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## Trail group gets \$650,000 grant to purchase Lowell to Greenville section

by Emma Palova

For Carolyn Kane, chairwoman of the West Michigan Greenways and Trailways Coalition, the final purchase of the railroad corridor from Lowell to Greenville slated for June is no surprise.

Being involved in various trail projects over the last two decades, Kane led the group of volunteers to a definite success.

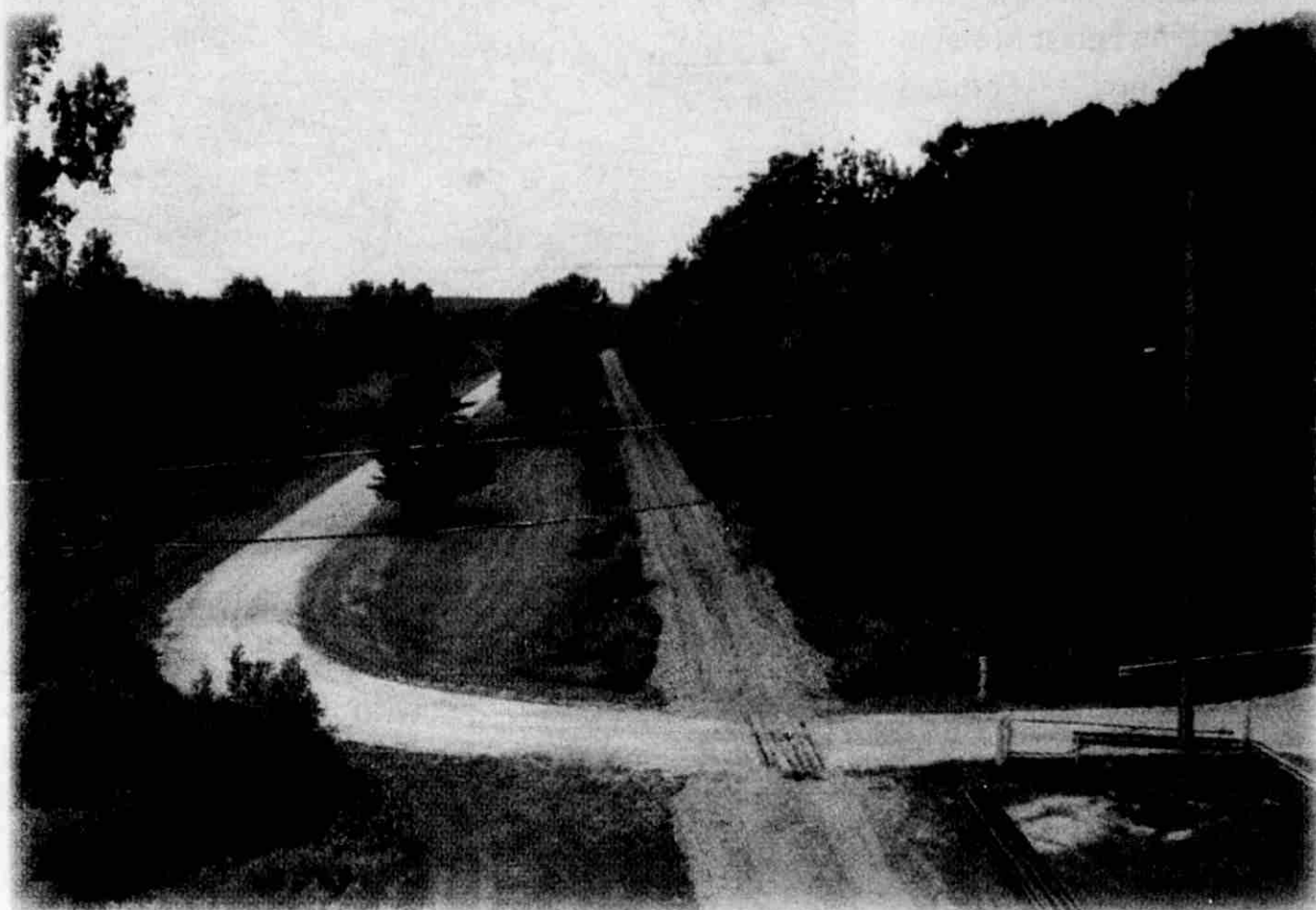
"I've been waiting for this," she said. "I did expect to get the grant."

The group has been working toward the purchase

of the corridor for the last three years with exactly zero money down. The total cost of the project is \$1,111,500, and the DNRE has already purchased the portion from Lowell to Ionia for \$425,000.

Belding has been instrumental in obtaining the grant with Julianne Burns, from the city of Belding, doing all the grant work. The grant came from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund designated for trails and nonmotorized paths.

Kane said the



purchase of the corridor has been easier than most development projects. An interlocal government authority that is currently being formed will be in charge of the maintenance and administration of the trail.

"I was hoping and expecting this would all fall together one day," said Kane. "We're trying to come up with a simple solution to develop, maintain and administer the trail. It has not been finalized yet."

Kane estimates two to

five years before the trail is developed as either paved or with limestone or crushed stone surface. A Friends group is currently being organized to advocate and to promote the trail.

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## "Spring Into the Past" will feature Tri River Network museum tours

by Emma Palova

This year's Spring Into the Past museum tour will feature more area museums. New on the tour is the Pine Forest Museum, an old church in Edmore.

The mainstay of the tour is the museum in Lowell which includes a virtual tour along with Victorian rooms and garden. Both are available for rentals for smaller parties.

Museum director Pat

Allchin said the main purpose of the tour is to expose the area museums and their programming, along with special exhibits to the public.

The Boston Saranac Historical Society features a restored railroad depot complete with a new exhibit of the Color Guard. The Color Guard spans an era of wars from the Civil War through Vietnam.

Marilyn Cahoon of the



Bowne Township  
Historical Museum.

historical society encourages people to visit the depot this weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The depot will also have railroad and train models in the main ticketing lobby.

The Tri River Museum Network consists of 18 area historical societies. The tour is a promotional event to raise awareness and interest in these fine small town museums. The admission is free.

On the tour you will find out how people lived long before electricity, telephones, television and other modern day devices. Each of these museums is a treasure trove of historical memorabilia and records.

Some of the museums are planning special exhibits for this weekend. For example, in Ionia the Blanchard House will have on display memorabilia of the Blanchard family, Edmore will have a display of Civil War quilts, Bowne Township museum will be selling raffle tickets on an antique quilt, others

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Pat Allchin, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

## MDOT updates - Bowes Road project to start up

by Emma Palova

One month into it, the downtown bridge replacement project appears to be on target and on schedule. All the prestage work has been completed, including the removal of bridge railings and old beams. The piers and the abutments have been saw cut. New beams will be erected this Thursday. The construction workers are now parked in the contractor's yard on Front Street.

The water in the Flat River has been drawn down to its maximum two feet. It will be raised back up by May 1. King Milling will begin adjusting the gates on the dams by midnight on April 27 in order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) permit requirements.

There is an ongoing mussel survey. Anlaan contractor has submitted decorative designs for the bridge railings.

More construction will follow starting in May. The City of Lowell will be continuing their improvements to Bowes

Road with a reconstruction project scheduled for May 3 through June 18. The project will be done in two stages. The first stage will consist of a milling and resurfacing from West Street to Valley Vista. The second stage will consist of adding new curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalk from Valley Vista to just east of the entrance drive to the Ada-Lowell Self Storage driveway. During the second stage, the road will be closed with traffic detoured to Valley Vista and M-21.

This project is being paid for with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Small Urban funds and local funds. Unfortunately, there were insufficient amounts from MDOT to complete the balance of the Bowes Road renovation in front of Ada-Lowell Self Storage and Hooper Printing, but it has been scheduled for funding next year.

The contractor for the project will be Weick Bros. Construction from Hopkins. The engineering firm is Williams & Works.

# Museum tours, continued

will have special displays, bake and candy sales and other items of interest. Visit any of the Tri River Museum Network locations during the two day tour and get your card punched. There will be a drawing with the most punches for \$200, \$100 and \$50.

Museums on the tour include Pine Forest Museum in Edmore; Portland Historical Society in the city hall; the Belrockton Dormitory in Belding; Blanchard House, a restored historical home in Ionia; Bowne Township Historical Museum in Alto; Fallsburg

Historical Village; Freeport Historical Museum, located in the old Masonic Temple; Lowell Area Historical Museum; the Fighting Falcons Military Museum, featuring a restored glider in Greenville; the Flat River Museum in Greenville; Lake

Odessa Historical Museum, featuring a restored railroad depot; the Boston Saranac Historical Society, featuring a restored railroad depot; Alton Historical Museum, located in a church that was once a part of a bustling community; Averill Historical Museum

and restored barn in Ada; Cascade Museum, located in old town hall built in 1898; Lyons-Muir Museum, located in an old store front; Oakfield Pioneer Heritage Museum, was once a meeting place for the Gleaners; and Charlton Park Historical Village, that encompasses a 300-acre museum and recreation area.



Color guard exhibit at the Saranac depot with Marilyn and Larry Cahoon.



Sally Johnson and Janet VanWyck of the Bowne Township Historical Society. Inset, John Haggai, the original recipient of the quilt made by his grandmother as a wedding gift. The quilt will be raffled off as a fundraiser.



Freeport Museum in the old Masonic Temple.



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# Rails to trails, continued

The trail from Lowell to Greenville, so far, has no name due to conflict of interest with the city of Greenville. The city has its own version of the Flat River Trail, which naturally

leads its name to the soon to be acquired trail that runs along the Flat River. Another proposed name, the Heartland Trail, doesn't sit well with the group either.

The future master plan will determine different uses for the trail based on community input. Usually a survey is conducted to determine the uses for the trail. These can range from pedestrian to equestrian.

The group has received \$1,000 from the Ionia Community Foundation for the creation of a website.

"I was impressed with the partnership between the governments and the railroad," said Kane. The group was approached about the potential purchase of the railroad corridor by Mid Michigan Railroad and started meeting in May of 2007.

according to Kane. "By providing recreational resources, we're providing good health and places to get exercise," said Kane.

Studies show that people who stop in trailside communities spend \$13 to \$18 a piece. Twenty percent of trail users are visitors, and 80 percent are locals.

"I must have a passion for trails," said Kane. "It is awesome to have the corridors available for recreation. It's wonderful to have that public access to hop on the trail."

Once purchased, the trail will encompass a 120-mile long corridor from Alma to Owosso forming the fifth longest trail in the country. The next meeting will be at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on May 13 at 1 p.m. The trails will be highlighted also at the Belding Community Showcase this Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Lowell Area Schools wins top "Green" award

At the third annual Green School Awards program, hosted by Kent County and Kent Intermediate School District (ISD), Lowell Area

Konarska highlighted just a few of the many ways Lowell "has embraced our environment." Since January 2004

introducing students, staff and visitors to potential savings from one type of alternative energy. A new high school class

have changed over time, so that turning things off is now just second nature to most.

Lowell's energy manager has extended the district's success to the business community by auditing 27 businesses so far - free of charge - as a thank you for their ongoing support to the school district.

"We are excited to partner with Kent County in presenting these awards to our schools," said Konarska. He added, "The students and educators earning [these awards] are great examples of the energy and enthusiasm schools are bringing to critical environmental issues. They are making a real difference - including saving millions of dollars for taxpayers in energy and recycling."

Energy manager White stated, "We have been the number one energy saving district in Michigan for the past six years and are now focused on moving from number five in the nation to becoming number one!"



Principals Randy Fleenor (Alto); Nate Fowler (Middle School); Brent Noskey (Murray Lake); Karen Burd (Bushnell); Shelli Otten (Cherry Creek); Kevin Pearson (High School); and energy manager Jim White pose with students from each school and display their Green School certificates and the district's David Smith award.

Schools received the highest recognition given at this year's event. The award program, which took place at Northview High School, recognized the extensive work of students and educators across the ISD in environmental action.

The reduced electric, natural gas and water usage is equivalent to taking 3,635 cars off the road or planting over 150,000 trees!

A SWIFT wind turbine was installed on the high school roof (along with a display panel in the front lobby) as a means of is being developed called "Alternative Energies for the Future" to help students know and understand the potential for future education and jobs in the growing alternative energy field.

In addition to taking the top district-wide award, each school building in the district was recognized for their work by being awarded a Green School certificate.

There are three levels of recognition in the Green Schools program: the Green School certificate based on school building environmental activities; a Kent County Board of Commissioners Chairman's award for district-level energy projects, awarded this year to Cedar Springs Public Schools and Thornapple Kelllogg Schools; along with a memorial award from Kent ISD honoring the work of David Smith, former facilities director for Grand Rapids Public Schools, which this year was awarded to Lowell Area Schools.

Kevin Konarska, superintendent of the Kent Intermediate School District, presented the award to Jim White, Lowell Area Schools' energy manager. In presenting this award,

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# Football golf outing structure redirected

by Thad Kraus  
 The 2010 annual football golf outing will offer linksters a couple of choices.

or Arrowhead Golf where they will be able to choose between 18 or nine holes. The golf fee also includes dinner at the Grand Volute Ballrooms. The keynote speaker address featuring Michigan State football coach Mark

Dantonio is scheduled to begin at 6:30 at the Grand Volute. Those individuals not interested in playing golf are welcomed to attend the dinner program. "It's exciting to be able to have coach Mark Dantonio

from MSU," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. The proceeds from the golf outing event will benefit the entire Lowell football program from Rocket football all the way through the high school program.

The Lowell football golf event will link a football generation past with the present as it will celebrate the players of the 70's and their accomplishments. "We're changing the

structure a little bit by using the event to unite generations of Red Arrow players," Dean explained. "This year we're honoring and celebrating players from the 70's."

# The Tale of the Lowell Troll: Part III

Last week, we learned that all of the trolls would be in need of a place to live while their home, under the bridge, was being remodeled. We learned that Mrs. Troll was infiltrating the Lowell Chamber of Commerce where she could control everything. Mrs. Troll was busy with maps, charts, highlighters, graphs, clipboards, and anything she could get her hands on to help her, in the placement of her family members with various local merchants.

Liz Baker, who really runs the Chamber, was last seen throwing her hands in the air, biting her tongue, and hiding from a rather bossy Mrs. Troll. In the meantime, several of the trolls took it upon themselves to find their own temporary lodging. Wasting not one second of time, Cookie, a levelheaded and practical troll, headed over to King Milling headquarters and staked her claim. Cookie was an amazing baker and it was no coincidence that she always had a bag of flour with her. Cookie was clever enough to set up camp in the very place that she had been sneaking flour from for years. This really was a "sweet deal" because Cookie

lavished the fine workers at King Milling with baked goods daily. She soon had them eating out of her hands, so to speak! Cookie loved baking but she also had a sweet tooth for something other than baked goods. Cookie had her eye on Walt, a wickedly handsome, younger troll. She heard a rumor he would be residing with the folks at Dovetail Antiques, right across the street from King Milling! Well, the wickedly handsome Walt was also wickedly smart and very wise. Walt was not immune to the flirtatious ways of

Cookie, nor was he immune to her talents in the kitchen. He loved her cookies. Truth be known, he secretly loved Cookie. However, Walt was also a pretty busy guy helping the Dovetail folks search out the perfect pieces for their store. Walt had a gift for finding the diamond in the rough, for finding that special old collectible, or that one of a kind hutch. Walt was a little too busy to get tied down just yet. In his spare time, he was seen fishing, spinning a story to whoever would listen, or just rummaging through estate sale after estate sale. Walt was feeling

pretty grand about his new digs at Dovetail Antiques and it sure wouldn't hurt if he could occasionally help himself to a cookie or two. Would Cookie bake her way into Walt's heart forever or would she have to be content just baking for her friends at King Milling? Would Walt ever commit to Cookie or would he always be too busy finding treasures for Dovetail? And would Liz Baker ever get her office back or would Mrs. Troll be the new chief in charge at the Chamber? See you next week as the tale unravels ...

## Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Dean Degrote; \$20 winners are: Linda Willaid, Sandy Pitchford, Carl Franks, Mary Lou Gooding and Addie Grohman; and the \$10 winners are: Krishne Garn, Jonathan Getz, Bob Mchinnery, Wendy Zeigler Heschke and Judie

# viewpoint

## to the editor

To The Editor,

As we continue to discuss the issue of soft-sided garages in Lowell, those in favor cite the need to protect property owner rights. On this point, I agree. As a property owner, I want my rights protected. I want the value of my home, my biggest investment, protected. Those of us opposed to the soft-sided garages have rights too! As far as I can tell, many more of us are against the idea of allowing the tent-style garages in the city than are in favor of them. Why are our concerns being brushed aside by councilman Jeff Altoft? Was he not elected to represent ALL of us and not simply apply his personal opinion (per his recent letter to The Ledger) before even formally hearing citizen opinions in City Council?

Lowell is a zoned community. We have ordinances on the books to protect people, homeowners

and our community. This is why it looks so different when you cross the border to Ionia County. Using councilman Altoft's logic that property rights mean people should be able to do what they want within their own lines, owners should be allowed to let their lawn to grow two feet tall and have goat houses in their front yard like we've seen heading East on M-21. However, they can't, because we have an ordinance that says grass must be cut regularly under a specific height and another one that says farm animals can't hang out on your lawn. These regulations exist because doing these things impacts the rights of neighbors and the overall quality of our city.

Yes, we do have a part-time zoning enforcement officer. As our system is designed, he relies on citizens to call in and complain (often repeatedly)

before anything is done to fix a problem. How many crumbling sidewalks do we have in the city? I would say a good number, especially in the neighborhoods near the city cemetery. Why haven't they been fixed? I can only assume no one has complained (or not enough) and yet there is no question they are a public hazard. My point is, people are busy with their own lives and they don't want to squel on their neighbors.

How badly will the tent garages fall into disrepair before something is actually done about them? (Note: As a neighbor, someone would have to look at it three feet from their own lot, which is closer than any other building can be put up in Lowell.) How many times will a strong wind blow into a tent garage distributing debris through the neighborhood before something is done... if anything at all?

In addition to property owner rights, this issue is about having a vision for

our community, not trying to create a homogeneous community with limited paint colors and regulated plants and flowers, as some have claimed. It's about looking to the future and challenging ourselves to be an even better community... perhaps even "The Next Place To Be."

Our historic district is beautiful and something to be very proud of. However, this has not happened by accident. We have rules and guidelines we adhere to. It is these rules, and the vision of the people behind the effort to establish the commission, that has given us our beautiful historic district. We need a similar vision for our neighborhoods. Soft-sided garages are not something we want as a community and certainly are not something to be proud of. Attend the May 3 public hearing. Voice your opposition. Write city hall. Let your voices be heard.

Candice Fleszar Lowell

Dear Editor,

I'm so glad that we have such a welcoming community here in Lowell. I wanted to acknowledge Grand River Veterinary Hospital. They allowed me to come and job shadow a full day of animal treatments and office processes for my 8th grade school project. I appreciated how genuine and professional

they were to their fellow staff members and patients. Dr. Bobbie Zech and staff helped me look forward to pursuing a career in the medical field and I know my dog, Cody, is in good hands when he visits their office.

Sincerely, Erin Duma Ada

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

The national celebration of Arbor Day happens on the last Friday of April, although some states have designated other dates for their own Arbor Day observances. Over the years, Americans have planted millions of trees on this day, improving the environment, reducing erosion and leaving an invaluable gift to future generations. But the concepts behind Arbor Day can also be transferred to other realms — such as investing. So this year, why not take steps to establish your own Financial Arbor Day?

Here are some ideas to consider:

- *Plant some "seeds."* Even the mightiest trees started out small — and the same is true of the portfolios of many successful investors. If you're just beginning to invest, consider putting whatever you can afford, however minimal, into an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you've been investing for a while but still need to move closer toward your goals, you may have to seek out some new fields of opportunity and invest in them.

- *Nurture the "roots."* To grow, roots need to be fed through water, oxygen and minerals. Once you've planted the seeds of your investments, they need to be nourished, too. For example, once you've opened a 401(k), try to boost your contributions whenever you get a salary increase. Also consider fully funding your IRA until you've reached the annual limits.

- *Seek out variety.* If you look around your neighborhood, you will likely find many different types of trees. And that's a good thing, because when Dutch elm disease or some other ailment strikes one

type of tree, you and your neighbors still have others that can thrive. The same principle applies to investing: If an economic downturn or some other event primarily strikes one type of asset, and most of your money is tied up in that asset, you could run into trouble. That's why you should diversify your investment dollars among stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs), Treasury bills and other securities. While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. When you plant a seed, you know it will take many years for your efforts to reach fruition. Over time, your tree will lose some branches and bark, and it will be buffeted by heavy winds, scorching sun and driving rains. However, if it has a strong set of roots, it can survive and grow. You need to show the same patience with your investment portfolio, because it, too, will face a variety of challenges over the years, and at times it may appear beaten down. But if you follow a consistent strategy, supported by a mix of quality investments that reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and if you have the patience and discipline to ride out downturns, you can help yourself reach your objectives. When people use their shovels and hoes on Arbor Day, they can create something that will literally last a lifetime. And the same thing can happen when you declare your own Financial Arbor Day — so get out your investment "tools" and get to work.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

## 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo May 2, 1935

The fame of the Lowell Showboat continues to spread far and wide. On Monday, A. E. Myers of Fort Orange Post of the American Legion at Albany, N.Y., was here for the purpose of gathering data with a view of reproducing the Lowell Showboat on the Hudson River at Albany. The Fort Orange post conducts a fresh air camp for under-privileged boys in the Adirondack Mountains and contemplates a Showboat production in order to raise funds for carrying on the project.

## 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 28, 1960

Next in the series of Honor Teens, honoring the top students of Lowell High School, is Diane Hawk. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hawk of Grand River Drive, Lowell. She has majored in languages, English and math; minored in science and social sciences, and found school very interesting and challenging.

Lowell police, through their check of suspicious movements on Monday, were quick to come up with the two men, Tuesday morning, who attempted to open the safe at the Lowell school office and broke into Mulders and Bristols Service Station on West Main Street.

## 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger May 1, 1985

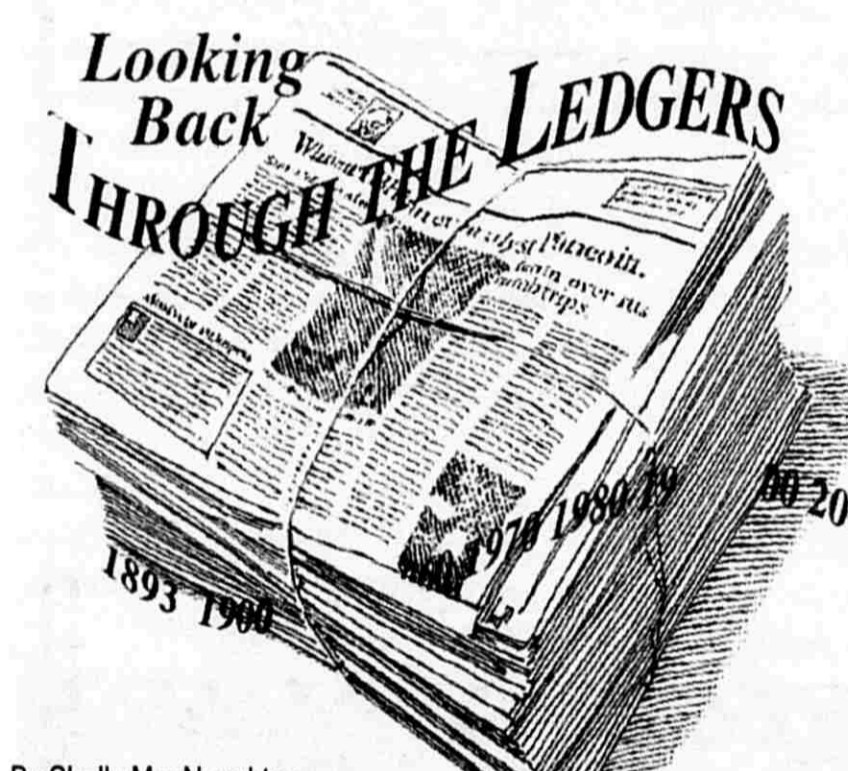
A Lowell landmark was leveled by the heavy equipment of O. E. Bieri & Sons Construction last Wednesday. The Rosie Drive Inn was razed to make way for a new 7-11 convenience store. The former car dealership was converted into a restaurant by Mac and Rosie Fonger in 1967. Rosie operated it for fourteen years until she sold it in 1981. The restaurant was then named J.R.'s Family Restaurant and later named the "In" Place when it was re-sold in 1983.

## 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal April 29, 1885

Flat River yields a big crop of fish this season. Several Manitoba refugees are living in Saranac. Two Grand Rapids' papers made the astounding announcement Saturday that the Flat River log drive had reached Rockford. As Rockford is located many miles west of Flat River, how the Flat River log drive managed to get there is what puzzles the entire navy department in command of the "drive."

## 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 28, 1910

The skeleton of a small sized woman, evidently a victim of foul play, was discovered on the Flowers farm in Prairieville Township this morning by Homer Flowers and his son, who were in search of gravel. They dug into a mound in a wild spot on the shore of Crooked Lake and two feet below the surface, buried face downward, they came across the skeleton.



By Shelly MacNaughton

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# In The Service

Air Force Capt. Michael J. Pluger graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The AFIT is a staff college and a component of Air University which offers degrees in several fields, including master's and doctoral degree programs as well as undergraduate classes. The institute's primary purpose is to provide continuing specialized education to U.S. Air Force military and civilian employees. Students complete academic requirements to earn a master's degree or Ph.D. (doctor of philosophy), as well as several graduate certificate programs

offered in six academic departments.

Component schools at the AFIT from which students may earn degrees include the Graduate School of Engineering and Management; the School of Systems and Logistics; the Civil Engineer and Services School; and the Officer of Civilian Institution Programs.

Pluger, a civil engineer, earned his Master of Science degree. The captain has served in the military for 11 years.

He is the son of Jackie K. Preston of Ada and Ken J. Pluger of Pierson, and the husband of Yuko H. Pluger.

The captain graduated in 1996 from Forest Hills High School, Grand Rapids.

# LHS grad travels to Costa Rica for leadership training

Last summer a young girl in Costa Rica hugged Elena Brubaker and told her in Spanish, "I know God loves me because he has sent you here to be with us." Brubaker is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School and now a student at Calvin College. She was in Costa Rica being trained to lead mission groups to Central America and acting as interpreter for a leadership development team from United Methodist churches in the Midwest. The team was helping the people

in Carrillos, Costa Rica construct a new church building for a rapidly growing United Methodist congregation in the area.

The experience had a profound impact on Brubaker. When she returned to Lowell, she began working with Pastor Rick Blunt of the First United Methodist Church to organize a group of volunteers from the church to go with her to Costa Rica to continue work on the church building and to

strengthen the ministries of the congregations there and here. Twenty volunteers from the church in Lowell will be going to Carrillos in May to continue building the church and relationships.



Elena Brubaker and friend in Costa Rica.

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## Rosacea

Rosacea, which is also called acne rosacea, is a skin disease that causes redness on your face. It can affect your nose, forehead, chin, and the skin around your mouth. There are different types of rosacea that may cause acne-like blackheads, red bumps, and skin thickening. The blood vessels in your face may also be larger than normal. You may have redness, itching, and a gritty feeling in your eyes.

It is often confused with blushing, sunburn, or the type of acne that causes pimples.

Symptoms may get better over time, but rosacea may never go away completely. You should be

treated so that it doesn't get worse.

The cause of rosacea is unknown, but it may run in families. Certain things may trigger rosacea, such as sun exposure, alcoholic drinks, spicy foods, stress, and some medicines.

Treatment for rosacea is prescription cream to put on your skin, or gel to put in your eyes, if they are affected. You may also need to take an oral medicine. Your doctor can help you find the treatment that is best for you. After your symptoms have cleared, you may still need to use a skin cream or take a medicine. You may even need laser surgery to fix discolored or thickened skin.

# United Water's Mundt honored for work with youth group

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell received a \$1,500 donation in honor of Mark Mundt an employee of United Water, the company which manages Lowell's wastewater treatment plant. Mundt is a recipient of the company's annual Care to Share award which recognizes United Water employees for their community service.

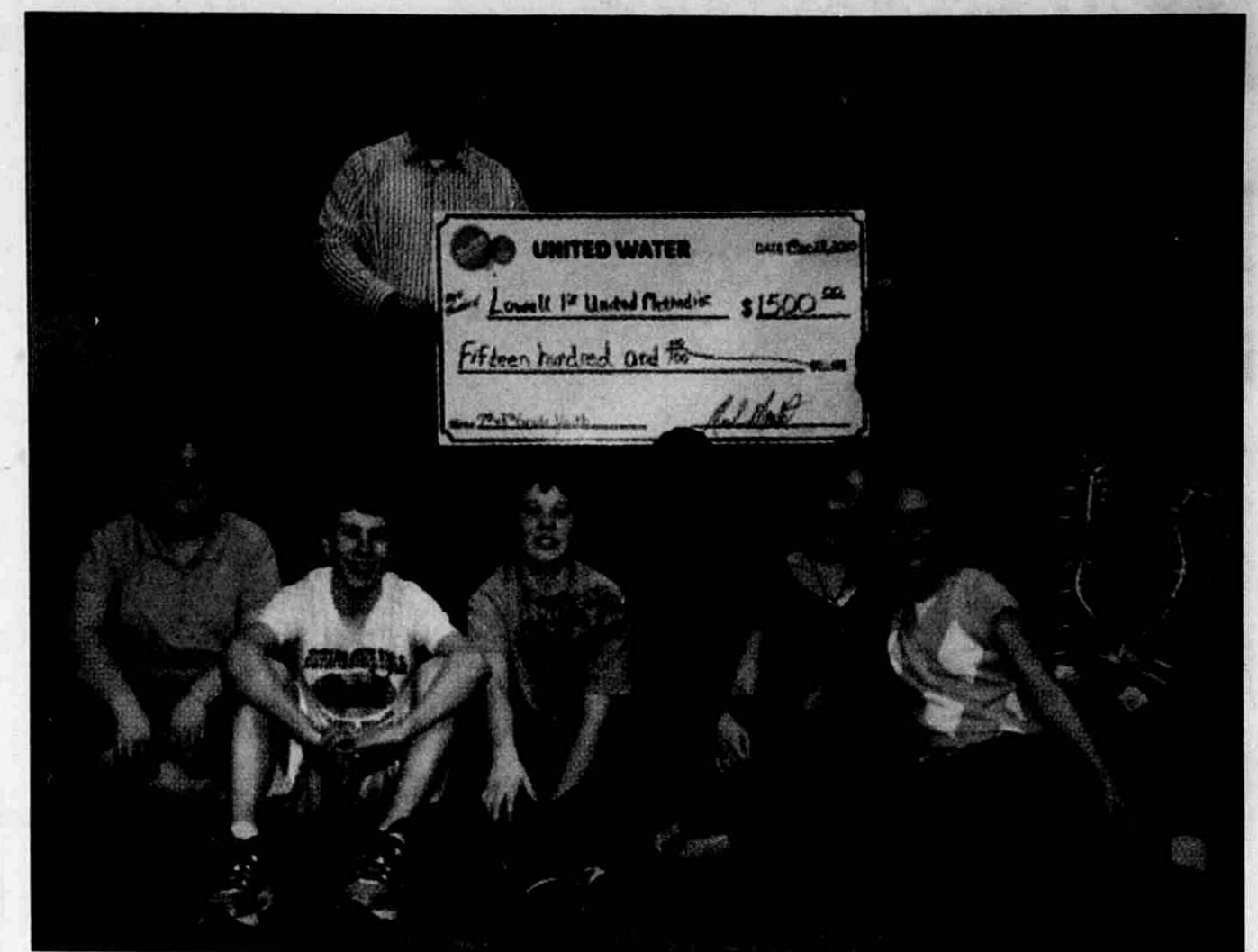
Mundt, who operates the 1.5 million gallon a day wastewater treatment plant, was recognized for his ten years of service to

the church's youth group. As a volunteer advisor, Mundt runs monthly community service activities, weekend retreats, and mission trips for seventh and eighth graders. He also manages the group's finances.

Over the past decade more than 200 area youths, some of whom are from high risk backgrounds, have been mentored through the program. "I receive much more than I give," said Mundt, who volunteers about 500 hours a year with the organization. "I find that

these kids exude a youthful, optimistic enthusiasm that I can use to recharge my own walk through life."

Bill Reedy, vice president and regional manager for United Water, says Mundt's dedication represents the spirit of community service the company encourages among its employees. "Mark has made a big difference in the lives of many youngsters. I'm proud of his achievements and his role in making our community a better place to live."



United Water employee Mark Mundt (center) presents a \$1,500 check to Kevin Smith, youth group leader (left), and Pastor Rick Blunt (right) of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.



# Good-sized wild turkey bagged by local hunter

Dave Harding, of Lowell, shot this 21-pound turkey north of 6-Mile Rd. on a friend's property. The bird's beard was 9 inches long and he had 1 3/4 inch spurs. Harding says he's been hunting turkey for over 20 years.

# college news

Samuel James Girwamauth of Lowell was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Grand Valley State University. Girwamauth is the son of Andy and Kathleen Girwamauth and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Grand Valley.

The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship and character in all academic disciplines. Undergraduate students who have senior status and are scholastically in the upper ten percent of their class or have reached the final period of their junior year and are scholastically in the upper five percent of their class.

We are having an 80th Birthday Celebration for our mother Carmen Roudabush SATURDAY, MAY 1 2 TO 5 PM at Schneider Manor Community Room 725 Bowes Rd., Lowell. Cake and ice cream will be served. PLEASE NO GIFTS.

# area churches

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"It is my experience working with Brian as a volunteer for Gilda's Club of Lowell, that he delivers what he promises. Every commitment he made, was fulfilled. He worked relentlessly to help us meet deadlines that were aggressive, tenacious, and seemed to be impossible to achieve. With his hard work, determination, and attention to detail, we met those deadlines. It was an honor to work with him on this project." - Judy (Randy) Joppie

"We are giving our support and votes to Brian Krajewski in the upcoming school board election. We have known Brian for several years, and have always been impressed by his positive attitude, creative problem solving, and his unlimited commitment and energy. Brian has repeatedly demonstrated consideration for all the people of Lowell, but particularly the youth, through his works in the community, for school events and programs, and at his church. During these challenging financial times for Michigan schools and residents, we believe Brian will be able to provide a fresh perspective to the school board, and will be willing to work alongside his colleagues keeping the best interest of the students of Lowell at the forefront. Please join us in supporting Brian Krajewski." - Matt and Cathy Smith

"Brian gets things done. He is a man of action. He has been instrumental to the Lowell Wrestling community. Whatever endeavor he takes on or is a part of Brian is always the key." - Dave Dean

"Brian is a complete package. I admire his determination, his dedication and ability to work with many kinds of people. He already is a great advocate for the Lowell Schools, and will make an excellent Board Member." - Leann D. Arkema, CEO of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids - Lowell Program

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"Brian is someone I relied upon to help challenge me to think out of the box and to not accept the everyday status quo. Brian is a solutions oriented thinker that drives others in the same direction." - Scott Felzer, Senior Vice president ATEK Medical

"Brian is a hard working guy who is always looking for a better way. He is a visionary that continues a relentless pursuit of the greater good." - Brian & Lori Kimble

"On behalf of the Lowell Senior Center and the Senior members at the Lowell Senior Center support. The Seniors at the Lowell Senior Center, support Brian as a candidate for the Lowell School Board. We appreciate all his effort, time and dedication to the Lowell Senior Center/Gilda's Club renovation. I have known Brian for 8 years through the football program and as a coach to my son, Tyler. Last summer, I had an opportunity to work with him during the Senior Center/Gilda's Club renovation. I appreciate all of Brian's time, hard work and dedication to the renovation project. I support Brian as a candidate for the Lowell School Board." - Marcia Roth

"Brian is an asset to Lowell, whether it is supporting the school, volunteering in the community or just enjoying life. Brian has the skills needed to organize and work with people. He will see a task through to the end and produce results." - Chris & Mary Jo Bieri

"The Stephens family would be honored to lend our name in support of Brian Krajewski for Lowell School Board. Brian is a role model for our community; he is a man of great character that has given countless hours of support to many very worthwhile causes in our community. I have been fortunate to work side by side with Brian in some of these activities. Brian is willing to help in any capacity that is asked of him, this has included large leadership roles (ex. Gilda's house) or to get down and dirty with many back breaking labor projects. Brian has been a mentor to many of the youth in our community including my own children. Brian is very well respected in and outside of our community. Lowell is fortunate that Brian is considering this position within our school system. I'm proud to call myself a friend of Brian's." - Dan and Kim Stephens

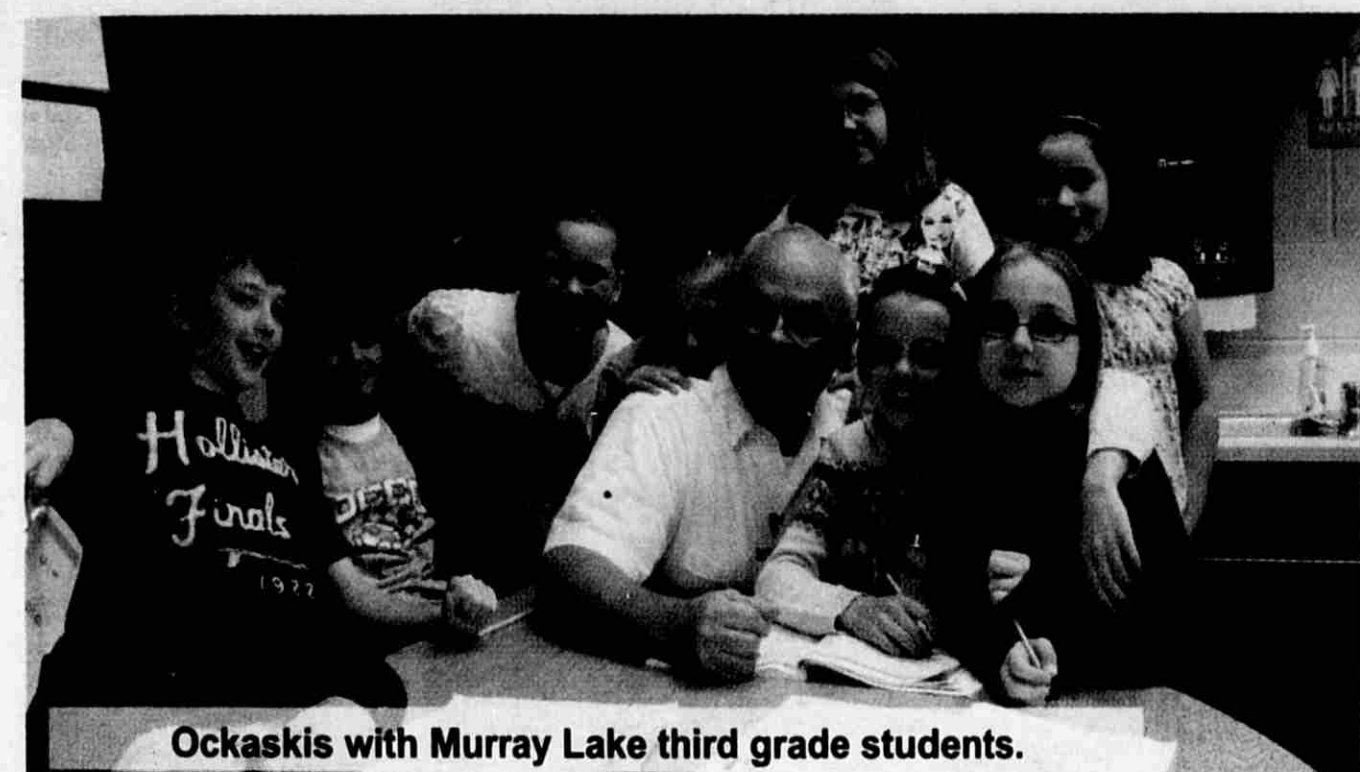
"Brian is one of the hardest working people I've ever been associated with. He is a common sense kind of guy & will be a great addition to the Lowell School Board." - Bucky Curtis

"I have had the privilege to do volunteer work with Brian Krajewski on both community projects and coaching youth sports. If his ambition, ethics, and general positive attitude towards those projects and our youth are any indication of what kind of school board member he will make, then he definitely has my endorsement." - Tom Crawford

"Brian would be an excellent board member and Lowell Schools will be lucky to have him." - Rob McCormick

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# Murray Lake Volunteer of the Month



Ockaskis with Murray Lake third grade students.

Steve Ockaskis was named Murray Lake's Volunteer of the Month for March. Ockaskis retired from Northview Schools as a school social worker in 1998. He and his wife Jan have three adult children. Todd is an architect, Theresa is a marketing consultant, and Tonja is a middle school teacher at Forest Hills Central.

Ockaskis participated in an exchange student program a couple years ago. He enjoyed hosting a young person in his home. With some extra time on his hands, he thought that volunteering at Murray Lake would be a good thing to do.

"I had some extra time on my hands, so I told Mr. Noskey he could put me to work. I truly enjoy helping the young children at Murray Lake. The responsibility of helping them has been very rewarding," commented Ockaskis.

Other than volunteering, Ockaskis also does some photography, spends time fishing and doing water sports. Ockaskis has photographed over 1,200 weddings.

"Mr. Ockaskis has been a great addition to our team of volunteers. He is here at least two mornings each week. He has a background in education, so he is a quality volunteer who knows what he is doing. I am very happy to have him helping in our building," said Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey.

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## Two new scrap tire market development grants to increase reuse of scrap tires in Michigan

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) announced today that two grants totaling \$303,100 have been awarded to Michigan companies to provide for the increased reuse of scrap tires. Steel Supply and Engineering of Grand Rapids will receive a \$265,000 grant to reimburse 50 percent of the cost to purchase equipment, and conduct research and development on a new commercial stair step that contains recycled tires. The village of Mattawan in Van Buren County will also receive a \$38,100 grant to reimburse 50 percent of the cost to apply and test a road surface made from ground

tires. This new road surface containing scrap tires could extend the life of the road while providing greater resistance to cracking.

These two new grants are announced just as the most recent market development grant project, awarded in 2008, is completed. Entech, Inc. of White Pigeon received a grant to install equipment to manufacture crumb rubber. This successful grant project increased the production of crumb rubber in the state which is used in many applications, such as playground and athletic surfaces, molded and extruded products, and road projects.

Funding for this grant program is available under the authority of Part 169, Scrap Tires, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Persons creating new or increased markets for Michigan scrap tires were eligible to apply for these funds.

The DNRE is currently

accepting letters of interest for a special round of scrap tire market development grants geared towards using tires in road projects. For more information, please visit the DNRE website at <http://tiny.cc/rta46>

Letters of interest are due April 30, 2010, and any questions regarding the program can be directed to Ms. Rhonda Oyer Zimmerman at 517-373-4750 or by e-mail at [oyerr@michigan.gov](mailto:oyerr@michigan.gov)

## Lowell man runs in Boston Marathon



**Matthew A. Smith, of Lowell, participated in the 2010 Boston Marathon. He completed the over 26-mile run in 3:41:49. This was Smith's fifth marathon, but the first time he has ever competed in what is the nation's oldest annual marathon.**

## LHS Environmental Club visits Lowell elementary schools to promote Earth Day

On Monday, April 19, the Lowell High School Environmental Club visited second graders at Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake Elementary Schools in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. The focus of the day was to teach students about the importance of trees and what the students can do to help protect trees as well as our environment.

The high school students read the book *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss to the students and helped each student plant a white pine tree in a temporary pot to take home with them. Each student was given a handout on how to properly plant their tree so their tree can grow big and tall. Within a few years the trees, which happen to be

Michigan's state tree, will not only enhance the beauty of the home but also provide important wildlife habitat.

Members of the Lowell High School Environmental Club that participated are Sam Hagerman, Joe Foy, Pauline Harrington, Madeline Tome, Hanna Liu, Sage Maliepaard, Asher Maliepaard, Annie Vescolani,

Corinne Alberts, Jordan Sterly, Jessica Kansman and Brianne Warren. The Lowell High School Environmental Club received a Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Environment Arbor Day mini-grant to purchase the trees and all materials.



High school students read "The Lorax" to the younger group and helped them plant white pine trees to take home.



## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the May 4, 2010 (school) Election will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

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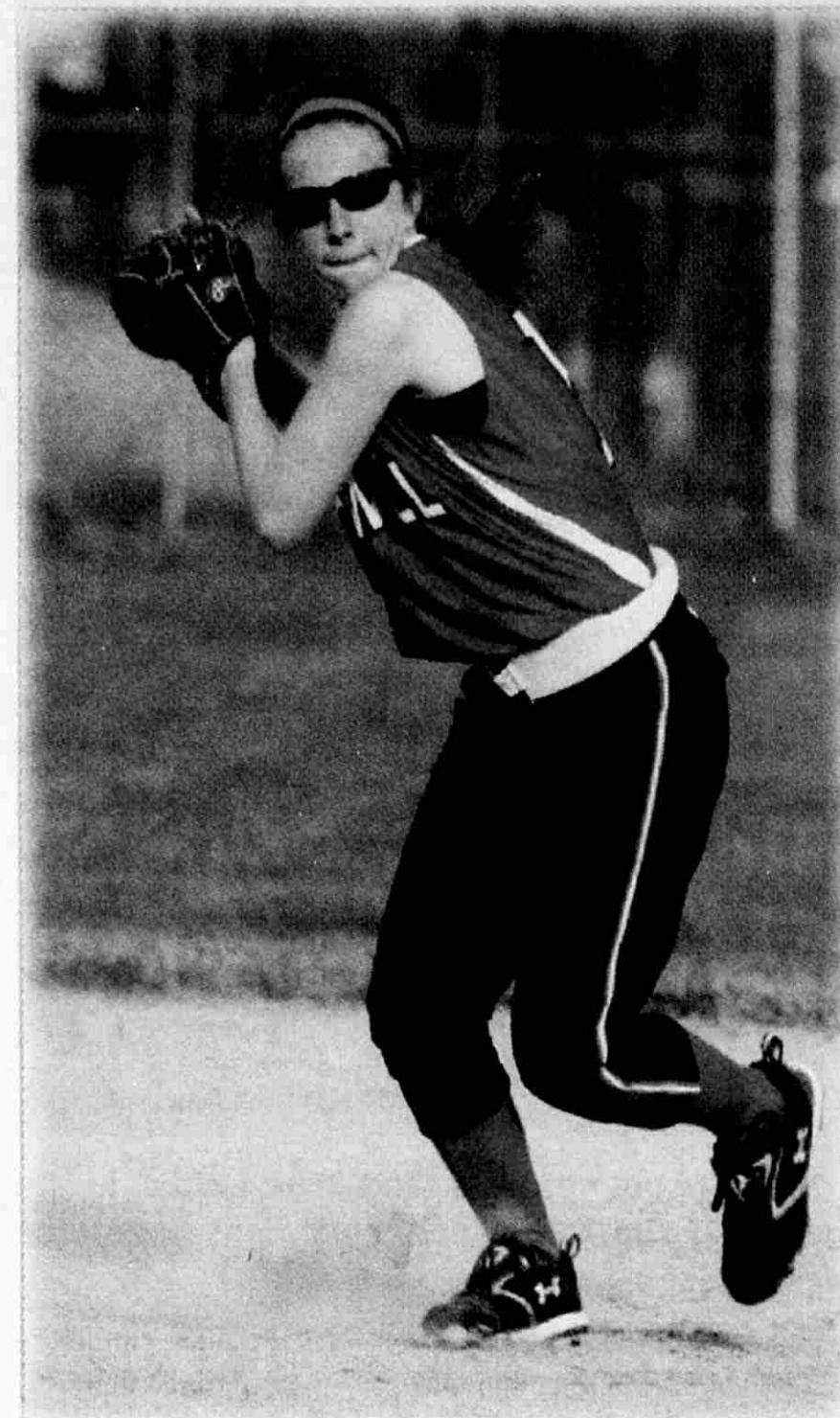
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# Red Arrow SPORTS



Sarah Mogor picked it cleanly and threw it on over to first in plenty of time against South Christian in Lowell's 4-0 win in game one.

## Red Arrows double dip Sailors

by Thad Kraus

With a record of 6-6, after a testy nonleague schedule, Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse likes where his club is at heading into O-K White conference play.

"With the schedule these girls have played, I'll take it," Rodenhouse confirmed.

Lowell finished its nonconference play with a doubleheader sweep (4-0, 4-3) against South Christian.

In the opener, Kaylie Petroelje shut out South Christian on four hits.

Lowell collected 10 hits against Sailor pitching. It was a three-run sixth inning that allowed the Red Arrows to exhale.

Lowell tallied the runs on singles by Jenna Smith and M.J. Vietzke followed by a two-run double off the bat of Kelly Wyckoff. Brianna Richardson then plated Wyckoff with an RBI single.

Along with allowing a limited number of hits, Petroelje walked just one batter and struck out nine.

A three-run first inning helped propel the Red Arrows to victory in game two.

The key hit was a two-run RBI single off the bat of Leigha Frisbie. Petroelje opened the inning with a single.

Lowell added the game-winning run in the fourth inning when Frisbie doubled with two out and Vietzke followed with a timely RBI single.

"That was nice to see. We haven't been getting timely hits," Rodenhouse said. "South Christian is a nice ball club. They beat Wyoming Park."

Morgan Groom earned the victory allowing three runs on four hits while walking one and striking out 12.

The Vikings, a day earlier, swept Lowell 3-0, 11-6.

In game one, Groom pitched well enough to win as she held Wyoming Park to three runs on six hits. Her walk to strikeout ratio, again, was superb as the sophomore

walked one and struck out 14 batters.

Lowell's biggest scoring threat came in the sixth inning when the first two batters reached on singles. The Red Arrows, however, failed to bring them around to score.

In game two, Lowell batter woke up as they pounded out 11 hits and scored six runs.

Wyoming Park answered with 11 runs on 12 hits.

The Vikings led 7-5 after three innings of play.

Wyoming Park increased its lead to 10-5 with the fourth inning.

Vietzke suffered the loss for Lowell.



Kaylyn DeWaard takes her cuts at the plate in play against South Christian.

## Lowell soccer cruises past Union and Jackets

by Thad Kraus

What did Lowell's girls' soccer team learn from its 15-0 shut out win over Union?

"A lot of bad habits," said Red Arrow coach Paul Legge. "You don't like to play games like this."

Lowell followed the nonleague win up with a 4-0 win over conference foe Greenville.

"Offensively we did a pretty good job, however, I would have liked for us to finish better," Legge said. "I think we had about 30 shots

in the first half, but only two goals."

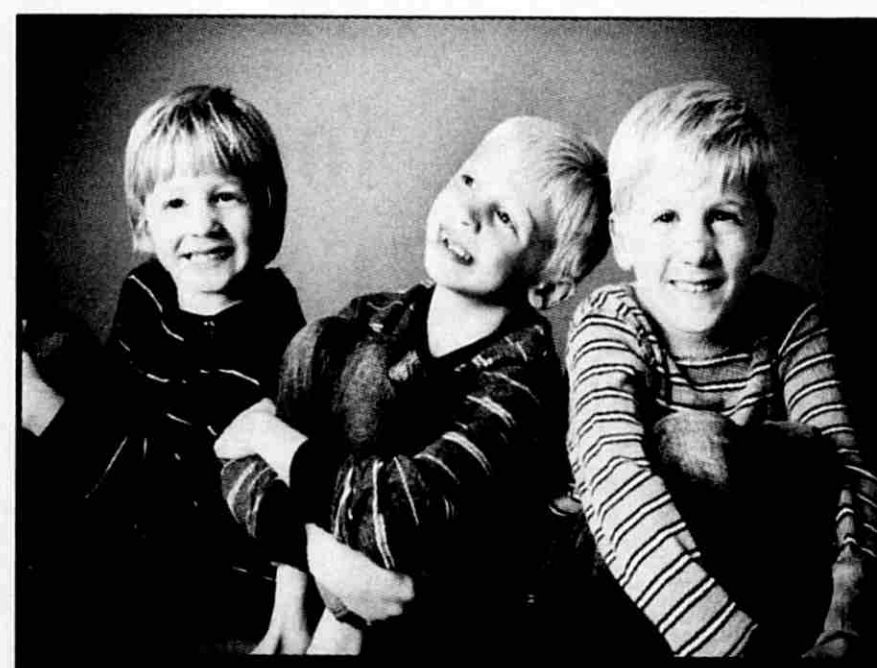
Lowell's coach added that coming off a game like Union can be difficult.

"It's difficult to adapt to the different levels. The girls must learn to be focused and sharp no matter the level of expectation the opponent brings," Legge explained. "We're going to be entering the thick part of our schedule where they'll be facing some

real tough competition and the girls will need to figure out how to compete in the different situations from game to game."

Despite its problem with finishing against Greenville, Lowell still managed to outscore its opponents over the opening six games 34-3.

Lowell finished the week at 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the O-K White.



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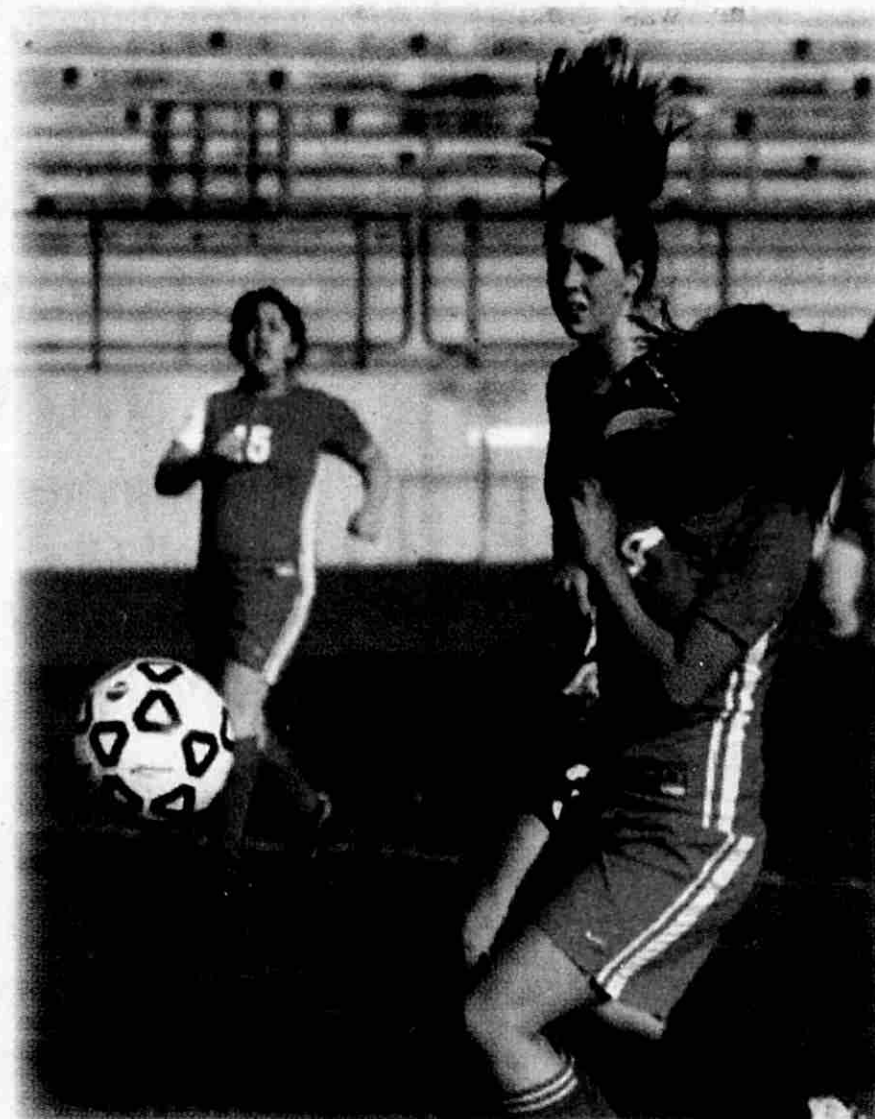
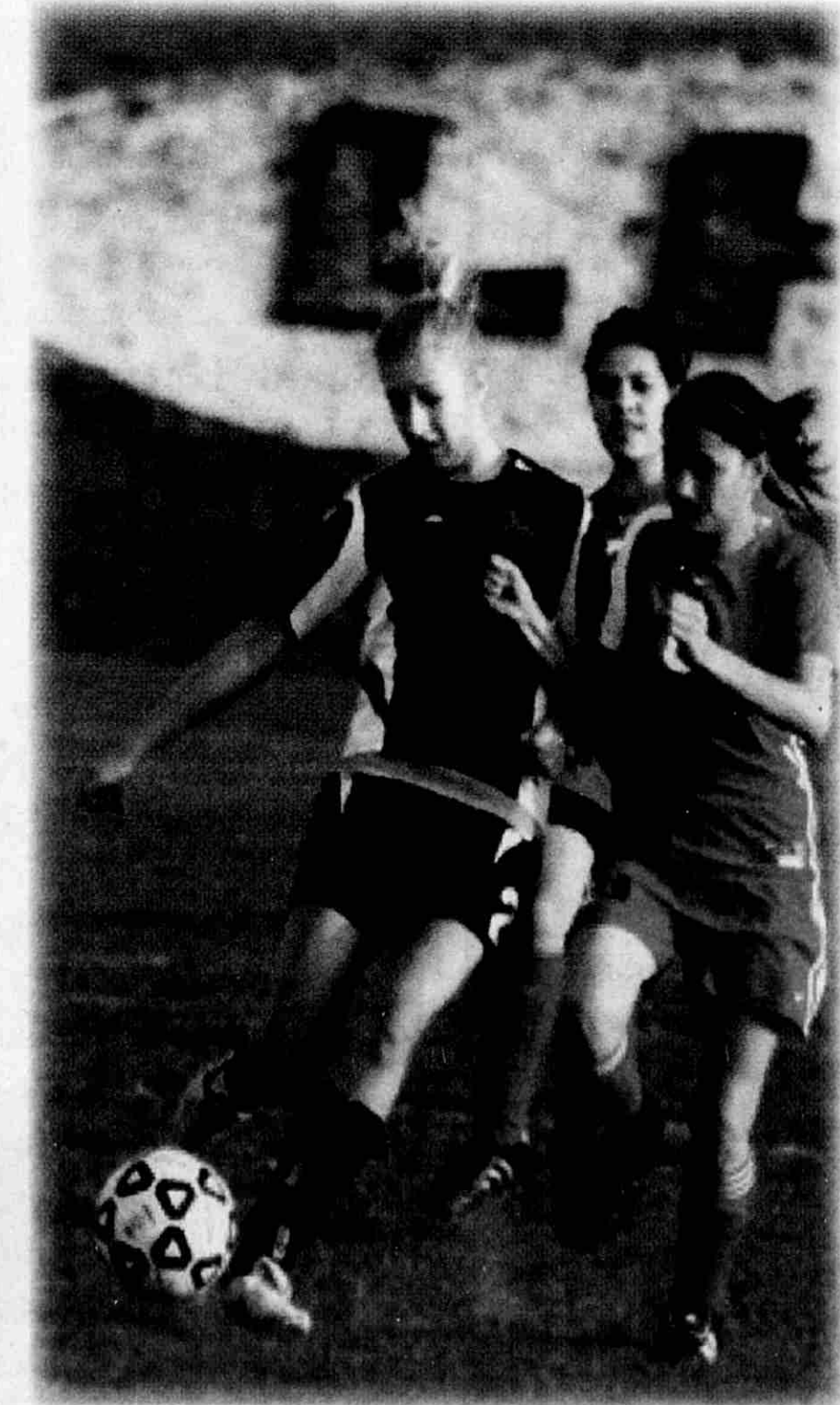
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Stephanie Stevens watches her goal kick early in the first half against the Hawks.

Caitlin Fitzpatrick dribbles the ball up field against her Union defenders.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Posthumus, Red Arrows blow past Grand Haven

by Thad Kraus

Lowell lacrosse coach Eric Bredin admits that it's a cliché.

"It is because it's true," Bredin said in explaining his club's success in its 11-2 win over Grand Haven.

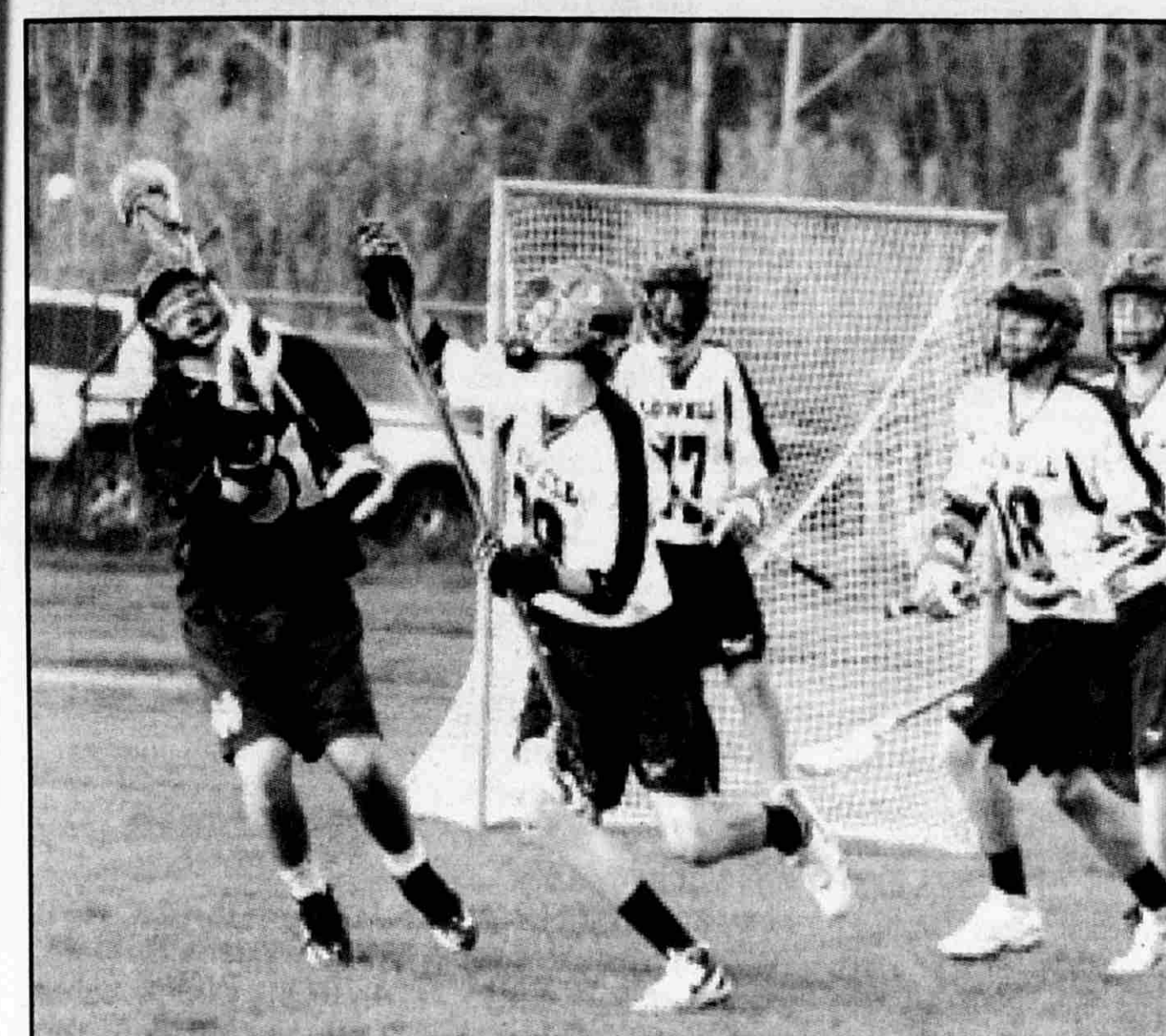
"The boys played hard and played as a unit," Bredin said. "They looked to pass and get everybody involved. When we do that it is much more difficult for the opponent to defend us."

Lowell's passing in the first quarter opened up plenty of shots in front of the net which resulted in four goals.

Reece Posthumus, forced into action with the absence of attack men Alec Downing and Kolin Morgan (due to injury), scored three goals and added three assists.

"Reece did an outstanding job for us," Bredin said.

Tyler Bitterman led all Red Arrows with four goals.



Tyler Bitterman scores one of his four goals in Lowell's 11-2 win over Grand Haven.

"If we play like we did tonight, the boys will put themselves in position every game," Bredin said.

Defensively, the Red Arrows held Grand Haven scoreless over the opening 46 minutes of play.

"Regardless of the level or who you're playing, to hold any club scoreless

that long is good," Bredin explained.

The downside of Lowell's victory was attackman Gerrid Ball incurred a broken rib in a crushing shot as he flashed in front of the Grand Haven net.

With the win, Lowell improved to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in league play.

## Lowell bats blasts Viking pitching

by Thad Kraus

When you get good pitching, timely hitting and great defense, the game of baseball isn't that difficult.

Lowell's 13-2 and 8-2 sweep over Wyoming Park lent credence to that.

"We got after it and hit the ball in a timely fashion," said Lowell baseball coach Justin Miller.

The Red Arrows scored 13 runs in the opener on just five hits.

Jake Gould went 2-for-4 at the plate with a triple and two runs batted in.

The senior, on the bump for Lowell, held the Vikings to just two runs, while walking two and striking out three, in earning his first varsity victory.

"Jake threw strikes and went after their hitters," Miller said. "We also played great defense behind him."

The Red Arrows plated a run in the first, two in the second and five in the third to take an 8-2 advantage. Lowell added another five spot in the fourth inning of the five-inning mercy game.

Pat Martin picked up his first win of the year in game two allowing two runs on four hits while walking four and striking out seven Viking hitters.

Lowell batters pounded out 16 hits against Wyoming Park pitching while scoring eight runs.

"We definitely hit the ball. I'm seeing constant improvement," Miller explained. Keegan Hanrahan and Elliott Drain both collected three hits in as many at-bats.

Hanrahan rapped out a single, double and a triple while recording a stolen base and an RBI. Shane Ryan added a pair of hits.

The victories improved Lowell's record to 5-3.

## Arrows have enough to hold off Portland

by Thad Kraus

It wasn't the strong performance Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall was hoping for, but with a little encouragement it was a victory she was glad to have on Lowell's side of the ledger.

"We won three of the four singles matches handily and won two of the four doubles matches," Wall said. The result was a 5-3 nonconference win over Portland.

In the top singles flights, Kelly Trapp (6-3, 6-0) won in straight sets.

"Kelly had a tough first set, but came on strong in the second set," Wall explained.

Taylor Mankel, playing second singles, lost 6-0, 6-2. June Ramsay won 6-0, 6-2 in third singles while Morgan Rogalke netted a 6-1, 6-0 victory at fourth singles.

"June did a good job of finding the weakness in her opponent's play," Wall said. "Morgan has happy feet. She gets to everything, which is a real strong quality to have."

Red Arrows Caitlin Baker and Kelsey Wittenbach won their singles match 6-3, 6-0.

At second singles, Kelsey Mankel and Abby Rogalke were 6-3, 6-3 winners. Lowell's Brynlee Pomper and Zoe Belonicis, playing third doubles, fell 6-3, 6-2.

Molly Willemstein and Katy Mork (fourth doubles) lost a heartbreaking three set match 6-4, 5-7, 4-6.

Lowell posted its second league win of the year with an 8-0 win over Creston. Trapp won 6-1, 6-0. Ramsay needed three sets before winning 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Morgan Rogalke earned a straight set 6-1, 6-2 win. Pomper won via default.

In doubles play, Baker

and Wittenbach, Kelsey Mankel and Taylor Mankel didn't lose a point in winning 6-0, 6-0.

Rogalke and Belonicis won their third doubles match 6-1, 6-0. Willemstein and Mork won at fourth doubles via a default.

Lowell finished the week at 3-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

<p><b>LUNCH MENU</b></p> <p><b>ELEMENTARY MENU</b></p> <p>Week of May 3, 2010</p>
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**MON:** Hot dog on bun (chicken patty on bun also offered at Murray Lake, Alto & Cherry Creek), corn, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Pepperoni pizza (burrito w/cheese sauce offered at Murray Lake, Alto & Cherry Creek), fresh broccoli, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

**WED:** French toast sticks w/syrup or cereal w/ graham crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, applesauce, milk.

**THURS:** Pizza dippers w/ sauce (3 meat sub offered at Murray Lake, Alto & Cherry Creek), coleslaw, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**FRI:** Beef & cheese nachos (Rib BQ on bun offered at Murray Lake, Alto & Cherry Creek), tossed salad w/low-fat dressing, pineapple, milk.

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**obituaries**

**DELOOF**

Arnold "Arnie" DeLoof, age 75 of Lowell, passed away Monday, April 26, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Norann; children, Karen DeLoof, Brian (Barb) DeLoof, Nancy (Mark) Russell; grandchildren, Sean Butterworth, David Devroy III, Scott Devroy, Andy Russell; brothers, Adrian (Beverly) DeLoof, Arthur (Emmy) DeLoof; sisters, Lorema (Martin) DeYoung, Rosalie Kroes; sisters-in-law, Helen DeLoof, Mary (Larry) McLouth; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Leonora Tower, Elizabeth Stanard; brother, Donald DeLoof. Arnie served in the U.S. Air Force. He formally owned and operated Standard (Amoco) Service Station in Lowell. He retired as a truck driver with Litehouse Inc in Lowell. Arnie was involved with Alcoholics Anonymous for over 50 years, mentoring and sponsoring many people. Funeral service will be 11am Friday, April 30 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel, 305 N Hudson, Lowell



with Rev. Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 2-4 & 6-8pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Vergennes United Methodist Church - Building Fund, 10411 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

**GILL**

William S. Gill, age 84, of Lowell, passed away in the early morning hours of Monday, April 26, at home under the care of his loving family and Hospice of Michigan. He was born on November 21, 1925 in Ontonagon, the son of David and Dorothy (Sexton) Gill. "Bill" as

he was known, attended Kalkaska Area Schools and then went into the service of his country as a Marine during WW II. Shortly after his return, he married Violet Mae Halverson. The couple exchanged vows on June 28, 1948 and enjoyed 61 years of marriage. Bill worked in several capacities during his lifetime, but spent the last nineteen years prior to retirement as a driver for Northstar Bus Lines. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and fishing. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Violet; daughter, Diana (Tim) Haxe of Alto; grandchildren, Brooke Ford and Blake Miller both of Lowell; great-grandchildren, Teagan Miller and Jacob VanDrie; siblings, Lois (Bud) Anderæeg and Wallace (Janet) Bonney both of Grand Rapids, Wilma (Andy) Blystra and Loryce McDonnell both of Florida; and several nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial arrangements are pending. Please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 303 S. Bridge Street, Belding, Michigan 48809 for additional information at (616) 794-1300 or [www.verdunfh.com](http://www.verdunfh.com)

**POTTER**

Dorothy Agnes Potter, age 90, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday April 21, 2010. She is preceded in death by her husband, Carroll; sons, Gary Potter and Roger Potter; granddaughters, Tami Potter and Betsy Shimmel. Dorothy was the daughter of Roy and Agnes (Peterson) Knight and was born and raised in Belding. She is survived by her children, Judy (Allan) Baird, Ron Potter, Carol Sue Baer; grandchildren, Toni Potter of AZ, David Baird, Carol (Bob) Leyman, Christine Baird, Bonnie Baird, Robyn Cook, Rita Potter, Eric (Connie) Potter, Marci Hazard, Brad (Holly) Baer, Jason (Melissa) Baer all of Lowell; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jean Bishop; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were April 26 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Rev. Terry Tessari of First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Kent County Humane Society or charity of one's choice.

**STUART**

Richard (Dick) Owen Stuart, age 79, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010. His parents were Lester and Esta (Slater) Stuart. He was raised in the Clarksville area where he enjoyed stock car racing with a buddy and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He married Marion Larinda Needham on January 17, 1953 and together started a family dairy farm south of Lowell. He is survived by his wife of 57 years; children, Christine and Russell Partington of Australia, Carol and Duane Hamilton, Catherine and Dion Ritzema, Gary and Sandy Stuart, Daniel and Sandra Stuart; grandchildren, Lisa and Larinda Marker, Aaron, Benjamin and Hannah Ritzema, James Stuart, Tonya and Mark Russell, Kayla and Jason Mutschler, Amanda Jackson; great-grandchildren, Emily, Danielle, Carson, Bryson, Myka, Emily and Haley. Preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Eleanor Stuart. Survived by his brothers, Hillis and Margie Stuart, LD and Norma Stuart; sister, Lois and Don Willison; and longtime business partner, special friend and brother, Don and Leahbelle Stuart. In 1963, Dick made the most important decision one can make in his life and that is to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. He served in several positions at Clarksville Bible Church where he was a longtime member. The joy of his life was his family. He enjoyed farming, mowing grass and Sunday drives. Funeral services were Saturday, April 24 at Clarksville Bible Church with Rev. Tim Bateman and Rev. John Williams officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Clarksville Bible Church Building Fund or Gideon Bibles.



**LEGAL NOTICES**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
A copy of this order shall be sent to LUCY DUVA and DONALD McSWEEN at the last-known address by registered mail, return requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 10-04055-CH**  
Kent County Circuit Court, 180 Ottawa Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
April 21, 2010  
Judge George S. Bush - P11479

**Plaintiff**  
BRETT FREEMAN  
5462 Gavin Lake Road  
Rockford, MI 49341  
**Defendant**  
MILDRED CATHERINE KARL, deceased, all Heirs and Assignees

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The Margaret A. Nern Trust  
Re: Margaret A. Nern, date of birth: 1/8/1927  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Margaret A. Nern, who lived at 3121 Lake Michigan Dr., NW, Apt. 142, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, died 2/21/2010.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas R. Nern, Successor Trustee, P.O. Box 2330, Edwards, CO 81632, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
April 23, 2010  
John D. Mitus, attorney (P-31244)  
410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001  
Thomas R. Nern, Successor Trustee P.O. Box 2330 Edwards, CO 81632

**IT IS ORDERED:** You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Complaint for Quiet Title on real estate located at 5357 Madison Ave SE, Kentwood, MI. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 18, 2010. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. A copy of this order shall be published for one week, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

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- YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE**  
April 8th and 22nd  
May 13th and 27th  
June 10th and 24th  
July 9th\* and 22nd  
August 12th and 26th  
September 10th\* and 23rd

\*PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE A FRIDAY PICKUP DUE TO A HOLIDAY DURING THE WEEK.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).



**Community Calendar**

- PLEASE NOTE** - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are run on a space available basis & are not guaranteed to run. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: [classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com), by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.  
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**GARAGE SALES**  
This Week!

**GARAGE SALE**  
Super large Eastgate Grand Slam! Boy/girl clothes, antiques, toys, TY, fabrics, ceramics, buttons, bells & tons more! 1631 Stonewood. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 8 a.m.

**BARN SALE/GARAGE SALE**  
April 29, 30 & May 1, 9-7 Lots of stuff for men & children, perennials, tomato plants, lots of clothes & misc. items. 10690 Bailey Dr. NE.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Big One! April 30 - May 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antiques, toys, trains, primitive antiques, odds & ends, lawn tractor, grill, bikes. 10819 Woodbushe, Lowell.

**11239 BARNLEY**  
Huge kids sale. Girl clothes 0-5/6, boys 0-12m. Tons of toys, Little People. Maternity clothes (ML), everything in great condition. Fri. & Sat. 8-5.

**GARAGE SALE**  
He is finally going to marry her! His stuff, her stuff, something has to go! TV, stereo, end tables, lamps & lots of misc. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Rain or Shine. 240 Roberta Jayne, Lowell.

**WOMEN'S CLOTHES SIZES**  
12-14, teen girl's clothes size 7-13, household items, softball equipment, telescope, basketball net, exercise equipment, set of golf clubs, crystal glasses & much more. May 1, 9-5 p.m. 11209 Barnley, near Eastgate, 2 houses from Cumberland.

**HUGE, HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
Lifetime of treasures. Appliances, antiques, car, furniture, craft supplies & much, much more. Too numerous to mention. April 30 & May 1, 8 to 5 p.m. 4521 S. Montcalm, (Alden Nash E. of Grand River/Oberley, to S. Montcalm), follow the signs.

**MOVING SALE**  
1551 Sargent Ave SE, first drive on left from Fulton. A bit of everything for yard & household maintenance. Table saw, ladder, paint spray system, furniture. Cash only. April 29, 30 & May 1, 9-6 p.m.

**HUGE GARAGE SALE!**  
Lots of daycare toys, books, puzzles, games, outdoor toys, electronics, bikes & more. Boys & girls clothes size 5-12. St. Patrick uniforms, men's & women's clothes & much more. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 311 North St., off of Monroe.

**ANNUAL STREET SALE**  
Sat., May 1, 8-4 p.m. River Place off Vergennes, east of Lincoln Lake. Lots of hunting & fishing items, bow, tree stand, tools, GPS, oak entertainment center, patio set, CD's, furniture, baby toys, swing, bouncy seat, clean name brand clothes, infant thru adult.

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Antiques, furniture, Detroit jewel stove, iron bed, shabby chic pieces, daybed, new & used microwave, toys, housewares, lamps & so much more! Fri., April 30, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., May 1, 9-3 p.m. 1520 Cumberland Ave.

**HUGE EASTGATE SALE**  
10614 Settlewood, Lowell. 9-5 Fri. & Sat., April 30 & May 1. Candles, Christian music, craft items: beads, floral, glitter, glues, jewelry making supplies, lace, paints, ribbon & yarn, furniture, genealogical, craft & cook books, Hal-oween, Easter & everything Christmas, kitchenware, knitted washcloths, sewing machine, storage containers, toys, Tupperware & lots of misc.

**LOWELL EASTGATE GRAND SLAM**  
April 30 - May 1, 8 a.m. Stampin' Up, Bronner's Christmas village with accessories, new lighted Christmas trees, Christmas decorations for inside/out, antiques and more 1415 Baywicke Dr.

**HUGE BARN SALE**  
Horse tack, saddles, garden supplies, including new large outdoor pots, statuary, furniture, antiques, western art prints, 12' pool, misc. 7970 Snow SE, Alto, April 29-30, 9-6 p.m. & May 1, 9 - 4 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Super large Eastgate Grand Slam! Boy/girl clothes, antiques, toys, TY, fabrics, ceramics, buttons, bells & tons more! 1631 Stonewood. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 8 a.m.



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

last week's **Sound Off** poll result:

Now that Toyota is paying huge fines, would you now feel safe in buying one of their vehicles?

YES .....56%  
NO .....33%  
MAYBE .....11%

**This week's online question -  
Do you feel Arizona's new immigration law will unfairly profile citizens?**

To vote on the current poll question go to:  
[thelowelledge.com](http://thelowelledge.com)



APRIL 21 - APRIL 27

- Cleanup begins after deadly Miss. twister kills at least 10 people.
- President Obama gives eulogy for coal miners.
- BP sends underwater robots, five aircraft, and 32 vessels to contain flowing oil after oil rig blast off Louisiana.
- George W. Bush's book "Decision Points" sets a Nov. 9 release date.
- General Motors pays off U.S. government aid loans.
- A \$250 million musical instrument museum opens in Phoenix.
- The Detroit Lions, in the NFL draft, takes Ndamukong Suh from Nebraska with the second pick.

I just wanted to take a minute and thank the Mayor of Lowell, Jim Hodges, and The Ledger for making GNO this year one of my best. This is the reason why I love my hometown and am very happy to be a business owner. Thanks for the great support.  
- April, eja Salon

Who is writing your poll questions? The Toyota question "Would you now feel safe in buying one of their vehicles?" implies that we didn't feel safe before. Ford has had MANY more safety recalls than Toyota - matter of fact, Ford has recalled 20 million vehicles over the years for things such as faulty tires that killed people and ignition switches that caused their vehicles to start on fire. Would you have asked this question if there was a Toyota dealer in Lowell?

With everyone talking about going "green" why don't we have any recycling facilities outside the city limits?

Great showing in Atlanta for our robotics students.

- Peg Hoover

Now that Michigan is going smoke free on May 1, I think that it is a good time to quit smoking. It is going to be wonderful eating anywhere I want to without having to inhale someone else's cigarette. If you can't quit, can you please not smoke at the doorways of stores, bars, or any other public venues? If you must smoke I'm all for you smoking in your car, just don't throw the butts or cigarette packages out the window; this is garbage. So, I hope you can quit for your health, but if you can't quit just be courteous to others and keep your garbage to yourself.

- Paul Young

When submitting your opinion to Sound Off!, we ask you to follow a few guidelines. Sound Off! is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print. Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service please.

So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

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**A Good Night's Sleep**

Every living thing sleeps, from the smallest insect to the largest whale. Some animals spend as many as 20 hours a day sleeping! While humans don't sleep that much, our sleep is just as important. Kids need 8 to 10 hours of sleep nightly.

Do the math to find out how many hours of sleep each animal needs. Complete the graph.

Tiger																							
	5	+	5	+	5	=	Tiger																
	11	+	9	=	Brown Bat																		
	10	-	7	=	Horse																		
	17	-	7	=	Chimpanzee																		
	2	+	4	+	2	=	Pig																
	24	-	12	=	Rat																		

**Your brain needs sleep so you can:**

- Remember what you learn
- Pay attention and concentrate
- Solve problems and come up with new ideas

**Your body needs sleep so your:**

- Muscles, bones and skin can grow
- Muscles, skin and organs can repair injuries and heal
- Body can stay healthy and fight sickness

Standards Link: Health: Know how to maintain and promote physical health.

**The Sleep Cycle**

In the first stage, you are in a light sleep.

Next, you go into a deep, restful sleep. Your breathing and heart rate slow down.

The sleep cycle is repeated five or six times during the night. Each cycle takes about 90 minutes.

Rapid Eye Movement (R.E.M.): This stage occurs towards the end of your cycle.

when dreaming occurs

Help Bonnie find her bear.

Sleep cycle? Never heard of it, man. Is it like a chopper?

Information for this page comes from the Sleep Foundation. Visit them at [sleepfoundation.org](http://sleepfoundation.org)

**Weird Dream**  
By Kevin Slumberton

Last night, I had a strange dream. I was walking to school in my pajamas but suddenly felt myself floating off the ground.

Next thing I knew, I had feathers and a beak. I was a bird! Flying was really fun but tiring. So, I sat on a cloud to rest.

I sank through the cloud and then fell through the sky. I splashed down into a pond.

I could swim really well because now I was a fish! A much bigger fish started chasing me. I jumped out of the water to escape and flew back to my room. I was a flying fish. Then my alarm went off and I woke up.

Read about Kevin's dream. Then number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: Health: Understand the influence of sleep. Reading Comprehension: Sort story into correct sequence.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**Catch Some Zs**  
Circle the Z that should come next to continue each pattern.

Z Z

Z Z

Z Z

Z Z

Z Z

**Double Double Word Search**

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**  
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**Complete the Headline**  
Headlines in the newspaper are not always complete sentences. Have students look for ten headlines in the newspaper. Write the headlines on a sheet of paper, and then make each one into a complete sentence.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in complete sentences.

**Why did the kid sleep with a ruler?**

**My Lullaby**

Make up a lullaby poem or song. Or, tell us what is your favorite lullaby and why.

**Kid Scoop Together!**  
**Proof It!**

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

**Nightmares**  
Almost everyone has awoken one time or another to a scary dream in the middle of the night. Here are some things you can do if you have a nightmare:

- Talk about the dream with a parent or another adult you trust.
- Draw a picture of the dream.
- Rite the dream as a story with a happy ending.
- Make sure you are getting enough sleep.
- The most important thing to remember is that weather your dream is scary, funny or weird, it isn't real!

Standards Link: Health: Know how to maintain mental and emotional health.

**What a Character!**  
**Reading is ...**

... a great way to calm down before bedtime.

**Kid Scoop-doku™**  
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word DREAMS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

M	D		
		D	
S			A
D	R	E	A
A	M		
		S	

**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**  
This week's word: **CYCLE**  
One meaning of the noun cycle is a series of events that repeat in a pattern.

Spring follows winter in the cycle of the seasons.

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

**Write On!**



# Unity School students organize Flat River cleanup

by Emma Palova

With the Flat River lowered by two feet to accommodate the downtown bridge replacement project, various objects have resurfaced from the river.

The Unity School students were among the first ones to find out what the river had in store for them. Last week, the students volunteered their help to clean out various debris from the river by the amphitheatre.

"The students from environmental studies had the idea," said teacher Sue Sweet.

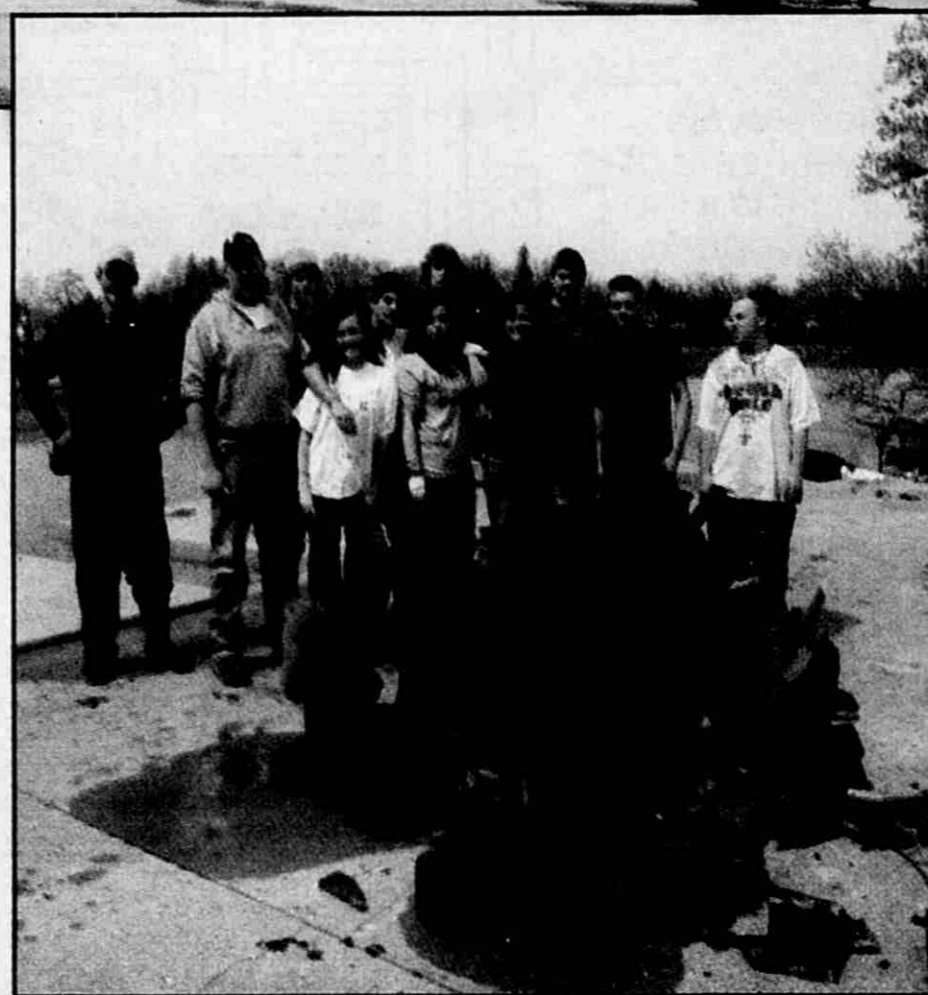
They had already picked up trash along the river when the snow cleared up. And next, they were on a mission to clean up the river from the inside. They found a grocery cart, bikes, pipes and chairs.

"It needed [a] clean up," said student Dakota Rocco. "We learned about the habitat and I called the DNRE. There were tons of metal, old benches, cinder blocks and just random trash, like an exercise bike."

Rocco said he wished the city council would take a more proactive role towards cleaning the river.

"I am really shocked about this," said Rocco. "The city should do something to protect the river. People fish on the other side, by the dam."

Other participating students included Brian Prins, Jon Jacobs, Larry Timmers, Brandon VandenHout, Andrea Smith, Brittany Rose, Brandon Butler, Matt Schenk and Tyler Rogers.



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 Shotgun start at 12:00 PM • Cost \$85/person  
**Arrowhead 18-Hole Check-in: 11:30 - 12:15 PM**  
 Shotgun start at 12:30 PM • Cost \$65/person  
**Arrowhead 9-Hole Check-in: 2 - 2:45 PM**  
 Shotgun Start at 3:00 PM • Cost: \$50/person

**Golf outing includes dinner with guest speaker MSU's head football coach Mark Dantonio. Auction, salute to Lowell teams of the 70's, raffles, live music and socializing!**

**REGISTRATION**  
(Please register by May 14)

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Course (circle) **Quail Ridge (only 18)** **Arrowhead (circle one)** **18** **9**

Quail Ridge \$85 each (18); Arrowhead \$65 each (18) or \$50 each (9) Includes golf, cart, lunch (for 18 holers), dinner and entertainment. If golfing, you can buy extra dinner ticket for \$30

PLAYER 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Dinner Ticket (Place X here)

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PLAYER 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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The public accuracy test of the optical scan tabulating equipment will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for the School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, MI 49302.

The office will be open on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absentee voters and again on Monday, May 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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