josh

Lowell tennis coach Bonnie determination to win in their Spratt won 6-1, 6-0 in two sets at fourth singles.

> "He's changing the pace of the ball well and his play has been very consistent.' Wall explained.

Connor Smith needed a row with a 6-2, 7-6 win at three sets to earn his victory at third singles. Smith won 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

"Connor is showing more patience and waiting for his opportunity. He's "Evan and Jack are no longer just trying to win matches from the baseline," Wall said.

The Red Arrow boys' at the league tournament on Saturday.

Lowell took third during the regular season and finished tied for third overall with Grand Rapids Christian.

"It was a disappointing day. We had a couple of bad losses," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. really hoping to finish ahead of Grand Rapids Christian." Lowell finished third in

four flights. In singles play, Cort Thompson and Connor Smith placed third at first and

third singles respectively. Josh Spratt, playing fourth singles, also took a

Red Arrow first doubles team of Evan Wilterink and Jack Weeber also earned a third place finish.

East Grand Rapids won the league tourney with 51

points. The Pioneers were followed by Northview, 46; G.R. Christian, 42; Lowell, 35; Greenville, 26; and

> The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-06 amending Section 5.03, "Special land uses," of Chapter 5, "SR-Suburban Residential District" of "Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 5, 2009. Ordinance No. 09-06 permits as a special land use group and commercial day care homes and facilities in a SR-Suburban Residential District.

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by Thad Kraus

received a five-word coach- threw three interceptions. a-gram. The message was "the real season begins times, matched the weather

assure the Red Arrows of Red Arrows. their 11 consecutive playoff appearance.

remaining, that will prepare responded," Lowell football Lowell for the playoffs, coach Noel Dean explained. the Red Arrow regular- Madison."Lowellwasfacing season schedule. They will a quicker nose guard than determine if Lowell will what it had seen all season. claim a fourth straight O-K Dean, early in the first half,

adventure begins Friday reaction he was looking Derek Cornish (11 yards). Christian visits Red Arrow challenge." Stadium. The Eagles (4-2, 1-1) are coming off a 49-28 playing a seven-on-seven passes for 62 yards. loss to East Grand Rapids type line set, to work on (6-0, 2-0).

Grand Christian quarterback, Matt

Following its 42-0 O- Grasmeyer, ran for 153 throughout the season,

conditions at Grand Rapids Yes, the six wins Christian High School where

The three games the middle, but our kids burst. the meat of "In particular, senior Tyler 124 yards on the ground. challenged Madison to Grand Rapids for. "Tyler responded to my

Ryan Olep brings down the Polar Bear from behind.

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K White win over Creston, yards, including a 60-yard Lowell did most of its the Lowell football team touchdown run, but he also scoring in the first half. The Red Arrows tallied 35 points The play, sloppy at in the opening 24 minutes.

Three of the five touchdowns were carried to pay dirt by senior running leading up to week seven the Polar Bears hosted the back Austin Graham. He scored on a pair of three-"I feel good. The yard runs and sandwiched play was a little sloppy in in between was a 23-yard

> Graham finished the game with a game-leading

Sophomore quarterback, Gabe Dean, passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns to Keegan three-week step up. The coach got the Hanrahan (12 yards) and

> Hanrahan with three receptions for 47 Dean used the first half, yards. Cornish caught four

Lowell's defensive things and prepare for future unit held a young and undermanned Creston (1-5, As has been the case 0-2) squad to 21 total yards

opportunity to play against Huemartin Robinson. "This good quarters of football."

and just two first downs - a team the caliber of Lowell is a rebuilding year and our and to show what we kids continue to fight. We the got," said Creston coach still haven't put together four



Keegan Hanrahan (#80) caught three passes for 47 yards and a touchdown against Creston.

Lowell runs with state's best at Carson City

and Caledonia, 205. Lowell

participate," said Lowell

was 20th with 570 points.

by Thad Kraus

consider the strongest field gather for a regular season event, the Don Baese Carson City-Crystal Invitational did not disappoint. Ask Lowell!

The two Red Arrow squads had a tough time

the boys' were 20th in a field Thebo, 22:32.5.

girls' event with 51 points. The Rams were easily the Heritage, 79; Forest Hills best of the top five schools. Following Rockford were Grand Haven, 90; Grand Rapids Christian, 91; East Kentwood, 110; and Grand Ledge, 115. Lowell was 15th with 399 points.

The Eagles' Julia Bos boys' cross country coach claimed top honors with a Clay VanderWarf. "We time of 18:25.3 coming in always go into this race ahead of Rockford's Jane looking for our kids to run Hawks, 18:35.3; and Grand the best they can. Again this Ledge's Jennifer Snelgrove, year, some came away with personal bests."

Lowell's top five times Lowell's top five were recorded by Rebekah times were posted by 21:11.5; Taylor Zach Robinson, 16:56.7; Marchido, 21:20.8; Amy Tom Mark, 18:45.4; Ben Lowell girls' finished Bartkus, 22:08.7; Karis Partridge, 19:17.5; Josh 15th in a field of 18 while Dilly, 22:20.9; and Skye Corteville, 19:49.6; and Chris Bewell, 21:16.8. Ionia won the boys'

"Zach broke 17 for the event with 60 points. The first time this year. This Bulldogs bested Saginaw should give him confidence that he can run at the next Eastern, 144; Rockford, 150; level," VanderWarf said. "This is the same course we will run our regional at."

"This is regarded [to] Lowell entered the race as a state final because without its number three of all the top teams who runner, Caleb Hershberger.

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Lowell soccer completes tough stretch tied atop 0-K White

by Thad Kraus

Nine games in 18 days is a tough stretch.

Injuries to four starters is an unfortunate reality.

through our final game against Greenville," said Lowell soccer coach Paul got the result."

defeated the Yellow Jackets they've played." 7-1, scoring five times in the second half.

goals were scored by Matt Kyllonen (3), Jacob Rapids Christian. Karasiewicz (2), and Sean each netted a goal apiece.

The Red Arrows' only losses during the nine-game league is back in our hands,' stretch came to Northview Legge said. (3-2) and Mona Shores (1-

"At some point fatigue this week when it travels to

sets in," Legge said. "When Grand Rapids Christian on that happens, it takes from the integral parts of your

Lowell finished last "We ended up limping week at 10-3-1, a record the Lowell coach is happy to

"I was totally off with Legge. "We didn't play my expectations for this exceptionally well, but we club at the beginning of the season," Legge said The Greenville game "This group has proven me was the second game in wrong at every stage. They 24 hours. It followed a have competed against and win over Creston. Lowell outworked most of the teams

> Lowell finishes the first half of league play at Arrow 4-1 in the O-K White, tied with Northview and Grand

The Wildcats were DenBraven and Joe Sweet upended by EGR, 3-0, on Thursday night. "Where we finish in the

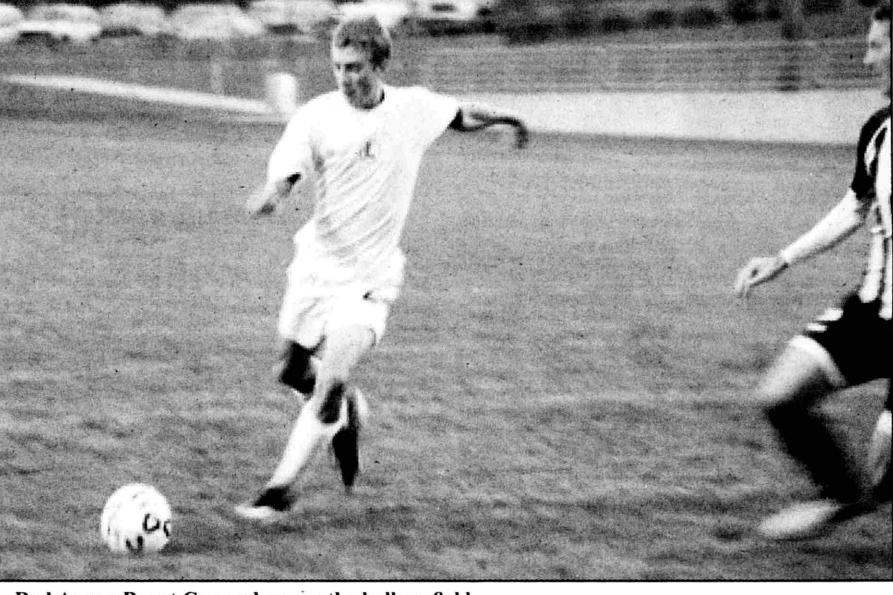
Lowell gets back into

the thick of league play

healed by then.

The Lowell coach hopes Karasiewicz is suffering is out two weeks with a year with a broken foot. most of the injuries will have from back spasms; Michael

Kyle Fitzpatrick is Underwood has a strained fractured foot; and Tommy nursing a sore ankle; achilles; Jeremy Wodarek Rodriquez is out for the



Red Arrow Brent Cone advances the ball up field.

Lowell's volleyball match tips in favor of Eagles

by Thad Kraus

would expect from two Class A, honorable mention, high school volleyball teams.

opportunity for more. A win Arrows a defining moment for its ascending volleyball program.

It had to settle for opening game loss. standing toe-to-toe with one of West Michigan's elite volleyball programs in a 17-25, 28-26, 23-25, 24-26 loss to Grand Rapids Christian (19-5, 2-0).

I'm not sure there was any one thing that made the difference," said Lowell "The girls were disappointed at the lost opportunity. I reminded them, in the locker room, they can still get where they want to be club let get away. if they take care of what's in front of them. Now they have to refocus and be ready to play East Grand Rapids."

As for Grand Rapids Christian, the Eagles love where they are after wins Red Arrows within a week's

"The 2-0 start takes some pressure off of us. We

coach Melissa Seif.

Grand Rapids Christian was led by Katie VanderWeide's three aces: Samantha added 15 kills; and Megan Rietema recorded 48 assists.

Lowell's unsettling start to play.' made the difference in its

to settle in as a team, and we tend to lose every game if we match five times, I firmly get stuck in a rotation," Peal said. "A setter as aggressive as Megan (Rietema) hurts "It was a great match. a team, but on the flip side, we were blocking out of our Lowell - EGR minds," Peal said.

Stephanie Stevens had volleyball coach GiGi Peal. five aces to lead Lowell, and Jordan Timmer had nine kills and 20 assists. The third game of the

> match is one Peal felt her "We were up 18-14 and

just couldn't get it done,"

Peal said. "That third game was what hurt us most." The young Red Arrow squad managed to fight back and gave itself a number of

opportunities throughout the match, something that did not go unnoticed by Seif. "We needed to work on over the Red Arrows.

momentum and getting the scoring runs from the start. [have] played more inspired We had a five- or six-point cushion in the beginning of will not disrespect how well most of our games, and we East played," Peal explained.

It was everything one said Grand Rapids Christian needed every point because "They put together a good girls may have let carry on Lowell is such a good team this year." Seif explained.

"We just had to avoid being timid because anything Kemperman Lowell (18-7-2, 1-1) did that was aggressive, worked. It was just a fun match for us

play again on Oct. 15 at with a win. "We took a little while Christian.

believe it could have gone five different ways," Peal concluded.

It was as unexpected as it was uninspiring a loss Lowell's volleyball team has suffered this year.

"It was definitely unexpected. I had a sense the emotional level just was not the same," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal. The Red Arrows

replaced East Grand Rapids in the area volleyball ranking last week. With that target dangling in front of them, the Pioneers sprayed a belt full of bullet holes in that ranking decision with their 25-18, 25-23, 25-22 win

"We would have liked to and better volleyball, but I

Kentwood, Jenison, and back." Grand Rapids Christian), has fell short, however, of

"If you would play this that comes with that, the

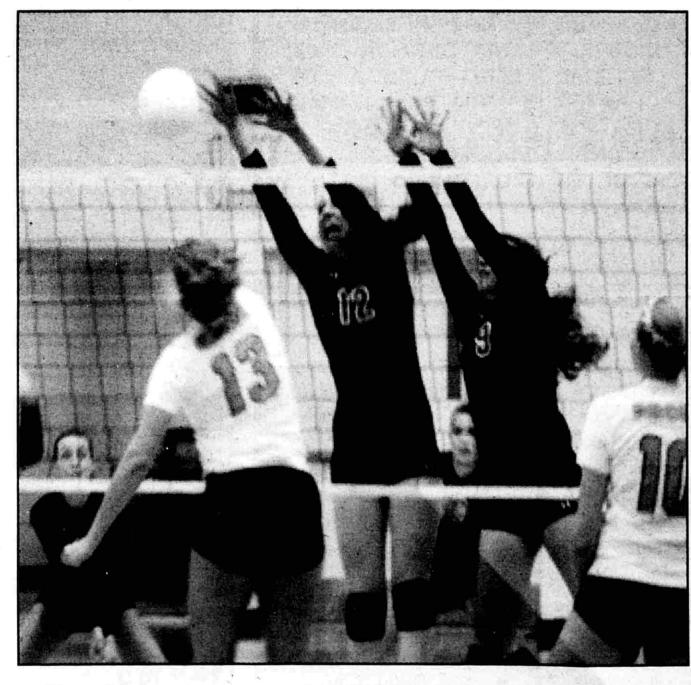
a bit." Peal said. "Tonight two before the Pioneers Lowell, which has we were in a situation we rallied late to win. put itself out there and haven't been in, where we played well against some were the team to beat, the strong competition (East team with the target on its

In game one, Lowell dug the Red Arrows. itself a hole before battling The two clubs will the gratification that comes back to tie things up at 16- to 18-8-2 overall and 1-2 in 16. East finished the game the O-K White. "The disappointment with a rally for the win.

Lowell fell behind in game three, rallied toward the end, but East answered the challenge to close out

Lowell controlled game

The loss dropped Lowell



Red Arrow spikers, Katie Tompkins and Taryn Endres, reject this Eagles' latest offering.

Levin, continued ... From Page 9

would send a powerful signal to Iran that the international community is unified in

opposing its threats. In April, I traveled to Warsaw, Prague, and Moscow with Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida and Sen. Susan Collins of Maine. We came back with the view that there was a possibility for a new approach to missile defense that could be acceptable to all sides, and which might show Iran that its pursuit of missiles and nuclear weapons will bring nations - including Russia together in opposition. The new plan the president announced creates the possibility for missile defense to be a uniting issue, rather than continuing as a divisive issue.

In summary, this new approach is a "three-fer:" It addresses, more directly effectively. Iran's missile threat, and does so more quickly. It maintains expands our security commitment to Europe, including Poland and the Czech Republic. And it opens the door to working cooperatively with Russia on a missile defense system that could not only provide greater protection to Europe, also make a strong statement to Iran that the United States and Europe, including Russia, will take unified action against any







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The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09- 05 amending Section 7.03, "Special land uses," of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District" and Section 8.03, "Special land uses, of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District" of "Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance" to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 5 2009. Ordinance No. 09- 05 permits as a special land use group and commercial day care homes and facilities in both a R-2 Residential District and R-3 Residential District.

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Thad's 10 on 10

A 7-3 week leaves my record at 39-11.

My only hiccups came with Byron Center's win over Unity Christian; East Kentwood's win against Muskegon; and Middleville thumping Wayland

This week's schedule is filled with a number of intriguing match-ups. Let's get started:

Rockford travels to Muskegon. The Big Red have already lost twice and Rockford is undefeated. That's easy, Rams win! Not so quick, I'm sensing a Big Red upset. Muskegon wins!

In a big O-K Gold battle, Caledonia hosts Ottawa Hills. I like Luke Weist and the Fighting Scots. Caledonia wins! Grand Haven finds itself on the road battling

a disappointing Hudsonville squad. The Eagles are disappointing for a reason. Grand Haven wins!

Coming off a huge win against Muskegon, East Kentwood travels to Jenison. The Wildcats have had their share of close losses. Not this week. Wildcats win!

Forest Hills Eastern plays at South Christian. The Hawks are just better at football this year. FHE wins!

Grandville and West Ottawa in what should be a nail-

biter. Take the Panthers. West Ottawa wins! Sparta tries to add a blemish to West Catholic's perfect season. I don't think so. West Catholic wins!

Wayland hosts Catholic Central. Wildcats beat up on the Trojans last week. I don't believe that will be the case against the Cougars. Catholic Central wins!

Holland Christian is 40-18 over the last five years. Zeeland East doesn't have enough. Maroons win!

Grand Rapids Christian travels from East Grand Rapids to Lowell in consecutive weeks. Red Arrows too physical. Lowell wins!

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We, at Gilda's Club and Senior Neighbors, want to acknowledge and thank all those wonderful, warmhearted people who made all the difference by



lovingly restoring and renovating the Clubhouse at 314 South Hudson. Because of their generous outpouring of support, the Gilda's Club Lowell and Lowell Senior Neighbors programs, now have a warm and welcoming home to support those living with cancer, those impacted by cancer, those grieving the death of a loved one for any reason, and those learning to live in the twilight years of life. We thank you!

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