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Witches' Night Out elicits the sorcery of shopping

by Emma Palova

The second annual Witches' Night Out attracted good and bad witches to the participating downtown

merchants the Thursday before Halloween.

At Cousins' Hallmark, owner Karen Hale, with

staff, Tiffany Pitkin and Sue Mooney and friends, Crystal Sefton and Joan Burger,

pulled out of the closet their witches' outfits.

"We're encouraging positive thinking," said Hale. "We want to do as much as possible for our customers."

Being dressed as a witch was the main condition to get a special or win a Witches' Ball at Glass House Designs. Sue Molnar was ready to give away a Witches' Ball, a beautiful handcrafted glass ball by artist Virgil Jones, to the best dressed witch, but no one came dressed up.

Witches' Ball will have to wait until next year for the best dressed witch since Hale is planning on doing the event again, but possibly with a different name.

Customer Chris Gemmell at Glass House Designs did not know about Witches' Night Out, so she didn't dress up or come out with friends.

"I wish I had known about it," she said.

Jess Galusha at the

Hanger even dressed up the store dog Rocco as a pumpkin.

Rita Reister and Angie Fenske at the Flat River Cottage served up some Halloween cupcakes, Sangria and Margaritas.

Megan Maddocks and Karen Noreen were looking for a place to eat so they stopped at Kava Klatsch. Servers Lauren Hershberger and Rachel Stadt did not know they were supposed to have at least a witches' hat.

But, on the other hand paper witches' hats were available at the Fire and Water Art Gallery. Gallery owner Kathleen Mooney was making them with mom Barbara Sweetland.

Also that night, the scarecrows disappeared from Main Street. Ray Zandstra and Dave Harding picked them off the sidewalk.

"We had a great time," said Hale.

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Karen Hale, Crystal Sefton and Joan Burger

City council approves hike in fines for parking violations

by Emma Palova

The city council approved an increase in fines for parking violations Monday.

The fines go up from \$5 to \$15 for time and meter

limit violations, if paid within two weeks. After 14 calendar days, the fines go up to \$25, after one month they increase to \$50.

The fees will stay

locally because the city will be using the civil infraction ordinance to collect them.

"We want to keep revenues locally," said

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Big Red, big challenges await Lowell in next round

by Thad Kraus

Three losses in the O-K Red by a total of seven points humbled the defending Division 2 state champions.

"Our boys have lost three heartbreakers, but I think it has given them some perspective," said first-year Muskegon football coach Matt Koziak. "They are not going to win when they step out onto the field because they're Muskegon."

The three losses also assured Muskegon that its road through the playoffs would be a difficult one from the start.

"The boys knew coming in we'd be on the road and whoever we were going to play was going to be tough," Koziak explained.

The Big Red opened its defense of its Division 2 state crown with a 15-

6 win over O-K Black champion Kenowa Hills.

Koziak is proud of the way his club has responded to adversity.

"They lose three heartbreakers and are 4-3 and need wins over Jenison and West Ottawa to get into the playoffs," Koziak explained. "On Friday night they beat a good Kenowa Hills club in terrible conditions."

And now the Big Red travel to Lowell this Friday to battle the 9-1 Red Arrows.

"They have a philosophy which they stick to. They are well coached and they play tough defense," Koziak said. "From that aspect they remind me a lot of Rockford and Grand Haven."

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Democracy at work



Election workers Anne Pasquale, Laura Becker and Maren Borg wait for voters during an uncontested city election. Jim Hodges, Maryalene LaPonsie and Andrew Schrauben were running for three open seats. The two highest vote getters will serve four-year terms, the candidate with the least amount of votes gets a two-year term.

Fines, continued

police chief James Hinton. "We want to bring the fees to more current standards."

The existing fees date back to 1991. The new resolution also takes into account meter violation fees in case the city installs meters in the future.

"There is growth to the ordinance," said Hinton.

The highest fine of \$75 is for parking in a handicap parking zone. If paid late, after one month it jumps to \$100.

In related business, the council approved a property tax assessor contract with Jeffrey and Debra Rashid. The Rashids will be paid \$2,500 a month for the duration of the contract through March 31, 2010 to cover the board of review. City assessor Jim Marfia is

on temporary suspension due to an accident until he is able to perform his assessor duties.

City manager Dave Pasquale gave updates on the joint utility billing with Lowell Light and Power, web design and the MDOT bridge replacement project.

Joint billing will meet the demands of both the city and the utility. A test run with November billing data is scheduled for November. The joint billing may start as early as December or as late as February.

"We are working on this from both ends," said Pasquale.

A committee is also working on the city web site upgrade. The city would like to add some photographs to

the site and the committee is asking the residents to submit pictures.

The \$3 million MDOT downtown bridge

replacement project is on track for on early spring start with completion prior to Labor Day. The Grand Rapids

Food for F.R.O.M.



A birthday celebration held at Victory Club in Ada resulted in the "50 or Something" birthday group donating a number of food items for the Lowell Food Pantry. Pictured, left to right, back row: Bonnie Grooter, Dee Bonn, Cynthia Sweetman, Mary Ann Bishop, Kay McDonald, Gigi Gunderson, and June Perschbacher; front row, left to right: Evie Marron, Pheta Persha, birthday girl Mae Dean Alexander, Peggy Puth, and Jan Johnson.

Community Foundation approved the following city projects: \$18,000 for a rescue vehicle for the Lowell Area Fire Department, \$50,000 for roof repair at the Englehardt Library and \$22,500 for the removal and disposal of wood chips at Creekside Kingdom.

Trunk or Treaters



Trunk or Treat participants included firefighters Brayden Krueger, 3; with brother Caiden Krueger, 7; Alexandria Vantil, 4 and Mike Patrick, 4; Larry Patrick, 11; Alex Patrick, 9; and John Patrick, 7.

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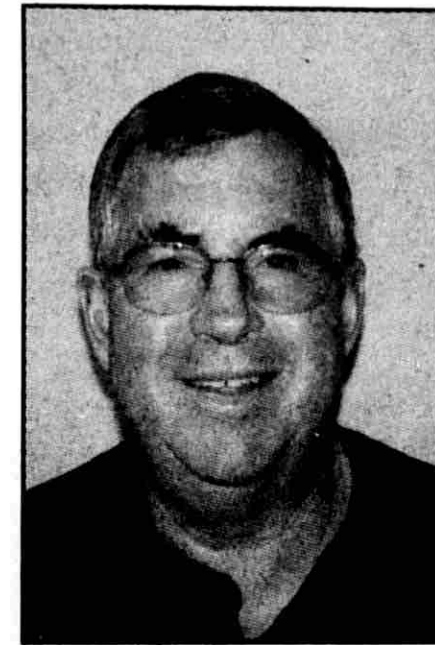
DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009 Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmembers Altoft and LaPonsie. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payables was approved. Motion to approve the Property Tax Assessor Independent Contractor Agreement with Jeffrey and Debra Rashid. Motion to approve the Resolution prescribing penalties for stopping, standing and parking violations as corrected. Motion to re-appoint Charles R. Myers to the Kent District Library's Board of Trustees. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:01 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2009. Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 16, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall. Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

along main st. 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.

VETERANS DAY DINNER The Lowell American Legion will have its annual Veterans Day dinner on Wed., Nov. 11 at the Veteran's 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. The cost for the dinner and program to the general 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. SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY This year's "Sleigh Bells & Holly: A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts" will have over 30 artists selling a wide variety of fine arts and gifts. A reception to meet the artists is Thurs., Nov. 12, 6-8 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Extended gallery hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Dec. 23. "COATS FOR KIDS" Curtis Cleaners second annual coat drive is trying to collect 200 coats to clean and deliver to those who need them. They are collecting coats at all Curtis Cleaners locations: 450 Michigan St. (downtown Grand Rapids), 1410 W. Main St. (Lowell), 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. ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES 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. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

Longtime trustee resigns from Vergennes Township

Longtime Vergennes Township Board trustee Vern Nauta has resigned effective Dec. 31.



Vern Nauta

Nauta was elected to the board in 2000. Prior to becoming a trustee, Nauta served on the planning commission for six years.

"I've lived in the community all my life," he said. "I felt an obligation to serve the community."

During his tenure, the township has seen a lot of growth except for the last two years. Among the biggest

property as well as the establishment of a combined fire district with the city and Lowell Township.

Nauta's goal has always been better cooperation between the city and the townships. That remains among unfinished business.

"We have a good board and cooperation," he said. "I feel comfortable stepping down."

He also envisions a potential YMCA pool on the Wege property as a positive thing for the community.

Nauta is an avid proponent of the trail system.

Recent economy has impacted the township in revenue sharing and there has been virtually no growth.

But, the township has been able to carry out a \$215,000 road project.

"We redid Alden Nash this year," he said.

Also, the board recently approved the lighting ordinance.

"I enjoyed working with the board and the

citizens of the township," he said. "We've seen positive things happen. I have a lot of confidence in the current board."

Nauta will miss the camaraderie with the board and the people in the office.

"We have an office staff that works well together," he said.

He would like to see joint meetings with the city and the Lowell Township come back.

"We're all one community," he said. "We

have different parts in the puzzle."

Nauta will continue his effort to preserve 80 acres on the east side of Parnell through the purchase of development rights (PDR) program. He is a firm believer in the program and farmland preservation.

The Nautas have sold their farm, with 33 acres on Parnell Road to Brian and Katie Heffron who will bring cattle on the land and farm. "That is what motivated us to sell," he said.

DEQ encourages leaf burning alternatives

The Department of Environmental Quality is encouraging Michigan families to explore alternatives to burning leaves this autumn. Leaf burning creates air pollution, contributes to breathing problems, is a

serious fire hazard, and is illegal in many Michigan cities and communities.

Burning leaves releases fine particles, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons into the air. These pollutants are particularly harmful to children and people with allergies, asthma, or heart disease. Mulching and composting are simple and environmentally sound ways to manage most yard waste. The easiest option is to simply mow over leaves with a lawnmower to

chop them into fine mulch. When left on a lawn, the mulch provides nutrients for the grass that will keep it looking healthy.

Many communities also offer municipal composting programs. Residents can contact their waste hauler

or local city, township, or county Department of Public Works office to find out whether they collect leaves and yard waste for composting.

In rural locations where responsible burning of yard waste is allowed,

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/deqair and select "Open Burning Information" under Spotlight, or contact the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.



Pumpkin Run. Pictured at left is Danielle Barnes (witch) and Emma Chapin (girl riding ostrich) at the Pumpkin Run.

Every fall, Alto Elementary running club closes the season with the Pumpkin Run. This is a chance for students, many of whom live in very rural areas, to experience trick or treating. A one-mile trail is set up throughout the grounds and thanks to donations of candy from parents, treat stations are set up along the path. Costumes are encouraged. This fall, 176 students participated in the Pumpkin Run out of 224 regular running club members. This season, the students walked 2,702 miles. The highest individual student logged 40.5 miles. These are impressive numbers considering several afternoons of running club had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Homeowners are reminded to obtain a permit before burning and that they are responsible for damage caused by a fire they start.

permits are required to burn leaves and brush.

It is the final proof of God's omnipotence that he need not exist in order to save us.

- Peter De Vries, "The Mackerel Plaza," 1958

college news Deborah K. Cunningham, of Lowell, received a Doctor of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from the Boston University in September 2009. ADA LOWELL 5 QUALITY THEATERS 616-897-3456 On M-F, 5 Minutes East of Amway H.O. www.GOFL.com \$4.50 to \$5.00 ALL SEATS (except adult evening) SHOWTIMES 11:2 - 11:55 No passes MICHAEL JACKSON'S THIS IS IT (PG) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 SAW III (R) 5:20, 7:25, 9:40 ASTRO BOY (PG) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20 CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55 WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) 4:40, 6:50, 9:00

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Shelley Catlin

Position: Sneaker's owner
Residence: Riverside, Lowell
Education: High School Mount Mercy, 1970, one year at GRCC
Experience: Food and bars
Family: Husband Casey; children, Luke and Ann
Hobbies: Pontoon boat

Sneaker's owner says she would do it all over again

by Emma Palova

When Sneaker's owner Shelley Catlin came to Lowell 23 years ago to run a bar in downtown, the biggest challenge was to familiarize herself with the town and the clientele.

She was familiar with the bar and food business from her previous stints in Grand Rapids, but to get to know Lowell was a different cup of coffee.

"I just packed the kids and came to town," she said. "I didn't know the people."

Divorced with two kids, Luke and Ann, she bought the bar from Brett McManus.

"I will never forget the questions from customers," she said, "like where did you come from?"

She changed the closing time twice from 2 p.m. to

midnight, and finally to 10:30 p.m.

The challenges today are different in the constant increase of prices of food, alcohol and taxes, and most recently the trend of non-smoking bars and restaurants that may be mandated by the state.

"It should be up to the owner to decide," said her daughter, Annie Merigiam,

who has been working at Sneaker's for 15 years.

And by now, Catlin knows she can't make every customer happy, even though it still remains her main goal.

"I want to make everybody happy," she said.

To work in a bar, you have to be a people person and enjoy talking to people. But Catlin also enjoys cooking. Sometimes both at home and at work she has to fight over who's going to cook.

And everybody wants to make soup, according to Catlin.

So, who's going to make the all time favorite cheeseburger soup today? Who will it be? Catlin has a longtime chef of 20 years, Jeff Rash. For some time, Catlin had him down as Bash. He received paychecks made out to Bash.

"So, how do you spell your name?" Catlin laughed.

Catlin and Rash got creative with the menu. Rash created the Souper Bowl menu featuring Jammin'

Jeff's homemade specialty, the soups and chilies. Catlin came up with the major league entrees named after employees such as Kookin' Kim's KooKoo chicken or Annie's chili chicken.

Faithful longtime employees are a staple of this bar.

"Employees are like a family," said Catlin.

Getting ready for busy days like Thursdays and Fridays requires ordering more product early and having more staff on the floor. There are three part time and five full time employees.

"If you can't enjoy your job, you're not going to like it," said Catlin. "You try to make it as simple as you can."

The business is seasonal, busier from fall to May and less customers in the summertime. In spite of the surge of healthy eating, people still like fried food, according to Rash.

Other favorites include steaks and burgers, meatloaf and casserole, and always draft beer.

Catlin likes to present a clean, kind and fun image of the business to peers and employees.

"I have good employees and family support," she said.

Husband Casey helps out with maintenance of the more than 100-year-old building that has always been a bar.

Catlin sits on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board. She wants the DDA to continue its positive impact on the downtown.

"I want to keep it," she said. "We've seen very good things in downtown. I like the town, I ride my bike to work."

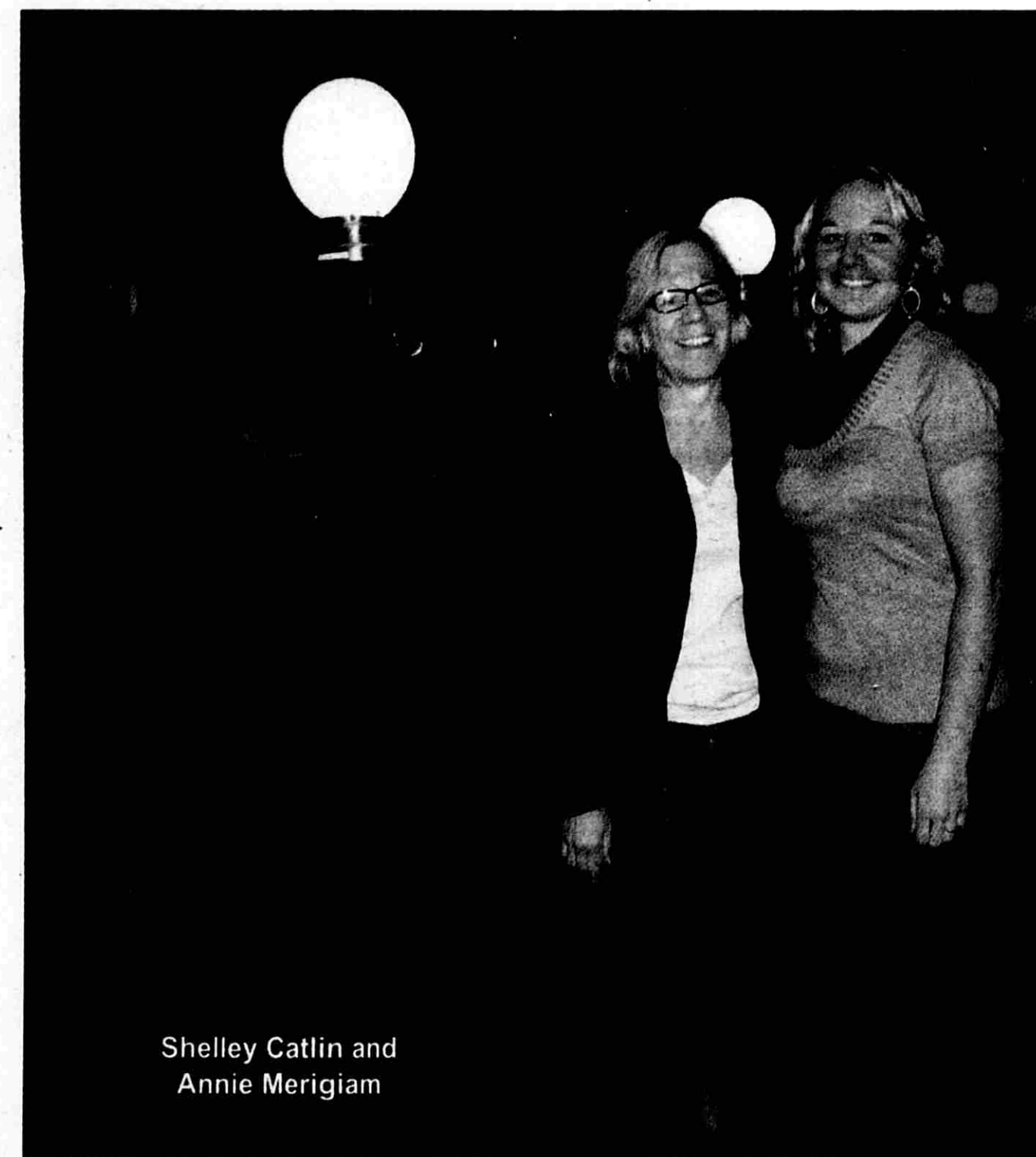
Catlin and all the employees like people who don't like to cook.

The job is never routine since you never know each day what you're up against.

"You're always learning things," she said. "I would do it all over again."



Shelley Catlin on the job.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Through the mud and rain Lowell advances with ground control

by Thad Kraus

With the wind gusting and rain dropping from the blackened skies with reckless abandon, Lowell football coach Noel Dean asked in his wet tones, "Should we be worried?"

Worried that his Red Arrows might get stuck in the mud? Unlikely!

Worried that the ever-flowing rains from Friday night may wash them all away before they could seek refuge in the locker room? Perhaps!

Worried that his Red Arrows may not advance beyond the predistrict round of the playoffs? Not on this night. Not in the latter stages of a 42-3 slog/romp past the visitors from St. Johns.

Dean understood the situation after watching his Red Arrows roll up 401 yards on the ground in

controlling the mud-coated Redwings.

"We wanted to run the ball, have ball security and understand the situations," Dean said. "We just did it a little better than (St. Johns)."

With the exception of ball security, the coach hit all the marks. Lowell put the rawhide on the ground six times, losing it three times. Much of that, though, may have had to do with the weather conditions.

"As has been the case all year, we've struggled to score points against quality opponents," said St. Johns coach Dave Mariage. "Lowell is the better football team."

The win allows the Red Arrows to play again next week. The opponent? A familiar, yet daunting one...

defending Division 2 state champion, Muskegon.

The Big Red are coming off a 15-6 win against Kenowa Hills.

The last two times Lowell and Muskegon met in the playoffs it's been all Big Red. Last year, Muskegon won 49-14 and 3 years ago it was 45-35.

Following his club's 39-point win, the Lowell coach was still drying off from and savoring his club's most recent win.

Lowell senior tailback, Austin Graham, rumbled for a game-high 203 yards and three touchdowns. He found the end zone on runs of three and 20 yards in the first half. The senior busted a long run for 80 yards early in the fourth quarter.

The Red Arrow defense held St. Johns to a 34-yard,

fourth-quarter field goal by Ian Baert. The Redwings were limited to 107 yards on the ground and 32 through the air.

Marc Destine and Sam Young led Lowell in tackles with six apiece. Randy Hogan recorded five-and-half.

"It's difficult to get around the end when they have eight/nine guys up front and in these kind of elements," Mariage explained.

Lowell threw the ball just five times, however, its two completions went for touchdowns. Gabe Dean connected early in the third quarter with Derek Cornish on a 44-yard pass and then moments later on a 16-yard pass-and-catch.

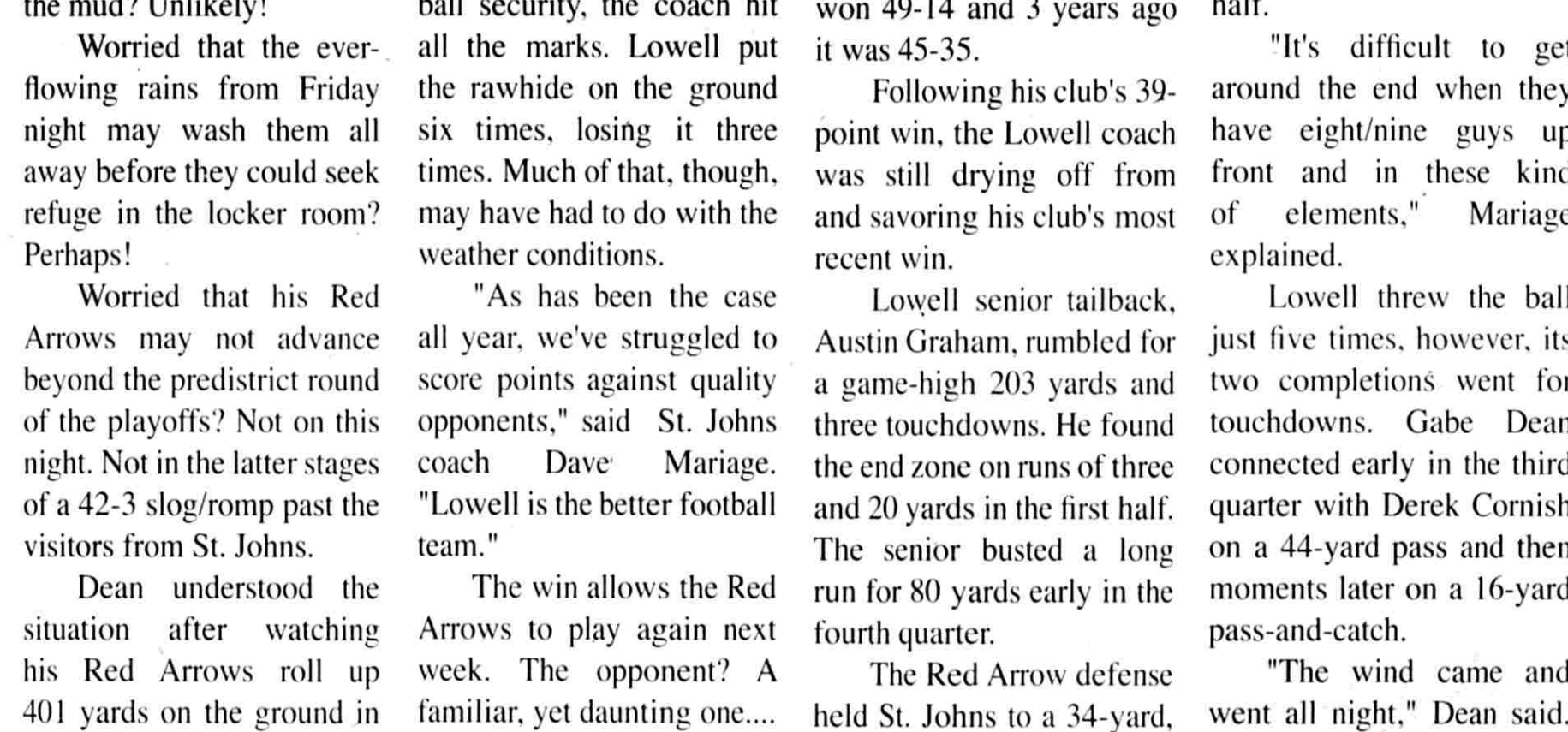
"The wind came and went all night," Dean said.

"Our goal was to come at it in the third quarter with the wind at our back because it was a bear going into it in the first half."

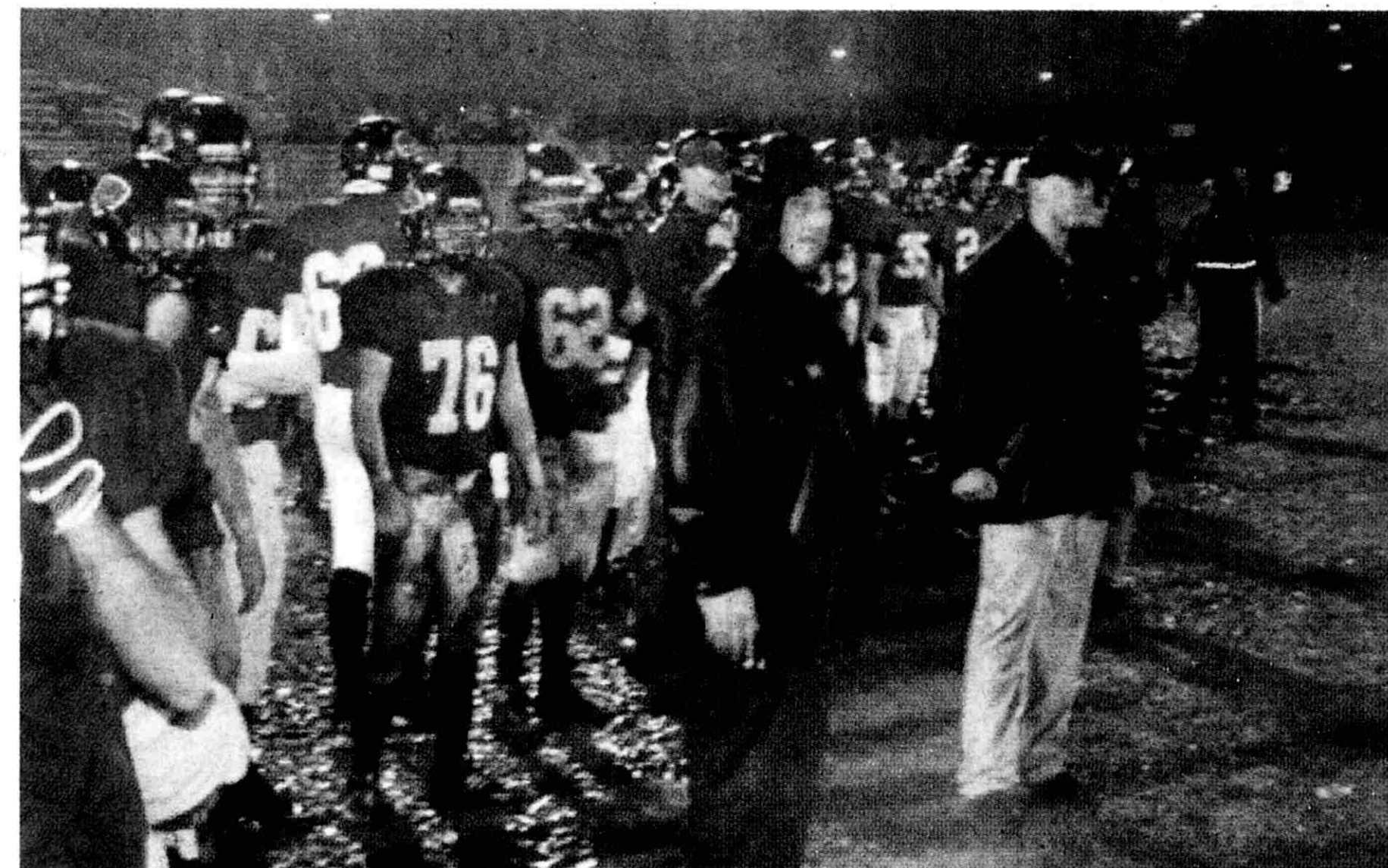
Lowell's final score of the night came with 4:01 to play in the game when Joshua Addington broke

free on a 25-yard touchdown burst.

"It was a classic game," Lowell coach Dean said, smiling. "We're over there on the sidelines, standing ankle-deep in mud. The kids loved it."



Lowell cheerleaders' enthusiasm for what was happening on the field was not dampened by the elements.



Jason Katt (right) and Noel Dean (left) work through the final minutes of Friday's 42-3 win over St. Johns.

Big Red, continued

Muskegon has defeated Lowell in its last two playoff meetings, 49-14 last year and 45-35 three years ago.

"If our kids can draw confidence from that, great, but these are not the same Muskegon and Lowell kids playing Friday night."

The Muskegon coach believes the game with

Lowell will come down to the play up front on both sides of the ball and special teams play.

Lowell, 9-1, enters the second round of the playoffs for the 10th straight year.

"We're feeling real good about where we are," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "We know we're

playing an accomplished team Friday. We're going to enjoy it."

Think Muskegon football and most fans will talk about the Big Red speed and athleticism on offense. Dean knows they are as impressive on the other side of the ball.

"They have a

phenomenal defense. We'll need to move the ball and gather first downs and gain field position," Dean said. "Muskegon has been a club that scores a lot of points early (Jenison, East Kentwood and Kenowa Hills). We'll need to weather that storm and keep it close into the third quarter."



Tickets for Friday's game go on sale on Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5. There is no reserve seating. Gates will open at 5:30.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Planning-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Deb Baldwin, who wishes to establish a Group Day Care Home for up to 12 children at 807 Bowes Road. With an R-2 zoning, a Special Use Permit is required under Section 7.03G. Thus, a Special Use Permit is requested.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Financial Focus, continued

in municipal bonds, or "munis." First, you'll receive regular interest payments. Just as importantly, these payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes — and possibly state and local income taxes as well. Keep in mind, however, that they may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Consequently, if you're in an upper tax bracket, you may be especially interested in munis.

Still, before investing in a muni, you'll want to de-

termine its yield. Basically, a bond's yield is the rate of return it promises at any given price; when a bond's price rises, its yield usually falls, and vice versa. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk. To compare the yield of a tax-free muni to that of a taxable bond, you must calculate its tax-equivalent yield, which is based on the muni's interest rate and your individual tax bracket. For example, let's say you are considering a

tax-free muni that pays four percent interest, and you're in the 28 percent tax bracket. To determine the bond's tax-equivalent yield, subtract your tax rate (.28) from one, giving you .72. Then divide the bond's rate, or .4, by .72, giving you 5.5 percent. This means you would need to find a taxable bond that pays at least 5.5 percent to equal the yield of a tax-free muni paying four percent.

Even if you've determined that a tax-free muni's yield compares favorably to

that of a taxable bond, you need to assess some of the potential risks of owning munis. For one thing, municipalities are clearly not exempt from the effects of the long and harsh recession we've experienced. Consequently, some projects funded by them may have trouble generating the revenue needed to repay the bonds' investors.

Another potential issue to consider with munis is their liquidity. Some states, such as New York and Cali-

fornia, issue a great many bonds, which are traded regularly. But some municipalities operate in more illiquid markets, so if you buy a muni from one of these issuers, you may need to hold it until it matures. Also, munis are traded "over the counter" rather than on an exchange, so it can sometimes be difficult to get a price quote for your bond, not to mention a buyer. These liquidity issues may not matter to you, however, if you intend to hold

your bond until maturity, collecting regular interest payments along the way and eventually receiving your principal back. There is also credit risk when investing in bonds, where if the issuer defaults you could potentially lose all of your principal. In any case, as long as you've done your research and gotten help from a qualified financial professional, you may find that municipal bonds can benefit you — so give them some thought.



October 28 - November 3

Okay, I know the economy is bad right now. I also know there are a lot of home businesses. Good for you entrepreneurs! Here's the thing. I get enough junk mail in my mailbox without my kids coming home from Halloween with home business fliers in their candy buckets! Hopefully, they got a piece of candy with their "trick" from you.

Visit our website: thelowelledge.com To vote on this week's poll question - Should "In God We Trust" be removed from U.S. currency?

last week's poll result: Would you support an income tax increase to help support the school system?

30%Yes 70%No



Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column! To the person who left the rabbit at F.R.O.M. - I hope you can live with yourself. If I knew who you were I would turn you in for animal cruelty. You couldn't know that he would be found and you left him to die. You should be proud.

- Sherri Jahnke

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Nov. 9, 2009

MON: Hamburger on wheat bun (cheese quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/lite dressing, fresh orange, milk.

TUES: Tony's pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm baked apples, milk.

WED: French toast sticks/ syrup or cereal/graham crackers & scrambled eggs, cinnamon applesauce, 100% fruit juice, milk.

THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes, peaches, milk.

FRI: Sloppy jo w/Tostito scoops (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), corn, fresh fruit, peanut butter bar, milk.

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Kid Scoop THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

What is Veterans Day?

by I.M. Curious Veterans Day, November 11, is a day to honor people who have served in the military during a war or in times of peace. To observe the day, thousands of veterans will march in parades in communities across America.

You may have a veteran in your family. Ask your parents or grandparents which family members have served in the military during a war. Ask those relatives questions. Get facts about their lives and write a news story.

VETERANS DAY

The Parade Shapes Up Find and count all the triangles, squares, circles and rectangles you can find in the kids' parade.



Grade the Reporter

Read the "What is Veteran's Day?" story by Kid Scoop reporter, I.M. Curious. Did the reporter give all the facts? Write down each of the facts in the article on the correct lines below.

Super Stars

It's a tradition to display blue and gold stars in the homes of families of veterans. A blue star means the veteran in the family is living. A gold star means the veteran died. How many stars can you find on this page in three minutes? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

What comes next?

Each row of stars below creates a pattern. Circle the star that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.

Extra! Extra!

What's the question? Read a newspaper article. What questions do you think the reporter asked to get the information for the article? List three or more of these questions and their answers.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you pick three stars that add up to exactly 100? HINT: There is more than one answer.

Double Double Word Search

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Heroes Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a "Heroes" poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

On the 11th month, the 11th day, at the 11th hour, take a moment to stop for two minutes and remember those who served.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Read this article. Then, replace the missing words using words in the Word List. Patriotic Poppies After World War I, an American woman named Moina Michael, to do something to help the men and women who had in the war. She made and little red paper poppies. She donated the she made to the war veterans. The poppy became the official memorial in 1922.

Money from poppy sales is used to build for seniors and to help provide to house-bound veterans. The poppy was because the poppy grows all over Europe and the graves of many of the American soldiers who died in the war wild poppies.

Word List

- SERVED MONEY FLOWER SOLD WILD CHOSES MEALS SPROUTED HAUNTING

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

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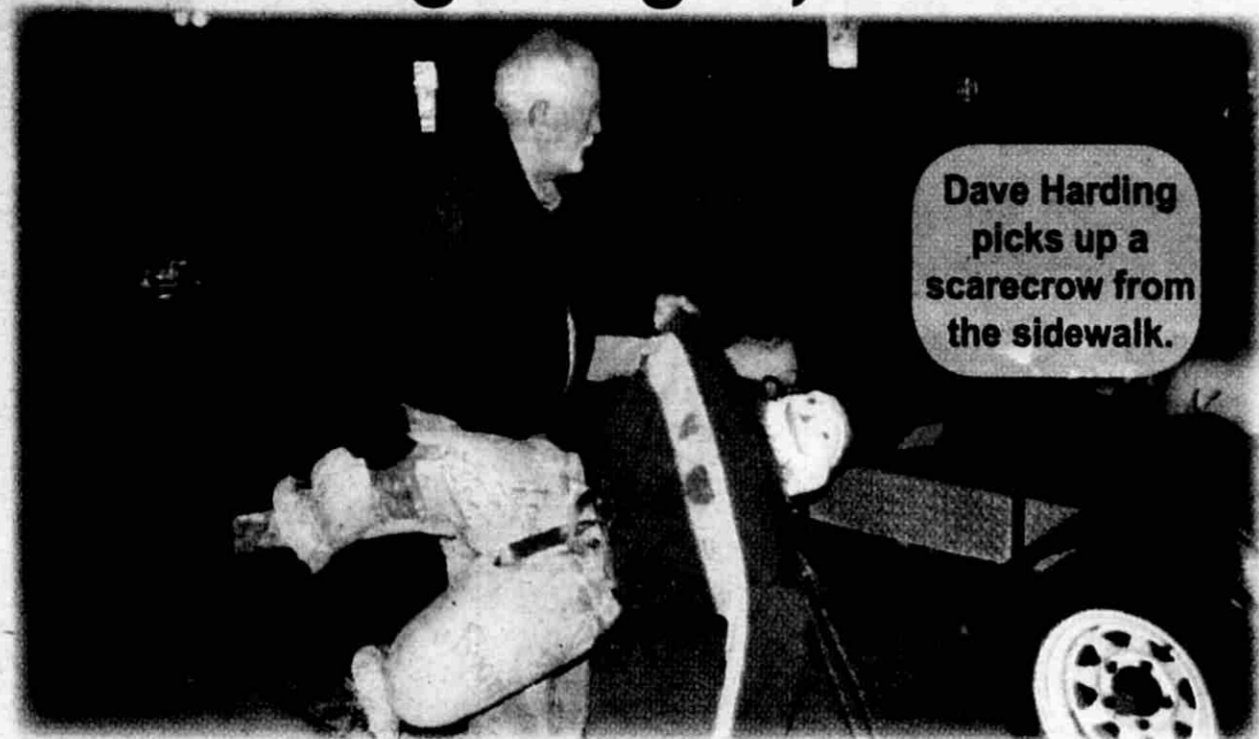
Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: TRIBUTE The noun tribute means something given to show respect or gratitude. Veterans Day is a tribute to military personnel who have served their country. Try to use the word tribute in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On! My Hero

Write a paragraph about your personal hero. Be sure to tell why this person is your hero.

Bewitching images, continued



Dave Harding picks up a scarecrow from the sidewalk.



Megan Maddocks, Karen Noreen, Rachel Stadt and Lauren Hershberger



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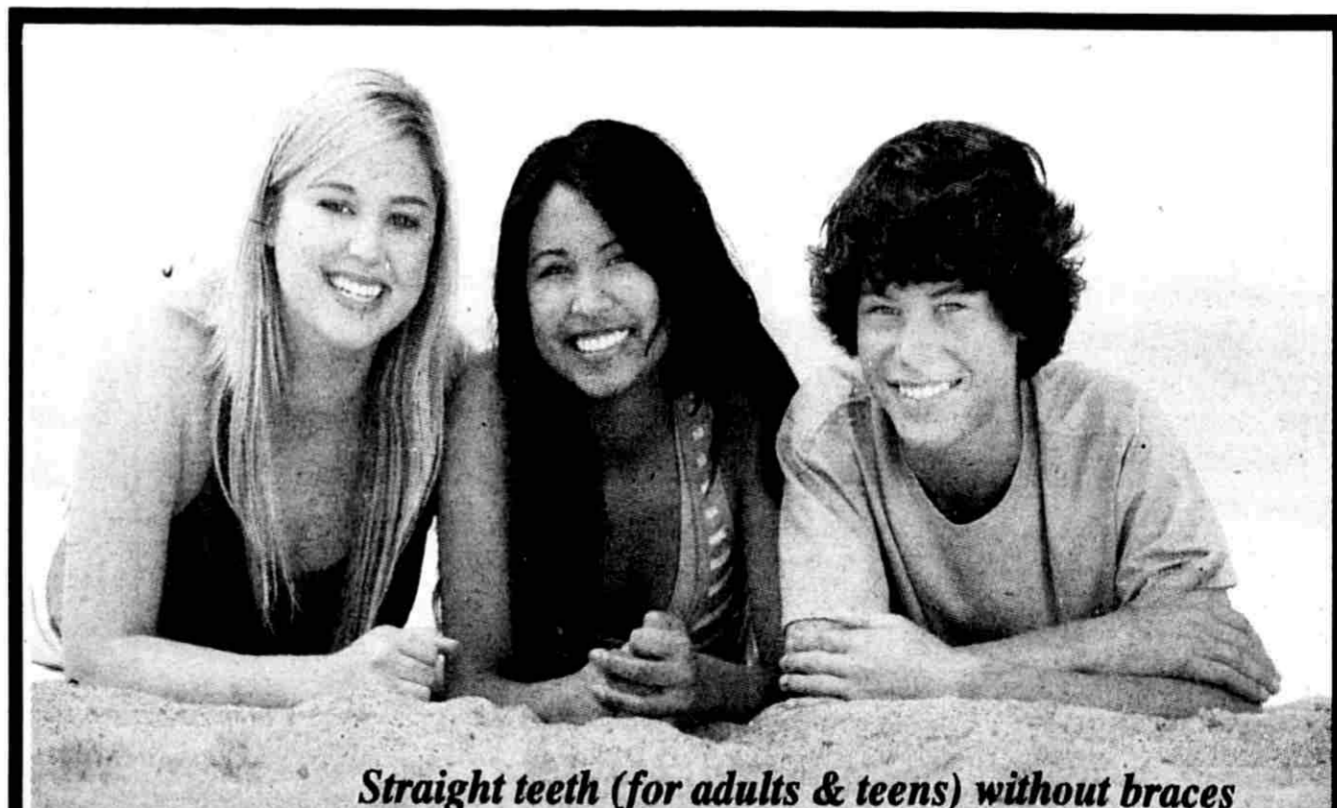
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