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Former mayor remembered for her love of Lowell; served as inspiration for women in politics

by Emma Palova

Charlotte Jeanne Shores was known as a caring person with a balanced personality, a good neighbor, a relentless city leader and ambassador for the city of Lowell.

And although she could be seen as sometimes stubborn and unyielding in city politics, Shores was always encouraging and fair, according to current mayor Jim Hodges. Twice, Shores was the mayor of Lowell, from 2001 to 2005 and then again in 2008.

Shores passed away Sunday after a battle with cancer at the age of 74.

Hodges has endless memories of Shores. The two were both friends and city officials who encouraged each other to run for seats for close to three decades.



Hodges met Shores in 1982 as a member of the First Congregational Church at a time when Lowell had only one bank, the Lowell State Savings Bank.

"I knew her as a friendly face," he said.

Shores started her public service on the planning commission in 1980. Hodges

encouraged her to run for a seat on the council in 1994. When Hodges lost his seat to Michael Blough in 1997, and remained for six years off the council, it was Shores turn to encourage him to re-run in the fall of 2003.

And in spite of some rivalry, and sometimes difference in opinion, the two have always remained great friends.

"We learned a lot from each other," said Hodges, "like how to differ on various issues. But we always respected each other. We agreed more than disagreed."

One of their biggest disagreements was on the issue of hunting deer in the city limits. Shores steadily opposed, while Hodges eventually changed his

mind and switched sides to allowing hunting. The issue passed. Other spirited debates surrounded the Cable TV.

"There were areas we could hotly contest, but remain friends," Hodges said. "Jeannie was a terrific leader. She encouraged other women to be involved in the community."

She encouraged girls through the Women's Club and she worked as a food sample lady at Forest Hills Foods.

"Jeannie led a truly, wonderfully balanced life between her city activities, employment and family," said Hodges.

Truly, after her husband Carl passed away at a young age, Shores brought up her two girls, Nancy and Carla, by herself, according to sister-in-law Julie Condon.

"I will always remember her for her love for this community and its people. The city of Lowell meant more to her than anything," said daughter Carla Stone.

Condon has known Shores since kindergarten. And in spite of the fact that Shores hasn't always had an easy life, she has always had a good attitude, according to Condon.

"She was always positive," Condon said. "She's been the last of my husband's family. We always stayed in touch and visited each other."

Also known as a very social person, Shores was friends with everybody, says Hodges. And she was always there for everybody, like for her next door neighbor Pat Horn on Riverside and Spring streets.

As the mayor, Shores did weddings in Horn's beautiful garden. She would visit with Horn after her husband Don died.

"She was there for me," said Horn. "She very much enjoyed being the mayor. It was nice having her as a neighbor. Jeannie was a great, lovely person."

Shortly after becoming the mayor for the second time in January of 2008, Shores was diagnosed with cancer. Before that, she had still participated in the Riverwalk dunk tank in July.

For Hodges, who nominated Shores into her mayor seat, the toughest time came when he had to ask Shores to step aside, to fill the seat.

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Harvest Celebration set for this Saturday adds new barn dance

by Emma Palova

The annual Harvest Celebration will take place this Saturday both in downtown and at the fairgrounds. New this year is the barn dance at Reath Barn.

The bridge will be closed between the King Milling parking lot and Riverside and Water streets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The dedication of the bridge, that will celebrate the end of a six-months long project, will be at 2 p.m. City manager Dave

Pasquale will give a speech. Members of the city council will also be invited.

Chamber director Liz Baker said people will still be able to access the businesses at both ends of Main Street by simply using the former detour route.

"It's short and hopefully it won't deter business as usual," she said.

Immediately after that, the chamber and the arts council will unveil an eight-foot tall troll made by local artist Nate Galusha. The

troll is made of foam and fiberglass, and is part of the entire downtown troll marketing project. It was funded by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The festivities will kick off with the Harvest Hustle costume 5K run and walk with registration on Avery Street. Then the activities will split between the fairgrounds and Main Street.

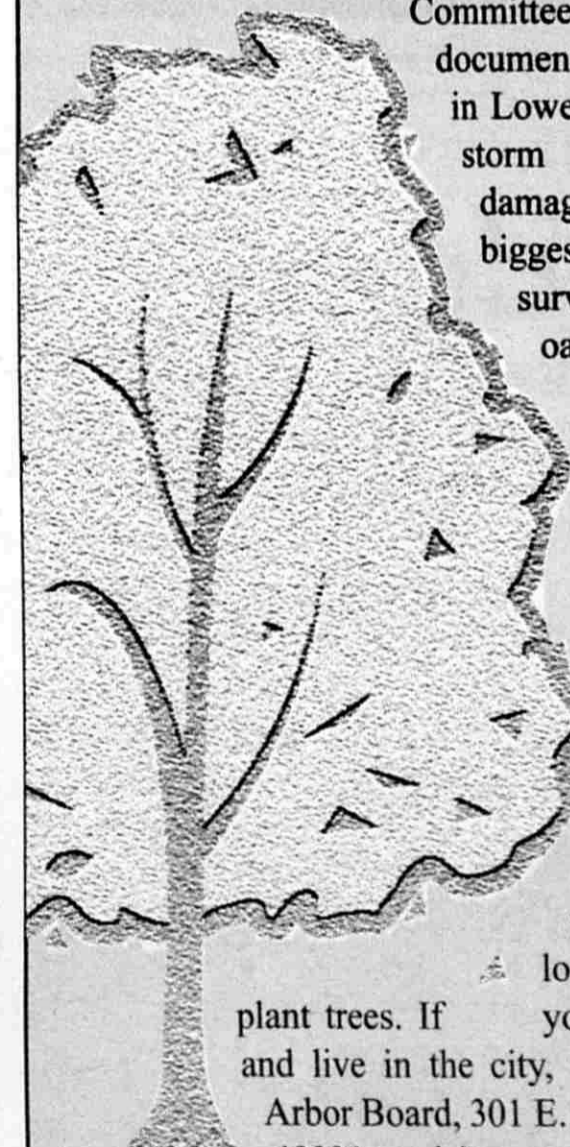
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The banner downtown announces the upcoming Harvest Celebration.

Big Tree Contest

The Big Tree contest October 9 deadline is fast approaching. The Lowell Arbor Committee is looking to document the biggest trees in Lowell. After last week's storm several trees were damaged. The current biggest trees in Lowell all survived the storm: the oak tree at 725 Bowes Road at Schneider Manor at 179 3/4 inches; the oak tree at 421 N. Washington at 158 inches; and the silver maple at 964 Riverside Drive.



The Lowell Arbor board meets monthly and they are looking for areas to plant trees. If you would like a tree and live in the city, write to The Lowell Arbor Board, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or visit www.ci.lowell.mi.us

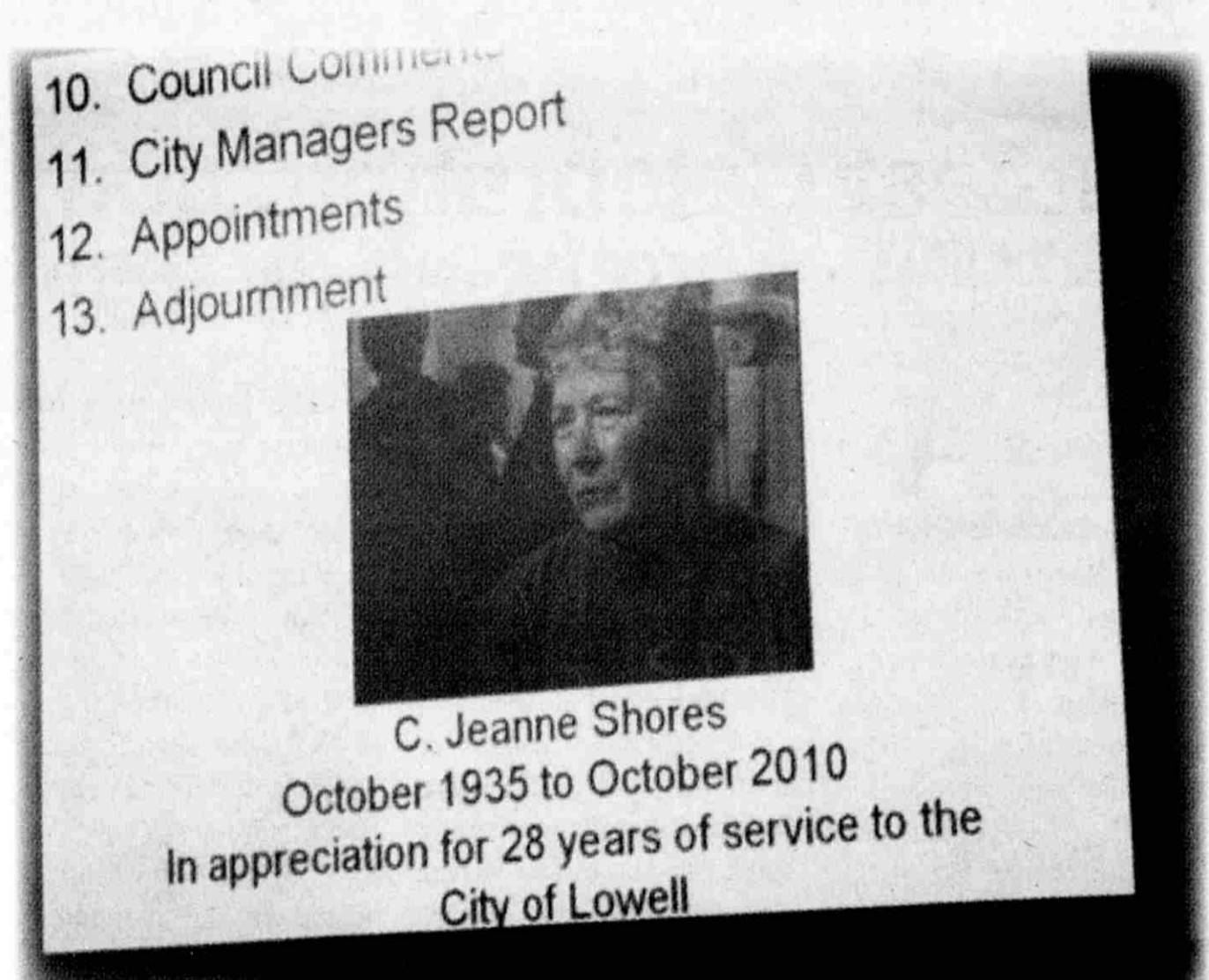
City approves search facilitator to find new manager

by Emma Palova
 The Lowell City Council, Monday, approved Michigan Municipal League search facilitator Bill Baldrige to find a new city manager. Current manager Dave Pasquale will be retiring on June 30 after 20 years with the city.
 The city council will meet with Baldrige in an open session to establish meeting dates, create candidate and community profiles, and to establish recruitment strategy.
 The search project is expected to last 12 weeks and it will include site visits.
 "We're looking to find a proper fit," said mayor Jim Hodges.
 The professional fee to the search facilitator will be based on the new manager's salary.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison stressed the need for a professional facilitator since the majority of the councilmembers are new.
 The Michigan Municipal League's fee for executive search is typically 10 percent of the annual salary level for the position. Project expenses are billed at actual cost and these include the actual cost of advertising which averages \$750, the actual cost of background investigation which typically ranges from \$150 to \$300 per candidate, actual costs of travel and related out-of-pocket expenses.
 In other business: the city council will serve as a liaison to deal with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding grant funding for the Lowell Area Trailway (LARA) project.

According to project coordinator Dave Austin, MDOT will only deal with a road agency. Neither one of the townships is considered a road agency. The city is an Act 51 road agency.
 The trail authority has applied for a \$277,311 MDOT enhancement grant. The \$1,066,000 million project to construct a trail from Cherry Creek Elementary to the Wittenbach/Wege Agri-Science Center in Vergennes Township is slated for spring with completion before school starts.
 "We should be a trail city," said Austin.
 The city will also join the Matching Opportunities and Resources for Entrepreneurs (MORE) program. Lowell will provide information to entrepreneurs who want to start business in Lowell. The program matches up entrepreneurs with opportunities.


The city council, Monday night, used for the first time two large overhead projection screens funded from the Lowell Cable Television Fund for the cost of \$10,000.
 The agenda was projected on the screens with the final projection dedicated to former mayor C. Jeanne Shores for her 28 years of service to the city.



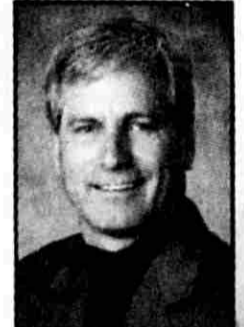
A large projection screen with Jeanne Shores' picture honored her 28 years of service for the city of Lowell at the Monday night city council meeting.

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LOWELL PET EXPO

Visit the Pet Expo during the Harvest Celebration on Oct. 9 at the fairgrounds. You'll find pet related vendors, rescue organizations with adoptable pets and on site microchipping. Hosted by the Lowell Dog Park.

CITY HALL CLOSED THURSDAY

Lowell City Hall and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Thursday, October 7, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. in observance of the funeral services for the previous Mayor, C. Jeanne Shores.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., Oct. 16, 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.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players Community Theatre is seeking youth and adult actors for Beanie and the Bamboozling Adventure Machine. Dates of the production are Jan. 28 - Feb. 6 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Auditions are Thursday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. Rehearsals begin the week of November 8. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell at (616) 897-8545.


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 assurance 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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Former mayor, continued

"She graciously did that," he said. "It was very difficult."
 The council named Shores mayor emeritus and she presided over what would have been her last meeting in December.

City manager Dave Pasquale worked with Shores on and off for 20 years.
 "She always wanted the best for the city," he said. "She was very active on the council."

Shores was involved in all the major city projects with the fire station, the ambulance, with the city hall and police station.
 "I always valued her counsel," said Pasquale. "She listened and cared

deeply. She knew how to deal well with a difficult situation and she was not afraid to speak her peace. She was a good friend."
 Chamber director Liz Baker said Jeannie was a

remarkable woman, serving many years on the Lowell Planning Commission, Lowell City Council and several other organizations.
 "She loved our community and gave of her time freely to make it a better place. One of her favorite things to do was to attend the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer

Monday night city council meeting.
 LaPonsie said women should honor Shores' legacy by being involved.
 "She was a great ambassador for Lowell," said Morlock, who traveled with Shores to the Dominican Republic. "She always represented us well. She stood up to the mayor of a city of 400,000."
 Ellison said Shores also encouraged her.
 "I don't think anybody loved Lowell as Jeanne did," said Ellison.
 The city will have a week remembrance in Shores' honor.

Harvest Celebration, continued

Horse drawn shuttle rides will provide connection between the two venues from noon until 5 p.m. There will be a silent troll auction, sponsored by the chamber, where you can bid on your favorite troll.

Food and music are always a big part of this fall celebration. Easy Idle and Lonesome Canyon band will play on Main Street. Lowell Area Historical Museum will have fresh baked homemade pies and apple cider, the Lowell Women's Club will serve up sloppy Joes, candy, caramel apples and beverages, and Ella's Coffee and Fine Cuisine will have coffee,

apple wedges drenched in Litehouse caramel and kettle corn.
 The annual chili cook-off sponsored by Larkin's will start at 11 a.m. on North Broadway Street, with tasting at 3 p.m. This year, funds raised from the cook-off will benefit the Ivan K. Blough Scholarship Fund.
 The main activities at the fairgrounds include the Harvest Arts and Crafts Show and the Flat River Antique Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Foreman Building. The scarecrow building hoedown starts at noon at the Farmers' Market area. The scarecrows will be used to decorate Main Street.

Then, let the chuckin' begin with trebuchet building at 2 p.m.
 The Lowell Area Arts Council will have their annual ghost stories story writing and story telling at the Reath Barn at 2 p.m.
 An old-fashioned barn dance will be held at the Reath Barn from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with square dance caller of 25 years, Bonnie Grooters.
 "We're trying to get people in the community together to have a good time," said Grooters. "This is a new experience for me."

The barn dance is open to anyone from age 12 and up. And the best part is that you do not need to know how to dance. Grooters said the dancing will consist of old-fashioned squares.
 "It's like they used to do in the grange halls," she said.
 The event is not a fundraiser, but to make ends meet there is a \$6 per person charge at the door.
 Lorain Smalligan, director of the arts council, said it will be a fun night of dancing.
 "It will be basically a fun hoedown," she said.

Rotary Club member and LHS students luncheon

Members of the Lowell Rotary Club will welcome the 2010-11 Lowell High School Interact Club students from Lowell High School at a noon luncheon at Grand Volute in Lowell on October 13.

Twenty-eight students ages 14-18 will be part of this year's Interact Club, lead by school advisor R.J. Boudro, with Lowell Rotary Club as its sponsor. The students are also required

to do at least two service projects each year - one local and one international. Last year the two projects included Hope for Haiti and the FROM Food Fight.
 The Interact Club started right around the time the earthquake hit Haiti last year and the club's students were interested in helping those people in need. Students sought out an organization based out of Grand Rapids named "Rays of Hope for

Haiti." The Interact Club put on an assembly during school where representatives from Rays of Hope came to Lowell High School and gave an educational presentation about the suffering in Haiti. The students organized a drive for items the people of Haiti were in need of.

Items were sent over in five-gallon pails, including non-perishable food items, toiletries, stuffed animals, and diapers. Over 40 pails filled with helpful items were sent to Haiti.
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LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
 Week of Oct. 11, 2010

MON: Chicken patty on bun (junior ham & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), sweet potato oven fries, applesauce, milk.

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

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

THURS: Hot dog on bun (junior turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), baked beans, pineapple, milk.

FRI: French toast sticks or cereal w/graham crackers, each w/scrumbled eggs, peaches, seasonal fresh melon, milk.

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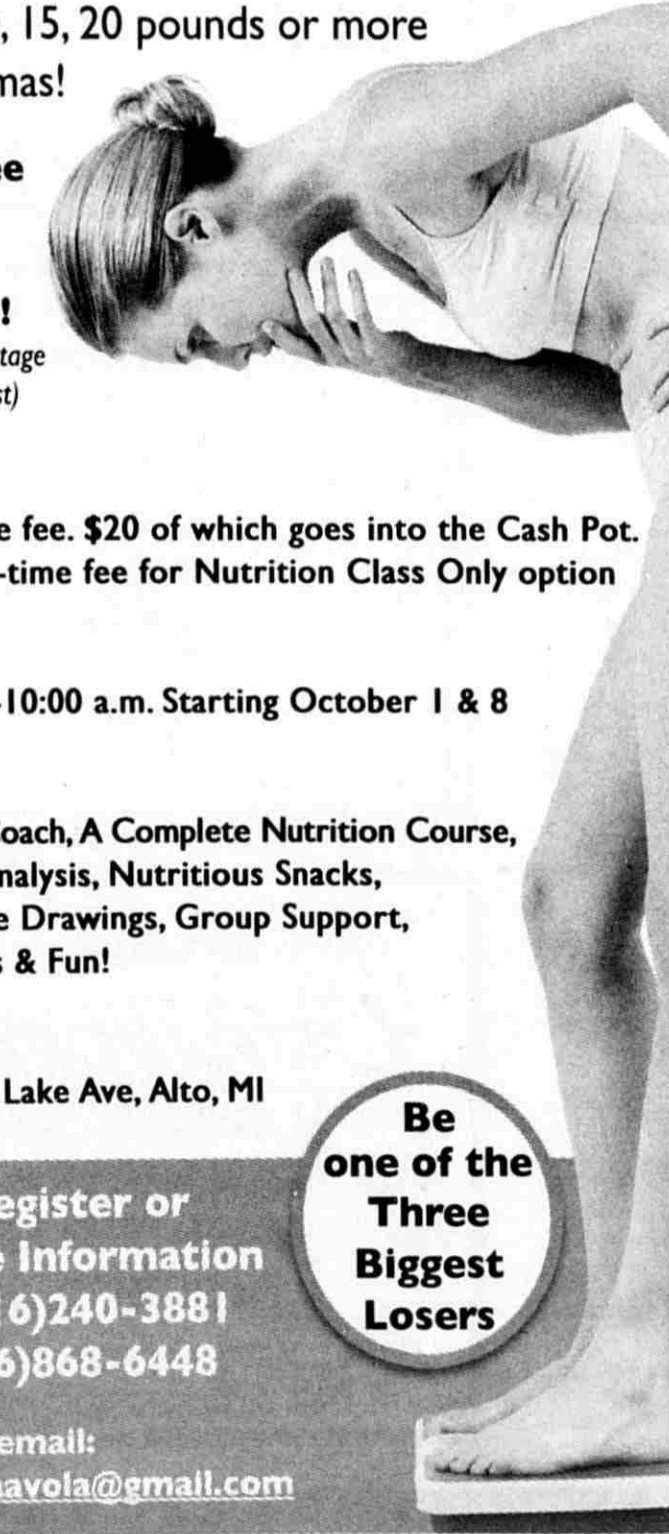
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Not long ago on a hazy August day, the race to name the new inn in town began. The owners Greg and Deb Canfield waited with anticipation, eager to see what the creativity of Lowell would produce. They didn't have to wait long. E-mails poured in, as well as, mailed letters, phone calls, and in-person submissions. Finally, with the deadline of September 13 approaching, it was time to choose - and with 273 entries, they certainly had plenty to choose from!
After much deliberation and thought, Greg and Deb agreed that the name submitted by both Grace Neubecker and Debbie Phillips was perfect -

MAIN STREET INN!

"It just works," said Deb. "It's simple, yet classy - exactly the atmosphere we want the name to express. Both Deb and Greg were touched at the overwhelming number of entries they received and the thought put into each one. Of the 273 entries, there were 14 for Flat River Inn, 10 for Showboat Inn, 90 with the word "river", 23 with the word "water" and 21 with the word "Canfield." Eight people proposed The Dam(m) Inn. 15 suggested names with historical significance, such as, Cabagnacha Lodge, La Framboise Inn and Marsac Auberge de Riviere. And several others recommended names like The Next Place To Be Inn, The Flat River Flophouse and Home Sweet Inn. Even Santa & Mrs. Claus got in on the fun with The Christmas Inn and accompanying poem.


The winners will each receive one free night's stay at Main Street Inn once the construction is complete. As a thank you to all who participated and as an introductory special for the year 2011, any couple who stays at the inn on the actual date of their wedding anniversary will receive the percent off for the number of years they have been married.

Construction is progressing nicely, and the Canfields expect to open for business in mid-November. You don't need to wait until then to check it out though. During the annual Fall Festival on October 9, 2010, Main Street Inn will be open for tours and will be accepting reservations at that time as well. It will also be part of Girls' Night Out the following Thursday, October 14, 2010.

Come check them out one or both days - and get your reservations in too by calling 616.897.1171! Dates will fill up fast as it is guaranteed to be the best "Next Place to Be" in Lowell.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

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Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Should you take "early retirement?"

At some time or another, you've probably thought about what you'd like to do during your retirement years. But when will those years begin? You may have some idea in mind about your ideal retirement date, but, as that day approaches, you'll need to ask yourself: "Can I afford to retire?"

During these days of corporate downsizing, this question is not rhetorical. If your employer offered you

To make that determination, you'll need to consider several factors:

- **Your family situation** — If you have children, are they out of college? Whether they are or not, are you still helping support them? How about elderly parents? Do you need to provide them with financial support? You'll need to know the answers to these questions to help evaluate your need to continue working.

- **Your eligibility for Social Security** — You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be around 66, your monthly payments will be larger. And if you delay taking payments until you're 70, you can collect the maximum payments. If you continue working, but also start taking Social Security, your benefits will be reduced, up until you reach full retirement age.

After that point, you can earn as much as you want without losing any benefits.

- **Your potential income stream from retirement accounts** — You don't have to start taking withdrawals ("distributions") from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan until you're 70-1/2. But if you want to take early retirement, you'll likely have to tap into these resources much sooner, so you'll need to calculate some hypothetical withdrawal rates to make sure your money will last.
- **Your investment mix** — Outside your IRA and 401(k), you may well have built an investment portfolio over the years. As you contemplate early retirement, you'll need to look at this portfolio to see if it's structured, or could be structured, to provide you with both the income stream you'll need as a retiree and the growth potential to keep

your investment returns ahead of inflation, so that you don't lose purchasing power over time.

As you consider drawing on your retirement accounts and your investments to help fund an early retirement, you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor — someone with the expertise and experience to help make sure you've got an income stream that's big enough to support your

lifestyle, but not so big that you'd eventually outlive your money.

Once you've considered all these factors, and gotten the help you need, you'll be able to make an informed choice as to whether you should accept that early buyout offer — and then your future awaits you.

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business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Realtor of the month in September.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.

college news

Calvin College has announced its 2010-2011 scholarships for the following new students: Kyle M. Mayhew, Melissa S. Shepard, and Daniel M. Van Noord, all of Lowell; Spencer T. Boyko, Gregory G. Bylsma, Andrew M. Cooper, Kyle D. Erffmeyer, Annemaria R. Groenhout, Hannah R. Leisman, Marie E. Mustert, Leah A. Sienkowski, and Thomas E. Wodarek, all of Ada.

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No tax breaks for cutting U.S. jobs



Sen. Carl Levin

The American people understand a simple truth: Our tax code should not encourage U.S. companies to send their jobs overseas. Yet too often, it does that, providing incentives for U.S. companies to move their operations overseas, eliminate U.S. jobs and import goods that they once employed Americans to make.

It's an unacceptable and unsustainable situation, and I and a number of other senators recently tried to end it. Unfortunately, the legislation we supported, the Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act, was blocked from consideration by a Republican filibuster. That's unfortunate, because this legislation would help prevent American workers from losing their jobs because American companies get tax breaks when they move jobs overseas.

The legislation would take two important steps to encourage job growth in the United States and boost our economic recovery. First, it would eliminate tax breaks that corporations claim in

if those U.S. jobs were the result of moving production from overseas back home.

In effect, this legislation would have flipped what is now a system that encourages firms to ship U.S. jobs to other countries, and created a system where companies are encouraged to bring jobs home. Surely Americans struggling to find work, or worried that the job they have will be moved overseas, deserve a tax system that works for them and not against them.

Some of my colleagues opposed this legislation because they feared it might violate our treaty obligations. It is difficult to support this position, given the thousands of U.S. jobs lost because our trading partners fail to live up to their treaty obligations. I am in favor of trade. But I oppose unilateral

disarmament when it comes to trade. It is our obligation to defend the interests of U.S. workers. Ending the tax incentives that cost thousands of those workers their jobs is one way we can fulfill that obligation.

U.S. companies that do the right thing by their U.S. workers should not be at a competitive disadvantage relative to those companies that ship jobs overseas. U.S. tax law should not encourage companies to lay off hard-working Americans. I am disappointed that the Senate was blocked from taking up this important legislation and from ending the distorted incentives that are costing Americans their jobs, and I am hopeful that Congress can act soon to reverse those incentives so they favor American workers.

create a struggle for the elephant and white rhino.

Early European settlers developed vast areas of land to raise cattle. Livestock took over and wild animals were pushed out. In more recent times, climate change caused the land to become hotter and dryer making it difficult to sustain productive farms. The land, however, still provides good habitat for wildlife that originally populated these areas. Farmers have now become safari outfitters by replacing domesticated stock with wild varieties.

Sport hunting has become the most important factor in efforts to preserve wild game populations in Africa. Hunters from around the world come to Africa for the safari experience. Hunters pay trophy fees for animals taken. A portion of these funds go directly to supporting conservation programs. Local economies benefit from the creation of jobs related to the hunting industry such as accommodations, guiding, transportation, taxidermy, game processing, and retail sales. Game meat is used for meals at camp, given to local residents, and sold

in retail markets. Once an animal is taken, a chain of economic events begins. So, if you order a steak in Africa, it could be Kudu.

When the animals had no value, there was no one with influence and power to champion their cause. Animals were once killed by poachers for tusks and horns and left to rot. Others were killed or driven off in favor of cattle and crops. Herds had to reside in national parks or congregate in remote areas where they over-browsed vegetation to the point of destroying the habitat. When it was realized that sport hunters were willing to pay \$25,000 for a lion or \$2,200 for a Kudu, the animals were protected. Permit fees on species such as the elephant go to support enforcement efforts and other conservation projects.

Legal hunting has little impact on the animals or the environment and, when necessary, is used to balance numbers with habitat to maintain healthy wildlife populations. If you go to Africa for any reason, you will now find wild game about just like in the days of Roosevelt and Hemmingway.

outdoors

hunting africa

Dave Stegehuis

Political, economic, and social change have altered the landscape and culture of Africa since Teddy Roosevelt and Earnest Hemmingway ventured to the Dark Continent to pursue an abundance of wild game.

The dream is still alive for the modern hunter because of successful conservation programs in many African countries. More important, the future looks brighter for most species. Poaching and habitat destruction still

Jas Scott made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.
Miss Ella Hart is visiting friends in Hastings this week.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
October 3, 1935

That Lowell may some day be known throughout the middle west as a tomato canning center is within the realm of possibility as the result of the shipping of large amounts of canned tomatoes by the L.W. Rutherford Co. Sixty local people are employed by the company.

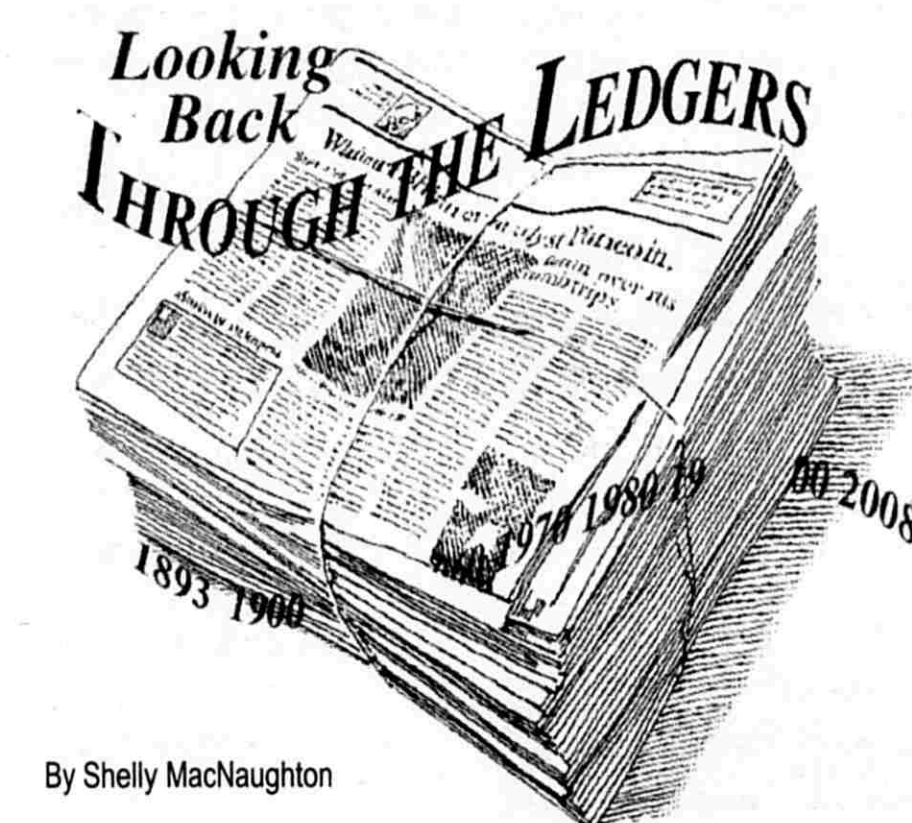
50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
October 6, 1960

Lowell City Council and Light & Power board, confronted with the problem of serving the great increase of power needed to serve the Attwood Corporation plant now under construction, have several solutions under consideration. One solution is selling to Consumers Power Company, who it was mentioned at the council meeting, have made a verbal offer to the city of \$750,000 for the entire plant.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
October 9, 1985

Two new businesses have opened their doors in a recently vacant building at 2186 W. Main Street. Tee-Jay's Family clothing is owned and operated by Jim and Teresa Rash.

At the west end of the building you'll find the Brother's Inn, owned and operated by Don Phillips and his brother Ned Prysock. Manager of the restaurant is Pat O'Reilly.



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
October 9, 1885

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Will Booth of this village has accepted a position with the Newago furniture company.

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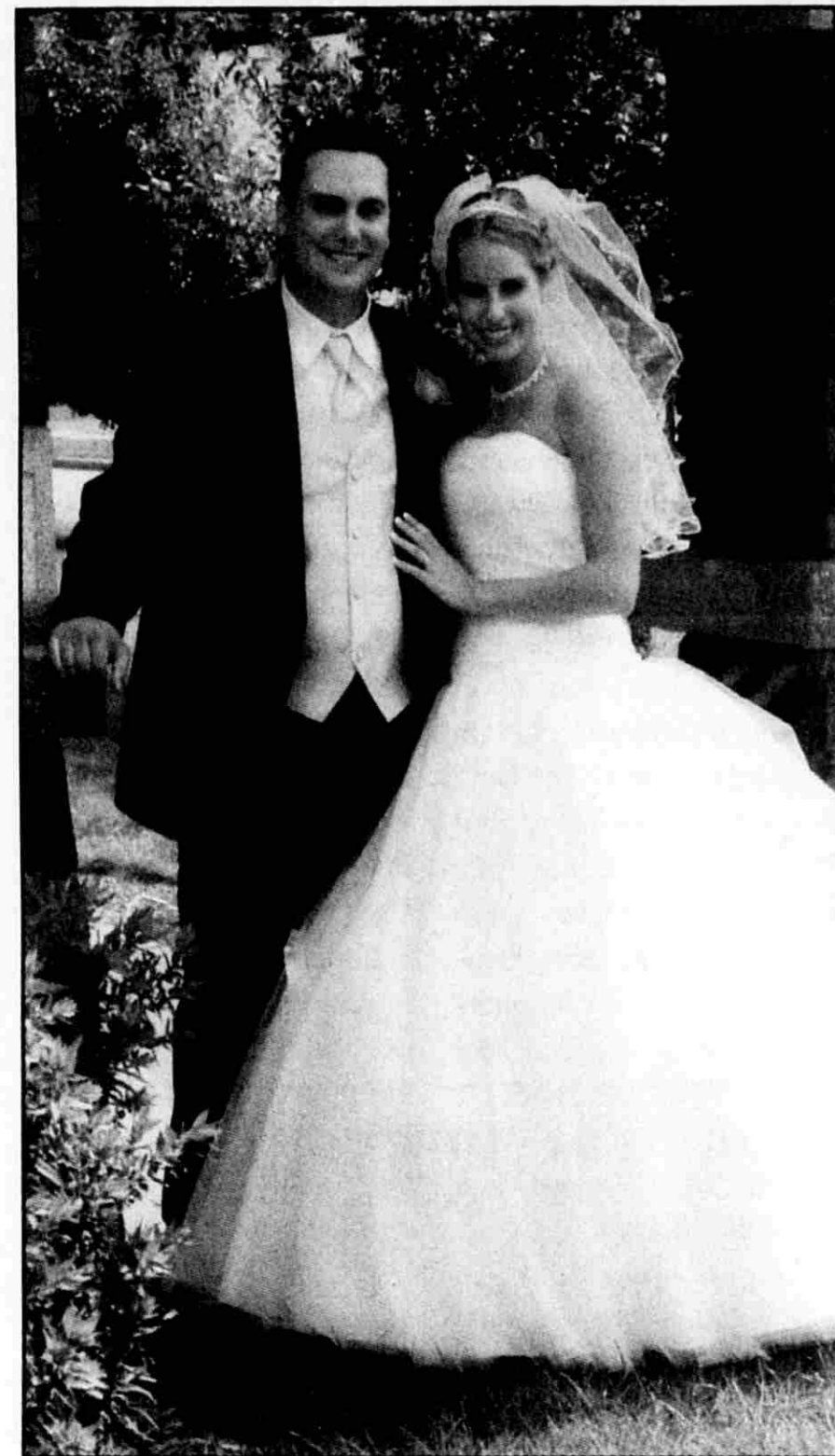
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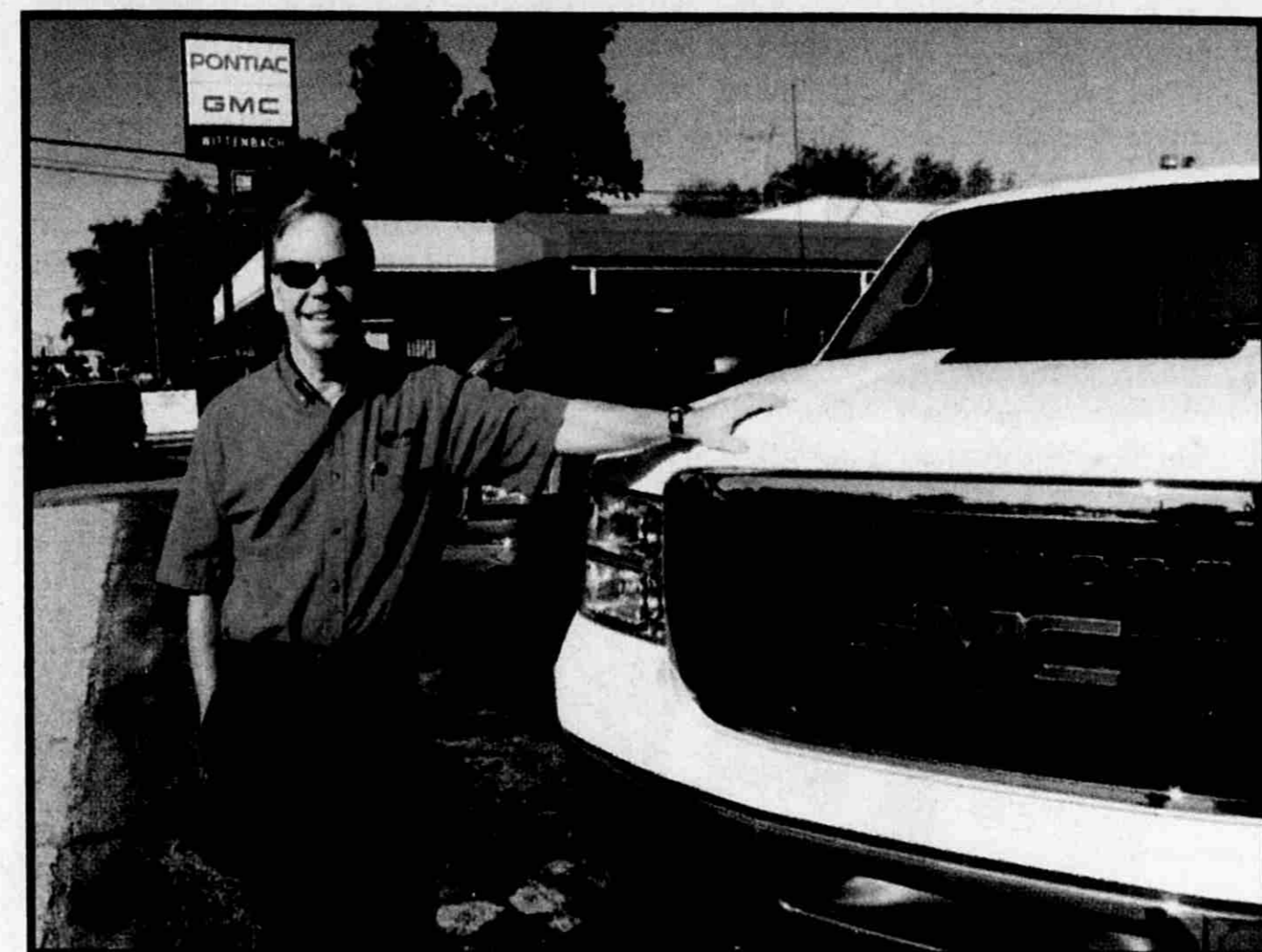
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Dealership under new management shows strong sales growth

by Emma Palova

Todd Anderson is the new general manager at Wittenbach GMC dealership, while Tim Nelson is the new business manager in used vehicles. In the wake of the recent changes at General Motors, the dealership has been impacted by losing Pontiac and Oldsmobile, leaving it with the GMC truck line and SUVs only.



Todd Anderson is the new general manager at Wittenbach GMC.

"We are an interesting anomaly in the auto industry," said Anderson. "To have just GMC is very unusual."

As part of the GM restructuring, the dealership is also struggling with not having enough cars.

"They're not just pumping out cars as they tighten their belts," said Anderson. "It's about profitability and not just volume."

So, the quicker the dealership turns around cars, the more cars it earns. "If you turn them quickly," he said, "you earn more cars."

So far, the dealership

with 20 employees, has increased sales three times by focusing on whatever makes the customer happy. That may include picking up and returning cars.

Part of the new fresh outlook is emphasis on customer service, while being product oriented. This means vehicles, for example GMC Terrain, have better fuel economy at 32 miles per gallon, a back up camera and other options for \$24,000.

The goal for Wittenbach is to add two more new car sales divisions, Buick and Chevy.

So, the dealership is battling back to have more divisions as it emerges from the downturns on a major upswing.

Downsizing, according to Anderson, eliminated duplication in vehicles and created savings in additional dealer costs and marketing. Anderson predicts future trends in electronic cars, such as Chevy Volt and Nissan. But right now, there is a strong market for GMC. Vehicles like Acadia now receive environmental scoring for fuel efficiency. They have increased flexibility in cargo space behind the front row and convenient access to all three rows of seats.

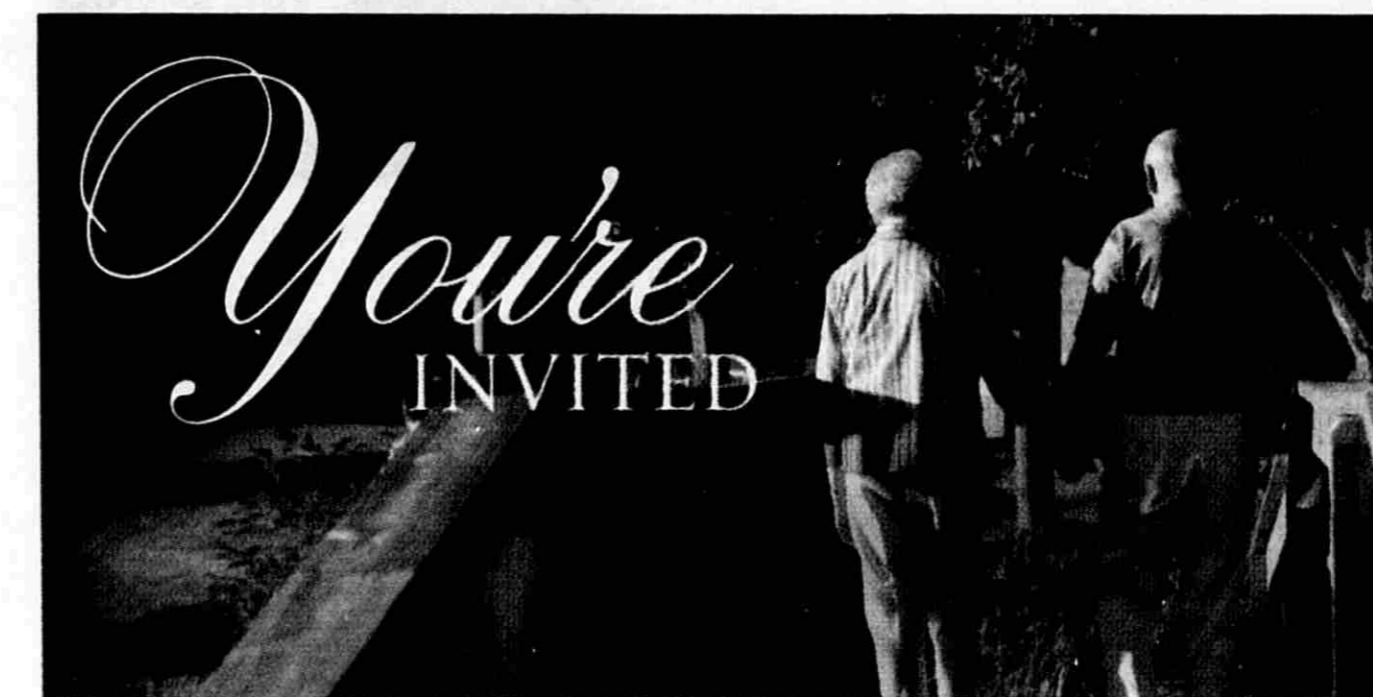
"Our goal is high customer satisfaction and retention," said Anderson.

Anderson forecasts that the situation with not enough vehicles will correct itself and that there will be enough vehicles.

Franciscan Life Process Center to celebrate LIFEfest this Sunday

The Franciscan Life Process Center will hold the LIFEfest annual fundraiser this weekend. The LIFEfest dinner on Saturday has been moved to the Peter M. Wege Theatre due to area construction. Managing editor for University of St. Thomas's academic journal, Logos: a Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture, Elizabeth Kelly, will be the guest speaker. The actual LIFEfest event, "A Country Sampler," will be held this Sunday at the center. There will be no charge. Guests can either bring their own lunch or purchase coupons for "walking tacos," corn-on-the-cob, and apple pies.

Mass is at 11 a.m. Expanded country store will sell art and craft items, live and dried plants, Franciscan farm canned goods, apples, homemade bread, cookies, candy, handmade rosaries, and original pottery. Families can paint pumpkins or make puppets. There will be horse drawn wagon rides.



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Lowell grad featured in hunk calendar

Michael Tuma, a 1992 Lowell High School graduate, was on ABC's Good Morning America. Tuma, 36, is featured as Mr. September on the 2011 hunk calendar. Money from the calendar is used to help support the families of firefighters killed on Sept. 11. Tuma went to New York City to pursue a modeling career. Instead, he joined the fire department. Tuma is also a recipient of the Thomas A. Wiley award for saving a woman who had fallen into the Hudson River in December of 2008.

CITY OF LOWELL BIG TREE CONTEST

Who has the biggest tree?
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To help kick off the 3rd year of the city of Lowell Arbor Board Committee and promote awareness, respect, and appreciation of our city's abundance of trees, we want to recognize and protect our BIG trees in the city of Lowell. The contest runs until the October 9th Harvest Fest.

CONTEST DETAILS

- Must be within the city limits of Lowell.
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- Tree size will be confirmed by an arborist and a professional landscaper
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Museum unveils temporary exhibit

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Historical Museum unveiled the newest temporary exhibit "Fabulous Furniture" last week after an opening reception at the McQueen Building.

The "Fabulous Furniture" exhibit features a stunning Victorian bedroom suite by Berkey & Gay, a former furniture company in Grand Rapids.

According to museum director Pat Allchin, the Victorian bedroom has always been the missing piece in the museum. The museum boasts a completely restored parlor and a dining room, and now the Victorian bedroom.

Walking into the room is like stepping into a different era. The beautifully carved furniture breathes timelessness and elegance. The entire atmosphere of the room feels gentle and romantic.

"We want to get it out to the public to see it," said museum director Pat Allchin.

The exhibit, two years in the making, was built with gifts or loans from the public. The actual bedroom furniture is on loan from the Grand Rapids Museum. Allchin worked with collections manager, Marilyn Merdzinski and collections curator, Alex Forist.

The furniture, an Eastlake Design, was built in 1880 at the Berkey & Gay Factory in Grand Rapids. It was sold in a New York showroom and shipped to Texas. In 1991, it came back to Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids Museum purchased the furniture suite to add it to its own collection. It was completely restored to its current beauty.

The bedroom is complimented with archival, gifted and loaned items, such as a Victorian wedding dress and the marriage certificate of Emma Winegar and Frank White.

"Without gifts or loans, we wouldn't be able to do our exhibits," said Allchin.

The special exhibits are temporary for a period of one to two years. The furniture exhibit will be up for two years so people can admire its sophisticated beauty complete with stenciled walls. Pat and George Allchin stenciled the walls themselves.

Media Rare out of Grand Rapids worked on the information panels about Lowell's rich furniture history.

"They show the impact of furniture manufacturing on the economy of our town," said Allchin, "how we've evolved as a furniture city."

They include Superior Furniture,

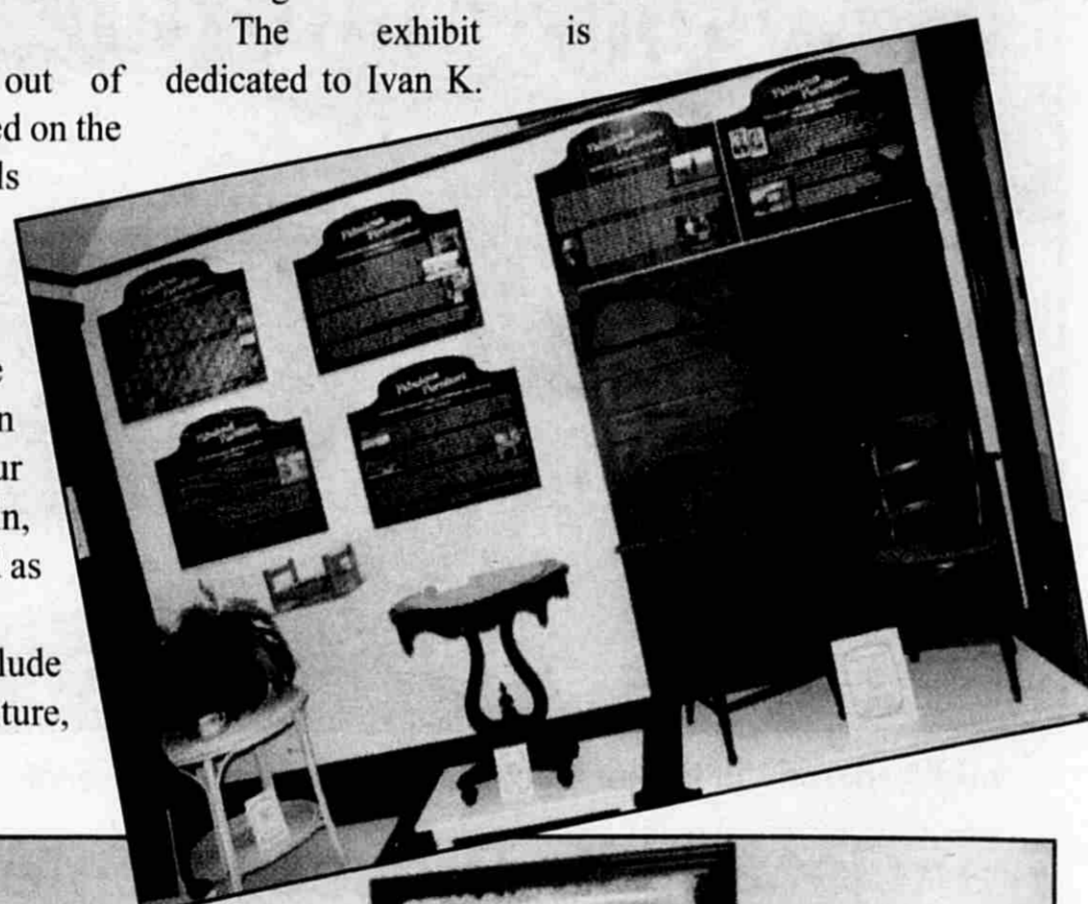
Ypsilanti Reed, and Kopf furniture companies among others.

The budget for the exhibit was \$10,000 including in-kind volunteer hours used as a match to funding. Approximately 500 man hours were involved in building the exhibit.

The exhibit is dedicated to Ivan K.

Blough, who was involved in every aspect of the museum, and also worked on the exhibit. It was partially funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund and Ivan K. Blough Memorial Fund.

"It was an exciting exhibit to work on," said Allchin.



The "Fabulous Furniture" exhibit features a stunning Victorian bedroom.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Playing big defines these two programs

by Thad Kraus

Following Friday night's Lowell-Grand Rapids Christian football game, an Eagle player told his parents "Lowell doesn't look big, but it plays big."

It's a safe bet that's been said a lot over the years about Lowell and its opponent this week (East Grand Rapids).

For a third consecutive year, the Red Arrows and Pioneers come into the game ranked number one in Divisions 2 and 3 as they prepare for another big battle that will likely decide the O-K White title.

Ironically, the Red Arrows last loss was a 35-12 defeat to EGR last year.

Since 2001 the two schools have only lost one regular season game each to someone other than each other.

"We're two special programs fortunate enough to be playing one another," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Since 2002 the two schools have played big at the highest level. They have combined for nine state championships. East has won six and Lowell has won three.

"This year's team, individually probably none would want, but together as a team they've played well," Dean said.

The two teams have one common opponent in Grand Rapids Christian (0-2, 4-2). Two weeks ago, EGR edged the Eagles, 21-14. On Friday, Lowell beat up Christian 55-7.

The Lowell coach understands Friday's win over Grand Rapids Christian has raised expectations.

"I think it may have people anticipating us doing more than we're capable," he says. "I've always worked under the philosophy that it's better to under commit and over deliver."

The delivery part comes Friday with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium (Bob Perry Field).

Red Arrow SPORTS

- VOLLEYBALL

Wins set up chance for second-half run

by Thad Kraus

Conference wins followed by a quality performance at the West Ottawa Invitational has the Red Arrow girls' volleyball team positioned to gear up for a run through a second round of league games.

"We're hoping to make a run and get back some matches we lost," Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal said.

The Red Arrows lost to conference powers Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids at home three weeks ago.

"We need to take care of our side and hope Christian beats East the second time around," Peal explained.

Lowell took care of its side of the pool on Saturday as the Red Arrows defeated West Ottawa, Shelby and Allegan to advance into the gold bracket.

The Red Arrows continued their winning ways with an opening round win over Wayland.

The victory advanced Lowell into the semi-finals where it played Unity Christian.

Lowell lost in straight sets 25-21, 25-16.

"The girls were right there in game one and then went away in game two," Peal explained.

Christian entered the tournament ranked fourth in the state in Class B.

The Lowell coach added that it was good for the girls to get some games and wins under their belt.

Lowell's O-K White wins came against Northview and Greenville. The victories improved its league record to 3-2.

"The girls played a great match against Northview.

Everything was clicking. That's the first night in conference play that this has happened," Peal said.

The Red Arrows defeated the Wildcats 25-15, 25-12, 25-12.

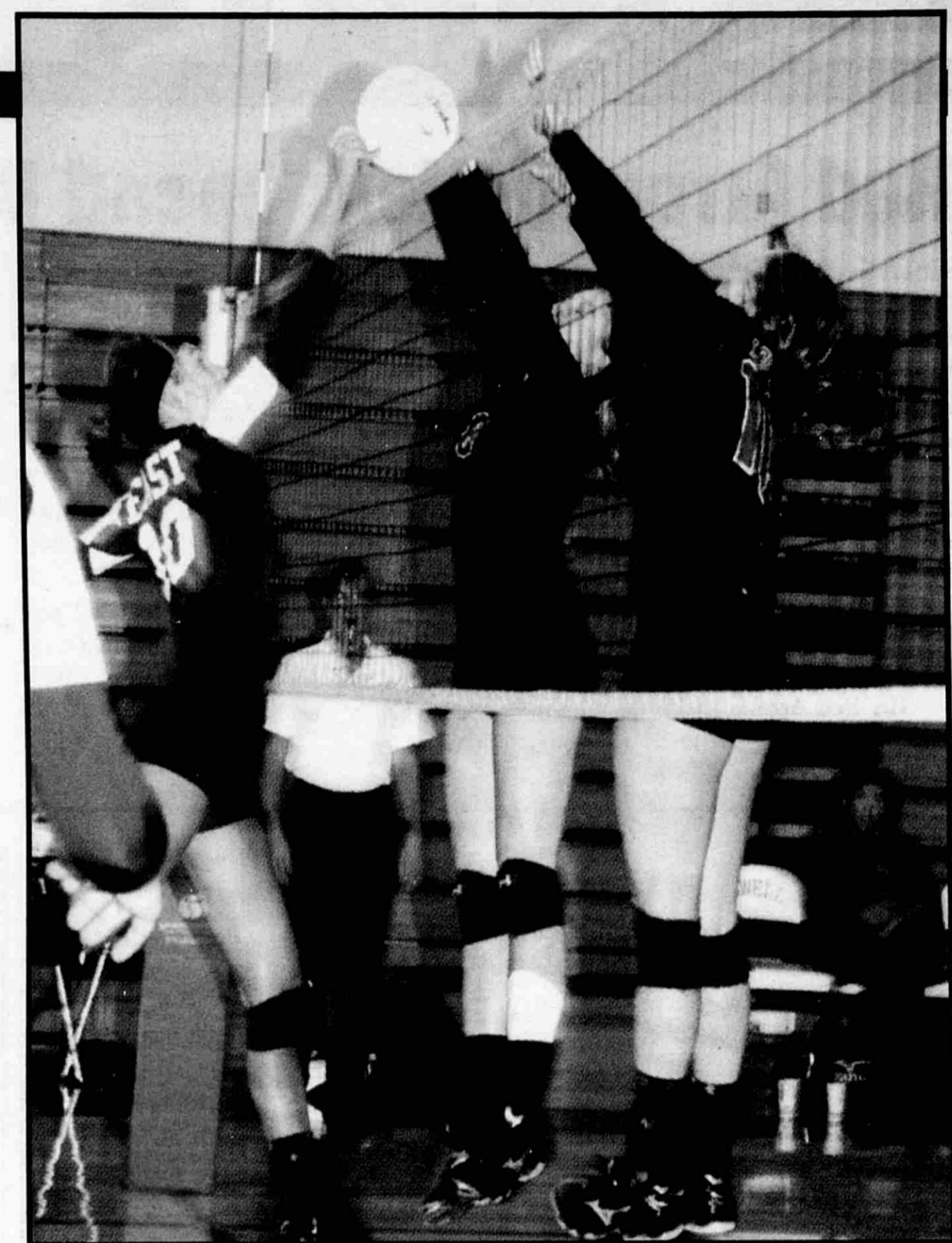
Hannah Geelhoed led Lowell in kills with 11. Jordan Timmer recorded a team-leading 33 assists.

Against the scrappy, nontraditional style of Greenville, Lowell won 25-16, 25-21 and 25-14.

The Red Arrows used big runs to battle back from 12-3 and 19-12 deficits in game two.

"Against a team that plays that style, if you're not careful, you can give up some points," Peal explained. "The girls took care of their side tonight and got things done."

Lowell finished the week with a record 20-8-1.



Lowell girls hope to use the second half of the conference season to block EGR's and Christian's path to a league title while staking its claim to the school's first O-K title.

- FOOTBALL

Lowell pieces together a masterpiece win against Christian

by Thad Kraus

Remember playing the game Masterpiece?

You know the one. Where everyone was in search of that one piece of art that was worth a million dollars.

Well, Gabe Dean's seven-touchdown performance in Friday night's 55-7 drubbing of Grand Rapids Christian didn't bring in a million dollars, but the play of Dean and his Red Arrows sure looked the part.

"As individual pieces these guys might not get picked by another team, but put them all together and they're pretty good," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

The Red Arrows looked like a million bucks from the opening kickoff. Lowell took a little more than six minutes off the clock in its opening drive with Dean busting through from the five-yard line. That was the first of seven scores for the Lowell QB. Six of those came in the first half, four in the second quarter.



Lowell's Gabe Dean rolled up 413 total yards in Lowell's 55-7 win over Grand Rapids Christian.

Dean raced 59 yards on Lowell's second possession, capping an 80-yard drive, to give the Red Arrows a 14-0 advantage.

"I thought our offensive line played very well," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "And our offensive line feeding off the defense has allowed us to have some success early in the season."

The Red Arrow defense did not allow the Eagles a first down in the opening 24 minutes. It held Christian to

140 total yards (59 rushing, 81 passing) for the game.

Lowell blew the lid off the Eagle homecoming night with a 28-0 second-quarter advantage.

Dean scored on runs of 12, five, five, and one yards. "I can't say that I have had seven touchdowns in a game, but I am very fortunate to have that offensive line in front of me," said Dean. "They (offensive line) blocked their butts off tonight and things kind of went our way."

We got rolling and that's a very talented football team, but we had the momentum I guess."

Dean's seventh and final score came in the third quarter on a 15-yard scamper. The junior finished with 257 yards rushing and 156 yards through the air.

The victory pushed the Red Arrows' record to 6-0 and qualified them for the state playoffs.

Lowell finished the quarter came on a 22-yard touchdown rumble by Josh Addington.

"We knew this was a stretch of two huge games and we told them to give their best effort and see what happens," first-year Eagles' coach Don Fellows said. "I think we learned lessons from both games. We learned that we could compete against a good team like East, and on a night when this happens, they stuck together and didn't separate."

Christian broke and that's a very talented football string of 21 consecutive scoreless quarters (dating back to Walled Lake Western's first-quarter touchdown when Andre Davis raced 38 yards down the Eagle sideline for its only score).

"They weren't too happy about that," Gabe Dean said. "Tonight, we just wanted to be physical and tough, and we knew this was a good team so we couldn't fall asleep or anything."

The win sets up another confrontation between #1 ranked East Grand Rapids (defending Division 3 state champs) and #1 ranked Lowell, defending Division 2 state champs.

The Pioneers won 35-14 a year ago. The winner likely will claim another

O-K White conference championship.

"Tonight's win doesn't send any message. East knows us better than we know ourselves and we

know East. There's too much respect between the two programs for that kind of talk," Dean explained. "I know Peter (Stuursma) feels the same way."

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Lowell Charter Township

Red Arrow SPORTS

TENNIS

Red Arrow netters upend Unity; 4th in league tourney

by Thad Kraus
A grim 1-4 start turned into a 4-5 grin as Lowell boys' tennis team finished its regular dual meet season with a 3-1 flury. "They've gotten better as the season progressed," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. Better included a regular season-ending 5-3 win over Unity Christian. The Red Arrows took three of the four singles matches.

Cort Thompson won in straight sets at number one singles with a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Connor Smith, second singles, recorded a 6-3, 6-2 win. Micah Babcock also won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1. The final two matches of the day were three set doubles matches at the third and fourth flights. Both were won by the Red Arrows.

Tyler Wallner and Reece Posthumus, third doubles, mixed up their shots, lobbed well and played smart throughout in posting a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 win. At fourth doubles, it was Zach Fotis and Keaton Pomper persevering 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. "They served well and did a good job of putting shots away at the net," Wall said. In the O-K White conference meet at East Grand Rapids Lowell finished fourth in the six-team field. "We would have liked to have done better but it's what we expected," Wall said. Lowell's Cort Thompson and Connor Smith were the only two Red Arrows to place. Thompson was third at number one singles. His signature win was against

Grand Rapids Christian's Klaas Walhout. Thompson lost to the Eagle twice during the regular season but defeated him at the league tournament 6-3, 6-3. At second singles, Smith defeated Creston and then EGR's Carl Powsner 6-2, 6-2. His only loss was against Northview, 6-4, 6-4. Lowell's second doubles team of Tony Hanson and Austin Rix finished fourth

losing to Christian 7-6(2), 1-6, 4-6. They defeated Greenville 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 and lost to Northview 6-5, 6-4. Northview won the tournament with East Grand Rapids placing second. The Pioneers, who won the dual meet part of the season, and the Wildcats shared overall league honors. Christian finished third, followed by Lowell, Greenville and Creston.

SOCCER

Lowell escapes scare at Creston

by Thad Kraus
It's a lesson they've read about. Lowell boys' soccer team nearly felt the pain from not heeding the age old advice of never underestimating your opponent. The Red Arrows cruised past Creston 8-0 in their first meeting of the year. On Thursday, the Red Arrows traveled to Creston anticipating, expecting,

much of the same: show up, kick the ball around for 80 minutes and leave with a victory. Sounds great except the Polar Bears had other ideas. "Creston came out ready to play and took the game to us," said Lowell boys' soccer coach Rich O'Keefe. "We weren't focused and nor did we finish well." The result was Lowell found itself on the short end of a 1-0 score at half.

It stayed that way deep into the second half before Joe Sweet found the net for Lowell and tied the game at 1-1, sending it into overtime. Matt Kyllonen's goal in O.T. bailed Lowell out of a precarious situation and secured a 2-1 win for the Red Arrows. "At the end of the day the boys' heart and perseverance helped them come out on top," O'Keefe said. "They didn't get down and stuck with it." Lowell now readies itself for rematches with Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids. "We lost games late to both of those teams," O'Keefe said. "These should be good ones. Hopefully the team that beat Zeeland East and not Creston will show up."

Members of the Lowell "B" squad are Kendall Hewitt, Kristin Schramm, Mackenzie Whaley, Kaitlin Fisher, Shelby Baird, Michaela Kehoe, Justin Rinks, Kendra Black, Molly Doyle, and Audrey Blodger. "We have a very large concentration of equestrian riders in our school. We have an A program, two B squads and a C squad, and

as far as I know that is the largest team in the state," said Jessica Bouman, a 2007 Lowell graduate who was a freshman when the school won a title in 2003. Teams can split themselves into several squads. "A" squads consist of 10 or more riders, while "B" teams are 6 to 9, "C" teams are 3 to 5 and "D" teams are two or fewer.

Equestrian team captures region's championship

Lowell's equestrian team continued its ride of excellence when its "B" squad captured the Region A grand championship. The win qualified Lowell for this year's finals Oct. 14-17 at Midland County Fairgrounds. A Lowell equestrian team has been part of the state finals every year since the competition started in 1976.

Red Arrow SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell trims down average team time

by Thad Kraus
No longer does Sarah Ellis measure her girls' cross country team by focus and effort. Now it's time baby, time! And Ellis couldn't be more excited or proud. "Now it's there. Our times keep getting better," Ellis said. "I'm excited and proud." In Saturday's invita-


tional at Carson City, Lowell finished 10th in a field of 19. The Red Arrows average time was 21:17, a team personal record for the 2010 season. The previous

mark was set at 21:44. "That's a significant improvement," Ellis notes. "We started the year right around 23:00. Our average

varsity time is now our focus." Kallie Holzhueter led Lowell at Carson City with a time of 20:34. She was followed by Jess Graves with a time of 20:58, followed by Rebekah Betts

21:32, Rachael Walters 21:35 and Carissa Paiz at 21:44. "Walters is a freshman. She's going to do good things for us in the future," Ellis said.

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Following Lowell's 55-7 win over Grand Rapids Christian Friday night, a local television station asked Lowell football coach Noel Dean if the Red Arrows, in victory, had sent East Grand Rapids a message?

As quickly as the question was phrased, Dean dismissed it. The Lowell coach said there was too much respect between the two schools for that kind of talk. "We have too much respect for one another," he explained. Besides, what would the message be? Look at us, we've won 12 consecutive games. Oh, that's right, EGR has strung together 25 in a row. Look at us, we won a state championship last year.

If my performance sent a message, it was I am now 42-18 and feeling pretty good. However, I am only as good as this week's picks.

Here they go! Catholic Central at Caledonia Coming off a road win, I love the Scots. Rockford at East Kentwood Falcons play Rockford tough, but I love the Rams. Forest Hills Eastern at Middleville Trojans rebound, I love Middleville. Hastings at South Christian This is an ambush game for the Saxons. I love South Christian. Hudsonville at West Ottawa West Ottawa is the home team, I love West Ottawa. Muskegon at Jenison Coming off a tough loss, how can one not love the Big Reds? Forest Hills Central at Mona Shores


Rangers slip and then recover, I love the Rangers. Unity Christian at Zeeland East The Chix have played a stronger schedule to this point, I love Zeeland East. Coopersville at West Catholic Simply put, I love the Falcons. East Grand Rapids at Lowell All the numbers point toward a Red Arrow victory, however, this is EGR!!! Hmmm!!! I love... rhubarb pie on a Friday night following a Lowell victory.

- #### THAD'S TOP 10
1. Lowell
 2. EGR
 3. Grand Haven
 4. Rockford
 5. Zeeland East
 6. West Ottawa
 7. Unity Christian
 8. Muskegon
 9. Hastings
 10. Greenville

Aggressive approach helps improve times

by Thad Kraus
A number of personal bests were recorded at the Carson City-Crystal invitational on Saturday for the Lowell boys' cross country team. "I thought the boys had a great day. Many of them ran PRs. It was nice to see them running aggressively during the race," said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf. "This was something we were focusing on during the week of practice prior to the meet. We will look to build on that in the upcoming weeks." Lowell did not officially place in the meet because the Red Arrows did not field a full varsity team (five runners minimum). "We had a couple of absences and others ran a different race," VanderWarf explained. Running and finishing the race for Lowell were John Mark, 18:57.9; Ben Partridge, 19:12.7; Ryan Timmers, 20:02.9; and Scott VanOosten, 23:14.3.

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular and closed session meetings of September 20, 2010 as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables.

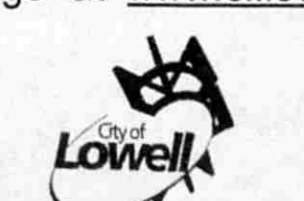
Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the MORE Program.

Motion to approve the resolution committing funds to the Lowell Area Trailway Project to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Motion to approve the Executive Search Agreement for City Manager with the Michigan Municipal League.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 18, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 18, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

obituaries

EICKHOFF

Donald E. Eickhoff, Jr., age 54, passed away suddenly in Holland September 21, 2010. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald E. Eickhoff. He is survived by his mother, Carme Eyer; stepfather, Jack Eyer; stepmother, Muriel Hale; children, Sara (Ryan) Senn of Lansing, Jesse Eickhoff of Kalamazoo, Issac (Grace) Eickhoff of Holland; and Nicholas Eickhoff of Holland; two granddaughters; two brothers, Terry and Rick Eickhoff of Lowell; three half-sisters; two half-brothers; and five step-sisters. Cremation has taken place and there was a memorial service in Holland on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

SHORES

Charlotte Jeanne Shores, age 74, of Lowell, was released from her struggle with cancer and entered her heavenly home on October 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Shores; parents, Burnett Condon, Florence and Gerald Staal; brothers, Bernie Condon and John "Jack" Condon; and stepdaughter, Jacqueline Phillips. She is survived by her children, Nancy (George) Currier, Carla (Ted) Stone; grandchildren, Emily, Joshua, and Sarah Currier, Sean and Sydney Burrows, Hillary (Eric) DeBoer, Mallory Stone, Lisa Pair, Penny Bennett, Diane (Dave) Kurchinski; sister-in-law, Julie Condon; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Phyllis Phillips. Jeanne was a lifetime resident

of Lowell. A retired bank teller, she got her start in city government on the Planning Commission in 1980. She was elected to the City Council in 1994, was elected mayor from 2001-2005 and was re-elected in 2008. In December of 2009 she officially retired to focus on her health. Jeanne was a longtime member of First Congregational Church of Lowell and in most recent years attended the First Baptist Church of Lowell. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, with Pastor David Sims officiating, with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Pink Arrow Project, Alzheimer's Association, and Faith Hospice.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-189184-DE

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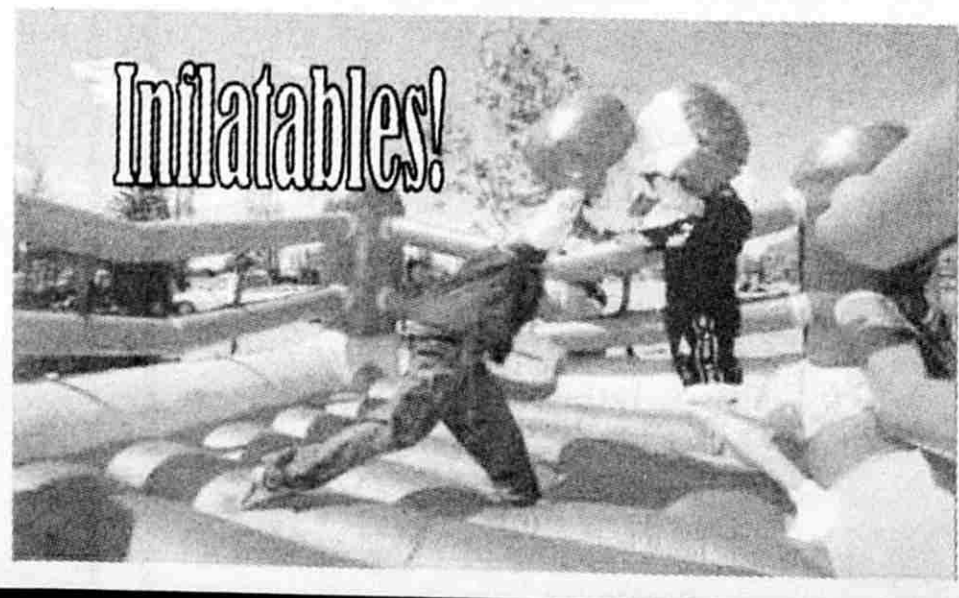
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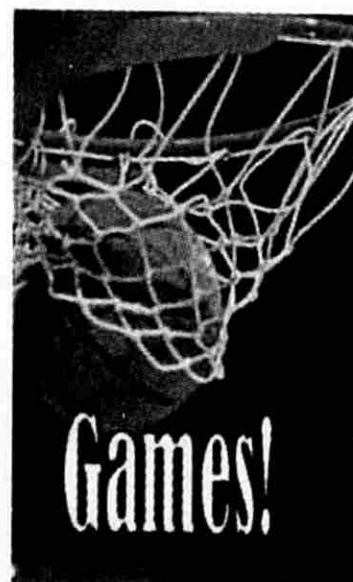
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Where: First Baptist Church of Lowell

Admission: \$8

The Tale of the Troll, Part XXV

by Amy Hayes

Hmmmm, is this the final chapter? Is it true that all of our trolls have moved back to their new and improved "bridge-home?" Did the town of Lowell survive the agonizing months of construction and did Lowell survive the invasion of the trolls?

I am here to tell you that Lowell has never looked so good and that the town is thriving. However, there are a few more loose ends we need to tie up before we leave you.

First off, it has come to my attention that I have not formally introduced myself. Okay, so better late than never. Ha-ha. They call me Historic Harry. I work at the Lowell museum and I make it my business to know "everything" that is happening in Lowell. I keep track of all the prominent news - I keep track of what has been and what will be. I have volunteered countless

hours designing the displays at the museum; that is why they call me Historic Harry. Lowell's museum is truly amazing and there are some humans who help me there too, and they all do a super job.

It is key that we continue to tell the story of Lowell and it is key that we keep people who have passed on alive through our stories at the museum. So please continue to visit me at the museum.

That being said, I really need to tell you how this Troll Tale ends.

So, we were hanging out at the real cool, new antique store, Journeys Time Antiques, you know, the one next to Dovetail Antiques? Oh, it is a great antique store and you should check it out. Anyway, my best buddy, Upton C. Downing from the Lowell's Englehardt Library, met me there before heading over to the weddings.

Upton and I grabbed our suit coats and headed out to the gala event of the season. We didn't want to miss a second of Walt and Cookie's wedding. And Butch and Meme's wedding was directly after. It promised to be a night to remember.

Of course, the trolls were exchanging their vows on none other than the Lowell Showboat. Every troll had pitched in to decorate the Showboat in regal fashion. The Showboat twinkled with sparkling lights, white linens, iced champagne and fresh flowers. A fairy tale setting for a fairy tale event.

Everyone was there. Gemmy grabbed a front row seat where she could see the wedding rings she designed up close. Ansel set up his photography equipment to capture every moment. Petunia, Spot, and Bernadette sat huddled together sharing a moment as a "family." Griffin looked handsome in his little tux as Butch's best man.

The laughter and buzz of excited chatter filled the evening sky. A magical time was unfolding and Lowell seemed truly enchanted. Clapping and cheering broke out when Walt swept Cookie into his arms and kissed her.

and they were pronounced husband and wife.

The mood was joyous, festive, and filled with love. All trolls settled down as the second wedding began. Butch and Meme were so happy.

Finally, after ten long years, Butch and Meme had found their way back to each other. A hush fell on the crowd as the two shared their vows. Tears of joy were running down faces and couples were sitting closer as they remembered their own vows. A beautiful ending to a Troll Tale, or was it?

Mrs. Troll was heard yelling, "No you can't go in there. No, please, please. Not again."

A collective gasp was heard when all the trolls turned their heads to see Adaella. Adaella, the still gorgeous, still heart stopping vixen, that had come between Butch and Meme ten years ago was back. But no one could have anticipated the complete stunned silence that fell on the crowd as they saw a little boy peek out from behind his mother, Adaella. The child looked exactly like Butch. Exactly like Griffin. Oh lordie. A collective groan escaped from the entire crowd of trolls.

Well, I am Historic Harry, but I just cannot speculate further, I cannot gossip. We may never know the outcome of this wedding.

Did Meme and Butch get married in spite of this newest development? Who was the father of Adaella's darling boy? Was Butch ever going to be able to live down his "wild" youth? Would peace ever be restored to the world of the trolls?

Hmmm. Maybe we will find out these answers when our neighboring town of Ada remodels their trolls' bridge on M-21. Maybe someone in Ada will pick up this tale where we end. We hear that Adaella lives under the bridge in Ada. We hear the bridge in Ada is next to be remodeled. Until then, remember to shop local, support local, and as always, God bless and goodbye.

Whenever I hear about power outages I'm so grateful for our local Lowell Light and Power and what a great job they do. Thank you.

Whoever took a jacket and a scarf from Taco Bell Oct. 3rd, I hope you truly needed a warm coat and beautiful scarf. Those items belong to my daughter. I hope you stay warm in the cold weather!



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last week's **poll result:**
Sound Off
Which two couples would you choose to be on "Lowell's Dancing with the Locals"

- Liz Baker/Pee Wee Herman35%
- Lorain Smalligan/Rush Limbaugh4%
- Tim McCormick/Janet Reno4%
- Ron Wenger/Betty White27%
- Emma Palova/Flava Flav8%
- Bucky Curtis/Snooki22%

"Lowell Dancing with the Locals"
(our virtual dance-off)

FINALS!
Vote this week for the winners!



SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5

- Millions of Verizon Wireless customers should have rebates on the way after the company said it incorrectly charged mobile phone users tens of millions of dollars for data they didn't use.
- Europe beats United States to regain the Golf Ryder Cup, 14.5 to 13.5, coming down to the last match.
- The latest census has revealed a drop in the marriage rate in the U.S. from 57 percent to 52 percent and a widening, record gap between the very wealthy and the very poor.

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Don Schneider; \$20 winners are: Joy Sargent, Susan Lambke, Kara Krieg, Rex Crout and Jerry Young; and the \$10 winners are: Howard Achesan, Rick Valentine, Janet Krueger, Ginny Gauger and Beth VanProoyen.

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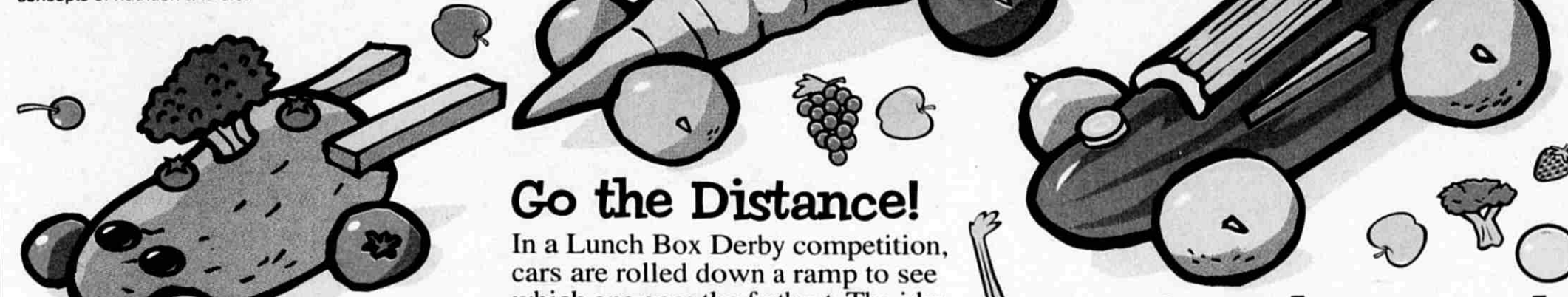
Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Apples!

Grab your fruits and vegetables and make a vehicle that goes the distance. A Lunch Box Derby is in the works!

brussel sprouts and any other produce you can think of will no doubt be used by kids to create fruit and vegetable vehicles for a Lunch Box Derby!

Apples, oranges, pineapples, limes, strawberries, grapes, cherries, cucumbers, carrots, turnips, lemons, mushrooms, black and green olives,

Standards Link: Health: Students understand essential concepts of nutrition and diet.



Go the Distance!

In a Lunch Box Derby competition, cars are rolled down a ramp to see which one goes the farthest. The idea is to show that eating five fruits and vegetables a day gives you energy to "go the distance" just as fuel powers a car.

How to Make a Lunch Box Derby Car

A Lunch Box Derby car should have at least five different kinds of fruits or vegetables. You can use other materials, such as toothpicks, skewers and rubber bands.

Draw your Lunch Box Derby car design here!

You'll need:
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup popcorn
1/2 cup peanuts
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
1/4 cup chocolate chips
1/4 cup cheese crackers
plastic sealable bag



Put all ingredients in a sealable plastic bag. Turn on some music and twist to the left.



Keep shaking the bag as you twist to the right. Then the left! Then the right again!



Now your Trail Mix is ready for your next hike. Keep this energy-boosting snack stored in a sealed container.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop-John

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

L	H	N	
U			C
N	L		
C	L		
H			U

Write On!

What's for lunch?

What would you pack for a yummy and nutritious lunch? Be sure to include fruits and veggies.

SNACK STAR

Create a healthy snack that has something from at least three of the five food groups.

Write the names of the foods you selected from each of the three food groups. Then give your snack a name and write that in the

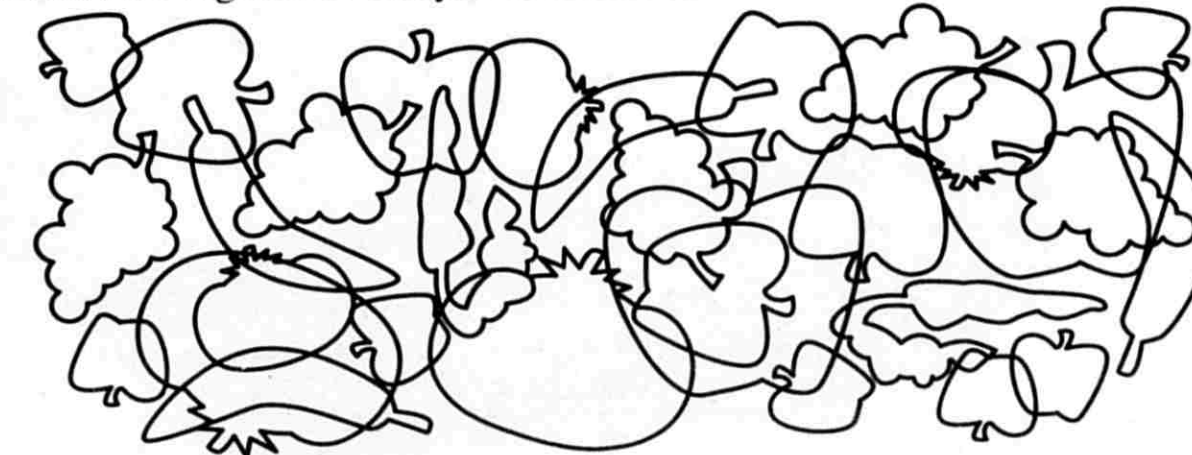
COURTESY: The Growers of Washington State Apples.

Standards Link: Health: Students know foods have different nutritional values.

Scrambled Search

How many of each of these fruits and vegetables can you find hidden here?

- APPLES
- CARROTS
- GRAPES
- TOMATOES
- BANANAS



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Whose Lunch Box Derby car went the farthest? Add up each racer's totals to see whose car went the farthest overall.

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	TOTAL
KEVIN	23"	9"	14"	
MARCY	12"	10"	16"	
YOLANDA	8"	24"	18"	
EVAN	32"	11"	8"	
JOSE	17"	9"	10"	

Standards Link: Number Sense: Use addition to solve problems.



FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Multiples of Two

Look through the newspaper or newspaper website for 10 numbers that are multiples of two. Clip and glue the multiples in order, from smallest to largest. Add all your numbers together.

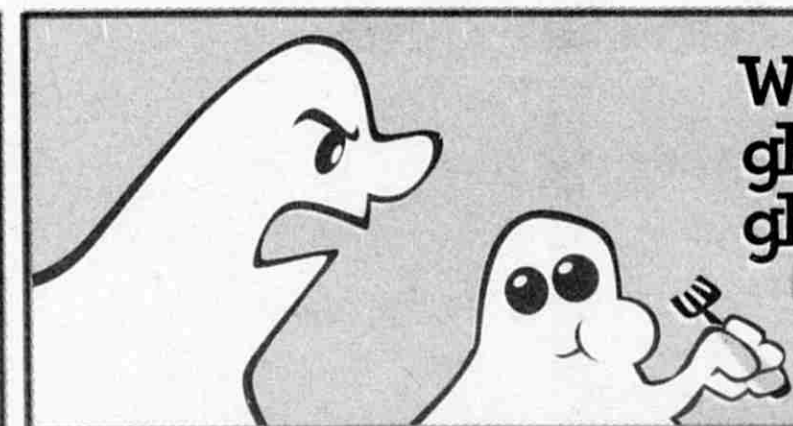
Standards Link: Number Sense: Identify and know multiples of two.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



What did the Mama ghost tell the baby ghost when he ate food too fast?

ANSWER: "Stop gobbling your food!"

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