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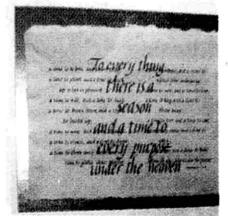
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Curtis Cleaners sponsors coat drive for kids and adults

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by Emma Palova

Get your closet cleaned and keep a child or an adult warm this winter by donating a coat or two.

CurtisCleaners is having a coat drive for kids and through adults Dec. 31. Coats can be dropped off at the dry cleaning shop in Lowell, as well as at the other locations store in Grand Rapids Cascade. and Independent Bank and Impact

Church are also collecting coats.

The coat drive started last year.



Marge Rehl, of F.R.O.M., arranges coats on a rack.

"It's a way to give back to the community," said manager Andy Curtis.

So far, Curtis Cleaners

has collected 130 coats, dry-cleaned them and taken them to the Flat River

Coats, continued, page 3

Benefit to help raise funds for expenses to Rose Parade

A benefit will be held for organ donor Andrew Benedict, 21, who died in February 2008 in a accident. snowmobile Andrew had shown interest in donating when he lost his cousin Ryan who became an organ donor.

"Those were Benedict.

The goal is to raise \$3,500 for family expenses to go to Pasadena, CA for the Rose Parade. A floragraph of their son and brother will be on a float that will represent Michigan Donate Life.

The benefit will be held his on Dec. 12 at the Victory

wishes," said mother Ronda Club in Ada at 7 p.m. with music by Thom Ellis and Dennie Middleton at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door; there will be a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle.

"We're looking forward to having a good time with friends and family," said

Benefit, continued, page 3

Santa is coming to visit Lowell

Get ready for an action packed Saturday with the main stars, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, in their decked out room on the Showboat.

A day of festivities starts with the Rogue River artisans holiday market place at the high school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture challenge will take place on the Riverwalk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa will be available for pictures from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., while the Lowell Area Historical Museum will host its annual 'A Cup of Christmas Tea.' Rudolph's craft workshop

will take place the chamber from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Α pancake supper will be served at the King Memorial Center the at

Lowell



fairgrounds from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Santa present from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

During the day you can enjoy shopping and local fare at the businesses and restaurants. The lighting of the town Christmas tree will be at 5:45 p.m. by the river.

And best of all the magic of the nighttime Christmas parade along Main Street will start at 6 p.m. sharp.

Students lend a helping hand



Students at Unity High student Thanksgiving lunch. school kept their traditional With leaf bags donated kitchen and seating for a staff/

November community by the city, this year's

Pictured: senior Brad Felker. Photo

business matters

Greenridge announced that Don Reedy received Realtor of the Month in November.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.





F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is presently in need of cereals, soup, crackers, boxed potatoes and hamburger and tuna helper. Your help is very much appreciated.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Dec. 4, 6-8 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 5, 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.

COOKIE TIME

The wives of the Lowell American Legion and VFW invite the community to join them in a homemade cookie shower Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space for our veterans who are in the Grand Rapids Veterans' Home. Bring your cookies to the American Legion/VFW Veterans' Center, 3115 Alden Nash, at noon on Sat., Dec. 5. The cookies will be delivered directly to the Veterans' Home. If you have questions, call Jan Thompson at 897-2533.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS

The 27th annual Fine Art and Craft Holiday sale will be Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. \$1 admission benefits Lowell Red Arrow Special Activities and Class of 2012. A special holiday lunch will also be available.

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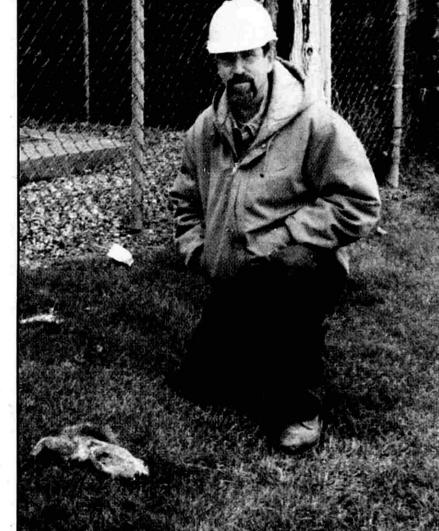
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service project alive for collection was transported the third year by raking the to the Wittenbach/Wege grounds at the central office, Center and will serve as Unity and the Nazarene mulch and ground cover at Church which provided a the community gardens.

by Unity junior, Nate Russell.



Puzzling power

outage explained

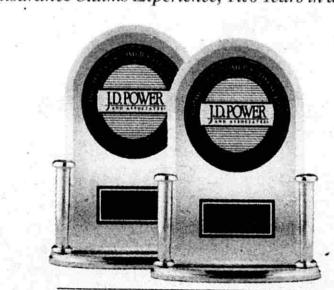
A squirrel got tangled in the power lines Tuesday and was electrocuted, that tripped the circuit breaker at the main substation causing the power to go out for half an hour.

When the squirrel was removed the power was restored. Lowell Light and Power utility foreman Tom Russo poses with the squirrel.

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BOOK SIGNING

released a new book - Fate's Fortune (published under her

pen name Laurie Carroll). She will have a book signing at

the Lowell Area Arts Council on Wed., Dec. 16 from 7-8:30

p.m. All four of her books will be available. Refreshments

SENIOR TRIP

for the senior class trip to Chicago. Fundraisers available and

ongoing. Check their website at LHS10seniortrip@gmail.

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Laurie Kuna, English teacher at Lowell High School, has

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LHS November Students of the Month

Lowell High School and by the Freshman Center the LHS Academic Boosters are proud to announce the Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Paula Blough, 12th grade; and Abigail Ellis, 9th grade; are the LHS November Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department.



Abigail Ellis

forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character. and work ethic. There are 1283 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Blough and Ellis. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Blough was nominated by the English department, and they write, "Her work in Literature and Film is absolutely stellar. She is an insightful writer with a gift for concise, accurate analysis, and an extremely creative thinker. Her involvement in FFA has kept her away from class [from] time to time, but Paula is always the first to ask for any homework she'll miss and the first to make up a quiz upon her return."

Ellis was nominated

If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done.

Peter Ustinov (1921 - 2004)

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"Abigail deserves to be "Student of the Month"



Anastacia Adams

Jonathan Dixon

Jonathan Dixon, 11th grade.

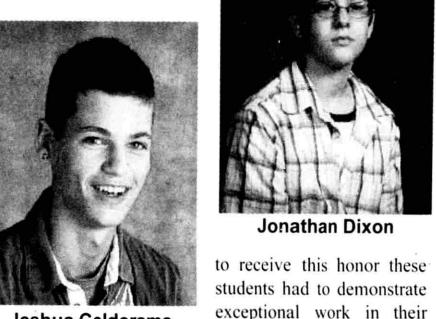
Landscape/Horticulture;

grade, received the award fo

Geldersma, 12t

Joshua

recognized as Student of the Month because she embodies everything we value as a Students from all over the school community. She county attend KCTC and has straight A's across the these students have achieved board in all of her classes. above and beyond. In order However, the grades alone don't capture the effort



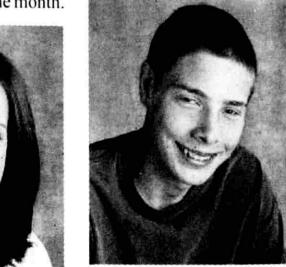
Paula Blough

and quality of work that

assignments. She prepares the award for Health Careers; for every assignment and test diligently because she challenges herself to be her best in all pursuits and excellence is a consistent

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.

In addition, Lowell High and Joseph Schreur, 12tl East Wing and they write, School is proud to announce grade, received the award that four students received in Engineering Drafting and



Joseph Schreur



any size coats. collecting them for us," said more. Marge Rehl. "They're clean

Cleaners' helping hand has needs cereals, soup, be distributed to food pantry hamburger and tuna helper. clients as well during the big Dec. 19 giveaway.

and ready to go.'

Coats,

continued

Ministries thrift shop. Curtis

year, Curtis Cleaners said they will take Cleaners collected, cleaned and donated 156 coats to "It is nice of them to do F.R.O.M. This year their the cleaning and that they're goal is to collect 200 or

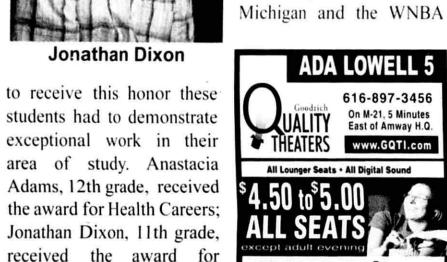
In line with the holiday spirit, there are several At one of the busiest food drop off boxes in area times for F.R.O.M., Curtis businesses. The F.R.O.M. come in handy. The coats will crackers, boxed potatoes,

ones and get your heart on

Benefit, continued

Benedict. "We have gotten a lot of support."

Andrew's family has becomeinvolvedineducating the public about donation. His sister, Jacquelyn, is now a volunteer for Gift of Life Michigan. She organized a family team to walk in the Life Walk this year and was instrumental in setting up a partnership with Gift of Life



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LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

Detroit Shock. Everyone longer something we just

in the Benedict family has know is out there. It's real

become an advocate for and it can happen to you,"

organ donation setting up said Ronda. "Have the

information tables at local discussion with your loved

"Organ donation is no your license."

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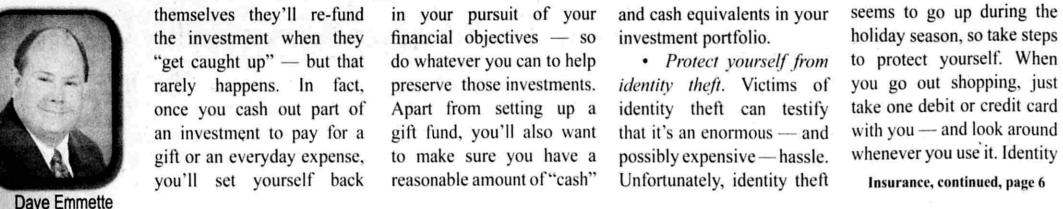




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financial objectives — so investment portfolio. Protect vourself from do whatever you can to help preserve those investments. identity theft. Victims of Apart from setting up a identity theft can testify an investment to pay for a gift fund, you'll also want that it's an enormous — and

holiday season, so take steps to protect yourself. When you go out shopping, just take one debit or credit card with you — and look around whenever you use it. Identity Insurance, continued, page 6

Grandparents' Day is a big success

Smart financial moves can help brighten holiday season

people, you're watching your holiday season. dollars extra carefully this Establish a gift fund. year as you do your holiday For next year's gift-giving shopping. And that's a good season, you may want to thing, because even in the open a special "gift fund." best of times, it's never wise Of course, it's not easy for to go overboard on gifts. But any of us to find "extra" by making the right moves money after we're done during this holiday season, paying our bills, so the best you can also help ensure that way to set up your gift fund you stay on track toward your may be to have the money long-term financial goals.

should you be taking during or savings account to another these weeks? Here are a few liquid account — one that suggestions:

new debt load. Everyone in surprised at how much you'll your life who is important accumulate in a year. you're trying to pay off big

If you're like many credit card bills from the past

moved automatically each Specifically, what steps month from your checking you wouldn't normally touch • Avoid racking up big for your day-to-day expenses. debts. In a time of economic Even if you can only afford uncertainty, the last thing to put in a small amount you want is to take on a each month, you might be

enough to receive a gift from • Don't touch long-term you will understand if you investments to pay for gifts. don't splurge on presents Some people tap into their you can't afford. And winter long-term investments to can be pretty gloomy when pay for holiday gifts, telling

Murray Lake Elementary held its second annual Grandparents Day for its kindergarten and voung five students. Grandparents were invited to come in and spend a few hours with their

Kindergarten teachers. Karla Byrne and Maria McGovern, as well as young fives' teacher, Amy Pike,

planned the event together. The purpose of the event was to get the students' grandparents involved in their education and to spend some quality time alone with their grandchildren.

The teachers planned several different activities for the grandparents and students to participate in together. There were educational



Murray Lake students spend lunch time with their grandparents.

things planned throughout the day. Many grandparents so many smiling faces," said also stayed and joined the kindergarten teacher Karla students for lunch

"It was a great day. Both the students and grandparents truly enjoy spending the the grandparents left Murray time together. It was extra Lake. It was a day they will special for me this year not soon forget. because my own daughter

games, art projects, puzzles, participated. It does take a reading time and many other lot of time to plan, but it is well worth it when you see

> There were many positive comments shared as

her grandmas, Ruth Barber and Kathy Noskey. business directory

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Kindergarten student Olivia Barber with both of



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Dear Editor,

The Nov. 4 Lowell Ledger had the results of a poll for the question - Would you support an income tax increase to help support the school system. The answer was 30 percent said yes and 70 percent, no. I had to ask myself if I would vote for an income tax increase to help support the school system. My outlook on the subject is that the constituents of Michigan have had to adjust devastating recession and so should the school system. In Sharing the Vision, it stated that there will be forums to discuss the

decline in state funding. In these forums, do you think that it will be brought to your attention that the Michigan school teacher gets paid well above the per-capita income the state? Will they bring to your attention that the constituents of Michigan have to pay for the greatest share of their own health care insurance and theirs' to? How much longer can the state afford to do that? Is it time for concessions from the teachers? Or is it time for both a tax increase along with concessions?



my stand for hours before

wandering off into the tall

grass. The same techniques

used for hunting can be

just watching wildlife go

about everyday activities in

Hang-on tree stands and

ladder stands elevate one

above the normal line of sight

of most forest creatures. Tree

concealment, but most

wildlife is not conditioned to

expect danger from above. It

is common to have squirrels

and birds of all species

within several feet of the

stand if one limits his or her

movements. The position

high above the forest floor

provides a clear view for a

considerable distance. Deer,

foxes, raccoons, and other

animals usually pass by

without noticing the stranger

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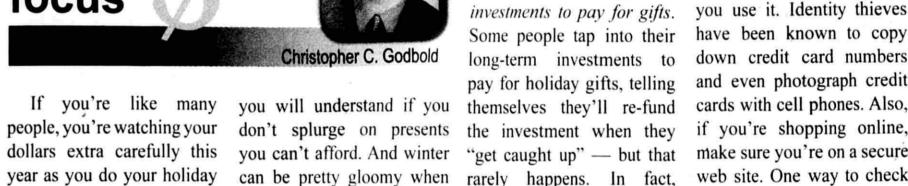
A small turtle climbed leaves the ground. up on the end of a log in Structure type ground was still soaking up the or portable. Fixed blinds can be made of common building materials or of left the area several hours later. This was only one of natural materials like brush and logs. Portable stands many close encounters I are made of fabric. Some that morning. I was able portables are fully enclosed to observe the activity in with observation windows. the swamp from a metal Others are one or three perch twenty feet above the sided panels which hide the tangled brush below. A hunt observer. for whitetail deer brought me One should check for to the swamp before daylight in the first place, but the only deer I saw lay down under

regulations on public land concerning construction. placement dates, and if they are allowed in a particular area. These rules may be posted at the site or can applied to photography or be found by contacting managing authorities. State game regulation guides generally address this issue. Permanent blinds have been constructed at some game refuges, public forests, and parks. For example, stands usually do not provide a wildlife observatory in Alaska features a blind which

allows close encounters with brown bears as they fish for Using a blind or stand can provide an opportunity to observe the drama that occurs everyday in the wild. I am sure I would not be able to spend the many hours in blinds that I do while hunting if not for the entertainment provided by the birds and animals. Photographers will have opportunities to get great stills and dramatic video recordings from a concealed position. Let the must be followed exactly, - wildlife come to you and get up close and personal.

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shopping. And that's a good



thing, because even in the best of times, it's never wise to go overboard on gifts. But by making the right moves For next year's gift-giving your pursuit of your financial you can also help ensure that open a special "gift fund." Of you can to help preserve bargains. As you probably you stay on track toward your long-term financial goals. should you be taking during so the best way to set up your have a reasonable amount of these sales, you can stock up these weeks? Here are a few gift fund may be to have the "cash" and cash equivalents on gifts for the next holiday Avoid racking up big each month from your
 Protect yourself from

suggestions: debts. In a time of economic checking or savings account identity theft. Victims of suggestions, you may be able uncertainty, the last thing to another liquid account identity theft can testify to remove a lot of the financial you want is to take on a — one that you wouldn't that it's an enormous — and stress that often accompanies

new debt load. Everyone in normally touch for your day-possibly expensive — hassle. the holidays — and that, by your life who is important to-day expenses. Even if you Unfortunately, identity theft itself, can help you enjoy the

small amount each month, holiday season, so take steps

investments to pay for gifts.

long-term investments pay for holiday gifts, telling you can't afford. And winter "get caught up" — but that can be pretty gloomy when rarely happens. In fact, you're trying to pay off big once you cash out part of credit card bills from the past an investment to pay for a gift or an everyday expense, along with the icon of the · Establish a gift fund. you'll set yourself back in locked padlock on your season, you may want to objectives — so do whatever course, it's not easy for any of those investments. Apart from know, the best bargains come us to find "extra" money after setting up a gift fund, you'll during stores' "after-holiday" we're done paying our bills, also want to make sure you sales. By taking advantage of money moved automatically in your investment portfolio.

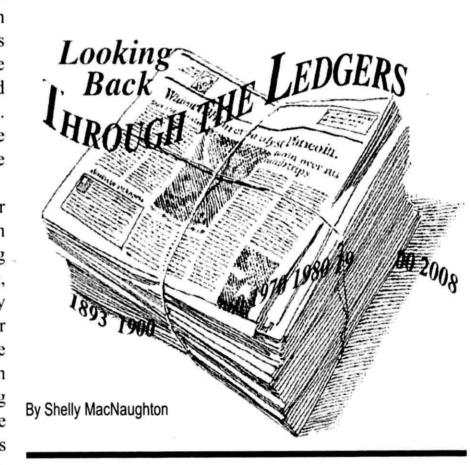
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you might be surprised at to protect yourself. When you how much you'll accumulate go out shopping, just take one debit or credit card with you Don't touch long-term — and look around whenever you use it. Identity thieves Some people tap into their have been known to copy to down credit card numbers and even photograph credit cards with cell phones. Also, make sure you're on a secure web site. One way to check for a secure site is to look for

browser's status bar.

"https" in the Web address,

By following these



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal December 3, 1884

Vacant dwelling houses are scarce in Lowell. Mr. J. McPherson, the "bazaar" man, has gone east to buy more holiday goods.

Farmers have already hauled to town many hundred been issued by the store. cords of wood this season.

There were shipped from Lowell, by express, four tons of Thanksgiving poultry this year, most of it within two days. In addition there were several shipments by freight. Hence, Lowell is not nearly so fowl as it was before Thanksgiving.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger December 2, 1909

John Berry, superintendent of the Lowell Cutter company, resigned his position here last week and returned to his former home and job at Orillia, Ontario.

Simon W. Gristwood, the old Springbrook miller, died at his home in this village Sunday morning, lacking only a of buses. few days of being 75 years old.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo December 4, 1934

Kellogg's Cider Mill closed its season this year with an output of about 3,000 barrels, which is slightly above the average annual output.

Main St. was covered with a light blanket of snow

Tuesday forenoon for the first time this winter. Beans by the carload are being picked and shipped daily from the Runciman elevator, giving employment to a large number with a payroll of approximately \$1200 weekly.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger **December 3, 1959**

Christmas came early for Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw, of 13785 Beckwith Drive, when she was pleasantly surprised to find her bonus card at Eberhard's worth \$50.00. Bill Nowak, manager of the Lowell store, gave Bradshaw the highest award to date, and reported that over \$2,000 has been given to Lowell store shoppers since the beginning of the program. Nowak revealed that there are still bonus cards in hundred and thousand dollar denominations that have

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger December 5, 1984

Approximately 50 Lowell Area School Administrators bus drivers, friends and relatives of the late Donald Kelly turned out for a dedication ceremony last Wednesday morning at the Lowell Area Schools Bus Garage. During his years as Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of the Lowell School District, Kelly was always a strong advocate of a quality transportation system. He was largely responsible for such achievements as the bus maintenance garage, two way radios, economic propane fuel systems and establishing a depreciation schedule for timely replacement

rarely get it.

Fortunately,

treatment of schizophrenia

improved outcomes for

the schizophrenia patient.

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independent or hold down

a job. Contact your doctor

if you think a loved one

may be suffering from

very effective. Most

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Golden anniversary



Al and Phyllis Ketchum

and (Strouse) Ketchum will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Dec. 5. They have four children: Sue and Don Sherwood, Scott Ketchum, Mike and Dawn Ketchum, and Brenda Schullo; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A dinner will be held later in December with the family.



Bethlehem Village

"TIS THE SEASON" to you stroll through vintage remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, and that is what the area churches around Clarksville are doing this December 4 animals, have your picture

For the last several years, Clarksville Bible Church has hosted a live re-enactment of Jesus' birth. This year is no exception; again, the area churches will come together in song, narrative and tableau to retell the story in a live outdoor event. This truly is an evening that can be enjoyed by the entire family. Experience the evening atmosphere of Bethlehem Village in the days of old as

village shops, register for the census, taste ethnic food, watch the re-enactment of Jesus' birth, pet live nativity taken in traditional Hebrew clothing, take a wagon ride around town to witness the village in it's splendor and warm yourself by the

You are invited to join the Clarksville community for this celebration Friday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5 from 5-8 p.m. at the Clarksville Bible Church, 216 S. Main St., Clarksville.



DECEMBER 2:

Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy, Karly Batt, Olivia Starkweather.

DECEMBER 3:

Chambers, Christine Gillies, Amanda Sterzick, Richard Kline.

DECEMBER 6: Kristopher Vezino, Phil Lillian (Kropf) Seese, Maria Blough Christopher DeBold, Marc

> **DECEMBER 7:** Jennifer Berry.

DECEMBER 8: Mike Cummings.

DECEMBER 4: show signs when they are in Tennille Bryant, Autumn their late 20's or early 30's. schizophrenia. French, Casey French.

DECEMBER 5: Christopher Vickers.

> to copy down credit card numbers and even photograph Blough credit cards with cell phones. Also, if you're shopping online, make sure you're on a secure web site. One way to look for "https" in the Web

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women have schizophrenia

Men begin to show signs

in their late teens or early

20's. Women usually start to

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Public Notice

The December Board of Review will meet as follows:

Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 2:00 pm

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Laws, provides for corrections of clerical errors or a mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures, and the corrections of Principle Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 2nd Monday in December.

On December 17, 2009, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 2:00 pm in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.



City of Lowell Clerk Posted December 1, 2009 Betty Morlock



Win over Inkster 'veer'-y nice end to championship season

by Thad Kraus

Lowell just won its third state championship in eight years. Gabe Dean, what are you going to do next?

locker room and go up to all my buddies and give them a pat on the back, especially

my seniors - I'll give them

all hugs," Dean said. "It's

Arrow teammates, this good

day served as the backdrop

to a 27-6 win over Inkster

in the 2009 Division 2 state

hammer football on offense

to control the game's tempo

and aggressive, physical,

pursue-like-mad defense to

Lowell used sledge

For Dean and his Red

been a good day."

Dean said.

the state's top high school a mistake or hesitate at all senior middle linebacker

perfection."

"Lowell has two good As a team, Inkster mustered

Lowell's defensive pursuit from side-line to side-line was re-

Lowell's 54 rushing

24 second-half minutes.

offensive line does a good

lentless as it held Inkster to under 100 yards rushing.

Lowell moves the ball for Randy Hogan. "We were "Our offense went the positive yards," Inkster able to get pressure on way we had hoped and coach Greg Carter said. Devin, who is a heck of an

"I'm going to go into the envisioned. Our goal was "They are not breaking big athlete. Coach Katt (Jason) not to throw a pass today," plays but are making positive is a defensive magician. Lowell football coach Noel vards and moving the chains. He makes things happen When you overreact they and had us relishing in the

fact of playing one more down on defense." Lowell imposed its will from the start on both

sides of the line. Jon Destine and Sam Young collaborated on a sack of Gardner on third and six from the Inkster 40 to force a punt on the Vikings' first possession.

The Red Arrow veercharged offense followed that up with an opening drive of 40 yards in eight plays to take a 6-0 lead. The Kyle Fitzpatrick extra point was blocked.

momentum bump to get the ball in on the first drive and for the defense to stop them from the beginning," said senior running back Austin Graham. "We just wanted to pound the rock behind "This was our veer version come back with something our great offensive line and of the wing-t. Hammer them else. That's a tough offense not pass the ball. Inkster has up front and impose our to stop and Lowell runs it to great athletes who come after

Devin Gardner, who Inkster's attempts and 290 yards on many call the best high Bell capped a Viking 70the ground did just that. The school player in Michigan yard drive with a one-yard Red Arrows controlled the this year, was held to four touchdown run early in the ball for a staggering 19 of the yards rushing and 134 yards second quarter to tie the passing by Lowell's defense. score at 6-6.

The two-point conversion running backs and their just 66 yards on the ground. failed. "Our defensive line

job blocking. They run the and defensive backs were answered shut down the Vikings and ball so well. If you make outstanding," said Red Arrow methodically marching 60



Austin Graham bulls his way into the end zone.

vards in six plays with Dean the two-point conversion, running it in from the two- giving Lowell its 27-6 vard line, opening up a 12-6 advantage. Dean led all ball carriers

Osborne stepped in front of a Lowell threw the ball just Gardner pass at the Lowell 37 three times for a negative and returned it to the Inkster one yard.

"There was some onthis year's seniors and what miscommunication as our receivers bumped," Gardner said. "It was fourth down always about the journey and and I had someone hanging to do it with quality people

threw it out there."

wide-out Derek Cornish on

The game's only turnover with 177 yards on 23 came on Inkster's next attempts. Graham ran for possession as Lowell's Renn 102 yards on 29 attempts.

> Lowell's coach reflected they have accomplished.

"To get to this point is

on my ankle so I just kind of I call friends makes it nice to win it and to be where we're Seven plays later, Lowell at," Dean explained. "This turned that pick into seven team led by Randy Hogan when Gabe Dean found pay helped to raise.\$325,000 for dirt from seven yards out, cancer and Gilda's Club. It makes getting to this point

giving Lowell a 19-6 lead. The only second-half bittersweet. These boys score came early in the have worked hard in the fourth quarter on a one- yard classroom, on the field and offense touchdown run by Graham. in the community. They Dean connected with senior deserve this."

On and off the field, seniors get it done

field.

looking up to high school at the Silver Dome. football players as a seventhand eighth-grader.

"It was a great feeling," them," Hogan said. Hogan said.

A young Hogan, as an teammates had young Red eighth-grader, looked up to Keith Nichol and the 2004 Lowell football team.

The future middle linebacker was there for seniors to end our season and youth.

Randy Hogan remembers Keith Nichol's winning debut "I looked up to them and wanted to become one of Friday, Hogan and his

> Arrows watching at Ford Field and dreaming of the day it might be them.

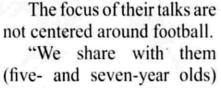
careers with a state title. Hogan said. "These are the boys I grew up with and this is what we talked about in seventh- and eighth-grade and now it happened and we're excited."

Hogan has returned the favor as he and other seniors and Red Arrows have taken "It's a great feeling for us their turn talking to Lowell

Teammate Austin Graham itle) is a great feeling."

experienced the thrill of a state championship in wrestling as a junior and now in football as a senior.

"It's been a longtime coming. With Midland and Muskegon before, we've wanted this for a long time. I'm glad we got it." Kruse



"We share with them (five- and seven-year olds) the importance of getting good grades and respecting their parents," Hogan said.

seniors have also played a big part in the Pink Arrow Project, worked in youth camps, and have handled themselves responsibly in the classroom.

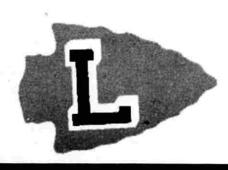
"Their grades are off the charts," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "It's amazing how it all works together to provide great play on and off the field."

recalled getting to practice with Kyle Nichol and Torsten Bos his freshman year. Seeing them in the locker room after losses and experiencing that levastating feeling. "We new we didn't want to go out like that. This (winning

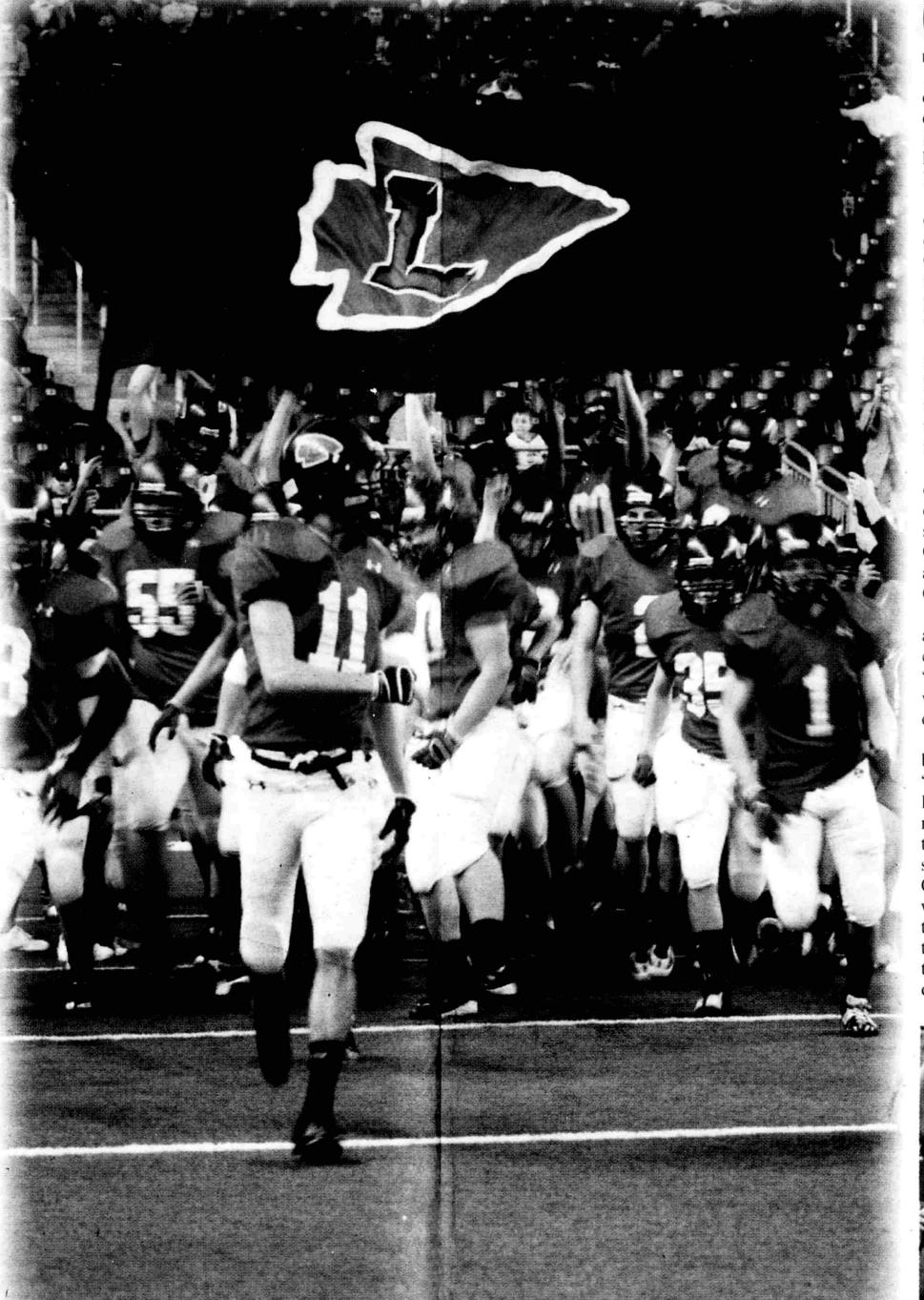
Randy Hogan's pursuit keeps DeShawn Bell from turning up-

A salute to the team seniors

- Austin Graham Austin Tackmann Connor Kruse Derek Cornish
 - Dylan Olin Jake Fillingham Jason Miller John Bogardus
 - Jon Hanson Keegan Hanrahan Keith Williams
 - Kyle Fitzpatrick Marc Destine Matt Persons Nick White
 - Pat Martin Randy Hogan Ryan Olep Trevis Shea
 - Tyler Matteson Zach Noskey and Zachary White.



Go Red Arrows!



Gardner shut down by Red Arrows in disguise

coach Noel Dean said he by the Red Arrow defense didn't sleep much after his held Inkster to a season-low 11-year-old son showed him a 2008 highlight reel of Inkster's Devin Gardner.

coordinator, Jason Katt. described trying to defend rated dual-threat quarterback there." prospect, as a heart attack waiting to happen.

"He is ultra talented. We knew we wanted to supply heat and make him thinl whether it was about running the football or throwing the football," Katt said.

In order to be successful on both fronts, Lowell defended from sideline to sideline as it prevented the QB from turning upfield and consistently pressured Gardner in the pocket.

"They were just coming and we didn't adjust good enough," Gardner said "They gave us a lot of what we expected (blitzes), but we didn't expect it that much.'

Much of that pressure was brought by Lowell's safeties. "Because of their pressure Lowell was able to check our receivers one-on-one better than I thought they would,' said Inkster head coach Greg Carter. "They blitzed and we knew they were going to blitz. It wasn't anything that we didn't prepare for; they just did a good job of disguising it."

17 for 134 yards in the game The harassment delivered

"We brought pressure a lot," said Randy Hogan, twodefensive time all-state linebacker. "Coach (Jason) Katt, he is just a magician and he can Gardner, the nation's top- make things happen out

against a Lowell defense that picked off one pass and

deflected four other passes. just 1-of-8 on third down conversions and only 1- of-5 four playoff games. on fourth down-attempts.

Entering the game, Lowell had allowed seven fewer The Vikings were points in its past 13 games than Inkster had scored in its

Gardner said he loved "They gave a lot of his experience at Inkster pressure and our receivers and having another chance weren't getting open as at a state title. "Lowell just early as usual," Gardner outplayed us today."



Devin Gardner absorbs the impact of Lowell's pressure during action of the Division 2 championship game on Friday.



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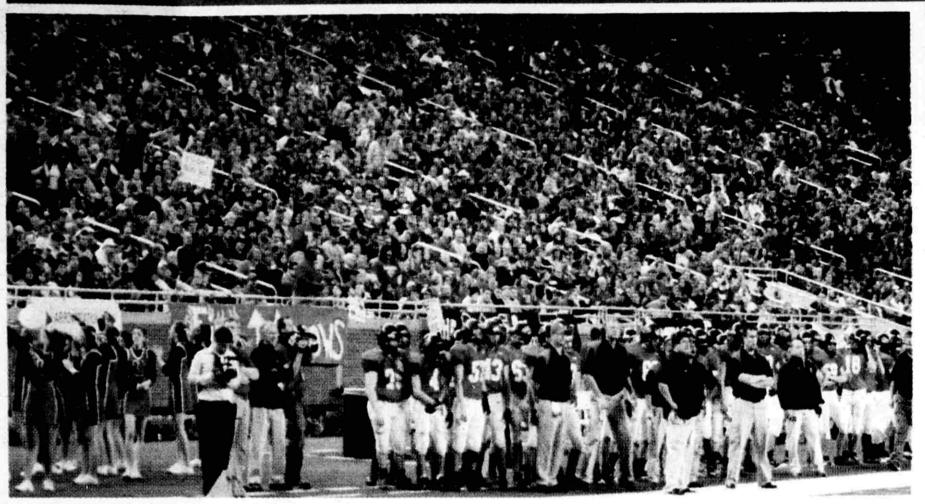


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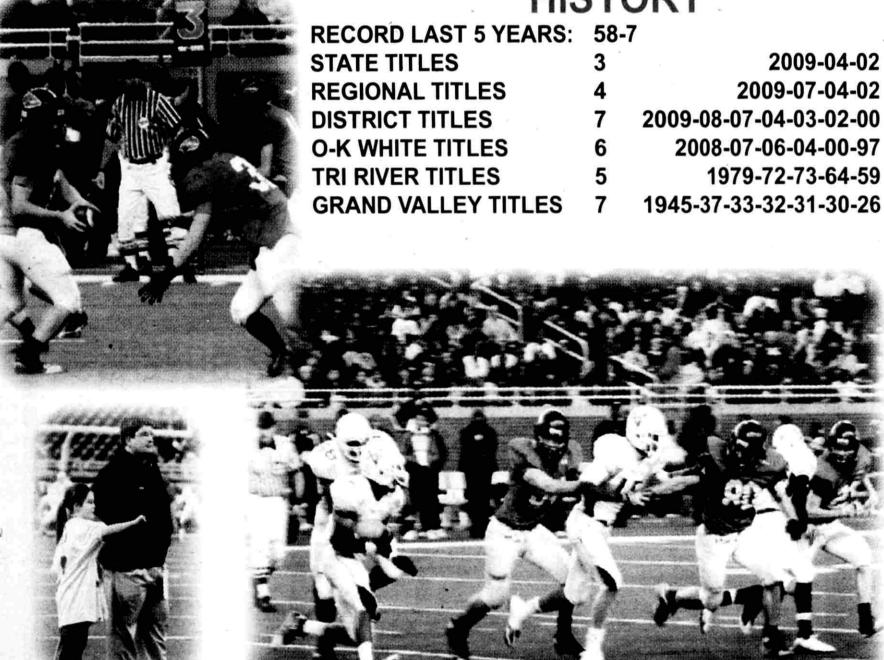
	INKSTER	LOWEL
FIRST DOWNS	7	18
NET YARDS RUSHING	32	290
NET YARDS PASSING	134	-1
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	166	289
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	39	57
POSSESSION TIME	18:45	29:15

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SCORING SUMMARY				
	Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
	1st	6:43	LOWELL - Austin Graham 1 yd run (Kyle Fitzpatrick kick blocked), 8-40 3:01	0-6
	2nd	10:03	INKSTER - DeShawn Bell 1 yd run (Devin Gardner pass failed), 8-70 4:01	6-6
	7:38	LOWELL -	Gabe Dean 2 yd run (Graham rush failed), 6-60 2:17	6-12
	2:48	LOWELL -	Dean 7 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 7-41 2:45	6-19
	4th	8:44	LOWELL - Graham 1 yd run (Derek Cornish pass from Dean), 12-45 6:35	6-27



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Your thoughts on the size of the Lowell crowd that showed up at Ford Field and why is it that high school football is so important to so many people in Lowell?

Seeing so many people at Ford Field on Friday was inspiring. We all need someone to follow since the Lions are so bad.

Football teams are a source of pride, probably more so with Lowell because they do so much in the community. - Kim Schwacha

I was not surprised by the size of the crowd. Lowell has always had a football following. I think it has to do with the winning and the respect people have for the Lowell football program and the amount of effort they are willing to put in.

Their work ethic in sports and studies makes them less likely to go down the wrong path.

- Jim Miles

My reaction was Wow! The crowd was from one end zone to the other end zone. I saw people at the game I haven't seen at a football game this season. The football team brings the town a lot of pride both on the field and in the community.

- Denny Huver

It was a real good crowd. I think it's all about the program and Lowell being a small community. Lowell has always been a good football town and we have a classy football program. I think a lot of it also has to do with the involvement of Lowell parents.

- Kirk Collins

It's more than a football game. It's a community event. I saw faces at the game of people who don't go to football games during the regular season. The other part is people talk and if they're going and they're going, and they're going, well, then I should be going. People also like teams who win championships.

- Bucký Curtis

The crowd was great. It was a great showing. This community loves its football. It was as much a community event as a football game. Lowell is a caring town, all the things this community does for the Pink Arrow Project and the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Everybody pitches in. It was Ford Field, the final game; no one wanted to miss it.

- Deb Canfield

The crowd was real good. It was probably the most interactive Lowell crowd I've seen. There was no prompting at all. On third downs people got to their feet.

In a small community like Lowell, everybody talks about the game and people get caught up in the hype.

With the involvement in the Pink Arrow Project, I think this was a community event for some. Lowell is so loyal when it comes to supporting the community and team. No matter where we go there is always a great following.

- Dave Able

The size of the Lowell crowd brought chills. It was really cool. The Detroit Lions could use Lowell fans. It's a pride thing. It's the winning tradition. It's all about community. Football is just the vehicle. It could be the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Football, however, has spectators. They (fans) come from all walks of life.

- Rick Seese

Red Arrow SPORTS

This Lowell streak will end at three

by Thad Kraus

BREAKING NEWS:

This just in, sources close to the Lowell football team have informed the Ledger that defensive coordinator Jason Katt will quit!

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Relax! Not football. Katt explained that he and his wife Kylee will quit having any more children following When Lowell won the state until he reached 11.' the birth of their twins in title in 2004 against St. Johns

the Lowell football program?

Katts' youngest (boy), Cael, coaching candidates is Why is this important to was born. "We will look to the young,

(girl), Reeve, was born. hoping Jason would continue fall because coach (Noel) calendar years.

One of those young

Juston Miller.

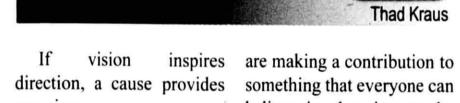
Miller said it was nice of Dave Dean's wrestling In 2002 when Lowell newly married coaches to the staff to think of him but, program. The Red Arrow defeated Brother Rice in the step up," said Lowell coach "that would probably mean wrestlers have also won title game, the Katts' oldest Rob McCormick. "We were I would have to give up my state titles on the same

Dean works me so many The Katts are expecting hours," Miller explained. twins in January.

The Katts' family No, they don't know if decision could also affect they are girls or boys.

"We didn't know with our other two children either." Katt said. "It's killing me, however, not knowing."





writes, that players are the reason for fan support. inspired by knowing that they

vision inspires are making a contribution to believe in, then it must be If what Martin Perry true that cause/meaning is



Sound Off!

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"Almost" anything goes column!

Congratulations to coach Dean for earning "Coach of the

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Year"! Awesome season!

Field.....Very well done.

Sensations' #10 and #13.

green to a Tiger Wood putt.

All of that may explain (Red Arrow football fans) others it's an opportunity to classroom. traveled east on Friday be a part of something to between yourself in community.

Lowell and Inkster. What's the cause? If wait for the day to leave their community, was important you're just strictly reading community. As adults, we again. Ford Field, watching the cover then 12-1 and a can't think of a reason not to Lowell play football, was the chance at a third state title stay. in eight years is simple But wait - there's more detractors.

Lowell fans. There are young If you're looking for athletes helping to raise school football, athletics, for more, then one must turn the over \$300,000 toward the 23 years. It is as much a part

See, high school football, cancer (Pink Arrow Project) tire of hearing bands striking whether it's in Pennsylvania, and the opening of a Gilda's up school fight songs, players Florida, Texas, Indiana or Club in Lowell, working with slapping banners as they run right here in West Michigan, Lowell youth in camps, and out onto the fields in Forest lures you in like nectar to a the off-season conversations Hills, Caledonia, Grandville, needs community as much as bee; like a hole on the 18th they have with kindergarten, Northview, Rockford, East community needs football. We're all naturally pulled kids.

In addition, their grade communities I've paced the our support.

For some it restores lost point averages also indicate why over 3,000 members youth, for others it's a must they handle themselves in of the Lowell community need three-hour getaway, for a responsible manner in the

Friday was that one day for the Division 2 state belong to believe, and cloak when high school sports seemed important, where As youth, many can't being a part of the crowd, the place to be. There were no

> I've been covering high awareness and fight against of me as anything I do. I never

sidelines with camera and notepad in hand.

Neither rain, cold, snow, wind or heat has kept me

The emotion, excellence of play, the fight of spirit, and the distinction of class has inspired me and brought me back all these many

Greg Carter, Inkster football coach, expressed many thoughts and feelings following the game Friday, but it did not take long for him to express sorrow that they weren't able to deliver a championship for their community, their city.

See, truth is, football second grade and fifth grade Grand Rapids, Lowell Both are inspired by one and any number of other another. Both are reason for

The Lowell Red Arrow football team ruled Ford Field! Congratulations on a well-deserved and well-earned state

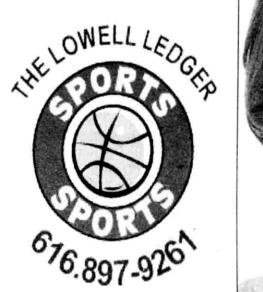
Football Notes:

Division 2 championship football t-shirts will go on sale Thursday at the high school. Shirts are \$10.

The Division 2 championship trophy will be presented to the school at Friday's pep assembly (starting at 1:30). It will precede the Lowell and Byron Center wrestling match.

> The Lowell football team will also take part in Saturday's Santa's parade starting at 6 p.m.









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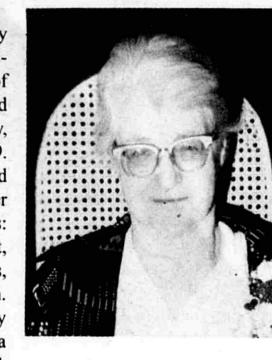
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BOOTH

Anna Davenport-Precious-Booth, age 96, of Lowell, passed Wednesday. away November 25, 2009. preceded death by her husbands: three Harald Davenport, Laurence Precious, and Claude Booth She is survived by her children; Wilma Philips, of Lowell:



NOTICE CORRECTION

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Notice of Adoption

Ordinance 2009-4, Recreational Facilities

And Amendments to the Zoning Map

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that 1.), Ordinance 2009-4, amending certain

portions of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance Section

201.202, and 2.), an amendment to the zoning map were adopted at

the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board

held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes

Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Ml. The

Text amendments were adopted in Section 201.202 to add definitions

of commercial recreation establishment, rural recreation facility, country

club, golf course, improved park and unimproved park. In the R-A, R-

1, R-2 and R-3 Districts, rural recreation facilities will be special

exception uses with standards for approval. In the R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3,

F-R, R-L, C and I District, improved and unimproved parks are added

as permitted uses. In the C District, commercial recreation

establishments will be a special exception use with standards for

approval. Section 201.417 adds parking standards and formulas for

The Board also adopted a zoning ordinance map amendment for a

certain area of 21 parcels from R-1 to R-2 that is planned for and

described in the Master Plan along the water main. The area rezoned

is in section 33, starting at 11579 Foreman and going east along the

north side of Foreman to Alden Nash, then north along the west side of

Alden Nash up to the south edge of the east driveway High School

parcel. The area does not include the Alden Nash West development

and Pheasant Valley private road, except for any parcels fronting on

Alden Nash. The map shown below and available at the Township

These amendments and map changes take effect 8 days after

publication. The complete ordinance and map amendments can be

reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box

208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on

offices and online.

the website at www.vergennestwp.org.

commercial recreation establishments and rural recreation facilities.

amendments and rezoning are as summarized below:

Bertha (Bill) Franks, of Harlington, TX; Vivan (Tom) Morse, of LeRoy; Laurence Precious, of Lowell; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Thursday, December 3 at 11

a.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N Washington, with Pastor Wes Hershberger officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N Hudson. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

FERRILL

On Nov. 11, 2009, our beloved twins, Aron James and Rexell Everitt, joined their big sister, Alexia Jean, and grandfather, Everett Rex Ferrill, along with uncle Thomas Aron Ferrill and uncle Chad Everett Ferrill, with their God and Savior, Jesus Christ. They are survived by Daddy and Mommy, Andy and Denise Ferrill, of Alto; big brother, Drew Scott, and big sister, Anika Denise; as well as greatgrandparents, John and Joan Everitt; great-grandmother, Mary Roush; grandmother, Donna Ferrill; grandma and grandpa J.D. and Charlene Hummel; uncle Doug and aunt Alicia Hummel and their children, Jake, Kyle and Alec; uncle John Ferrill and son, Tyler; aunt Darcie Smith; uncle Corey and aunt Stephanie Ferrill and their children, Sawyer, Colton and Wyatt; and many more friends and family. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the

courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Sleep Chapel in Lake Odessa.

GLAHN

Margaret H. Glahn, aged 81, of Pilgrim Manor, Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Friday, November 27, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Omar. She is survived by her children, Herb (Lynn) Glahn, of Harbor Springs; Katherine (Michael) Plantholt, of Normal, IL; Elizabeth (Rev. Rob) Appold, of Alto; Julia Glahn (Chris DeVito), of Urbana, IL; Jenny (Tim) Reck, of Muskegon; Peggy Glahn, of Ann Arbor; 12 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Margaret's family would like to thank the staffs of Hospice of Michigan and Pilgrim Manor for all their loving care given to their mom and themselves. Memorial services will be Monday, December 28 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran World Relief, c/o St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5125 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-3751; Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave SE, Ada, MI 49301 or Pilgrim Manor Foundation, 2000 Leonard St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

WILLIAMS

Mrs. Helen Williams, aged 91, of Grand Rapids, went to be with the Lord Thursday, November 26, 2009 and rejoins sweet angels; you are home her husband, Sam. Surviving are her children, Mary Dean Williams, Ace (Carol) Williams, Ruby (Jack) Gorter of things through Christ who Oregon, Robert (Margaret) Williams; 11 grandchildren, strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13) 26 great-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; a Amen. Private graveside sister, Hazel Powers of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. services were held at She was also preceded in death by her son, Ray and three Lakeside Cemetery in Lake grandchildren. Helen was a member of Grandville Church Odessa. Arrangements were of Christ. A funeral service was conducted Monday at the made by the Koops Funeral Funeral Home. Interment Graceland Memorial Park

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decedent, JOAN C.

SZAROWICZ, who lived

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 09-187,746-GA

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back of his neck. Grandpa

shivered and tugged his

collar up a little higher to

when he turned slightly

to his right! There, only a

couple of feet from him,

was Rudolph with his very

bright nose, out ahead of

four pairs of reindeer. Close

Vixen. But what was really

team of reindeer, all nine of

them, were not standing on

the ground but were, in fact,

suspended in air, about a

foot above the snow. Comet

and Cupid and Donner and

their harnesses, anxious to

get underway again. But, oh-

oh... Santa appeared to have

thought to himself! How

could Santa possibly have

He knew Santa had plenty of

presents because his elves

had worked all year long up

and had made more than

enough for everyone! So

sitting there in his sleigh

happy face. Santa stared

down at a map that rested

from side to side. It was a

map covered with many big

"red Christmas X's" on it.

Grandpa realized these must

be all the stops Santa had to

make. Then he noticed all the

X's were crossed off but one.

Santa's red hat with the white

Still, there was Santa,

have a problem?

Wait a minute, Grandpa

Grandpa's exciting Christmas flight

This is the first, of a four-part Christmas story, by Dave Thompson. The Ledger will print the subsequent sections, each week, finishing with the Dec. 25th edition. Week One...

(Grandpa becomes Santa's helper for one special

Christmas and all through the woods not a creature was stirring because it was ten degrees below zero and that's really, really, r-e-a-1-1-y cold. Grandpa had just taken a bag of fresh sunflower seeds out to fill his three bird feeders so his bird-friends would have a nice Christmas dinner, too! As he walked down toward the river, the snow crunched beneath his old boots, telling him it was, indeed, a mighty cold night. It was at that point he heard a strange sound overhead. It was a sort of "Whooooooshing noise!" a sound he'd never heard

before. His eyes scanned past his snow covered garden toward the woods, but there was nothing there. He looked out over the frozen ice and snow laden river.... but he could see nothing there, either. What a strange sound, he thought, but as he got closer to the river the sound seemed to get louder. And louder! Finally, his eyes looked up into the clear Christmas sky The big ol' moon was full and bright and stars twinkled down at him as he looked up at the face of the old man in the moon.

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might still be awake at this keep the snow out. Then...

hour. This was a sound

see him, Grandpa?"

night! "Ho, ho, ho!!! Ho, from falling off his sleigh....

Excited, Grandpa moved "Oh, my goodness... will down to the bird feeders as vou look at that," Grandpa the snow continued to crunch blurted out, almost without with each step along the path. realizing he was talking only "Crunch, crunch, crunch" the to himself! "It is! It's him! It sound echoed as he walked a problem. has to be Santa Claus!" And along. He knew that the snow sure enough, it was! Up there only crunches like that when with his reindeer flashing on the temperatures are near ahead of him, Santa flew like zero and tonight it was even a problem? Grandpa knew a comet through the cloudless colder than that. Grandma Santa couldn't be out of sky, silhouetted across the had heard the weather man

Then, from the woods the winter.

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him, Grandpa snow to get down the heard a haunting call of

there it was again! That he did recognize! "whooooooshing" sound, it only this time it seemed began between even louder. Stopping, he sensed... almost felt the presence of something or "I do believe someone very close to him, yet he was certain that Santa up there he was alone. Instantly, everything was very quiet. That "whoooooshing" sound deliveries! Did you had suddenly stopped for the moment. He was startled

was right. It was, indeed, There... up in the sky, it Santa Claus himself! "Yes, appeared to be something Oscar, I saw him! Isn't he long and flexible and moving magnificent? And aren't at a high rate of speed. It his reindeer fantastic? They behind him were Dasher and twisted, almost serpent-like, move through the sky so fast picking up speed as it shot and with such grace! I don't into that cold, crisp night sky! know how they do it, and, Then he heard something stranger yet, I don't know totally different..... a faint how Santa manages to keep voice, calling out into the all those big bags full of gifts

At the first feeder, he in their North Pole workshop paused for a moment and looked up in the sky again to see if Santa might still be how could Santa possibly in sight, but low and behold, he was gone, hurrying to complete his deliveries before all the good little boys looking confused. Finally, he and girls awoke on Christmas beckoned Grandpa to come morning! When his feeders closer to his sleigh. It was were filled, Grandpa began then that Grandpa noticed a his long trek back to a big frown on Santa's usually warm and cozy house and to Grandma.

As he walked toward on his lap, shaking his head the garage, a blast of wind picked up a swirl of snow off the roof, causing some

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trim and big tassel at the end of it continued to shake slowly back and forth. "I've got a serious problem here, Grandpa," he said, looking up. He stroked his long white beard, looking at Grandpa and appearing confused. "I just don't understand it. Something doesn't make sense. Last year they were to a spot on his map. "We've looked everywhere but there Christmas morning?

isn't even a house there any more. I wonder where they are? A mother and father with four little children must have gone somewhere? They couldn't have simply just disappeared?"

Look for the continuation of this story next week. Will Santa and Grandpa be successful in finding this missing family? And, will they be able to do it before





November 25 - December 1

- An oil tanker bound for the United States was hijacked off Somalia with a crew of 28 aboard, maritime authorities said. Pirates have captured
- Two people without invitations crashed President Obama's first White House state dinner, the U.S. Secret Service stated. The couple also had their photo taken with the

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- Pro golfer, Tiger Woods, was in a single vehicle crash early Friday morning. Woods suffered minor injuries; Woods also denied talking to the police department.
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"The Hand That Letters' on display at the Franciscan Life Process Center

by Emma Palova

A new exhibit 'The Hand That Letters' showcases the unusual art of calligraphy now on display at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

Although the exhibit is rather small, its quality

exceeds the size. Members of the Calligraphic Society of Grand Rapids explore the art of beautiful penmanship.

The themes range from nature such as 'Green Pastures' by Sandra Sicard. Sicard In this work, combines photography with ink writings celebrating the wonders of nature.

Other artists like Mary Hulzingh used an old Dutch proverb and quotes for their calligraphy work.

The Calligraphic Society of Grand Rapids (CSGR) was established in 1988. Its purpose is to promote the study and practice of calligraphy, to encourage individual excellence and to foster wider and deeper appreciation of calligraphy, its history and applications. Suzy Schwark, of Rockford, is a founding member.

Art director Karen Cornwell is among the exhibiting artists with her 'Angels.' Cornwell used iridescent powder to makean imprint of a hand in the background. The piece is ink

on glass depicting a quote that refers to the hands of angels.

"In the past we had a holiday theme, but this year we let the artists choose their own quote," she said. "We got a lot more variety."

However, it is the last year for the annual calligraphy exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center. A change of venue is in the works.

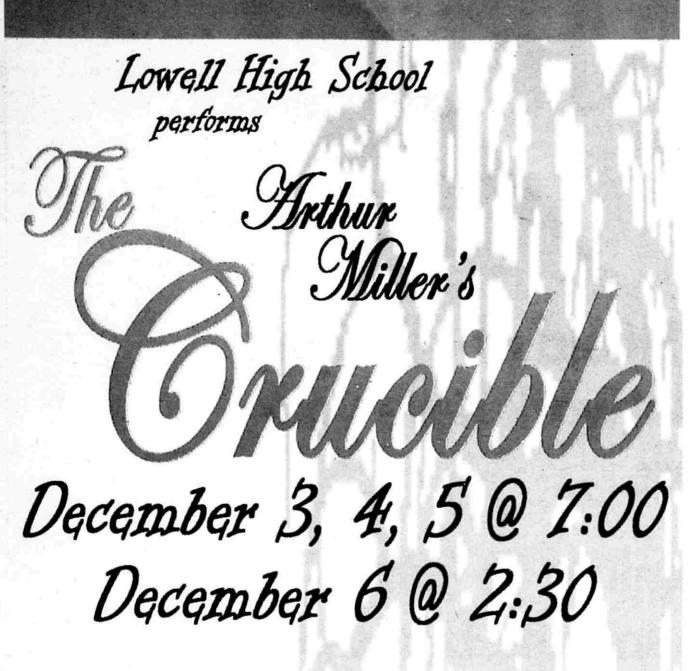
"It may spark more interest," said Cornwell.

There will be an advent

retreat 'In Search of Pilgrims: Destination Bethlehem, on Dec. 2.

Artist Elizabeth Dean will have a solo show starting Jan. 24. Debbie Hoskins will have an exhibit starting Jan. 31. The exhibit ties into her upcoming visual journaling workshop.

The artists donate 25 percent of their sales to help support the center's art programs and art scholarship funds.



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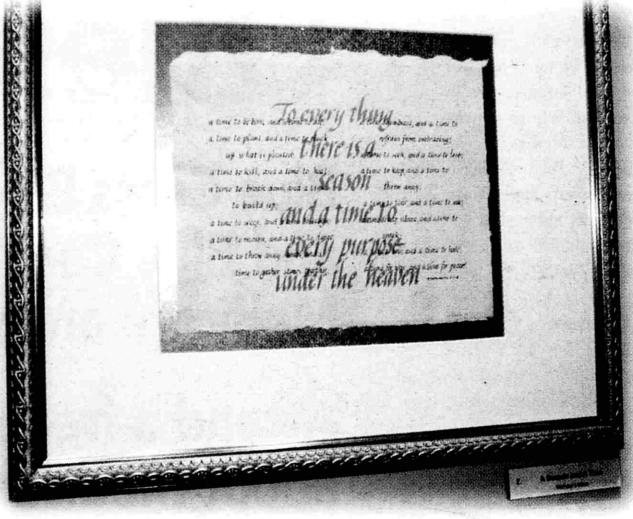
"Once upon a time....

in Salem, Massachusetts...

people believed in witches."

In 1953 when Arthur Miller wrote The Crucible, America had for three years been caught up in anti-Communist hysteria. Fueled by the fanaticism of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the "Red Scare" targeted in particular thousands of government employees, American entertainers, educators, and union activists suspected of Communist activities. Suspects were arrested and interrogated, and many were not only fined, but also jailed (or both). Anyone who refused to reveal names of those who attended Communist meetings was punished. Many were blacklisted from careers and many were never able to work again. Ironically, McCarthy did not find a single Communist in the government.

Arthur Miller himself was investigated, and what he saw going on around him led to The Crucible. It would probably never have occurred to me to write a play about the Salem witch trials of 1692, Miller wrote, "had I not seen some astonishing correspondences with that calamity in the America of the late 40s and early 50s. My basic need was to respond to a phenomenon which, with only small exaggeration, one could say paralyzed a whole generation and in a short time dried up the habits of trust and toleration in public discourse." The mob mentality that held sway in 1692 and repeated itself 258 years later still rears its ugly head today, making The Crucible as contemporary as it is historical in origin.



Michael Linden's 'A Season and a Time.'



Sandra Sicard's 'Green Pastures.'

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