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Fall Back!

Daylight saving time ends this Sunday,

Nov.1 at 2 a.m.

Three candidates for three open seats on the city council in November

by Emma Palova

With the impending downtown bridge replacement project hanging in the air like Damocles sword and the economy in deep trenches, surprisingly, three candidates have stepped up to fill three open seats on the Lowell City Council.

It was the passion for public service that drove all three at a time when most would just sit back and watch what's going to happen.

Incumbent mayor Jim Hodges, 59, is a veteran of public service, currently serving his 15th nonconsecutive year on the city council. As a veteran of the Bowes Road traffic light project, dating back to the mid '90s, Hodges knows the importance of communication during a major construction project.

"It will be difficult, it will be painful, but it will be wonderful when it's done," he said.

In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Hodges is hoping to use the construction chaos as a promotion for downtown businesses. Already, the city council has extended hours of construction into the night to speed up the project. And one-way traffic will be maintained to allow access for fire trucks to the east part of town. "Safety and maintaining services to the public are my priorities," he said.

Tweaking the already tight budget also tops the priorities, although there may not be much left to trim.

"Our budget is good; we've balanced every department equally," he said.

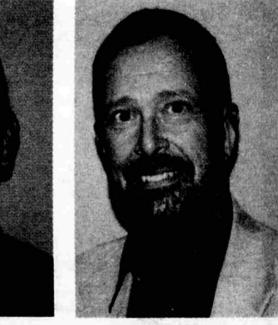
Some of the upcoming cost savings and revenue generating avenues include the restructuring of ticket fees, bringing up to code the North Washington cityowned house, watching expenses with other cityowned properties such as the Chamber and the museum. "They are responsible for their direct expenses," said Hodges.

And through the DDA, Hodges intends to pursue further marketing of the downtown area. Hodges said he is very much in favor of creating a west side Candidates, continued page 3

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City Council candidates Andrew Schrauben, left, and Jim Hodges. Maryalene LaPonsie was not available for photo.





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Orchestrated sounds Late fall en antenance model



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Soccer season ends



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Lowell schools brace for more budget cuts

In a continued momentum of budget talks, the Lowell Area Schools (LAS) district is expecting another \$127 cut in per pupil foundation on top of the already approved \$165 due to state deficit. The final word is expected within 30 days.

But, the cutting trend is nothing new to the school districts. The schools have been cut ever since proposal A and steadily since 2002, according to LAS superintendent Greg Pratt.

"We need to be more proactive and work with the legislature to fix the structural deficit," said Pratt. "The state does not have a reliable funding stream."

The budget this year stands at \$ 33.7 million in

revenues, and \$34.7 in expenditures. However, Pratt expects even more cuts next year due to the structural deficit.

If the additional \$127 cut passes, the district will loose \$1.1 million in revenues. First, any maintenance projects will be put on hold. The per pupil foundation for 2008 was \$7,316.

Lowell hosts St. Johns in opening week of playoffs

by Thad Kraus

St. Johns! What do we know about the Redwings?

We know they finished the regular season at 6-3. Its losses have come to DeWitt (52-7), Mt. Pleasant (19-14) and Mason (36-0).

We know they tied for first in the Red Division of the Capital Area Activities conference.

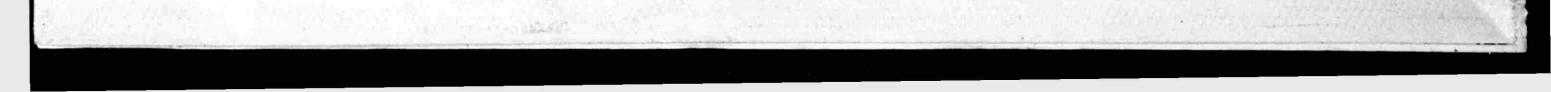
We know they are familiar with playing state ranked teams. St. Johns played four of them this year. Lansing Sexton and Mason were state ranked when they played St. Johns.

DeWitt (2nd Div. 3) and Mt. Pleasant (3rd Div. 3) are still ranked.

And we know the last time (2004) these two schools met on the gridiron, the Red Arrows won 38-17 and with it the school's second state football title.

Playoffs, continued page 9

A late October tour through the pioneer village of Fallasburg, a bygone era with fallen leaves on the river and long reflections of dark trees and limbs, evoke Halloween moods. The abandoned buildings, such as the Tower Farm, 1896 and the Fallass Cemetery, 1854 along with the Covered Bridge, beckon for a walking tour.



"ledger Variety of issues discussed by planning commission

by Emma Palova

The mission, Monday night, discussed a variety of issues from day care homes, the options for the placement in residential maintenance building at Schneider Manor, to temporary garages and the outdoor lighting ordinance.

Debra Baldwin requested a special use commission favored the the roof. permit for a group day care home at 807 Bowes Road for up to 12 children. A Clark Jahnke said he hates temporary structures. public hearing has been set variances and Pfaller stands for Nov. 23.

Leo Pfaller sought direction from the planning commission in regard to opposed the proposal the construction of a 76 by because of his view and Pasquale said permanent 36 maintenance building decreasing property value structures at Schneider Manor. The and suggested building in encouraged. property is zoned multiple the north south direction.

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residential planning com- requires a 30 foot yard devoted setback.

> Pfaller presented two to temporary of the building, one without Temporary garages, pending a variance but a red maple an ordinance amendment, would be lost, the other may be allowed up to 12 would require a setback feet in height to the eaves orvariance. The planning 15 feet in height to the top of second option to save the approval.

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commission an extensive philosophical discussion

garages districts.

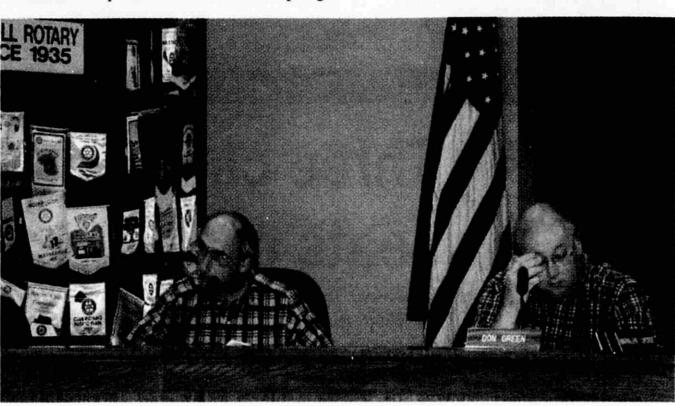
Commissioner Jim tree, although commissioner Hall was not in favor of tall

"It drags down the only a 50 percent chance of neighborhood, it doesn't add to property value," said

> City manager Dave should be

Jahnke presented the

reviewed outdoor lighting public street lighting will be ordinance. The only changes exempt from light trespass. made to the previous versions light output on public streets replacement is ready to start p.m. at the city hall. shall not be required and that in the spring.



Commissioners Clark Jahnke and Don Green

Litehouse receives award for best dressing

for Dressings and Sauces dressing.

"It's a fabulous award," a unique taste." said Wendell Christoff. great job."

The was product

award from the Association and Thai peanut dressings.

"The industry is for tangy orange citrus constantly looking for new consumer trends with low flavors," said Christoff. "It's calories, no preservatives,

The dressing is so "It's also a tribute to our versatile that it can be used Litehouse competitors and dressings, development team. We have as sauce, a marinade or a suppliers made the winning mustard and other condiment high quality people doing a dip, as well as served hot or selection. cold.

developed in response to looking for healthy products 2010 Board of Directors dressings-sauces.org a growing trend in Asian with multiple uses that

marketing and innovations.

Tangy Orange Citrus fits Dana Point, CA. no msg and being fat free.

Christoff said that

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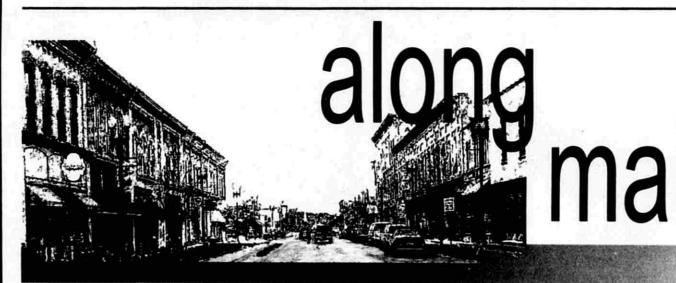
Two Public Hearings will be held at regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 16, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Michael Harding, 12880 Jordan Meadows NE, Lowell, is applying for a special exception use permit under section 201.402 (B) "Accessory building on a vacant adjoining parcel of a dwelling parcel" to build a detached accessory building. The vacant parcel is lot 3 at 12895 Jordan Meadows Ct.

Dennis Heffron, 7724 Ashley Ave., Belding, MI, is applying for a special exception use permit under section 201.304 (C) (10) "Freestanding farm buildings" to split a parcel that will contain farm buildings without a dwelling. The new parcel is located at 2821 Parnell and is north and west of the house area.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, 616-897-5671, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or it received by the Clerk in writing or by e-mail at clerk@vergennestwp.org by 7:00 pm November 16, 2009.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk



Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations and The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS

Trunk or Treat will be held Sat., Oct. 31 at the following locations: First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 5-7 p.m.; First Congregational United Church of Christ. 865 Go to www.angelfoodministries.com Any questions, call Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, 5-7 p.m.

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. Adults and children 10+ with adult supervision. All tools provided. Bring leather gloves. Advanced registration is not required but appreciated, email Melanie@naturenearby.org or call 616-451-9476.

BUSHNELL CEILING TILE ART

Bushnell has over a decade of painted ceiling tiles that we would like to return to the artists who created them over the years. If your family has artwork that has been on loan at Bushnell, you are invited to come to reclaim your masterpiece on Mon., Nov. 2 or Wed., Nov. 4 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. The tiles will be located on our gymnasium stage.

LAHM PRESENTS VIETNAM PART II

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.

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Esther, 897-7395.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

The Lowell American Legion will have it's annual Veteran's Day dinner on Wed., Nov. 11 at the Veterans Center, 3116 South Alden Nash Rd. William "Bill" Jamerson will present a program called "The CCC Camps of Michigan and the Songs They Sang." Reservations must be made no later than Fri., Nov. 6, 5 p.m. Cost for dinner and program to the public is \$10 per person. A Gathering Time will be from 6-6:45 p.m., dinner served at 6:45 p.m. with the program following. Reservations, call Dave at 897-2533.

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).

"COATS FOR KIDS"

Curtis Cleaners second annual coat drive is trying to collect 200 coats to clean and deliver to those in need. Collecting coats at all locations: 1410 W. Main St. (Lowell), 450 Michigan St.; 6471 28th St. (Cascade, starting Nov. 2) and on their free pickup and delivery routes. All coats will be donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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joint planning commission meeting with Pasquale informed the city and the townships included that the average that the MDOT bridge will be held on Nov. 10 at 7

Litehouse has won the dressings. It complements make their lives easier," said for the Association for 2009 Dressing of the Year the popular sesame ginger Paul Kusche, director of Dressings and Sauces at the Oct. 11 election held in

> The Association for and Sauces Dressings is an international trade of salad association mayonnaise. sauce manufacturers and Christoff has also been their suppliers. For more "Today's consumers are reelected to serve on the information go to www.

> > main st.

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Candidates, continued

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Riverwalk as an extension of the east side and the newly commission. But, he was may realize cost savings to the city. replaced bridge.

showcase our best asset, the river," said Hodges.

Hodges envisions planned progress and slow growth for the city.

"We want to keep Lowell a terrific place to come for people of all ages, but especially for children, the next demographic of replacement so it is the best place to raise Lowell. children," he said.

important for people to be place," he said. contributors to the society in whatever they choose.

"The city has grown well over the last 21 years," he said. "The best government is local government; you know your decision makers enthusiasm to the table," he property." and they know you."

Newcomer Andrew Schrauben, 33, has entered complaining, the public service arena wants citizens to bring marketing campaign as part to Rep. Patty Birkholz. She

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already familiar with citizen group.

"I believe I can make a waste hauler. difference," he said.

Schrauben represents the MDOT

Hodges believes it is drive the town to be the next the state agency and the taking shots in the dark."

He believes in a more proactive and analytical approach to issues and involvement.

said.

Rather

through the planning constructive approach that of the long term vision for was appointed to the council look at extending leases the city, as in the case of "It would help us work from the Voice group the Voice group working responsibility," he that gained momentum on yard waste recycling, "It's a matter of listening to during the Lowell Cable recording meetings on everyone else and what the Television fund discussions, a DVD format, or the and from a conservation council further exploring an exclusive franchise to one engineer.

> On the issue of analytical approach. downtown project. Schrauben stressed the need speed of the project.

"We have a lot of nice recent bow and things for a small town," hunting said Schrauben. "We amendment as an example more definite policy in regard spurring more community have our own airport, the of analytical approach and to the city rentals, such supposed to be for the Riverwalk and a nice library the importance of process. "Bring your ideas and and the North Washington

> Schrauben believes all LaPonsie, 32, has plenty of than these assets have to be a part experience in politics as a issues, LaPonsie would truthful and not intrusive." Schrauben of the 'Next Place to Be' legislative aide of 12 years

majority wants."

As an aerospace Schrauben like to serve." will bring to the table an government is when all the as fast as possible with "Process matters more citizens are involved. than the result," he said, "the "I have a good detour. understanding of how the correct process will get the "We are the next ones to for strong coordination with right result, so we're not government works," she economic development in said. "I am open-minded the downtown area, local and willing to change my street repair and vacant the Schrauben used arrow

ordinance In spite of her age,

council woman Maryalene

Cook-off proceeds go toward trailway

Lowell Trailway receives from Chili The event raised over Pictured, left to right. board members Betsy Davidson, AI Larkin's coordinator Deb Apol campaign chair Seese.

college news

David Christopher, Hendricks and Kendall College of Art Allison Manz, all of Ada, and Design, and the and John Rasch, of Lowell, College of Professional completed the requirements and Technological Studies for certificates, associate, during the semester that bachelor's, and doctoral degrees at

Hefferan, Ferris State University, master's ended in August 2009.

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Thank you Jeff Eckstrom for your vision and persistence with the creation of the Lowell dog park. Because of your determination and ability to secure major financial support (Dr. Bruce Langlois of the Animal Hospital of Lowell) along with the many contributions from private citizens, the Lowell dog park is celebrating two overwhelmingly successful years.

The new park in Lowell has become a place where like-minded people, along with their dogs, can gather for exercise and good conversation.

You truly were instrumental in creating a community within our community. **Thanks Jeff**

From the LDP committee and all who enjoy the park





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to fill in former mayor Jeanne and purchasing used "Public service is a Shores' seat. She has served equipment. She would on the planning commission like to see more activities for five years.

"I want to bring a businesses. different perspective to the council," she said, "and I

as the North Washington people," she said. "We property, the Chamber and listen to the residents, the the museum.

to help downtown

Just like the other LaPonsie candidates, wants the downtown bridge LaPonsie said the best replacement project done traffic flowing through the

Her priorities include buildings. She would like LaPonsie wants to set a the Riverwalk extended.

"Government citizens' opinion needs As far as budget to stand. We need to be

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which read, "Whatever you Because of the success of vividly imagine, ardently Pink Arrow II, they can now desire, sincerely believe and provide numerous programs enthusiastically act upon and activities to individuals

- must inevitably come to in our community. pass." The spirit and vision of this quote came true for us that our community can all on a recent, spectacular, imagine, pull together, act Friday evening in Lowell. upon and realize our goals. On September 11, the Pink Now, more than ever, we Arrow project, which began will be challenged to do so. last year as a vision of coach I'm sure by now you've heard Noel Dean, came to pass. of the recent K-12 budget This year, those who worked bill that was passed by the and planned the 2009 Pink legislature and signed by Arrow service learning Governor Granholm. Sadly, project expanded their even after all of our efforts dreams, shared a passionate to meet with legislators desire they believed and they and contacts made to the acted. Their actions and Governor urging her the actions of our students, veto the bill, the Lowell our volunteer, and our Area Schools now faces community answered a call. As a result of those actions, The K-12 budget signed families in our community by the Governor equates to who are battling cancer will \$640,000 - \$165 per student receive the help they deserve. reduction this school year. This year, Gilda's Club, a There is reason to believe nationally recognized free that additional cuts could be



tendent Greg Pratt

I once read a quote became a reality in Lowell.

It's comforting to know to significant mid-year cuts.

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the cuts for the 2010/2011 press on with our work to high school curriculum. proud that in the face of school year will be even provide strong and rigorous That is just one of many the consequences which greater. There is simply programs, all the while examples of an expensive result from actions of adult monumental structural seeking efficiencies that legislated requirement for legislators, current and past, budget problem.

we must imagine success seen significant change in despite a declining budget the way we do business. In extraordinary and shrinking stream of fact, in a November 2006 difficulties we face, the revenue in the immediate 'Sharing the Vision' article Lowell Area Schools and future. We will survive I discussed the reforms the students have acted and through these unprecedented brought to the high school responded with tremendous economic challenges and due to a new mandatory success. We can be very



Air Force Airman Andrew P. Bigelow graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base. San Antonio. Texas.

The airman completed intensive, eight-week an that included program training in military discipline and studies. Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Bigelow earned honor distinction as an graduate.

He is the son of Tawnya Vreeland, of Saranac.

Bigelow is a 2006 graduate of Saranac High

School. * * * *

Andrew P. Bigelow

only change can bring. This school districts mandated As a result of this news, is not the first time we have and unfunded by the state. spite of In

financial

Air Force Airman 1st Class Rebecca A. LaBelle graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies. Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.





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our students' scores on the Michigan Merit and ACT exams have continued to the soar. What has 'inevitably come to pass' is that our

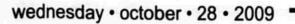
district and Lowell High School continues to be one of the most regarded high schools in the area.

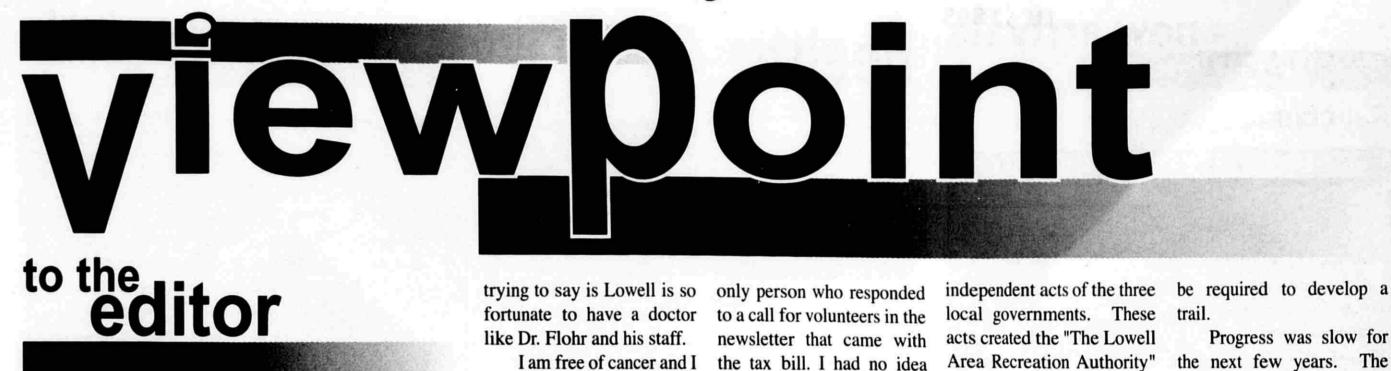
She is the daughter of Michael LaBelle, of Ada,

and Deborah Defries, of Garden Ridge, Texas. LaBelle is a 2008 graduate of Rockford High



Rebecca A. LaBelle





Dear Editor.

I would like to reply to the article in the View Point about supporting your local businesses. I have to say it was a good article, but I also believe that there is more than one side to every story.

If you look back fifty years, many types of businesses that occupied the downtown area, no longer exist today in that area. Why? Because many had a hard time competing in a new and challenging society. Small businesses still have the same problem as they did fifty years ago with the same echo that I heard back then: It should be the obligation of the constituent to buy within the community. But I see it differently. Businesses should earn the right to be in business through competition. It's about businesses offering quality products at competitive prices. It's about service. It's about many things, but

it is not about obligation. To have a thriving business district, you have to have a competitive one.

> Sincerely, Jim Howard Lowell

Dear Editor,

In May, I made my annual trip for my eye exam to Dr. Flohr.

After checking the right eye and finding it was okay, he went the left one. I could see nothing. He made me an appointment with a doctor in Grand Rapids. To make a long story short, he found cancer. The following week, my husband and I went to all who prayed for me.

What I am really



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal October 29, 1884

Mrs. J. W. Hine's class in modern literature will meet at her residence Thursday afternoon, Nov. 6, at two o'clock. It is a cordial invitation to all young ladies to be present. These young ladies express a desire to become acquainted with the lives and works of our modern authors, a disposition certainly to be commended and encouraged. To become thus conversant with this branch of literature is the object of the class. There will be no expense to attend the class.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 28, 1909

The Lowell Specialty Company's new machine building makes a splendid addition to the equipment of that prosperous and growing concern.

It is built of cement blocks is two stories high. The machinery department is well-lighted and the workmen now have plenty of elbow room.

The Specialty Company is one of our very best industries and THE LEDGER is always pleased to note its growth.

(Speertras) Intrain Ocala, Florida

Dear Editor.

friends.

in January 1999, people exactly where it would go, began arriving for a meeting but there were plenty of in the upstairs conference ideas. The only restrictions room at Lowell Power and on the project were: 1) It Light Company. I didn't had to connect all three know anyone at the time communities. 2) There because I was a newcomer would be no tax increase to the area, having lived here of any kind. These two less than two years. From concepts are the guideposts the conversations, I began to for the project to this day. identify the participants: the leader was the superintendent January, I attended the of Lowell Schools, the Clerk monthly meetings of this from Vergennes Township group for the next ten was there, officials from the years and continue to do Ann Arbor where I met a City of Lowell and Lowell so. Money from the Lowell doctor. He said, "I am Dr. C. Township were also there, Community Foundation and your procedure is June 1 one fellow was from the paid for a study in 2002 that at 7:30." By that time, I was YMCA; there were several crystallized long-term plans a wreck, but with the help of businessmen, a consultant, for what would become the my family and lots of prayer, and an engineer who seemed Lowell Area Trailway. In I made it. I am thankful to to know a lot about bridges. 2004, this ad hoc group was I was just an observer, the formally incorporated by

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 1, 1934

The Ledger has just placed in operation a new composing machine, making the second machine of this type to be placed in operation in this office. This machine, called the Linotype, with intertype features, is used by large newspapers throughout the world. It involves a large investment, but will enable us to do better newspaper work, besides greatly increasing our facilities for the composition of job printing. With this new machine the Ledger equipment for setting news and job type is equal in efficiency to that of the largest newspaper and job printing plants.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 29, 1959

Mrs. John Abraham has been appointed branch librarian for Lowell Public Library according to Miss Joyce Pleune, lirector of Kent County Library.

Mrs. Abraham is a resident of Lowell where she is active in business and civic affairs. She will take over her new duties on Tuesday, October 27.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger October 31, 1984

An amendment to the State School Aid Act and curriculum offerings at Lowell Senior High will result in the Lowell school district receiving an additional \$28 per pupil during the 1984-85 school year.

To qualify for the extra monies, a school district must offer a minimum six hour day at the senior high. Each class must be a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction. Also, 20 percent of all pupils in grades 9 to 12 must be enrolled in six periods.

decade. meeting was developing a walking/bicycle trail for the On a cold snowy night Lowell area. No one knew

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After that night in

The topic of the

newsletter that came with acts created the "The Lowell people in a personal mission provided the authority to there was never much time Mary Alice that would span the next apply for grants, negotiate easements, sign contracts and other actions that would

Progress was slow for have a wonderful family and that I was about to join these (LARA). This new status group was all volunteer, so

> to the editor, continued page 14



Avoid these scary investment moves

again, so you'll probably you meet your goals. be seeing a lot of ghosts, . Scary Move No. 3: goblins, werewolves. While you may - or too conservatively. If find these sightings more you invest too aggressively, amusing than fear-inducing, you could be taking vou don't have to look far unnecessary chances. On to find things that really are the other hand, if you invest frightening - such as scary too conservatively, you may investment moves.

Fortunately, them. Here are a few to consider:

Scary 1: Trying to "time" the "unbalanced" - Over time, market - If you always your individual situation knew when to "buy low will change, as will the and sell high," you'd be a fundamentals of some of tremendously successful the investments you own. investor. Unfortunately, no That's why it's important one can accurately predict that you regularly rebalance highs and lows – and if your portfolio, possibly with you try to jump in and out the help of an experienced of investments in response financial professional. to speculation about where . Scary Move No. 5: the market is heading, Failing to take advantage you could end up missing of investment opportunities good opportunities. You're typically better off by staying goals, such as a comfortable risk tolerance, time horizon investment opportunities. (Keep in mind, though, that can afford to your 401(k) or diversification, by itself, other employer-sponsored protect against a loss.)

You can get "hot" investment neighbor, your brother-inalways see at the bus stop. But while these tips may be well intentioned, they may be flawed, f or a couple of reasons. First, if an investment really was "hot," by the time you hear about it and get around to purchasing it, it may already be cooling off. But more importantly, it might not be suitable for your individual needs. Look for investments that you

It's Halloween time understand and that can help

witches and Investing too aggressively never achieve your longby term objectives. Try to find recognizing these sinister a mix of investments that steps, you can help avoid fits your individual risk tolerance.

> Scary Move No. 4: Move No. Leaving your portfolio

 To help meet your invested and investing retirement, it's important to based on your individual take advantage of suitable and need for diversification. Contribute as much as you cannot guarantee a profit or retirement plan, as well as your IRA and other · Scary Move No. 2: retirement accounts you Chasing after "hot" tips - may have. As an investor, your greatest ally is time, so tips from anybody – your the more years you invest - especially when you're law or even that guy you investing in tax-advantaged accounts such as a 401(k) and an IRA - the greater your prospects for achieving your financial objectives.

You can't elude all the pitfalls that life may hold in store. But by avoiding these terrifying investment moves, you can help improve your prospects for long-term success - and that's not a scary thought at all.

new arrivals health

Reynolds



Lorrissa Marie Reynolds

Gordon Reynolds, of Lowell, are born on October 12, 2009 happy to announce the birth at 7:23 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. of their daughter, Lorrissa and measuring 21 inches.

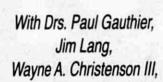
and Kari Marie Reynolds. She was

college news

The following students Lowell. In order to qualify ciuk, Elise Wisnieski, and any semester. Maryann Zvirzdinis, all of

were appointed to the spring for the Dean's List a student 2009 Dean's List at Aqui- must maintain a grade point nas College: Kyle Austin, average of 3.5 or above in Allison Schneider, Nicole a minimum of 12 hours or Shepard, Chantal Todos- more of graded credits in

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John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



Keloids

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causes a red, raised area the scar and laser therapy develop after a body piercing right for you. or tattoo, or after surgery. Keloids sometimes show up three months or longer after the skin is injured, and some will continue to grow for vears.

Keloids are more likely to develop in people who are black, Latino, or Asian, in people under age thirty, in pregnant women, in teenagers going through puberty, and those with a family history of keloids. People who have darker skin are 15 to 20 percent more likely to develop keloids. Certain areas of the body are more likely to scar than others. Keloids

After skin is injured, treatment options for keloids. the body's cells try to repair The goal of treatment is to it by forming a scar. In some flatten the scar. Treatments people, the scar tissue keeps include getting corticosteroid forming after the wound shots, freezing the scar, heals. This extra scar tissue wearing silicone sheets over on the skin that is called a Some of these treatments are keloid. Keloids don't usually expensive and take time to hurt, but may feel itchy or work. Different treatments sensitive to the touch. They work for different people. inches. can develop after the skin is Talk with your physician



Abigail Elaine Demsich

Abigail Elaine Demsich and Norm and Angela Great-grandparents Verlin, of Rockford; Cecilia Proud parents are Chris Zdanio, of Warren; and

was born on September 4, Demsich, of Frankenmuth. 2009 at 3:16 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 Velma Perry, of Lowell; Lois burned or cut. They also can about which option may be and Andrea Demsich, of Mark and Elanor Demsich, Alto. Grandparents are Bert of Frankenmuth. and Karen Baker, of Lowell;

happy birthday!

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Middle school students participate in Fall Strings Fest



LHS freshman Breana McKendrick instructs seventh graders: Coryn Woodworth, Desiree Striplin, Kennedy Coxin, Ciara Cornish, Khari Valentine and Courtney Onan.

of Sally Golds, of Lowell, and David Robertson, of Hurlburt Field, Florida. Fort Scott, Kansas, recently was promoted to the rank responsible for global of Major in the United States Air Force (USAF). His duties include advising He was also reassigned to the AFSOC commander be Chief, Basing Branch, on basing issues, leading

In The Service

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Alan T. Robertson, son Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), He now leads the branch

basing of AFSOC forces. Headquarters, Air site activation task forces,

assessing base infrastructure capacity to support USAF Special Operations Forces missions, and coordinating programming plans with Headquarters Air Force, Inited States Special Operation Command, and Department of Defense agencies to activate, deactivate or move AFSOC

Robertson's Major core job is an Acquisition Manager for the USAF. He primarily helps buy, test and modify weaponssystems. His

The Fall Strings Fest held on Saturday, Oct. 17, was an opportunity for seventh and eighth grade middle school orchestra students to have a funfilled day of learning, team building, and performance. Students received small group instruction coached by the most advanced Lowell High School musicians. attended rehearsals, and team-building played games. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the Music Boosters, there was no cost for the students to participate. At the end the Fall Strings Fest the students performed in a fall concert for their families and friends.

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II, A-10A, and F-22 aircraft. AFSOC.



Alan T. Robertson









Eighth grade violinists, Devin McKinney and Taylor Smoes, receive small group instruction.

included working in various as the Chief, MC-130 Business Administration capacities on the T-6A Texan Recapitalization Program at degree in General Business

Prior to his Air Force career, he served four Operator in the United States Army and three years in Project Management as an Infantryman in the (Wright State University, United States Army National Fairborn, Ohio, 2002) Guard.

Associate of Arts degree Ms. Michelle Maxa, of Rapids College, Grand Rapids, Flint.

revious USAF assignments He also recently worked 1996), a Bachelor of with a minor in Marketing University, (Davenport Grand Rapids, 1998), years as a Firefinder Radar and a Master of Business degree Administration

> Major Robertson is He has earned an married to the former in Political Science (Grand Chesaning, and they have a Community five-year-old son, Brayton

Vietnam War veterans tell personal stories

by Emma Palova

Vietnam War, area veterans their minds.

Jarmosco and Don Kramer and Gore as a tunnel rat. will be part of a panel at the 5 sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

"This will allow veterans to tell their personal stories," said moderator Mark Weber.

have received Purple Hearts Weber. for their heroism. Two veterans, Gore and Jarmosco, to life again in the upcoming from Vietnam yet."

Fifty years after the were drafted and all three presentation that continues a mine detonated. Kramer John Vanderwilp. Jerry Gore, Steve served as a boatswain's mate

"Vietnam: The Troubled War war has also become the story Hospital in Grand Rapids, were ridiculed, according to Weber, who grew up with Weber.

The history of the war just should be told. All the featured veterans sat there for 50 years," said

were injured. Jarmosco, last year's "Part One" that will share their personal a machine gunner, was featured veterans, Lovie doesn't repeat itself. stories of horror still fresh in paralyzed in the war when Dudeck, Rich Straub and

of these veterans. Weber used The story of the troubled sources such as the Veteran's - Part two" discussion at the of these veterans. As the war friends and the Lowell Area Lowell High School on Nov. dragged on, it became less Historical Museum. Most and less popular and when veterans were very reluctant its heroes came home, they to tell their stories. But for the Vietnam War, it was "They felt betrayed. imperative that the story

"There's a lesson to be learned," said Weber, "we Now, it is coming back haven't learned a lesson

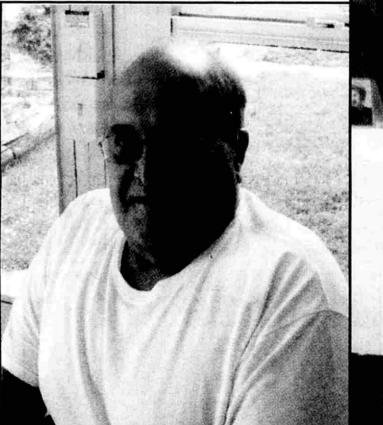
And the lesson to be learned is that the history

These veterans have become It wasn't easy to find any tragic heroes 50 years later," said Weber.

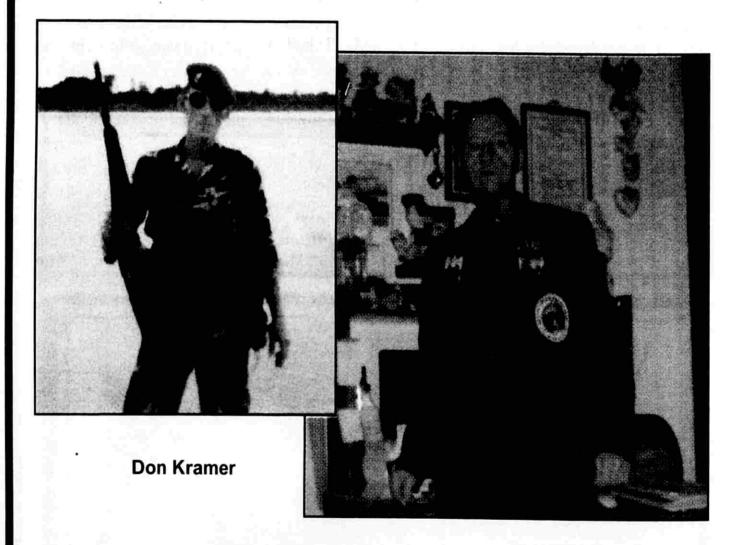
> From top: Jerry Gore, Steve Jarmosco and Don Kramer pictured now and during the Vietnam era.

Weber, who was language arts teacher at the of what it was like being a Lowell Area Schools and "It's a powerful story. the middle school principal. has its own historical value. "I hope people will November.





Steve Jarmosco



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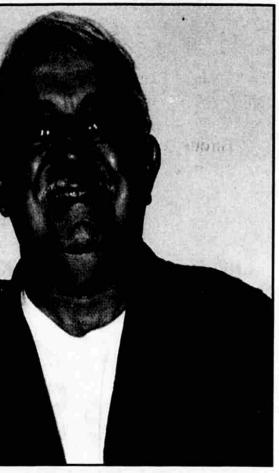
Dated this 12th day of October, 2009.

William R. Byl - Kent County Drain Commissioner

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develop an appreciation

Vietnam vet," said Weber. The discussion is part of believes the story of Vietnam an ongoing series, featuring veterans from all wars, in



Jerry Gore



Playoffs, continued

Red Arrow

overcome some adversity at its best when it controls School Athletic Association this year in terms of being the ball and clock and makes football playoffs in seven of There's some pretty stiff nicked up and in terms of our big plays. schedule." said St. John's coach Dave Mariage. "It's offensive line to get off been a very resilient team."

Through its wing-t offense it serves up a lot ball so our linebackers can of senior fullback Jake step up and make plays," Robinson and quarterback Ed Peters.

Mariage said his club is player in the Michigan High

SPARTS

"For this, we need our senior Mariage explained.

St. Johns has been a Pleasant.

the last 10 years.

don't want to be a program the ball and we need our that just gets in. We want defensive line to get off the to get in and make a run," a mystique. They've forced Mariage said.

lost in the first round to Mt.

"The last couple of years we've been sent west. competition over there." "That's not bad, but we Mariage said. "With Lowell. Rockford and East Grand Rapids, the west has built others to elevate their game Last year the Redwings if they want to compete."

Red Arrow soccer upends Quakers then outed by Okemos

by Thad Kraus

soccer team's 2009 season happen in the second half. after the opening 40 minutes Lansing Eastern.

"We just did not play well in the first half. It may have been the worst half of soccer we've played all coach Paul Legge.

six seniors that there would The fire appeared to be no soccer tomorrow if be flickering on the Lowell they did not make something

"It's the first time this of district play against year I felt the need to get on this club," Legge said. "The boys weren't working and yet I thought a pretty for balls or challenging for evenly matched game," said possession."

The half-time comments Davis. "Lowell's quick goal year," said Lowell soccer got the result Legge was in the second half pressed season ended in the district looking for as his Red us. I didn't think we had semi final against Okemos. The Lowell coach used Arrows netted two goals for enough legs over the final 25 Lowell was shutout 4-0. half-time to share with his a 2-0 win over the Ouakers.

The Red Arrows needed minutes. The boys ran out of just five minutes into the gas." second half before Sean DenBraven, on an assist from Matt Kyllonen, creased the net for a 1-0 Lowell lead.

Area Activities conference. "It was a physical game Jacob served up the final goal of the game with a little less Lansing Eastern coach Jeff than four minutes to play.

The Red Arrows'

Lowell finds its stride in second half of Northview blowout

by Thad Kraus

Still showing lingering led by only seven (21-14) at came off the field following good about what we were and our seniors played a third. Dean's touchdown East Grand Rapids, Lowell football coach Noel Dean conversed about and then displayed the importance club's Friday nights.

"Our boys got their noses cut off last week. East Grand Rapids is an outstanding football team." Dean explained.

Northview.

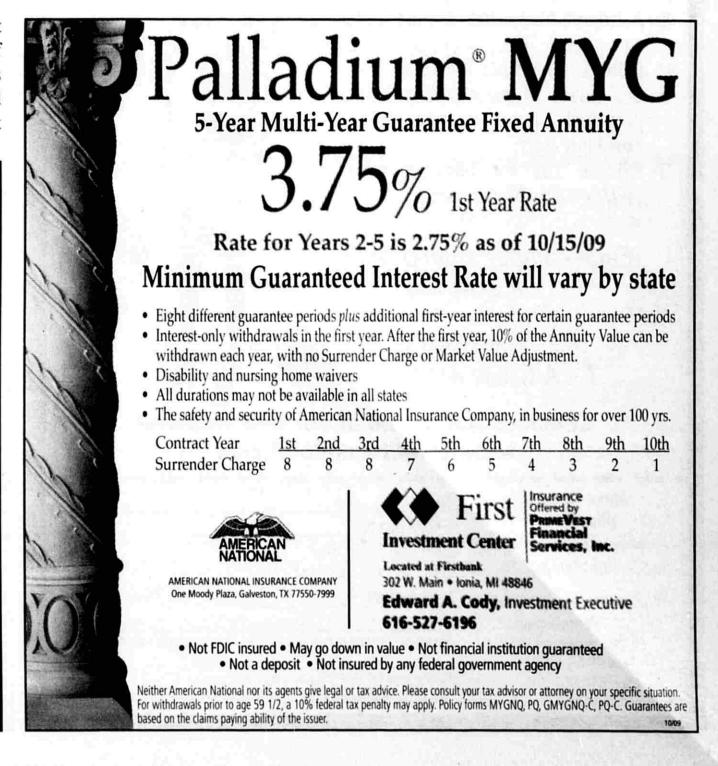
"A lot of that (beat) was missing in the first half," of putting fun back into his Dean explained. "I had a good conversation with them at half-time about coming out and putting fun back into their football."

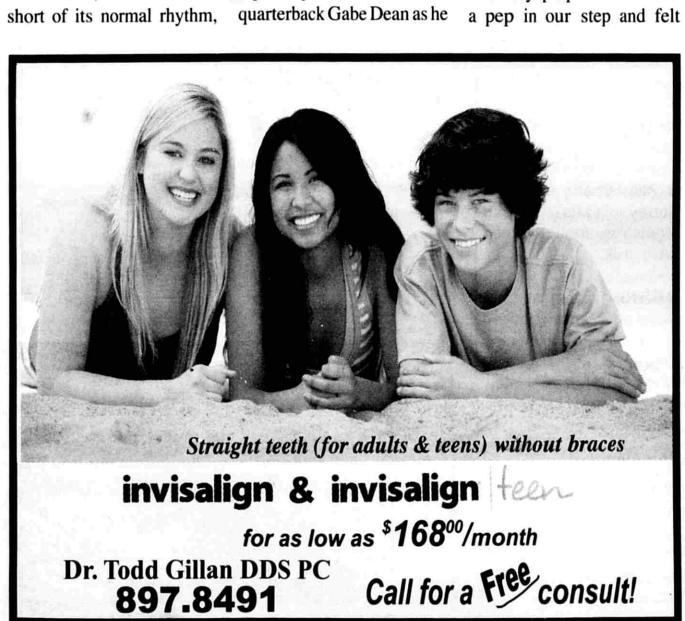
then walked the talk as he practice and got themselves Lowell, a beat or two hip-bumped Red Arrow mentally prepared. We had

effects from its loss to half-time of its 54-14 regular an early third-quarter score doing and got back to that tough," said Northview runs covered 56 and 86 season-ending win against which saw the Red Arrows tonight." outscore the Wildcats 26-0.

"It really felt good, to seven (21-14) on an because it was kind of a outstanding pass-and-catch play like a sophomore." whole team effort in the second half, with the blocked punt, interception, pass plays; it was collective," Dean said. "They fought The Lowell coach through a tough week of

from Nick Rasmussen to Cam Delger.

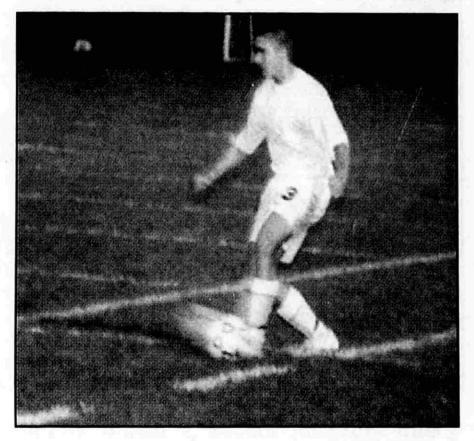




Lowell High School will host St. Johns High School in a predistrict football playoff game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium on Friday, Oct. 30 at "

No passes are accepted for the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament games and there is no reserved seating.

The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and seating is on a first come basis. No blankets may be placed in the bleachers prior to the gates opening. Tickets will go on sale in the Lowell athletic office on Friday at 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and then be available at the stadium beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and are required for all but babies in arms.



The Quakers finished the year at 10-8-1. They finished fourth in the Capital Karasiewicz

Matt Kyllonen scored the game's first goal in Lowell's 2-0 win over Lansing Eastern.

sophomore but he doesn't Hanrahan.

191 yards. He scored two today," Dean said. "I felt we were prepared touchdowns and threw for

football coach Rob Zeitman. yards. His touchdown pass Northview cut its deficit "Lowell's number two is a was seven yards to Keegan

> "I'm pretty proud of the Dean led all rushers with way (Gabe) bounced back

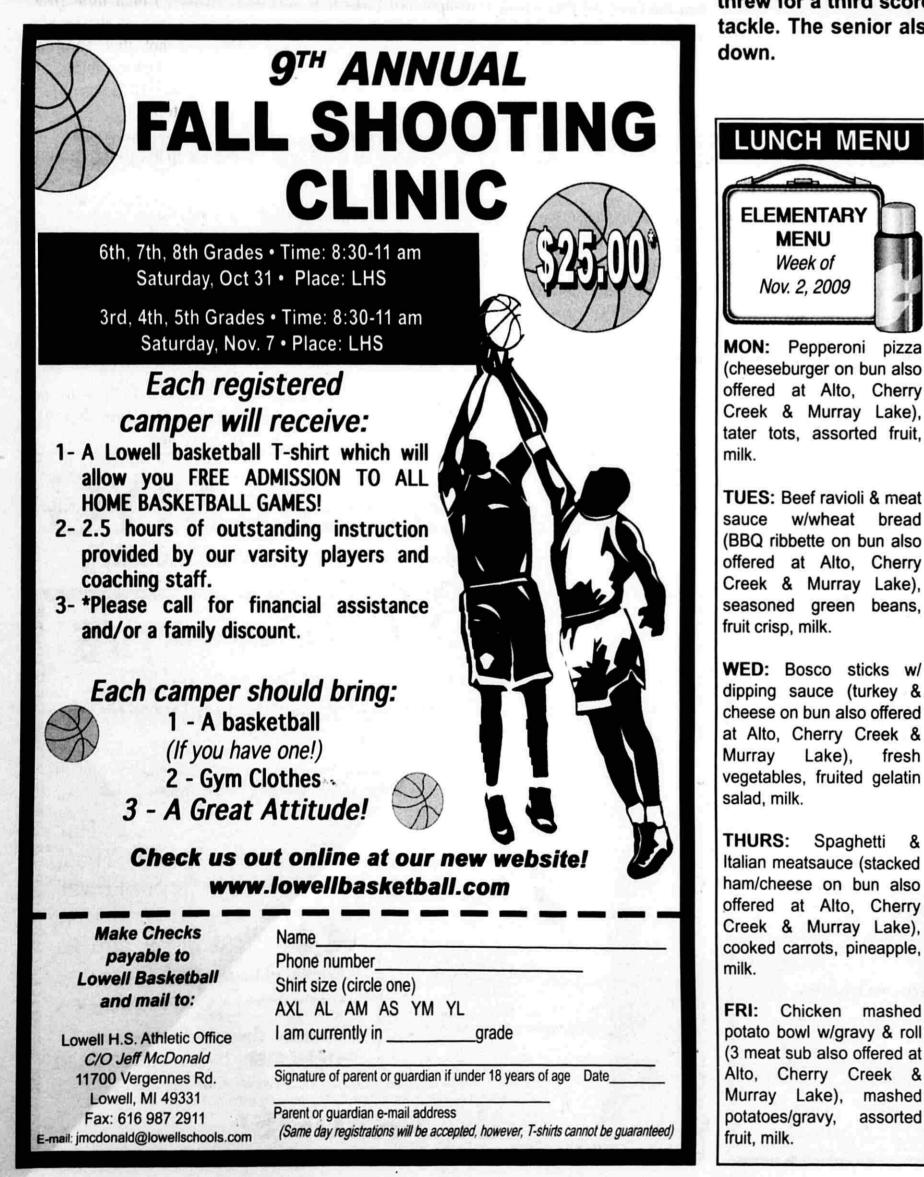
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Red Arrow SPARTS

Matt Houston makes a diving attempt to stop Northview quarterback Nick Rasmussen.



Football, continued

Senior tailback Austin Graham rushed for 185 yards, scoring on touchdown runs of eight, 44, 23 yards.



fourth quarter.

The only defensive score year. came in the third quarter in front of a Nick Rasmussen for a touchdown.

In the first half, I don't think we really played our Lowell coach Noel Dean. style right off the bat,"



threw for a third score. Lowell's Randy Hogan wraps things up on this tackle. The senior also returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown.



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sauce w/wheat bread

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Lowell fourth

by Thad Kraus was Zach Robinson in the fourth and final O-K White conference Jamboree at Riverside Park.

The Red Arrow placed ninth in a time of 17:33. Creston's Matt Hight

was first stopping the clock in 16:56.

top five runners were: Tom Mark (26th), 18:16; Caleb Hershberger (27th), 18:28; and John Mark (42nd), 19:12.



Red Arrow

Senior Pat Martin scored Dean said. "Give credit to the game's final touchdown Northview; they played on a one-yard sneak in the well. They're the secondbest team we've played all

Northview rushed for when Randy Hogan stepped 76 yards and threw for 110. "We were very assertive pass and then raced 30 yards defensively and, I thought, our secondary covered really well in the second half," said



in season finale

Lowell was fourth in Lowell's top harrier the six-team Jamboree with 100 points.

> Grand Rapids Christian won the event with 20 points.

East Grand Rapids was second with 82 and Creston finished third with 86.

Northview was fifth at 117 placing ahead of The Red Arrows' other Greenville, 123.

The Red Arrow boys compete in the regional cross country meet at Carson Ben Partridge (36th), 18:59; City-Crystal on Saturday.

by Thad Kraus down 24-22.

With that, GiGi Peal conference play this week called a time-out and told against Greenville before her young Red Arrows it preparing for its district was time to quit playing not opener against Rockford. to lose and instead go out and fight to win the game.

Lowell did, preventing away by East a decisive game five, as the Red Arrows rallied for for a signature O-K White a victory in game four and conference win slipped away with it a 25-17, 25-14, 23-25, in disheartening fashion for Lowell is good and they are 26-24 win over Northview.

"I don't care who you're team. playing, you never want to relieved Peal.

fight through the adversity and get the wanted result.

"We've been in that situation many times before figure out why the girls are and tonight the girls were not getting over the hump," able to close things out," said Peal said.

Lowell in assists with 38. receive, I thought we played The Red Arrow also tied better volleyball tonight." for the most kills (13) with

by Thad Kraus

time.

Lowell

ago is the bad news.

week they are competing

against two of the best teams

in the state. East Grand

Rapids and Grand Rapids

Sara Ellis.

Christian.

girls

cross

better than a year ago at this also battling the flu.

Lowell went from being Madelyn Brower. Hannah up 20-16 in game four to Geelhoed added 10.

Lowell closes out

SPORTS

Lowell swept

Another opportunity the Lowell girls' volleyball

The Red Arrows held get into a game five," said a four-point leads late into games two and three only the mental aspect of it. I'm On the upside, her to see them evaporate in a young squad was able to three-set loss to East Grand Rapids, 25-22, 25-22 and 25-20.

"We're struggling to Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal. "Other Jordan Timmer led than struggling with serve-

Peal noted confidence may still be what's missing with her young Arrows.

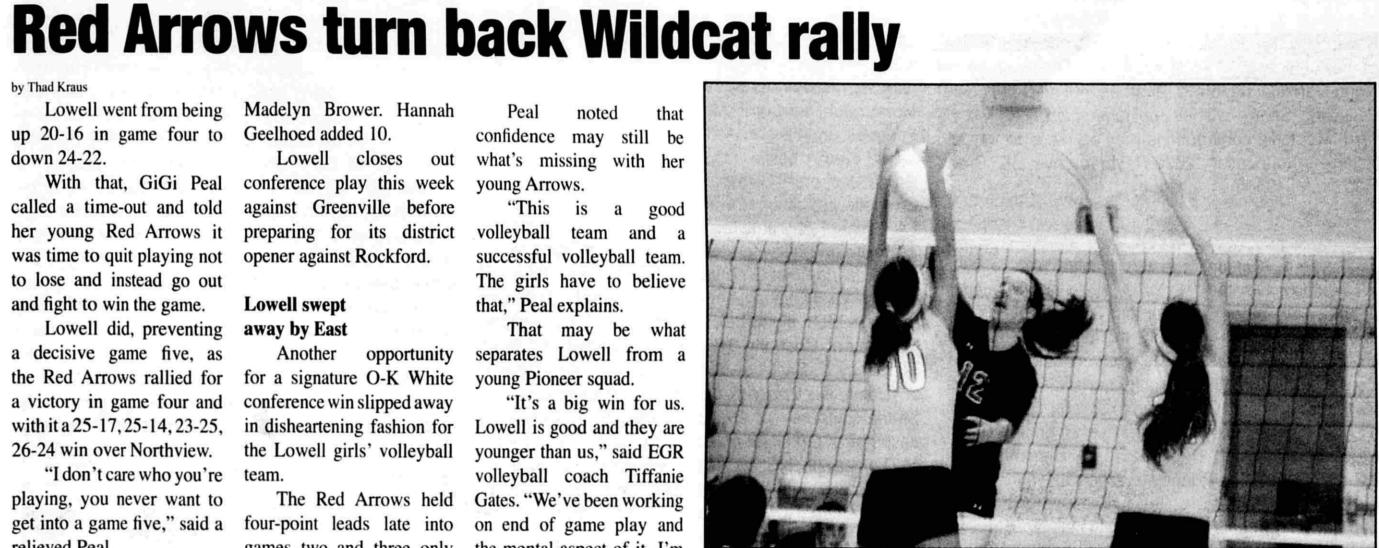
"This is a good volleyball team and a successful volleyball team. The girls have to believe that," Peal explains.

That may be what separates Lowell from a young Pioneer squad.

"It's a big win for us. younger than us," said EGR volleyball coach Tiffanie Gates. "We've been working on end of game play and happy with how the girls played tonight."

While happy for the most part, with her club's play, Peal was disappointed by the way her team failed to execute directions given to them during time-outs. "The girls have to trust

what we want them to do and then go out there and execute," Peal explained.



Lowell's Katie Tompkins attempts to drive this hit through two Pioneer blockers.



In watching the first half of the Lowell football game that the vibe, the Red Arrow mojo, was a beat or two off. I thought there was

something different, wrong if you will, before the game even started. Most noticeably,

was raining for like the 24th consecutive hour; the attendance wasn't what it normally is for a Lowell football game and the band was late with the fight song bringing the Red Arrows out onto the field.

This was all followed up by the fact Lowell wasn't up 30 by half-time for the second consecutive week.

drop can be attributed to the rain, the opponent and last week's loss to East. Lowell fans

become spoiled. Defeating an upstart program isn't enough anymore.

Its top runner, Taylor 21:40.4; Karis Dilly (38th), 21:52.36; Carissa Paiz (55th), 22:45.46; and Emily Jelsma (57th), 22:56.46. The Jamboree was won "We're improving but so team time at Riverside Park by East Grand Rapids with 21 points. Lowell was fifth

20:37.5; Amy Bartkus (31st),

with 115. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 42, followed by Northview, 87 and Greenville, 113. Lowell competes in

regional action on Saturday The top five times at Carson City-Crystal.

Like other area schools, handed in by Red Arrows

In Lowell that's what happens every time our Red Arrows come out to play. That's why our State Farm® office is You know where proud to support them all season long. one stadium can light up a whole town? 13) Deborah A Wilks, Agent 2050 W Main Street owell, MI 49331 Bus: 616-897-9737 www.deborahwilks.com I'M THERE

Like never before, the pantry shelves are very bare at Flat River Outreach Ministries (our Lowell food bank). Thus, football and wrestling have joined forces to help our Lowell families. Please bring any boxed and/or canned food that you can donate to the football game this Friday and to any future playoff games that we host on our home football field. If you forget, there will be a donation box and we will do the shopping for you. Please help our community during these tough economic times!

Despite that, Lowell's was a full minute faster and nearly 90 seconds faster than "The program is making

country team's times are Lowell's cross country is were Rebekah Betts (15th),

That's the good news. Marchido, missed the fourth and final O-K White

The fact their opponents' times are faster than a year Jamboree due to the flu. is our competition," explains Lowell cross country coach last year at this time. The Red Arrows are not

Lowell runners fifth

at Riverside Jamboree

progress. It just is not as fast as we would like," Ellis said.

helped by the fact that every

I think the attendance

have

Thad Kraus

Dare I say the Lowell faithful were still suffering Friday night, it seemed to me the effects from the disappointing loss to East?

Unless it's the Pioneers, a win in the O-K White doesn't matter anymore. The O-K White isn't the strongest of leagues, thus lacks the appeal it once held.

Coaches and players train themselves, win or lose. 24 hours after the completion of one game, it's time to refocus on the game ahead

Fans, for the most part, don't or are unable to do so. The Red Arrows are 22-7 in playoff appearances this

decade. Mention Lowell and the

high school playoffs to some. not all, and the first thing out of their mouths will be the loss to Muskegon last year. That's a harsh and tough

lately' standard they have wins! set.

Ironically, it is a bar that Lowell's success has raised. Fans by nature are fickle.

A couple quality playoff wins and all will be well again. Thad's 10 on 10

For the second time in nine weeks, I mastered the art of perfection.

That's right, not just perfect but an unblemished 11-0 perfect.

Okay, I'm a little over the top with my elation but I'm just not that good at this game-picking thing. So when I do well. I tend to be over the top.

My only losses last week were.... that's right, I didn't have any!!!!!

My record now stands at 62-18 (77.5 percent).

It's playoff time and when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

That means either I'll step it up now that its playoff time or I'll quit while I'm ahead

I'm marching with no reservations.

Here we go:

East Kentwood is at Rockford. Rams don't lose 'what have you done for me in the first round. Rockford

Someone had to, continued, page 16

CAN/BOXED FOOD DRIVE ALL REMAINING HOME FOOTBALL GAMES, INCLUDING THE PLAYOFFS!

FOOD NEEDED - PLEASE HELP

GO ARROWS!

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obituaries

AERTS

Shari Lynn Aerts, age 51, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2009. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Aerts; parents, Robert Krebs, of Florida, Rosemary Krebs, of Kentwood; brothers, Steve (Laurie) Krebs, of Marquette, Robert Krebs, of Vermont; sister, Kathleen (David) Cottingham, of North Carolina; nephews, Brian and Kevin Cottingham. Following Shari's wishes, no funeral services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 2020 Raybrook Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

CARSON

Wayne L. Carson, age 63, of Alto, passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2009. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Carson. Survived by his wife of 19 years, Kristine Carson; mother, Myrtle Carson; children, Harry Carson, Katherine (Patrick Cornish) Carson, Todd (Kim) Smith, April (Ryan) Ruehs; brothers, Vic (Laura) Carson, Kelly (Connie) Carson; sisters, Chris (Royce) Walter, Cindy (Jerry) Perez; grandchildren, Harry Lee Lowden, Nick Jourdan, Samantha and Ashlynn Strosnyder, Rodney Carson, Cheyanne Smith great-granddaughter, Brooke Jourdan; many nieces and nephews. The memorial service was held October 24 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE Ordinances 2009-2 and 2009-3

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance 2009-2, which contains amendments to the Lighting Ordinance, and Ordinance 2009-3, which allows accessory buildings on vacant lots under certain conditions, at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2009 at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The Ordinances are summarized below:

Amendments to the Ordinance in Section 201.413A Residential Lighting Ordinance, clarify permitted lighting types and location. change maximum heights and setback, add lighting exceptions and add definitions of fully shielded, recessed, partially shielded, bulb, decorative, wall mounted entrance lighting, post mounted, light trespass and floodlighting. Amendments were also made to section 201.308 (F) Commercial District and 201.309 (F) Industrial District for lighting heights.

Ordinance 2009-3 adds new language to section 201.402 Accessory Buildings, allowing an accessory building on an adjacent lot owned by the same owner of a parcel with a dwelling on it for developments such as site condo or a plat that does not permit lots to be combined. The language would require a special use permit except that minor storage buildings may be a permitted use. Standards, conditions and process are included.

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 897or on the website 5674] at www.vergennestwp.org. These amendments take effect on the 8th day after publication.

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

940-8181

* ledger

JASPERSE

Jane Rittenger Jasperse died on October 23, 2009. in Charlotte, N.C. Jane was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, friend and Christian. Jane took joy in providing love, care, and wonderful meals for her family and friends. Whenever anything needed to be done, Jane was always asking what she could do to help. Some of her happiest times were at Oak Island when her family gathered for beach vacations. Jane was born November 2, 1928, in Ionia, the daughter of Howard Jury and Lucille McConnell Rittenger, and raised in Lowell. Jane is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jerald (Jerry) Leslie Jasperse; five devoted children, Sarah Jasperse Gillespie and her husband Don of Charlotte, NC, Brian Howard Jasperse of Bucks County, PA, Michael Jury Jasperse of High Point, NC, Jay Leo Jasperse and his wife Marion of Grabill, IN, and Jerald Martin Jasperse of Greensboro, NC; her sister, Mary R. Lewis of East Lansing; her brother, Howard J. Rittenger of Boise, ID; eight beloved grandchildren, Jennifer Kennedy of Charlotte, NC, Jorge Jasperse of Grabill, IN, Nancy J. Smith of Manassass, VA, Jon Jasperse of Grabill, IN, Courtney Jasperse of Greensboro, NC, Shane Jasperse of Bucks County, PA, Christopher Jasperse of Greensboro, NC, Mary Catherine Jasperse of Thomasville, NC; and five great-grandchildren, Jake, Max, Emery, Cate and Nick. Jane moved with her family from Michigan to Thomasville, NC in 1957 when her husband's career in furniture finishing took him to work in High Point, In later years, Jane and Jerry moved to nearby High Point, NC. Most recently they resided at The



INSURANCE

Haven at Highland Creek in Charlotte, NC. Continuously since 1958, Jane has been a member of Unity United Methodist Church in Thomasville and actively participated in the life of the church working tirelessly in many capacities. Additionally, Jane was involved in the United Methodist Women at the District level and in the Western Conference of NC for which she served a term as president. One of the highlights of each year was her time at the Womens' Conference at Lake Junaluska. Jane received two lifetime achievement awards from the UMW. Among many civic activities, Jane worked with Urban Ministries of High Point and served three twoyear terms on the school board of Thomasville Schools from 1975 to 1981. She was elected chairperson for her last term from 1979 to 1981. She was active in the Thomasville Junior Women's Club and served a term as its president. She was also a den mother when her children were Cub Scouts. Jane was educated in the school system in Lowell. After her children were grown and educated, she enrolled at UNC-G and received her B.A. in Business Administration IN 1978. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Unity United Methodist Church in Thomasville with Rev. Donnie B. Durham officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Unity United Methodist Church, 608 National Highway, Thomasville, NC 27360. Online condolences may be made at www.jcgreenandsons.com

Wayne Meeuwsen, Sr., age 79, of Ionia, passed away from heart failure on Sunday, October 4, 2009. He was born on January 1, 1930 in Grand Rapids, the son of Cornelius and Gertrude Meeuwsen. Wayne served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean war. After the military, he was employed by General Motors and retired from there after 41 years of diligent service. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who especially enioved the companionship of his dogs. He is survived by his two sons, Brad (Diane) Meeuwsen and Wayne Meeuwsen, Jr.; six grandchildren, Mike, Dave, Shelby, Christina, Tyler and Wayne III; great-grandchild, Bradly; sisters, his twin, Bea (Henry) Hoekstra, of San Antonio, Esther Newell and Ruth (James) Wood, of Lowell; sisters-in-law, Delores Meeuwsen, of Lowell, Lorraine Meeuwsen, of Sebring, FL; also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: wife, Wanda; son, Dennis; daughter, Teri; brothers, Russell and Robert; and brother-in-law, Clyde Newell. A memorial graveside service was held Saturday, October 10, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Ionia.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on October 19, 2009, Ordinance No. 06-2009 Essential Public Services was This ordinance creates new adopted. definitions for Essential Public Service Equipment and Essential Public Service Buildings and Structures. It allows Essential Public Service Equipment in any zoning district, but such equipment would not be subject to the provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance as this equipment would be largely underground or in the road right of way. It requires a Special Use Permit for Essential Public Service Buildings and Structures in all zoning districts and establishes regulations for lot size and frontage, setbacks, access driveways and allows the Planning Commission to modify these regulations in order to minimize the impact of the use on neighboring residents and properties.

This ordinance shall become effective November 4, 2009. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours, or by calling 897-7600.

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office hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

closed Sat. & Sun.

for sale

CLASSIFIED ADVERTIS-ING 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.

MATTRESS SALE - Factory new bed sets, twin, full, queen, \$59 each. Frame \$25. Firm & plush choices. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600.

FOR SALE - Barely used Miller Sealed combustion oil furnace. Comes with piping. Will heat trailer or garage well. Call 897-5760.

SERTAPERFECT SLEEP ER MATTRESS/BOX Excellent condition. Includes heavy duty frame, \$110 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600.

APPLES - Gala, Honeycrisp, Spy, Empire, Golden Delicious, Jonagold. Mix Call 616-942-2685. & match, 4 bushel, \$25; 2 bushel, \$15. Good eating & cooking apples. See GR Craigslist ad, email applegirl18@hotmail.com or call 616-745-3898.

BED & DRESSER SET - Plush Sealy mattress & frame. Large dresser w/ deep drawers. Set \$125. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL TREE HOUSE - New in box, retails for \$250, asking \$150. Call 987-3105.

SEALY MATTRESS/BOX SPRING SET - Full or queen. Includes frame, headboard, \$95 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600.

QUEEN FOUR POST BED - Solid wood, w/foam style mattress set. New, never used. Cost\$1,000, sacrifice \$225. Call 616-232-3282.

SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE - Oak, cherry hardwood mix. Cut, split, 1/5 years dried. 1 rick/face cord, \$45. 10 ricks to sell. You pick up. Very easy access. 616-808-7900.

TORO LAWN TRACTOR - 16 hp hydrostatic drive, 38" mower, 42" snow blade & chains. Also, 1978 Jeep CJ7 fiberglass body 258 ci 6 cyl, needs work. 897-9800 or 318-3452.

FOR SALE - Pug puppies. Will be ready to go by 11-18. Call Val, 897-5526.

MEMORY FOAM MAT-TRESS - Tempurpedic style visco memory foam. Never used. Queen \$595, king \$795. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.TEN



CHINA - Johnson Brothers Pomegranate pattern, 8 servings, several side dishes, perfect, \$150; Chapel Hills Veterans Garden spaces, \$850; men's (Northface), down jacket size large, \$50. 616-942-2685.

MATTRESS - Replace your worn out mattress for as little as \$79, all sizes. Name brand. Never used. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.TEN

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CLASSIFIEDS ARE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE ALSO www.lowellbuyersguide. com.

BIKE RACK - \$20; Carl Forslund glass tray, also as a wall hanger, \$100; Singer portable sewing machine. model CG 500/550, \$150.

MAKE SURE YOUR BUSI-NESS 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.

KEY CARDS ARE HERE! - Help support the LHS Academic Boosters & save money at the places you shop in Lowell and in Grand Rapids. Cards are \$15. Stop by & get your card today, Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway. Cash or check only please.

for rent

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.TEN

FOR RENT - Horse lover's dream, 3 bedroom ranch, barn & pasture, Lowell Schools. 616-897-5807.

MUIR/IONIA AREA NEW-ER HOUSE - rent w/option to buy. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, full walkout basement, 3/4 acre. \$800 +. 520-742-7706.



FALLASBURG - Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bath historical home on 2 acres with river access. Located near the covered bridge in Lowell schools. \$1,200/mo. Appleland Rentals 800-810-7030.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050, TEN

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.TEN

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.TEN

wanted

CA\$H PAID FOR - Advertising items, Zippos, older military items, fishing lures, jewelry, metal toys, games, etc. Call 616-550-0521 to sell pre-70's stuff!

PUBLIC NOTICE - Lowell Area Schools is accepting bids for snow removal for the 2009/10 & 2010/11 school years. Specific Bid information can be found at www.lowellschools.com. Bids will be accepted until Nov. 9, 10 a.m., at which time all bids will be opened. Questions should be directed to Jodi Potter 987-2512.

sales

MOVING SALE - Leather sofa (brown), \$100; 2 club chairs (brown, rust, gold), \$25 each; recliner (brown), \$25; 24" girl's bike & helmet, \$20. All in excellent condition. Many free additional items, 897-3019.

events

OPEN HOUSE - at Schneider Manor community room for Rosella Maloney, 90th birthday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8. No gifts. Come & wish Rosella Happy Birthday.

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sight-in at their range facility at 8731 West Riverside Dr. This service is free to the public & will be held on Nov. 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Targets & assistance will be provided. For more information go to: www.



Qua-ke-Zik.org.

FREE KITTENS! - 5 to choose from, multi-colors, black, brown, gray. 7 weeks old. Lincoln Lake north of Lowell Call 616-260-3304.

services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed. screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.TFM

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CLIMBER NEEDS WORK - Fully insured. Removals. trims. chipping. stump rinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-

3832.

SNOWPLOW SERVICE Commercial & residential. salting & shoveling services also available. Experienced & insured. Scenic Expressions LLC call Jon at 240-4464.

FIELDSTONE FARM AN-**TIQUE** - Come visit the heart of historic Bowne Township farm land. Open Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sun. 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment, now through Dec. 18.9449 Wingeier Ave SE, Alto, 1/2 mile South of M-50. Also appraisals. 616-890-6740.

COMPUTER REHAB - \$55 all repairs - Virus & Spyware removal. No diagnostic fees! Mon. - Sat., 100 W. Main St., Lowell. 616-828-5346, www.computerRehab.ws

PIANO LESSONS - Improve your child's school performance, concentration & confidence by learning Jazz, Blues & Classical piano & music notation. Ages 6 -18. Experienced, patient, caring teacher & a seasoned, professional performer. Vergennes Township, 897-9485 or email: MissMeowsic@msn. com

CLEANING HOME OR BUSINESS - 15 years experience, references, get ready for the holidays. Call 616-551-7654.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE - is helping the Lowell Community by offering free lunch & supper for your children thru Dec. Call for details, 897-8386.

MacRAVEN CDs - The Heart Does Not Forget and Winter Canvas. Compelling & soothing piano/cello instrumentals. Available at Cousin's Hallmark and Lowell Area Arts Council. Give the gift of music this season

BEST ROOFING The Best service, the Best price, the Best choice. Licensed & insured. Get a new roof now! Save 10% with ad. Call 616-366-3384.

SNOWPLOWING - It's not too late! Seasonal or per time. Salting available. Serving Ada & Lowell area. Call Gilchrist Concrete Construction, 616-893-



PROFESSIONAL TREE

services

TAXES, PAYROLL. QUICKBOOKS. & AC-COUNTING SERVICE by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.TEN

HOT TUB SERVICE - EVerv make & model, covers. supplies, maintenance. Call the HotwaterDr. 616-874-3385 or contact hotwaterdr.com.TEN

NEED A DUMP STER? - Dudley's Dumpsters. Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save vou cash! Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash junk etc. 14 to 20 vards available. Cal for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.TEN

BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$28 for 250. (white card, black ink) Before you order your cards from somewhere else check our rates! Call Lowel Litho, 897-9261



THE DIXON FAMILY would like to thank all their family and freinds for the donations for the benefit dinner and auction. It was a great success. Marc and Barbara Hopple for the use of the Smyrna Bar and Restaurant and for donating the spaghetti dinner. Thanks to Showboat Auto Bernard's Ace Hardware TSC, Tyler Creek Golf Course, Gexproin, Green ville Family Eyecare, Grand River Vet, Bareman's Dairy, Sneakers, Charlies Bar & Grill, Joes Place, AutoZone, NAPA, Kingdom of Flowers, Reurink Metal Roofing & Siding and Rita Goggins with the "Move about Stool."

help wanted

FEMALE HELP WANTED at Adult Foster Care Home Flexible hours. Call Val 897-5526.

EARN \$1000-\$3200 - a month to drive new cars with ads. www.AdDrive-Cars.com



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.

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE SARANAC LIBRARY - Oct. 31. Halloween craft from 10-noon & 9-1 p.m come in costume for a treat.

IONIA-MONTCALM CHAPTER #6 - State Employee Retiree's Association, serving Montcalm

Ionia Counties & the Lowell area, will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Ionia Intermediate School District Administration Building, 2191 Harwood Road, Ionia with a luncheon at noon on Wed., Oct. 28. Business meeting will follow the program. Luncheon eservations are necessary, call 616-527-1825 by noon Oct. 26. All State of Michigan Retirees may attend.

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.

MASONIC LODGE #355 - serving the Belding, Ionia & Lowell areas, will hold its regular communication on Mon., Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

BELDING-IONIA MASONIC LODGE #355 - annual Lodge of Sorrow to commemorate those who have passed away during the past year, Sun., Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

PLEASENOTE - Coming Events BELDING-IONIA MASONIC LODGE #355 - annual Awards Dinner & Ceremony, Mon., Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. in the dining room o the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Awards for 40, 50 & 60 years of membership will be awarded, as well as the Mason of the Year & the Pioneer & Horizon awards. Dinner reservations are necessary. The public is invited to attend

> DORIC CHAPTER#75, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR - regular communication, Tues., Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapter room o the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting. All members of the Order of the Eastern Star may attend.

HOOKER CHAPTER #73 OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONS - regular convocation, Wed., Nov 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E Main St., Belding, Annual S.O. joint with Kent-Newaygo Chapte #38 R.A.M., will take place after a short meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

11th ANNUAL TASTE OF VEG ETARIAN - Sun., Nov. 15 at Riverside Fellowship, 10300 Vergennes, 4-6:30 p.m. Simple & delicious samples of healthy vegetarian cuisine. Free recipes Door prizes. Donation -at the door. Call 897-7930 to register.

ANGELFOODMINISTRIESSIGN UP - at the Nazarene Church, 20 N. Washigton St., Lowell. Fri., Nov 6. 6-8 p.m. & Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order on-line using your debit or credit card Go to www.angelfoodministries com. Any questions, call Esther at 897-7395.

BACK TO BASICS - every Tues day and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. a 865 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, Closed AA meetings. Non-smoking.



To The Editor, continued

was no money to hire help in the form of much needed hiring a professional and no one was quite sure advice. When several of us fundraiser. They also what to do next. Once again, were presenting to the fund's helpfully suggested that we help came from the Lowell Board of Directors, they submit a grant proposal for

Visit our website at: thelowellledger.com for this week's poll question!

online poll result: **Reality shows - which one**

annoys you the most?

27% ••••••• John & Kate Plus 8 9% •••••Wife Swap 0% ••••• The Bachelor 0% ••••• Tool Academy

55% All reality shows stars should be placed on the next shuttle to the moon! 9% •••••• love them all!

NOTICE LEGAL

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

File No. 09-187.580-DE

WILLIAMS, date of birth

The

the

named

personal

TO ALL CREDITORS:

decedent, NORMAN T.

WILLIAMS, who lived

Cedar Springs, Michigan

decedent are notified

that all claims against

the estate will be forever

barred unless presented

personal representative

MONIQUE RENE

180 Ottawa Ave.

of

died 9-22-2009.

Creditors

proposed

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to

9-9-1933.

NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

File No. 09-187,434-DE

LEONA Estate of LOUISE HAHN, date of THEOPOLIUS birth 5/11/1920.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS:** The LEONA CREDITORS: decedent. LOUISE HAHN, who lived at 1358 Eastern Place NE, Grand Rapids, at 10726 16 Mile Road, Michigan 49505 died August 25, 2009.

Creditors of the are notified that all claims against be unless barred presented to ARTHUR named WILLIAMS, HAHN, personal representative or proposed personal or proposed personal representative, or to representative, or to both the probate court both the probate court 180 Ottawa Ave. at NW, Grand Rapids, MI NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ 49503 and the named/ personal proposed representative within 4 representative within 4 months after the date months after the date of publication of this of publication of this notice.

9/18/2009

10/20/09

Arthur A. Hahn 1823 Covington Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 616-957-3082

Monique Williams 1034 Fuller SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 616-475-0020

to work on the project. There Area Community fund, first, suggested that we consider them to fund the fundraiser. This was the genesis of the Trailway feasibility study.

The feasibility study was simple enough. The fundraising professional interviewed about 25 community leaders identified by the LARA Board. First, he described the project to them (many had not heard of it before). He then asked if they supported such a project and whether they or others they knew would be willing to support it Board had been operating and technical expertise. in a semi-vacuum up to that This engineering work was point, we really didn't know required for submission what the answers would be. of applications for critical

feasibility study were administered by the State of astounding. Not only was Michigan. there widespread support in the community for a trail, funding is secured from the but the estimated potential State, the first segment of for fundraising far exceeded the Lowell Area Trailway what most of us had hoped will be built within a year. for. This study provided This first segment will be the affirmation that was modest, only about 2-3 needed to give the project miles long, but it will be

more professional help. will link key destinations This time it was from a local engineer whose firm

Nothing but bad luck

financially. Since the LARA is providing the trail design The results of the grants from two programs

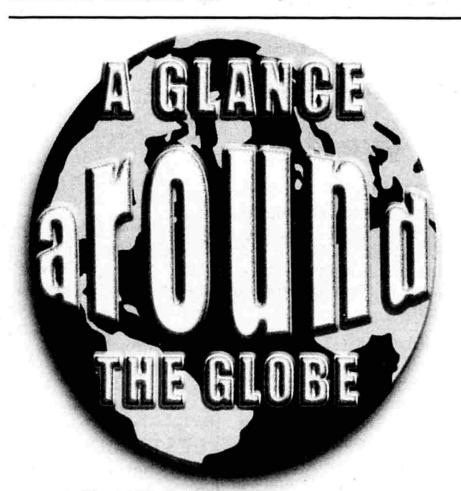
When the additional a beginning. Additional Fundraising paid for segments in the first phase

Flat River Haunts

A Halloween story submitted by Bonnie Grooters

he years have taken their toll on the entertained by professional paddle wheel. Fire and amateur talent. What a board engine red paint has faded spectacle! into the weathered wood and two of the vertical slats that town until... that unfortunate once propelled the Flat River night. The night three bodies traveler are hanging into the were found in the dressing muddy water, bobbing with room on the upper deck, two the motion of the waves. men from the chorus and an Seaweed licks her sides. end man strangled with their One can barely make out the own neckties. Detectives name of the old showboat, from Grand Rapids and Robert E. Lee. So faded is Lansing combed the boat for the black paint melding into clues but could find nothing. the wood along with what After awhile, they stopped was left of the white. Wind searching and chalked it up whistles through the broken as unsolved. The unsolved windows, and curtains wave murder case had the little at anyone passing by. The town of Lowell on edge Estate of NORMAN black stacks are now tinged for years. with orange rust while the whole boat sits at an angle befell the Showboat from into the water to the horizon.

> Twenty-five years ago she was a magestic sight, brightly lit. Music and production, it stormed, or swans. In the stillness of comes the Showboat." TO excitement surrounded the not just a little shower,



OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 27

President Obama declared the H1N1 flu outbreak a national emergency.

Comedian Soupy Sales, 83, known for his cream pie-tossing humor has died.

 Vic Mizzy, best known for writing the Green Acres and Addams Family theme songs, died at the age of 93.

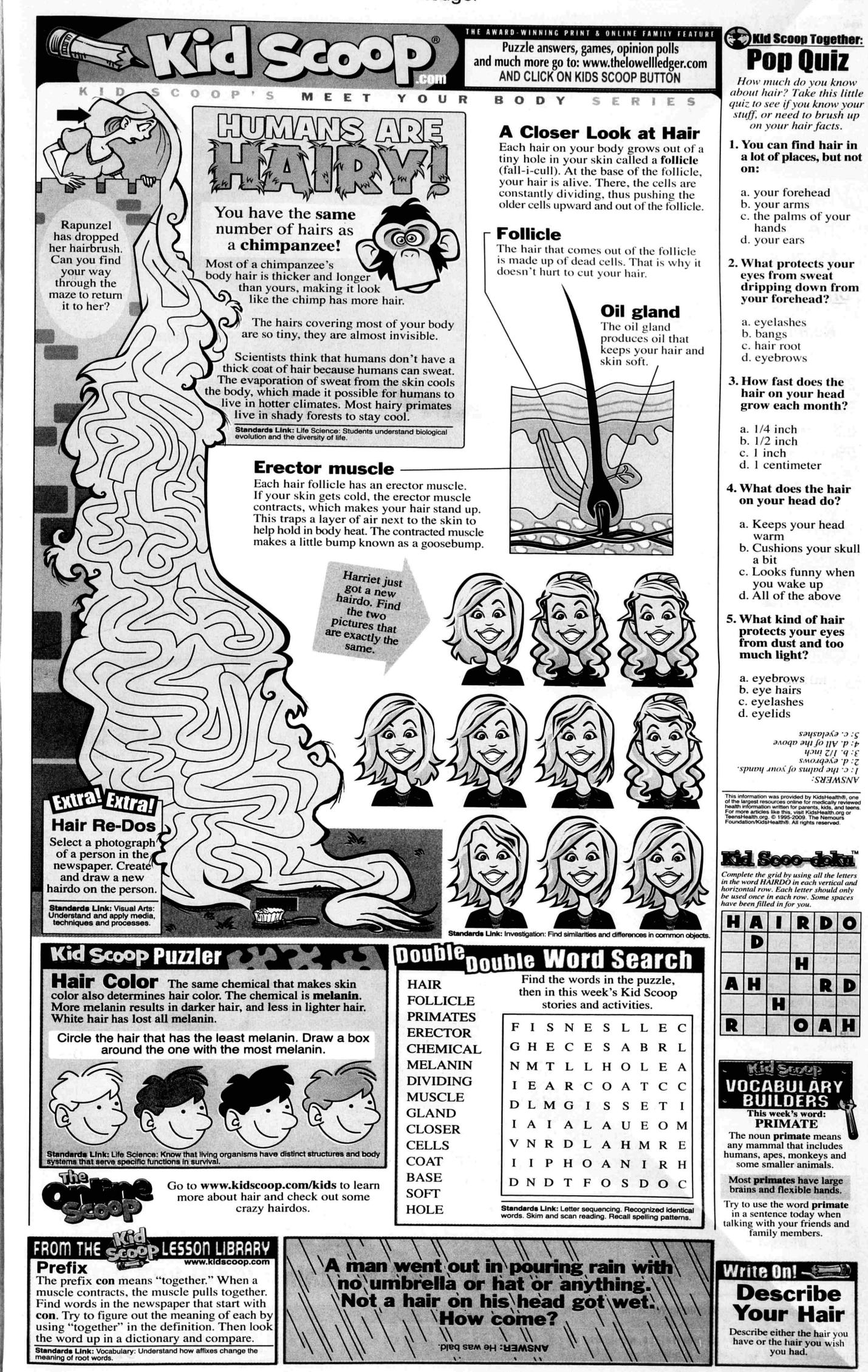
vessel. People came from but torrential rainstorms the night, moaning, crying miles around to view the complete with lightning, and singing could be heard Anyone attempting to the promptly was She was the pride of the dispersed



that point on. Every year in some manner or another.

- the NTSB is not buying it.
- released posthumously.
- antler spread.

Lehigh Lawn Care & **Snow Plowing** Lawn Mowing Landscaping Lawn Maintenance Planting & Pruning **David Lehigh - Owner** Call for service or questions! 616-897-0276



such as schools, parks and educational centers with the downtown business district and Riverwalk. Ultimately. the Lowell Area Trailway will become the eastern hub that regional trail bicyclists will use to explore Lowell and refresh before moving through to Grand Rapids and Lake Michigan. The Lowell Area Trailway will be a permanent monument inter-community cooperation, volunteerism generosity that will and continue to benefit the people of our community for generations to come. Dan Edwards

Vergennes Township

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famous showboat and to be thunder and high winds. from the window of the dressing room. if you should

through pass Lowell late at night when all the merchants have locked their doors, turned out their lights and there's not a soul sight in stop on the bridge and look at the tattered flag, the rusty, faded shell of a once proud vessel. Listen carefully and when the paddle wheeler Before long, no one would you'll hear an eerie, "Here was about to have its annual go near it, not even the ducks comes the Showboat, here

 A Northwest jet flying into Minneapolis missed its stop by 150 miles. All signs point to the pilots both napping although they say they were having a heated discussion, but so far,

The Michael Jackson bio "This Is It" was

Kelly Holmin, age 12, has become the youngest Minnesotan to kill a moose. It was a beautiful animal weighing 1,100 pounds with a 58-inch

A new Guinness world record was set by some Lebanese chefs who made the largest serving of hummus on the world's biggest plate.

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5. Grand Haven

6. Kenowa Hills

7. Kelloggsville

4. Lowell

Someone had to say it, continued

Grand Haven hosts Grand Ledge. Grand Haven Caledonia. The Scots win! wins!

Muskegon travels to Kenowa Hills. The Big Red pulls the upset. Muskegon wins!

Ottawa Hills travels to Portage Central. The Bengals fall short. Portage Central wins!

Portage Northern hosts Forest Hills Eastern travels to EGR. Good night

Red Hawks. East wins! Byron Center entertains Hastings. This may be the game of the week. Bulldogs win!

West Catholic battles Catholic Central for a second time this year. This has all the makings for an upset. And I believe the Falcons win!

Holland Christian and Spring Lake. Maroons win! Dowagiac travels to Hamilton. Hawkeyes win!

Kelloggsville hosts Hillsdale. The Rockets are poised for a long run. Kelloggsville wins! Calvin Christian travels

to Ithaca. Ithaca wins!

NorthPointe Christian 2. EGR plays Olivet. Olivet wins! And finally, Lowell hosts St. Johns. Red Arrows

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