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## Fallasburg Fall Festival arrives this weekend — Annual festival enters 42<sup>nd</sup> year

by Emma Palova

Decked out in the bold glory of fall colors, Fallasburg Park provides an ideal setting for a festival that annually celebrates the arts.

And this year it has more entries than ever. The multi-faceted event will feature 105 fine artists selling their work in specific booths around the park.

A quilt by Dawn Ysseldyke will be raffled off.

Some of the represented arts and crafts are: fly tying, rug hooking, woodcarving, spinning, needle felting,



gourd carving and candle making.

There will be 105 fine artists selling their artwork, food by non-profit organizations and most of all music by Jonesy, Steam Powered, Lonesome Canyon Band, Monique Doolittle, Carol Johnson, Hawks and Owls, and excerpts from Escanaba in Love by Thebes Players.

On Sunday, Kinfyre, Luke Lenhart & Family String Band, Fiddlefire, and Adams Family bands will be playing.

Children's art activities will include pumpkin painting, face painting, and a craft station.

There is no admission to the festival and supervised parking is available for a freewill donation. The festival is handicap accessible.

Fallasburg Historic village will also serve as the backdrop for the John Wesley Fallas Vintage Base Ball tournament hosted by the Fallasburg Cubs and

the Fallasburg Historical Society. Games begin at 10 a.m. on Fallas Field with the championship game at 3:30 p.m. A trophy presentation will follow the championship match at 5 p.m. Participating teams will break for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. A consolation match will begin after lunch. The Schoolhouse Museum will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Docent led tours of the village and museums will be available. The society hopes to draw some of the art loving crowd participating



in Fallasburg Fall Fest, according to Ken Tamke, president of the Fallasburg

Historical Society. The society will maintain a table on the south porch of the pavilion in the park. Village memorabilia, coffee, cider and cookies will be for sale. Donations accepted, memberships encouraged and volunteers welcomed. For more information go to [www.fallasburg.org](http://www.fallasburg.org)

The Fallasburg Fall Festival takes place on September 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fallasburg Park, four miles north of Lowell.



The Festival will feature 105 artists this year.

## Main Street bridge project nearly complete

The much feared downtown bridge replacement project is heading into final stages.

Weather permitting, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) expects to wrap up the project by the end of next week.

Last week, the crews poured curb and gutter; next, they will put in decorative and regular sidewalk, asphalt paving, pavement markings and light foundations.

The greater Lowell community will celebrate the end of the downtown bridge replacement project several times. First there will be a



dedication ceremony with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m. The second dedication will be held during the Harvest Festival on Oct. 9 at 2:15 p.m. right on the bridge. A local artist has created an eight-foot tall troll to be placed on a pylon near the bridge. The placing of the troll will finalize a marketing project that was designed to offset the hardship caused by the construction. The construction started in April and it is ahead of schedule. "If the weather is good, we could be done by the end of next week," said Don Gunderman, MDOT construction technician. The bridge will last at least another 50 years, according to MDOT officials.

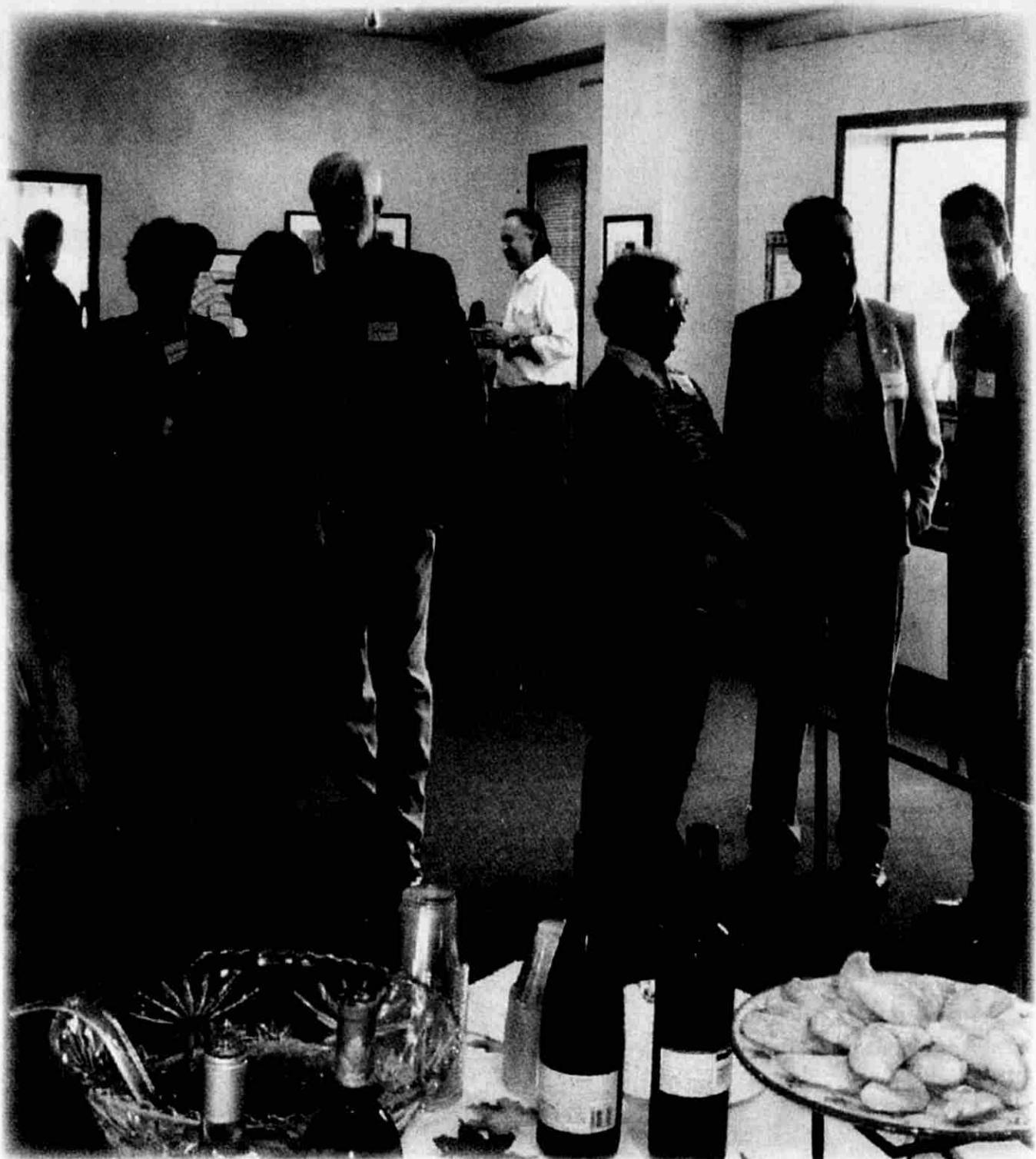
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## LAAC gallery dedicated to Doyle family

The Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery has been dedicated to the Doyle family after 25 years in existence. Approximately 50 people were present. King Doyle gave the final speech. His artwork is also on display at the gallery. Past and present board members gathered along with several of King Milling Company employees and the families of King and Marie Doyle. The art gallery was opened on Sept. 8, 1985. The celebration included naming the gallery "King Gallery" with a wood carved sign to honor the company for its commitment to supporting the arts in Lowell. The Flat River woodcarvers made the sign. Chris and Jill VanAntwerp, Kathy Kemp, Cheryl Blodgett, Gary Eldridge, and Liz Baker shared stories about the founding years of the Lowell Area Arts Council and other interesting events that have happened since the arts council was incorporated.



Mr. Hodges talks with Steve, far right, at the gallery opening.

## In The Service

Navy Seaman Grayson Q. Karber, son of Trina L. Thornton of Boise, Idaho and Steven R. Karber of Saranac, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

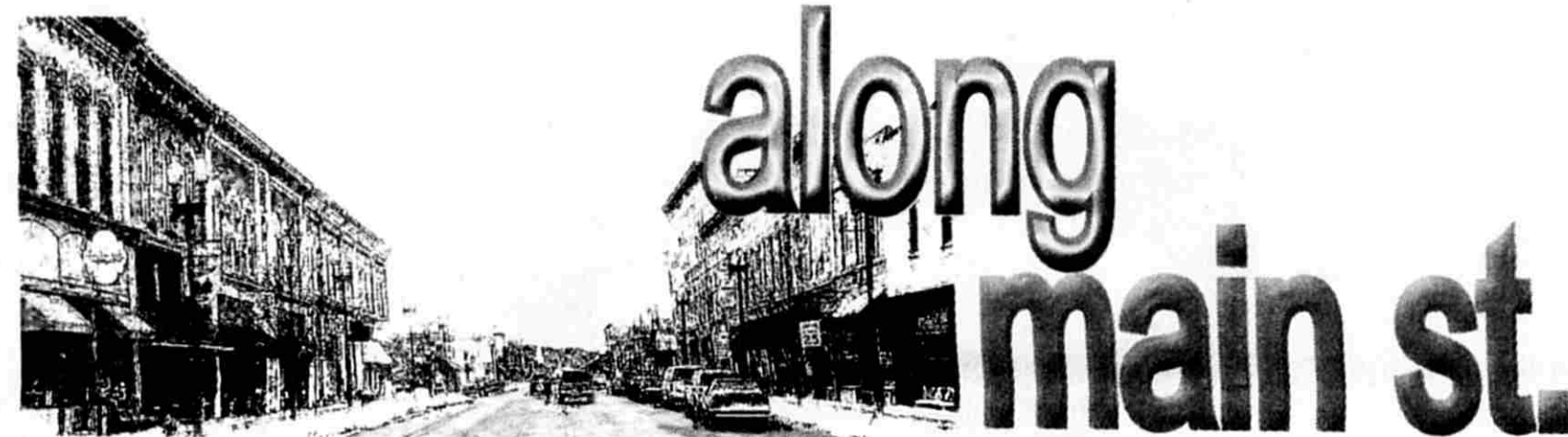
During the eight-week program, Karber completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction

on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the

basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Karber is a 2010 graduate of Saranac High School.



### PAYTON'S RACE FOR THE CURE

On Sat., Sept. 25 the second annual Payton's Race for a Cure will take place at Cedar Springs practice track. Riders sign in at 8 a.m., activities begin at 11 a.m. and concerts begin at 3 p.m. Payton's Race for a Cure is a non-profit organization and its mission is to support advocacy, awareness and ultimately a cure for Mitochondrial Disease. For more information contact Michelle DeWitt, MDewitt@paytonraceforcure.com or go to the website www.paytonraceforcure.com

### VINTAGE BASE BALL TOURNAMENT

Fallsburg Historic Village will serve as the backdrop for the John Wesley Falls Vintage Base Ball Tournament hosted by the Fallsburg Cubs and the Fallsburg Historical Society on Sat., Sept. 25. Games begin at 10 a.m. on Falls Field with the championship game at 3:30 p.m. A consolation

match will begin after lunch at 2 p.m. The Schoolhouse Museum, the Misner House Museum, and the John Falls House Museum will be open to the public from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fallsburg Historical Society, 13944 Covered Bridge Rd., www.fallsburg.org

### FREE FLU SHOTS

If you are a Kent County resident age 60-64 you are eligible for a free flu shot. Flu shots will be given at the Schneider Manor Community Room on Thurs., Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. - noon. Should you have any questions, contact Marcia Roth at the Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson, 897-5949.

### LOVE AND LOGIC PARENTING CLASSES

Beginning Oct. 5 for four Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 at Bushnell Elementary, room 107. Free child care. Registration required. Call Lori at 987-2532.

### FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Nationally accredited tobacco treatment classes begin Wed., Oct. 6. The class meets for six weeks on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 E. Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. This is the last class for 2010. Call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org

### 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are now being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for Senior High School girls' scholarships and local community projects. The books are only \$25 and are packed with 50%-off and 2-for-1 offers. They are available at Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, Lowell Area Arts Council, and from club members or call Marj, 897-8107.

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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## Alto Harvest Festival celebrates the season

The 30th annual Alto Harvest Festival took place last Saturday. The day started with a pancake breakfast put on by the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department. This was followed by the opening ceremonies with the raising of the flag.

The festival included a baking contest, scarecrow contest that decorated the Alto lamp posts, pie and watermelon eating contest, pedal tractor pull and guitar hero. New this year were the kids arts and crafts booths.

A trip down Memory Lane showcased street and hot rods with classic and muscle cars lining the street.

The Baking Bingo provided a new twist where baked goods and baking essentials could be won.

On stage were Jonas Ridge Bluegrass Band. Other attractions included the Alto Library gently used book sale, and the Alto American Legion's dunk tank. What would be a festival without food? There were chicken strips, French fries, elephant ears, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, pies and ice cream.

Pictured in the photo is Jake Sheldon waiting to be dunked in the tank in downtown Alto.



## Voter registration deadline nears for Nov. 2 election

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that Monday, Oct. 4 is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 2 statewide election.

"In this election you have the opportunity to make your voice heard at the highest levels of state government," said Land, Michigan's chief election officer. "Please take a few minutes to register, and remember, your vote is your voice."

To register, applicants can stop by their Secretary

of State branch office or local clerk's office. They must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the

application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled, or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another

- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit

their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Nov. 1 must vote the ballot in the clerk's office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents can also find information on voting by absentee ballot, Michigan's voter identification requirement, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. In addition, they will find a map to their local polling place and a sample ballot.

Residents are reminded of the voter identification requirement when at the polls on Election Day. They will be asked to present photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have

an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls can still vote. They will sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID, as long as they are current:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
  - Federal or state government-issued photo identification
  - U.S. passport
  - Military identification card with photo
  - Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university
  - Tribal identification card with photo.
- Additional election information can be found at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

## Free Social Security audio publications

Perhaps you've been planning to read that booklet on Social Security benefits for some time now, but you never seem to find the time to sit down with it. If only you could listen to an audio version, just as you might listen to the latest novel by your favorite author on audio book.

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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 vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Consolidating retirement accounts can pay off — in many ways

Now that fall is officially here, change is everywhere. The days are shorter and cooler and, in many places, the trees are bursting with color. In preparation for the long winter, squirrels gather nuts and put many of them together in one place. If you're nearing retirement, you might be able to learn something from our furry friends, as you, too, may want to consolidate some of your assets — in particular, your retirement accounts — as you prepare for a new season in your life.

choose to follow, you will need to know how much you can afford to withdraw each year, how you can stay ahead of inflation and how best to control your investment-related taxes. You may find it easier to accomplish these things if you have a single, unified investment strategy — and it may be easier to develop such a strategy if you have all your retirement accounts at one place, possibly under the guidance of a single financial advisor.

You'll also find some other benefits to consolidating your retirement accounts: • Less fees — You may be paying fees to several different providers for maintaining your retirement accounts. You might be able to reduce these fees by consolidating your accounts with one provider.

• Less trouble calculating distributions — Once you reach 70 1/2, you'll need to take withdrawals, or distributions, from your 401(k) and your traditional IRA. (This requirement does not apply to a Roth IRA.) It's not that hard to calculate these required minimum distributions from a single IRA or a single 401(k), but if you have a mix of these accounts at different places, you might have to do a lot of number crunching. If all your accounts were held at the same place, you may have an easier time.

Just as summer turns to autumn and autumn turns to winter, the seasons of your life follow one another in seemingly rapid succession. So when you enter your retirement season, make sure you're prepared — and one way to help that preparation

is to consider consolidating your retirement accounts. Edward Jones and its financial advisors are not tax advisors. Please consult with your qualified professional regarding your particular situation.

health

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

enlarged prostate

Enlargement of the prostate gland is a natural occurrence of the aging male. The prostate gland makes semen and it tends to enlarge with age. Enlarged prostate can also run in families.

Symptoms of prostate enlargement usually involve problems with urinating. This is because the prostate gland surrounds the urethra which carries urine out of the body. It may be difficult to initiate urination, you may have to urinate more frequently, or you may have to get up several times at night to urinate.

If you report these symptoms to your doctor, he or she should do a rectal exam to evaluate the size and contour of the prostate. A prostate blood test (PSA) may also be done depending on your age, family history and ethnicity.

viewpoint

Small business bill means jobs for Michigan



Sen. Carl Levin

Nearly everyone in Congress agrees that small businesses are the engines of job growth. Recently, we put our words into action by passing the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, which will help these businesses survive and thrive, keeping current workers on the payroll and creating new jobs.

I'm especially pleased that this bill tackles a key problem that small businesses now face: difficulty in obtaining the capital they need to operate, expand and grow. One of the most important ways in which it will do so is through the State Small Business Credit Initiative, a program I helped develop to provide badly needed assistance to state and local programs across the country that help small businesses grow. I'm especially proud that this effort was inspired by Michigan's own small business programs.

nearly \$88 million in private lending, and saved or created an estimated 13,000 jobs.

But the demand for this successful program far exceeds the resources available. In Michigan and elsewhere, these programs can't help enough of the businesses that could effectively use support.

There are other major provisions of this bill that will help small businesses create jobs. It contains \$12 billion in tax cuts for small businesses, tax cuts that will help them put their money into growing their businesses and creating new jobs.

Michigan and many other states have begun programs designed to deal with this problem. Thanks to our collateral support program in Michigan, companies like Saline Electronics, an electronics manufacturer in Washtenaw County, and Display Pack, a packaging company in Grand Rapids, have been able to expand production and add workers.

enhancements to SBA loan programs — enhancements that will increase lending to small businesses by over \$5 billion in the first year.

The bill also includes a proposal I suggested for an Intermediary Lending Pilot Program, which allows SBA to make loans to intermediary lenders such as business incubators, which can then loan that money to growing businesses.

It also includes the Small Business Lending Fund. This provision will provide capital to local, community banks, the banks on which small businesses depend, so they can in turn lend that money to small businesses. And it does all this in a way that will not add to our budget deficit. In fact, the entire bill is fully paid for, so none of its provisions add to the deficit.

We cannot afford to miss opportunities to boost employment, because the hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan, and the millions across the country, who have lost their jobs in this recession deserve our very best efforts. With passage of the Small Business Jobs Act, we've given small business powerful tools to add new workers.

outdoors

pack it in Dave Stegehuis

Fall means it is time to go hunting. During this season of harvest, crops are brought in from the fields and so also is the surplus of wild game. Michigan hunters don't have to go far from home to find good hunting. Pursuing a non-resident species or a wanderlust for new places and unique experiences, however, may require some traveling.

Careful preparation for far off excursions is necessary for a stress free experience. Location, weather, and mode of travel will determine what to pack.

Pulling a cargo trailer behind a pick-up truck to deer camp will make packing easy. Other than choosing between a 4-wheeler or snowmobile, you can take almost anything.

If the final destination is reached by commercial aircraft, the task becomes more complicated in a number of different ways. Weight restrictions and fees for extra baggage provide the motivation for downsizing the load.

Now, when it's time to gear-up for a fly-in Alaskan moose hunt (in our dreams) just pull up the big game-air list and you're on your way.

It's possible to successfully complete the packing ritual from memory, but for some of us a list is more efficient and reassuring. Just check-off all the boxes and head out.

A good way to sort out gear and avoid forgetting essential items is to make a list of things to pack well

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal September 25, 1885

Our Fallsburg cor. gives particulars of the death of F.S. Gasper. S.J. Wyman has purchased Daniels' interest in the meat market and Wyman is now the sole boss of the concern.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 22, 1910

Monday morning a horse belonging to Alfred Monroe, junk dealer, was found in its stable near the Lowell Furniture factory, bleeding from nose and mouth having been stabbed in the lung.

VanHorn who had some difficulty with his teamster, Jim Pierce. The latter is alleged to have threatened to "get even" with VanHorn. It is supposed that the knife was intended for VanHorn's horse.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 19, 1935

The Texaco Service Station on East Main St., operated by William Heim, has a fine new computing pump. In addition to registering the number of gallons, the pump registers the price of the gasoline so that the purchaser can tell merely by glancing at the indicator what he is getting for his money.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 22, 1960

Richard Graham, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham of 307 1/2 East Main Street, received a broken arm and skull fracture and is at Butterworth Hospital after turning his bike in front of a car on Main St. and Washington St. Sunday afternoon.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 25, 1985

Thanks to funding from Attwood Corp., King Milling Co. and the Look Memorial, everyone in Lowell will be able to hear one of the country's most "in demand" motivation speakers. Bill Sanders will make a total of six presentations on Wednesday, October 2, in a day long program organized by the Lowell Area Schools.

Letters To The Editor:

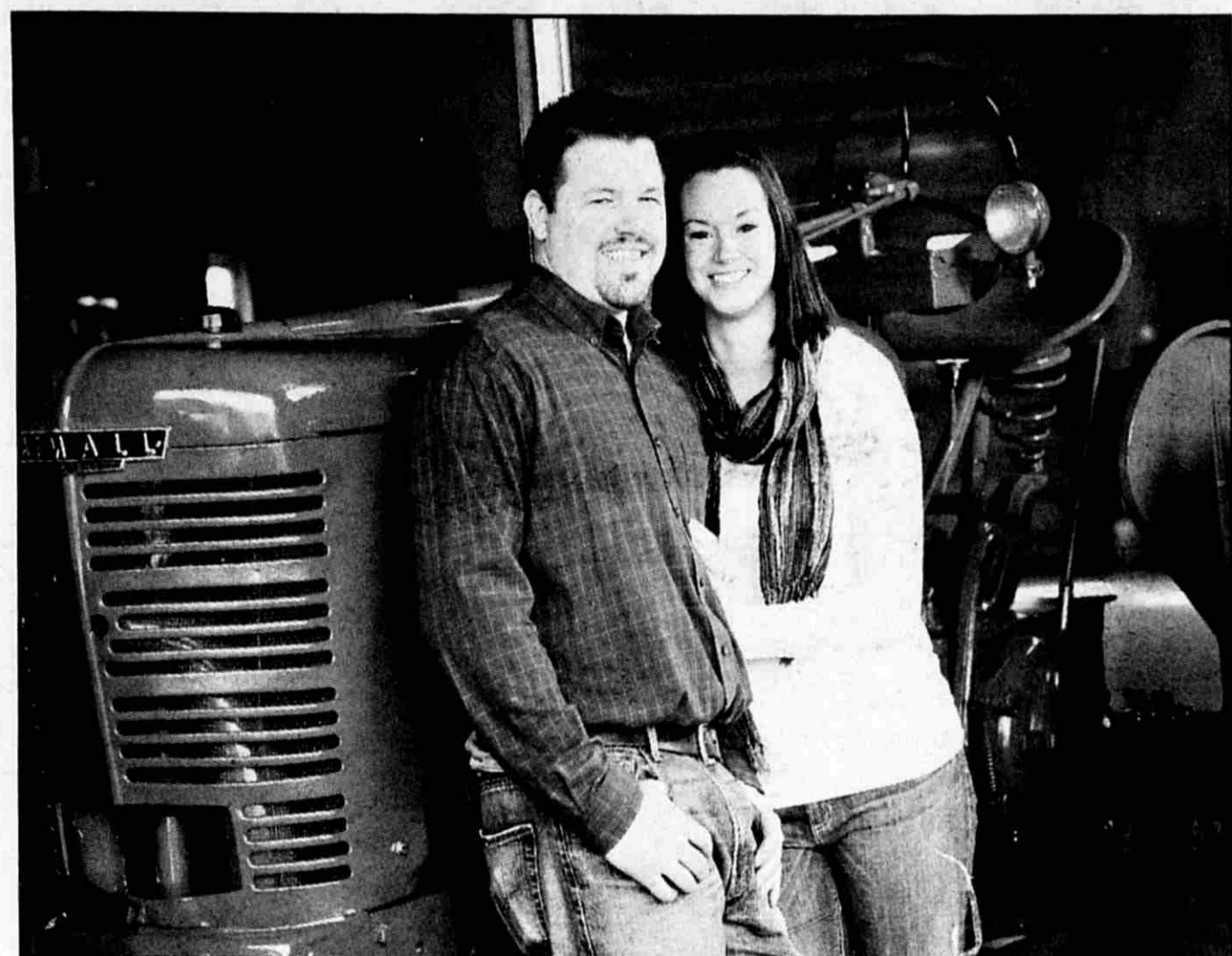
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## engagements

### Crowley/Bennett



Ryan Bennett and Leslie Crowley

Leslie Crowley and Ryan Bennett are pleased to announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dale and Dee Crowley of Lowell. She is a 2003 Lowell High School graduate, a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2010 graduate of

the physician's assistant program at Grand Valley State University. She is employed by an orthopedic surgeon in the Detroit area. The future groom is the son of Charles and Mary Bennett. He is a 2003 Ann Arbor Pioneer High School graduate and a 2007

graduate of University of Michigan. He is employed as an assistant construction superintendent for Walbridge Construction Company in Detroit. Both currently live in Howell and are planning a October 16, 2010 wedding in Hartland, Michigan.

## Lowell students and church learn first hand about fair trade

There are women in a remote village called Chavajeval in the state of Chiapas, Mexico who have to cook all day for their families inside their home over an open fire. They and their children experience severe respiratory health problems from the smoke.

Lowell High School students and leaders from First Congregational Church, UCC of Lowell, went to this remote region to learn firsthand about the growing and marketing of fair trade goods, such as their coffee through a cooperative, to make sure they receive a fair wage for their work and product.

While there, the students stayed with some of these families and observed the miserable living and cooking conditions. When they returned home, these young people were determined to find a way to help provide stoves to the seventy families.

Each stove consists of a cement box with a metal top cooking surface and a chimney for venting to the outside. They cost less than \$100 a piece. With a stove, the indoor air pollution is reduced by 70 percent and fuel consumption is reduced by 50 percent, thereby reducing deforestation in their country.

An indoor garage sale will be held in the Family Center of the First Congregational

Church, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave., on Sat., Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Hot Chicks For Hot Stoves project.

First Congregational Church has a Global Bazaar Fair Trade Store which is open after Sunday worship services and during other special events. They have fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, food and beautifully handmade items for sale.

## happy birthday!

- SEPTEMBER 22**  
Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.
- SEPTEMBER 23**  
Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.
- SEPTEMBER 24**  
Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell, Clara King, Stephanie Vickers, Jake Baker, Samantha Clouser.
- SEPTEMBER 25**  
Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier, Patricia Mulf.
- SEPTEMBER 26**  
Micah Soyka, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.
- SEPTEMBER 27**  
Brooke Tetzlaff.
- SEPTEMBER 28**  
Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster.

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Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

## How To Change Your Life In September

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## Franciscan show celebrates lands far and near

by Emma Palova

The newest show "Travels Near and Far" at the Franciscan Life Process Center in the Bonaventure Gallery showcases beautiful landscapes from Italy.

The artist David Thinger

says his love for art has always been strong since his accident in 1992. For many years, he has been painting mainly portraits. But to diversify, he started painting landscapes and still lifes. He loves creating art with a personal style.

Thinger likes to travel to Europe and paint from memories, sketches and photos of his trips. Although he acknowledges the beauty of Michigan, Thinger likes to broaden his creativity with the culture of other countries.

He has been recently chosen to show in Melbourne, Australia and Rome, Italy.

His show at the Franciscan Life Process Center includes charcoal, watercolor, oils and mixed media paintings.

Some of his pieces include, charcoal "My Loving Linda," a castle in Valencia, Spain, Alicante off Mediterranean, Fountain Street Church, the Franciscan Barn, Fallsburg Bridge- plein aire, model John Dean and Reeds Lake Walking Trail.

The exhibit runs

through Nov. 7, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends are by appointment.

Thinger regularly participates in the Paint in/out studio.

Other programming at the Franciscan includes LifeFest: A Country Sampler dinner scheduled for Oct. 10, this year moved to Peter M. Wege Theatre near the intersection of Wealthy and

Grandville avenues. LifeFest dinner has been moved due to construction in Lowell. However, Sunday's Family Day will remain at the Franciscan center.

Elizabeth M. Kelly, managing editor for University of St. Thomas's academic journal will be the guest speaker at the dinner. She has written four books including, "May Crowning,"

"Mass and Merton: 50 reasons I Love Being Catholic," which won first place in the popular presentation of the faith category from the Catholic Press Association. She has also released two jazz CD's. Tickets for the dinner and presentation are \$45 per adult and \$30 per youth before Sept. 15.



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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell continues to improve with 56-0 victory

by Thad Kraus  
Jacob Meyer, a three-year starter, has become Lowell football's three-headed monster poster child.

In Friday's 56-0 win over Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, Meyer caught three passes, returned a kickoff for a touchdown and recorded a lengthy punt return.

"Jacob is a really nice football player," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "We need him to continue to improve every week and especially over the second half of the regular season."

Meyer returned the second-half kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown, giving Lowell a 42-0 advantage.

He also caught three Gabe Dean tosses for 30 yards.

Lowell opened the game with three first-quarter touchdowns.

Dean scored first on a six-yard burst and then hooked up with Matt Houston on touchdown passes of 33- and six-yards.

The Red Arrows increased their lead to 35-0 at halftime with second quarter touchdown runs of 59 and one yards by Dean.

Lowell rushed the ball 47 times for 356 yards.

Dean led the way with 118 yards and Tyler Gallert finished with 106 yards on

the same amount of carries (16).

"In general, I think we're getting better each week," Dean said. "I was disappointed in the number of penalties called (on both sides). Sometimes that is a reflection of the nature of the crew that's working the game."

Through the air, Dean was 8-of-15 for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

Houston caught five of those for 74 yards.

With the win, Lowell improved its record to 4-0. The Red Arrows host Creston in O-K White conference play on Friday (Homecoming).

Following the match with the Polar Bears, the league schedule toughens up in a hurry with games against Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids.

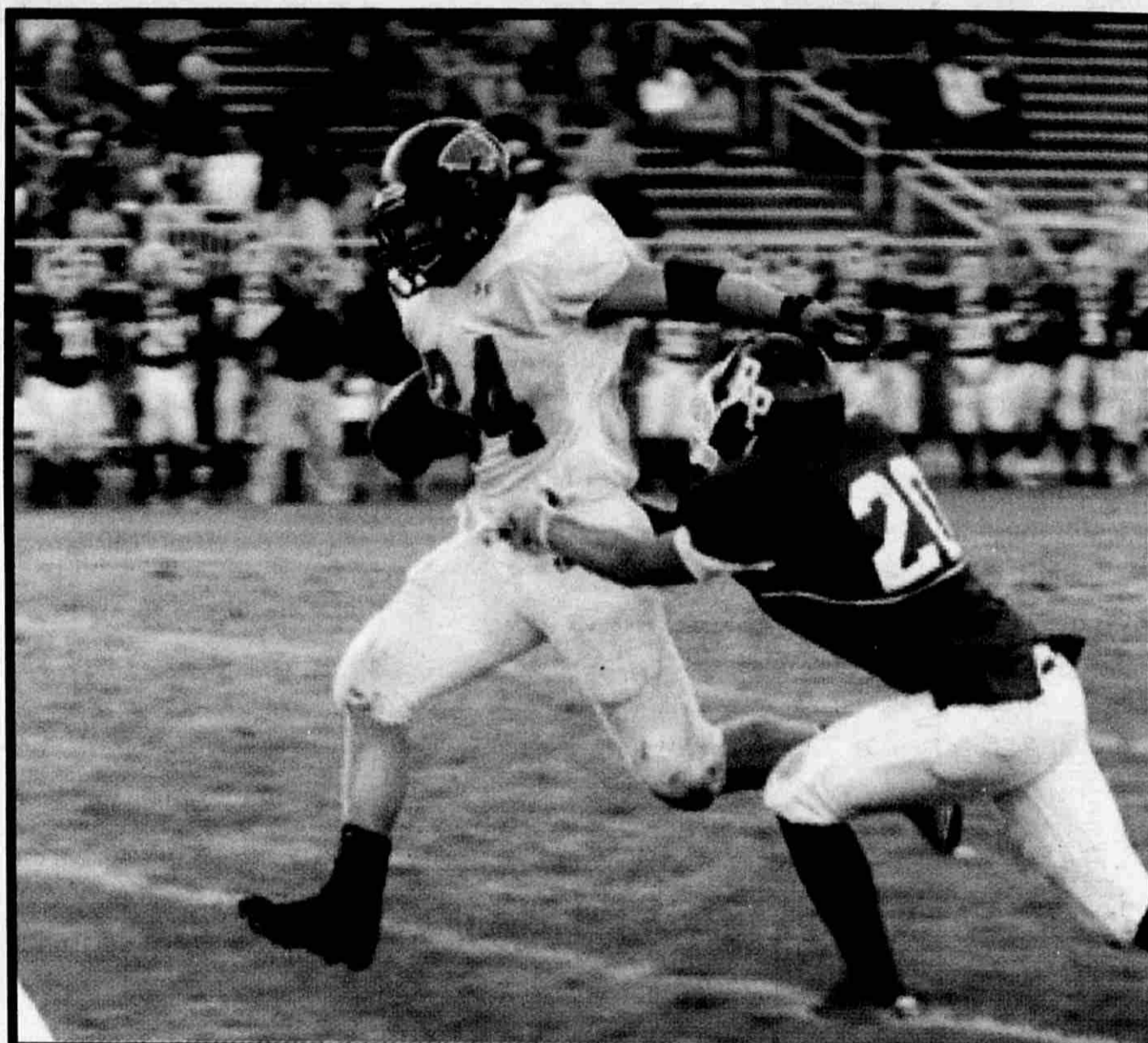
"It's getting to the point of the season where focus, discipline and mistake-free football we will need to play," Dean explained.

Lowell's coach added that of the last four games on its schedule there is not a team that can't beat them.

Lowell's defense has allowed one touchdown over the first four games.

It is led by linebacker

Sam Young. "He's a Lowell linebacker. He's the kid that is our enforcer out there," said Dean.



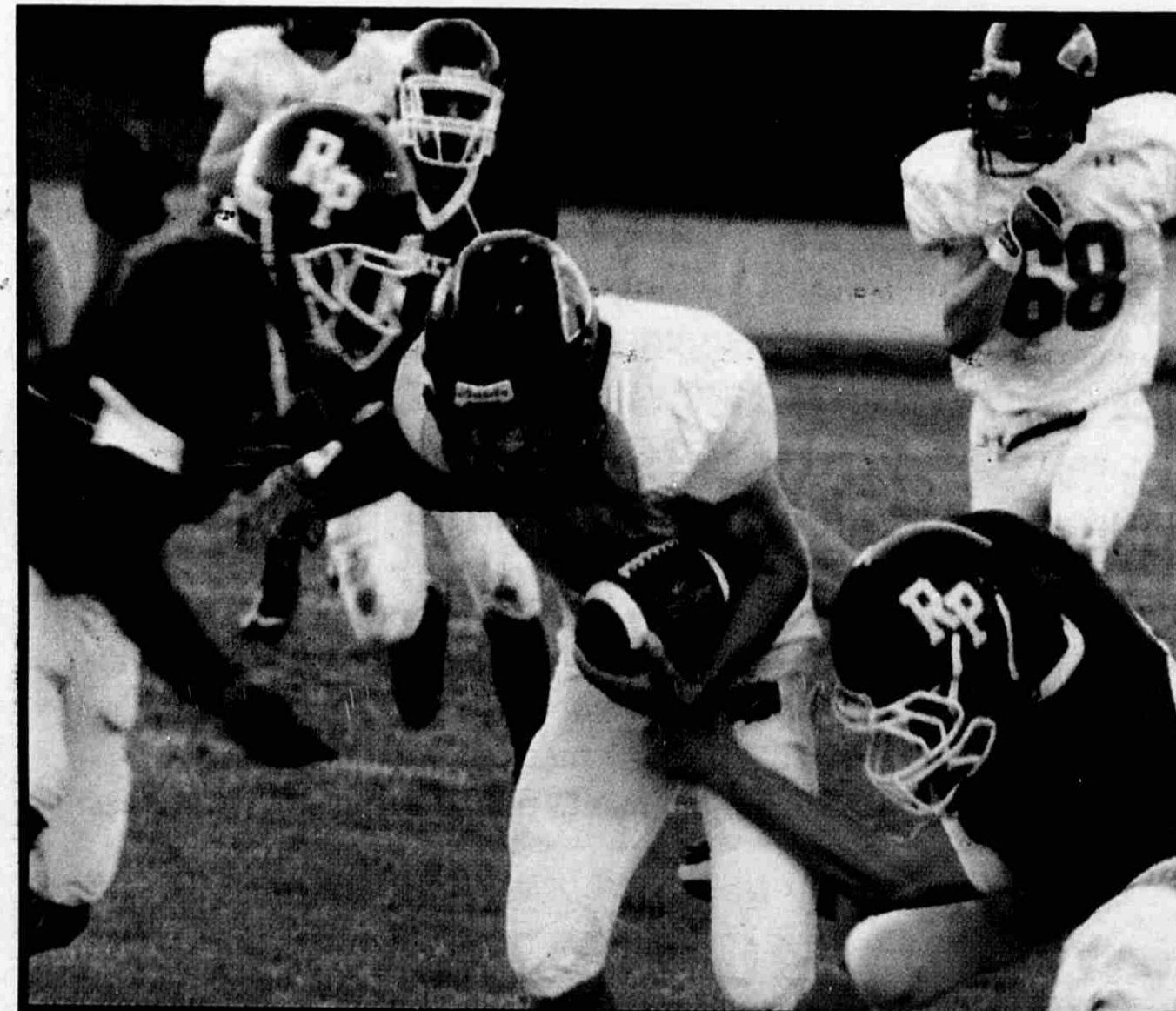
Sam Young carried the ball a few times and led Lowell's defensive effort in its shutout.



The Red Arrow defensive front displayed plenty of pursuit in its fourth win of the year.

Jacob Meyer returned the opening kick of the second half 96-yards for a touchdown Friday night against Reeths-Puffer.

All football photos submitted by Perry Beachum



### DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Schrauben.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting as corrected.

Motion to approve the accounts payables.

Motion to approve the request from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to close downtown Main Street for the Harvest Celebration and bridge dedication on Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion to approve the access easement for Four C Company (Litehouse, Inc.)

Motion to award a three year contract for solid waste, yard waste and recycling to the Red Creek Waste Services.

Motion to award contract to Roth Construction for the site preparation for new parking lot and Skateboard Park at Stoney Lakeside Park.

Motion to award contract for the demolition of the brick pump house at 990 N. Washington to Earthworm Dozing and Excavating.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 4, 2010 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.



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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Final minutes unkind in league soccer losses

by Thad Kraus

It was an unfortunate, unfriendly ending to an otherwise well-played soccer game by the Red Arrows.

"I thought we controlled play throughout the game," said Lowell soccer coach Rich O'Keefe. "The only place that didn't show up was on the scoreboard."

Lowell dropped a tough

2-1 decision to East Grand Rapids Thursday night.

"I was real pleased with the pace we played at, the way we moved the ball and the energy in which we did it," O'Keefe explained.

The difference was a Pioneer free kick on a hand ball penalty in the last four minutes of the game.

"It was unfortunate. I thought the boys deserved better and a better outcome," O'Keefe said. "This is all part of the growing and learning process. We have to get better at finishing goals as well as the game."

Defensively, O'Keefe said his club is still struggling with understanding the first defender's responsibilities.

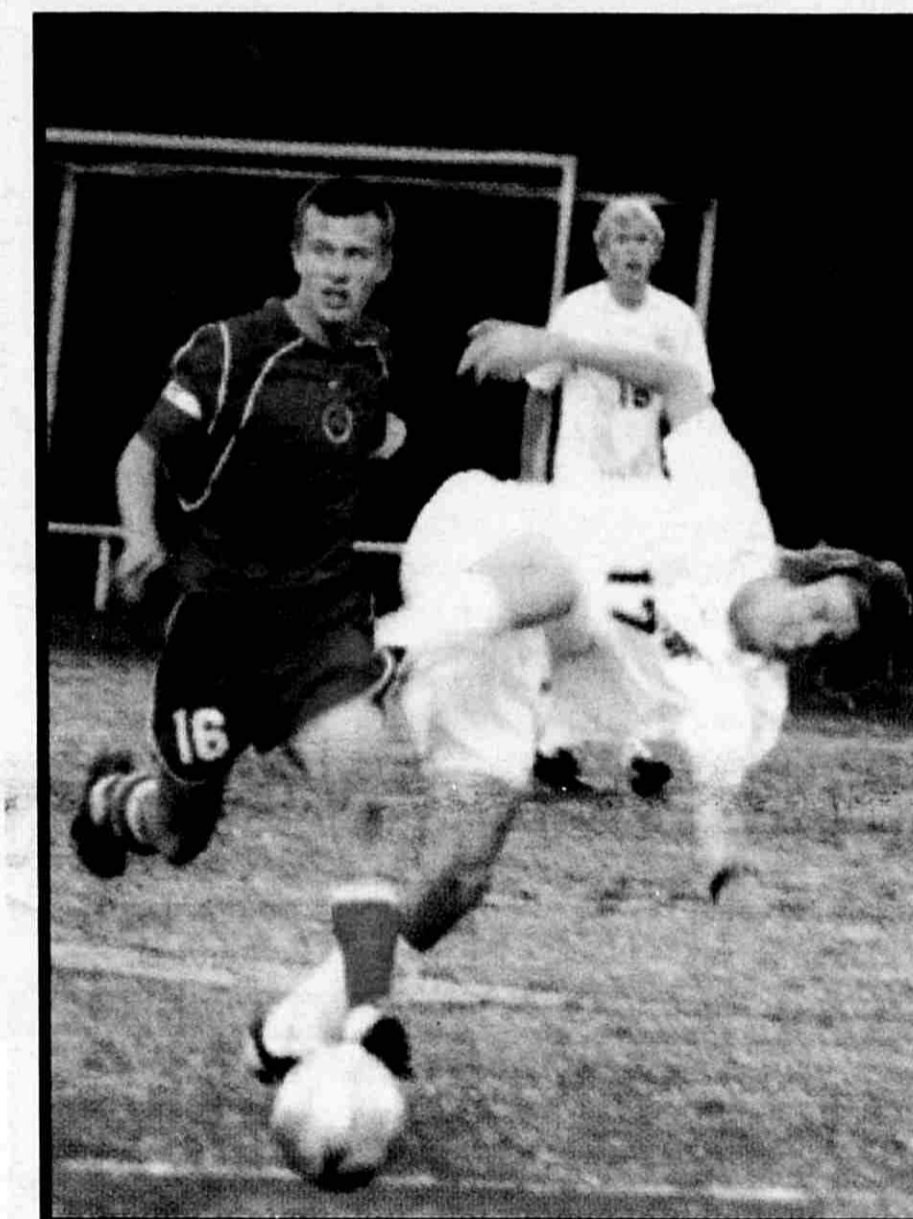
"Our first defenders are trying to do too much as opposed to delaying the attack," the Lowell coach explained.

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead into halftime on a Dan Wells' goal with an assist from Paul VanderWeele.

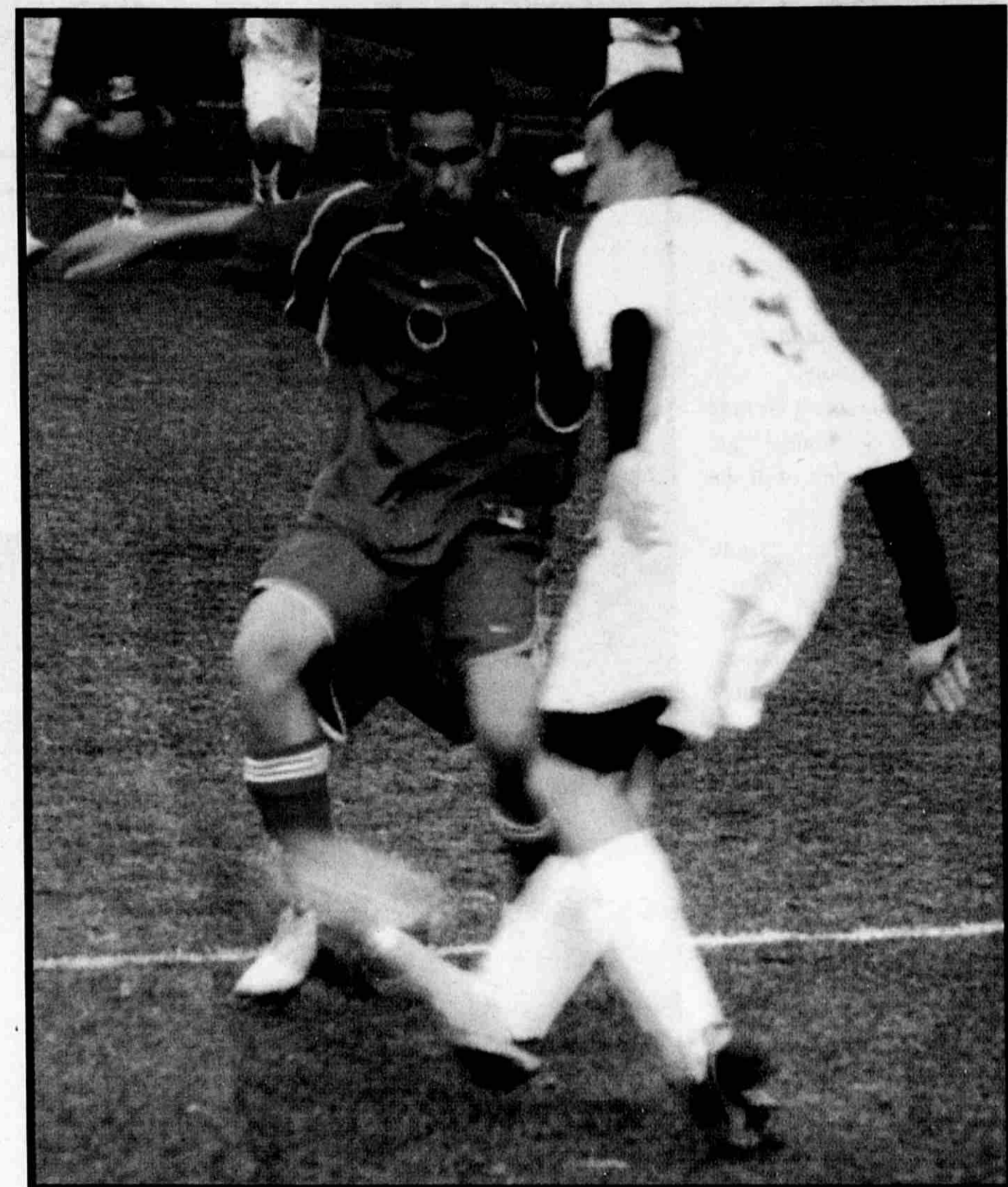
Lowell tied the game in the second half on a goal off the foot of Joe Sweet.

Wells then won the game on the penalty kick. G.R. Christian 4 Lowell 2

The Red Arrows saw a 2-1 advantage dissipate with under four minutes to play in regulation on a throw-in to the 18-yard box. Andrew Vandenberg scored on the throw-in by Joel Schipper, sending the game into overtime.



Joe Sweet accounted for Lowell's only goal against the Pioneers. It came in the second half of the Red Arrows' 2-1 loss.



Tommy Rodriguez battles for possession in first-half action against East Grand Rapids.

The two clubs battled for two overtimes with the Eagles scoring twice in the second O.T.

Trailing 1-0 in the first half, Lowell's Tommy Rodriguez created the game before Christian scored late," O'Keefe said.

The Red Arrows took a 2-1 lead in the second half on a goal by Joe Sweet.

"This game was similar to the East game. We stayed in there throughout most of the game before Christian scored late," O'Keefe said.

"The Eagles are a strong physical team." Christian scored three of its four goals on long throw-ins.

Lowell finished the week at 4-4-1 overall and 1-2 in the O-K White.

### CROSS COUNTRY

## Small steps keep Arrows moving forward

by Thad Kraus

The improvement is coming in small aggressive steps, but it's coming.

"Although the times were a little slow due to the sloppy conditions from the rain, I was impressed with the boys' races. They looked much more aggressive in their running," Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said.

Lowell was 10th at the Sparta Invitational (blue

division) on Saturday. Kenowa Hills won the event with 28 points followed by Grandville 52, West Ottawa 89, Hudsonville 91, Forest Hills Central 120, Jenison 140, Northview 192, Greenville 225, Lowell 272, and Union 313.

Ben Partridge was the Red Arrows' top runner. He came off the course in 19:44 (38th).

Teammate John Mark

was 50th with a time of 20:36. Ryan Timmers came home in 21:16 (59th), followed by Zach Jeffries (22:11) and Jon Wycykoff (23:05) finishing 61st and 64th respectively.

"We will look to improve on their racing in the upcoming events, especially this weekend at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational," VanderWarf concludes.

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# Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Florida's Chris Rainey was arrested and charged with aggravated stalking.

It sounds like an unhappy camper who's been discarded for another guy by his girlfriend.

However, looking at the bigger picture, it could be much more.

Rainey is the 30th Florida football player in six seasons under Urban Meyer to be arrested.

An average of five legal issues a year, sound like a trend? Quack like a duck? Smell like a dirty program?

Meyer says not!

My theory is, does it look like a duck? Quack like a duck? Smell like a duck?

Under the category of getting it right! Kudos goes to the Dallas Cowboy trainers and doctors. Dallas tight end Jason Witten was pulled after sustaining a concussion during their game against the Bears.

FOX cameras caught him more than a few times trying to convince the team doctors and trainers to let him return to the game, but he was unsuccessful.

Two different players on two different teams were allowed to return after being administered the concussion test.

With all the medical information we have about concussions, the days of recklessly disregarding

the health of a player is no longer acceptable. And shouldn't be. There are too many examples of players now, retired from playing pro football who still suffer from their multiple concussion days of play.

Read up on the Steelers' Merle Hodge. Listen to Troy Aikman.

Witten will thank those trainers and doctors someday!

### Who Do I Love?

6-4, 27-13 overall! South Christian at Caledonia Both teams struggling. Despite that, I love South Christian on the road. East Grand Rapids at G.R. Christian

How do you pick against the 4-time defending state champs. It's tough, but I will. I love the Eagles. Muskegon Catholic at West Catholic

Falcons not what they used to be! I love Muskegon Catholic.

Rockford at West Ottawa Rams lose two in a row?

Yes, I love West Ottawa. Grand Haven at Jenison Tough road game after a big win, I still love Grand Haven.

Middleville at Wayland Trojans go to 5-0, I love Middleville.

Holland Christian at Zeeland West Coming off a loss, I luv the Dux.

Northview at Greenville How bout them Jackets. I love Greenville.

Grandville at Hudsonville Eagles coming off a loss, I love Hudsonville.

Creston at Lowell Last laughter for Red Arrows. I love Lowell.

THAD'S TOP 10

1. EGR
2. Lowell
3. West Ottawa
4. Muskegon
5. Grand Haven
6. G.R. Christian
7. Rockford
8. Zeeland East
9. Unity Christian
10. Middleville



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High school homecoming reminds us of a car accident Wednesday of homecoming week. Please be careful.

- Classmates

I recently read that the city is hesitant to offer large recycle bins because the older residents barely use what they have now. Really? That's the reason? Do you "geniuses" know that the majority of Lowell's residents are younger than the age 60? Sprout a brain.

My compliments to The Lowell Ledger and Thad Kraus for a magnificent issue encompassing all the facets of a hugely successful night.

- Bill Gardner

We're so grateful for all the Lowell businesses who support Lowell organizations and charities. Wouldn't it be great if those who are jealous would jump on the bandwagon instead of pushing others off?

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



### SEPTEMBER 15 - SEPTEMBER 21

Firefighters in Herriman, Utah, spend the night fighting back flames stoked by powerful winds. "I saw a wall of fire coming down the hill," one homeowner says.

BP Gulf well is dead. BP officials announce Sunday that the well is officially capped. However, long-term environmental, industry, and legal impacts from the spill remain unknown.

UNICEF: 100,000 Pakistani kids face starvation in latest report.

NBER: Reports on Monday that the recession ended in June 2009; any future downturn is separate.

China's largest automaker, SAIC Motor Corp., reaches out to GM about acquiring a large stake in the company reports the U.S. Government.

# Kid Scoop

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### MONEY MATTERS: What is a bank?

After working hard to earn money, people want to keep it safe. Banks do more than just hold people's money. They also lend money, and pay interest on money kept in savings accounts. Saving money pays!

Find where each missing word belongs.

- BENCH
- ANGRY
- STEAL
- MONEY
- SITTING

Long ago, people took their treasures to the temple for safety. No one would \_\_\_\_\_ from a temple, for fear it would make the gods \_\_\_\_\_.

In Italy, bankers would take care of banking business \_\_\_\_\_ on benches. The word bank comes from the Italian word for banca.

Jewelers and goldsmiths also acted as bankers, sharing their vaults with the community to keep safe.

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand basic economic concepts.

Where do some kids keep their money? Replace the missing vowels to find out.

Mine is in a s\_c\_k in a dr\_w\_r!



In my r\_fr\_g\_r\_tor. It's c\_ld c\_sh!



My money is in a b\_x und\_r my b\_d.



I keep mine in my p\_gg\_b\_nk!



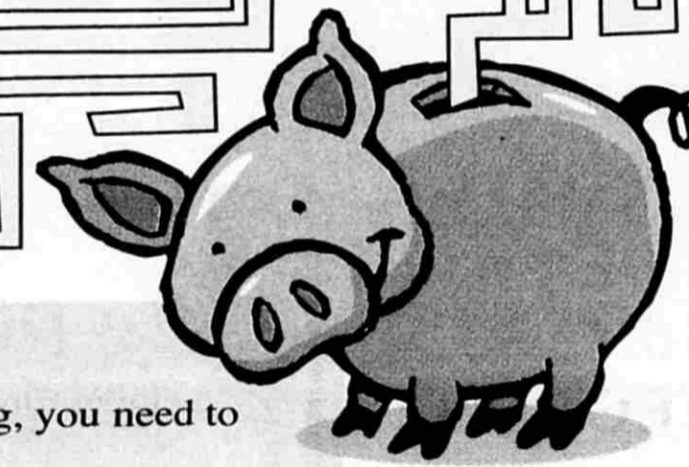
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-appropriate words correctly.

Put this coin in the piggy bank.



### How did the piggy bank get its name?

Long ago in England, people stored their money in jars made from a kind of clay called pygg. After a while, people called the jars pygg banks. Someone finally started making them in the shape of a pig.

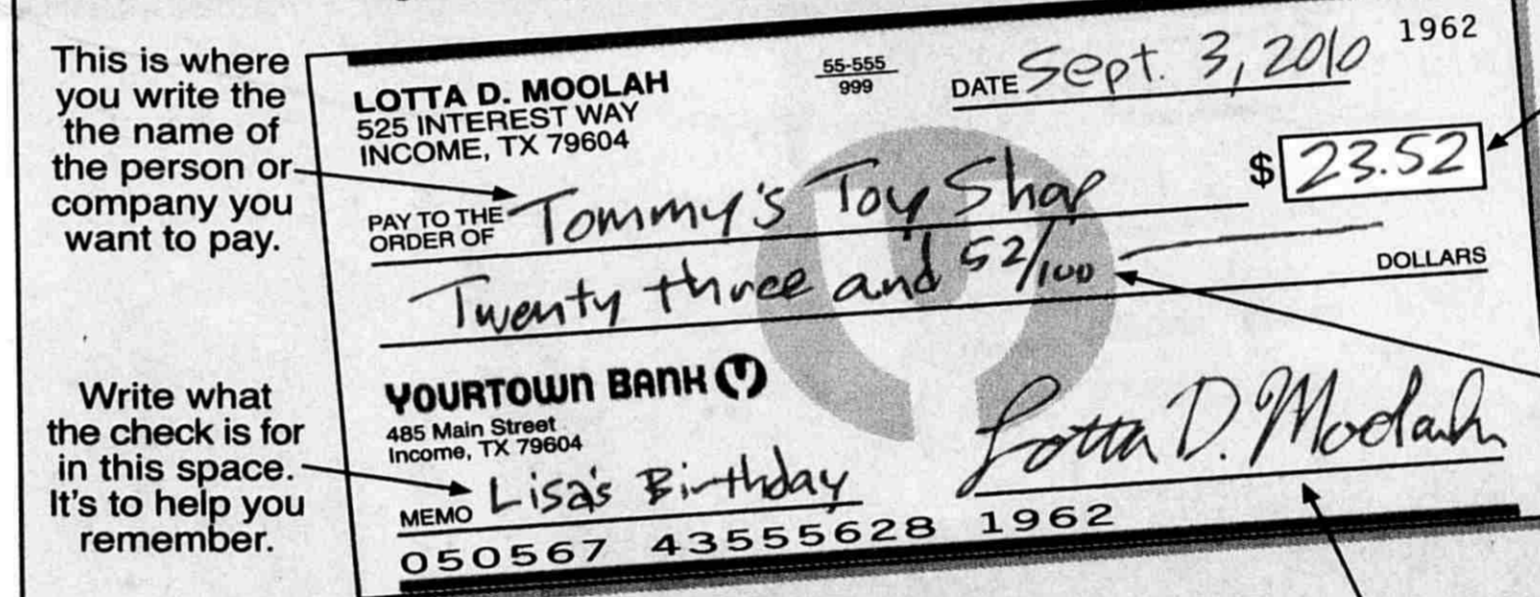


### Getting Your Money Out of a Bank

Suppose you are in a store and want to buy something, but your money is in the bank. No problem. Banks have some easy ways for you to get your money when you need it such as checks and ATM cards.

### Check it out!

Banks give customers with checking accounts a booklet of checks. To buy something, you need to fill out the check, sign it and give it to the seller.



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Write what the check is for in this space. It's to help you remember.

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Write the amount of money you are paying in numerals here.

Write the amount in words and the cents in numerals here. Draw a line to fill the whole space so no one can change the amount.

Your signature must match the signature card at the bank so they know you are the one writing the check.

Banks say you should always write a check in pen. Why do you think that's important?

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

You have seen people using an ATM card to take money out of the bank (a withdrawal) or put money in a bank (a deposit). Use the code to find out what the letters ATM mean.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

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### Double Double Word Search

TREASURES BUSINESS NUMERALS BANKING SAVINGS CHECKS BANCA BENCH PIGGY MONEY CENTS COUNT SAFE EASY CASH

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter Sequencing: Recognize identical words; skim and scan reading; recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Quantity

Find an ad. Rewrite the ad, substituting words like "many," "few" and "several" for the numbers. Are the numbers necessary? Why or why not?

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Students solve problems and justify their reasoning.



### What's the difference between a fake dollar bill and an angry rabbit?

ANSWER: One is bad money and the other is a rabbit.

### Write On!

#### Why have a piggy bank?

Do you have a piggy bank? If so, why? If not, why not? Write a paragraph or more.



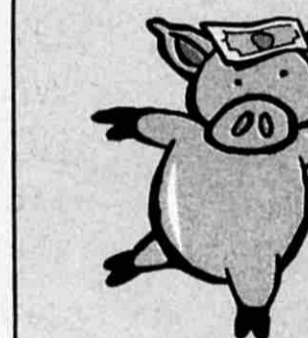
**Piggy Bank Shake**  
Pretend you are a piggy bank and shake yourself. Can you hear the jingle of coins? Shake to the left! Shake to the right!



**Jingle Jump**  
Toss ten coins onto the sidewalk. Can you hop from coin to coin, standing on one foot? Next, do deep knee bends to pick them all up!



**Heads or Tails?**  
Try to do ten sit-ups while balancing three coins on your head. Now have a friend try. Could either of you do it?

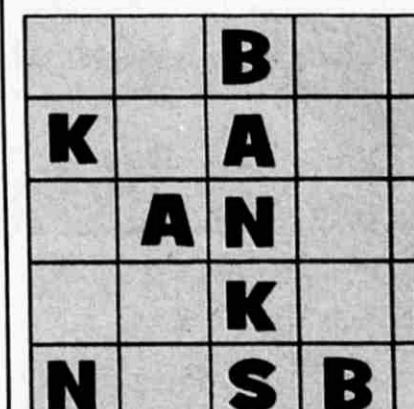


**Balanced Budget**  
Try to walk across your yard with a dollar bill on your head. It'll take some smooth moves to keep the dollar from dropping!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

### Kid Scoop Joku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BANKS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.





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