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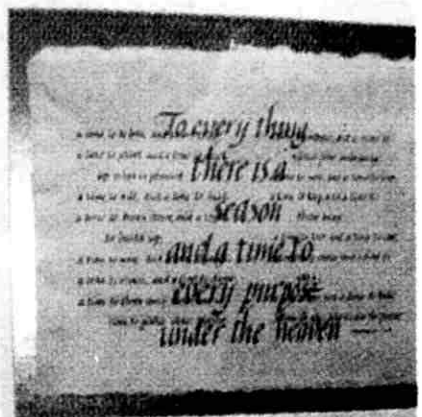
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Curtis Cleaners sponsors coat drive for kids and adults

by Emma Palova

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

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

The coat drive started last year.



Marge Rehl, of E.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

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Benefit to help raise funds for expenses to Rose Parade

by Emma Palova

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

"Those were his

wishes," said mother Ronda 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 on Dec. 12 at the Victory

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

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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 at the chamber from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A pancake supper will be served at the King Memorial Center at the 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 School kept their traditional November community service project alive for the third year by raking the grounds at the central office, Unity and the Nazarene Church which provided a kitchen and seating for a staff/

Pictured: senior Brad Felker. Photo by Unity junior, Nate Russell.

business matters

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

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.



Puzzling power outage explained



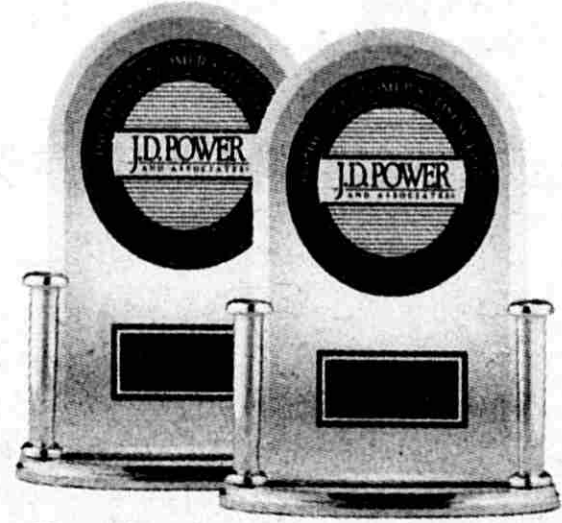
A squirrel got tangled in the power lines Tuesday and was electrocuted, that tripped the circuit breaker at the main substation causing the power to go out for half an hour.

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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LHS November Students of the Month

Lowell High School and 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.

by the Freshman Center East Wing and they write, "Abigail deserves to be

In addition, Lowell High School is proud to announce that four students received "Student of the Month" honors at Kent Career Tech Center (KCTC) in one month.

and Joseph Schreur, 12th grade, received the award in Engineering Drafting and CAD.



Paula Blough



Anastacia Adams



Joseph Schreur



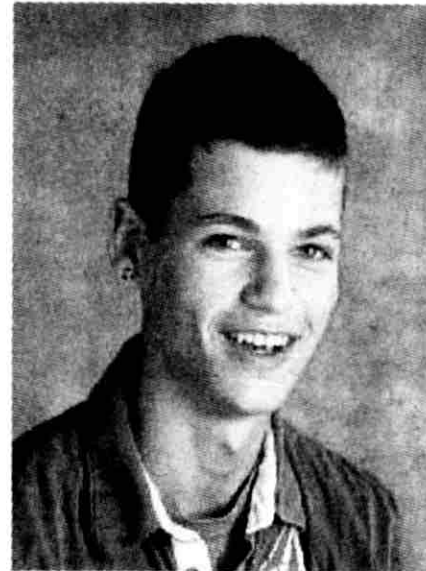
Abigail Ellis

recognized as Student of the Month because she embodies everything we value as a school community. She has straight A's across the board in all of her classes. However, the grades alone don't capture the effort and quality of work that

Students from all over the county attend KCTC and these students have achieved above and beyond. In order



Jonathan Dixon



Joshua Geldersma

All the nomination 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."

Abigail insists in her assignments. She prepares for every assignment and test diligently because she challenges herself to be her best in all pursuits and excellence is a consistent result."

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.

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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Coats, continued

Ministries thrift shop, Curtis Cleaners said they will take any size coats.

"It is nice of them to do the cleaning and that they're collecting them for us," said Marge Rehl. "They're clean and ready to go."

At one of the busiest times for F.R.O.M., Curtis Cleaners' helping hand has come in handy. The coats will be distributed to food pantry clients as well during the big Dec. 19 giveaway.

Last year, Curtis Cleaners collected, cleaned and donated 156 coats to F.R.O.M. This year their goal is to collect 200 or more.

In line with the holiday spirit, there are several food drop off boxes in area businesses. The F.R.O.M. needs cereals, soup, crackers, boxed potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper.

Benefit, continued

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

Andrew's family has become involved in educating 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 Michigan and the WNBA

Detroit Shock. Everyone in the Benedict family has become an advocate for organ donation setting up information tables at local events.

"Organ donation is no longer something we just know is out there. It's real and it can happen to you," said Ronda. "Have the discussion with your loved ones and get your heart on your license."

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COOKIE TIME
The wives of the Lowell American Legion and VFW invite the community to join them in a homemade cookie shower 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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Al and Phyllis Ketchum

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Lillian (Kropf) Briggs turned 99 on Nov. 18. Send cards to: 5907 West River Dr. Belmont, MI 49306

happy birthday!

- DECEMBER 2:** Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy, Karly Batt, Olivia Starkweather.
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- DECEMBER 5:** Christopher Vickers.
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- think that other people control their thoughts;
- think that people are "out to get them";
- have trouble making plans, speaking, expressing feelings or feeling happy; or
- have trouble making decisions, paying attention, and remembering.

About one in 100 men and women have schizophrenia. Men begin to show signs in their late teens or early 20's. Women usually start to show signs when they are in their late 20's or early 30's.

Insurance, continued

thieves have been known to copy down credit card numbers and even photograph credit cards with cell phones. Also, if you're shopping online, make sure you're on a secure web site. One way to check for a secure site is to look for "https" in the Web address, along with the icon of the locked padlock on your browser's status bar.

Shop early for bargains. As you probably know, the best bargains come during stores' "after-holiday" sales. By taking advantage of these sales, you can stock up on gifts for the next holiday season.

By following these suggestions, you may be able to remove a lot of the financial stress that often accompanies the holidays — and that, by itself, can help you enjoy the season even more.

2009 STATE CHAMPS!



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

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

"I'm going to go into the locker room and go up to all my buddies and give them a pat on the back, especially the state's top high school football player."

"Our offense went the way we had hoped and envisioned. Our goal was not to throw a pass today," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

senior middle linebacker Randy Hogan. "We were able to get pressure on Devin, who is a heck of an athlete. Coach Katt (Jason) is a defensive magician. He makes things happen and had us relishing in the fact of playing one more down on defense."



Austin Graham bulls his way into the end zone.

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 veer-charged 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.

"That was a big 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 our great offensive line and not pass the ball. Inkster has great athletes who come after the ball."

Inkster's DaShawn Bell capped a Viking 70-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter to tie the score at 6-6.

The two-point conversion failed. Lowell's offense answered immediately, methodically marching 60

yards in six plays with Dean running it in from the two-yard line, opening up a 12-6 lead.

The game's only turnover came on Inkster's next possession as Lowell's Renn Osborne stepped in front of a Gardner pass at the Lowell 37 and returned it to the Inkster 48.

Lowell's coach reflected on this year's seniors and what they have accomplished.

"To get to this point is always about the journey and to do it with quality people I call friends makes it nice to win it and to be where we're at," Dean explained.

"This team led by Randy Hogan helped to raise \$325,000 for cancer and Gilda's Club. It makes getting to this point bittersweet. These boys have worked hard in the classroom, on the field and in the community. They deserve this."

Seven plays later, Lowell turned that pick into seven when Gabe Dean found pay dirt from seven yards out, giving Lowell a 19-6 lead. The only second-half score came early in the fourth quarter on a one-yard touchdown run by Graham. Dean connected with senior wide-out Derek Cornish on



Lowell's defensive pursuit from side-line to side-line was relentless as it held Inkster to under 100 yards rushing.

my seniors - I'll give them all hugs," Dean said. "It's been a good day."

For Dean and his Red Arrow teammates, this good day served as the backdrop to a 27-6 win over Inkster in the 2009 Division 2 state final.

Lowell used sledge hammer football on offense to control the game's tempo and aggressive, physical, pursue-like mad defense to shut down the Vikings and

"This was our veer version of the wing-t. Hammer them up front and impose our will."

Lowell's 54 rushing attempts and 290 yards on the ground did just that. The Red Arrows controlled the ball for a staggering 19 of the 24 second-half minutes.

"Lowell has two good running backs and their offensive line does a good job blocking. They run the ball so well. If you make

come back with something else. That's a tough offense to stop and Lowell runs it to perfection."

Devin Gardner, who many call the best high school player in Michigan this year, was held to four yards rushing and 134 yards passing by Lowell's defense. As a team, Inkster mustered just 66 yards on the ground.

"Our defensive line and defensive backs were outstanding," said Red Arrow

CITY OF LOWELL 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

On and off the field, seniors get it done

by Thad Kraus

Randy Hogan remembers looking up to high school football players as a seventh- and eighth-grader.

"It was a great feeling," Hogan said.

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

The future middle linebacker was there for

Keith Nichol's winning debut at the Silver Dome.

"I looked up to them and wanted to become one of them," Hogan said.

Friday, Hogan and his teammates had young Red Arrows watching at Ford Field and dreaming of the day it might be them.

"It's a great feeling for us seniors to end our season and

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 their turn talking to Lowell youth.

The focus of their talks are not centered around football.

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

The 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."

Teammate Austin Graham recalled getting to practice with Kyle Nichol and Torsten Bos his freshman year. Seeing them in the locker room after losses and experiencing that devastating feeling. "We knew we didn't want to go out like that. This (winning title) is a great feeling."

Connor Kruse 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 said.



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



Gardner shut down by Red Arrows in disguise

by Thad Kraus

Lowell head football coach Noel Dean said he didn't sleep much after his 11-year-old son showed him a 2008 highlight reel of Inkster's Devin Gardner.

Lowell's defensive coordinator, Jason Katt, described trying to defend Gardner, the nation's top-rated dual-threat quarterback prospect, as a heart attack waiting to happen.

"He is ultra talented. We knew we wanted to supply heat and make him think, 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."

The harassment delivered by the Red Arrow defense held Inkster to a season-low six points.

"We brought pressure a lot," said Randy Hogan, two-time all-state linebacker. "Coach (Jason) Katt, he is just a magician and he can make things happen out there."

Gardner went just 9-of-

17 for 134 yards in the game against a Lowell defense that picked off one pass and deflected four other passes.

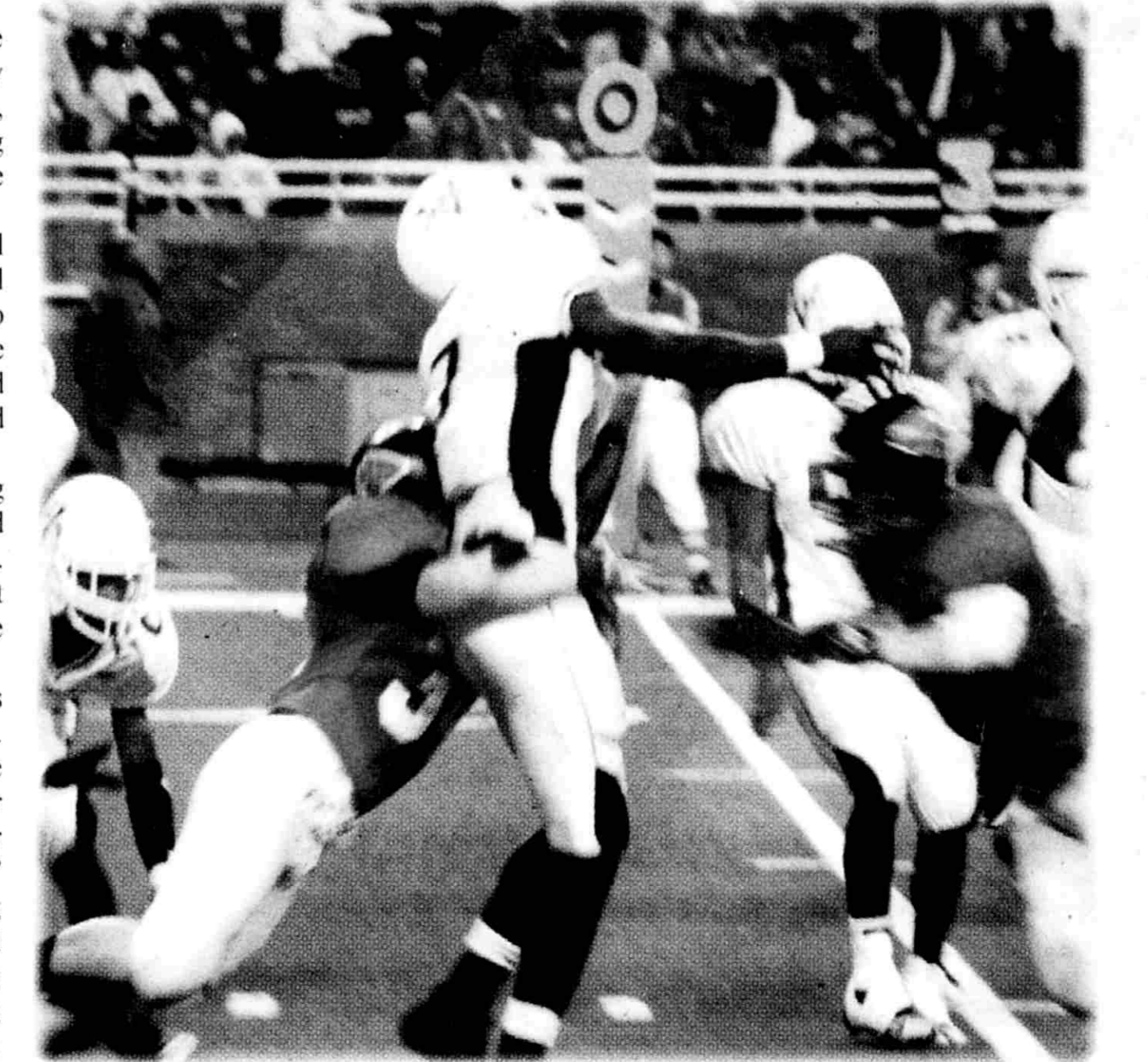
The Vikings were just 1-of-8 on third down conversions and only 1-of-5 on fourth down-attempts.

"They gave a lot of pressure and our receivers weren't getting open as early as usual," Gardner

said. "They just pressured and they got it done."

Entering the game, Lowell had allowed seven fewer points in its past 13 games than Inkster had scored in its four playoff games.

Gardner said he loved his experience at Inkster and having another chance at a state title. "Lowell just outplayed us today."



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

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
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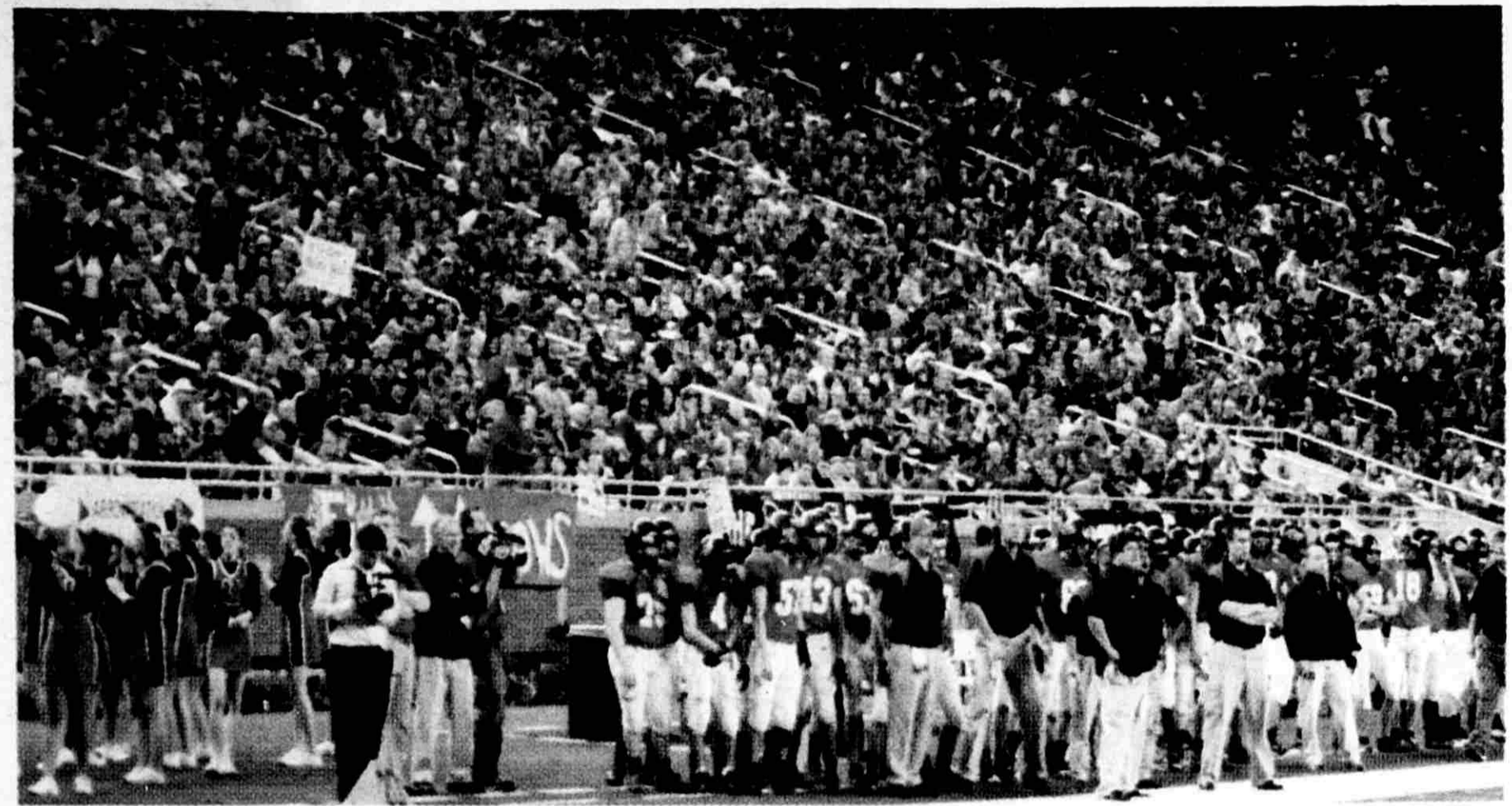


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The Road To Victory



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. - Bucky Curtis

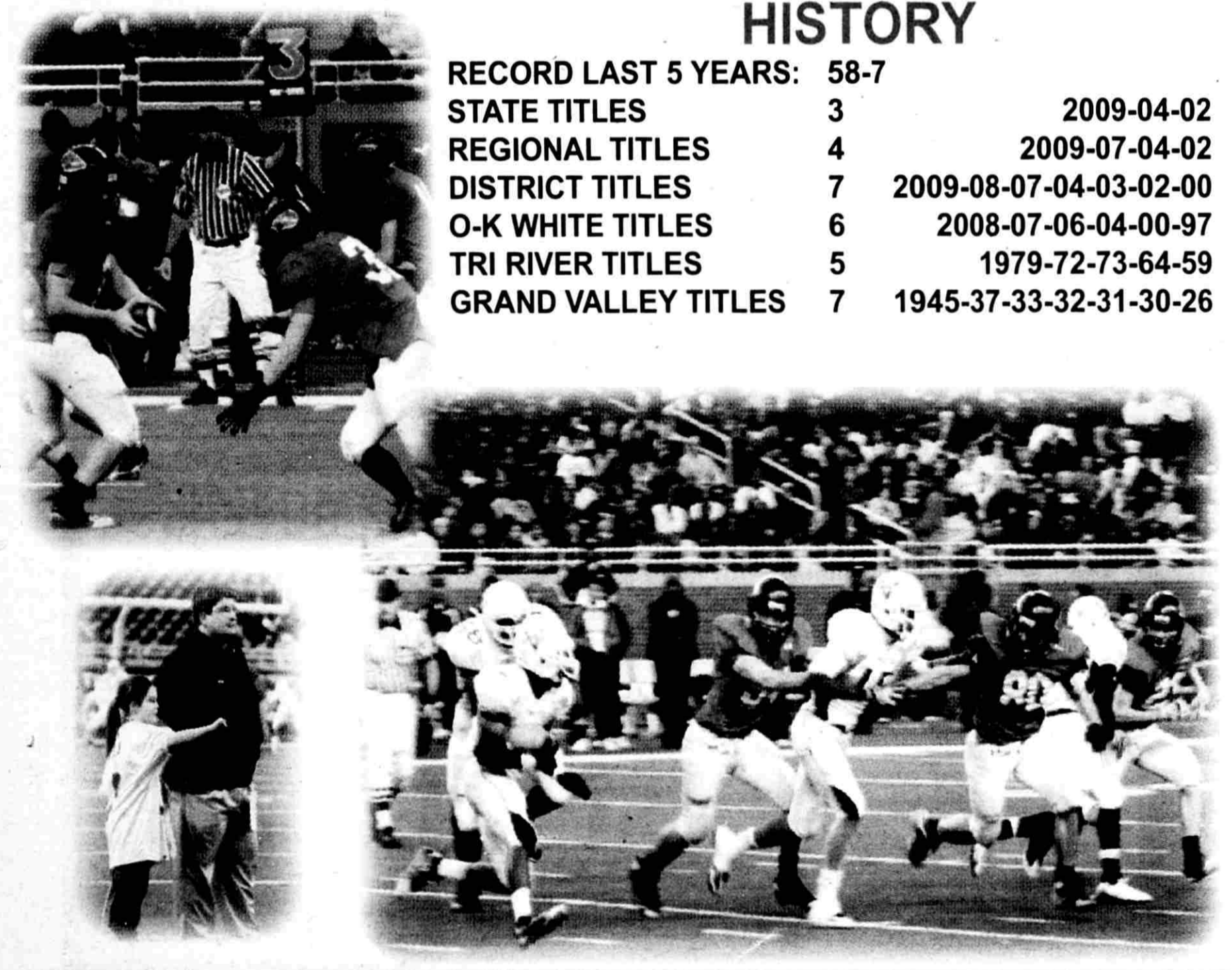
The crowd was great. It was a great showing. This community loves its football. It was as much a community event as a football game. Lowell is a caring town, all the things this community does for the Pink Arrow Project and the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Everybody pitches in. It was Ford Field, 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

TEAM STATISTICS		
	INKSTER	LOWELL
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

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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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!

any more children following the birth of their twins in January. Why is this important to the Lowell football program? In 2002 when Lowell defeated Brother Rice in the title game, the Katts' oldest (girl), Reeve, was born.

When Lowell won the state title in 2004 against St. Johns Katts' youngest (boy), Cael, was born. "We will look to the young, newly married coaches to step up," said Lowell coach Rob McCormick. "We were hoping Jason would continue

until he reached 11." One of those young coaching candidates is Justin Miller. Miller said it was nice of the staff to think of him but, "that would probably mean I would have to give up my fall because coach (Noel)

Dean works me so many hours," Miller explained. The Katts' family decision could also affect Dave Dean's wrestling program. The Red Arrow wrestlers have also won state titles on the same calendar years.

The Katts are expecting twins in January. No, they don't know if they are girls or boys. "We didn't know with our other two children either," Katt said. "It's killing me, however, not knowing."

Someone had to say it!

Thad Kraus

If vision inspires direction, a cause provides meaning. If what Martin Perry writes, that players are inspired by knowing that they

All of that may explain why over 3,000 members of the Lowell community (Red Arrow football fans) traveled east on Friday for the Division 2 state championship between Lowell and Inkster.

What's the cause? If you're just strictly reading the cover then 12-1 and a chance at a third state title in eight years is simple enough.

If you're looking for more, then one must turn the page. See, high school football, whether it's in Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Indiana or right here in West Michigan, lures you in like nectar to a bee; like a hole on the 18th green to a Tiger Wood putt. We're all naturally pulled in.

For some it restores lost youth, for others it's a must need three-hour getaway, for others it's an opportunity to be a part of something, to belong, to believe, and cloak yourself in community.

As youth, many can't wait for the day to leave their community. As adults, we can't think of a reason not to stay.

But wait - there's more Lowell fans. There are young athletes helping to raise over \$300,000 toward the awareness and fight against cancer (Pink Arrow Project) and the opening of a Gilda's Club in Lowell, working with Lowell youth in camps, and the off-season conversations they have with kindergarten, second grade and fifth grade kids.

point averages also indicate they handle themselves in a responsible manner in the classroom.

Friday was that one day when high school sports seemed important, where being a part of the crowd, the community, was important again. Ford Field, watching Lowell play football, was the place to be. There were no detractors.

I've been covering high school football, athletics, for 23 years. It is as much a part of me as anything I do. I never tire of hearing bands striking up school fight songs, players slapping banners as they run out onto the fields in Forest Hills, Caledonia, Grandville, Northview, Rockford, East Grand Rapids, Lowell and any number of other communities I've paced the

sidelines with camera and notepad in hand. Neither rain, cold, snow, wind or heat has kept me away. The emotion, excellence of play, the fight of spirit, and the distinction of class has inspired me and brought me back all these many years. 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 needs community as much as community needs football. Both are inspired by one another. Both are reason for our support.



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

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

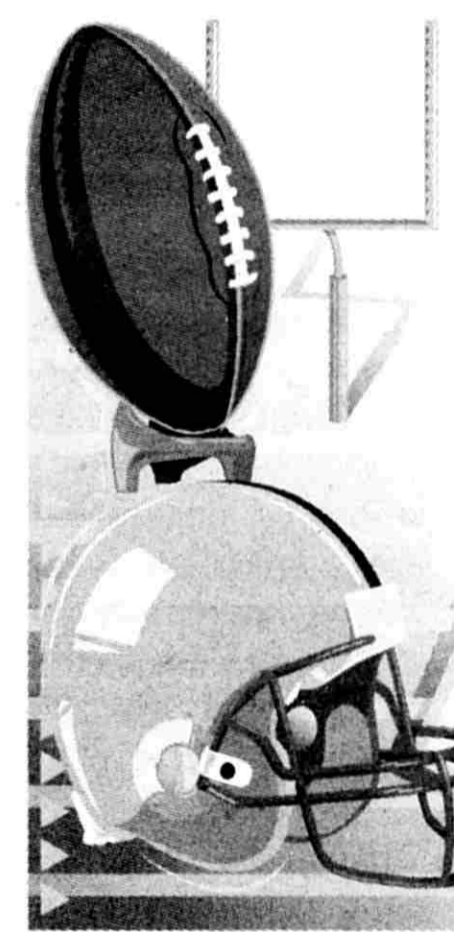
Congratulations to coach Dean for earning "Coach of the Year"! Awesome season!

Congratulations to the entire Lowell community on another state championship. I was there and it was exciting. Savor it whether you are a player, a parent or just a member of the community - it represents all of your efforts, sacrifices, selflessness and commitment. From Gilda's Club to Ford Field.....Very well done. - Mike "The Schwan's Man"

Congratulations Red Arrows - especially the 'Haitian Sensations' #10 and #13.

To vote on the current poll question go to: thelowellledger.com

last week's **poll result:**
Tis the season! What is your favorite pie?
36%.....Pumpkin
27%.....Pecan
27%.....Apple
10%.....Cherry
0%.....Lemon Meringue



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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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 night!)



The night before Christmas and all through the woods not a creature was stirring because it was ten degrees below zero and that's really, really, re-a-l-l-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.

That's when he saw it!

There... up in the sky, it appeared to be something long and flexible and moving at a high rate of speed. It twisted, almost serpent-like, picking up speed as it shot into that cold, crisp night sky! Then he heard something totally different.... a faint voice, calling out into the night! "Ho, ho, ho!!! Ho, ho, ho.... and Mer-r-r-ry Christmas!"

"Oh, my goodness... will you look at that," Grandpa blurted out, almost without realizing he was talking only to himself! "It is! It's him! It has to be Santa Claus!" And sure enough, it was! Up there with his reindeer flashing on ahead of him, Santa flew like a comet through the cloudless sky, silhouetted across the face of the old man in the moon.

Then, from the woods

next to him, Grandpa heard a haunting call of "Whoooooo..... whooooo" from the only animal who might still be awake at this hour. This was a sound he did recognize! "Grandpa," it began between a couple of his whoooooos, "I do believe that must be Santa up there making his Christmas Eve deliveries! Did you see him, Grandpa?" It was Oscar, the wise old owl and he was right. It was, indeed, Santa Claus himself! "Yes, Oscar, I saw him! Isn't he magnificent? And aren't his reindeer fantastic? They move through the sky so fast and with such grace! I don't know how they do it, and, stranger yet, I don't know how Santa manages to keep all those big bags full of gifts from falling off his sleigh.... but somehow he does!"

Excited, Grandpa moved down to the bird feeders as the snow continued to crunch with each step along the path. "Crunch, crunch, crunch" the sound echoed as he walked along. He knew that the snow only crunches like that when the temperatures are near zero and tonight it was even colder than that. Grandpa had heard the weather man that morning say that tonight was to be the coldest night of the winter.

At the first feeder, he paused for a moment and looked up in the sky again to see if Santa might still be in sight, but low and behold, he was gone, hurrying to complete his deliveries before all the good little boys and girls awoke on Christmas morning! When his feeders were filled, Grandpa began his long trek back to a warm and cozy house and to Grandma.

As he walked toward the garage, a blast of wind picked up a swirl of snow off the roof, causing some

snow to get down the back of his neck. Grandpa shivered and tugged his collar up a little higher to keep the snow out. Then... there it was again! That "whooooooshing" sound, only this time it seemed even louder. Stopping, he sensed... almost felt the presence of something or someone very close to him, yet he was certain that he was alone. Instantly, everything was very quiet. That "whooooooshing" sound had suddenly stopped for the moment. He was startled 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 behind him were Dasher and Dancer, then Prancer and Vixen. But what was really weird was that this whole 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 Blitzen were all fidgeting in their harnesses, anxious to get underway again. But, oh-oh... Santa appeared to have a problem.

Wait a minute, Grandpa thought to himself! How could Santa possibly have a problem? Grandpa knew Santa couldn't be out of gas....reindeer didn't use gas! He knew Santa had plenty of presents because his elves had worked all year long up in their North Pole workshop and had made more than enough for everyone! So how could Santa possibly have a problem?

Still, there was Santa, sitting there in his sleigh looking confused. Finally, he beckoned Grandpa to come closer to his sleigh. It was then that Grandpa noticed a big frown on Santa's usually happy face. Santa stared down at a map that rested on his lap, shaking his head 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



November 25 - December 1

- Faced with the sudden collapse of its plan to sell Saab to Sweden's Koenigsegg Group AB, a disappointed General Motors must now confront the possibility of shutting Saab down.
- Toyota hits the brakes on four million gas pedals. Automaker recalls four million gas pedals after problems with it getting stuck in the car's floor mat.
- 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.
- An oil tanker bound for the United States was hijacked off Somalia with a crew of 28 aboard, maritime authorities said. Pirates have captured more than 50 ships this year off Somalia.
- 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 president and vice president.
- Chelsea Clinton announced her engagement to longtime boyfriend.

NASA scientists have produced the most compelling evidence yet that bacterial life exists on Mars. Microscopic worm-like structures were found in a meteorite.

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Deadline approaching for Lowell Community Fund requests

Deadline quickly approaching for Lowell Community Fund requests

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Friday, Dec. 11 at noon.

To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell area. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2010-2012.

It has now implemented a three-year funding cycle, which means groups interested in receiving funds will submit a formal funding request every three years.

Request forms are available at Dr. James Reagan's office, 207 W. Main St., or at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. The formal request forms include a demographic data sheet on clients served, how funds from the previous year were spent, and the annual budget for the organizations requesting funds.

From 1955-2009, the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$280,000 into the community.

"It is important to note that this funding program is entirely separate from the Harold Englehardt funding program (Lowell Area Community Fund) which is handled through the Grand Rapids Foundation," said Dr. Bob Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund.

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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. In this work, Sicard combines photography with

ink writings celebrating the wonders of nature.

Other artists like Marv 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 make an 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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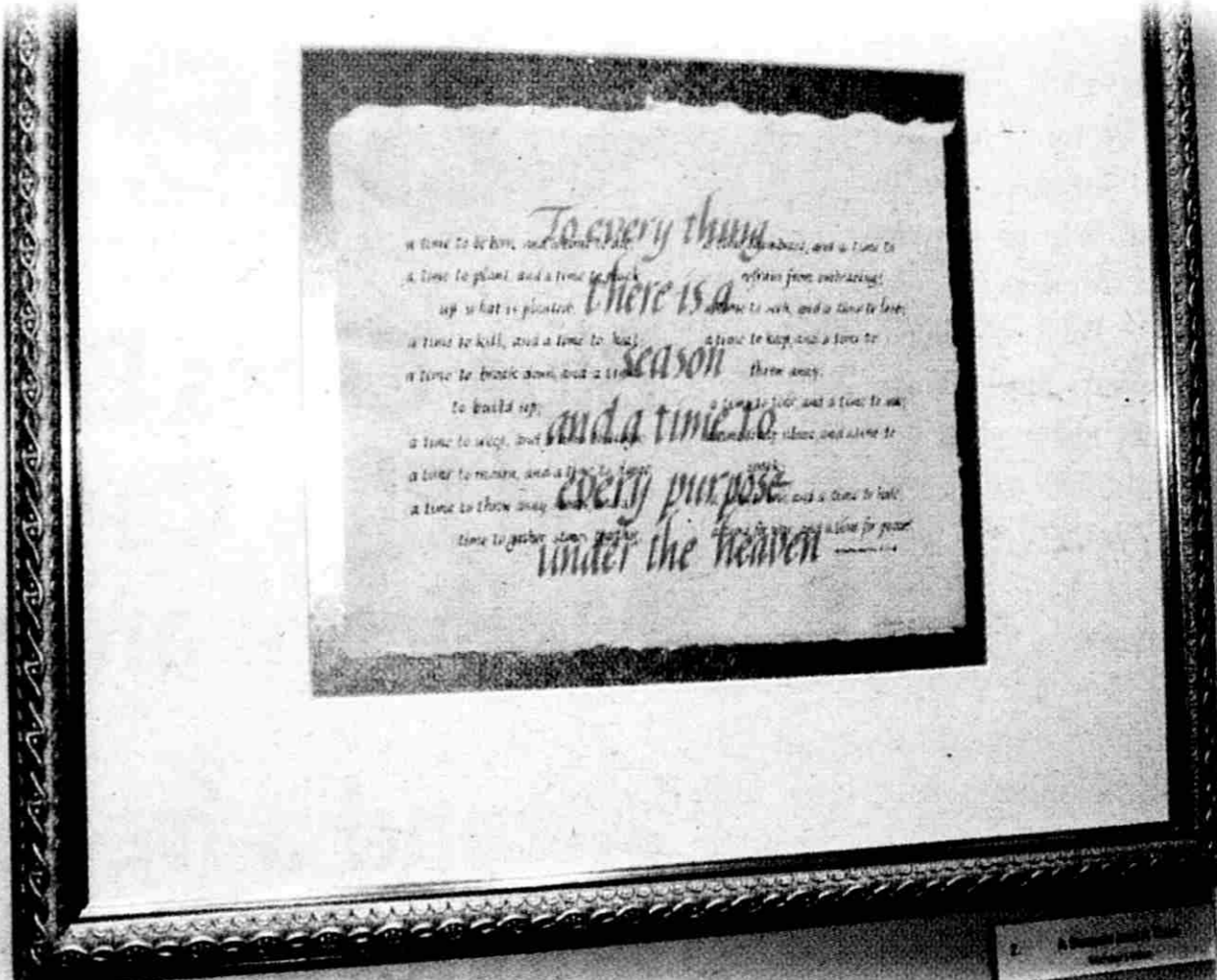
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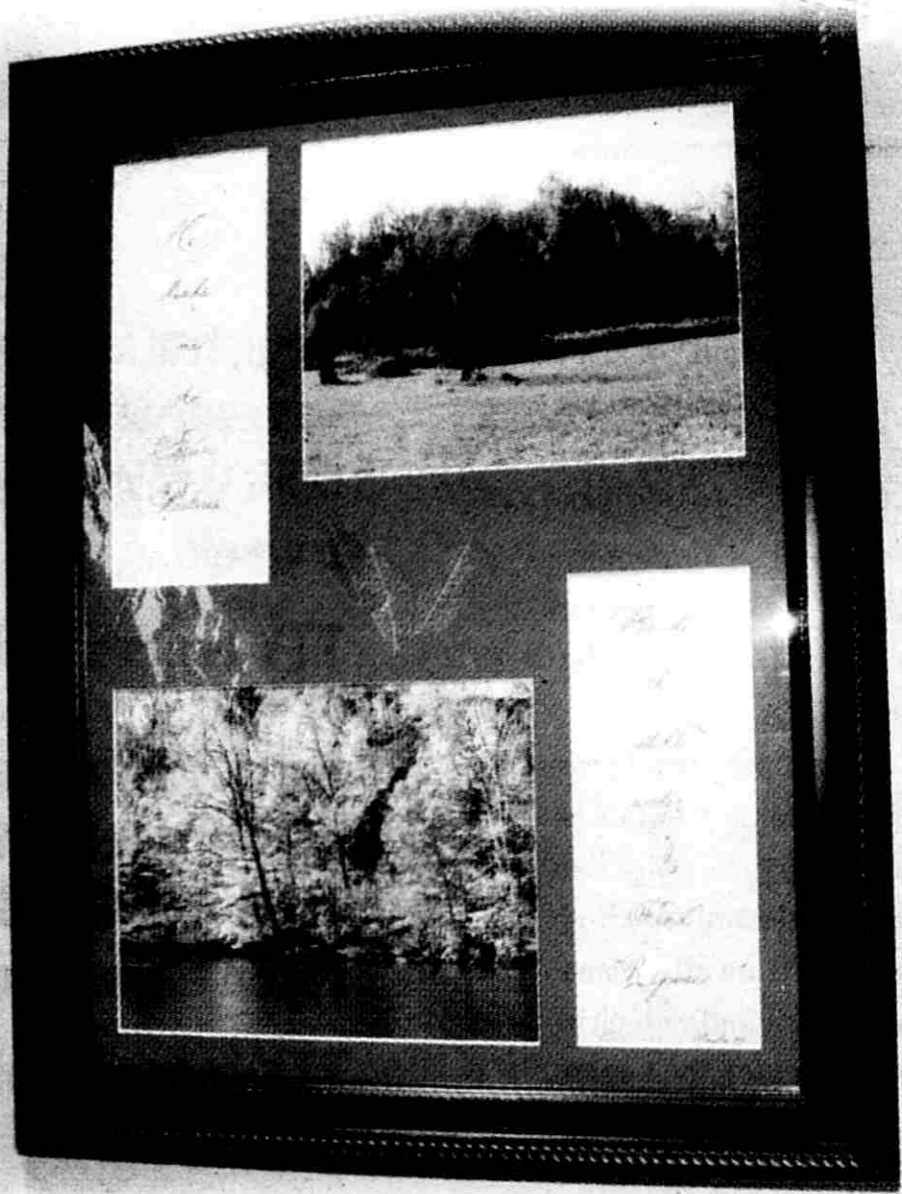
"Once upon a time... in Salem, Massachusetts... people believed in witches."

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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