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Thirty-year-old yellow fedora debuts during Girls' Night Out

by Emma Palova

Glad Fletcher, of Lowell, has never worn her yellow wool felt Winkleman's hat.

She bought the hat more than 30 years ago for springtime, right around the

time when people stopped wearing hats. It was an expensive, high quality hat for \$15.

"I didn't want to throw it away," she said.

She stored it away high

atop in a closet with the original tissue.

When Girls' Night Out rolled around last week with the Hats theme, Fletcher was more than happy to dust off the box.

"This was the only time I wore it," said Fletcher. "I thought I'd wear it when I am 80."

But, coincidence had it that Fletcher could wear it even before turning 80 to shop for yarn at Springgrove's during Girls' Night Out.

Fletcher no longer remembers the coat she wanted to wear the hat with.

"I threw the coat out, but I kept the hat," she said.

She felt good wearing the hat that night when most girls wore hats of all sorts.

"I knew I wouldn't stand out," she said.

Today, Fletcher says she may wear the hat again when she hits that 80 mark.

There were all sorts of hats that night, from altered stetsons, red cowboy hats, straw hats, fedoras, baseball caps, witches' hats, dressy hats with feathers, to even paper hats.

Chimera's, sported her grandfather's altered stetson.

At Fire and Water Art Gallery, women could decorate their own paper hats made by artists like Lynn Anderson.

All the participating merchants enjoyed a great turnout. The stores were packed with women buying all sorts of jewelry and Christmas gifts.

Most merchants said the turnout was about the same as last year.

"It's been fun," said DeVoe. "It's the same as last year; we're steady."

For Helen and Bonnie Vezino, the shopping event gave them a chance to meet up with old friends.

"It's a great time to get together," said Bonnie Vezino. "I met a friend from school I haven't seen in years."

Shari Nelson enjoyed the night out with her four-year-old daughter Kate. Nelson bought a stuffed animal, a comic book and an antique postcard.

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Glad Fletcher sports her 30-year-old hat for the first time at Springgrove Variety.

City readies for MDOT bridge replacement over the Flat River

by Emma Palova

In preparation for the downtown bridge replacement project, the city council, Monday, approved a variance to the noise ordinance allowing the crews to work overnight between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

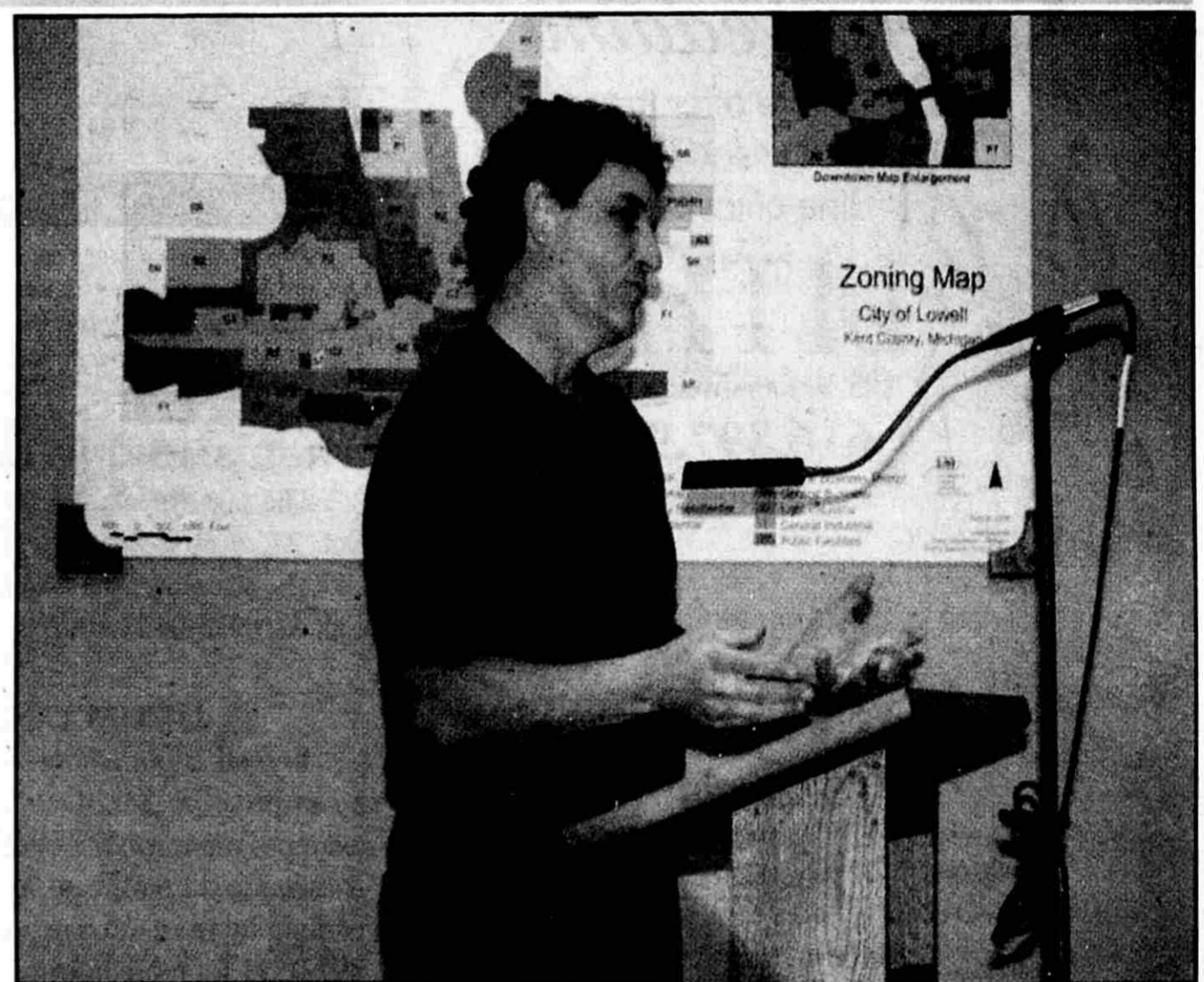
"It would cut down the amount of time to finish the work," said Al Halbeisen of HH Engineering.

The project is slated to start in April 2010 and will run through late September 2010. The crews will mainly be pouring concrete decks at

night to control shrinkage. Construction lighting will be directed away from residences. The project work may also include saw cutting, pavement and bridge removal, pile driving operations, pavement placement operations, asphalt pavement cold milling and asphalt pavement paving. No jackhammer will be used.

"It's good to get the work done faster," said mayor Jim Hodges, "the faster, the better."

Also as part of the



Al Halbeisen talks about MDOT bridge replacement project.

bridge replacement project, a new valve will be installed to keep the customers supplied with water. The council awarded the bid for \$34,446 to Lee Trenching.

In other businesses, the city council rescinded the order to demolish three bridge buildings. Greg Canfield has rehabilitated the buildings with the help

of Downtown Development Authority funding.

The council approved \$22,500 from the Lowell

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Art Attack recalls an era bygone

by Emma Palova

This year's theme for the Art Attack Black and White "Puttin' on the Ritz" brings back a different era of a time before jeans and tennis shoes.

Lowell Area Arts Council encourages participants to dress up for the event in black and white, or with just a touch of each.

Even just black buttons on a shirt will do, or white hair.

"We wanted to do something special focusing on the old black and white movie era," said committee member Barb Pierce. "We wanted to tie in a little bit of black and white."

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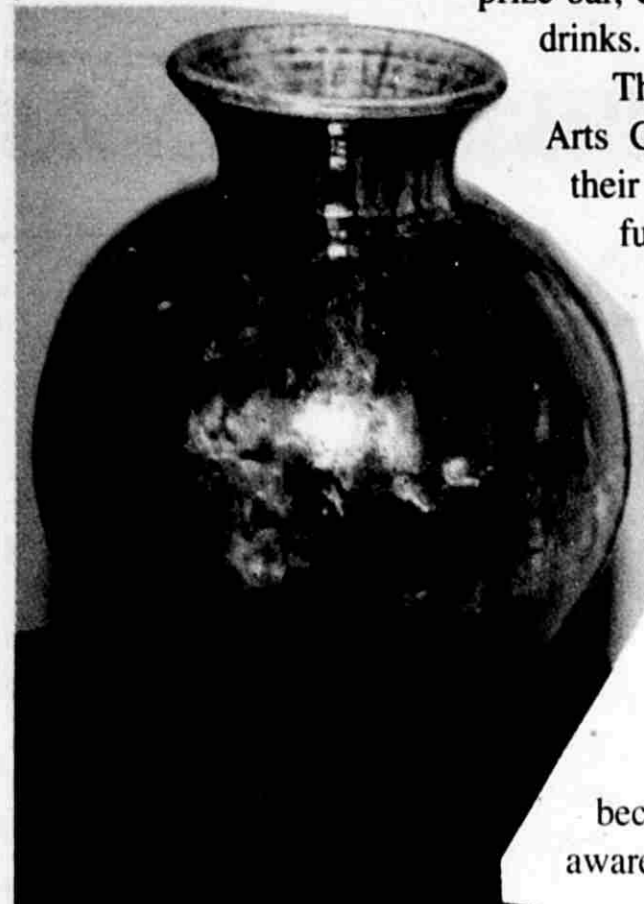
The red carpet will roll out at 6:30 p.m. complete with paparazzi on Nov. 7 at Deer Run Golf Club.

The evening will

feature appetizers and endless small plates, music by Roger MacNaughton and Cindy Kropf, silent and live auctions, music and games, prize bar, cash bar and soft drinks.

This year, the Arts Council has split their biggest annual fundraiser between the River Revelry held in June by the Showboat and the fancier Art Attack in black and white.

"People are becoming more aware of the Art Attack



A vase by Mary Dozema.

and arts in the community," said Pierce. "We all support each other."

Some of the items that will be auctioned off include a condo in Orlando for spring break, Santa Claus, paintings, jewelry and gourds.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.



Barb Pierce with a painting by Virginia Wierenga to be auctioned off.

Fundraiser held for Flat River Outreach Ministries

This past Sunday, nearly 180 attended the Flat River Outreach's first fundraiser held at St. Mary's Church in the Fellowship Hall. It was a dessert meeting hosted by eighteen women who invited family, friends and neighbors to participate. This year, more than ever, the aid provided to those in need, by FROM, has been stretched and Sunday's gathering was an opportunity to create an awareness of the FROM mission to a new group.

A new video and three personal testimonials, of those who have been touched by FROM, were the program along with some wonderful homemade desserts the hosts provided.

There was a friendly, but spirited competition among the eighteen table hosts for the best table design and dessert. The winner, voted on by the hosts, was Sharon Ellison who had a fall theme. The votes were divided among five other tables with Ellison emerging as the winner. She accepted a unique plaque entitled 'The Host with the Most' from Dave Thompson who designed the award.

On Monday, Mary Novello, FROM's executive director, announced that \$6,765 was raised which will help those in need as the holiday season approaches.



Pictured, standing, left to right: Dave Thompson, Sharon Ellison, Nancy Roth, Theresa Mundt, John Lee and Carol Lee; seated, left to right: Linda Warren, Don Dubbink and Sally Jernigan.

Bridge replacement, continued

Area Community Fund to remove wood chips at Creekside Kingdom. New chips will be placed in the spring for \$10,000.

"Our goal is to get out the chips and reseal it," said director of Public Works, Dan DesJarden.

In the future, the DPW will investigate using rubber rather than wood chips.

The city may increase fines for parking violations from the current \$5 to \$25, that will reduce to \$15 if paid within 14 days. After a month it will increase incrementally to \$50.

The hike in fines is pending an ordinance amendment.

A Western Michigan University ticket will be used as a form for the new tickets.

The new cemetery rule allows animals on all paved roadways only.

The council also set a joint meeting with Lowell Light & Power for Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the LLP building.

There will be a community trick or treat on Oct. 31 from 4 to 8 p.m.



At Your Local Library

Meet Deborah Diesen, author of The Pout-Pout Fish

Celebrate the 2009 Michigan Reads title, The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen, with the Kent District Library. Several KDL branches invite you to 'Come See What's in the Sea' where you'll enjoy an ocean of fun activities, music and fishy critters.

'Come See What's in the Sea' on Tuesday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. at Englehardt Library. Registration may be required. Check www.kdl.org for more information.

More than 90,000 have applied for convenient border travel card

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today that all 145 offices now offer the popular enhanced driver's licenses and personal ID cards, making applications even more convenient for customers throughout Michigan. Initially, 16 offices offered the enhanced license as Land's office gauged customer interest.

The incredible customer demand for the enhanced license shows Michigan residents recognize it as a convenient, less expensive way to visit Canada for business, a vacation or a fun day trip," Land said. "Now every Secretary of State office offers customers the ability to apply for one today. It's a great option that allows travelers to re-enter the United States and costs less than a passport."

Enhanced licenses and ID cards let people re-enter the United States from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean at land or sea crossings in compliance with federal regulations that took effect June 1. The enhanced license also is available at the Mobile Branch Office.

More than 90,000 Michigan residents have applied since enhanced licenses went on sale in April.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and a Michigan resident. They also must have a driving record that does not prevent them from legally operating a motor vehicle. Customers receive their new enhanced license or ID in the mail within two to three weeks.

The Secretary of State's Office offers the enhanced driver's license and ID as an alternative to the standard license and ID. To apply, a person must present documentation of:

- U.S. citizenship, such as an original or certified birth certificate.
- Identity, such as a Michigan license or state ID card.
- Residency, such as a Michigan license or state ID card.

An applicant's full name and date of birth should match on identity and

citizenship documents. If an applicant's legal name is different from what is shown on his or her citizenship document, he or she must present proof of the name change, such as an original marriage license, divorce decree or court order.

The enhanced license costs \$45 and the ID card is available for \$30. Residents

who are blind, or age 65 or older, pay a reduced fee of \$20 for the ID card. visit www.Michigan.gov/licenses For more information

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The POLLS of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. of said day of the election for the purpose of electing three (3) seats on the City Council

The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will win four (4) years terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will win the two (2) year term.

Polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 electors will vote at Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street.

A voter who is physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another person, or who is at least 60 years of age, or will be away from the community is eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. If you wish to apply for an absent voter ballot contact the Clerk's Office at 616-897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE CITY OF LOWELL TO QUALIFY AS A VOTER! BETTY R. MORLOCK, CITY CLERK



CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the November 3, 2009 General Election will be conducted on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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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

DRUM LINE CAN DRIVE

Lowell High School Band Drum Line will be holding a can drive on Sat., Oct. 24 to fund the new winter drill team program. Anyone willing to help support the program is asked to drop off cans to the group at the Tractor Supply parking lot from 4-6 p.m., or contact a band member, or call 897-0531 for more information.

AUTUMN OLIVE REMOVAL WORKDAY

Help the Land Conservancy of West Michigan restore the oak forest on the Wege Preserve, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workday will focus on removing autumn olive, an invasive shrub, from the understorey of the forest that surrounds Lee Creek. This workday is recommended for adults and children 10+ with adult supervision. All

tools provided. Bring leather gloves if you have them. Advanced registration is not required but appreciated, email Melanie@naturenearby.org or call 616-451-9476.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is presenting 'Vietnam Part II on the roads and rivers in Nam,' moderated by Mark Weber with a panel discussion on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School.

SKI CLUB

Forms are due by Nov. 16 for Lowell High School or Lowell Middle School students. Pick up forms from Mrs. Summerfield (HS), Mrs. Fahrni (HS), or Mrs. Ellison (MS).

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, jelly, puddings, and personal items. Please help if you can.

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GO ARROWS!

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Plan for retirement — this week and every week

You might not see it on your calendar, but Oct. 18-24 is National Save for Retirement week. This event, endorsed by Congress, is designed to promote the benefits of saving for retirement and to encourage workers to take full advantage of their employer-sponsored retirement plans — so you may want to use this week as a starting point to do just that. For many of us, the need to boost our retirement savings is critical. In fact, some

53 percent of Americans report that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plans, is less than \$25,000 according to the 2009 Retirement Confidence Survey sponsored by the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Also, the decline in popularity of these defined benefit plans — the traditional pension plans that make payments based primarily

on years of service — is one reason that saving for retirement has become such a major issue. From 1986 to 2008, participation in defined benefit plans among full-time workers in private industry declined from 76 percent to 24 percent according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In many cases, these defined benefit plans have been replaced by defined contribution plans, such as 401(k) plans — which means that much of the responsibility of adequately funding retirement has shifted from the employer to the individual.

Given these factors, it's clear that you must be proactive in building resources to achieve the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. So, consider taking the following steps:

- Contribute to your 401(k) or other employer-

sponsored plan. If possible, try to put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other tax-advantaged, employer-sponsored plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b). It's a good idea to spread your 401(k) dollars among the available investments in a way that reflects your risk tolerance and time horizon. And as your income increases, try to increase your 401(k) contributions. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. Due to the prolonged economic slump, some employers have cut back or eliminated their 401(k) matching contributions, but if one is offered, take advantage of it.

• Open an IRA. Even if you contribute to a 401(k), you are probably still eligible to open an IRA. A traditional IRA can grow on a tax-deferred basis and a Roth IRA grows tax-free provided you've had your account for at least five years and don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2. Plus, you can usually find that an IRA provides more investment options than a 401(k) plan. • Rebalance your investment portfolio regularly. During the long bear market, many new retirees faced difficulties when they were forced to tap into investment portfolios whose value had dropped significantly. You

can help avoid this problem by periodically reviewing and rebalancing your investments. So for example, if you know you're going to retire within the next five years, you may want to consider shifting some of your assets into shorter-term investments that may not be as susceptible to market volatility. You can speak with a financial advisor who can help you review your specific situation.

By making the right moves, you can turn every week into a "Save for Retirement" week. And you'll probably be glad you did once your actual retirement week arrives.

college news

Angela Worsley, all of Lowell.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the semester that ended in August 2009 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

University officials have announced that the following students have received Academic Honors for the semester that ended in August 2009 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

- Kurth, Allison Manz, Graham Otten, Kasey Stowell, Nicholas Szymanski, Lenin Duran-Solorzano and Natalie Hughes, all of Ada.
- Susan Burchardt, of Alto.
- Rebecca Finnie, Travis Gillan, Michael Kleinpaste, Randi Raimer, Blake Spoelman, Lee Wirick and

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to the editor

Dear Editor,

Some people wonder why they should spend their money at local businesses instead of shopping the Internet for the best deal. Maybe this story will demonstrate the real power of supporting local business.

I used to buy my contact lenses over the Internet - after all, it was cheaper by about \$15-\$20 twice a year. Then I realized that it was hypocritical of me to own a Lowell business and buy them on the Internet, so I started buying them at Advanced Eyecare two or three years ago. Last year, the people at Advanced Eyecare approached me and asked if my business would support their Community Eyecare Day in which

they do exams and provide glasses and other services for local people in need for free.

Wegotinvolved last year and did so again this year. I just had a man walk into my business to personally thank me and shake my hand. He and his wife were both very overdue for an eye exam and they both received a complete exam as well as a new pair of glasses from Advanced Eyecare on Saturday, Oct. 10. He was tremendously grateful to all of the businesses who assisted financially and was making the effort to thank everyone involved.

It does not get much better than that. His visit made our day. So, what is my point? Well, you can save money by searching for the best Web deal, but do you think some Internet company is ever going to provide an eye exam and a pair of glasses for you or one of your neighbors in a time of need? Not very likely. When you spend your money at local businesses, a good portion of that money

gets spent and re-spent and re-re-spent in Lowell. If my business didn't have customers, then who would donate to the Community Eyecare Day? If everyone bought their contacts on the Web, then how could Advanced Eyecare do what they do? Support your local businesses - you never know how or where the dollar you spend in Lowell might end up.

Cliff Yankovich
Lowell

Letters To The Editor:

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Dear Editor,

On September 30, rural carrier, Gary Blough, made

Dave and Jan Thompson
Vergennes Township

his final delivery on rural route two in Lowell. Gary's official date of retirement was Friday, Oct. 2. Gary retired from the United States Postal Service after thirty plus years serving his customers.

We, at the post office, had a small celebration in honor of Gary's years of service and dedication. Gary is a man of integrity, a man of fortitude and truly the salt of the earth. It has been an honor to work with him and call him a friend.

He will truly be missed by the people who work at the Lowell Post Office.

Gil Brown
Lowell Postmaster

outdoors

Dave Stegehuis

All terrain vehicles (ATV's) have become popular with farmers, hunters, and motor sports enthusiasts. The machines have evolved from basic three wheeled vehicles to multi-featured four wheeled vehicles with enough power to do a substantial amount of work and provide some serious recreational riding.

Because the island is basically a rock, environmental damage is minimal. The trails dish out the punishment to the machines instead of the other way around. There are seventy miles of off road trails for ATV's and motorcycles, and forty miles of trails suitable for full size four wheel drive vehicles.

The scenery along the trails reflects the season. Views of Lake Huron pop-up occasionally, but you may miss it if your eyes are focused on the trail directly ahead of your front tires — which is a good idea. It is wise to pull over to enjoy the view and take pictures.

A challenging ride over rough terrain with fall colors coming on strong was a bonus to a great bow hunting trip. Check with the Drummond Island Tourist Association for trail maps and to find out about several organized trail riding events during the year. There is no bridge to the island, so the only way to get there is to take a short ride on a car ferry. Drummond is off the east end of the Upper Peninsula and is out of the way enough to make for a unique travel experience.

Rock Crawl'n
were paved with solid dolomite, which sometimes resembled stair steps. There were some footrest deep-water hazards, but the rocky bottom provided firm footing for the large low-pressure tires.

Recreational riders are always looking for new places to run motor cycles, ATV's and full size four-wheel drive vehicles. Off road vehicles are tough on the landscape so, trails open to the public are limited. On a recent bow hunting trip to Drummond Island, we brought along the four wheelers. After locating a trail map we found earlier at the island tourist association office, we loaded up the quads and headed for one of the trailheads. The graveled parking area was well maintained, included a pit toilet, and a surprising amount of cut grass for that neck of the woods.

The objective on this day was to ride to Marblehead; a solid rock cliff overlooking Lake Huron and the distant Canadian shoreline. There is a trail loop that swings around past Marblehead. Recent rains turned a few spots into a black-muck mud run, but the majority of the trail was rocky. Some stretches were covered with rocks up to the size of basketballs. Other stretches



75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo October 25, 1934

Headline: Beautiful New Pavilion Open to Public
The Ledger presents a beautiful new pavilion recently completed at Fallsburg Park. The new structure is one of the finest of its kind in the state and is just about the finishing touch to one of the finest parks to be found anywhere in Michigan, both from a scenic standpoint and for the recreational facilities afforded.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 22, 1959

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Lowell town merchants have long recognized the wisdom on this maxim, especially at Halloween time. It was an old American custom, among youths of a generation ago, to wax store windows on and before October 31; the reasons lost in antiquity. But the horrible results were evident in thick, incongruous patterns on and after November 1.

This year in Lowell, children 6th through 12th grades are being asked to submit ideas for artwork in advance of Halloween and are then being assigned windows.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in the community wide contest.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal October 22, 1884

Work has been resumed on the new post office building.

Rev. C. Oldfield spoke on prohibition at Cedar Springs last week.

The evaporator building is completed and the machinery put in and is running on full time.

Willie Mitchell, aged 11 years, tried his first hunting experiment Saturday and shot three squirrels as composed as an old marksman.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 21, 1909

Headline: \$1.00 per Year and Worth \$2.00 Single Copies 5¢
The Congregational Church of Lowell is square with the world having just paid off obligations to the amount of \$630 and having something over \$70 "velvet", from its recent debt raising campaign, to pass into its treasury.

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weddings

Finkle-Staal

The marriage of Shelly Rae Staal and Tyler John Finkle was celebrated on June 11, 2009 at The Regatta Place on Goat Island in Newport, Rhode Island. Parents of the couple are Ken and Janice Staal, of Lowell, and Don and Heather Finkle, of Youngstown, New York.

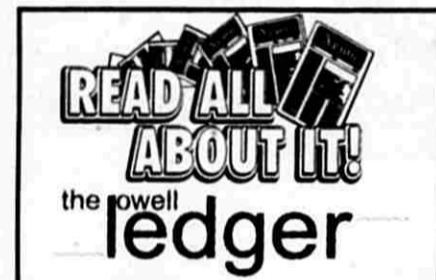
Maid of honor was Nick Staal, brother of the bride. Bridesmaids were Eric Staal, brother of the bride, Kosha Carstens, Julie Tomey and Amy Bobb, friends of the bride.

Best men were Travis Finkle and Tim Finkle, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason Andreotta, Ryan Lindquist, Dan Romanow, Cameron Hinshaw, Pete Bulger, friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Ryan Finkle, nephew of the groom.

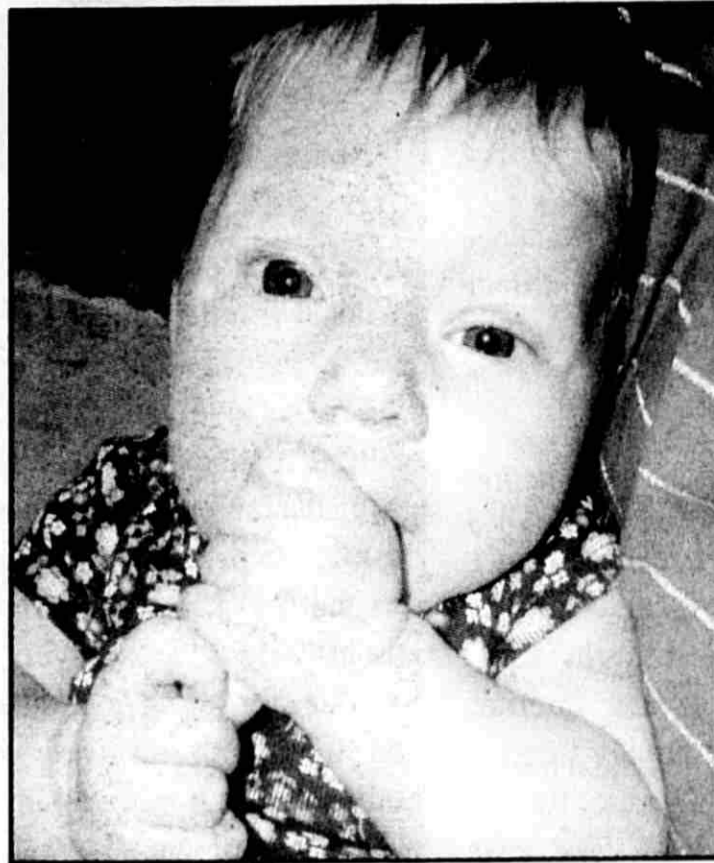


Tyler and Shelly Finkle



new arrivals

Hattis



Terra Faith Hattis was born September 10, 2009 at 7:09 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Shaun and Tina Hattis, of Lowell. Grandparents are John and Debra Dixon, of Lowell; David Hoy, of Ionia; and Tammy and Randy Lehman, of Ionia. Great uncle is Kenny, of Ionia. Great grandparents are Charles and Jean Wright, of Lowell; the late Ruth Dixon, of Saranac; Hugh and Laura Dixon, of Florida; and Jennette Hattis, of Gowen.

Terra Faith Hattis

Tools to help you decide when to retire

These days, everyone is taking a new look at their finances — and no one is looking more closely than the millions of baby boomers who are nearing retirement age. While some boomers expected to retire at one of the traditional milestones, such as age 62, the current economy is forcing many of them to re-evaluate their plans. Many are wondering if they should work longer, or how their Social Security benefit — or their spouse's benefit — would be affected if they continued working.

As most workers know, your choice of a retirement age — from 62 to 70 — can dramatically affect your monthly Social Security benefit amount.

If you choose to start receiving benefits early, the monthly payments will be reduced based on the number of months you receive benefits before you reach your full retirement age. The rate of reduction will depend on the year you were born. For example, those born between 1943 and 1954 receive a maximum reduction of 25 percent.

If you wait until your full retirement age, your benefits will not be reduced. If you should choose to delay retirement, your benefit will increase up to eight percent a year from your full retirement age until age 70. However, there is no additional benefit increase after

you reach age 70, even if you continue to delay taking benefits.

There is an online calculator, called the Retirement Estimator, which can provide immediate retirement benefit estimates to help plan for your retirement. To use the Retirement Estimator, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov

health

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



Shingles

Shingles is a painful, blistering rash that can occur in people of all ages. It always presents on an area of skin that is on one side of the body. This means the rash does not cross the midline of the body. It usually starts with a tingling or burning sensation on an area of skin that turns into painful, small red blisters by the second or third day.

Shingles is a reactivation of the chicken pox virus. Anyone who has ever had chicken pox is susceptible to developing shingles. Shingles is not contracted from another person, rather it is a reactivation of the chicken pox virus that has been lying dormant in the body.

An outbreak of shingles tends to occur more often in the elderly and in people who may be immunocompromised. An immunocompromised person is someone who may be receiving chemotherapy or someone whose immune system is worn down. A

person's immune system can be temporarily worn down from emotional stress or physical stress, like another infection or illness.

Exposure to someone with shingles will not cause shingles, however, it can cause chicken pox in those who have never had chicken pox. Shingles may also be contagious to someone who is immunocompromised. Therefore, it is important that a person who has shingles avoid those who have not had the chicken pox, may be receiving chemotherapy, may be ill, or may be pregnant.

If you think you may have shingles, it is important to visit your health care provider immediately. There are antiviral medications which can decrease the severity and length of the outbreak, but they must be started within the first three days to be effective. There is also a vaccine available to those patients over 60 years old.

Quilt raffle winner



Every Tuesday morning last summer, five seniors got together to design, cut and sew a quilt for the Lowell Senior Center building fund raffle. Above is Phyllis Condon, the winner of the quilt, along with the quilters, Grace Neubecker, Jean Rockwell, Kathy Paroff, Dorothy Teesdale and Sally Golds. Condon explained through tears of joy, "I just loved the quilt and wanted it so bad. I can't believe I won it."

happy birthday!

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Local artist presents mystifying 'Signs and Symbols' show

by Emma Palova

In a world fascinated with mysterious symbols, signs and codes, local artist Kathleen Mooney presents her very own interpretation, now showing at the Riverwalk Gallery.

"Signs and Symbols" are paintings made from hand-carved block prints.

These earthly colored paintings with a touch of turquoise draw on ancient art, symbols, clothing designs and textiles.

For example, one painting is based on a design representing a fire-spitter masquerader from Cote d'Ivoire from West Africa.

"Symbols were used by every culture," said Mooney. "I believe that signs and symbols come out of time before writing."

Almost every culture has used the symbol of sun.

Just by looking at symbols, people could tell whether it was a symbol of harvest, abundance, medical or spiritual remedy, or comfort.

Mooney hand-carves block with signs and symbols, uses a tempera paint to brush on the block and print onto a watercolor paper. She uses speedball carving set tools.

"Print making is a lot easier than it used to be," said Mooney. "The material carves easily."

The process is easy, according to Mooney. It takes approximately three hours to make an original painting from a print.

"I hope people will see the show and get inspired," she said.

Mooney, a prolific and versatile artist, "is always

ready to make some art," as she puts it.

For those who do not know how to start, Mooney is offering art classes at the Fire and Water Art Gallery.

With her classes, Mooney is hoping to establish a greater connection between the arts and the community.

She can package art classes for one to 15 people, from one to five days.

Mooney has arrangements with the Franciscan Life Process Center for lodging, for a complete retreat experience.

"I see it as a fabulous place to be aware of what we have and partnering up to make things happen," said Mooney.

The show runs from Oct. 3 through Jan. 4. For information about classes, call the gallery at 890-1879.



Kathleen Mooney has new show 'Signs and Symbols' at Riverwalk Gallery.

Young Arrows run in kid's marathon

A handful of Lowell Red Arrow Youth Gymnastics' gymnasts ran in the Bagel Beanery Kid's Marathon Saturday in downtown Grand Rapids. Each child

had a chart to log 25 miles at home before race day. Saturday, the children ran the last 1.2 miles on the actual Grand Rapids Marathon

racecourse. At the finish line, each child received a medal and a certificate for their accomplishment of finishing a 26.2 mile marathon.



Pictured, left to right: Blake DeHaan, Paige DeHaan, Elise Marshall, Olivia Dennie, Paige Fosburg and Alyssa Mears; missing from picture: Lily Mulnix.

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Girls' Night Out, continued

The Lowell Area Historical Museum got creative with their food. Director Pat Allchin made a vegetable dish in the form of a skeleton with the skull made of a dip.

Cheese and dips, crackers and black potato chips, salamis and other goodies were available at most locations.

"It's a nice night of gathering, a time to catch up," said Amy Hayes at Pep Talk.



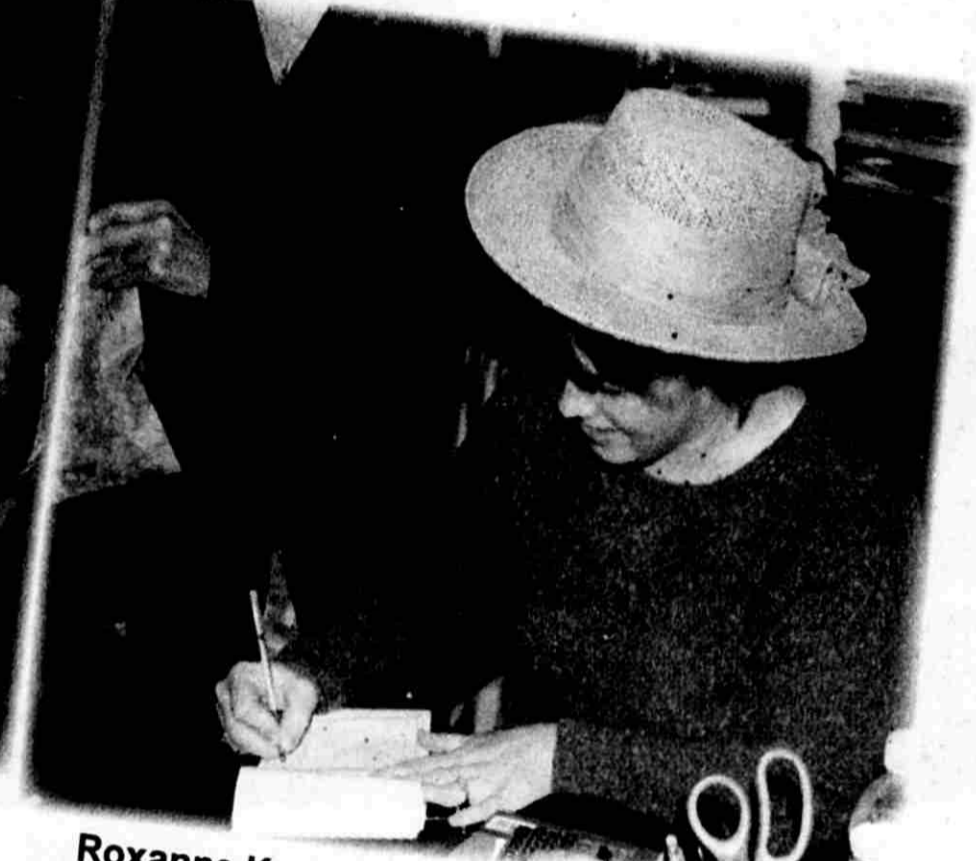
Aimee Creager with Jack Reedy at Rookies.

Helen and Bonnie Vezino met old friends at Cousins' Hallmark.

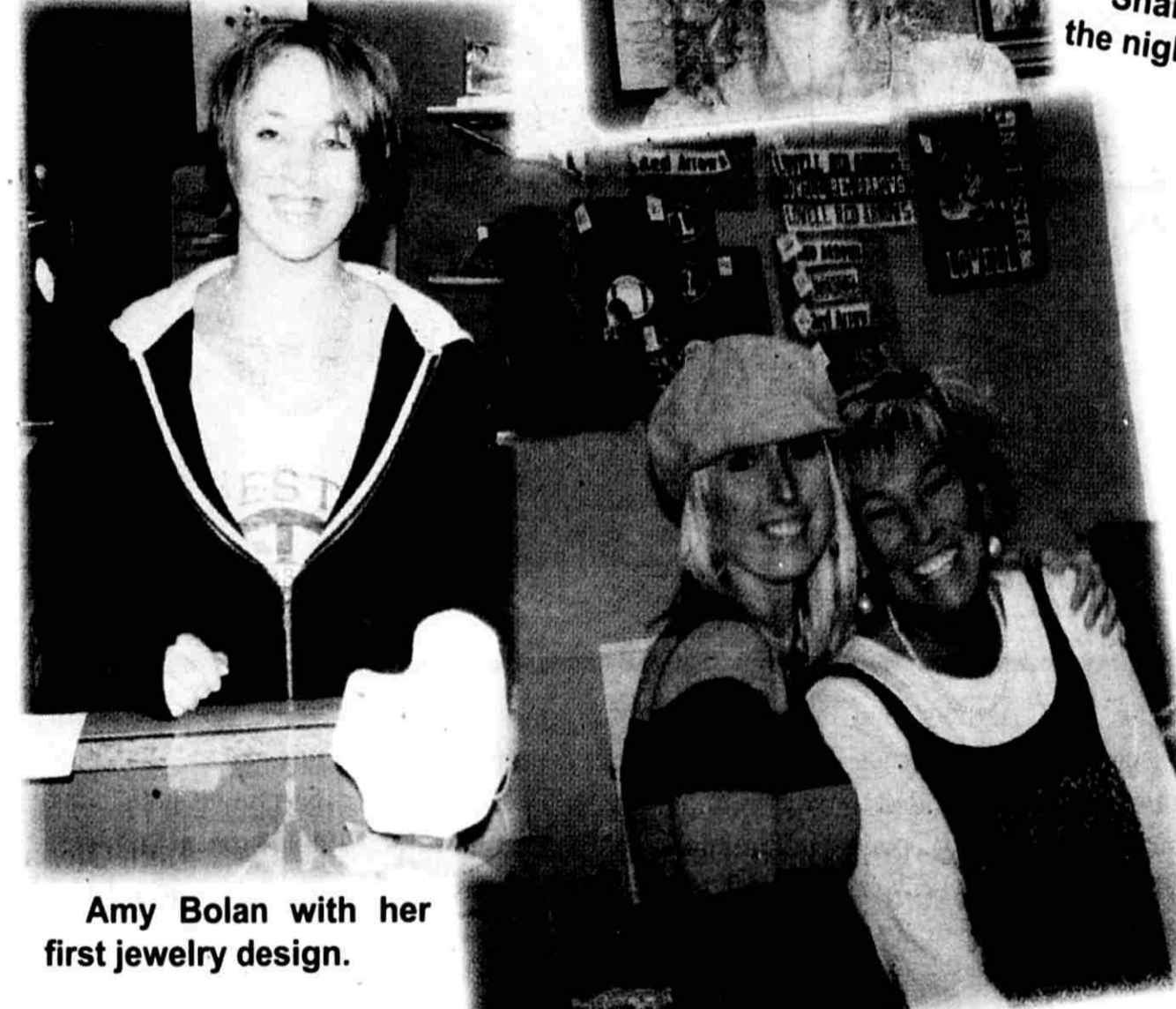
Missy Kincaid sporting a paper hat.



Shari and Kate Nelson enjoy the night out.



Roxanne Knott busy at the checkout at the Flat River Cottage.

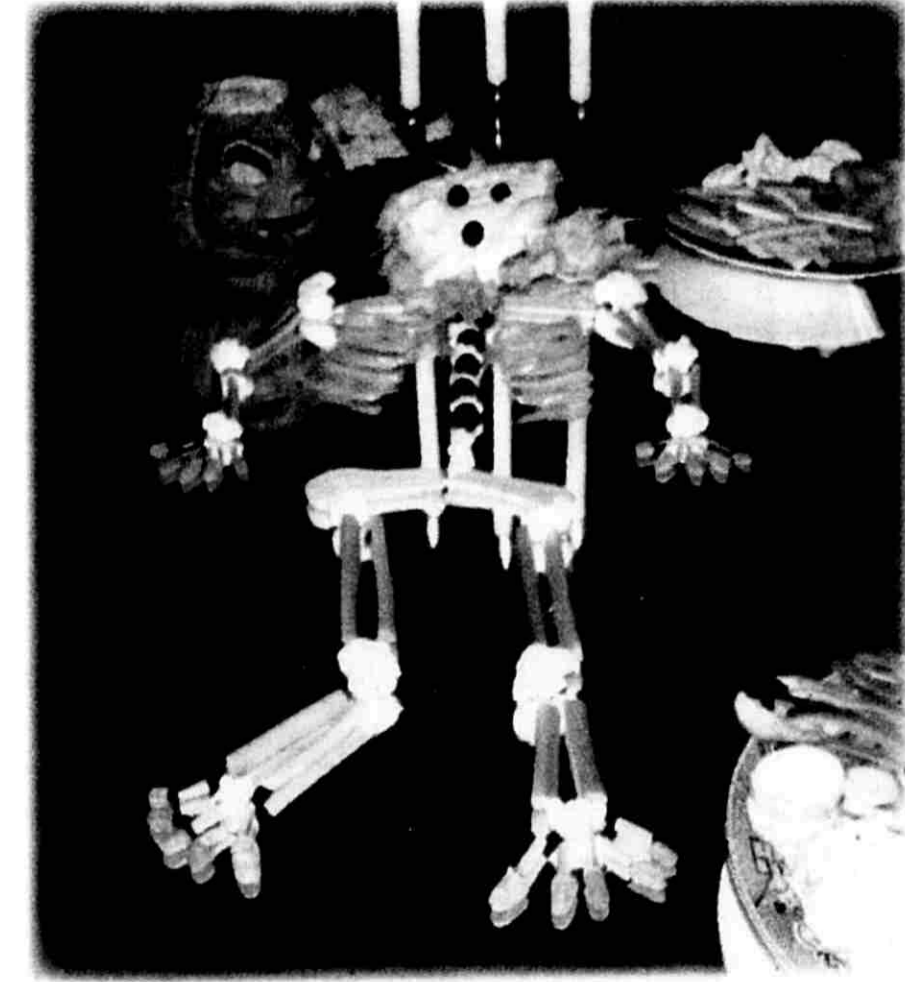


Amy Bolan with her first jewelry design.

Jenni Conlan and Amy Hayes at Pep Talk.



Julie DeVoe dons a fishing hat at Chimera Design.



Pat Allchin created a veggie and dip skeleton at the museum.

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TUES: Chicken patty on bun (bagel w/yogurt & peanut butter also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), carrot sticks, orange smiles, milk.

WED: French toast sticks/syrup & scrambled eggs, assorted fresh fruit, 100% fruit juice, milk.

THURS: Chicken drumstick w/dinner roll (fish & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes w/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Tony's Pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm baked apples, orange gelatin w/topping, milk.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell swept away by league's high-flying Eagles



Lowell's Jordan Timmer sets Lowell's offense into motion Thursday at Grand Rapids Christian.

League championship eludes Lowell soccer team by one game

by Thad Kraus
One game separated the top three soccer teams in the 2009 O-K White season. That narrowest of margins leaves a lot of room for the what if's and could've's and should've's for the two clubs who finished second and third. That's the dilemma and frustration Lowell was



Lowell battled back from a 2-0 deficit to defeat EGR 4-3.

by Thad Kraus

When it came down to taking care of business, Grand Rapids Christian's senior-laden volleyball club called on its experience to overcome a seven-point deficit (22-15) in game two en route to derailing the upstart Red Arrows in three sets.

"Our seniors are mentally tough. They don't let deficits get to them," said Eagle coach Melissa Seif. "Experience in these situations is huge."

On the other side of the 25-20, 26-24, 25-18 score, a youthful squad from Lowell was unable to put Grand Rapids Christian away after building a comfortable lead in game two.

Comfortable may have been the problem according to Red Arrow coach GiGi Peal.

"The girls got that big lead and relaxed and when things began to tighten up they panicked. Relaxing and panicking in volleyball is never good," she said.

The difference in the game, according to Peal,

Hannah Geelhoed (#10) and Jordan Timmer elevate the arms in attempt to block an Eagle hit.

was the mental focus of Christian compared to Lowell's lapse of mental focus after building a lead.

"That's the difference between playing six seniors and playing four sophomores," Peal said. "In that situation you have to put the game away."

Seif said her squad was a little tense and nervous entering the game, but for different reasons.

"The girls knew a win tonight would put us in great shape in the conference," Seif said.

Actually, the win gives the Eagles a strangle hold

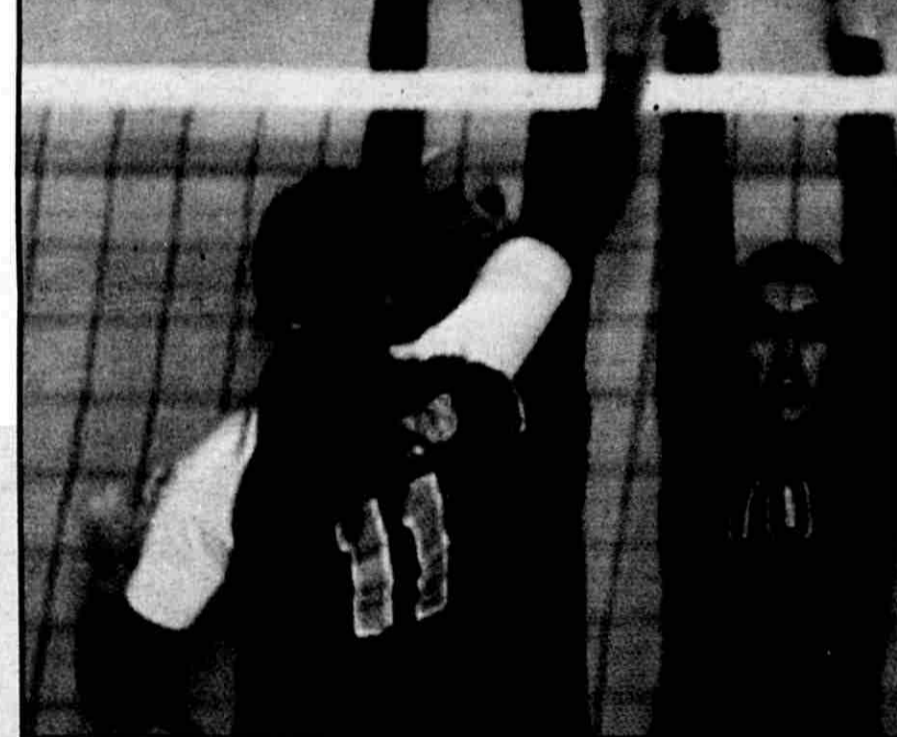
on the top spot in the O-K White.

Grand Rapids Christian swept both games against its two biggest competitors (EGR and Lowell).

"We have beat both of those schools twice. The girls can breathe a little easier now," Seif said.

Christian, who won the last five city league championships, now is situated nicely to make it two in a row in the O-K White.

"We like to win conference titles," Seif concluded with a smile.



left with as its 6-2-2 mark dropped it a game below league champion Grand Rapids Christian and a half game out of arms reach of Northview (7-2-1).

The Red Arrows had late second half leads twice against the Eagles and led in the second halves of both games against Northview. They came away with two ties and two losses.

There's no looking back or analyzing, however, needed for the league's eventual champion, Grand Rapids Christian. The Eagles finished at 8-1-1 atop the O-K White.

"It's difficult knowing all of that and knowing that the last five minutes of regulation in our second game against Christian was the difference between us finishing third as opposed to first," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge.

Other numbers Legge finds disheartening, his club finishes the regular season with three injured starters, two battling the flu and a handful of the team playing with the sniffles. "This is a fatigued club battling injury and illness," Legge explained.

The coach holds out hope a four-day respite before a Monday practice will bring back healthy bodies in time for a pre-district soccer game against Lansing Eastern.

Lowell held a 2-1 lead against Northview, another club which has battled injuries, before the Wildcats netted a game-tying goal.

The two teams, eventually, battled through a scoreless overtime for a 2-2 tie.

The two clubs traded second-half goals with Lowell earning a 4-3 victory.

"Every kid on this team left everything they had on the field against Northview," Legge said. "We made a couple of mistakes early against East, but these kids don't play scared and battled back to get a great result."

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Turnovers play big role in 27-6 loss at East Grand Rapids

by Thad Kraus

Lowell left Memorial Stadium in East Grand Rapids Friday night asking itself what happened?

Or was it a disbelieving, how did that happen?

How it happened was the Red Arrows not only did not eliminate Pioneer big plays, but it assisted in two of East's four touchdowns.

EGR returned two Lowell turnovers for touchdowns.

"There were so many sudden changes and our defense gave us so many opportunities," said East Grand Rapids coach Peter Stuursma. "Our defense was just outstanding tonight."

Stingy and relentless may be another way to describe the Pioneer defense.

It held Lowell under 100 yards rushing (96 yards) while giving up just 151 yards through the air and picking off four Lowell passes.

"When you're down two scores, you have to make a choice. Do you try to keep things respectable or do you call plays that give the boys a chance to get back into the game," Lowell coach Noel Dean explained.

And those passes were against a stellar Pioneer defensive secondary.

"Those four kids back there are the heart and soul of that team," Dean said. "Joe (Don), McEwen (A.J.), Spencer (Kirk) and Drummed (Josh), are good football players," Dean said.

"I just don't think you turn the ball over seven times and expect to win," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "But take away the turnovers and the punt return; and how bad did we really play?"

The 72-yard punt return was delivered early in the third quarter by Spencer.

"Kirk was outstanding. He's just a special athlete," Stuursma said. "I'm proud

of our kids. This is a huge win for them and our program."

East's first touchdown came when McEwen picked a fumble out of the air and ran it in for six.

The Pioneers took a 13-6 lead before the half on a 13-yard pass from Ryan Elble to Spencer.

The 58-yard scoring drive was set up when Lowell fumbled away a punt at midfield.

Spencer's 72-yard punt return in the third quarter made it 20-6.

Joe intercepted an attempted Lowell pass from its own end zone and returned it for a touchdown late in the third quarter, increasing EGR's lead to 27-6.

Lowell grabbed the early lead on a first-quarter eight-yard run by Gabe Dean. It capped a 65-yard scoring drive.

A bright spot from

Friday's loss was the outstanding play of the Red Arrow defense.

It held EGR to 94 yards rushing and 110 passing.

"Our defense played a really good game," Dean said.

Lowell, now 4-1 and 7-1 overall, hosts Northview in its final regular game of the season on Friday.

"We'll pick up the pieces. Grind it out and get tough," Dean concluded.

"We're a good football team and that's what good football teams do."



Red Arrow Jon Destine horse collars EGR's Kirk Spencer.

Someone had to say it! Thad Kraus

- Random football thoughts: 1. Anyone as glad as I am for the failure of Mark Sanchez and the Jets over the last couple of weeks? Maybe Pete Carroll knew what he was talking about. 2. Is it me or are there a lot of bad NFL football teams? 3. Would you be surprised if it came out that Tim Tebo was not 100 percent after suffering a concussion when he played against LSU? 4. Who should be held responsible for allowing young athletes, play who are suffering/recovering from concussions, to play? 5. Where's all the national yammering about Ja'Marcus Russell? Still think he will be better than Brady Quinn? 6. The Sunday Night in America pre-game show is much improved with Rodney Harrison and Tony Dungy. 7. Will Vince Young ever be a starting quarterback in the NFL again? 8. Do you think Cleveland regrets its hiring of Eric Mangini? 9. Should Michigan really be playing Delaware State? 10. If Boise State is the only undefeated team standing at year's end, should it play in the national championship game? Thad's 10 on 10 Among my many other shortfalls, it seems I can't count either. I only picked nine games last week and not 10. So this week, I will pick 11. For the record, I was 7-2 last week. My only losses came with Holland Christian's win over Hamilton and the Pioneers victory at home against the Red Arrows. My record now stands at 51-18 (75 percent). Allendale comes off a loss to Kelloggsville to play Hopkins. Falcons 'get r done.' Allendale wins! Caledonia hosts Middleville. Scots primed for playoff run. Caledonia wins! East Kentwood travels to Grand Haven after a tough loss to Rockford. Grand Haven wins!

- Holland Christian travels to Byron Center in a battle between Green and Gold. Bulldogs win! Jenison hosts Hudsonville. Neither squad will bathe in the post season. Hudsonville wins! Muskegon travels to West Ottawa. Big Red finishes strong. Muskegon wins! Mona Shores looks for win number six against Kenowa Hills. Sailors denied. Knights win! Hastings travels to Ottawa Hills. Be not afraid. Saxons win! Zealand West at home against Unity Christian. Crusaders cruise. Unity Christian wins! Catholic Central at home against Forest Hills Eastern. I like the Cougars. In a mild surprise, Catholic Central wins! Lowell, after a disappointing loss at East, hosts Northview. Bad timing for the Wildcats to be traveling to Red Arrow country. Lowell wins! Thad's New Top 10 1. Rockford 2. EGR 3. West Catholic 4. Lowell 5. Grand Haven 6. Kenowa Hills 7. Kelloggsville 8. Hamilton 9. Byron Center 10. Caledonia

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the regular minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payables were approved. Motion to approve the noise ordinance variance request from the Michigan Department of Transportation during the M-21 Flat River Bridge Project scheduled in 2010. Motion to award contract to the low bid from Lee's Trenching of \$34,446 for the water valve and main project in conjunction with the bridge project. Motion to approve the resolution ratifying and confirming City Building Officials determination to rescind order to demolish and remove buildings located at 115, 117 and 119 West Main Street. Motion to amend the cemetery rules that animals (dogs) are allow on a leash on hard surfaced walkways only in Oakwood Cemetery. Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2009. Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 2, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall. Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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BERGIN

Paul F. Bergin, "Papa", of Crystal River, Florida, died at age 81, on October 17, 2009 due to cancer. He was born on September 18, 1928 in Lowell to John and Frances (Carson) Bergin. Paul is survived by his sister, Marge Olney, of Gainesville, Florida; daughters, Ann Gray (Alan Miner), of Oceanside, California; Kay Bergin-Gambill, of Rockport, Texas; son, Michael (Cari), of Mishawaka, Indiana; Paul's former wife, Patricia Bergin, of New Carlisle, Indiana; grandchildren, Kendall (Heidi) Gray, of Salinas, California; Joseph Gray, of



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Albuquerque, New Mexico; Justin Lang, of Hartlingen, Texas; Matthew Lang, of Hobbs New Mexico; Tyler Bergin, of Mishawaka, Indiana; Kyle Bergin, of Osan Air Base Korea; and Christian Bergin, of Mishawaka, Indiana; along with great grandchildren Hayden and Sydney Gray, of Salinas, California. Also surviving are nephews, John (Sue) Bergin, of Ada; Eddie (Vicki) Olney, of Arcadia, Indiana; nieces, Carol (Phillip) Knowles, of Gainesville, Florida; Janet (Henry) Greene, of Gainesville, Florida and Joyce Olney, of Jensen Beach, Florida. Also his life's love and companion Florence Chamberlin, of Lexington, Kentucky (formerly of Archer, Florida); and lastly, his dog Wolf, who he rescued from the pound. Wolf was a fixture next to his side. Paul ensured that Wolf was the most spoiled dog there ever was! Paul was preceded in death by his parents; son, Patrick Paul Bergin; granddaughter, Brynn Bergin; brother, Jack Bergin; sister-in-law, Gladys Bergin; brother-in-law, Ed Olney; and niece, Peggy Olney. Paul was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 45th Infantry of the Oklahoma National Guard. He served in Korea from November 1951 to June 1952 with the First Cavalry Thunderbirds. Paul was a Tool and Die maker by trade and served his apprenticeship in Tool and Die in the Elkhart area. Paul founded B&B Molders, an injection molding company, in 1963. His giving nature

PECKHAM

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Peckham, age 89, went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 9, 2009. Born in Grand Rapids on June 5, 1920, she went to Florida in 1980 from Lowell. She was a beautician and a member of First United Methodist Church of Lakeland. She was



preceded in death by her husband, Richard M. Peckham. She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Peckham, of Grand Rapids; Carol Jane Peckham, of Lake Bluff, Illinois; and Karen Helene Fisher (Charlie), of Lake Alfred, Florida; son, Richard C. Peckham (Michelle), of Cedar Springs; sister, Helen Lord, of Flushing; brother, Roy Van Oosten, of Brooksville, Florida; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday, October 12, 2009 at Lakeland Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 280 East Pierce Street, Lake Alfred, FL 33850. Online condolences are available at lakelandfuneralhome.com

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. In loving memory of our Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, Carol Anderson Stevens June 23, 1924 October 21, 2007



CITY OF LOWELL OAKWOOD CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6, 2009 Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc., you wish to keep by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009 Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2009, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "BEAR SWAMP DRAIN", and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

- 41-24-01- 100-005, -009, -012, -014, -016, -018 thru -020; 200-014; 300-002, -003, -007, -010 thru -016; 400-009, -012; 501-004; 41-24-02- 200-002; 300-004, -017, -024; 400-002, -004, -005, -007, -009 thru -011; 41-24-11- 100-003, -006; 200-003, -004; 41-24-12- 100-001, -006;

Bowne Township at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County, Christian Wenger - Bowne Township Supervisor, and Jon Rice - Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2009.

William R. Byl - Kent County Drain Commissioner

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING SPECIAL - Receive 30% off your ads when you place it in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger and bring in 3 non-perishable food items for donation to Flat River Outreach Ministries. Ad must be prepaid. Deadline Thursdays at 5 p.m. for Saturday's paper. Special runs until Nov. 19, 2009. Stop by our office at 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MC, Visa & Discover accepted.
FALL DECORATING - Pumpkins: 1 lb. to 100+ lbs., gourds, straw, corn shocks, etc. Hewitt's, 10496 Bailey Dr.
FOR SALE - Oriental rug, smoky blue & gray, 3'x5'. Very fine weave. Perfect condition. Cost \$1,000, asking \$250. 897-3019.
APPLES - Gala, Honeycrisp, Spy, Empire, Golden Delicious, Jonagold. Mix & match, 4 bushel, \$25; 2 bushel, \$15. Good eating & cooking apples. See GR Craigslist ad, email applegirl8@hotmail.com or call 616-745-3898.
FOR SALE - Shot gun, Ultra Slug Hunter Thumb-hole stock, 12 ga. Laminated hardwood pistol grip, thumbhole stock w/recoil pad, swivel studs, 24" barrel with Ultragon TM Rifling 3" chamber, scope mount provided, new in box, \$225. Call 517-712-1504.
SHELLED CORN FOR CORN BURNERS - \$5 for a 50 lb. bag plus bag deposit. Call 897-1730.
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FOR SALE - Barely used Miller Sealed combustion oil furnace. Comes with piping. Will heat trailer or garage well. Call 897-5760.
APPLES! ALL YOU CAN PICK - Wed., Oct. 21 - Sun., Oct. 25, noon - 6 p.m. Bring your own bag or bucket! \$10 per adult - kids are FREE! Check in & pay at 12024 Four Mile Rd NE, Lowell. Questions call 616-299-3245 or 616-450-0495.
CLASSIFIEDS ARE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE ALSO - www.lowellbuyersguide.com.
LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent. Rent from \$350-\$550. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.
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LOWELL CITY AIRPORT - Tee hangar for rent, \$100. Jim 897-2530 or Dan 897-5785.
1 BEDROOM UPSTAIRS APARTMENT FOR RENT - in historic downtown Lowell. Water, electric, air included. You pay the gas. Laundry facilities available. \$430/month on 1-year lease. First month's rent is FREE. Call 897-0052.
ALTO - 1 bedroom apartment for rent. \$350 a month + utilities, \$350 deposit. Call 868-9915.
LOOKING FOR INDOOR STORAGE FOR YOUR BOAT, TRAILER OR CAR? - Lowell City Airport has hangar for rent for the winter. \$250 thru April 30. Call Jim 897-2530 or Dan 897-5785.
LARGE 3 BEDROOM UPSTAIRS APARTMENT - in downtown Belding. Stove & refrigerator furnished. 616-794-1109 or 616-794-2390.
MAKE SURE YOUR BUSINESS IS LISTED - in the 2010 Lowell City Directory! If you run a business out of your home & do not have a business phone number in the GR phone book, there will be a charge to put your phone number in the Lowell City Directory this year. There will also be a charge if you would like your cell phone listed or for an out of the area listing. The cost is \$10 & your business name & phone number will be listed in the red pages & one spot in the yellow pages. Call Tammy at 897-9560 or email: citydirectory@att.net for further info or to place your order.
HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.
CENTER COURT APT - first month rent free! (w/12 month lease.) 2 bedrooms, \$600; 1 bedroom, \$500; on-site laundry & cats allowed. Center Court Apt., 201 N. Center St., Lowell. Call CB Richard Ellis/Grand Rapids, 877-780-2200.
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GUN & KNIFE SHOW - Barry County Fairgrounds, M-37 in Hastings, Oct. 24 & 25, Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 9-4 p.m. 22 Rifle door prize, J&J Sport Shows, 1-800-968-5016.

card of thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my co-workers, family, friends and mail patrons for all the cards and gifts and especially the words of encouragement following my recent retirement from the Lowell Post Office. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 32 years serving so many of you on Lowell's rural routes. I will miss you all! Gary Blough, RR2 Mail Carrier, retired

sales

GARAGE SALE - Wed. & Thurs., 10/21 & 10/22, 9-5 p.m. Kids winter clothes, toys & misc. 13427 Forest River Ct. Rain or shine.

Community Calendar

- PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. They are ran on a space available basis & are not guaranteed to run. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad.
POP CAN DRIVE - The LHS Drum Line is holding a pop can drive at Tractor Supply on Sat., Oct. 24, from 4-6 p.m. Drop off cans or call 897-0531 for more info.
ST. PATRICK PLAYGROUP - Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. St. Patrick's preschool room. Stories, games, crafts, music & snack. Parents with young children welcome. Call Jennifer Post, 897-0251 or Sally Goffer, 863-4952 with any questions.
NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.
BETHEL COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR - Sun., Nov. 8, 6 p.m. at Evergreen Church. Music from various historical periods, hymn arrangements, gospel music, spirituals & music of other countries included in the program. No admission charge, a love offering will be taken. www.evergreenmc.org.
KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD - 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.
LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB - 2nd Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF WEST MICHIGAN - Support Group 3rd Wednesday at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. Call Carrie Pattee or Cindy Meyer at 897-8413.
TEEN READ WEEK - Thru Oct. 24 at Saranac & Clarksville Libraries. Tweens & Teens (11-18) can update library cards to a key card or replace a lost card for FREE! Outstanding library fines on Saranac or Clarksville Library books can be waived up to \$10.

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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 please.

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 Ledger staff or its publishers.

this week's

poll result:

Did you shop at Lowell's Girls' Night Out?

50% YES
50% NO
0% Didn't Know About It

Last week's poll question concerning the traffic speed study was worded in such a way as to suggest that the equipment was purchased solely for Hudson St. The money was spent some time ago and the equipment purchased is used repeatedly throughout the city for various speed studies. We apologize for any confusion.

So we lost - so what. It just wasn't our night. We have a team of outstanding young men led by great coaches. Our community has a great football program that we all should be proud of!

- Michele DeHaan

My dog and I love the dog park. We meet so many nice people and dogs there. It's so fun for both of us.

- JL

Thanks to Advanced Eyecare and all their supporters for the eyecare clinic held Saturday for senior citizens.

- Doug S.

Love the new layout of the Ledger. It certainly goes with the slogan "Lowell's the Next Place to Be."

A big thank you to the Lowell city road crews for filling the potholes. Much easier getting around town and I love the new sidewalks.

- Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens.

- Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

Lowell Light & Power has scheduled an outage for the early morning hours on Wednesday, November 4.

The outage is scheduled to begin at 3:00 a.m. and is expected to be completed by 4:30 a.m.

There will be three affected areas:

- All customers on the east side of town including the businesses on the north and south side of the Main St. bridge on the Flat River, and Jackson St. south to the intersection of Jackson and Oberly.
- West of the Flat River north of Chatham west to Hudson and north to Howard; also west of Hudson north and south side of Main Street to Smith Street and north to Howard. Purforms and St. Mary's are excluded in this outage.
- South of Main St. to Bowes Rd. on S. Broadway including Michigan Wire and portions of King Milling, and on S. Hudson including Ottawa, Maple and Grand. Building D and H of Schneider Manor, Larkin's, Buyers Guide, U. S. Post Office, AT&T, Lowell Museum, Blue Ribbon Feed and Shell Gas Station will also be affected.

Lowell Light & Power has scheduled an outage for 11:45 p.m. on November 7 (Saturday evening) and is expected to be completed on

November 8 (Sunday morning) by 4:00 a.m.

The affected areas will be:

- Riverside Dr./Water St. south of the power plant including King Milling, Back Water Cafe, south to Springrove Variety and west of Riverside Dr. along the north side of Main St. to N. Broadway (Dr. Reagan's office west to Cousins' Gift Shop).

As a precaution, we recommend that you disconnect major electronic equipment or at a minimum, complete a system backup on any computer systems prior to the outages.

It is our desire for this outage to cause you the least amount of inconvenience possible. If we can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to call us at 897-8402.

These outages are necessary for LL&P to transfer its existing electrical load to the circuits on the Bowes Road substation.

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OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 20

- Astronomers find 32 new planets outside our solar system, taking the number of known exponents to more than 400.
- U.S. drone 'shot down over Somalia.' Islamist insurgents say they have shot down a U.S. spy drone off the coast of Southern Somalia.
- A judge in New Orleans refused to issue a marriage license to an interracial couple stating concern for any children they might have. Louisiana's governor has requested the judge be removed.
- 'Balloon Boy' drama was staged, sheriff reports. The report of a runaway balloon that might carry a six-year-old boy was a hoax.
- Cornback Jasper Howard, of Connecticut, was found dead Saturday evening after a successful football game. Police are investigating the stabbing; no one has been arrested.
- A U.N. - backed panel released, Monday, that investigators have thrown out hundreds of thousands of ballots for Afghanistan's president. The report sets the stage for a runoff.
- A clump of hair believed to have been trimmed from Elvis Presley's head when he joined the Army in 1958 was sold for \$15,000 at a Chicago auction house.
- Three runners die competing in Detroit marathon.
- A size four model claims American fashion giant, Ralph Lauren, fired her after an eight year partnership because she was too fat to fit in the sample sizes.
- China has begun to resettle 330,000 people to make way for a project to divert water from the south of the country to the north. The cost of the project is 62 billion dollars and is expected to take four years.

Kid Scoop

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HALLOWEEN TRICKY TREATS

Halloween's a fun, spooky night. But what's really scary is what all that sugary candy can do to your teeth.

Woo-hoo! Lots of candy just for ME!

Hold on there, kid! Halloween treats can be tricky.

I don't want to lose my beautiful fangs! What can I do?

I used to have perfect teeth, but now look.

Beware of decay!

Your _____ are covered with a thin, _____ film (plaque).

Bacteria in this film changes starches and sugars found in foods like and cookies into a kind of sugar, called glucose (glue-kos).

When bacteria and glucose get together, they form acid. And this acid can make in the hard enamel covering your teeth. These holes are called cavities.

SAVING THE DAY FROM TOOTH DECAY!

You can stop the attack of acid on your teeth by removing the plaque and food from your teeth by brushing at least twice every day. Brushing after snacks is a good idea, too.

Brushing Chart

Keep track each day by coloring in the sun when you brush after your breakfast and the moon when you brush after you eat dinner.

SUNDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MONDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TUESDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WEDNESDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
THURSDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRIDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SATURDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CANDY STICKY TOGETHER TEETH HOLES QUICKLY

Bats are flying away with some of the words! Can you find where each word belongs?

Follow the toothpaste trail to the toothbrush.

Cavities: The Hole Story

If you get a cavity, your dentist can fix it by first removing the decayed part of your tooth with a special drill. The dentist then fills the hole in your tooth with a special material. The result is called a filling.

Your dentist can give you an anesthetic. That's a kind of medicine that will numb the area around the problem tooth while you're getting your new filling.

Which two skulls are the same?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Magic Teeth Square

Write the numbers 1 to 9, so that each row, column and diagonal adds up to the number 15.
Hint: There is more than one correct solution.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Adds sums to 15.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

L	A	I	C	E	P	S	S	C	W
A	C	I	D	E	U	Q	A	L	F
G	I	V	E	E	V	T	E	P	
Y	F	R	T	S	I	R	N	S	I
L	A	R	E	T	O	A	B	K	L
L	N	C	I	T	M	C	M	U	L
I	G	E	E	C	E	U	L	I	
R	S	A	L	D	T	A	N	L	N
D	S	R	A	G	U	S	B	S	G

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Half empty or half full?

Attitudes are part of health. Use the sports or editorial section to find examples of optimistic statements and pessimistic statements. What conclusions can you draw about attitude?

Standards Link: Health: Identify positive and negative ways of dealing with emotions or stress.

Where do werewolves stay when they're on vacation?

ANSWER: At the Howliday Inn.

Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the six spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.

The first toothbrush was a "chewingstick" used by the Babylonians as early as 3500 BC. It was about the size of a modern pencil. One end was chewed until it became soft and brush-like while the other end was pointed and used as a pick to clean food from between the teeth.

The first bristled toothbrush originated in China at around 1600 AD. In 1780, the first toothbrush was made by William Addis of England.

In time, synthetic bristles replaced the original natural swine bristles. In 1939, electric toothbrushes were introduced.

Most Americans didn't brush their tooth until soldiers brought the Army's enforced habit back him from World War II.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

What a Character! Healthy is ...

... brushing your teeth at least twice every day.

Kid Scoop - John

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BRUSH in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

B	R	U	S	H	
	S				
		S			
			R		
				R	S

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CAVITY**

The noun cavity means a hollow place or hole.

Tommy had a cavity filled at the dentist this week.

Try to use the word cavity in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On! MONSTER MEETING

One stormy evening, a huge monster knocks on your door. "May I please borrow some toothpaste?" he asks. Complete this story!

Sticky ending for successful Alto Elementary PTO fundraiser



Principal Randy Fleenor was turned into a human sundae after students participated in Walk-A-Thon.

On October 8 and 9, Alto Elementary students participated in the third annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser put on by the Alto PTO. This is the primary fundraiser for the PTO and once again was very successful. Three years ago, the PTO chose to promote healthy living by having a Walk-A-Thon rather than having students sell items from catalogs. It has proven to be a win, win situation for students, parents, families and the PTO.

This year, \$8,500 was raised. Principal Randy Fleenor put the challenge to the students that if they raised \$12,000, they could turn him into a human

sundae. Even though they were short of the goal, Fleenor was a great sport and made good on his promise. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the Walk-A-Thon queen and king (top girl and boy money raisers) started the human sundae process by covering Fleenor with whipped cream and chocolate syrup. Then, any student who raised \$50 or more, got their shot with more whipped cream, chocolate sauce, marshmallows and candy sprinkles. Hats off to the great group of students and fun principal for helping the PTO raise funds to support Alto students.

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