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Spartan's coach Dantonio speaks to Lowell golf outing crowd

by Thad Kraus

Zanesville, Ohio and Lowell are separated by hundreds of miles.

Friday night, at the Lowell Football Golf Outing dinner (Grand Volute), the two cities were brought together.

Michigan State football coach Mark Dantonio delivered the keynote address. The Spartan coach is also a Zanesville football alum.

"The two communities parallel one another in a lot of ways," Dantonio said. "Both have a great sense of community and a great energy for football."

Football isn't the only thing that tied Dantonio and Lowell football coach Noel Dean together on this night.

The Spartan coach has ties to the great work done through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The same foundation, a few nights earlier, Dean participated in the Make-A-Wish Dancing with the Stars event.

In thanks to and in honor of Dantonio's work with Make-A-Wish, Dean presented the MSU coach with a Pink Arrow jersey to present to a person or child who has survived a life-threatening medical condition or to a family or friend who has lost a loved one.

The number on the jersey happened to be twenty-two.

"There are no coincidences with the choice of this

number," Dantonio said. "I wore number 22 as a safety for Zanesville."

Dantonio said the jersey would be given to Alex Powell, a kid he's known since Alex was six.

Now 19, Powell, a senior at Lansing Catholic Central, is set to begin a six-week stay in Boston where he will receive radiation cancer treatment.

The MSU coach shared with the 350-plus in attendance, that Powell was diagnosed with a tumor on his vertebrae and with a tumor inside his heart.

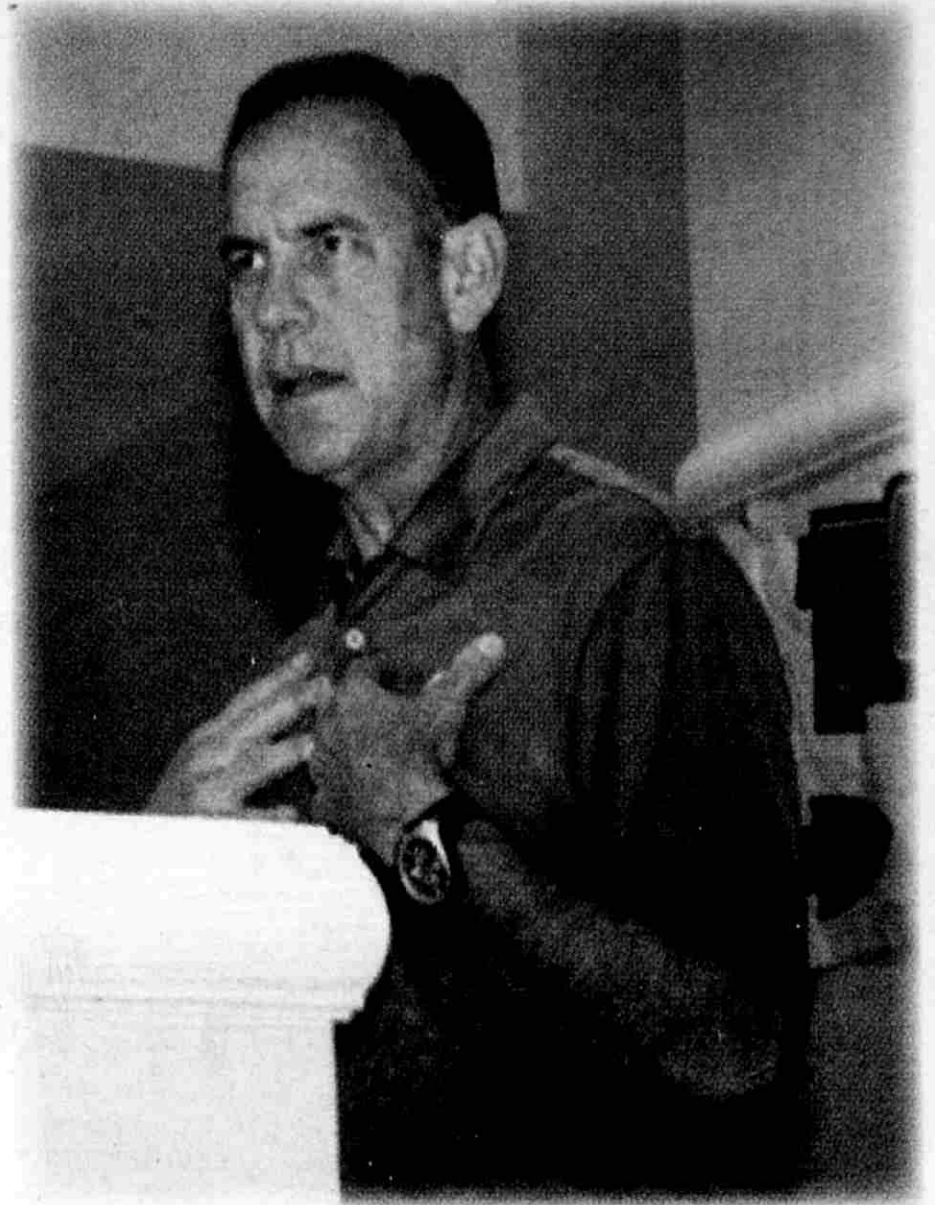
He underwent two lengthy surgeries and just recently finished his second round of chemotherapy.

"So, I know just the person to pass this jersey on to," he said with a crackle in his voice.

**Dantonio on:
Relationship
between university
and high school:**

Michigan State is just an extension of what is going on here. We try to build a sense of community as well.

A lot of the things we do with the players and players' parents are just on



MSU football coach Mark Dantonio addresses Lowell's football faithful.

the basis of they have to come to the university. Many of our players, because of their grass roots, bring characteristics from a Lowell or another community to MSU and then we're able to try to do things for people throughout the community.

High School Coaching:

It is the purest sense of teaching. There is an opportunity to have a chance to give back to so many people in so many communities. One hundred guys come to MSU to play football, but how many are playing in the state of Michigan? That alone shows

how many people are having a great impact on our young men. These are the young men who will be coming back to the communities.

How he met Noel Dean:

I met coach Dean when he arrived in Lowell. That was just about the time I came back to MSU the second time.

Dean is a solid person who doesn't pull any punches and is very honest. I can see why players like him and want to play for him.

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FROM honors Haybarkers for their philanthropy

submitted by Mary Novello

Ann Dimmick, vice chairperson of Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), surprised attendees at the organization's River of Hope Campaign public announcement by revealing that FROM's food pantry has been named in honor of Jody and Kraig Haybarker, visionaries and co-founders of the organization.

"When the River of Hope Campaign began," said Dimmick, "we offered naming opportunities for various rooms within the building. FROM's board met in October - while Kraig and Jody were absent - and unanimously decided to name 'The Jody and Kraig Haybarker Food Pantry,' in honor of these two people who have selflessly dedicated their lives to meeting the needs of people in the greater Lowell area. We were able to keep the secret from them until a few days ago, letting

it slip to prepare them for this meeting."

Dimmick continued, "Twelve years ago Jody and Kraig were packing boxes



Jody and Kraig Haybarker

of food in the basement of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. When people were in need of food, the church was able to give them one of these boxes."

"These same two people had the vision of a food pantry and began work towards this goal. Others joined them and Flat River Outreach

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Annual Memorial Day parade details

The Memorial Day parade steps off promptly at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31. The traditional route will be followed from the Lowell fairgrounds, then east on Main Street and across the bridge. Because of the reconstruction of the bridge, only the south side of Main Street will be open for viewing the parade. Bleachers will be available at the Veterans Memorial and the Salute to Veterans will take place as the parade pauses at the memorial.

The parade this year will include, for the first time, Lowell Girl Scouts who will join the high school and middle school bands, the VFW-American Legion Color Guard and

veterans from World War II to the present.

Following the salute on Main Street, the parade will continue, turning north at city hall, heading up Monroe to the Oakwood Cemetery. There, the Legion Post commander will "sound the bell" for the names of each veteran who has passed on since Memorial Day 2009. Flowers will be placed at the Civil War Memorial by the 4-H homecoming court and the Girl Scouts. Band and bagpipe music will be a part of this ceremony along with some brief remarks dealing with old military customs, assisted by the Lowell Boy Scouts. Nearly 600 veterans are now buried in the Oakwood Cemetery,

some dating back to the Civil War. Each veteran's grave is marked with an American flag, a tradition that dates back to the late 1800's.

Memorial Day marks the start of the fundraiser for the Battlefield Memorial for all military personnel who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Added to that memorial will be the names of two Lowell soldiers who were lost in the War on Terrorism. Full schedule of events start on page 7.



Skateboarders have a place to develop their skills

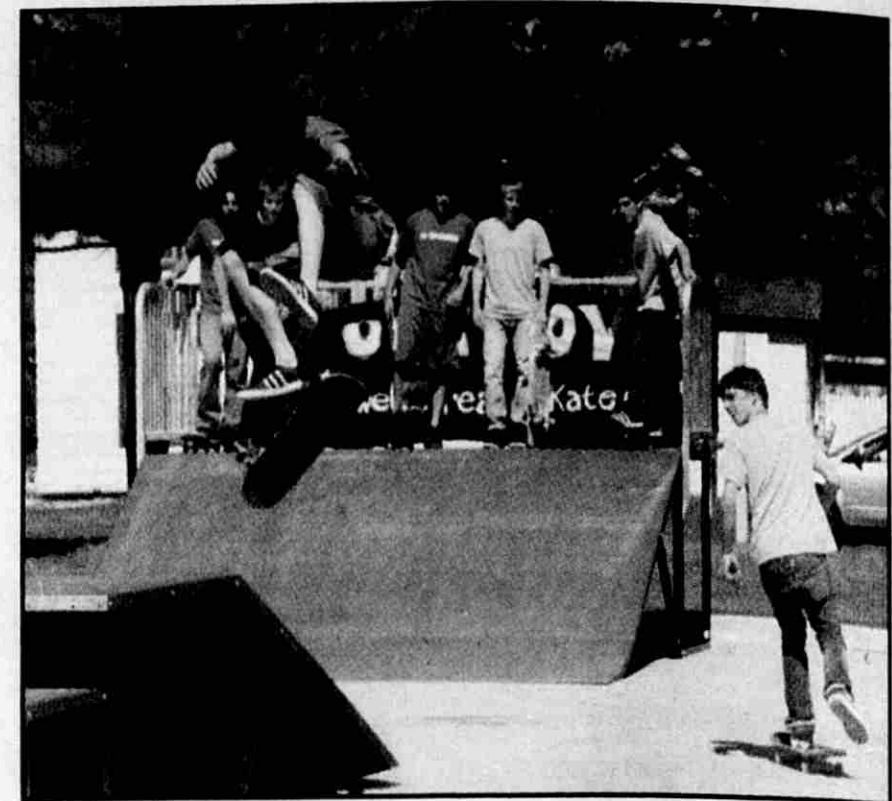
submitted by Shannon Hanley
 "We finally did it!" said Cody Dalton, president of the Our Love Skate Park committee. Then he skated up the new quarter pipe temporarily installed at the Our Love Skate Park in

Richards Park. Dalton is referring to the length of time it has taken to get a skate park built in Lowell. Beginning in 2007, Dalton and others have been raising money to build a park. "It is good for the community and good for our young people," said Dalton. Skateboarders and other youth have tried to raise the needed funds in a variety of ways, including concerts, can drives and other initiatives. "Rotary made this possible," said Dalton. "And we thank them for it!" The Lowell Chapter of Rotary International committed to a makeover of Richards Park and installed new playground equipment, among other things. The Our Love Skate Park committee made presentations to the Rotary helping everyone to see the skate park vision. Rotary took on the project and worked with the committee to maximize the money the skate park had raised and the grants it had received.



Sergeant Steve Bukala of the Lowell Police Department takes a turn.

The park was designed by American Ramp Company who oversaw the park installation by volunteers from the community. City of Lowell employees, Rotarians, members of First Congregational United Church of Christ, members of the Fix Skateboard Team



Skill and talent are demonstrated by area skateboarders. Photos by Shannon Hanley

was given a final inspection, skaters took to their boards and tried it out. More than 40 skateboarders and many more bystanders stopped by the park the first day. Kids as young as seven and people well into their 20's displayed talents at skateboarding and the Fix Skateboard Team gave a demonstration of their skills. In all, skaters respected and encouraged each other. When asked about damage to the equipment or graffiti, Dalton stated, "Skaters would rather skateboard than spend time defacing the park." Dalton expressed a desire for everyone - skaters and others, to care for the park. "We worked hard to get this here. It would be a shame for anyone to cause damage to it." Skateboarders were encouraged to "stay out of trouble, obey the rules, and to keep the park clean" by the Lowell police and adult advisors to the Our Love committee. "Thank you to everyone who made this possible. We did it!" said Dalton. "It's a good day for Lowell."

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This year's lucky raffle winners were announced after our *Somewhere In Time* gala on May 7, 2010.

THE RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:
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Second Prize: Mari Onan, a gift certificate for two nights at the Grand Victorian Inn Bed and Breakfast. Value \$400
Third prize: William Dommer, a reception for twenty in the Museum's Victorian Dining Room catered by Flat River Grill. Value \$300

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 If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant (897-5234).
 Betty R. Morlock
 City Clerk

LPD puts the kibosh on cannabis crop

by Thad Kraus
 A marijuana grow operation in Lowell was uncovered during a response to a domestic violence incident on Tuesday, May 18.

Lowell police responded to a domestic violence report at 807 W. Main, the residence of Blake Charles Rittersdorf, 17, of Lowell.

The report was attained from his girlfriend, who also provided information about a marijuana operation.

After obtaining an executive warrant, police

discovered a small grow operation in the closet. They seized eight plants, a grow light, plus other components indicating an intent to manufacture and distribute.

"While at the residence, another subject came to sell marijuana," said Lowell police chief James Hinton.

The subject, Corey James Mumper, 18, of Lowell, was charged with a felony possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute after authorities seized two-and-a-half ounces of

processed marijuana, a scale and packaging material from him.

Rittersdorf, who turned himself in on Sunday night, was charged with manufacturing and distribution of marijuana (4-year felony) and maintaining a drug house (2-year misdemeanor) and domestic assault.

Both Rittersdorf and Mumper were arraigned in 63rd District Court with their preliminary examinations scheduled for June 1.

Hudsonville man seriously injured in hit and run

The Kent County Sheriff Department responded to the area of Morse Lake Avenue, north of 60th Street, on May 23 in reference to an injured man laying in the roadway. Medical personnel responded as well. Adam Haverkamp, a 24-year-old man from Hudsonville, was found in the roadway. Deputies

believe that he was struck by a vehicle. The driver fled the scene with the vehicle and did not report the incident to authorities. Haverkamp had walked from a nearby party prior to being struck. Another passerby later located Haverkamp and called 911. Haverkamp is

currently in serious condition at Spectrum-Butterworth Hospital. The incident is still under investigation. If anyone has information about this incident, please contact the Kent County Sheriff Department dispatch at 616-632-6100 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

Haybarkers, continued

Ministries was born. The first building purchased was across the street from the church. The first food pantry was in a small room in the back of the building. Food was gathered, packaged in boxes, and handed out during certain hours. These two people organized and staffed this pantry and dreamed of a 'client choice' pantry where people in need could shop with carts and choose their own selection of food for their family."

"The move to this East Fulton Street location in January of 2007 has made this dream come true." Kraig currently serves as board chairman and Jody is a board member and volunteer director of food programs. As of May 22, more than

\$580,000 has been raised towards the \$1.4 million River of Hope Campaign goal. The funds will be used to renovate the food pantry, the thrift shop, and other areas, and provide funding for program expansion.

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First Lowell Hike raises over \$5,000

Headed up by Jeff Odland, the first Hunt for a Cure (HFC), "Lowell Hike" was held at the Wittenbach/Wege Center on May 15. With about 30 hikers in attendance over \$5,000 was raised.

HFC is a 501c3 charity with a mission to raise funds to find a cure for cystic fibrosis (CF). Odland's little brother Dylan has CF, which is the number one genetic killer of children in the US today. The funds raised at the Lowell Hike will support a research project at MSU. Hikers collected sponsor money and participated in the hike. The hike will be an annual event and HFC hopes to double or triple the attendance next year.

and pre-readers, can set and accomplish their own reading goals to win prizes and enter a drawing for a brand new bicycle. Teens in grades six through twelve can participate for the chance to win great prizes, like a gift certificate to the mall. This summer will be full of fun for all ages. Sign up for the Summer Reading Club starting June 14 at any of KDL's 18 branch locations.

For more information, call 784-2007 or visit us online at www.kdl.org

Coach Dantonio, continued

Big 10 expansion:
 I will be one of the last ones to learn about this.

I think this decision will be left to a higher level than that of a coach.

Everybody outside of football is joining. Look around. Institutions are joining, banks and schools. They are consolidating. You can see why in a conference, the magnitude of the Big 10, people would want to join. Big 10 conference has

2010 Michigan State football:

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Like the benefits of a 401(k) or an IRA? Check out the 529 plan

If you have young children, the end of another school year means you are now one year closer to the day when you send them to college — and one year closer to dealing with the high costs of higher education. However, you still have time to save and invest — and one of the best investment choices you can make is a Section 529 college savings plan.

In fact, a 529 plan contains, in just one account, some of the key advantages found in other attractive investment vehicles, such as a 401(k) or IRA. Consider the following:

- **Tax-advantaged earnings** — Roth IRA earnings accumulate tax free and are distributed tax free, provided the account is at least five years old and the account owner doesn't start taking withdrawals until at least age 59 1/2. Similarly, a 529 plan's earnings

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Contributions to 529 plans are considered gifts; therefore, the \$13,000 gift limit should be considered.

- **Asset allocation** — One key to being a successful investor is choosing the mix of investments — such as stocks, bonds and government securities — that are appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. A professional financial advisor can help you create

a suitable asset allocation for your 401(k), IRA or other investment accounts. Most 529 plans also offer an asset allocation strategy, typically based on the age of the child or the number of years until college enrollment. For example, if your child is younger, your plan might start off with a higher percentage of aggressive investments in order to maximize your growth potential. As your child gets closer to college, the plan may take a more

conservative approach to help reduce the effects of volatility before you start tapping into the plan.

Clearly, a 529 plan has much in common with popular investment vehicles, but it has other characteristics of which you'll want to be aware. For one thing, the financial aid impact: Assets in a 529 plan are considered an asset of the account owner, usually the parent. Federal financial aid formulas generally

expect parents to use a smaller percentage of their assets for college funding. Consequently, you'll want to explore all aspects of any 529 plan, possibly in consultation with your financial and tax advisors, before taking action. But don't wait too long — your children will move from day care to dormitories in what seems like a blink of an eye.

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Students: Ready for your summertime job?

Summer is right around the corner. Now is the time to plan for that summer job you really want. Whether you find the perfect outdoor job at a summer camp or as a golf caddy, fast food, or an amusement park, one thing's for sure: nothing's better than having fun this summer while earning a few extra dollars.

No matter how cool the job may be, make sure to look at the tax deductions when your first pay check is issued. Some of the taxes you're paying as an employee will help you qualify for Social Security benefits later.

Here's another important

thing to know as you go out to find summer



employment: your Social Security number. Knowing your Social Security number is important as you enter the workforce. Treat your number as confidential information and keep it protected. Memorize your number and do not carry your Social Security card with you unless you need to show it to your employer. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers.

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viewpoint to the editor

Dear Editor,

I recently went to a public hearing on the 2010-2011 city budget and I got an earful. But the earful wasn't about the city budget. It was about the Lowell Police Department. It seems that they have some dissatisfied customers. A lengthy and to the point statement was made by a member of a neighboring township about a supposedly overly active police department. But this is not the first time I have heard about this subject. The subject came up in a previous council meeting and on the marquee of the old theater along with an article on the front page of the Lowell Ledger. What's not right about what's going on isn't the fault of the Lowell Police Department, because I believe they're doing what they think is right. What's wrong about this scenario is that the city council continues to say that they will look into it. The public has been voicing their dissatisfaction

with the police department

for some time now but the council seems to have a deaf ear. Could it be they have forgotten that they are there to represent the constituent? The police department should be getting its directions from the city manager and the city council and the city council should be making decisions by evaluating all relevant information. Has the city council failed to evaluate the information that has been brought forth? One thing that is for sure is the city council has failed to communicate with its constituents on this subject. Maybe what is needed is a public hearing.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

Dear Editor,

Out of concern for safety and courtesy on our roads and highways, we insist that our youth take drivers' training classes—both classroom and on the road.

We hope this will make for safer roads. They are taught the need for a vehicle with all the equipment in working order. They are taught the dangers of driving under the influence - whether the drug be liquid or some other form. They are taught the importance of driving with headlights on, using turn signals when making a turn or changing lanes, and these are just a few aspects of the training.

Our hope and expectation is that this training will stay with them and be put into practice by them through adulthood. Strange, isn't it, that we have adults whining and complaining about being cited for breaking the laws and regulations we expect our youth to learn and obey? Our law enforcement officers deserve our thanks and praise for enforcing the law.

Vance M. Dimmick

Dear Editor,

I have lived in this town for the majority of my life, in the same house for the

past 36 years. The things I liked about small town living is that you know everybody, the low crime rate, and you can feel safe.

As I looked at and read the Lowell Ledger the week of May 9, 2010, I noticed on the front page the picture of the marquee and the article with the comments from Mike Larkin.

His comments prompted me to write this letter to the Editor. I have to very much agree with Mike Larkin. If the Lowell police department continues to operate the way they are at this time, the establishment owners in this town will all be out of business.

If the people, who do or have patronized the establishments of Lowell to have lunch or dinner, have to worry if they had a couple of beers or cocktails while they were there get pulled over for not using a turn signal, have the risk of being harassed by the enforcement of this town, and perhaps if they had one beer that puts them over the .08 limit, they may be hauled off to jail and have to go through all of

the legal entities and cost associated with it, people will not patronize small town establishments. The risk is too high, especially if you are in the over 50 group. I hope the establishments in Lowell will come together and join Mike Larkin in his concerns before Lowell has no restaurants that a person can go into for a meal and beer/cocktail.

For all the reasons I liked living in this town, I now do not like. We pay some of the highest taxes in Kent County in the city of Lowell.

I suspect those taxes pay for the officers of this town, along with the vehicles they drive. I feel the Lowell police are now crossing the line of serve and protect, to stalk and harass.

Pamela L. Krause

sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

Lowell Area Schools...It's Personal

When times are difficult, and when we face the unknown, what becomes especially critical is personal service. We understand that without students and families, our doors would be closed. We know that the education we provide is related to everything in our community. We, at Lowell Area Schools, would not have the precious opportunity to experience the wonder and rewards of teaching and learning without kids.

save funds through energy conservation, implement a retirement incentive, and intentionally protect resources for the classroom. Although we have made every effort, unfortunately I've had the difficult responsibility of reducing staff positions and the gut-wrenching task of delivering the news to staff members of our school family.

Regardless of the hand we've all been dealt, we must be diligent and remain true to our mission of delivering the very best educational opportunities to all students, and the most outstanding service to our parents and families. Our school community can expect that the Lowell Area Schools will strive to consistently deliver personal service that is welcoming, responsive, and reflective of our mission and organizational values.

On May 4, the annual school board election was held. The fact that we had three dedicated, compassionate citizens, with real concern for kids, and a passion for public education, willing to voluntarily serve the Lowell community is the perfect example of service. The daunting financial problems we face in our state seem so overwhelming at times, but the example of citizens who are doing what they can is a tremendous means for keeping energized and hopeful. Please join me in thanking the three candidates Pat Nugent, Gary Blough, and Brian Krajewski for modeling what it means to be an advocate for others and give back to your community. Congratulations to Pat and Gary on their election to the Lowell Board of Education.

We will continue to give our very best...because it's personal.

Our district is extremely fortunate to have a caring, talented staff, willing to provide great personal service. I see a staff and student body that is genuinely supportive, helpful, and committed to service. But what is more important is what you see and experience as the parent or community member that we serve. While I am very proud of the service our staff provides, I know that we can continue to grow and aim to improve, because our students, parents and community members are the source of our success.

As a result of the economic challenges and the deep cuts to the state aid education fund, the Lowell Area Schools is forced to do more with less. Our organization has taken every measure to be fiscally responsible, cut costs,

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By Shelly MacNaughton

At the conclusion of the exercises on the island, the parade will be formed on the west bank of Flat River in the customary order by H.W. Hakes, marshal of the parade.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
May 30, 1935

H.D. Hahn has recently completed installation of a new and modern display counter containing a refrigerator unit for the proper preservation of fresh meat.

Lowell people who have been more or less alarmed on several occasions recently, by what appeared to be western dust storms settling over the town, need have no fears on that score. Investigation reveals that the obscuring dust is rolling up from the traffic on Hudson Street and Riverside Drive. Liberal applications of calcium chloride would be appreciated.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 26, 1960

Over 300 Lowell and Michigan men and women were present Tuesday evening to honor Walter W. Gumsier who is retiring this year after 34 years as superintendent of Lowell Area Schools.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
May 29, 1985

Since passage of the last operational millage, the Board of Education has continued to search for additional ways to save district dollars. A proposal to return to "double bus runs" was presented at the May 13 Board of Education meeting. Approximately \$150,000 could be saved from the district's operating budget with the plan. The double run system means that Lowell would have a smaller fleet of buses and less drivers (11 would be laid off) running the necessary miles to pick up all the students.

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
June 3, 1885

Joseph Graham owns a yearling merino sheep that sheared 16 1/2 lbs. of wool the other day.

Miss Esther Hitchcock, a teacher in Grand Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday with Lowell friends. She was formerly a teacher in the Lowell Union school.

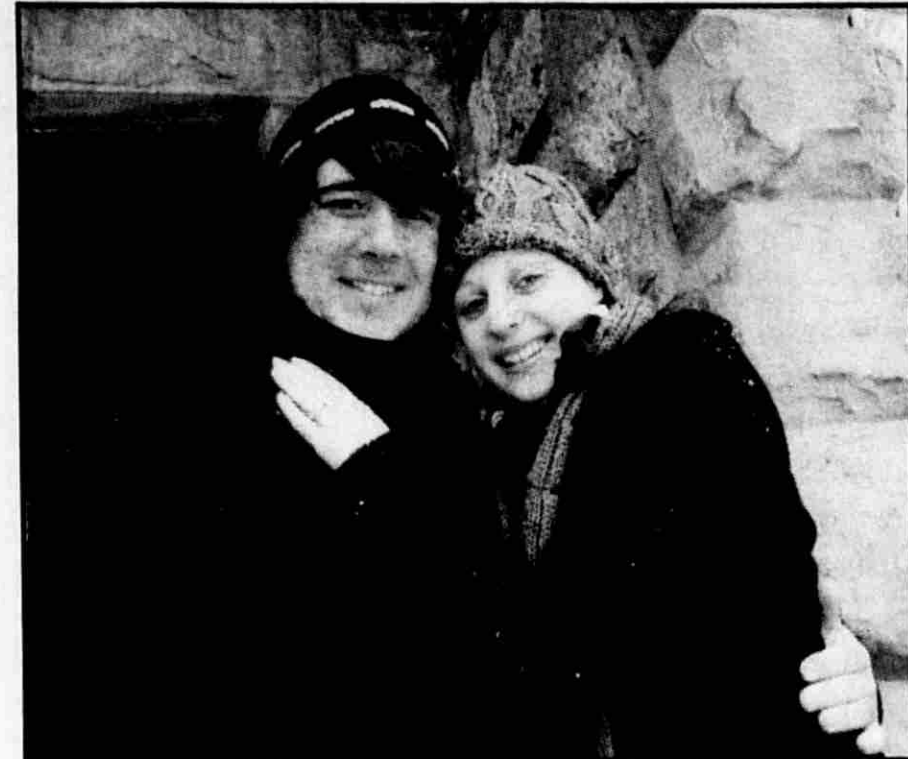
The rear of Flat River's log drive passed Lowell yesterday.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 26, 1910

Monday, May 30, 1910, the order of exercises will be as follows: 1:15 p.m., Bugle call, General Assembly; 1:30, Music, "Hail Columbia" and "Star Spangled Banner"; 1:45, Call to order, Pres. D.G. Look; 2:00, Music, "The Star Spangled Banner," led by the High School Chorus; Prayer, Rev. N.E. Jenkins; Reading, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," Leo Kallinger

engagements area births

Eickhoff/Hernandez



Thomas Rey Hernandez II and Ciji Eickhoff

A June 12 wedding is planned for Ciji Eickhoff and Thomas Rey Hernandez II. Parents of the groom-to-be are Stephen and Suzann Weeks and Kellie and Jennie Eickhoff. She is a 2007 graduate of Lowell High School and is currently attending Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, TN.

Jean



Nolan Daniel Jean

Severin and Kelli Jean Dan and Linda DesJarden are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nolan Daniel, on May 3, 2010 at Sparrow Hospital, weighing six lbs. 7 oz.

Powers



Hazel Powers

With the birth of Aubrey Hazel on May 10, Hazel Powers, who will be 90-years-old in August, became a grand/great-grandmother of 100. Aubrey was born in Oregon, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 19 inches. Hazel's children are Lavada, Calvin, Shirley, Barbara and Roger, Jr. She has 16 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 37 great-great-grandchildren. At one time she ran the Chuck Wagon restaurant in Lowell.

Donaldson

Blake and Amy Donaldson of Ada are proud to announce the birth of their son David Michael Chase Donaldson. He was born Sunday, March 7, 2010, weighing 9 lbs. and measuring 23 1/2 inches. He was welcomed home by

big brothers Mitchell and Jackson. Grandparents are Gary and Sharon Curless of Ada and Tom and Sally Donaldson of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Evelyn DeShane of Grand Rapids, Ray and Jan Donaldson of Grand Rapids, and Jean Oole of Grandville.

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Achilles tendonitis

The Achilles tendon is the largest tendon in the body, connecting the calf muscle to the heel. The Achilles tendon allows us to extend the foot and is very important in walking, running, and jumping. Achilles tendonitis is probably one of the most common running injuries. With the recent warmer weather and the River Bank Run, we have seen more cases of Achilles tendonitis in the office.

If you experience symptoms of Achilles tendonitis, the most important thing you can do is rest the injured tendon. Avoid running or jumping. Do different types of exercises like swimming or biking. Apply ice packs to the area after exercise. Take over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medications like Aleve or Motrin on a regular basis. Perform stretching exercises prior to and after exercise. If these simple measures do not reduce your symptoms you should probably see your physician. Physical therapy can be prescribed and orthotics may be recommended. In chronic cases splinting or surgery may be needed.

Achilles tendonitis may be prevented by increasing your exercise regimen slowly. Do not increase your running mileage or speed by more than 10 percent per week. Minimize uphill running or stair running and stretch after your exercise session. Symptoms of Achilles tendonitis include pain and stiffness above the heel which is usually worse in the morning or after strenuous activity.

Smith named Lowell Women's Club Woman of the Year

Five Lowell High School seniors were awarded Lowell Women's Club scholarships. Receiving those scholarships were Kaitlyn Bocskey, Torin Hacker, Katie Jousma, June Ramsay and Kelly Stevens.

Honored with the high school recipients was Lowell Women's Club (LWC) "2010 Woman of the Year" Joy Smith. Smith was recognized for serving on the board for the Porter Hills Retirement

Home, the Lowell Area Arts Council, the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Friends of the Library (president), and the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

letter of congratulations from President Barack Obama. Smith and her husband Gene have two daughters, Renee Reed and Ann Newell, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In October of 2009, Smith was one of five nominees who received the President's Volunteer Service award presented by the Michigan Community Service Commission for volunteers who have 4,000 hours or more at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. These people find volunteerism satisfying to their spirit and give all to their task. She received a

The installation of officers was also included in the special banquet.

They were, Ann Pasquale (past president), Elaine Brinkert (president), Jan Thompson (president elect), Bev Hall (secretary), Susan Stouffer (treasurer), Kathy Horsch (deputy treasurer) and Marj Harding (deputy treasurer 2).



Scholarship recipients, (not in order): Kaitlyn Bocskey, Torin Hacker, Katie Jousma and Kelly Stevens. June Ramsay, not pictured.



Joy Smith accepts the Lowell Women's Club "2010 Woman of the Year" award.

Dean, area stars dance to make wishes a reality

They all received calls in February asking them to step outside their comfort zone to help make children's wishes a reality.

On Thursday night at the St. Cecilia Music Center, nine of West Michigan's local celebrities took part in the Grand Rapids Make-A-Wish Dancing with the Stars event.

"We don't have the final figures, but it is safe to say we raised thousands of dollars," said Make-A-Wish development director,

Ellie Andrus. "Those in attendance laughed and had so much fun. It was just an entertaining night."

Lowell football coach Noel Dean agreed.

"I knew once I got there and they explained the rules to me, while I was standing next to Peter Stuursma, that things were going to be done on a financial basis. That did not sit well for me being that Peter brought his 10 banker friends," Dean said. "All joking aside, it was a great evening and a lot of

fun. Make-A-Wish is just a wonderful organization.

Stuursma, like the rest, while out of his element did not hesitate to participate.

"It's an incredible organization. To be a little bit out of my comfort zone and making a fool of myself for a good cause makes being involved worth it."

Make-A-Wish started in 1994 as an 11-year-old Tecumseh boy, surviving with brain cancer, enjoyed the experience of going to Disney.



Dancing with the Stars raised thousands of dollars on Thursday night. The funds are used to grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to delete requirements for non-farm dwellings in the AG-1 Zone as contained in section 5.06 (a) of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance.
The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331
The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.
Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

DAY TO REMEMBER

Area Memorial Day Events

LOWELL

American Legion Post #152 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 invite all Veterans, Civic Organizations, Scouts & other participants to take part in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies & salute to our deceased & living Veterans.

Monday, May 31, 2010 - The parade forms at Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway St. at 9:00 a.m. with departure promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The parade will proceed North on Broadway St., East on Main St. stopping at the Veterans memorials on the east side of the Flat River for rendering of honors to Those Who Have Perished at Sea.

The parade continues East on Main St., North on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for a short ceremony.

Any wishing to participate should please contact Herman Weststrate at 897-9479 or Dave Thompson at 897-2533.

Patriotic themes shall be permitted. Commercial and political advertising is prohibited. Tossing of candy from floats or passing out of literature along the parade route is strictly prohibited. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have served our nation and have passed on.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

The 113th meeting of the South Boston Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, May 31, 2010 at noon at South Boston Bible Church, 6958 Kyser Road, Lowell. Rev. Dick Manion, Tentmakers Bible Mission, will be the speaker.

Service will be followed by a potluck dinner at the Fellowship Building.

All are invited to attend.

BOWNE CENTER

Monday, May 31, 8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery, corner of Alden Nash (M-50) & 84th St. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

The 22nd Annual Grattan Township Memorial Day Celebration and Bridge Walk will be Monday, May 31, 2010. The day will start at 7:00 a.m. with the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast. A memorial service at Grattan Center Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Following the service is a foot parade across the Seeley Creek Bridge and back to the Township Hall. Activities for the family all day.

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10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at Erv Taylor Avenue at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a program at the cemetery. Speaker: Steven Heacock, candidate for U.S. Congress.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Teft qualifies for state in pole vault

by Thad Kraus
Kelsey Teft's goal for her Division I state final appearance in the pole vault? "I want to see myself do what I do in practice," Teft said. "I clear 11 feet in practice, but I get in a meet and the best I've done is 10-3. I think it has to do with my nerves."
Teft qualified for the state meet at Rockford High School by winning the Division I regional in Holt. Her winning height was 10-8.
One benefit from the meet being held in Rockford

is Teft will have access to her favorite pole. "It's a different brand than I used at the regional. I just do better with it," she explains.
Teft finished third as a junior. "It is a higher pole which allows you to jump higher. It also requires you to work on the approach. You need to be strong so that you can maintain your balance," she says.
Teft completed her final regional appearance with a sixth-place finish in the low hurdles. She stopped the clock at 17.02. The senior also had a leg in the 400-relay where Teft, Jessica

White, Crystal Vosburg and Mia Jackson finished seventh, stopping the clock in a season-best 53.1.
Lowell also placed in the 1600- and 3200-meter relays. In the 1600 - it was Kendall Hewitt, Kallie Holzhueter, Nicole Everitt and Crystal Vosburg finishing seventh at a time of 4:28.6
Hewitt, Holzhueter, Rebekah Betts and Haleigh Timmers came home in 10:48 in the 3200 - placing them seventh.
Jackson claimed a seventh in the 100-dash finishing at 13.21.

"We did pretty well. There was a lot of competition with the Lansing schools. For many, it was a good end to a good season," Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs said.
Lowell was 11th overall with 21 points. Grand Ledge was the regional champion with 154.33 points. Caledonia was fourth with 67.83. Battle Creek Lakeview took second with 96 followed by Jackson's 78.5.
The Lowell boys' track team was 14th with three points. Lansing won the regional with 98 points.



The Red Arrows' Kendall Hewitt races towards an eighth place finish in the 400-meter dash Saturday at Holt. Photo by Brett Bremer

Lowell keeps league hopes alive

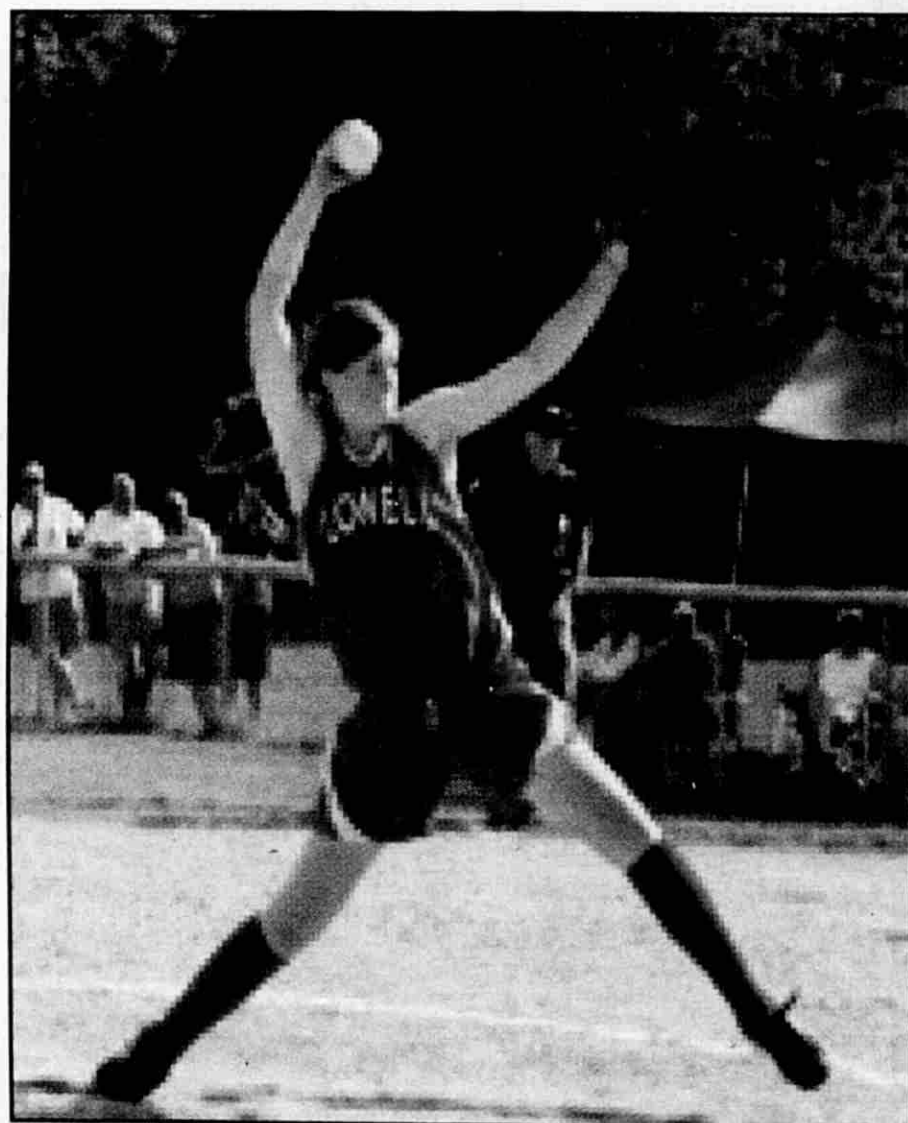
by Thad Kraus
It's hard to believe that in a 15-4 win a club could come within a millisecond of losing.
However, that's exactly what almost happened to the Lowell softball team.
With the game tied at 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh, East Grand Rapids had the winning run on third base.

A ground ball to shortstop Sarah Mogor was bobbled and then picked up and thrown to first. The batter was called out, but even through the eyes of Red Arrow softball coach Bob Rodenhouse, the out was by the narrowest of a margin.
"The call could have gone either way," Rodenhouse said.

Following the near heart-stopping play, Lowell regrouped and tallied 11 runs in the eighth inning to win the game and keep its O-K White conference championship hopes alive.
In that eighth inning, the Red Arrows sent 15 hitters to the plate, collected seven hits and scored 11 runs.
Mogor, M.J. Vietzke and Brianna Richardson all tallied four hits in victory.
Game two was a five-inning shortened game with Lowell winning in a cakewalk 20-1.
Vietzke led the way with two, two-run home runs (both left the park).
Also collecting two hits were Mogor, Carissa Paiz, KayLee Westerhuis, Leigha

Frisbie, Morgan Groom (3 RBI) and Lindsey Crawford. Kaylie Petroelje walked three and struck out 10 allowing one run but no hits.
The Lowell hurler followed that up with a no hitter against Greenville. In that game she struck out the first 12 batters she faced. The Red Arrow finished with 13 on the day.
Petroelje did not walk a batter in Lowell's 10-0 win against the Yellow Jackets.
At the plate Kaylyn DeWaard led the way with three hits and two runs batted in.
Kelly Wyckoff also recorded three hits while Groom, Mogor and Jenna Smith all had two hits.
In a 10-0 win against

Creston, Groom followed Petroelje's lead but did one better. The Arrow pitched a perfect five-inning game while striking out 12.
Lowell started the week with a doubleheader loss (2-0, 8-0) to Hudsonville.
Lowell finished the week at 20-11 overall and 10-2 in the O-K White.



Morgan Groom was perfect in her shutout performance against Creston.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Judy L. Pitsch to establish a private road which would serve five lots. The property consists of 21.88 acres and is zoned R-1, Rural Low Density Residential.

Property Address: 2622 Bewell Avenue.
General Location: East side of Bewell Avenue approximately 1000 feet south of Grand River Avenue.
Parcel Numbers: 41-20-09-401-009 and 41-20-09-401-010
The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188-556-DE Estate of OLGA I. KUNZE, deceased, Date of birth: 10/25/1920

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, OLGA I. KUNZE, who lived at 4151 Northgate NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 3/30/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NORBERT KUNZE, 7819 Wedgemont Ct., Alto, MI 49302, HARALD KUNZE, 502 Downey

Place, Oktokas, AB T1S 1H3, named personal representatives or proposed personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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The Tale of the Troll, Part VII

by Amy Hayes
Rumors, rumors, rumors. So many rumors, truths, half-truths, lies, and gossip have been floating around in the troll world. Someone has to set "most" of it straight. So, here's the skinny on the scoop you may or may not be hearing.

It is in fact true that PT is grounded forever for having been caught bungee jumping off of the bridge. And he does currently hate his sister Lola for ratting him out.

Grampa Boyle caused another ruckus at Keiser's, it was something about dancing at the prom when he should have been cooking.

Faith and Moola are indeed expecting their first little baby troll. Uncle Optic plans to be the baby's godfather.

Cookie seems to be snagging her man, Walt. Someone saw them smooching at Sneaker's.

It is absolutely false that our "fearsome five" tore up the town last weekend. It was more like the "not quite so fearsome four" had a few beers and trudged home, saddened that their night was a debacle.

Troll Daddy's evening was cut totally short by a very, very, very unhappy Mrs. Troll. Did I mention that Mrs. Troll was not pleased? You may have heard her

launch into an hour-long lecture to Troll Daddy about how he just wasn't involved or around since their home was under construction. Like any good husband, Troll Daddy promised to rectify the situation. He even agreed to meet with the heating, cooling, plumbing, window, and designer guys (and gal).

Mrs. Troll muttered something about how she'd believe it when she saw it and something about pigs and flying. Troll Daddy was bound and determined to make peace, if for no other reason than to plan his next escape.

So, in keeping with his spirit of peace, Mr. and Mrs. Troll planned to meet with Ms. Faucet regarding the plans for their kitchen. Ms. Faucet was a rather creative and delightful troll who was living at the Hearthstone Design Studio on Main Street.

Ms. Faucet had already taken the liberty of sketching up several preliminary kitchen plans based on numerous conversations she had already had with Mrs. Troll. Troll Daddy was actually feeling pretty smug and a little confident interjecting an occasional "ahha" and "hmm nice" at what seemed to be all the appropriate places in their meeting as they perused the plans for the kitchen.

He really thought this Faucet lady knew her stuff and he was grateful that very little was required of him. Those folks at Hearthstone Design Studio were top notch in his book. He could tell that Mrs. Troll would be more than pleased with the plans for her new kitchen.

By the end of the meeting Mrs. Troll was all smiles and she even gave a little hug to her Mr. Troll. Life seemed to be getting back on course.

With kitchen plans in hand, the two headed down to All Weather Seal to discuss windows. Scott, at All Weather Seal, had allowed Pickles McTroll to live in his storefront while the bridge was being remodeled. Scott felt it was fitting for Pickles to assist Troll Daddy and Mrs. Troll in the selection of their windows.

Pickles was extremely organized, but bossy and opinionated. There could have been a clash between Pickles and Mrs. Troll. Troll Daddy knew he would have to keep on his toes to keep things running smoothly.

Fortunately, Scott, Jim, Jason, and all the helpful salespeople at All Weather Seal were in tune to the Trolls' needs. They quickly measured, discussed, and priced the best windows for Troll Daddy.

Poor Pickles and Mrs.

Troll were deep into a very heated argument and didn't even know all the decisions had been made and that Troll Daddy had quietly snuck out of the building.

Actually, everyone had been quietly sneaking out of the building, leaving Pickles and Mrs. Troll in a near shouting match. The two never noticed. They just kept going round and round discussing double-hung windows versus casement windows. There was also a loud discussion about roofing. A metal roof was what Mrs. Troll had wanted.

Mrs. Troll had no idea she could get her windows, roof, and entry doors all from All Weather Seal. She was actually elated because she was also getting the

Energy Saving tax credit for everything she purchased with them.

Little did Pickles or Mrs. Troll know that Troll Daddy and Scott had already closed the deal on the windows, roof, and entry doors and had gone over to Sneaker's to celebrate all their wise decisions.

By the time Mrs. Troll realized her husband was gone, she had run out of time for her meetings with Arctic Heating and Air Conditioning

and Canfield Plumbing and Heating.

Speaking of time, we have run out of time. We will continue this saga next week.

Will Troll Daddy drop out of circulation again?

Will Mrs. Troll make it to her meetings?

Will they be able to pay for all these improvements?

See you next week... with some answers.... and some rumors.

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Sharon Kyser; \$20 winners are: Brenda Raymor, Robert Vanden Toorn, Ralph Clouser, Jamie Heim and Jackie Morgan; and the \$10 winners are: Michele DeHaan, Joan Hunter, Linn Marvin, Norann DeLoaf and Laurie Blough.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCES NO. 01-10 AND 02-10

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on May 17, 2010 Ordinance No. 01-10 was adopted. This purpose of this Ordinance is to delete all language in ARTICLE 13A CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT in its entirety and reserve ARTICLE 13A for future use; and to delete the M-50 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT from the Bowne Township Zoning Map as amended; add Section 3.40 DEVELOPMENT ALONG MINOR ARTERIALS to ARTICLE 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS; a summary of the proposed Section 3.40 follows:

For those lands with frontage on minor arterials as defined herein, the regulations of Section 3.40 shall apply, unless specifically waived according to the criteria in Section 3.40 E.

The purpose of these regulations is to improve the function, appearance, and safety of uses along minor arterials by addressing setbacks, landscaping, lighting, signs, and access along minor arterials.

The Planning Commission in the case of site plan review, planned unit development (PUD) review, or site condominium review, or the Township Board in the case of subdivision review, may waive or modify any or all of the requirements of Section 3.40 if the Planning Commission or Township Board, as the case may be, finds that any of certain standards are applicable.

Requirements include the regulation of setbacks, access, driveway spacing, shared driveways and service roads, pedestrian access, landscaping, lighting, signs, building facades, and building design.

Amend Section 3.29 STATE HIGHWAY SETBACKS to state that setbacks shall be 50 feet from the right-of-way for all parcels with frontage on State Highway M-50 except in the case where the setback is required by Section 3.40 of this ordinance to be greater than 50 feet.

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on May 17, 2010 Ordinance No. 02-10 was adopted. This purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Section 18.02 USES REQUIRING SITE PLAN APPROVAL to include the following uses requiring site plan approval: all business uses, conventional and site condominium projects, any multi-family or nonresidential development, and any use, structure, building, or item where site plan review is otherwise required by this Ordinance.

These Ordinances will become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinances No. 01-10 and 02-10 are available for review at the Bowne Township office, 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302-0035 during normal office hours or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
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obituaries

GRINDLE

Orlie LaVerne Grindle, age 75, of Middleville, passed away Monday, May 17, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary; children, Terry (Linda) Grindle, Sheryl (Dewayne) Cadwallader, Andy (Jean) Grindle; grandchildren, Chad, Josh, Brandon, Travis, Cody, Jessica, Sara, Emily, Hailey; great-grandchildren, Ivy, Jasmine, Jaxon, Jason, Alyssa, Samantha; step sister, Joan Roth; and several cousins. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 20, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Pastor Ken Ford of Alton Bible Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Orlie was a supporter of donating blood and did so throughout his life accumulating 14 gallons, therefore memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Blood Center, 1036 Fuller Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

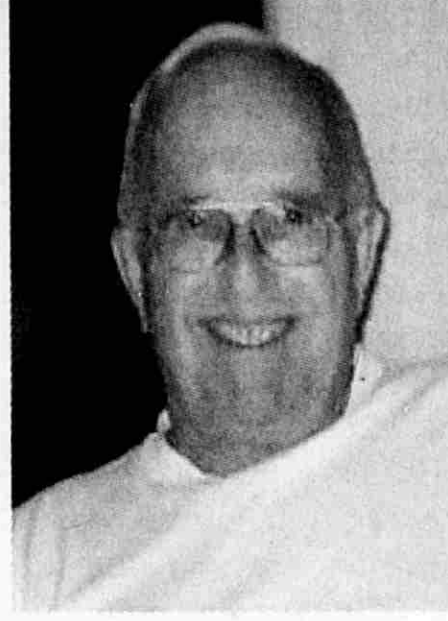
KROPF

Robert A. Kropf, age 84, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, May 20, 2010. He was preceded in death by his infant children, Gary and Judy; and sister, Helen Johnson. Survived by his wife of 61 years, Janice Colby Kropf; children, Evelyn (Mac) McKinney, Christine (Jody) Hall, Jerry (Katie) Kropf, Linda (Scott) Phillips, Dan (Rhonda) Kropf; grandchildren, Tera, David, Andrea, Diana, Jenna, Jeffrey, Mandy, Jamie, Lisa, Jen, Johnny, Wade, Julie, Matt and Zach; many great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Bob served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and he was a lifelong carpenter and cabinet maker. Funeral services were held Monday, May 24, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Rev. Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Vergennes United Methodist Church-Building Fund and The Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society, 875 N. Randolph St., Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203.



MARKHAM

Marvin Dee Markham, aged 79, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord, Friday, May 21, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Martha Jane Markham; and daughter, Lyn Markham-Tift. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Hildagarde Markham; children, Cher A. (Tim) Mastenbrook and Roy Markham; son-in-law, Larry Tift; grandchildren, Amanda and Lee Mastenbrook, Brian Markham and Skye Tift; also several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, with Pastor Joe Fremer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Spectrum Health Hospice.



player, helping the team win many tournaments. Born in Muncie, IN, July 24, 1930, Bob may have been small in stature, but his attitude and confidence made him 6 ft. tall. As a teenager, he loved horses and rode in many horse shows, in and around Grand Ledge and Maple Rapids, on his beloved horse, Poncho, along with his brother, Bunk. Bob served in the army in the Korean War and made many buddies there. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence; his son, Chris Eugene; his first wife, Gail (McCaul); his niece, Stacey (Wolfe) Ruge; and great-granddaughter, Jaenelle Reiley Wolfe. His special pal, Cricket, had also recently left his side. Bob leaves behind to join him later when the circle will be unbroken, his mother, Ernestine Wolfe of RAILSIDE Living Center, Byron Center; his children, Scott Alan Wolfe of Lowell, Victoria (Dale) Lee of Lowell; grandchildren, Rachel, Brian, Matthew, Brandon, Kristen, Chris Robert and Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Cameron, Luna Angel, Ashton Michael and Isaiah Micheal; siblings, Sharma Stahl of Clarksville, Gayle (Bunk & Barb) Wolfe of Crossville, TN, John (Peg) Wolfe of Dutton, and Jayma (Tom) Kurnat of Byron Center; companion, Rosalie Ripley; and many nieces and nephews. There will be no funeral service. Bob will be placed at peace in Oakwood Cemetery, Wednesday, May 26, at 1 p.m. A memorial gathering will follow at the Moose Rec Hall, M-21, east of Lowell at 2 p.m. Those who would like to make a memorial contribution in Bob's name in lieu of flowers, may wish to consider those oftentimes forgotten veterans at the Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids or the Humane Society. Memories and condolences to Bob's family may be shared at www.stegengafuneralchapel.com



ITTERSDORF

Ronald "Ron" C. Rittersdorf, age 76, of Ada, passed away after a brief illness with cancer, Wednesday, May 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jackie; daughters, Kimberley (Clay) Greenwald, Julie (Vince) Myers, Susan (Robert) Krenselski; grandchildren, Marni and Tegan Greenwald; brothers, Robert (Rubby) Rittersdorf, James (Betty) Rittersdorf; sisters-in-law, Sophie Rittersdorf, Florence Rittersdorf, and Alice Meyer. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Rev. Mark Peacock presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Hospice.



WOLFE

Robert E. Wolfe passed away May 19, 2010, from lung cancer, peaceful and secure, surrounded by family and friends and still being tended to and nurtured by his 99-year-old mother at his side, at Faith Hospice, Trillium Woods in Byron Center. Bob was a highly respected graphic design/airbrush artist having his own business for many years in Grand Rapids - Bob Wolfe Graphic Design. Bob was past quartermaster of the Lowell VFW. For a hobby, Bob played on many pool leagues in his hometown of Lowell and was quite a talented pool

YEITER

Edeltraud (Trudy) Maria Yeiter, age 73, of Saranac, passed away Thursday, May 13, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry W. Yeiter. She was born August 19, 1936 in Cadolzburg, West Germany. She will be dearly missed by her children, John, Robert, Joe Manszewski, Monica (Bill) Burt, all of Lowell, and Mary (Bill) Hawkins of Stephenson; also seven grandchildren, Chad Gutierrez, Kyle (Jamie) Katlin, Briana Manszewski, William, Noah, and Hannah Burt; and granddog, Angel. Trudy enjoyed spending time with her family. She enjoyed baking, flower arranging and talking with friends here and her friends and family in Germany. A graveside service was held on May 16 at Merriman Cemetery in Alto. Arrangements by Roth Gerst.



LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

forever barred unless presented to MARY VANDER JAGT, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188535-DE

Estate of FREDERICK W. VANDER JAGT, deceased. Date of birth: 12/12/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, FREDERICK W. VANDER JAGT, who lived at 1035 Nevada, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 2/7/2002.

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personals

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lost

WHERE AM I? HAVE "U" SEEN ME? VANISHED. - 10/28/09. I'm all black, long hair, 2 1/2 yr. old male cat, w/BRIGHT round YELLOW eyes. My name is BLACKIE. I live on Ryan Ridge SE, near twp. offices, south of Lowell. ANY info - please call 897-8385. REWARD for my return.

found

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misc.

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LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 7 p.m. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814. NICOTINE ANONYMOUS - Every Monday 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. For info call Thomas at 691-1147. Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship of men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are no dues or fees. WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org. BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash. 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by Thad Kraus

A second half Caitlin Fitzpatrick set piece goal was the difference in Lowell's 2-1 win over East Grand Rapids (EGR).

"The girls played great. They played with a sense of urgency that was missing in our first game against East," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge.

Red Arrow Amanda Mott got the Red Arrows on the

board first with a first-half goal.

The Pioneers' Kristine Knooihuizen tied the game up before half as she slid one past Sarah Kramer.

"Defensively it was business as usual for us," Legge explained. "These girls have played lock down defense all year. They just have not given up scoring chances."

The loss dropped EGR to 9-1 in the O-K White, meanwhile, Lowell improved to 8-2.

"We are the only team in the O-K White to defeat East over the last two years," Legge said.

The win was somewhat bittersweet following a heartbreaking 1-0 to Grand Rapids Christian a week earlier.

It is what will separate the Red Arrows from sharing a piece of the league title.

Lowell will finish out its regular season at home on Wednesday against Northview.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL QUESTION...

Are you concerned about your information being kept private on Facebook?

Hart leads Arrow linksters

GOLF

Lowell boys' golf team placed fifth in the O-K White conference tournament.

Ben Hart led the way with a round of 84. Evan Wilterink was a shot back at 85 while Alec Roerig fired an 87 and Brandon Poll carded a 90.

East won the tourney with a team score of 299. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 311 followed by Northview 331, Greenville 335, Lowell 346 and Creston 535.



last week's

poll result:

Has the construction in Lowell affected your daily routine or shopping habits?

Not at all!	40%
Big time!	27%
No	20%
Somewhat	13%

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WED: Soft shelled taco with lettuce/tomato (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), corn assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Hamburger on wheat bun (ham & cheese cracker stackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad, orange smiles, milk.

FRI: Chicken patty on bun (Bagel, yogurt & string cheese w/margarine or jelly also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mini carrots, mandarin oranges, milk.



MAY 19 - MAY 25

London England - Britain's Prince Andrew has denied knowing anything about his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson's alleged offer to an undercover tabloid newspaper reporter to sell access to Queen Elizabeth's second son for \$500,000.

Tokyo Japan - Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama went back on a campaign promise and announced Sunday that a U.S. military base would remain in Okinawa. The issue remains an emotional one since the base takes up 20 percent of the island.

The president's top intelligence advisor, national intelligence director Dennis C. Blair, announced his resignation Thursday.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg ended his silence by stating, "I know we've made a bunch of mistakes on customer privacy, but we will respond to the feedback from the people we serve."

With a record number of Michigianians on food stamps, state lawmakers are concerned about fraud and are pushing legislation to head off potential misuse.

Red Arrow SPORTS

CREW

Lowell enjoys good day at Riverside regatta

Lowell's

Steve Trierweiler's second-place finish in the men's single race at the state championship regatta held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids highlighted Lowell's day.

Trierweiler was the champion of the day for Lowell.

The men's 2x finished

fourth and the women's 2x finished fifth overall.

"The team as a whole had a very good day," said Lowell coach David Cadwallader. "Steve has been working hard all year and it paid off."

Lowell's larger boats just missed the finals but finished

well against must larger programs.

"We continue to make strides to be more competitive. With the help of our sponsors and the Lowell Athletic Boosters, we have upgraded our fleet of boats and added the double," Cadwallader explained.

Lowell will offer a Learn to Row program starting June 14. It will run on Monday and Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. The class is for eighth-grade students to adults.

For more information go to www.lowellcrew.com



Steve Trierweiler

Lowell's league hopes dashed in 12-11 defeat

LACROSSE

by Thad Kraus

Two goals in the final two-and-a-half minutes helped to lift Northview past Lowell in the lacrosse conference championship final on Friday at Forest Hills Central.

The Wildcats slipped past the Red Arrows 12-11.

"It was a tough loss, but the boys played with such courage," said Lowell's lacrosse coach Eric Bredin. "They were faced with difficult circumstances, but kept their focus and did not allow frustration to set in."

The game was played, delayed and then resumed in light to heavy rain.

In addition, for the first time this year Lowell had more penalties in a game than its opponent.

The Red Arrows were flagged for 15 penalties while the Wildcats were called for two.

"We're a finesse team that plays physical, but isn't physical," Bredin noted. "Penalties and having to play a man short for so many minutes can have

a psychological impact," Bredin said.

Northview's final two goals were scored against a shorthanded Lowell squad.

Lowell battled back from a 5-3 deficit to tie the game 8-8 at halftime. The Red Arrows outscored Northview 1-0 in the third quarter to take a one goal lead.

The Wildcats, however, responded with a 4-2 fourth-quarter advantage.

The winning goal was scored with 1:41 to play in the game.

Tyler Bitterman led all Red Arrow scorers with four goals. Taylor Martin and Tyler Morris each added two goals apiece. Alec Downing led Lowell in assists with two.

The two teams will meet again in the first round of district play on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at Burch Field.

Lowell finished the year with a league mark of 7-3.

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Admittedly, I don't watch a lot of regular season hockey.

Like some of you, I suppose, my antennae ears go up when the post season begins.

The Red Wings finished the regular season strong, but then struggled while bowing out to the San Jose Sharks.

All that, so I could tell you that I did catch a few moments of the Chicago Blackhawks' 4-2 win over

the Sharks. It completed a four-game sweep for Chicago, sending it into the Stanley Cup finals for the first time in 18 years.

There was an incident in Sunday's game at the United Center that I think defined just how tough NHL hockey players are.

During the second period, Chicago's Duncan Keith caught a puck, fired by the Sharks' Patrick Marleau, with his front teeth. Actually, he didn't catch it, the puck

smacked him in the mouth knocking out seven teeth (three top and four bottom).

A good reason, in my mind, to sit out the rest of the game and begin the search for an oral surgeon.

However, I'm not an NHL hockey player.

Keith, instead, had a bunch of needles stuck in there and froze it all up and then returned. Not to the bench, to the ice where he proceeded to log the rest of his 29 minutes and two seconds of play.

He said afterwards, "It felt like my whole mouth was missing."

It nearly was, except for the enamel Chiclet he coughed up that was lodged in his throat.

From the time Keith left the ice, minus seven teeth, to the time he returned took a whole six minutes.

That's incredible. Especially considering all the lame reasons you hear as to why athletes (in other sports) choose not to play a game.

This tough guy (Keith) wasn't playing for himself, he was out there for his teammates.

He's forever redefined tough and will put off the oral surgeon search until after the NHL playoffs have ended.

For this alone I hope he is the one hoisting the Stanley Cup.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188-556-DE

Estate of OLGA I. KUNZE, deceased, Date of birth: 10/25/1920

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, OLGA I. KUNZE, who lived at 4151 Northgate NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 3/30/2010.

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NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES AT ROLLING CREEK off Grindle, follow signs. Thurs. & Fri., May 27 & 28, 9-6 p.m. Some furniture, clothes, toys, household, etc.

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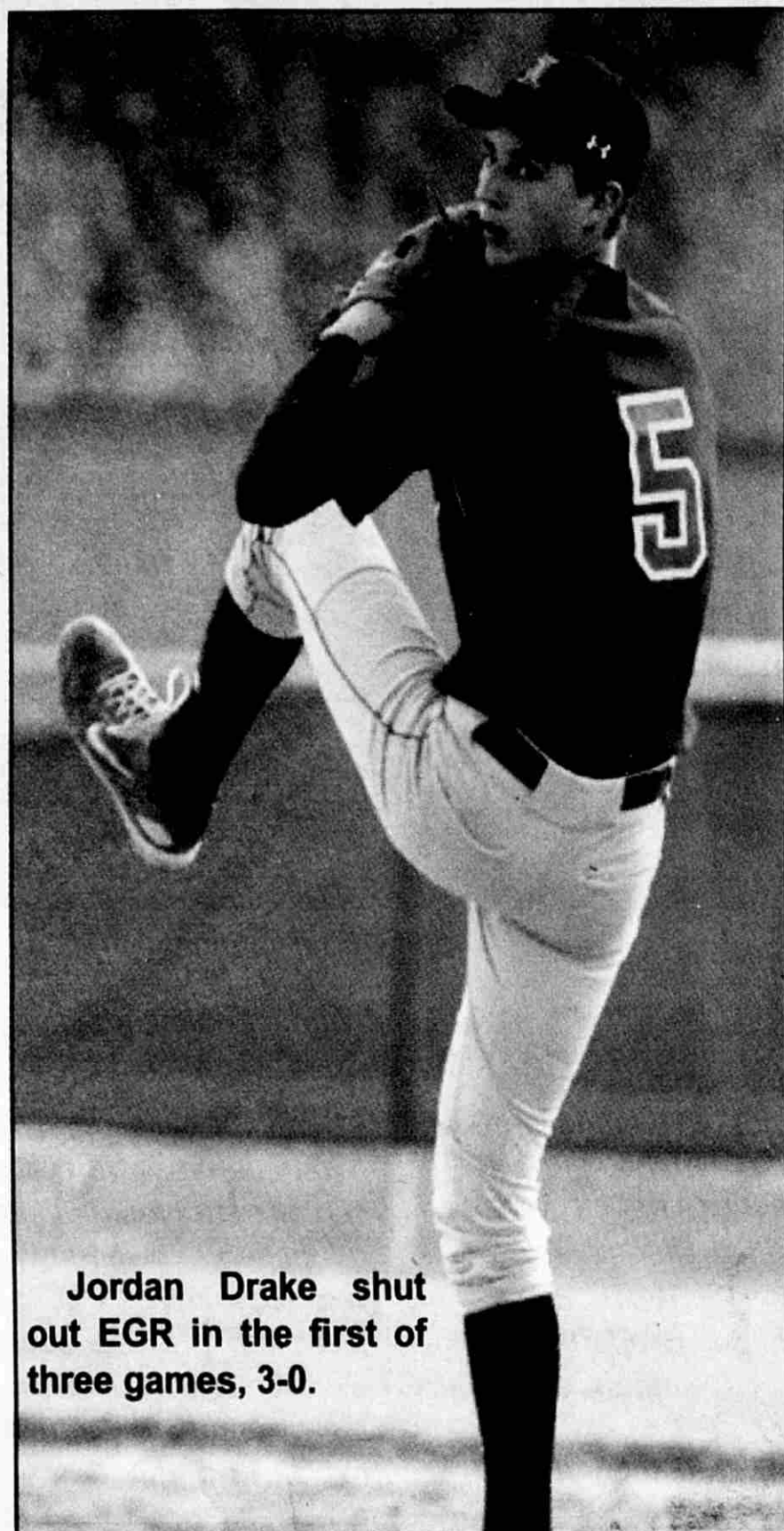
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Red Arrow

BASEBALL

SPORTS

Drake shuts out EGR; Lowell loses series



Jordan Drake shut out EGR in the first of three games, 3-0.

by Thad Kraus

Walks have been a thing for the Lowell baseball team in 2010.

Not the walks you coax from opposing pitchers. No, we're talking the walks a staff surrenders to opposing hitters.

"We've been giving up too many free bases. We continue to work on it and work to get better," said Lowell baseball coach Juston Miller. "This team has talent and goes out and competes all the time."

The Red Arrows competed against a couple of talented teams this past week. Lowell lost two of three to this year's league champion East Grand Rapids and lost two to the highly touted Comets of Grand Ledge over the weekend.

"Grand Ledge is undefeated and one of the state's powerhouses. They are just very talented," Miller said.

The Comets blasted nine home runs in eight innings against Red Arrow pitchers.

Grand Ledge swept Lowell 15-0, 11-0.

Lowell will play Forest Hills Central in the first round of the district. The Rangers are considered the top baseball team in West Michigan. Thanks, in large part, to University of Michigan recruit Alex LaKatos.

"Playing the best teams we can schedule (Grand Ledge and Lake Orion) helps us prepare for a team like Forest Hills Central," Miller said.

Behind the shutout pitching of Jordan Drake,

Lowell won the opener of the three-game series with East Grand Rapids, 3-0.

"Jordan throws strikes and stays ahead of the hitter," explained Miller. "He has done a real good job for us this year."

The Pioneers battled back from a 5-3 fifth-inning deficit in game two to squeak out a 10-8 decision against Lowell.

Eight of EGR's 10 runs got on base via the walk.

In the three-game series finale, East tallied an easy 12-2 decision.

"It was one of those games where you feel as if the baseball Gods are mad at you," Miller said. "We hit the ball well but they made some good defensive plays and some of our shots were right at people," Miller said.

Lowell finished the week at 6-5 in the O-K White and 13-13 overall.

Trapp advances to state tennis tourney

TENNIS

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's girls' tennis team finished fifth at the Division 2 regional in Forest Hills.

"We would have liked to have done better, but the

girls played really hard," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

Kelly Trapp qualified as an individual for the state tournament for the second time in three years.

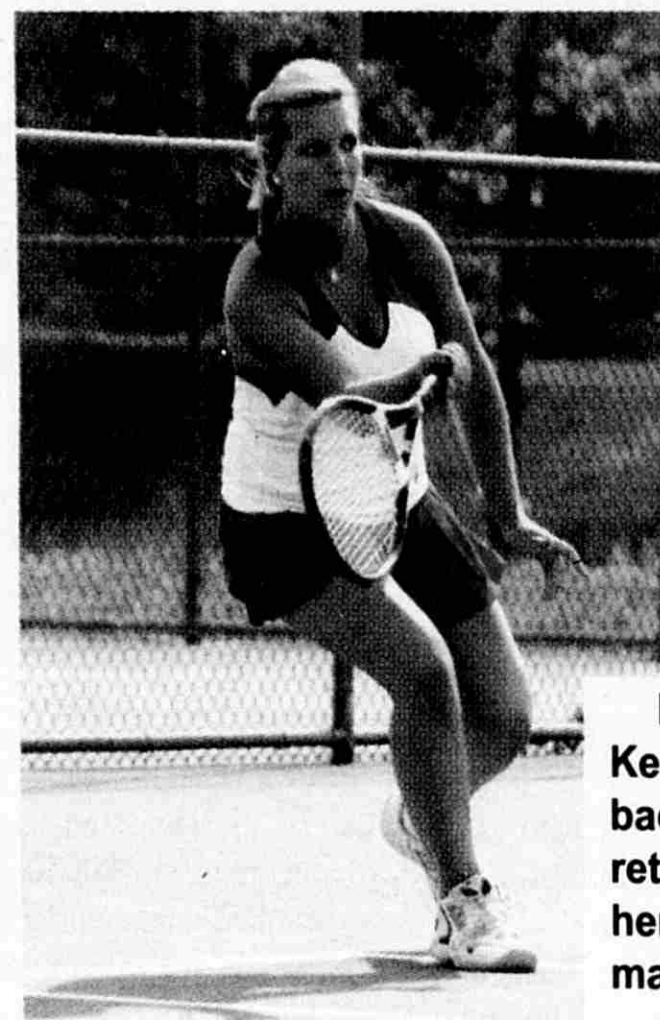
Lowell's June Ramsay, playing third singles, finished fourth. The senior defeated Forest Hills Central (FHC) in the quarterfinal before losing to FHN in the semifinal.

"June played well. Her footwork and ball striking was steady," Wall said.

FHN won the regional with 32 points. Traverse City Central was second with 23 followed by Northview 15, FHC 14 and Lowell was fifth in the 10 team field with eight points.

"The win over Grand Rapids Christian was a highlight and I was happy that the girls improved their standing in the conference, from fourth to third," Wall said. "We will begin working on our service and our strength of return serves for next year."

Lowell finished its season at 5-6-1.



Lowell's Kelsey Wittenbach eyes a return during her doubles match.

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