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More Chili Passionate cooks create tasty chilies at annual Chili Cook-Off

by Emma Palova

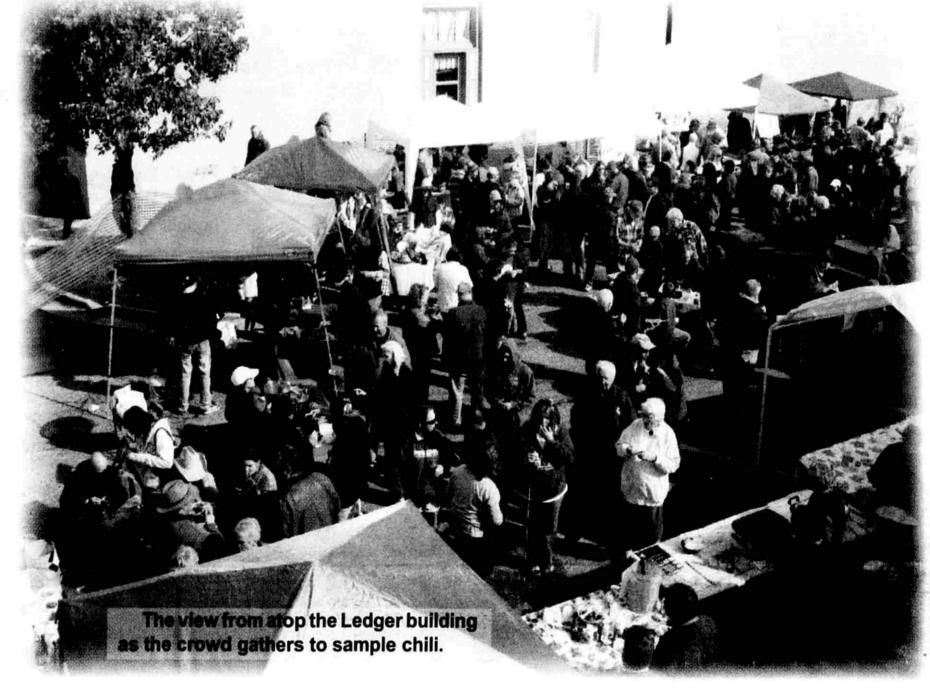
So, what makes the best chili in town? Some say it's passion, others will argue it's the ingredients, the heat of hot peppers, or secret family recipes handed down from generation to generation. Yet, another fraction will doubt the judges' taste buds, the sanity of the People's Choice, or the placement of the booths on Broadway Street.

But for cook Phil Lindstrom from the Knights of Columbus team, the secret ingredient is the gentle laying of hands that make the chili. The loving touch that chops and cuts until the fingers are blue from the October chill in the air.

"My chili is from an anaconda," he joked.

That is what the eighth Annual Larkin's Chili Cook-Off was all about: passion for cooking, camaraderie, bonding and fun.

"I have a passion for chili," said Lindstrom while



and sipping a Bloody Mary.

chopping up pork tenderloin although the

team didn't win with their beanless red chili, they loved the experience of being at the cook-off for the second year in a row.

Then, there were rookies like the Lowell Ledger and Litho team with cook Scott Kooistra at the helm, using as his secret weapon onion

and "happy peppers," hot peppers that grow upright.

"Chili has to be hot," Kooistra maintained all along. He did tame down the heat of his concoction after the initial tryouts on the office staff. Kooistra had two assistants, general manager Jon Jacobs, who

generously poured chili to samplers of all ages, and a consultant chopper, Ludek Pala.

A touching moment came when eight-year-old Deven Dykman dropped

> Chili Cook-Off, continued, page 10

Two 'real good' teams battle again for league honors

by Thad Kraus

For the second time in as many years, the number one teams in Division II and III will meet to decide the O-K White conference championship.

Lowell held the upper hand last year as the strength and power of its line



speed and quickness by a count of 35-12. "Lowell shook us for all of our lunch money last year," said Pioneer coach Peter Stuursma. "It wasn't because we were playing on grass and our back couldn't cut back. It was because

Lowell was the better football

play bested East Grand Rapids'

team. That said, I'm glad to be playing this year's game at home." The Lowell, East Grand Rapids rivalry, while steeped in tradition, has added layers of respect over

the years. "Both schools have produced some talented

football players and both schools have great community support," Stuursma said.

'Real good teams', continued, page 13

Lowell's Harvest Festival celebrates autumn's arrival

by Emma Palova

It was the first time for Taren Brooks and Max Dean building a scarecrow named Maren, an acronym of their first names.

"It's a cool atmosphere," said Dean about the Scarecrow Building Hoedown at the fairgrounds during this year's Harvest Celebration.

Nola **Bristol** with four grandkids, who had abandoned her to build their own scarecrow, agreed it was fun. And for most families coming to the Harvest Celebration will become a tradition - just like it will for Kelly and Caleb Grummet with children Eva, Naomi and Griffin.

> Harvest Festival, continued, page 9



Kelly and Caleb, with kids Eva, Naomi and Griffin Grummet, work on their scarecrow.

Lowell man conquers Kilimanjaro

Neil Kirby braved freezing temperatures, lack part of oxygen, and nausea. But in the end it was all worth it for a good cause. He reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in six days.

"The hardest part of the climb was summit day," said

The team started out at midnight on an ascent that lasted seven hours in the dark wearing headlamps.

Forty mile per hour wind gusts pummeled the team along the way with zero degree temperatures.

"I think the combination of exhaustion, jagged terrain, lack of oxygen, and navigating in the dark made

the final ascent the hardest raised \$30,404 for children

Kirby, a skinny guy, lost

Machame Route again.

However, on

experienced five separate of 2009. ecosystems, and he slept the most consecutive nights in a

said. "Kilimanjaro was the actual mattresses to lie on. adventure of a lifetime."

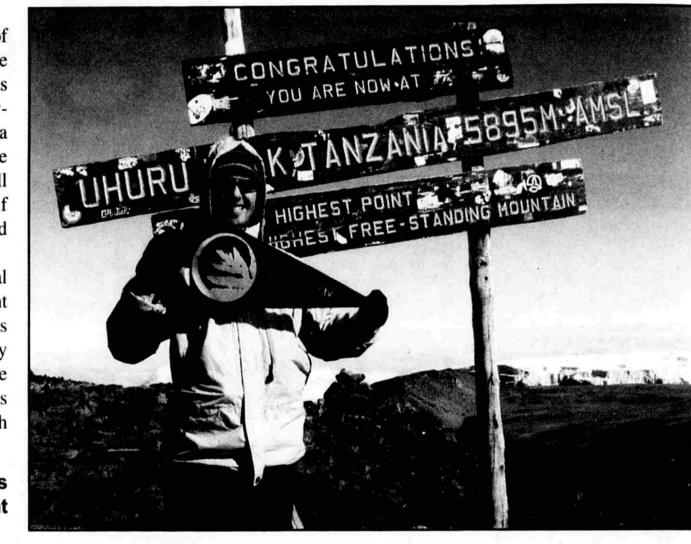
And the team has so far

with AIDS.

As a result, a container of 10 pounds in the process of food was sent to Zimbabwe to feed 400 orphan families "I don't know if I would for two months. Twentyattempt the ascent via the five children are receiving a vear of lifesaving medicine the in Kenya. This number will other hand, Kirby made be raised to 38 children if six new lifetime friends, \$35,000 is raised by the end

A container of medical supplies and equipment tent while backpacking 45 was sent to Kilembe Mines Hospital in Uganda. Many "But I was fundraising people will now have a place for a stellar cause and pushing to go with sterilized supplies my body to its limits," he and comfortable beds with

> Neil Kirby has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro.



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Vergennes Township is currently taking bids for snowplow services for the 2009-10 season. Bids should be received by October 19th to be considered.

Also, bids for office lawncare and cemetery lawncare services, to be performed in 2010, are being accepted with the contracts to be awarded in February of 2010. The bids should be received by February 15th to be considered.

For more information, please stop by or contact the township offices at 10381 Bailey Dr., PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9am to 3pm. Phone number is 897-5671, fax 897-5674, or email clerk@vergennestwp.org

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VARSITY FOOTBALL TICKETS

The LHS Athletic office will be selling tickets to the Lowell/EGR varsity football game on Fri., Oct. 16 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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 897-5949.

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.

HALLOWEEN HIKE

The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center's second annual Halloween Hike is Oct. 17, 5:30-8 p.m. This is a non-scary 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.

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.

FREE SMOKING

CESSATION CLASSES

The class meets for six weeks on Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 27, from 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 E. Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. Call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org

F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

The shelves are bare at the food pantry. They need canned vegetables, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, soup, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jello, puddings, and personal items. Please help if you can.

Elementary students help plant 800 seedlings

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In the first of four Project EverGREEN events, 100 students from the Lowell elementary schools planted 800 trees on Friday at the Wege Agriscience Center.

The trees (red and white oak and sugar maple) were planted on the logged area part of the Wege and school properties.

Dell, targeting reducing the carbon footprint, supplied 4,000 trees for the state's purchase of 4,000 computers.

Two lucky students, Emma Parsons and Autumn French, were the winners of a Dell computer.

Five students, Sydney Munson, Madison Alcala, Brooke Meijer, Hannah Schmidt and Tyler Groeneweg, received a Michigan GREEN energy kit, while all 100 students were given a backpack.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Sydney Munson, Madison Alcala, Hannah Schmidt, Emma Parsons, Autumn French, Brooke Meijer and Tyler Groeneweg; back row, left to right: Michigan GREEN's Brian Zaplitny, Smokey, Sue Vitale, Pat Hug (DELL), Meggan Johnson (Wittenbach/Wege Center director) and Greg Mulder.

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The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Larkin's Other Place. This (WMBMA) is presenting a will be the last Hot Bands event in this area for the 2009 fall

> take the stage at 7:15 p.m. At the conclusion of the stage show, everyone is encouraged to join a great jam session that will last for the rest of the evening. Bring your instrument to join or just sit back and listen. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All of this music, in a non-smoking

> > public for only \$5 per person. The two bands that will

a great band from southern Michigan, and Under Construction, a premier Bluegrass band from the Lansing area. Both bands

fast pickin' This fundraising event is presented by the WMBMA which is a non-profit organization formed to preserve and promote Bluegrass music in West Michigan.

Larkin's Other Place is located at 301 West Main

At this event, the first of two Bluegrass bands will

environment, is available to the

perform on stage are Out of the

LUNCH MENU ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Oct. 19, 2009

MON: Cheeseburger, (egg salad sandwich offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) oven baked French fries, mixed fruit, milk.

TUES: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake),

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

peaches, milk.

THURS: Cheese pizza (BBQ ribbette on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) green beans, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Walking taco w/ lettuce & tomato (tuna sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake Fritos corn chips, corn assorted fruit, milk.

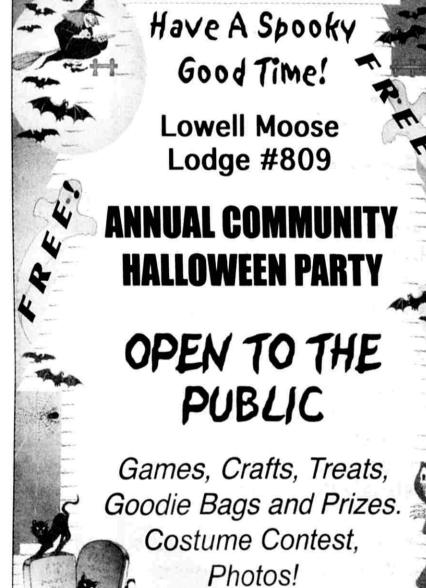
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LHS Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School has announced that Alyssa Churches, 12th grade; Daniel Fleet, 11th grade; and



Alyssa Churches

Linnea Rash, 12th grade; are the LHS September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly

Students are selected academic

Department Chair meeting.

and work ethic. There are 1300 students eligible for nomination. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Churcheswasnominated by the Business department. "Alyssa's skills and talents are the driving force behind this year's yearbook theme. It is her ideas that the entire class has rallied behind and embraced. Her skills and creativity with Photoshop are very impressive and we feel extremely fortunate to have Alyssa as part of our

Fleet was nominated by the English department "From day one he has been inquisitive and has participated daily. is a positive force in the classroom. I am impressed his maturity

Rash was nominated the World Languages "She is nquisitive and curious and this motivates her to excel the classroom. Her enthusiasm for studying



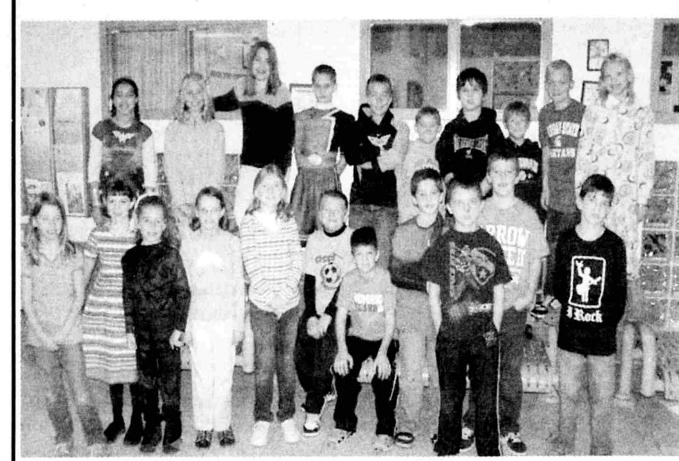
Daniel Fleet

is refreshing and addition to being studious, Linnea is personable and charming.'



Linnea Rash

Murray Lake Elementary names student council



Murray Lake Elementary held student council elections during the week of October 5th. Fifth grade students were able to run for student council board positions. while third and fourth grade students ran for class representative positions. Each student presented a speech to their class, posted election posters within the school, and met with groups of students to share reasons why he or she should be elected. The elected council members are pictured above (some in "Super Hero" costumes, as many were participating in Spirit days for homecoming week); back row, left to right: Maria DeCator (vice-president), Maddie Burt, Josie Pontius, Sam Russell, Nathan Stephens (president), Jake Nugent, Kollin Hieftje, Ethan Kaminski, Garrett Pratt, and Darby Fuller (public relations officer); front row, left to right: Regan Coxon, Emily Lothian Ellie Cooper, Diana Roth, Emily Kropf, Robbie Dubisky (secretary), Ben Noffke (treasurer), Zac Inman, Drew Davidson, Blake McVey, and Mike VandenHout.

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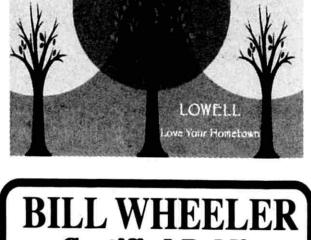
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of community news. Our newspapers play a vital role in both supporting and shaping our local communities. We record the passage of time, i.e. weddings, births, sports and school events.

We believe the benefits of a solid community newspaper are important to a strong and vital community. In some markets, newspaper companies are closing and offering only online publications. We have an online presence and will continue to grow. We will continue to put most of our emphasis on our printed

By Shelly MacNaughton

In today's Lowell pieces that we offer each Ledger you may have noticed week. A lot of media experts the new look. Our goal is blame the internet on their to update, yet still keep, losses. We think it has more the local feel. Newspapers to do with their decision of today are changing, but to continue to reduce their still remain the best source local news in an effort to

As part of our continued commitment to the Lowell community, we've redesigned our paper to make it easier to read graduations, and cover local along with a more colorful

We hope you will find our fresh, new look interesting and informative in a media world that is looking away from print - from a company that is dedicated, for over 60 years, to printing local newspapers.

Jon Jacobs Publisher, The Lowell Ledger

to the editor

Dear Editor.

As the health care reform debate continues in our nation's Capitol, Lowell offers free smoking cessation classes that already meet the standards for community-based programs

program using funds raised locally for health prevention right here in their hometown. promotion purposes.

75 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo

October 18, 1934

Plans for the Alton fair and homecoming, to be held

21, have been completed and entries are now being

of grains, corn, potatoes, vegetables, flowers, fruits,

canned goods, baked goods, dairy butter, eggs, fancy

work, beans, and the best display from one farm.

James Read has charge of the outdoor sports

Ribbons will be awarded for three places.

The Alton Community Club is having an exhibit

critical need for community-based programs that follow clinical guidelines for treating nicotine addiction. These programs have been offered in Lowell since January 2007 and have now helped over 85 residents.

The need for health care reform when addressing smoking cessation is well documented by national agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and the Centers For Disease that will likely become law. But there are Control. The current health care system is several aspects of Lowell's services that are not prepared to address this multi-faceted addiction. West Michigan has several large, First, they are available now with a class state-of-the-art institutions to treat cancer and that begins Tuesday, Oct. 27. Second, they heart disease caused by smoking. But not are provided at no charge to participants. one of them offers programs to help patients And third, this latest class is funded by using quit. The heart centers and cancer treatment money earmarked for community support from facilities are designed to operate and radiate. the Pink Arrow project. This makes Lowell the They are reactive. But in Lowell, residents only community in Michigan to provide a free have access to quality programming in

Local programming is vital here in Michigan No one can predict when a national given the current budget crisis at the state health care reform proposal will be passed or level. Lawmakers are currently considering when it will actually take effect, but all plans House Bill 5355 which would increase taxes Congress is considering acknowledge the on tobacco products for the second time this year. Passage of this bill is likely as the pressure continues for Michigan to reach a balanced budget. Unfortunately, the revenue raised by this bill would not be used for tobacco prevention or cessation services. It would be used to make up for the current deficit.

The last Tobacco Free For Good class of at the Alton Church Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20 and 2009 starts Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. Classes are held at Lowell Family Medical Center and run for six weeks. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Those interested can call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.

> Lung cancer kills twice as many women as breast cancer and three times as many men as prostate cancer. Local classes provide help to individuals and families who struggle with an addiction that our health care system is not prepared or designed to handle. Lowell can be proud to offer this vital community service. Thanks to the Pink Arrow project and Lowell Community Wellness for making this program possible.

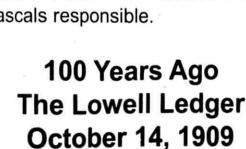
Jodie Seese

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Letters To The Editor: fans for this important contest which begins at 7:30.

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the townships of Grattan and Vergennes with Fred Blaser and Percy Read acting as leaders), a spelling bee by schools in the community, trap shooting, and other events.

50 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

October 15, 1959

Lowell High's surprising Red Arrows will be seeking

a share of their first Grand Valley football championship

in 14 years this Friday when the league leaders,

sporting a 3-0 record, travel to Godwin Heights to battle

the Wolverine footballers. A Lowell win and a Rockford

loss or tie would assure the Arrows of a share of the

title. The Lowell "iron men" need the support of local

25 Years Ago

The Grand Valley Ledger

October 17, 1984

State Savings Band officials say they're, "bustin' ou

Two new businesses opened their doors here

at the bricks," and are announcing a major expansion

Monday. White Lace Fashions and The Hobby Stop

are coincidentally owned by a brother and sister duo.

Mary Strauss is the owner of White Lace Fashions,

while her brother, Larry Miller, and his wife, Pat, own

the Hobby Stop.

of their home office on Lowell's East Main Street.

(which will consist of a tug of war between men from

October 15, 1884 Earl Shaw is attending the medical department of the State University.

125 Years Ago

The Lowell Journal

John Mills is building a large addition to his residence on Washington Street.

A. C. Stone has moved into his large new house opposite R. G. Bostwick's.

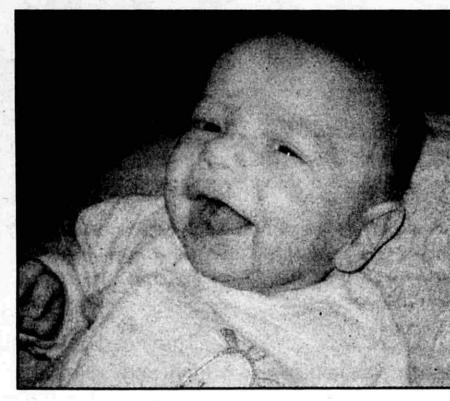
Burglars - or a burglar - entered F. B. Hine's residence through a window Monday night and stole Fred's overcoat and what change he had in his pockets, and after taking a lunch, departed. The same night, a watch was taken from B. G. Wilson's residence. No clue to the rascals responsible.

Braving a fierce wind and snow storm Tuesday afternoon, the Masonic grand lodge of Michigan with impressive ceremonies, laid the corner stone of the new city hall while members of the local lodge, other fraternities, citizens, and a large body of Lowell schools' pupils shivered in the first howling blasts of a Michigan fall.

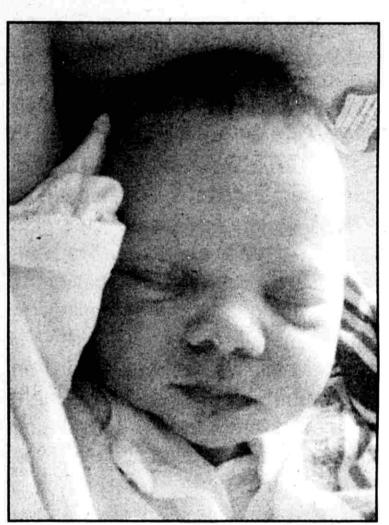
new arrivals

Gargaro

Joseph Vincent Gargaro was born July 19, 2009 weighing six lbs. and measuring 19 inches. Joey was welcomed home by big brother Ben and parents Kyle and Kerry Gargaro, of Rochester Hills. Proud grandparents are Denny and Mary Nugent, of Lowell, and John and Pat Gargaro, of Rochester Hills. Proud great-grandma is Doris Schrauben, of Orleans.



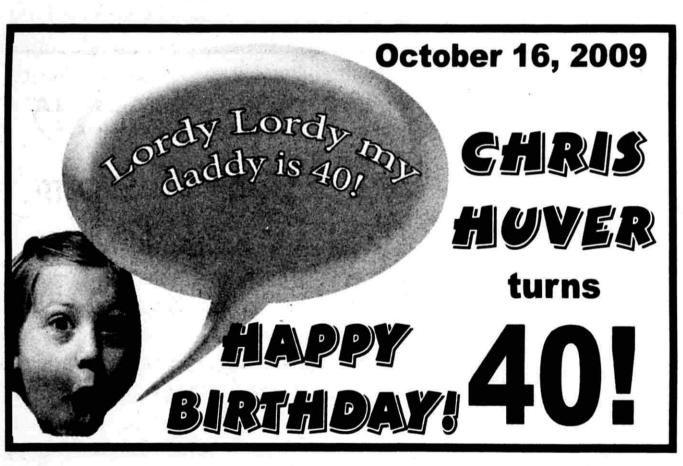
Joseph Vincent Gargaro



Pfaller

Mayse Jane Pfaller was born October 1, 2009 to Jeff and Sandi Pfaller of Des Plaines, Illinois. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches. Big brother Miles was so happy to welcome Mayse home. Her grandparents are Bob and Gay Pfaller, Janell Spicer and Steve Spicer. Great grandparents are Leo and Madelyn Pfaller, Beverly Homolka, Ruby Spicer and Jerry Jarrett.

Mayse Jane Pfaller



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regular well-child exams age 40, every 2 years in their

Preventative healthcare Many people visit the (physicals) to monitor their doctor's office when they are growth and development. sick or have a chronic medical In general, young children problem. Did you know that should be seen for well-child it is just as important to visit exams at 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, the doctor's office when you 18, and 24 months after birth. are healthy? A visit to the Older children should then be doctor when you are healthy seen yearly. Immunizations is a proactive approach to are one of the most important staying healthy as you age. A preventative services offered preventative service might be in this age group. In addition recommended to you based to monitoring growth and

Adult males should have regular complete physical Children should have exams every 3-5 years until

given on topics such as diet,

and peer pressure.

happy birthday!

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OCTOBER 15

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Jamie Roth, Jason Roth, Elizabeth Raab, Mark Russell, Jan Lippert, Annie Oesch, Kevin Clouser, Frank Grudzinskas, Doug Felling.

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40's, and then yearly once they turn 50. Preventative services covered typically blood pressure, include weight, cholesterol and testicular cancer screening. Prostate cancer screening usually begins at age 40 and consists of a blood test, along with a rectal exam. Colon cancer screening begins at age 50 and typically consists of a colonoscopy every 10 years from then on.

Adult females should have regular complete physical exams every 1-3 years until age 40, every 1-2 years until age 50, and then yearly. Services typically include blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and breast and cervical cancer screening. Pap smears are performed to screen for cervical cancer and should be done yearly on all sexually active, unmarried females. Females who are sexually active, but in a long-term monogamous relationship (marriage), should have pap smears done every 2-3 years. Breast cancer screening is typically accomplished with breast exams with each physical, along with a mammogram. Mammograms are typically recommended for women every 2 years in their 40's and then yearly at age 50. Women should be screened for colon cancer at age 50, typically with a colonoscopy, and then every 10 years afterward.

There circumstances which place a person at higher risk for certain disease states. This may require them to start preventative screens at an earlier age, and to be screened more frequently. Lifestyle choices such as smoking and unprotected intercourse increase a person's risk for cancer. A family history of certain types of cancer may also increase a person's risk for cancer. If you have a family member with colon, prostate, breast or ovarian cancer, you should start your preventative screens earlier.

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Dangerous season for deer crashes

Coalition unveils new website

 for vehicle-deer crashes approaching. Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC) launched its new website, www. michigandeercrash.org. The website provides Michigan motorists with tips for preventing vehicle-deer crashes,

"There

approximately 167 vehicle-

deer crashes each day in

Michigan and motorists

can visit the website to

learn how to lessen their

chances of becoming one of

those statistics," said Lori

about vehicle-deer crashes,

October has been proclaimed

as "Michigan Car-Deer

Crash Safety Awareness

motorists to "think deer"

whenever they are behind the

wheel, and drive defensively,

as if a deer can appear at any

moment, because it can!

And motorists are reminded

The MDCC encourages

Jennifer M. Granholm.

by Governor

Month"

To increase awareness

Conarton, MDCC chair.

serious crash. and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object such as a tree, or another vehicle," said Conarton. "No one wants to see a which account for at deer least \$130 million in damages annually.

> injured killed. safest injuries." According to

the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice there were 61,010 deervehicle crashes in 2008, down from the 61,907 crashes reported in 2007. However, officials note

"Most motorist deaths of all crashes in Michigan

unreported, so actual crash numbers are much higher.

to always fasten their seat that many crashes also go belts. Seat belts often make the difference in surviving a More than 19 percent

> involve deer. Last year, 12 motorists were killed and 1,648 were injured as the result of vehicle-deer recommends drivers: crashes, compared to 11 fatalities and 1,614 injuries the previous year.

October-to-December mating season when deer are very active, and crashes

spike again in spring when the season's first grass appears along highway If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC

DON'T SWERVE!

Nearly half of all car-

deer crashes occur in the

Brake firmly.

Hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.

Come to a controlled

Steer your vehicle well

heeding the following tips:

off the roadway.

roadway.

assume more deer may be The MDCC says motorists can help avoid dangerous Remember that deer that

during the fall.

appear calm can dart into the encounters with deer by road without warning. Be alert all year long,

especially at dawn and dusk,

when they are most active

If you see one deer,

Slow down, especially especially on two-lane if you see deer along the

to the editor, continued ... from page 5

Dear Editor,

The DDA recently acquired more parking space for its aging downtown business district while at the same time Lowell's general fund suffers from the loss of state revenue sharing and depleting local taxes.

There's more to this scenario than just a parking lot or I wouldn't be speaking out. The DDA's spending doesn't just end there.

Now, the DDA wants to stabilize the west bank of the Flat River. That will be interesting, to say the least, considering a good share of downtown area. the property is privately owned. Also on the DDA's agenda is the restructuring of the now defunct amphitheater and a new RV Park.

It seems that the DDA has unlimited financing and unlimited ideas. The DDA has had 17 years to revitalize their area using the greater share of their own taxes while at the same time our city's roads have become dilapidated and are twice the age of replacement.

Enough is enough. I'm tired of reading headlines about the DDA and its spending while the rest of the community suffers. There is much more to our community than the

> Sincerely, Jim Howard Lowell

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Thebes Players present A Dickens' Christmas Carol

A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts Written by Mark Landon Smith Directed by Casey Berg

"Kippers and tea bags, these London buildings are and at the box office. Tickets bloody drafty!"

the whole thing. Hit by MI 49331, 616-897-8545, a carriage. Very bloody. Bisquit?"

"Brother. Dear brother. Crossing to kiss him.

"Beg pardon sir. Might I take leave of my post for a moment to relieve myself?"

London citizen?"

are just some of the witty the Thebes Players will be presenting on Oct. 16, 17, 22, 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center in

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PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing

before the Vergennes Township Planning

Commission will be held on Monday,

November 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381

Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider

amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as

Amendments are proposed in Section

201.202 to add definitions of commercial

recreation establishment, rural recreation

facility, country club, golf course, improved

park and unimproved park. In the R-A, R-1,

R-2 and R-3 Districts, rural recreation

facilities will be special exception uses with

standards for approval. In the R-A, R-1, F-R,

R-L, C and I District, improved and

unimproved parks are added permitted uses.

In the C District, commercial recreation establishments will be a special exception

use with standards for approval. Section

201.417 will add parking standards and

establishments and rural recreation facilities.

The complete ordinance amendments can be

reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall,

10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell,

MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax

897-5674] or on the website at

www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral

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public hearing. Written comments may be

addressed to the Planning Commission

Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the

Township Offices. Comments may be

emailed to the Planning Commission at:

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Planning Commission

zoning@vergennestwp.org

for commercial recreation

summarized below:

the Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes SE.

Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 day of show are available through the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, info@lowellartscouncil.org

Director Casey Berg (a veteran of many Thebes Players productions as an actor) reflected on the ideas of the show, "Having been in theater for years, "Do you agree agreeable I've become very aware of what 'the show must go on' means. This play really epitomizes that phrase. With an ongoing rivalry on stage, actors who don't know the lines, and light cues going all over the place, disaster is an understatement.'

> Berg assembled the cast from talented comedic individuals such as Matt

Tawney as "Selsdon," AndreaWessellas"Cynthia," Ken Parrish as "Elyot," and Sue Stephenson-Bradford as "Bettina." Allofthese actors have experience in sketch comedy and improvisation, not to mention much experience in community theater productions, which definitely gives them the insight into how theater can go wrong... in this case, in a humorous way. Longtime Thebes actress. Diana Roush, adds to the fun in the role of "Rowena," and Paul Stroosnyder and Corrie VanRavenswaay, relative newcomers to Thebes, round out the cast and bring their unique talents to the fore as "Teddy" and "Cordelia,"

respectively. Even though Christmas may be roughly two months away from opening night, it doesn't matter, as audiences will laugh at the hilarious antics regardless of what the weather is like outside. As Berg says, "Come laugh with us as these actors attempt to save this holiday classic. Regardless of the numerous obstacles that are presented to them."



Left to right: Ken Parrish (Elyot), and Matt Tawney (Selsdon).



Left to right: Corrie VanRavenswaay (Cordelia), Ken Parrish (Elyot), and Diana Roush (Rowena).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 09-187,501-DE

Estate of ANDREJS VIGANTS. Date of birth: August 21, 1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ANDREJS VIGANTS, who lived at 3378 Devonwood Hills NE, Apt. A, Plainfield, Michigan, died August 21, 2009.

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Harvest Festival, continued from page 1

"It's a good time for the kids," said Caleb.

It was a good time with entertainment provided by bluegrass Easy Idle Band.

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And there was a lot to do at the fairgrounds, from scarecrow building to apple and pumpkin chuckin' from bizarre looking contraptions called trebuchets.

One of the last Farmers' Markets featured pumpkins by Heidi's, horse drawn wagon rides and arts and crafts at the Foreman Building. The

Light and Power held their annual

Mark Droog of Lowell Light and Power took the Lowell had an old fashion

For those with a sweet Hawks and Owls.

were free hot dogs for all.

open house complete with available in the Victorian of 45 feet, with harness and Area Historical Museum. homemade pies.

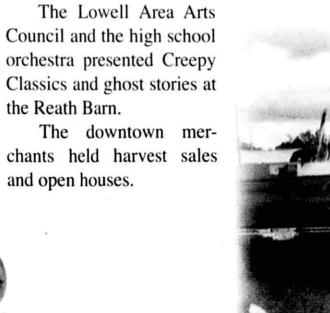
And Gilda's Club of

tooth, more food was

bucket rides up to the height Garden of the Lowell Council and the high school orchestra presented Creepy helmet mandatory. There The museum had fresh Classics and ghost stories at the Reath Barn.

daring ones up over the tree barn dance fundraiser at the and open houses.

Reath Barn with music by



Apple chuckin

run by Bruce Doll.



Nola Bristol and her scarecrow.



Lowell Light and Power took Jonathan Harwood for a bucket ride along with Mark Droog.

Quincee Denault and Noah Blough from Heidi's with pumpkins.

Pumpkin Chuckin' winners

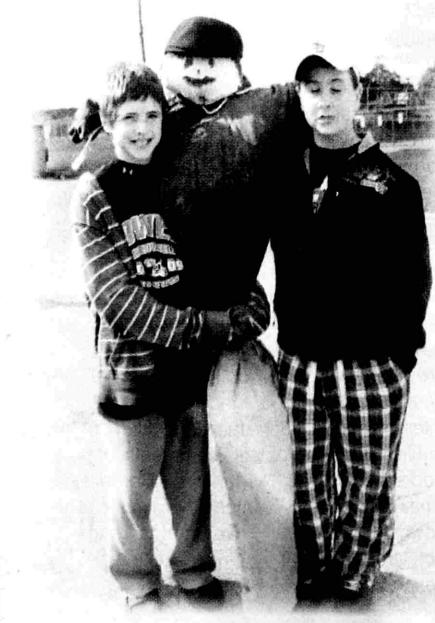


The winners of the 2009 Pumpkin Chuckin contes are Nick Lane, 15 and Grant Pell, 15 of 'Team Locked and Loaded.' (Not pictured is Matt Bigford, 16)

The second annual Pumpkin Chuckin' contest sponsored by the Kent County Youth Fair was held during the Harvest Festival this past Saturday in Lowell.

Take three teenagers, some wood and a common vision. and build a trebuchet that will chuck a pumpkin several hundred feet. That is what Nick Lane, Grant Pell and Matt Bigford, all from Caledonia, did. They researched, designed and built their machine as a team. "I really like building big things, but they have to have a purpose," said Lane. "We learned to work as a team and to rely on each other. We made our decisions as a group. We worked hard and are proud of the results. Unfortunately, Matt was away this weekend on a family trip. We know that he would have loved to be here; he was a big part of the team's success."

"I want to encourage kids to go after what they like to do. Not only did we win the contest, but more importantly, we worked as a team and have formed a great friendship Definitely a win win situation," said Pell.



Taren Brooks and Max Dean with scarecrow Maren.

Chili Cook-Off, continued ... from page 1

the much coveted People's Choice white token into the pot," said Frank Phillips, Ledger and Litho bowl.

beans and the onions," he said about the team's chili.

professionals and amateurs Services. braved the cold weather from early morning until the touch, the woman's touch," official closing at 5 p.m.

"I like the meat, the of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, while his wife to Disneyland," said Jerry of the Larkin's Chili Cook-Old timers, newcomers, the hamburger for D&L Tax

said Linda Todd of D&L.

Live music was provided by "Homebrewed" band.

who was cooking on behalf Debbie Phillips was frying Cardani.

For the Triple J team, it coming to the cook-off.

"You know it has our sporting sombreros. They taste, aftertaste and heat/ did win the best decorated spice.

Meanwhile, nine judges to taste the chilies. One "If we win, we're going representing the beneficiary

off fundraiser was missing. chilies this year than last Cook Jackie Cardani The chilies were judged year," he said. "We haven't had an entire team of tasters based on appearance, aroma, had a bad chili yet."

taste," said Grant.

the chili cook-off. time," she said.

Organizer Mike Larkin (LARA) said the event went well.

Veteran judge of eight But because of the weather has become a family tradition sat down at a secret location years, Bob Grant, was the the sales were down by 19 spokesperson for the shy percent.

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"We had good tasting "We've had better chilies," he said. "There were no offensive ones."

There were 28 entries. J&Js' Chili of Saranac Some years, Grant tasted received first place; second shrimp, fish and mushroom went to Two Devils; third to Dragon Spit; Triple J's "We go for the overall received the price for best looking booth, Skronski's For judge Ethel Stears Chili for white chili and it was the first time judging People's Choice went to Big Meat Chili. A total of \$2,236 "It could also be my last was raised for the Lowell Area Trails Association.



Deven Dykman gives the coveted People's Choice token to the Lowell Ledger and Litho



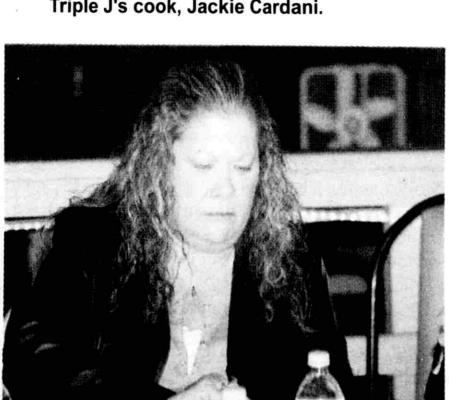


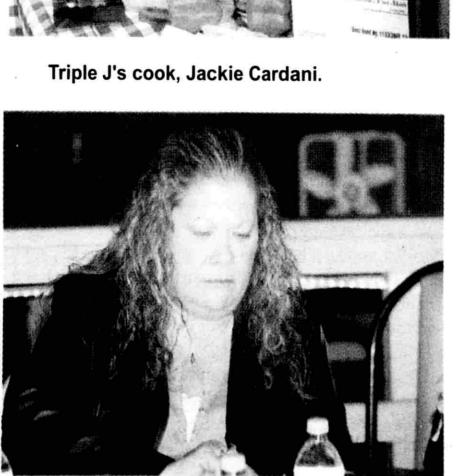


Phil Lindstrom of the Knights of Columbus team

Makayla Noon tastes some chili.

Surprised judge Lynn Weenum, right, on her 27th cup of chili. Was there shrimp in her chili?







Dave Simmons enjoys a sample.

Chili Cook-Off, continued



First-place winners J&J's Chili, of Saranac.

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Peoples Choice Award winners, from left to right: Rick Fonger, Dave Sage, Mark VanderKolk and Ed Jacobs.



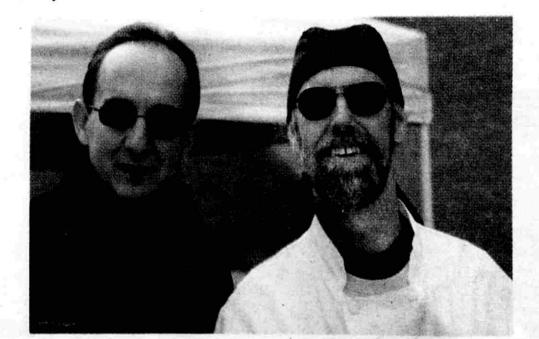
The Knights of Columbus team.



Judges included (not all pictured) Bob and Jan Grant, Ethel Stears, Phil Fye, Brian Mooney, Terry Abel, Pat McCormick and Dave and Lynn Weenum.



The Piping Hot Printers, Jon Jacobs, Scott Kooistra and Ludek Pala field the competition.



Kent McKay, left and chef Kim Chase made chili garnished with deep-fried jalapenos and fried parsnips.

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Red Arrow SPARTS

Spiderman saves Homecoming

by Thad Kraus

in the paper that Lowell won by that wiry super hero, the football game Friday Spiderman.



Bryleigh Loughlin holds Jaxson (super hero) after a tough night of saving the Lowell community from harm.

Many football fans read from a plethora of villains

The community was A-Wish program. The untold story was spared the villainous acts of

Jaxson, a seven-year-old

trip to Disney.

through the sale of cardboard cut out stars which were hung in school cafeterias and a bucket of loose change competition.

Jaxson also served as the Homecoming parade grand marshall.

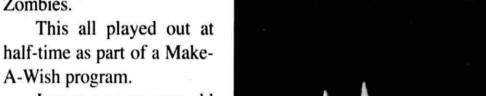
costumes were and designed by Laurie Summerfield.



This year's master and mistress of ceremonies were Matt Hanks and Amanda Geldersma.



Alexandra Wabeke (sophomore) is escorted by her parents as part of the half-time Homecoming festivities.



boy from Wyoming who is battling acute lymphocytic leukemia, didn't need a script to don his favorite super hero apparel and battle the Homecoming night's When through with

the Jokers, Band Ninjas and

his fight against crime, Jaxson and his family were presented a check for \$1,500 from the Lowell student council for a much deserved Money was raised

The project advisors were James Christian and

The script and the



Spiderman (alias Jaxson) foils the plans of the villains who tried

to harm the Homecoming crowd.

Megan DeFouw is crowned by last year's queen, Laura Blanton and Connor Kruse was crowned 2009 Homecoming king.



Dan Karas (senior) is escorted onto the track by his parents at half-time of Lowell's Homecoming.



Martin returns in Lowell's lopsided win over Eagles

Preparing to play the number one team in Division

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Playing against the most physical team you've seen in a number of years, not so

That was the lesson Grand Rapids Christian walked away with following its 42-7 defeat to Lowell.

Eagle football coach Brad

"The ball didn't bounce our way a few times, but Lowell deserves credit, it dominated both lines of football coach Noel Dean. scrimmages tonight.

White. It also sets up a clash one Division II and III that fun in the second quarter schools on Friday night at when Martin received the

Grand Rapids.

The Pioneers (7-0, 3-0) dominated Greenville Friday night 44-16.

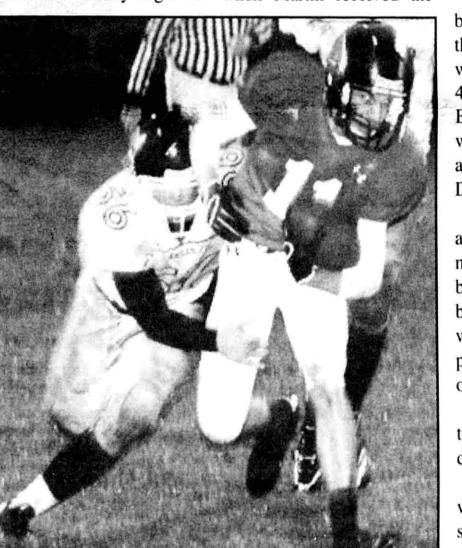
The schedule said it was week seven of football in West Michigan. For one Red Arrow, whose jersey number coincided with the schedule, his season started with Lowell's win over Grand Rapids Christian.

Pat Martin, who broke his collar bone in a preseason scrimmage, caught and threw his first passes in the second quarter against Christian.

"This was Mumford for Pat," explained Lowell

"I'm really excited for The win improved him. He's going to be able to help our special teams move forward. We're going

Dean revealed some of



Derek Cornish pulled in four receptions for 49 yards and a touchdown against the Eagles.

wide open Matt Houston for ahead to next week. Earlier in the quarter Martin was on the receiving end of a five yard pass from Gabe

anxiety. There was some nervousness on the catch, but I just followed my blockers. I was surprised when coach called the pass play, but Matt was wide open," Martin explained.

The senior received the okay from a couple of doctors on Monday to play. "When I got the news I

was pretty excited," Martin

flawless first-half execution, the Red Arrows appeared to have its eyes focused

Lowell's Sam Young assists in stopping the Eagle rushing game. ball on a pitch-back and on playing Grand Rapids four yards. Dean also threw

> at Lowell. The boys are not in a program where they are hoping to be competent each week," Dean explained.

Even with EGR on the horizon, Dean wasn't eager to leave the moment.

"We're playing East next week? That's a real good football team. A well coached football team. And a school with the ultimate sports facility," Dean said. Lowell recorded six

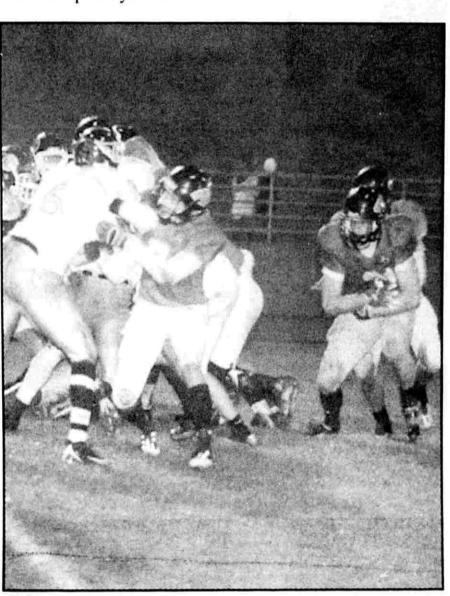
touchdowns in its seven first-half possessions. Austin Graham scored

three times on runs of 13. one and eight yards. Gabe Dean found the end zone on runs of 65 and

Defensively, Lowell then threw down field to a Christian and not looking an 11-yard touchdown pass held the Eagles to just six to Derek Cornish. Dean yards rushing. Grand Rapids 41 yards and a first down. "That's not been our was 8-of-12 for 92 yards Christian's Matt Grasmeyer style in the 14 years I've been through the air and threw threw for 116 yards, was 8one interception. of-19 and a touchdown.

The Red Arrows rushed for 283 yards. Dean amassed 124 of those and Graham churned up 114 yards.

Lowell picked him off twice and recovered two Eagle fumbles.



Austin Graham rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns Friday night against **Grand Rapids Christian.**



Real good teams, continued ... from page

magnitude.

"It's a fun game to coach good," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "As one grows older, you appreciate it for the enjoyment of the competition. It's made even more enjoyable because of the game's relevance."

While the Red Arrows have won three straight

The programs also have league championships and coaches interested in doing four of the last six encounters things the right way. They with the Pioneers, EGR also enjoy the challenge that has strung together three comes with a game of this consecutive Division III EG state championships.

"Remove all the other in. It's a game between two games and go back and count the number of personal fouls when East and Lowell play. You probably can count them on a couple of fingers," Stuursma said. "This game is fun to coach in, yet challenging to play against a real good football

time of possession will be What will separate these two squads on Friday night? Dean points to controlling the line play and eliminating

"Lowell is strong and powerful up front and they

will hammer you otherwise," believes Stuursma says.

Tickets for Friday's game go on sale in the Lowell High School athletic office on game day (Friday, Oct. 16) from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

GO RAMS!

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell spikers kill off league challenges

Lowell girls' volleyball into kills.

the girls played nearly volleyball coach GiGi Peal said. "Then, at Greenville become," Peal explained. they took care of business."

taken to them over the last 3 overall, keeping Lowell couple of weeks in tough in the state rankings a fifth matches with EGR and consecutive week. Northview Grand Rapids Christian.

the O-K White and 27-9-

In the Red Arrows' 25-"I think these two wins 15, 25-19, 25-14 win over the fine job Jordan Timmer the Wildcats, Lowell had what Lowell volleyball has four players with eight to 10 the offense.

Arielle Nausieda ran down every ball."

Peal also acknowledged did setting up and running

traditional, scrappy club which can be difficult to play against," Peal concluded

Lowell travels to highlighted by the play of sophomore Anna Rozema. "Anna played a great offensive game. She settled

Grand Rapids Christian on Thursday to play the leagueleading Eagles. in and played a really good

Lowell fourth at regional; Wall receives coaching honors

Coming off what arguably was its most disappointing performance of the season, the Lowell boys' tennis team had some explaining to do on the court when it arrived at the Class A regional tennis tournament at Grand Rapids Christian.

In a field led by state tennis power Forest Hills Central, Lowell finished fourth, advancing to the semifinals in five of the eight flights.

The Rangers won the regional with 27 points. The host, Wildcats, were four back with 23, Grand Rapids Christian was third with 14 points, followed by Lowell who tallied 12 points.

"Forest Hills Central is one of the two best tennis teams in the state," said Red Arrow coach Bonnie Wall.

Lowell's play was better than it delivered at the O-K White conference meet a week ago.

"The boys played much better than they did at the Coach of the Year. conference meet," Wall said. "They lived up to their seeding."

only Lowell tennis player to advance to the finals. The sophomore's run ended there when he lost to Northview's Casey Tull 6-2, 6-2.

Smith was one of four Lowell singles players to advance into the semi-finals.

Cort Thompson, first singles, lost to his Northview counterpart in the semifinals.

"Cort won the matches he should have won, but to reach that next level he must find consistency in his game," Wall explained.

Isaac Tawney lost 7-5, 7-6 to Judd Iverson in second doubles play. A week ago, Tawney was double bageled 6-0, 6-0 by Iverson.

"This was the Isaac we've seen all year," Wall said. "I don't know and he doesn't know what happened at

Josh Spratt, playing fourth singles, defeated a player from Mona Shores to advance to the semifinals.

the semifinals," Wall said. "He definitely lived up to his

The only Lowell doubles team to advance to the semifinals was Evan Wilterink and Jack Weeber at first

In tennis news off the court, Lowell's Bonnie Wall was voted by her coaching peers the Michigan Regional

And if that isn't enough, Wall has also been selected as an inductee into the Michigan High School Tennis Connor Smith, playing at third singles, was the Coaches Association Hall of Fame. That induction will take place in February.

> "That is quite an honor. I am thrilled with news of the induction," Wall said.

The tennis coach has been coaching in Lowell for 11 years and has been coaching tennis for 27 years. Wall coached girls' tennis for nine years at Forest Hills Central and seven years at Forest Hills Northern.



I am not sure anyone reading this knows or cares, but I am a rather high strung individual. Thus, I am compelled to be a bit jumpy, and/or scare easily. Maybe it's all the coffee

Because of this, I have adopted and often use the phrase (tongue-in-cheek), "I'm not paranoid, everybody is out to

We live in a country where radio and television blow hards would have you believe that everyone is the enemy and everyone is out to get you. The enemy waits just behind the bush, around the corner, knocking on your door, or in the back seat of your car. They'd also have you believe our president is a Nazi, a socialist, and not an American.

I tell you all of this because driving into work last week on the expressway, I was listening to a local radio station and the sponsor's advertisement for the station's traffic segment came on for Silver Bullet Firearms.

I don't have the ad copy word for word (tried to get it), but the jest of the commercial was thanking the BRAVE who have a gun and ammunition in their house. I guess to fend off what's behind the door, what scary creature they hold in their mind when the light goes out, or the cricket sound coming from the window.

Let's say that all their fears and more are real. In my world, wouldn't the Americans without loaded guns in their homes be the brave ones?

If a person wants to have a loaded gun in their house just in case, I'm okay with that - power to them.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Numbers key to Lowell's cross country future

brick school house? One brick at a time.

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build a girls' cross country program in Lowell and she's building it one runner at a time, one race at a time.

in a second event featuring junior varsity runners, Lowell placed third.

Ellis explained. "The third Paiz, eighth, 22:31.6; (48th) place shows there is strength Karis Dilly, 19th, 23:04.4; in the middle (runners four and Katie Jousma, 22nd, through seven).'

school. Lowell tallied 54 the Lowell girls were fifth. Sara Ellis is looking to Northview won the event with 24 points. Sparta was second with 25, Middleville Taylor Marchido was

the red Arrows' top runner. Lowell finished with 115. She came home in 21:37.9. 21:47.9, placing her 18th. Amy Bartkus was 22nd with her 30th. a time of 22:38.9.

How do you build a the top three runners of each Jamboree held at Northview. points placing it seventh. East Grand Rapids won it convincingly with 25 points. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 40; Northview was third with 91: Greenville was fourth with 109; and

Betts led all Red Arrows. finishing 14th. Rebekah finishing 17th with a time of Betts stopped the clock in 21:28. Marchido followed Betts home at 22:29, placing

Bartkus stopped the Lowell's times in the clock in 22:51, finishing girls' varsity I run were 39th. Dilly was 43rd in a "That is what is going as follows: Skye Thebo, time of 23:00. Thebo came to make us better next year," seventh, 22:30.9; Carissa off the course in 23:17



Rebekah Betts led all Lowell runners at the Northview Jamboree. She finished the race in 21:28.

Lowell falls in overtime to Eagles

battled back from a 1-0 deficit against Grand Rapids Christian to take a 2-1 lead before the Eagles answered with a late second-half goal and then scored in overtime to win a 3-2 thriller.

dropped Christian's Josh Wilbraham Lowell to 4-2-1 in the O-K tied the game late and the

Arrows' overtime on a goal by Joel second-half goals recorded by Will Athmann (Joe Sweet) and Matt Kyllonen (Athmann). Grand

Rapids

Schipper with an assist from Andrew VandenBerg. The Eagles out-shot

Eagles won the game in

Lowell 8-7.

Someone, continued ... from page 14

Stop with the fear mongering, anti-American garbage

Amy Bartkus stopped the clock in 22:51.

Finally, if I awake some morning with an overwhelming fear someone is out to get me and I need a gun to protect myself, I'll buy a gun and I know where I won't go to buy

On a much lighter note, I did something for the first time last week. Are you done with the one liners? I'll continue.

As a young boy growing up in an old farm house, I took many a turns pushing the lawnmower, even the lawnmower that didn't take fuel.

As I was driving home last week, my girlfriend called to tell me that it was going to rain the rest of the week and that the grass was getting long and it needed to be cut one more time this year.

So I got home, changed out of my work clothes and hopped on the John Deere.

It got to be, I'm thinking, 7:30. Anyhow, it was dark. No, I didn't quit. Instead, I turned on my headlights and finished mowing.

I've never cut grass in the dark. It was quite exhilarating, and dare I say, fun! It's the simple things in life....

Thad's 10 on 10

The upsets I picked last week didn't materialize and the upsets I didn't pick did materialize.

That resulted in a 5-5 week, dropping my overall record to 44-16.

I'll try to do better this week.

Allendale travels to Kelloggsville. The Rockets are undefeated and this year's Cinderella. Who am I to interfere? Kelloggsville wins!

Caledonia, coming off a big win against Ottawa Hills,

than not picking the Scots. Caledonia wins! West Catholic puts its undefeated season on the line against Coopersville. Broncos are sound, but the Falcons

travels to Catholic Central. You're going to win more often

are better this time. West Catholic wins! Northview battles Grand Rapids Christian for third place in the O-K White. I like the Wildcats. Northview wins!

Holland Christian must follow up their first loss of the season with a home game against Hamilton. Not this week.

Hastings hosts South Christian in a big O-K Gold confrontation. Sailors surprised me last week. Not this week though, Hastings wins!

Rockford entertains the surprising Falcons from East Kentwood. Rams win!

recover from the sting of a Grandville loss. Eagles win!

West Ottawa travels to Hudsonville. Panthers don't

Finally, had you asked me at the beginning of the season, I would have picked East Grand Rapids. In the battle of two number ones, that still could happen, but I sense Lowell is clicking on all cylinders. Red Arrows win!

Thad's New Top 10!

Rockford

Hamilton

Lowell

3. EGR

- West Catholic
- 7 E. Kentwood 8. Byron Center
 - 9. Kelloggsville 10. Caledonia

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obituaries

HESS

Elsie Hess, age 88, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour Thursday, October 8, 2009. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 49 years. Lloyd Hess. She is survived by her children: Dennis (Leslie) Hess, Robert (Barbara) Hess, Linda (William) Wise; grandchildren, Joel (Julie) Hess, Rebekka (Chad) Koehn, Jonathan (Melanie) Hess, Mary (Steve) Sumners, Timothy (Elizabeth) Hess, Allison (Jeff) Pitsch, Sara (Chris) Eng. Margaret (Scott) McAfoos; and 20 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Monday, October 12, with Rev. Joel Hess of Emmanuel Lutheran Church officiating at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE., Ada, MI 49301.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing

to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning

1. An amendment to add section 3.40 to General Provisions to

Outdoor furnaces are not permitted in the R-4 Multifamily

Residential District, the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community

District, the C-1 Commercial District, or the M-50 Corridor

Overlay District. Outdoor furnaces are permitted in all other

zoning districts subject to the requirements of this Section 3.40.

Outdoor furnaces shall be installed and operated according to the

manufacturer's instructions. Outdoor furnaces shall be operated

An outdoor furnace shall only be used to burn wood without

additives, wood pellets without additives or agricultural seeds in

No outdoor furnace shall be used or operated in such a fashion

as to become a nuisance to the owners or occupiers of adjoining

or nearby properties or dwellings or in such a fashion that smoke

emissions unreasonably interfere with the safe or reasonable

enjoyment of the owners or occupants of nearby or adjoining

The ordinance contains specific requirements for Outdoor

Furnaces in the R-3 Urban Residential District, the C-2

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Bowne Township

ALTO, MI 49302

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MCINTOSH

Mrs. Fern V. McIntosh, aged 88, of Lowell, formerly of Kentwood, went to be with her Lord on Friday evening, October 9, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank F.; and her son, Frank L. McIntosh. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Joshua Milley, of Lowell; six grandchildren; and many great grandchildren. The funeral service was held Monday with Rev. David Sims officiating. Interment in Blain Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Good News Baptist Church.

SERNE

Michael Edward Serne, age 64, of Ada, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 45 years, Joann; children, Teresa (John) Elliott, Michelle (Stephen) Doyle, Kristen (John) Scheffler; son, Michael Serne (Sara Nash) and Karen Selders; seven loving grandchildren, Jared and Myla Elliott, Caitlin, Michael

and Anna Doyle, Collin and Marisa Selders; brother, Patrick (June) Serne; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Serne, Eleanor Serne, Christine Serne; mother-in-law, Virginia Van Tassell; brother-in-law, John (Kathi) Van Tassell; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Doris Serne; brothers, William, James and Thomas Serne. Mike joined his

father's milk hauling business right after graduating high school and was most proud of forming a partnership with his son, Mike. He dearly loved his job and continued working until the end, a total of 45 years. His greatest loves were spending time with his family and his faith in God. He touched the lives of those who knew him with his kindness.



A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday with Rev. Eugene OKoli, celebrant. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

STASKIEWICZ

Laura Staskiewicz, 81, of Alto, passed away September 24, 2009 in Sun City, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents, Isadore and Gertrude Staskiewicz; sisters, Christine Danko, Eleanor Maksim and Madelen Wade. She is survived by her brother, Isadore (Mary Lou) Staskiewicz, of Grand Rapids; sister, Theodora (Larry) Wisneski, of St. Louis, MO; sister, Felicia (Edmund) Hillen, of Alto; brother, Daniel (Carol) Staskiewicz, of Minoque, WI; brother-in-law, Alex Danko, of Detroit; many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and several great great nieces and nephews. Laura was a kind and giving soul who will be missed by her family and friends. She retired from the USPS in Grand Rapids. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday at Basilica of St. Adalbert. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

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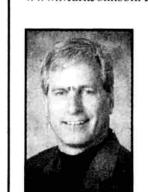
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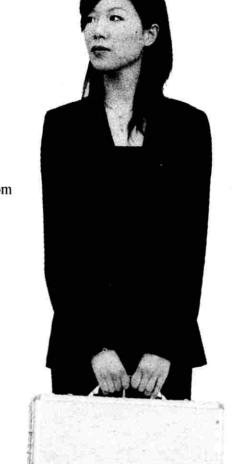


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Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

When submitting your opinion to Sound Off!, we ask you to follow a few guidelines.

Sound Off! is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print.

Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service

So basically, submit anything but not everything will make it to print.

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off!, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of the The Ledger staff or its publishers.

How unfortunate that the Lowell Ledger runs an online poll and left out some great local coffee shops.

Looking forward to the fall decorations in downtown Lowell. Always fun to see!



this week's

poll result:

to study the traffic speed on Hudson St. - Do you feel the money was well spent? 11%YES 89%.....NO 0% •••••Time will tell

Having now spent \$15,000

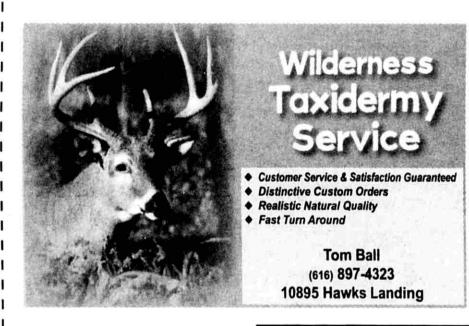
LHS student section, make it an awesome week! Show EGR who is boss! Don't forget to wear all black! Go Arrows!

I find it ridiculous, especially in this economy, that we have to pay \$5 per child to get into a freshman football game. It costs me \$30 just to get in to watch my 14 year old play. We also try to go to varsity games on Fridays and that costs us another 30 plus dollars with snacks! We want to support our schools, we love our schools, but seriously - \$5 for elementary kids?

I would like to thank St. Mary Church for helping me and my children, not only for boxes of free food but also for a free dinner. Even when I told the ladv I was not from Lowell, she didn't blink an eye. She said that was fine, get in line and if you need help carrying your boxes, just let them know. You cannot realize what this has meant to us. We were treated with respect and love.

Big companies continue to pollute the city of Lowell with noise. What is the city's noise pollution

We want the equestrian team to know how excited we are about the state competition this weekend. Good luck, and giddy up! Streaker and your favorite equestrian groupie will be cheering you on.





OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 13

- Chicago cab service is asking the city council for a 22 percent rate increase due to individuals who get sick in their cabs. Drivers claim it takes two to three hours to properly clean the vehicles.
- It was announced last Friday that U.S. President Barack Obama had won the Nobel Peace prize. The prize has been awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo since 1901.
- NASA said Friday's rocket and satellite strike on the moon was a success. It kicked up enough dust for scientists to determine whether or not there is water on the moon. It will be some time before final results of the \$79 million dollar mission are known.
- Copenhagen Tiger Woods can begin his quest for a gold medal now that golf has been approved as an Olympic sport along with rugby in the 2016 games.
- The President's Cup golf tournament concluded with the Americans winning 19 1/2 to 14 1/2 with Tiger Woods going 5-0.
- Speaking at the annual dinner for the Human Rights Campaign, President Barack Obama reiterated his pledge to end the ban on gavs serving openly in the military.
- The recession is creating a lost generation. Just 46 percent of 16 to 24 year-olds were among the employed last month - the lowest since 1948.
- The Miss America pageant selects Rush Limbaugh to be one of the seven distinguished judges who will help decide the winner of the 2010 contest.

When anger rises, think of the consequences.

Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)

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Word Search Find the words in the puzzle,

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then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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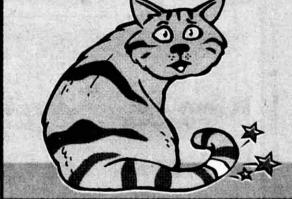
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identica words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Home for a Pet Look at the Want Ads in the newspaper. Pretend you are a pet looking for a home. Write a want ad for the home you would like

Mike (180)





Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids and see a

ideo that shows you how to draw a cat,

step-by-step.

What does a cat say when it gets hurt?

ANSWER: "Me Ow!"

Kid Scoop Together:

Take the Cat Quiz

How much do you know about cats? Try this Trueor-False quiz to find out.

A falling cat will always land on its

OTRUE OFALSE

2. Cats need regular OTRUE OFALSE

A stray or abandoned cat lives only a week or two. OTRUE OFALSE

4. A cat's whiskers help it to "see" in the

OTRUE OFALSE

A ball of yarn makes a good toy for a cat. OTRUE OFALSE

some yarn, it can get very death. If a kitten swallows tangled and strangled to with yarn, but they can get FALSE. Kittens like to play

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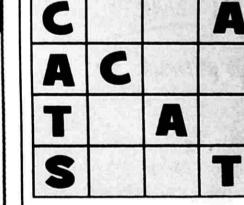
licking their fur. keep themselves clean by 2. FALSE. Cats can usually

they are often hurt or even twist around in midair. But FALSE. Cats can sometimes



Kid Scoo-doku Complete the grid by using all the letter the word CATS in each vertical and

norizontal row. Each letter should only





he adjective sacred means deserving to be respected

and honored.

Ancient Egyptians considered cats to be sacred.

Try to use the word sacred in entence today when talking vith your friends and family

Write On! My Cat If you have a cat, write a description of it. If you don't have one, write a description of a cat you would like to

Lowell Township readies for sidewalk project

by Emma Palova

It's all about getting connected. And Lowell Township will be able to connect Key Heights to Alden Nash with sidewalks, thanks to \$39,368 from Block Community Development (CDBG).

The total estimated cost of the project is over \$53,200 with \$4,000 coming from the Look Memorial fund and \$4,000 from the Cable Television fund.

The project will include a bridge over a pond outlet next to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

"We're planning to design and bid out the project this year," said engineer Dave Austin.

However, due to the weather, the project will not start until the spring of next year.

The main driving force behind the project was foot traffic on the shoulder along M21.

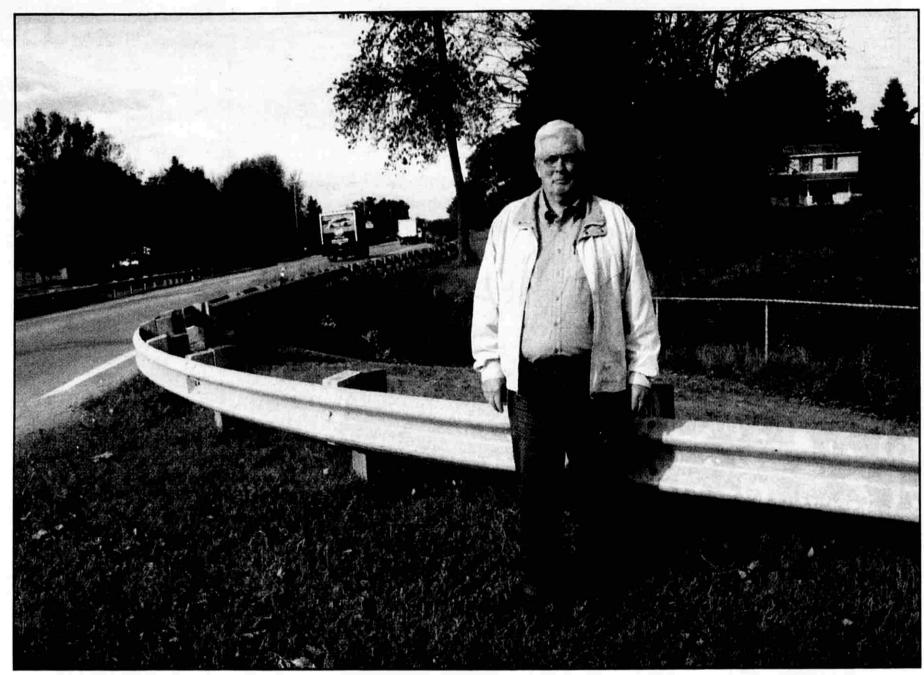
"It's a safety factor," said supervisor Jerry Hale. "There was a lot of foot traffic along M21 from Key Heights to the shopping district."

The grant was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Federal Act.

Some sidewalks along the route have already been built by developers as mandated by the township.

In related business, the

traffic light at the intersection of Alden Nash and Grand River Drive, as part of the MDOT prep work for the downtown bridge project, will stay permanently, even after the bridgework is completed, according to Hale.



Jerry Hale, Lowell Township supervisor, by a pond outlet near Key Heights, the future site of a sidewalk.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Keep inflation in mind when investing

As an investor, you're always aware of the potential effects of market volatility on your portfolio. But you also need to pay attention to another factor that could impact your investments' return - inflation.

If you look back over the last few decades, you might not think inflation is much of a threat. Since the double-digit rates of the early 1980s, inflation has fallen significantly, and for the most part, has stayed low. Still, over time even a mild annual inflation rate can eventually erode your purchasing power.

Obviously, if you're a retiree, or close to retiring, you need to plan for the impact of inflation on your income stream, which may, to a large degree, depend on the types of investments you own. But even if you're at an earlier stage in life, you need to think about inflation because it can reduce the "real" rate of return you receive on your investments.

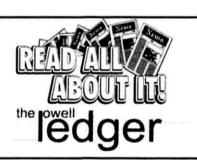
In any case, you can find investments that may be able to help you cope with inflation. When you own stocks, for example, you've got an ownership stake in companies that have the ability to raise prices - which make them effective inflation-fighting investments. Keep in mind an investment in stocks fluctuates and you can lose your money.

But one of the biggest inflation-fighting benefits of stocks is the *dividends* that they may pay. Well-run companies may reward investors by paying them back with dividends - and some companies have increased their dividends annually for decades. A word of caution, though: Companies can reduce or eliminate them at any time, without notice. In fact, during the long market slump we experienced, some companies did cut back on their dividend payments.

Not all stocks pay dividends, of course. In any case, if you're going to maintain a balanced portfolio, you'll also want to own other types of investments, such as bonds. But many bonds - along with other fixed-income vehicles, such as Certificates of Deposit - are not good "inflation fighters" because the fixed rate of return they offer simply may not keep up with inflation. However, if you built a "bond ladder" - that is, a group of bonds with varying maturities - you'd have more flexibility in combating inflation, because your longer-term bonds typically offer higher interest rates.

What about the so-called "inflation hedges," such as commodities and real estate? Actually, these "hedges" are extremely volatile and should be approached with great caution. You need look no further back than the bursting of the housing "bubble" to see that real estate, for instance, can go down just as fast as it goes up - and once down, it can take years to recover.

In your efforts to invest wisely for the future, inflation is only one of the variables you need to consider. But it can be an important one - so make sure you choose the investments that both address inflation and can help you make progress toward all your financial goals.





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