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Teachers "gettin' Down" at Red Arrow Stadium



The Lowell school district teaching staff is "Down" when it comes to caring for community and kids.

As part of its teacher in-service day on Tuesday, a video of the staff was taken at Red Arrow Stadium in their Pink Arrow Pride shirts getting "Down" to Jay Sean's pop hit.

It's all part of a staff effort to show and emphasize that they, the community, and kids are all in it together.

More snip-its will be taped of staff in their buildings over the next couple of weeks.

When the video is completed, plans are to put it on YouTube.

The Pink Arrow games are scheduled for September 10.

More Michigan schools making AYP

Eighty-six percent of Michigan's K-12 public schools buildings and 95 percent of school districts in Michigan made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) this past school year, according to the Michigan Department of Education.

The state's EducationYES! Report Cards were released today for Michigan elementary, middle, and high schools, along with the annual report on each school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), as required by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Forty-five more school buildings made AYP for the 2009-10 school year than the previous year, and 82 buildings came off the NCLB consequences list by having made AYP for the second consecutive year. There also was an 11 percent increase in the number of Michigan high schools that made AYP this year over last.

"One of our top priorities is educating students so they're prepared for college and eventually the workplace," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. "This report shows we're making steady progress toward that

goal, but we cannot rest until all Michigan children are equipped with the skills they need to compete in a global economy."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said that this year's report reflects increases on many levels for schools, and credits among the key factors the student achievement gains in mathematics and English language arts assessment scores.

"Overall, we are seeing growth in math, reading, and writing scores among Michigan students," said Flanagan, "and when

students show progress, it is reflective of positive changes that teachers and administrators are making in their schools."

Students' math scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) rose for the fifth consecutive year in 2009-10, and reading scores also saw critical increases. The Michigan Merit Exam for high school students likewise had increases in the math, reading, writing, and science scores.

2010 Report Card Highlights:

• For the third

consecutive year, more school made AYP overall (3,188 in 2010; 3,143 in 2009; 3,003 in 2008).

• The percentage of schools making AYP rose from 80 percent in 2007-08 to 86 percent in 2009-10.

• The percent of schools Identified for Improvement (Phases 1 and above) declined 12.25 percent, from 514 schools in 2008-09 to 453 in 2009-10.

• Eighty-two schools that made AYP were removed from the NCLB sanctions list as a result of making AYP for two consecutive years. This is compared to 35 schools last year.

• More schools received A's on their report cards. Over the past three years the number of schools receiving A's increased from 1,526 (41 percent in 2007-08) to 1,842 (50 percent in 2009-10).

When describing schools' AYP status, there are three "stages" outlined in the Federal Title I, Part A law. These stages designate schools as "Identified for School Improvement," "Identified for Corrective Action," and "Identified for Restructuring." Identified schools are categorized into one of these groups

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2010 Riverwalk sizzlin' concerts come to a close

Argentucky Blues finished off the Sizzlin' Summer concert series on the Riverwalk. The band focuses on performing a different style of blues. Every song is a musical adventure for the group and the audience.



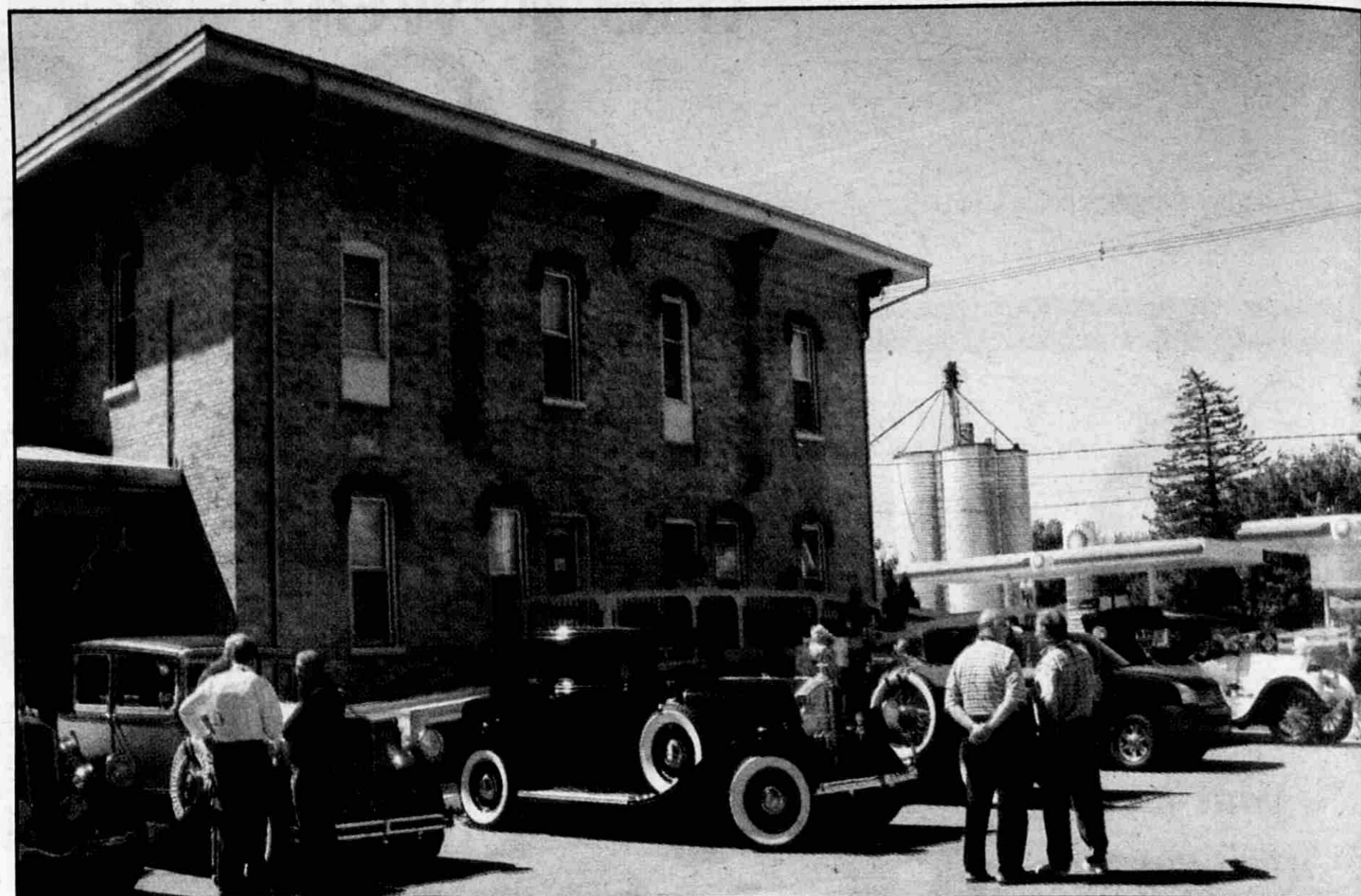
Historic automobiles visit Lowell while touring the state

Submitted by Luanne Kaeb
The Pierce Arrow Society of antique cars made a stop at the Lowell Area Historical Museum last Friday. Their next stop was lunch at Keiser's Kitchen and then on to Fallasburg Park before returning to the Gilmore Museum near Richland - their headquarters for each day's trip.

All eleven of the automobiles were made by the Pierce Arrow Company of Buffalo, New York. The oldest auto on the tour was a lemon colored 1917 Pierce and the newest was a maroon colored 1935. Many had arched hood ornaments and arrows on the radiator. Even the hub caps displayed "Pierce Arrow."

The cars and owners came from Toronto (Ontario), Louisiana, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, as well as Michigan.

These Pierce Arrow Society autos are real beauties. The owners strive to make their cars as original as they can by replacing any aftermarket part that has been installed throughout the years. One of the cars had been used in Germany. Any European repairs done on that vehicle had to be replaced with authentic U.S. parts. The Pierce Arrow Society members all take their hobby seriously and all commented on the mild Michigan weather and their enjoyment of the tour. For all of the 40 tourists, it was their first time in Lowell.



Michigan Tobacco Quitline offers free assistance

Michigan is smokefree. Are you? The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is encouraging people who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco to take advantage of free nicotine replacement products by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline phone number is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784.8669) and registration is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The program will provide a two-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges to all tobacco users who are age 18 and over and meet basic health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status. MDCH also will continue to provide the same products to the uninsured on a regular basis. The nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available now through Sept. 30 or while supplies last and are provided on a first come, first served basis.

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college news

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the Dean's List for the summer 2010 semester. To achieve the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Students that have been named to the Dean's List at Davenport University from this area: Rick Alvesteffer, Mackenzie Hacker, Lisa Kenworthy, and Brett Pnazek, all of Lowell; and Chrisna Chebetar and Diane Perham, both of Saranac.



NEW EXHIBIT

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St, Aug. 30 through Nov. 7: A collection of drawings and paintings by fine artist David Thinger will be on exhibit. Main Gallery, hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

CLASS REUNION NOTICE

Lowell High School classes of '54 to '60 and anyone else who wants to attend. Thurs., Sept. 23 at Fallasburg Park, from 2 to 10 p.m., food being served at 6 p.m. Mail reservation by Sept. 10, with \$15 each, to Allan and Judy Baird, 13738 Three Mile Road, NE, Lowell, MI 49331. Call for more information, 897-9081.

FREE COMMODITIES

Commodities food order for low income families at the Moose recreation building, 1320 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 2. Bring proof of income and Social Security numbers for each member of household. Please bring bags. Questions, call David 616-745-8520 or Virginia 897-8754.

FROM FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is presently in need of canned meats and tuna, canned tomatoes and fruit, peanut butter, soup, crackers, spaghetti sauce, and tuna helper. Please help if you are able.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

PINK ARROW PRIDE QUIVER 5K RUN/WALK

Support Pink Arrow, run the Quiver on Sat., Sept. 11, at Lowell High School and Wittenbach/Wege Center. Race times are 7:30 a.m. for 5k run, 7:45 a.m. for 5k walk, and 8:45 a.m. for Kid's Fun Run. Registration fee is \$15 and includes a cinch bag and post race refreshments. All proceeds benefit the Pink Arrow Pride Project. Register online at www.pinkarrowpride.org

ATTENTION ARTISTS OF ALL LEVELS

ART Bridge on Mon., Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m. at Fire and Water ART, 219 W. Main. Spend an afternoon sketching and/or photographing the under construction bridge in Lowell. Secret spots have been identified and special arrangements have been made for a wonderful drawing and/or photographic experience. Bring your own materials and supplies, camera, chair, and sun hat. Rain or shine. Reservations encouraged 616-890-1879 or www.fire-and-water-art.com

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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Pumpkin chuckin' workshop scheduled for September



The third annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Contest hosted by the Kent County Youth Fair will be held on October 9 at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell. Individuals or teams can build a trebuchet with up to 120 pounds of counter weight. This should allow for some pretty good chuckin'. There will be prizes for the top three places and a "Bragging Rights" trophy for the first place winner. This year, the contest will be based not only on distance, but also on

accuracy. "Three chucks for distance and three chucks to try and hit the target should make for some exciting competition," said Bruce Doll, senior board member of the youth fair.

For people who do not know how to build a trebuchet, a workshop will be held on September 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Reath barn at the fairgrounds. Attendees will learn a little history and the basics of trebuchet building. Trebuchets can be built with a minimum of materials,

some scrap 2x4's and a few bolts and nails. There is no charge for the workshop. The rules, entry forms, and more information about the contest can be found at www.kcfg.org

October 9 is the annual Harvest Festival in Lowell. There will be events and activities to do throughout the entire day, check www.discoverlowell.org for more information.

Literacy foundation awards \$3,000 to Cherry Creek Elementary

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded Cherry Creek Elementary with a \$3,000 Youth Literacy grant. Cherry Creek Elementary will use the funds to further their literacy and basic education outreach efforts.

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support Cherry Creek Elementary's efforts to teach young people basic literacy skills," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "Their commitment to helping

children learn and advance their education is creating brighter futures for all of their students."

The Dollar General Youth Literacy grant provides funding to schools, public libraries and nonprofit organizations for the

implementation or expansion of literacy programs.

Since its founding, Dollar General has been committed to supporting literacy and education. To further this support, the company founded the Dollar

General Literacy Foundation in 1993 to improve the functional literacy of adults and families by providing

grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to the advancement of literacy. To learn more about Dollar

General's literacy initiatives and available grants, visit www.dollargeneral.com

For more information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or for a complete list of grant recipients, visit www.dollargeneral.com

- CORRECTION -

The article on Kaleidoscope in The Ledger last week incorrectly stated that the yoga classes at Oak Hill Place were for children. They are free but they are for adults only. The instructor will be Rebecca Grummet.

Be wary of scams

These days, everyone needs to be cautious of scams - Internet, mail, and even phone scams - which can damage your credit score and pocketbook. Any time someone asks for your personal information, you should be wary. Particularly cruel are swindlers that target Social Security beneficiaries.

Recently, Social Security became aware of a scam targeting beneficiaries. Scammers telephoned beneficiaries to tell them they were due a "stimulus payment." The scammer offered to deposit the payment to each beneficiary's account once the personal and bank account information was provided. The scammer then contacted Social Security by telephone to request the benefits be deposited into a new account—the scammer's account, to steal the payments. In a similar version of this criminal ploy, the scammer calls the beneficiary to "confirm"

the beneficiary's personal and financial information.

As a rule of thumb, Social Security will not call you for your personal information such as your Social Security number or banking information. If someone contacts you and asks for this kind of information, do not give it.

You should never provide your Social Security number or other personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the contact, or are confident of the person to whom you are speaking. If in doubt, do not release information without first verifying the validity of the call by contacting Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

If you've fallen victim to fraud or identity theft, be sure to file a report with the local police, and keep a copy of the police report as proof of the crime.

Learn more about Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov

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Lowell Area Schools
Bushnell Elementary School
700 Elizabeth Street, Lowell

Afternoon openings still available for 4 year olds!

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Sept. 6, 2010

MON: Labor Day

TUES: Hotdog on bun, sweet potato oven fries, pineapple, milk.

WED: Tony's cheese pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, apple wedges, milk.

THURS: Bagel & peanut butter/yogurt (sloppy joe scoops also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mixed vegetables, orange smiles, milk.

FRI: French toast sticks or cereal w/graham crackers each w/scrambled eggs, peaches, applesauce, milk.

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If you use the City's orange trash bags and yard waste bags please note the following:

At the September 20, 2010 meeting, the Lowell City Council will be considering trash, recycle and yard waste services. There is a possibility that the City may change haulers on December 1, 2010, so please do not over purchase trash and yard waste bags at this time.

A notice will be posted in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide and City web page www.ci.lowell.mi.us if there is a change.

Thank you,
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

Von Willebrand Disease

Von Willebrand disease (VWD) is a bleeding disorder that is similar to hemophilia. VWD is more common than hemophilia, but generally not as serious. The Von Willebrand factor is a protein that helps your blood clot. It does not work properly in people with VWD.

There are three major types of VWD. Types one and two are less severe than type three. The disease is almost always inherited. You may get type one or two if one of your parents carries the gene for the

disease. However, you can get type three only if both of your parents carry the gene. Although VWD usually runs in families, it can also be associated with certain medical conditions. This is called acquired Von Willebrand syndrome.

Symptoms of VWD can vary. They depend on what type you have and how bad the disease state is. You may not notice the symptoms or you may not have any. Symptoms of VWD include bruising from minor injuries, nosebleeds that are hard to stop, heavy

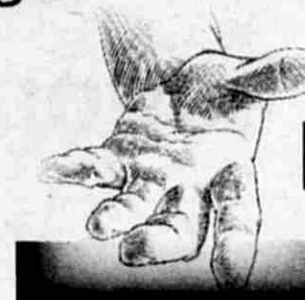
bleeding during periods if you are a woman, heavy bleeding after a cut or injury or during surgery or dental procedures, or blood in your urine or stool. If you have severe VWD, you may notice bleeding that may occur for no apparent reason and swelling in joints and muscles from bleeding, or a bump or bad bruise from bleeding under the skin.

The diagnosis of VWD is through blood tests. These tests check how well your blood clots. Some tests need to be done more than once to confirm VWD.

There is no cure for VWD, but you can take medicine to help your blood clot better. Usually, you need treatment only to control bleeding during surgery and some types of dental work, or after an injury. You should also avoid over-the-counter medicines that can affect blood clotting, such as aspirin and ibuprofen.

A wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings, and learn how by his own thought to derive benefit from his illnesses.

- Hippocrates (460 BC - 377 BC)



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

The Karasiewicz family of Ada is welcoming a new "daughter" for the 2010 academic year - Yuting Zhong, a Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) exchange student from China. Yuting will attend Lowell High School.

Eager to join her host family and become immersed in the Ada community, Yuting will live as a true member of the Karasiewicz family - participating in social activities and events, vacations, and daily household chores. In turn, she will also share the culture and customs of China with her host family, friends, and fellow classmates.

More than 2,000 American families open their homes and hearts to YFU international students each year. With sixty-five offices around the globe, Youth For Understanding is one of the world's oldest, largest, and most respected international exchange programs. Since 1951, YFU has facilitated more than 240,000 student exchanges across the globe in its mission to

prepare young people for the responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world.

Additional information regarding hosting international students through YFU USA is available at www.yfu-usa.org or at 1-866-4-YFU-USA. Questions about hosting in your local community may be directed to YFU field director Laura Hammer at 231-855-1463.

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, September 7, 2010 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about

the Center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call us at 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

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viewpoint

to the editor

To the Editor,

That which you sow, so shall you reap. Should the people of Islam refuse to condone or allow their terrorist factions of radicals to exist among them? They could not! It's that simple. They, themselves, bring the scorn of the rest of the world down upon them by actually protecting and apparently condoning the actions of a few.

They must get off the fence. Once cannot harbor and condone terrorism upon one hand and claim peace upon the other. Should you feed a mad dog, you automatically become such by association.

Respect is one of those factions which cannot be bought. It must be, in every instance, earned. Murder, in the name of Allah, is still murder. Rather than stoning to death your women for showing an ankle, do such to those that are destroying your lives by murdering the innocent. Does Allah support this?

Simply cleanse your own house and the doors of

the world will open to you. Refuse this and you shall forever remain scorned, which you presently deserve, by your obvious inaction. Do not even seek equality among people until you are deserving of such. Should you seek open warfare, this you shall receive; a hand offered in peace, or a fist clenched in anger. Your destiny is yours alone.

By the open declaration of jihad to all nations to your west, you declare such to the entire world, for all nations lie to your west, should you care to look! No nation, people or conglomerate of such, can exist against all societies of mankind. Be so advised.

Collectively, as a world population, we absolutely refuse to be held hostage by that handful of radical terrorists which you appear to support. For that freely given, so shall you receive. This is to be expected. Extend your hand to friendship and this also, you shall receive.

Jack Friesner
Alto

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Are your investments working as hard as you are?

On Labor Day, we celebrate the achievements of the American worker. As someone who works hard yourself, you can appreciate this holiday. And, of course, you hope your efforts will eventually result in achieving your important goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. But if you're going to turn these objectives into reality, your money needs to work as hard as you do.

What steps can you take to help make sure your money is working hard for you? For starters, consider keeping the money you may need in the near future in investments that pay minimal rates of return. These investments can offer you liquidity — in other words, it's no problem to

get at your money when you need it. But you can find some investments that offer liquidity and can pay a more attractive rate of return — investments that may work harder for you.

Another reason you may keep money in a low-rate investment is that such investments typically offer greater protection of principal than an investment such as a stock. And this is certainly true, because stock prices will always fluctuate, and the return of your principal is not guaranteed. Nonetheless, stocks have historically offered returns that have been higher than the inflation rate, although as you've no doubt heard, past performance is not a guarantee of future results. And if your investments do

not keep up with inflation, you could lose significant purchasing power over time.

Clearly, then, your goal should be to make sure your savings and investments are working hard for you without taking on more risk than you would like. And one of the greatest risks occurs when you have all your money tied up in just one type of investment. When a market downturn strikes a particular group of investments, and you have no other investments to help cushion the blow, your portfolio could take a sizable hit. One way to help lower your risk level is to spread, or diversify, your money among a range of investments, such as stocks, bonds and government securities. And while diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help you reduce the effects of volatility.

Another way to make sure your investments are working hard for you is to

have them "multi-task." Consider your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Not only does your money have the opportunity to grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it can accumulate faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year, but also your contributions are generally made with pretax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Such "double duty" is a great way to keep your money working hard for you. And the same principle may apply to your traditional IRA, assuming your income level qualifies you to make deductible contributions.

Labor Day comes and goes quickly. But by making the right moves, you can help ensure your money is working hard for you 365 days a year.

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

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Make up your mind to act decidedly and take the consequences. No good is ever done in this world by hesitation.

- Thomas H. Huxley (1825 - 1895)

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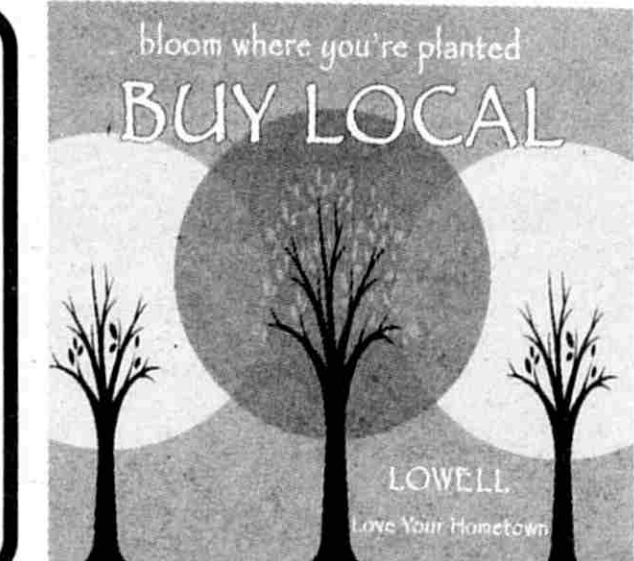
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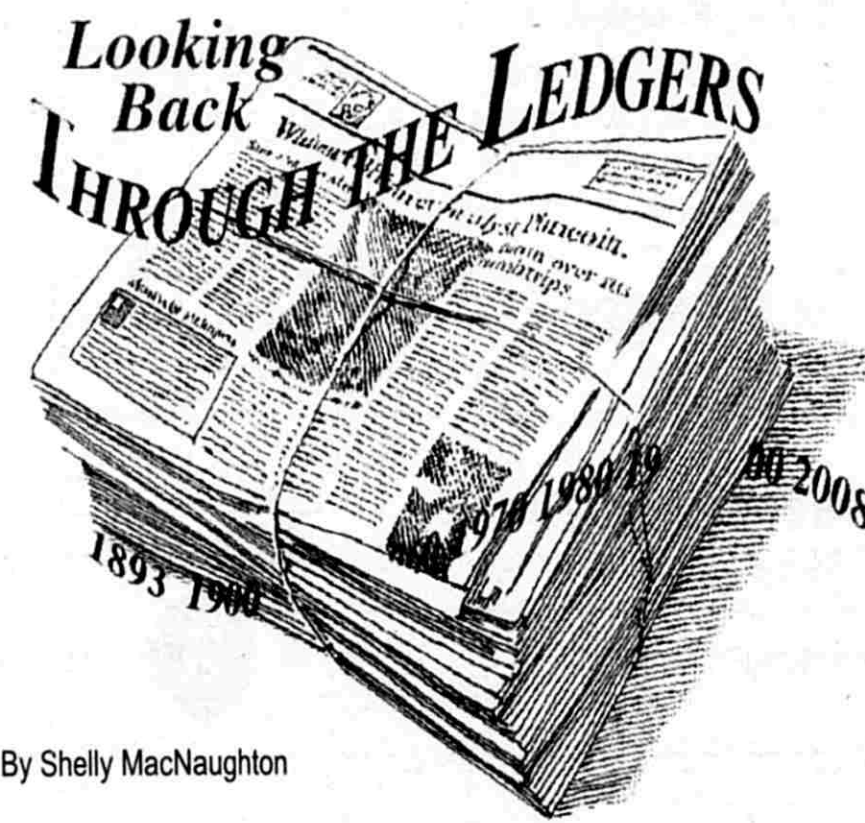
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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal September 2, 1885

E.E. Wisner & Co took possession of the Lowell Mills yesterday.

Edson Dodds and Geo. Godfrey caught a 35 lb. catfish from Grand River a few days ago.

Correspondents will please "boil down" their news items. Make them brief, omitting unimportant details.

Mr. Guy Heath left at this office a plum tree branch nine inches long that bore 21 large and luscious plums.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 1, 1910

The Murphy, Williams camping party have returned from their two week outing at Murray's Lake poor in fish but rich in health. The boys say they left a few little ones for seed.

Tuesday evening after the open air concert, given on the street by the Lowell boys, they marched up to Lewis Lalley's to play a few pieces for him and show him their new uniforms. Good act.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo August 29, 1935

How would you like to be wakened from your sleep at one o'clock in the morning and then have the happy surprise of being informed that a nice, new, bright 1935 automobile has been presented to you and is now at your door? That was the experience that occurred to Miss Emma Kropf last Friday morning after the drawing at Parnell supper on Thursday night.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 1, 1935

The Lowell Area Schools have been able to complete their teaching staff, superintendent Stephen Nisbet reports. This will mean that there will be no 'read for half-day' classes or over-crowding this year.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 4, 1985

The west end of the old Sortex building has been diligently remodeled and repainted by members of the Lowell Area Arts Council. The building, the use of which is donated by the King Milling Company, is now the home of the LAAC. It will be used for art shows, classes, performances, and as an office for the Arts Council.

On Sunday, September 8 at 3 p.m., the Lowell Area Arts Council center will officially be opened in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

weddings

Hoppe/Thomet

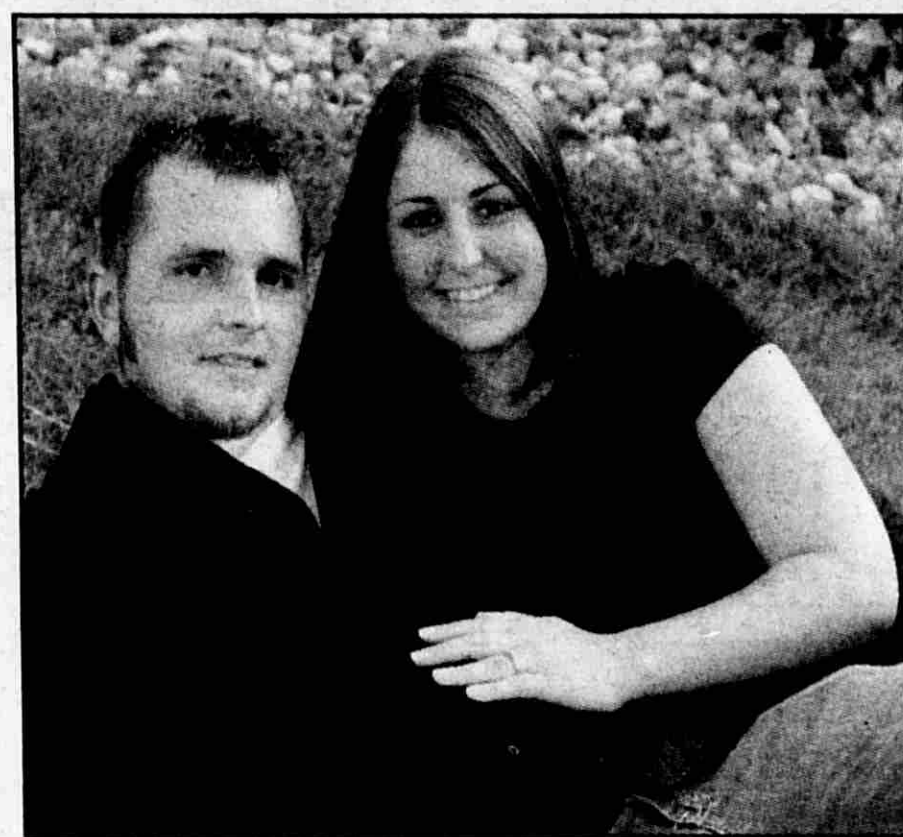


Lisa and Jarret Hoppe

Lisa Marie Thomet and Jarret Thomas Hoppe were wed on July 22, 2010 at The Crest Center overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains in Asheville, North Carolina. The couple will reside in Estero, FL.

engagements

Rash/Blough



Gavin Blough and Alyssa Rash

David and Lori Rash along with Gordon and Trisha Blough are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Alyssa Rash and Gavin Blough. Alyssa is a 2005 graduate of Lowell High School and is employed by United Bank

of Michigan. Gavin is a 2005 graduate of Lakewood High School and is employed by the Caledonia Farmers Elevator. The couple is planning an outdoor ceremony on October 9 at historic Bowers Mills.

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Lisa Brown received Realtor of the Month in August.

This award recognizes Brown for her outstanding success and achievements.

Lisa Brown



Most popular online service turns two

You have probably heard that it is the 75th anniversary of Social Security. However, there is another important birthday going on.

Social Security's online Retirement Estimator is now celebrating its second anniversary. The Retirement Estimator stands as the most popular online service in both the public and private sector — a position it shares with another popular service, Social Security's Benefit Application. That is according to the most recent annual American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), which came out earlier this year. In an index ranking online services, Social Security's Retirement Estimator and Benefit Application take the top spots, each with a score of 90. What is the highest-ranking service in the private sector? It is Netflix, with a score of 87, tying with Social Security's Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs application.

The online Retirement

Estimator is a convenient, secure, and quick financial planning tool that lets you calculate how much you might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when retirement rolls around. The tool uses your actual earnings information on file at Social Security, without displaying your personal information. You get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits.

The Retirement Estimator even lets you run personalized scenarios and "what if" situations. For example, you can change the date you expect to retire or change expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. This can help you as you plan ahead.

High customer service scores are a great birthday present for the two-year-old Retirement Estimator. Come join the celebration and get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

happy birthday!

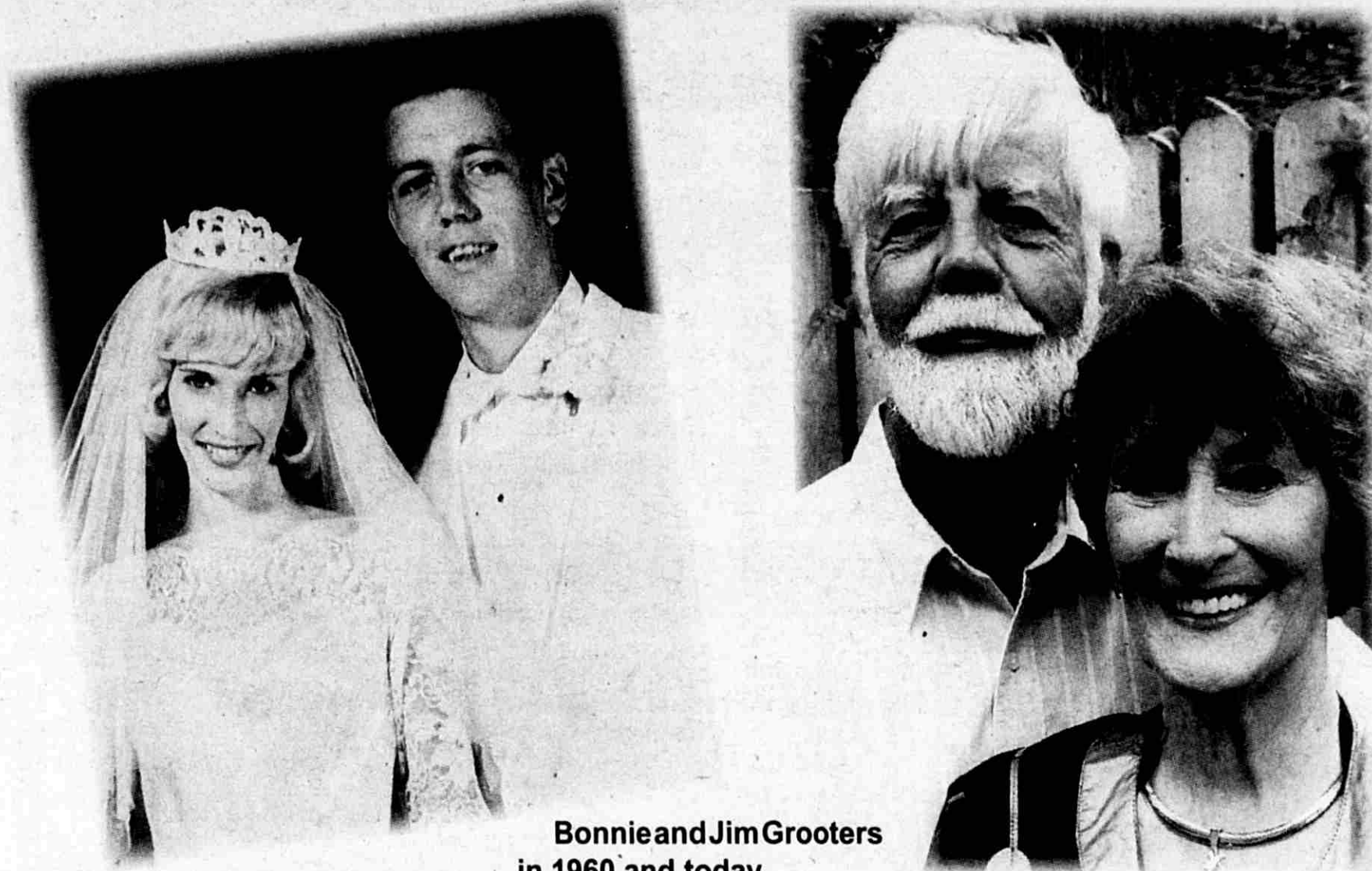
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Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic, Chuck Myers.
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Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.
- SEPTEMBER 4**
Ashlie Hathaway, Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle.
- SEPTEMBER 5**
Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser, Nicole Bellah.
- SEPTEMBER 6**
Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer.
- SEPTEMBER 7**
Mackenzie VanDerWarf, Gloria Morris, Karah Baker.

CONGRATULATIONS BRYANT (BRY) SLOAN-JOHNSON

We are all so proud of you for graduating with an associate's degree in diesel technology from the University of Northwestern Ohio. Good luck to you in your next phase in life. And we know in our hearts that Papa Woody (Jim Wood) up in heaven is sending down lots of his famous BIG HUGS & KISSES to you because he is so proud of his grandson.

We also want to say Happy 20th Birthday on 9/2/10. We wish you all the best!!! Love you so much, XOXO, Troy & Mom, Nate & Lindsey, Lynsey Flint, Dad, Bonna (Ruth Wood) and Family

Grooters celebrate golden anniversary



Bonnie and Jim Grooters in 1960 and today.

Jim and Bonnie (Bileth) Grooters will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their children, Mark and Jilisa Williams of Richland; Grey and Kathy Grooters of Kalamazoo; and their six grandchildren, Dr. Shaun, Kyle, and Reid Williams; Patrick, Emma, and Andrew Grooters.

Later they will enjoy a Las Vegas getaway and a trip to the Virgin Islands.

The couple, both born and raised in Grand Rapids, was married at South Congregational Church September 10, 1960.

Jim and Bonnie have had a home in Lowell for thirty-eight years.

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"Callers using nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) along with support through a telephone-based service like 1-800-QUIT NOW can increase their chances of remaining smokefree by 28 percent compared to quitting cold turkey," said Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH. "Providing access to free NRT during this promotion will greatly enhance MDCH's mission to take steps to prevent disease, promote wellness and improve quality of life."

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline has received nearly 34,000 requests for assistance since it was launched in October 2003. The Quitline offers both English and Spanish-

speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information, call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to www.michigan.gov/tobacco

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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/2	7 p.m.	at Forest Hills Central	9/24	7 p.m.	Creston* (homecoming)
9/10	7 p.m.	Kenowa Hills*(Pink Arrow)	10/1	7 p.m.	at Grand Rapids Christian
9/17	7 p.m.	at Reeths Puffer	10/8	7 p.m.	East Grand Rapids*
			10/15	7 p.m.	at Northview
			10/22	7 p.m.	Greenville*

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home meet. Home meets are held at LHS Tennis Courts

9/1	4 p.m.	Creston*	9/21	4 p.m.	NorthPointe Christian*
9/8	4:15 p.m.	G.R.Christian	9/22	4 p.m.	Northview
9/11	9 a.m.	FH Eastern Invitational	9/25	9 a.m.	South Christian Invitational
9/13	4:30 p.m.	Mona Shores	9/27	3 p.m.	Greenville*
9/15	4 p.m.	East Grand Rapids*	10/2	Time TBA	Conference at EGR
9/18	9 a.m.	Holland Quad	10/4	4 p.m.	Unity Christian*

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home meet. Home meets are held at LHS Main Gym

9/14	7:15 p.m.	Creston*	9/28	7:15 p.m.	at Northview
9/16	7:15 p.m.	G.R. Christian*	9/30	7:15 p.m.	Greenville*
9/18	Time TBA	Caledonia Tournament	10/2	8:30 p.m.	West Ottawa Invitational
9/21	7:15 p.m.	East Grand Rapids*	10/7	7:15 p.m.	at Creston
9/24	5:30 p.m.	Forest Hills Northern (at Red Arrow Stadium)	10/12	5 p.m.	Forest Hills Northern Quad
			10/14	7:15 p.m.	at G.R. Christian
			10/19	7:15 p.m.	at East Grand Rapids
			10/21	7:15 p.m.	Northview*
			10/26	7:15 p.m.	at Greenville
			10/30	9 a.m.	Black/White Tour. at Mona Shores

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a home meet. Home meets are held at Deer Run Golf Course

9/1	3:30 p.m.	Grand Rapids Christian	9/22	3:30 p.m.	Greenville*
9/8	3:30 p.m.	Creston/Grand Rapids Christian	9/27	Time TBA	NorthPointe Christian
9/13	3:30 p.m.	East Grand Rapids*	9/29	3:30 p.m.	Forest Hills Eastern*
9/15	3:30 p.m.	Northview/Creston	10/4	Time TBA	Conference at Thornapple Point Golf Course
9/17	9 a.m.	Kenowa Hills Invitational			
9/20	3:30 p.m.	East Grand Rapids			

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home meet. Home meets are held at Red Arrow Stadium

9/1	6:45 p.m.	at Forest Hills Central	9/25	12:45 p.m.	Zeeland East*
9/7	6:45 p.m.	Kenowa Hills*	9/28	6:45 p.m.	at Reeths Puffer
9/9	6:45 p.m.	Creston*	9/30	5:45 p.m.	Creston at Riverside Park
9/14	6:15 p.m.	G.R. Christian at Gainey Athletic Complex	10/5	6:45 p.m.	G.R. Christian*
9/16	7:15 p.m.	at East Grand Rapids	10/7	6:45 p.m.	East Grand Rapids*
9/21	6:45 p.m.	Northview*	10/12	6:45 p.m.	at Northview
9/23	6:45 p.m.	at Greenville	10/14	6:45 p.m.	Greenville*

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a home meet. Home meets are held at LHS campus

8/31	10:35 a.m.	Black/White Inv.*
9/8	4 p.m.	Jamboree at Northview
9/18	8 a.m.	Sparta Invitational
9/22	4 p.m.	Jamboree at Riverside Park
9/25	8:45 a.m.	Lowell Invitational*
10/2	9 a.m.	Carson City Invitational
10/6	5:15 p.m.	Jamboree at G.R. Christian
10/9	Time TBA	Allegan Jamboree
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Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Red Arrows work through process in 30-7 win over Warriors

by Thad Kraus

The 30-7 season-opening win for Lowell was all part of a process.

It was playing every down, series, possession, and quarter. It was enjoying the moment they were in.

"We've been through this enough to know that things aren't done in one series, one game or one play," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "The whole thing is a process and you have to keep working at it."

For Walled Lake Western, it was looking back at an inch there or an inch here and thinking a little bit more each time and things could have been different.

"It was a good 24 minutes. A little bit more each time and maybe things could have

been different," said Walled Lake Western coach Mike Zdebski. "Now we have to find a way to get better."

For Red Arrow running back Leighton Watson, it was more about the now than most, as the senior was starting and playing his first game in a Red Arrow uniform.

"I was anxious to get on the field with this group of guys. They love football as much as I do," Watson said. "Coach Dean gives the best pregame speeches." Watson helped Lowell in a number of moments as he rushed for 75 yards, caught two passes, scored a touchdown and converted a two-point conversion.

The game's early moment

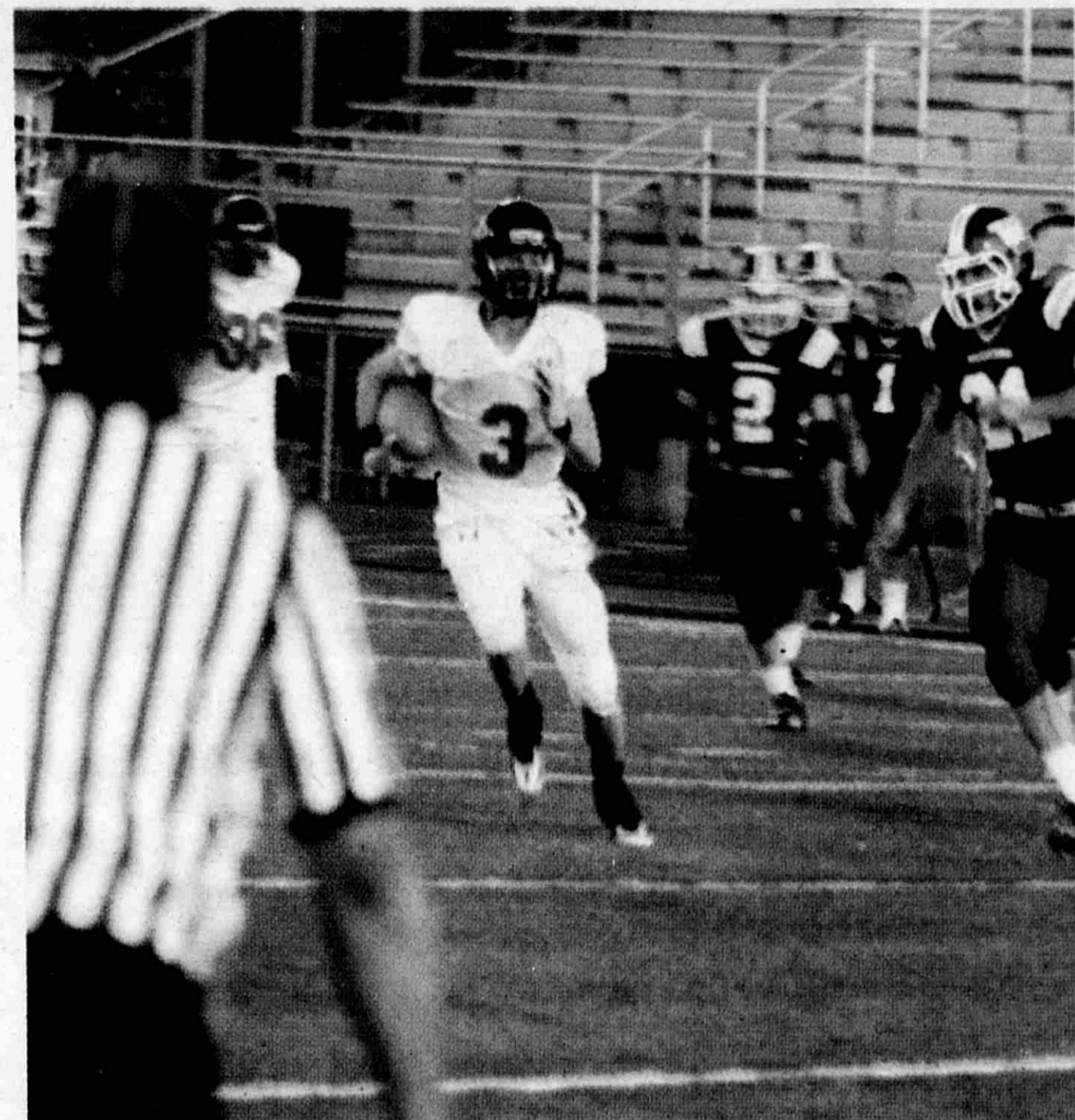
belonged to the Warriors. Walled Lake took the opening kickoff and marched 79 yards in 10 plays. Nick Kelley connected with Dylan White on a 21-yard touchdown pass to give the home team a 7-0 lead.

Lowell's defense bounced back in a big way as it allowed a total of 42 yards the rest of the way.

"I'm proud of the way our kids bounced back," Dean said. "To allow that first drive and then stop them the rest of the way is something."

Lowell's first points of the game came on an early second-quarter safety when the snap on a fourth-down punt sailed over the head of the Western's punter.

The Red Arrows' first



Lowell's Matt Houston caught nine passes for 113 yards in Lowell's win over Walled Lake Western.

touchdown of the season came midway through the second stanza on a seven-yard run by quarterback Gabe Dean.

Lowell added to its 8-7 half-time lead with a 10-play, 48-yard scoring drive to start the second half.

This time it was Watson busting through for three yards away. The back then converted a two-point conversion to give Lowell a 16-7 advantage.

Following a blocked punt in the latter moment of the third quarter, it looked as though Western might tighten things up after Julian Pierce raced 43 yards to the Lowell two-yard line. A couple of penalties and a missed 29-yard field helped Lowell turn Western away without any points.

The Red Arrows then closed the door as Dean rumbled home from the

eight-yard line on their next possession to give Lowell a 22-7 lead.

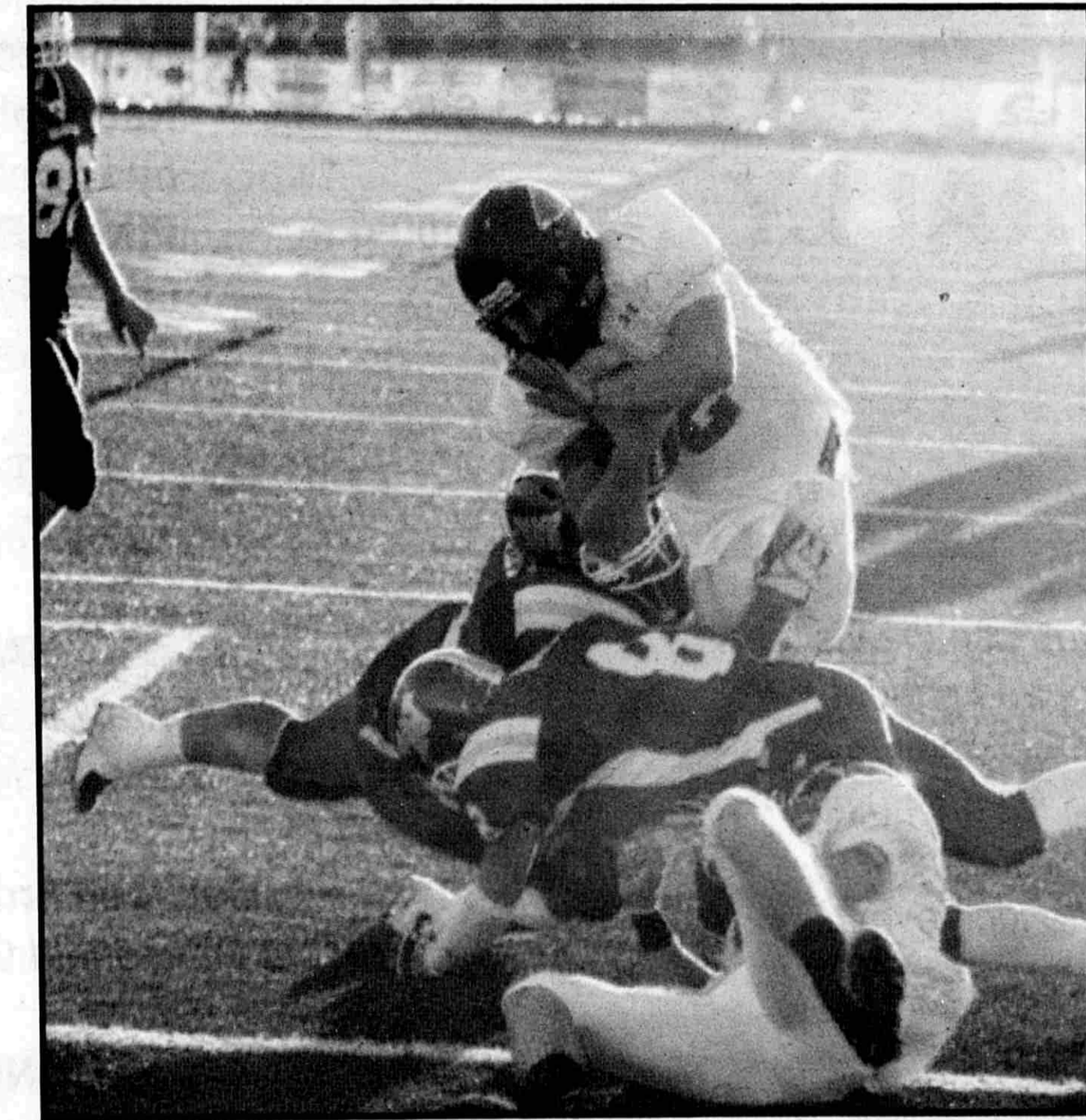
Six minutes later, Dean found Blake Lyman in the corner of the end zone from the 11-yard line on fourth down.

Dean finished the game with 78 yards rushing while throwing for 170 yards. The Lowell QB ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third.

Matt Houston was Lowell's leading receiver as he caught nine passes for 113 yards.

"We didn't dominate the line of scrimmage, but I do know we did minimize their size and all the things they had," Dean explained. "It was a decent first game, but we have a long ways to go."

On Thursday Lowell goes to Forest Hills Central to battle the Rangers.



Gabe Dean found the end zone twice in a season-opening 30-7 win.

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SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY

PINK ARROW PRIDE SEPTEMBER 10
** Approximate times*

- 2:30 p.m..... GATES OPEN
- 3:00 p.m..... Boosters Concessions
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- 3:30 p.m..... Soccer introductions
- 3:45 p.m..... VARSITY SOCCER GAME -
Lowell vs. Kenowa Hills
- 4:30 p.m..... Volleyball introduction and match -
Lowell vs. Forest Hills Northern
- 6:00 p.m..... Survivor and Honor Walk
- 6:20 p.m..... Football Player and
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- 6:55 p.m..... National Anthem presented
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- 7:00 p.m..... PINK ARROW GAME -
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- Ice Cream Caboose -
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- Backwater Café - pulled pork sandwiches,
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- Keiser's Kitchen - chicken strips,
French fries
- Ella's - gourmet coffee and cider
- Fry Daddy's - wing dings
- Grand Volute - steak on a stick,
chicken cordon bleu,
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Philly beef sandwich, spinach dip with red chips
- Sneaker's - kabobs
- Heidi's - muffins, donuts, white and chocolate milk



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Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOCCER

Red Arrows battle back to tie NorthPointe

by Thad Kraus

Passing, possession and finishing, three elements missing in a tie and a loss earlier in the week, were on display in Lowell's 6-1 soccer win over Grandville.

"We were able to control tempo, which created early scoring opportunities," said Lowell soccer coach Rich O'Keefe. "Three of the first four goals came from getting the ball wide before finishing on inside crosses."

The Red Arrows first-half goals came from four different players.

Joe Sweet got Lowell on the board off an assist from Spencer Lyons.

Matt Kyllonen creased the net for the Red Arrows' second goal.

Josh Depew made it 3-0 on a goal from seven feet away.

Depew then assisted A.J. Morris on Lowell's fourth goal of the first half.

Second-half goals were netted by Depew and Sweet with assists from Sweet and Morris.

"We moved the ball well, which allowed us to maintain possession and limit Grandville's ability to attack," O'Keefe said.

It was the inability to convert quality scoring opportunities into goals that blocked Lowell's chances of

picking up its second win of the season against Grand Rapids NorthPointe.

"I was pleased with

the way we controlled the pace of the game and with the way the boys passed and possessed the ball,"

said Lowell boys' soccer coach Rich O'Keefe. "It came down to us failing to finish on a number of scoring opportunities."

Lowell's only goal in its 1-1 tie with NorthPointe came in the second half off the foot of Josh Depew.

NorthPointe's goal came in the opening 40 minutes. Mike Hanson scored on an assist from Peter Wiersma.

Defensively, Lowell played well, but was hurt by a couple of mistakes.

"We made two mistakes and they scored on one of them," O'Keefe said.

In a nonconference game against Rockford, the Red Arrows held their own until a 10 minute stretch of the second half.

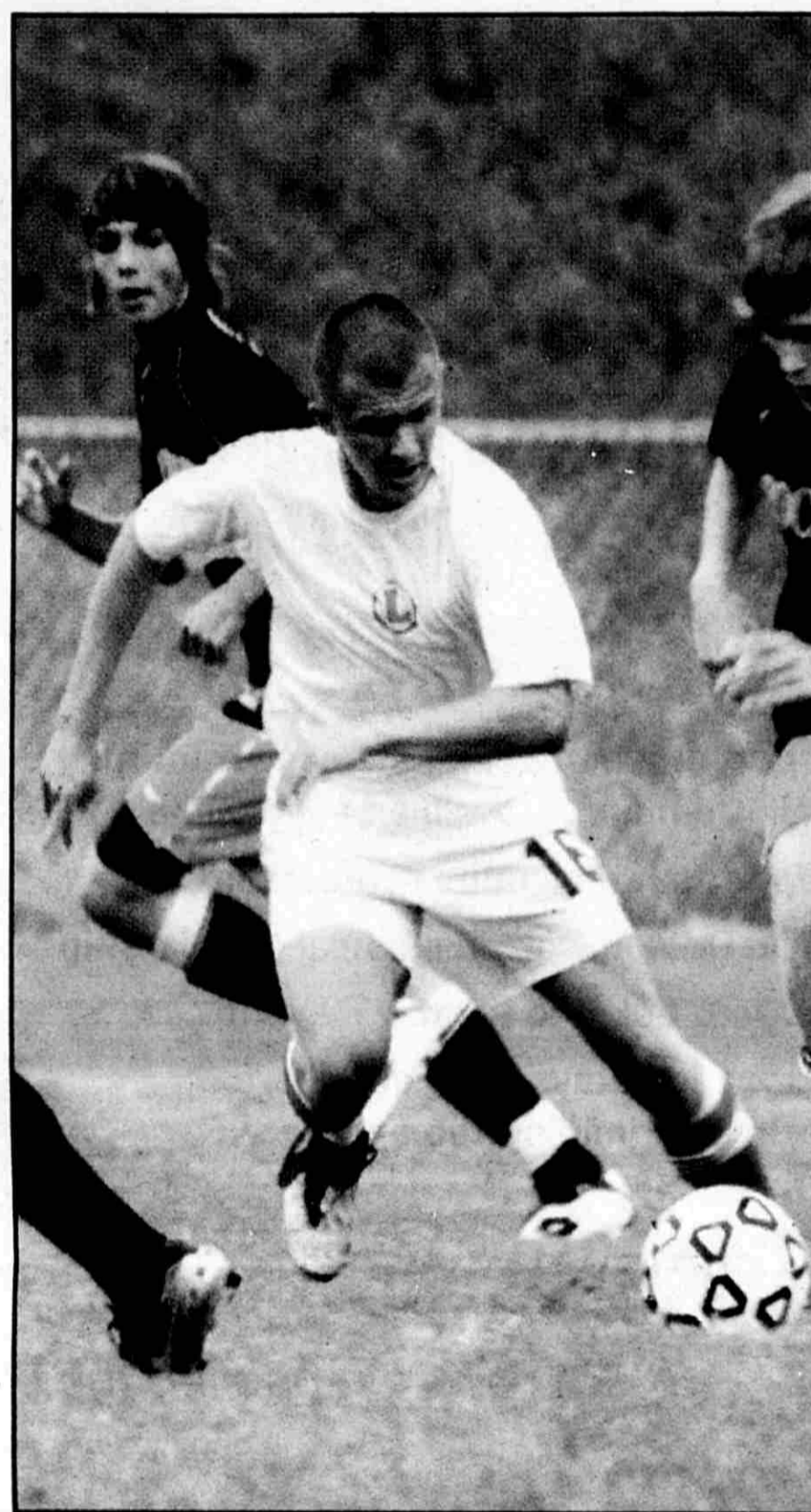
"It was similar to the Wyoming Park game," O'Keefe explained. "Rockford scored three goals in that stretch."

The Rams shutout Lowell 4-0.

"They are a good team. You can't give them additional space because they'll take advantage of that," O'Keefe said.

Rockford led 1-0 at halftime before wearing down the Red Arrows over the final 40 minutes.

Lowell finished the week with a record of 1-1-1.



Lowell's Joe Sweet works to redirect his Rockford counterpart.



Lowell's Tommy Rodriguez battles for possession of a 50-50 ball in soccer action against Rockford.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Volleyball team struggles at WMVOA

by Thad Kraus

It wasn't any one thing, it was a combination of a lot of things that decided Lowell volleyball team's fate at the WMVOA (West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association) tournament at East Kentwood.

"One time it was hitting,

one time it was service receive. It was always something different," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal.

The Red Arrows lost two of its three pool play matches to start the tourney.

Lowell beat Holland Christian 25-19, 25-19, but

lost to East Kentwood 25-17, 25-20; and Forest Hills Eastern, 25-22, 19-25, 9-15.

Lowell never got into a groove in a bracket that featured some of the area's top programs.

"We're good when we're focused and have the

task in front of us," Peal said.

Lowell's 1-2 pool play record earned them a spot in the Division II bracket.

In the quarterfinals Lowell upended Wayland 25-22, 25-21. It followed that up with a 25-20, 25-22 win over Caledonia.

Lowell settled in a little more in those games, but it was against lesser competition.

"Errors against a top program mean a little more," Peal said. "Against a lesser opponent, you don't have the same sense of trouble."

At the end of the day, though, Peal said her club deserved to be where it was at.

The Red Arrows lost in the finals of the Division II bracket to Ottawa Hills 25-18, 25-23.

- CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell Red Arrow girls measure themselves against area's best

by Thad Kraus

If you believe that iron sharpens iron, then you understand why running in the Pioneer Classic at Manhattan Park is a great early season test for the Lowell girls' cross country team.

"Anytime you run against East Grand Rapids

and Grand Rapids Christian it's a challenge," said Lowell cross country coach Sarah Ellis. "They have been two of the top teams in the state."

Add Forest Hills Northern, Caledonia and Forest Hills Central to that mix and you've got a great early season invitational,

according to Ellis. "We came in fifth, beating out FHC and Northview; it's been at least six years since we have been able to beat these two teams," Ellis said.

Some notable Lowell performances were recorded by senior Kallie Holzhueter, 11th, with a time of 21:22; freshman Jess Graves came

in 21st with a time of 22:22; and sophomore Rebekah Betts came in 24th with a time of 22:49.

"Overall, times were similar to last year's but our placing was much better," Ellis concluded.

- GOLF

Lowell linksters fifth in preseason

by Thad Kraus

Greenville finished 26 strokes ahead of its nearest competitor en route to winning the O-K White conference tournament.

Playing at the par 72 Thousand Oaks Course, Greenville shot a 356. Lowell placed fifth with a 465.

East Grand Rapids was second at 382 followed by Grand Rapids Christian, 425 and Northview, 452.

"Greenville is certainly playing at the level that we'd like to get to," said Lowell girls' golf coach Kim Stevens. "We certainly didn't play our best and are disappointed in our conference match performance."

Morgan Groom led all Red Arrows carding a 108.

Ashley Metternick followed four shots back at 112; Sophie Kohtz came home in 121 and Katie Tachmann fired a 124.

Tournament medalists were Greenville's Jessica Meloche and Britta Bernth with rounds of 84.

In a nonconference match with Unity Christian, the Red Arrows fell 201-221.

Lowell's top golfers were Megan Montgomery, 54; Metternick, 54; Kate Drudy, 56; and Jenna Ries came off the course with a 57.

"Again, we did not play well. Our experienced players need to step up," Stevens said. "The girls also need to relax and let the game come to them and have fun."

Lowell boys 7th in Pioneer Classic

by Thad Kraus

Gauging where his runners are at to start the 2010 season is as simple as tallying up the number of miles they put in over the summer.

"I have a handful of guys who ran over the summer," said Lowell boys' cross country coach VanderWarf. "Those who haven't put in the miles will need to work on conditioning."

VanderWarf says he likes what he sees from the guys who have been working

hard. "The focus will be to work on individual efforts to get their times down. The responsibility is on them to take ownership and to be accountable," VanderWarf says.

In a year where the team numbers have dwindled down to eight, steady improvement from all will be imperative.

Ben Partridge and John Mark enter the year having knocked a couple minutes off their times from a year ago. That steady improvement

was evident in the Pioneer Classic on Thursday.

Both Red Arrows came home in under 20 minutes. Partridge stopped the clock in 19:09 while Mark came home in 19:41.

A stronger Ryan Timmers has also caught the eye of VanderWarf. "He has definitely improved. You can see Ryan is just a stronger runner than a year ago," the Lowell coach explains.

Timmers recorded a time of 21:18 in the Pioneer

Classic on the Manhattan Park course.

Other times include Ben Carlson, 23:38; Scott Van Oosten, 24:27; and Jon Wyckoff, 25:04.

Lowell finished seventh in the field at the Pioneer Classic. Forest Hills Northern (35) was first followed by Grand Rapids Christian (42) and Caledonia (69).

Other members of this year's team are Zach Jeffries and Cody Van Oosten.

LASSO U12 places second

LASSO (Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization) U12 girls' team coached by Jeff Fuller finished second at the 2010 Grand Rapids Crew Cup.

In the club's first game of the day against Reeths Puffer, the girls won 4 - 0.

Goals were netted by Amber Curtis, Lucy Wade, Kayleigh Striplin and Tori Hewitt.

In game two, LASSO U12 tied Jaier '99 1-1. Callie Ford-Weber scored its only goal.

LASSO defeated Novi in game three 2-1. Goals were netted by Callie Ford-Weber and Christy Lyon.

LASSO advanced to the championship game against the Plymouth Reign '99 where it was defeated 2-0.

LASSO's U12 boys' team coached by Pat Heffron also attended the Crew Cup. They finished with a record of 1-1-1 and were second in pool play.

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Thad Kraus

I'm off to a 7-3 start with my first week picks.

I stubbed my toe on Muskegon, FHC and Northview.

The Reds lost 23-20 to Macomb Dakota; Central won a 40-30 shootout over Traverse City Central; and Northview was shutout by Byron Center, 14-0.

Here are my winners for week two:

Caledonia/Jenison - Caledonia rebounds following a tough loss to the Falcons, Scots win.

East Kentwood/Inkster - EK battles a Devin Garner-less Inkster club, Falcons win.

Byron Center/FH Northern - Bulldogs open season at 2-0.

GR Christian/Reeths Puffer - Eagles put 58 on the board in week one and may do the same this week. Christian wins.

Hudsonville/Detroit Catholic Central - A week one victory assures the Eagles won't be 0-2 after a loss to Central.

Northview/Holland - Both teams looking for wins after game one losses. Wildcats win!

Ottawa Hills/Muskegon - Reds after tough loss too much for Ottawa Hills.

Rockford/Holt - Impressive win over Davison translates to a road loss in Holt.

Lowell/FHC - Central scored a lot of points in week one, but it wasn't playing Lowell, Arrows win!

Thad's Top 10

1. EGR 1-0
2. Rockford 1-0
3. Lowell 1-0
4. East Kentwood 1-0

5. Muskegon 0-1
6. Grand Haven 1-0
7. G.R. Christian 1-0
8. Kenowa Hills 1-0
9. Holland Christian 1-0
10. Hudsonville 1-0

slow to the take. However, the Pink Arrow game is Sept. 10.

It's a humbling job to put ink on newsprint.

You may have also noticed that I quoted Lowell girls' golf coach Bob Stuewe in last week's paper.

Small problem! Bob isn't the Red Arrow coach is Kim Stevens.

I've gotta go. I think I see someone walking toward me waving a four iron!

Just a couple of notes to finish.

Despite what you may have read in last week's Ledger, the Pink Arrow game is Sept. 10. Did you read that correctly? The Pink Arrow game is Sept. 10.

I'm not sure if it's the water or if I'm just a little

2010 DNRE big game/furbearer hunting preview

Prospects for the fall big-game hunting seasons are excellent as seasons remain long and bag limits and/or hunting opportunities have, in several cases, been increased, Department of Natural Resources and Environment officials say.

Hunters need look no further than Michigan's favorite game animal, the white-tailed deer, to see the changes.

As hunters will recall, last year saw liberalization of crossbow regulations.

As hunting activity increased dramatically during the early archery season, the Natural Resources Commission voted to further liberalize crossbow rules. This year, the minimum age was dropped from 12 to 10 and all hunters statewide can use crossbows during any season except for post-Nov. 30 hunting in the Upper Peninsula. Hunters are reminded, however, that if they do pursue game with a crossbow, they must obtain a (free) crossbow stamp from any license dealer or on-line.

In addition, there is no limit on the number of antlerless deer licenses hunters may buy in most of southern Michigan (Deer Management Units 041 and 486) or in the tuberculosis area (DMU 487). Also new this year, hunters in DMU 487 may tag an antlerless deer with a buck tag during firearms seasons.

As usual, there are a variety of limited-access deer seasons. For youths and disabled veterans, Sept. 25-26 is open season. Youths may hunt antlerless deer Sept. 21-24 in DMUs 041 and 486. And a firearms hunt for disabled hunters is scheduled for Oct. 14-17.

But deer is by no means the only opportunity. Here are others:

• Wild turkey

Season: Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula. Although licenses were available through a lottery, there are plenty of leftovers that went on sale Aug. 30. Hunters need not have applied for the lottery to purchase a license. New this year, is a much earlier starting date (by three weeks) and the opportunity for hunters to purchase one license a day until the quota is met. The



licenses available.

Outlook: Bear populations are fairly stable, though some subtle adjustments have been made to quotas, especially in the northern Lower Peninsula's Red Oak Management Unit. Preliminary indications are that the mast crop was very good to excellent across much of bear range; traditionally, bear harvests have been lower when good acorn and wild berry/fruit crops are plentiful. Still, DNRE biologists expect a typical harvest of about 2,000 bear this fall.

• Elk

Season: Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 and Sept. 24-27; Oct. 16-20; Dec. 4-12; and, Jan. 12-16 (if deemed

combination of a longer season and numerous licenses allows for significantly more opportunity to participate.

Outlook: Most of the opportunity will be on private land and although turkeys are by no means evenly distributed, there are areas where landowners consider their populations to be problematic, especially in agricultural areas. Fall hunting differs somewhat from spring season, though birds will still come to a call and archery deer hunters who have a turkey permit can add an additional dimension to their hunts.

• Bear

Season: Bear seasons run from Sept. 10 to Oct. 26, with a variety of permutations depending on the area of the state. Licenses are issued by lottery with an application period that ends June 1, though there are sometimes a few leftover

necessary). A total of 230 licenses were issued to those who participated in a drawing with a June 1 application deadline, though additional licenses will be issued to those in that same pool for the January season if it is needed.

Outlook: Michigan elk hunters traditionally enjoy high success rates, especially in the December season, though the early season offers hunters an opportunity to bugle (call) elk. The number of licenses was reduced from 380 last year as aerial surveys indicate the herd is close to the state's management goal of 800 to 900 animals going into winter.

• Deer

Season: An early antlerless-only hunt is scheduled for selected DMUs on private land Sept. 16-20. See the 2010 Antlerless Deer Hunting Digest.

Archery season is Oct. 1 - Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 1. Firearms season is Nov. 15-30. Muzzleloading season is Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula, Dec. 10-19 in the northern Lower Peninsula and Dec. 3-19 in the southern Lower Peninsula. A late antlerless-only season is slated for Dec. 21 - Jan. 1. The limit is two antlered bucks, at least one of which must have at least four antler points on one side. Hunters in the Upper Peninsula and DMU 487 must chose to hunt for any legal buck or purchase a combination license. Hunters who do not purchase a combination license are restricted to one buck. Those who purchase a combo license are restricted to a buck with at least three points on one side and a buck with at least four points on one side. Hunters may take as many antlerless deer as they have licenses for, though they may buy no more than two for the northern two-thirds of the state, except in the tuberculosis zone (DMU 486), where they may also tag an antlerless deer with a buck tag.

Hunters are reminded that baiting is illegal in the Lower Peninsula because of disease concerns.

Outlook: Overall, deer hunting should be good. A somewhat slow season last year - due in great part to an unseasonably warm first few days of firearms season and a later-than-usual corn harvest - reduced the kill and a large number of deer went into what turned out to be a mild winter. Hunters killed roughly 444,000 deer last year, a 9 percent decrease from 2008. Still, 43 percent of hunters were successful. There is some concern, however, that there may be a shortage of 1 1/2-year-old bucks in the northern regions. Deer populations in most areas of the southern Lower Peninsula, however, remain well above goal.

• Bobcat

Season: March 1 - Feb. 1 in Unit A (Upper Peninsula except Drummond Island), Unit B (Drummond Island) and Unit C (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmett, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties), Jan. 1 - Feb. 1 in Unit D (Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon and Wexford counties and Arenac County north of M-61 and west of I-75). The limit is two, but only one may be taken from Units C and D combined and only one may be taken from Unit B.

Outlook: Found primarily in the northern two-thirds of Michigan, bobcats appear to be in a slow decline in the Upper Peninsula where harvests vary widely because of snow conditions. Populations appear to be stable in the Lower Peninsula. Hunters are reminded that in addition to a fur harvester's license, they must acquire free bobcat tags in advance of hunting. Hunters must immediately apply the tag to an animal as soon as it is taken and the carcass must be presented to a DNRE office within 10 days of the close of the season. DNRE personnel will collect data that may include the skull or a tooth sample. The bobcat will be sealed by the DNRE.

• Coyote

Season: July 15 - April 15; coyotes may be taken on private property any time they are doing damage or about to do damage. There is no bag limit. Coyotes may be taken by a hunter in possession of a small game license or a fur harvester license.

Outlook: Coyotes are numerous statewide and have been increasing dramatically in southern

Michigan in recent years. Largely nocturnal, coyotes may be present in significant numbers without being especially visible. Hunters in the Upper Peninsula are advised to be cautious not to mistake wolves for coyotes. Coyotes may be hunted at night, but hunters may not use center-fire rifles or shotgun shells loaded with buckshot or slugs.

• Raccoon

Season: Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 statewide, though they may be taken on private land anytime they are doing damage or about to do damage. There is no bag limit.

Outlook: Raccoons are abundant and widespread in many habitats, but are especially prevalent in hardwood stands, especially along waterways or near agriculture. Raccoons are often hunted at night with packs of hounds - about 75,000 are taken annually - but there are restrictions on what sort of firearms may be used.

• Fox

Season: Oct. 15 - March 1. There is no bag limit.

Outlook: Both red fox and gray fox are found across Michigan. The more numerous red fox are found in largely agricultural areas with mixed habitat including fence rows, fallow field, shrub lands and woodlots or water courses. Gray fox are typically found in wood lots. Although they can be found statewide, fox populations vary widely from abundant to uncommon. In areas with large coyote populations, fox numbers are often low. Although they are often hunted with hounds - sometimes in conjunction with coyotes - fox hunting with predator calls has become increasingly popular in recent years. Hunters must have a fur harvester license to take fox.

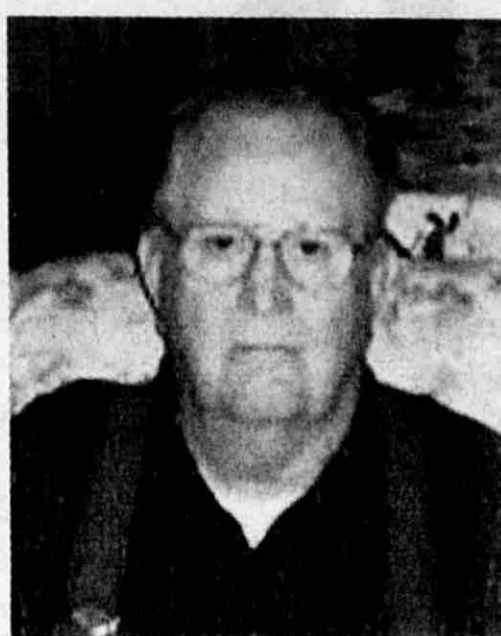
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Donna Lucile Demovic, aged 86, of Ionia, passed away August 27, 2010. She was born December 12, 1923 in Lowell. She graduated from Blodgett Nursing School. Donna married Steve Demovic in Detroit in 1945. He preceded her in death after 54 years of marriage. She is survived by daughters, Suzie (Jim) Pearson of Ionia and Jane (Ken) Howe of Traverse City; grandchildren, Mike Horian of Lowell and Jen Patten of North Carolina; brother, John (Deb) Stormzand of Lowell; sisters, Lillian Bosscher of Lowell and Helen O'Neil of Muskegon; sisters-in-law, Joyce Stormzand of Lowell and Jo Tybinka of South Lyons; several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place and a private ceremony will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Green Acres or Ionia Area Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

NORTON

Lora Lee Norton, age 73, of Alto, passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Helen Norton. He is survived by his wife Betty, of 53 years; five children, Sharon Smith, Trudy Hall, Diane Schaffer, Cynthia Norton, and Richard (Dawn) Norton; two brothers, John and Larry Norton; three sisters, Janet (Gene) Zachowski, Janice Lackey, and Judy McCormick; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A private service was held by the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Grand Rapids Michigan Office, PO Box 888877, Grand Rapids, MI 49588-8877.



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Tributes and the touching memorial video done by his dear friend Rob on Facebook. The Kent County Veterans Honor Guard who held graveside service for Don's service in the U.S. Navy. Also, I want to express my love for my daughters-in-law, who handled all the details with the service, lunch and all the little details that might have been overlooked if not for them.

Thank you for all that you have done. Don was a very special man. I always knew this but, I learned many other people knew this also. He touched many lives, he will be dearly missed by us all.

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MISSING BLACK/WHITE NEUTERED MALE CAT - our cat Stormy likes to wander in the summer. He recently is gone for 3-5 days at a time. My older son saw him eating in our barn & said he had brown collar on. My son thought I put the collar on, which I didn't. I think someone on Gee Dr. has adopted him. Missing now 9 days. Very gentle, 8 yr. old from Rhode Island. Call 914-9539, 825 Alden Nash, near Foreman.

SEARCH CONTINUES! REWARD! - Hoping to find closure for missing long-haired, ALL black, male cat, named BLACKIE. He has a "feather duster" tail, BRIGHT light yellow round eyes. Age 2 1/2. VANISHED on 10/28/09 from Ryan Ridge/Alden Nash area, near Twp. offices. ANY INFO please call 897-8385.

wanted

WANTED - Firewood, hardwood, 20 - 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 30 inch. Call w/price, 810-217-8295.

misc.

PIANO INSTRUCTION - Patient, experienced & popular & experienced performing pianist has fall openings. Specializing in Jazz, Blues, Theory & Classical. Ages 6-18. Ph. 897-9485 or MissMeowwic@msn.com

services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

COMPUTER REHAB - \$55 all repairs - Virus & Spyware removal. No diagnostic fees! Mon. - Sat., 505-B West Main, Lowell. 616-828-5346, www.computerRehab.ws

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

services

PIANO LESSONS - Piano teacher has a few openings available for piano lessons for children or adults. For more information call 897-7994 & ask for Ruth.

THE LOWELL LEDGER, BUYERS GUIDE & LOWELL LITHO OFFICE - will be closed on Mon., Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume to Tues., Sept. 7.

VOICE LESSONS - Middle school through adult. Experienced & certified Vocal Music Teacher. Also will teach beginning piano & music theory lessons to any age. Call 498-5968, Lowell.

SENIOR CITIZENS ERAND SERVICE - Let me run your errands for you. Groceries, prescriptions, post office, anything you need. Call 676-3438 or 648-8533.

BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Quick turn around! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

services

HOME/OFFICE CLEANING - 15 years experience, has 2 client openings in Lowell area. 616-726-4942.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dudley's Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household clean-up, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

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STEVEN R. SIMKINS, ATTORNEY AT LAW - I am a lifelong resident of the Lowell community offering superior legal representation at affordable rates. Call 350-0909 for your free consultation.

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 ran 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. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

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.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS - MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

COFFEE BREAK/LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Sept. - May Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. No church membership or experience required. Bring preschoolers for Story Hour & Craft. Free nursery for younger children. There's an evening class on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. No children's class. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, M-21 across from Burger King. 897-7060.

A.D.D./A.D.H.D. ISSUES GROUP - meets every third Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at E. Beltline). Call Linda at 874-5662.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7719 - second and fourth Tuesday at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

BACK TO BASICS - every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 865 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Closed AA meetings. Non-smoking.

ROLLAWAY LTD. SENIOR BOWLING - Wednesdays, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

ALTO LIONS CLUB - first & third Thursday at United Methodist Church in Alto at 7 p.m.

KEEP IT SIMPLE ADDICTIONS SUPPORT GROUP - Socialization & peer support for recovering addicts. Meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Raya building. Contact Charlene, 897-7636 or Carrie, 897-7303 for more info.

QUARTER BINGO - 2nd Thurs. of each month, 1-5 p.m. 2 cards for a quarter. 50% payback w/100% payback hourly specials. Open to the public. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF ADA, CASCADE, LOWELL - 2nd Thurs. 7 p.m. meeting. Support for pregnant/breast-feeding women. Church in Ada. 752-8300.

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. New members invited. 1-800-651-6000.

GENEALOGY ALTO FAMILY TREE CLUB - second Thursday at Bowne Township Museum, corner of Alden Nash & 84th St. at 2 p.m.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - second Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Members in good standing may attend.

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS OF WORLD WAR II - Thurs., Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. at the Ionia Theatre. Free Tavelogue.

ASK THE EXPERT ABOUT LYMPHEDEMA - Tues., Sept. 28, 4-5 p.m. Ellen Olfesky, from the Center for Physical Rehabilitation will offer information about Lymphedema & answer your questions. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclubgr.org

WOODCRAWING - Tues., Sept. 28, 1-2 p.m. Join Doug Shesberger for a wood carving class, beginners are welcome. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclubgr.org

NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclubgr.org

ADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - second Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, Ada.

COFFEE WITH THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL - First Saturday each month, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Concerns & ideas welcome.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social

Michigan ranks in top 10 in nation for farmers markets

Today, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its 2010 National Farmers Market Directory and Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for the most operational farmers markets. Currently, there are 271 operational farmers markets in Michigan listed in the USDA directory. California claimed the top spot with 580, followed by New York with 461, and Illinois with 286.

"Between 2008 and 2009, we saw a 13 percent increase in the number of farmers markets operating in the state," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. "Dollars spent at area farmers markets are more likely to stay in Michigan, benefiting local communities and strengthening our economy."

As the state's second largest industry, Michigan's agri-food sector generates \$71.3 billion annually, making it a building block for diversifying the state's economy. Production agriculture, food processing and related businesses employ more than one million people. Michigan produces more than 200 commodities, making it second only to California in terms of agricultural diversity.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate National Farmers Market Week by honoring our community farmers markets," said Don Koivisto, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. "Michigan's farmers markets offer consumers fresh and

locally grown and produced foods for their dining room table. Buying locally also provides an opportunity to meet the people who feed us and learn how our food was grown and produced. Not to mention, the best tasting foods ripen closest to home."

Of Michigan's 271 farmers markets, 57 are authorized to accept Bridge Cards electronically this year. This number has grown from 29 in 2009 through the efforts of the Michigan Farmers Market Food Assistance Partnership, led

by the Michigan Food Policy Council (MFPC) and the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA). The partnership's work and 2010 growth has been funded through a grant as part of the USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative.

"This work supports our local economy and Michigan producers while increasing the accessibility to local and fresh food for our low-income families," said Granholm. "Many fruits and vegetables can lose up to 50 percent of their nutrients in just five

days time, so buying locally grown food not only tastes better but is a healthier choice."

Michigan is a state steeped in agricultural heritage. It is home to about 10 million acres of farmland and 56,014 farms averaging 179 acres each. More than 90 percent of Michigan farmland is owned by families. Additionally, according to the 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture, there has been significant growth in the number of small farms over the past few years.

To find a full list of farmers markets in Michigan, visit the Michigan Farmers Market Association's website at www.mifma.org and click "Find a Farmers Market."

Results from the USDA National Farmers Market Directory are based upon voluntary reporting from farmers market managers. The USDA National Farmers Market Directory is available online at <http://apps.ams.usda.gov/FarmersMarkets>

GR film festival opens with Genesis Code

by Emma Palova

The second annual Grand Rapids Film Festival opened with the film 'Genesis Code' last week.

The festival is gaining momentum with local filmmakers taking advantage of the state 42 percent tax break incentive.

The film 'Genesis Code' produced by American Saga was partially shot in Lowell with scenes from Sneaker's and Larkin's.

"It's a good story," said

producer Jerry Zandstra.

Zandstra's favorite scenes include a hockey scene from the Patterson Ice Arena, and a scene from Larkin's.

Zandstra says he wants to deliver movies with a message, not mindless entertainment.

The movie is about two students at Calvin College coming to terms with their religious beliefs and science. A lot of extras were cast

locally. In Sneaker's you can see Annie in her green shirt.

"Was I in it? she asked. "They shot it forever."

The movie is being released now in Ada Lowell 5 Theaters and Celebration Cinemas.



The Grand Rapids Film Festival panel discusses moviemaking in West Michigan.

PINK ARROW SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW!

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 4:
At PepTalk from 9:00 to 9:00 (close at 6:00 on Friday)
Open Labor Day 10:00 to 3:00 and the entire week 9:00 to 9:00

SEPTEMBER 1:
At the Freshmen & JV Football Games
All School Open Houses
and Freshman Orientation

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Available at all schools during lunch

SEPTEMBER 10:
T-Shirt Sales will move to the stadium at 11:00 a.m.

ALL SHIRTS \$15

Also at Pep Talk During Normal business hours
Extra Charge for 2XL, 3XL & 4XL - (5XL are sold out)

Michigan schools, continued

depending upon the number of years the school has not made AYP.

To make AYP, a school must test 95 percent of its students in total and in each required student subgroup defined by the federal law. The school must attain the target achievement goal in English language arts and mathematics, or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement by 10 percent ("safe harbor"). In addition, the school must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools. These achievement goals must be reached for

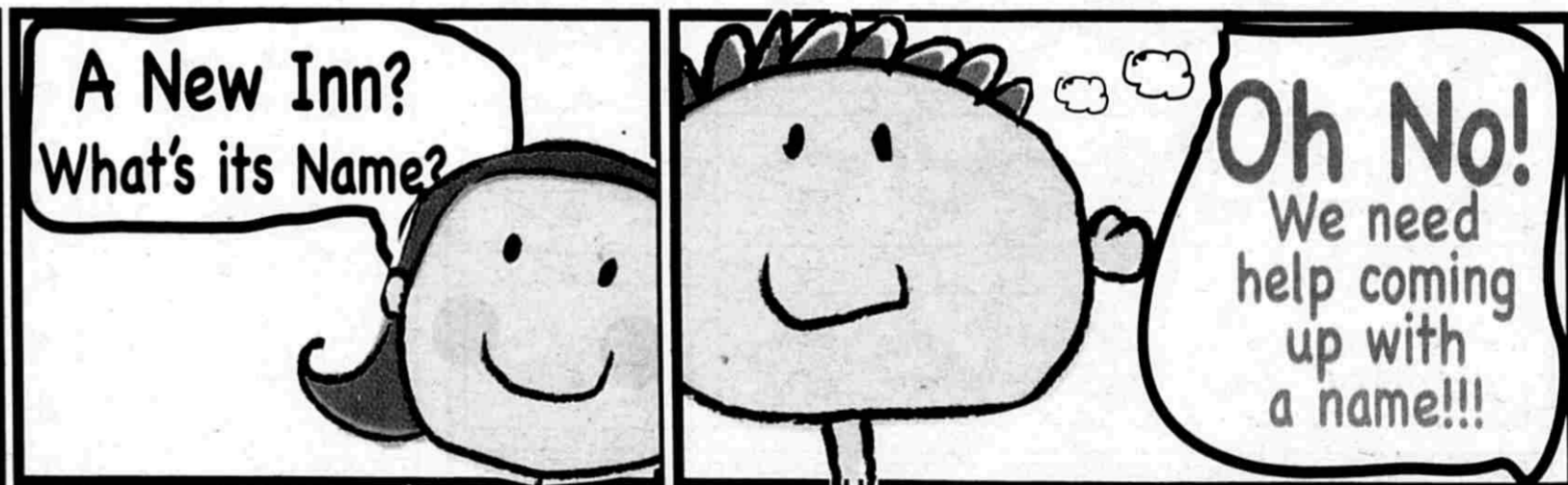
each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group.

Schools that don't make AYP for two or more consecutive years are placed on the federally-required consequences list. The consequences get progressively more severe with each additional year a school does not make AYP, ranging from having to provide school choice and transportation to another school, to tutorial services for the students, to eventual school restructuring. For a complete listing of AYP consequences and supports, as well as the local district results, visit: www.michigan.gov/ayp.

Under NCLB, all states are required to establish English language arts and mathematic proficiency targets to reach 100 percent by the 2013-14 school year. During the 2007-08 school year, the percent of students needing to be proficient on the MEAP and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) was raised by an average of 10 percent, in order to be on trajectory to the NCLB target of 100 percent proficiency by the 2013-14 school year. Targets will raise a similar amount every year beginning in the 2010-11 school year. While achievement rates on the MEAP and MME trended upward overall across the

state, some schools did not make the gains necessary to meet the new requirement.

The EducationYES! School Report Cards are a compilation of student scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) tests; the MI-Access alternate assessments for students with disabilities; AYP designation; and in various, self-reported, school performance indicators - such as family involvement in the schools, curriculum, student attendance, and professional development for its teachers.



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