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## Troll permanently installed in river and new Main Street bridge is officially opened

by Emma Palova

A troll, designed and built to commemorate the downtown bridge replacement project, has been permanently installed on a pylon floating in the Flat River by the Main Street Inn.

The artist, Nate Galusha, built the seven and a half foot troll of styrofoam and fiberglass. Then he placed burlap on him and painted him bronze. There will most likely be a contest to name the troll, who is right now being called the Lowell Troll.

Galusha said he was relieved when he got done with the sculpture since he is mainly a visual artist, a painter. He plans on entering ArtPrize next year. It took him a month and a half to complete the sculpture. He first made a small clay model. He was selected by the Lowell Area Arts Council from four artists.

The troll was erected on Friday night from a pontoon boat owned by Jeff and Bif Altoft. As tradition calls, he



Al Halbeisen, Dave Pasquale, mayor Jim Hodges, Darrell Heuker, Kirk Steudle, Tom Wagenmaker and Liz Baker cut the ribbon to officially open the new bridge on Saturday, Oct. 9.

was christened with wine. Also present was Galusha's father, illustrator Timothy Galusha.

The entire marketing project was funded by a state grant and local matches.

ceremony on Thursday preceded the installation of the troll. Present were Michigan Department of

Transportation officials, city council members, mayor

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## Sunny Harvest Festival celebrates bridge completion

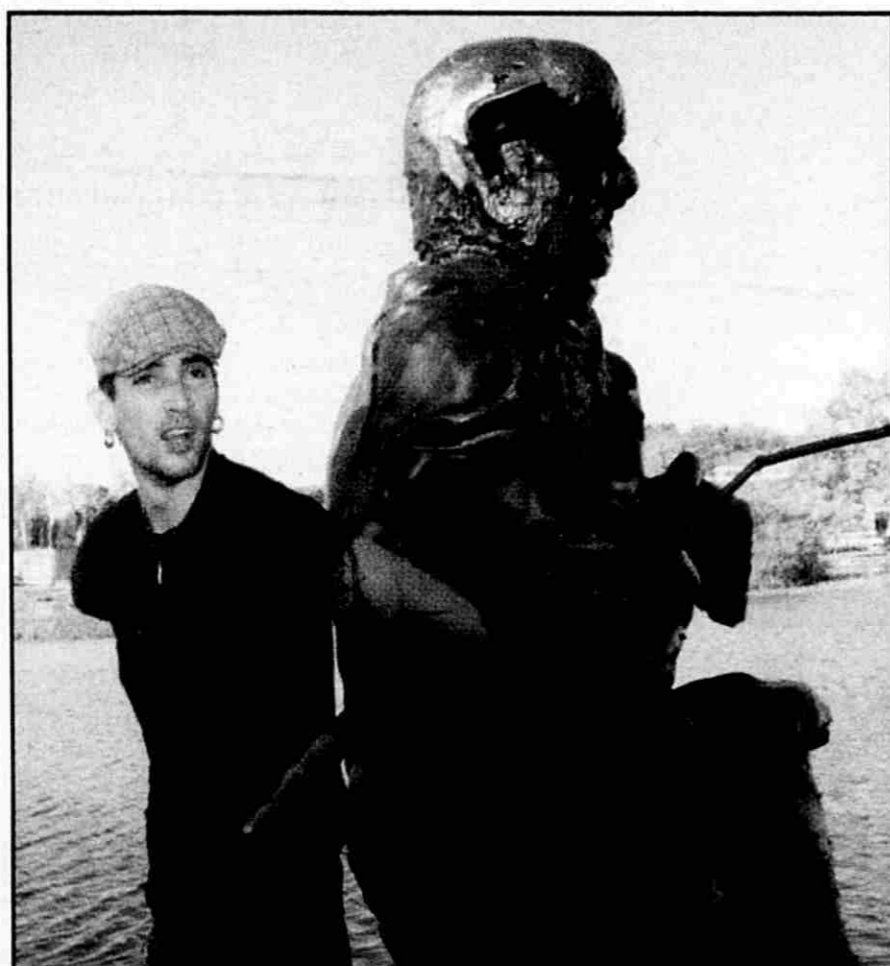
by Emma Palova

It was a perfect October Saturday. Not a cloud in the sky. The Harvest Celebration took off strong with crowds gathering on the newly restored bridge.

to celebrate the \$2.5 million project put on by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A stage was set up where the dignitaries spoke.

The creators of the troll marketing project were: Amy Hayes, coming from the Upper Peninsula, came up with the idea that people living below the bridge are

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Artist Nate Galusha places troll in the river.

## Vandals damage amphitheatre

A copy center behind Unity High School located at 320 N. Monroe was broken into before 9 p.m. on Monday night. Two to three kids approximately 10-14 years of age took paint and sprayed markings on the amphitheatre. The police are still investigating the incident. The estimated damage is in the paint and the labor of clean up, according to Sgt. Steve Bukala of the Lowell Police Department.



The annual chili cook-off crowd enjoyed the sunny day.

## Vergennes Club puts on fashion show to promote FROM

The Vergennes Co-operative Club organized a fashion show at the Schneider Manor to promote awareness about the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) clothing store. "It's not just for poor people," said fashion show organizer Nancy Wood. Diane Kleczynski of

FROM said money from the store is used for financial assistance to those who need it the most. This may include money to pay phone, electric and gas bills. Women from both the Vergennes Club and FROM modeled fall and winter fashions. The clothing



Nancy Wood and Diane Kleczynski

## Murray Lake's character awards

Pictured below are Murray Lake Elementary's Character in Action award winners for the month of September.



These students were nominated by staff and/or students for exhibiting character traits on a daily basis. **Front row, left to right: Nicholas Lothian, Cassidy Stormzand, Amiya Schaefer, Kylie Albert, Kennedi Weed, Tori Kik, and Bryce Thompson.** **Back row, left to right: Jonathon Brunette, Mikayla Boersma, Ember Fox, Gavin Coxon, Brett Hudson, Bernie Diekevers, Mya Kaywood, Elise Morton, Blake Bennett, Helena Perosky, and Joshua Momany.**

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## Lowell YMCA celebrates 50th anniversary

by Emma Palova  
The YMCA of Lowell is celebrating 50 years of organized programming for youth and adults. The organization started in 1960 thanks to a half a million dollar donation from Florence Lee King. The headquarters were set up in

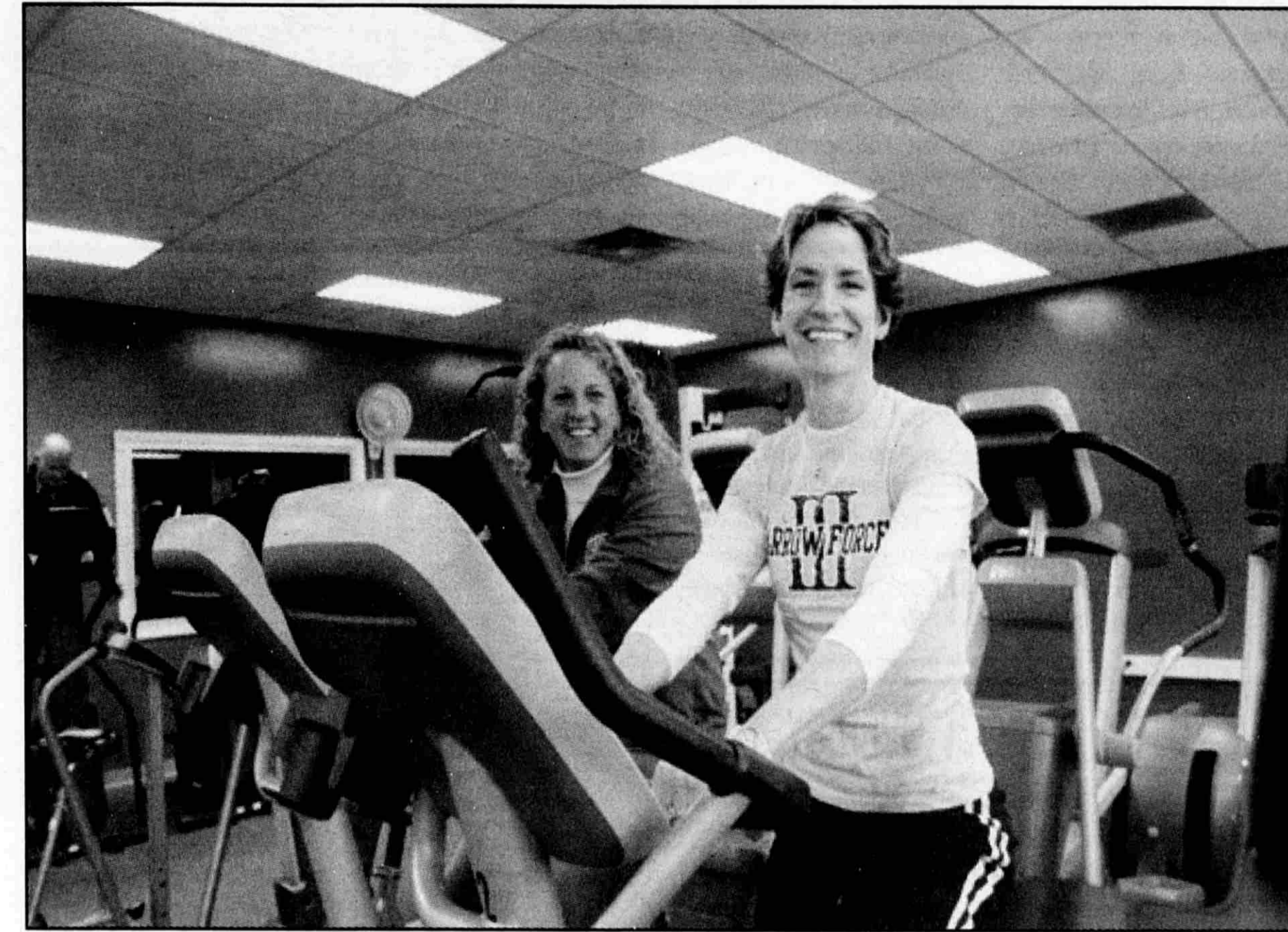
the east half of the Robert W. Graham building right next to the library. The branch director at that time was Jim Hodges, now the mayor of Lowell. His earliest memories are of him knocking on the wall to contact his wife, Chris, who was at the time the library

page on the west side of the building. At that time, the Y had all the youth programming, including soccer, basketball, softball and baseball. Adult softball leagues were held at the Creekside Park and at the fairgrounds. "The motto back then

was everybody participates," said Hodges. It was the Little League that broke off first in 1984. The Y had exercise programs for women using the area school facilities and churches. "We were using the

resources already in the community," he said. The Florence King fund still exists to fuel the operations of the YMCA. The popular King Memorial pool was funded, in part, by a bequest left to the city by Florence Lee King in memory of her father, Frank Twining King.

The construction of the pool began in April 1960 and it was used for the first time in July of 1961 by 300 people. To celebrate the anniversary the YMCA will have an open house on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1335 West Main Street.



Stacy Chambers and Lynn Draigh work out at the Y.

The amount donated by Florence King reached \$575,000. This was administered by the Grand Rapids YMCA. Robert Forst was selected to be the first executive director of the Lowell YMCA. Others who have held this post were Terry Bambrich, Rommie Moore and Mike Connell. The programming included craft classes, day camps, sports and trips for youngsters and youth, and special events were offered

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# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## When investing, don't stop at U.S. border

In less than two weeks, United Nations Day will be celebrated. It's an occasion to highlight and reflect on the work of the United Nations, whose mission is to promote understanding and cooperation among the world's countries. Of course, in an era of instantaneous communications and speedy global travel, we are all connected much more closely than ever before. And that's certainly true in the financial markets, too, because as an investor, you've got a world full of opportunities.

Many people, however, still think the U.S. totally dominates the investment scene. But the fact is that U.S. stock markets make up less than half of the total global stock market value, according to the Census Bureau. And that should come as no surprise to you when you consider many of the products you use

on a daily basis, from the Hyundai (South Korea) you drove to work to the Nestle Crunch bar (parent company in Switzerland) you snacked on at lunch to the Sony television (Japan) you watch at night. Not only are many strong companies based in the developed countries, but some emerging markets — countries such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico that are characterized by younger, less mature economies — are growing rapidly, which may produce good investment opportunities. Keep in mind, though, that emerging markets do involve investment risks different from those of more developed countries. Securities may be less liquid and more volatile because economic structures are generally less diverse and mature.

And by investing internationally, you can gain another key benefit —

improved *diversification*. If you only invested domestically, and a downturn hits us, your portfolio will likely take a hit. But, at any given time, international markets may perform quite differently than the U.S. market. Consequently, if you expanded your investment horizon beyond U.S. borders, your foreign investments could be doing relatively well, even if your American investments were lagging. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss, though it may be able to help reduce the effects of volatility.

While you can gain some benefits by investing internationally, you'll also need to consider the risks, such as *political risk*. For example, new governments can come in, nationalize companies, drastically change policies or rules affecting commerce, or take other actions that could have a big effect on your investments. You might also encounter *currency risk* — that is, changes in the value of the U.S. dollar, relative to foreign currencies, could negatively affect the

value of your investments. Another factor to consider is the difference in accounting standards between the U.S. and other countries, a difference that can result in difficulty analyzing the true value and performance of foreign investments.

You can enhance your portfolio's diversification without investing a lot abroad. If you are considering international investments you may want to limit the foreign exposure to no more than 20 to 25 percent of your overall portfolio, with the exact amount depending on your

individual risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. Also, given the more complex issues involved in international investing, you'll want to consult with a professional financial advisor before taking action.

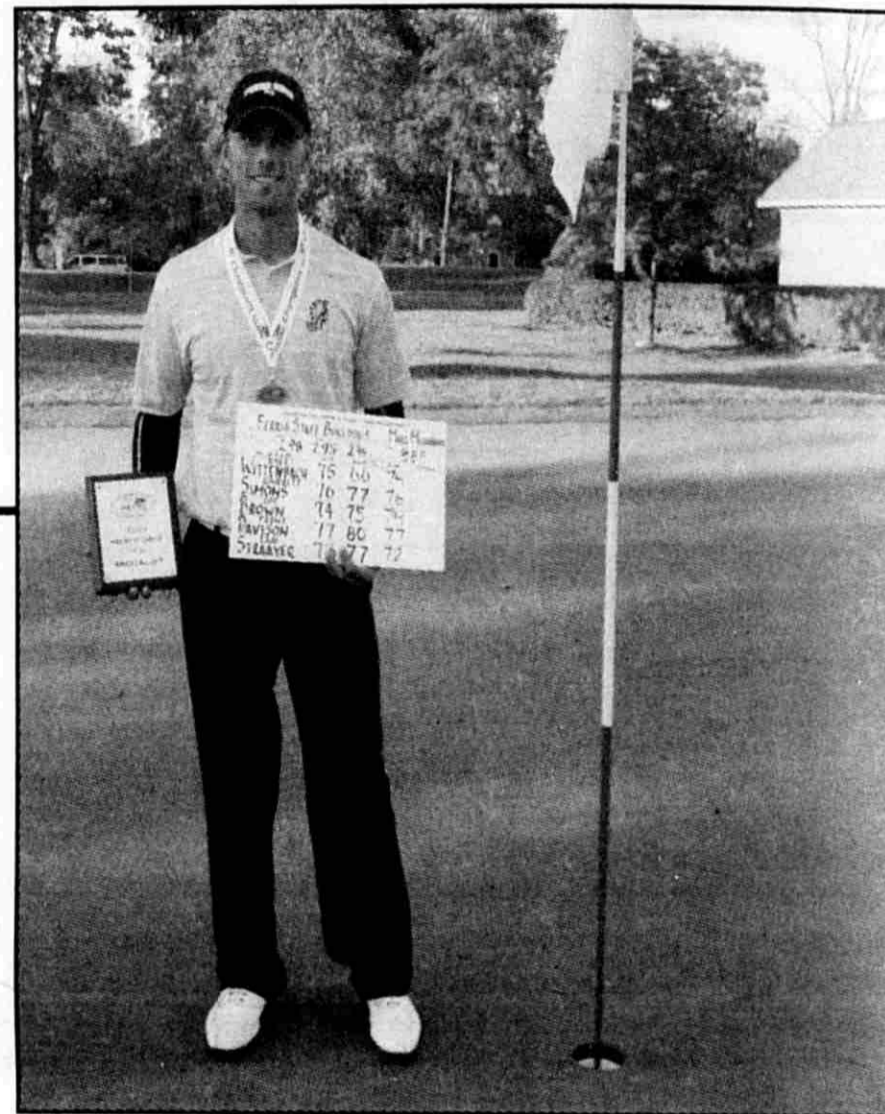
But once you've done your "due diligence," don't be afraid to launch your voyage to the world of international investing. You might like what you see on your journey.

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

## college news

Kyle Wittenbach, an alumnus of Lowell High School, currently attending Ferris State University, recently claimed medalist honors at the 2010 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

(GLIAC) men's golf championships in Grosse Ile. He earned this honor with a 75-66-74 for a two-over par 215. He was also named Golf Athlete of the Week.



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# viewpoint

## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouder Ph.D.

We have been looking at what stress does to your body over the last six months. Today, we will talk about "Progressive Muscle Relaxation." This method can be very helpful since you can do it anywhere in just a few minutes. You don't have to take a CD with you or move to a new location. This type of relaxation strategy works on the muscles. Your muscles are a perfect target for stress. They convert the tension into body stress. For instance, when your car breaks down you might clench your jaw. The roof leaks and you make a fist. The kids are noisy and you arch your back. All over your body, your muscles

react to stress by getting tense. If you get rid of the tension in your muscles, some of the tension in your life will disappear too. The "Progressive Muscle Relaxation" will give you a method for releasing the tension.

Find a comfortable spot and talk to your body and tell it to settle into a relaxed state. When you talk to your body, say the following:

"I am going to start with my toes and go all the way to the top of my head and I will tell each body part to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet and relaxed."

I will start with the toes on my right foot, the instep, the sole of the foot and my heel, I will tell them to feel:

"calm, peaceful, quiet and relaxed."

My toes on my left foot I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." From my ankles to my knees, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." From my knees to my thighs, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." The whole torso area with all of the internal organs, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." The heart, the lungs, the esophagus, the stomach, the intestines, the kidneys, and the bladder, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet and relaxed."

The right hand, the thumb, the fingers, the palm of the hand and the wrist, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." From the wrist to the elbow, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." From the elbow to the shoulder, I will tell to

feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed."

The right shoulder and the left shoulder, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed."

The chin, the mouth, the nose and the eyes, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." The forehead and the top of the head and the back of the head, I will tell to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed." Now, my whole body from my toes to the top of my head has been told to feel "calm, peaceful, quiet, and relaxed."

At the end, take three deep breaths saying as you inhale, "I am" and as you exhale say, "relaxed."

This is a wonderful daily exercise to help you gain a true "relaxation response." If you have any concerns or questions, please email me at [kathryndenhouder@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouder@gmail.com). The next article will be on autogenic relaxation.

## health



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



### influenza

It's time once again to get the flu shot. Peak flu season in our area begins in November and lasts through March. Only a small portion of the targeted population will receive the flu shot annually and about 10-20 percent of the population will become infected with the flu. Most people who get the flu will recover without complications. Elderly people, young children, and patients with chronic medical conditions are more likely to experience complications with the flu. It is estimated that the seasonal flu is responsible for 200,000 hospitalizations and 35,000 deaths each year.

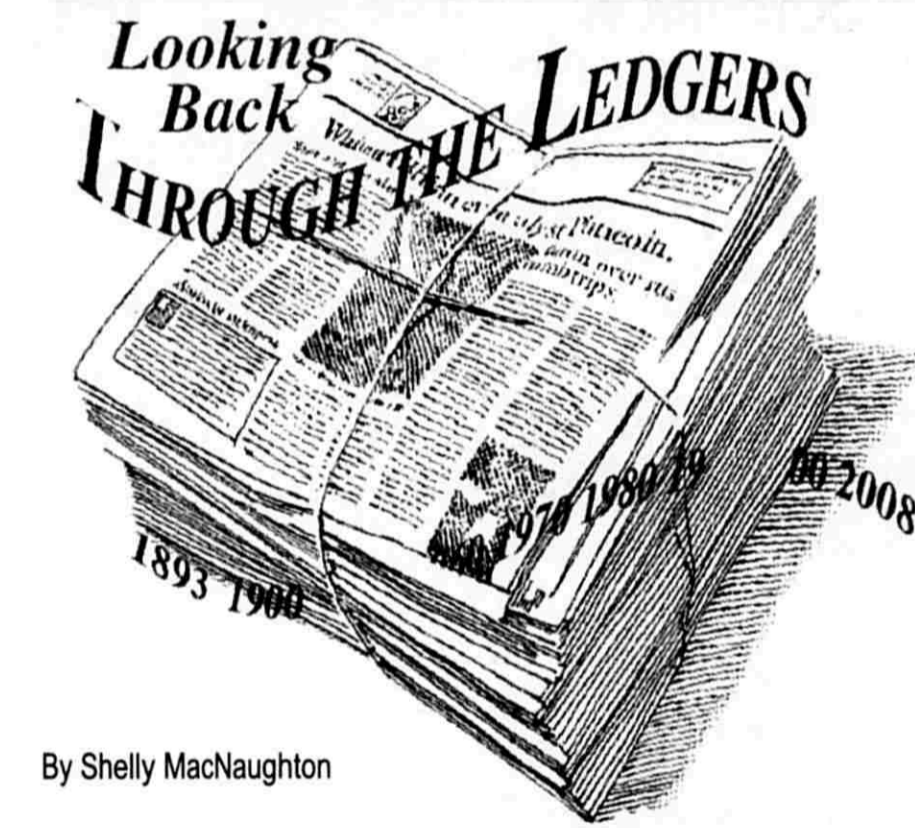
The seasonal flu is a viral respiratory infection characterized by fever, headache, myalgia, fatigue, cough, nasal congestion, and sore throat. It is different from a regular cold or stomach flu.

Treatment of the flu is mostly symptomatic: rest, get plenty of fluids, and take Tylenol or ibuprofen shots.

Antiviral medications may be useful if prescribed within 48 hours of the start of symptoms, but they will only shorten the duration of symptoms by a day or so. Antibiotics are not useful for treating the flu because they are for bacterial infections.

The best defense against the flu is to get the flu shot. Fortunately, this year, there is no shortage or delay in the shipment of the vaccine. Also, there is no need for a separate H1N1 vaccine.

The flu shot is simple and relatively painless. Side effects are minimal and consist of slight discomfort at the injection site, low grade fever, or mild muscle aches for a day or so. You can not get the flu from the flu vaccine. Currently the CDC has recommended the flu shots for all people six months and older. You should not get the flu shot if you are allergic to eggs or have had a severe allergic reaction to previous flu shots.



By Shelly MacNaughton

thoughts that were given will be remembered by all who were present. The brotherhood has decided that they will not be so selfish with their good things after this and so expect to share them largely hereafter with the people of Lowell.

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo October 10, 1935

F.J. Ford, who operates a blacksmith shop one mile south and a quarter mile west of Bailey Church in Vergennes, was on Main St. Saturday on business and reported that he is doing a very good business. Mr. Ford was expert repairman for the International Harvester Co. for 25 years, during which time he visited England, Ireland, Wales, Spain, France, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, Brazil and other countries. On one of his trips, Mr. Ford just missed taking passage on the ill-fated Titanic.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 20, 1960

Citizens of the community have spoken up in their alarm over the recent outbreak of juvenile vandalism and lawlessness in the town; one member of the council on Monday demanded that steps be taken to protect property in the community.

Robert G. Chrouch is retiring this week from the Grand Trunk Railroad where he has been employed for the past 35 years.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 13, 1910

Last Friday night a very enjoyable, as well as a very profitable, time was spent by the men of the Congregational Brotherhood. After a short business session, the men repaired to the dining room and partook of a splendid spread. Then came the treat of the evening, when Rev. T.C. Lastelle spoke on the place of good cheer and fellowship in one's life, illustrated by a fund of good, rich stories that brought forth a peal of laughter. The great character molding

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## Couple celebrates 66 years of marriage



William and Madelyn Christiansen

William and Madelyn (Derickson) Christiansen will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on October 23, 2010.

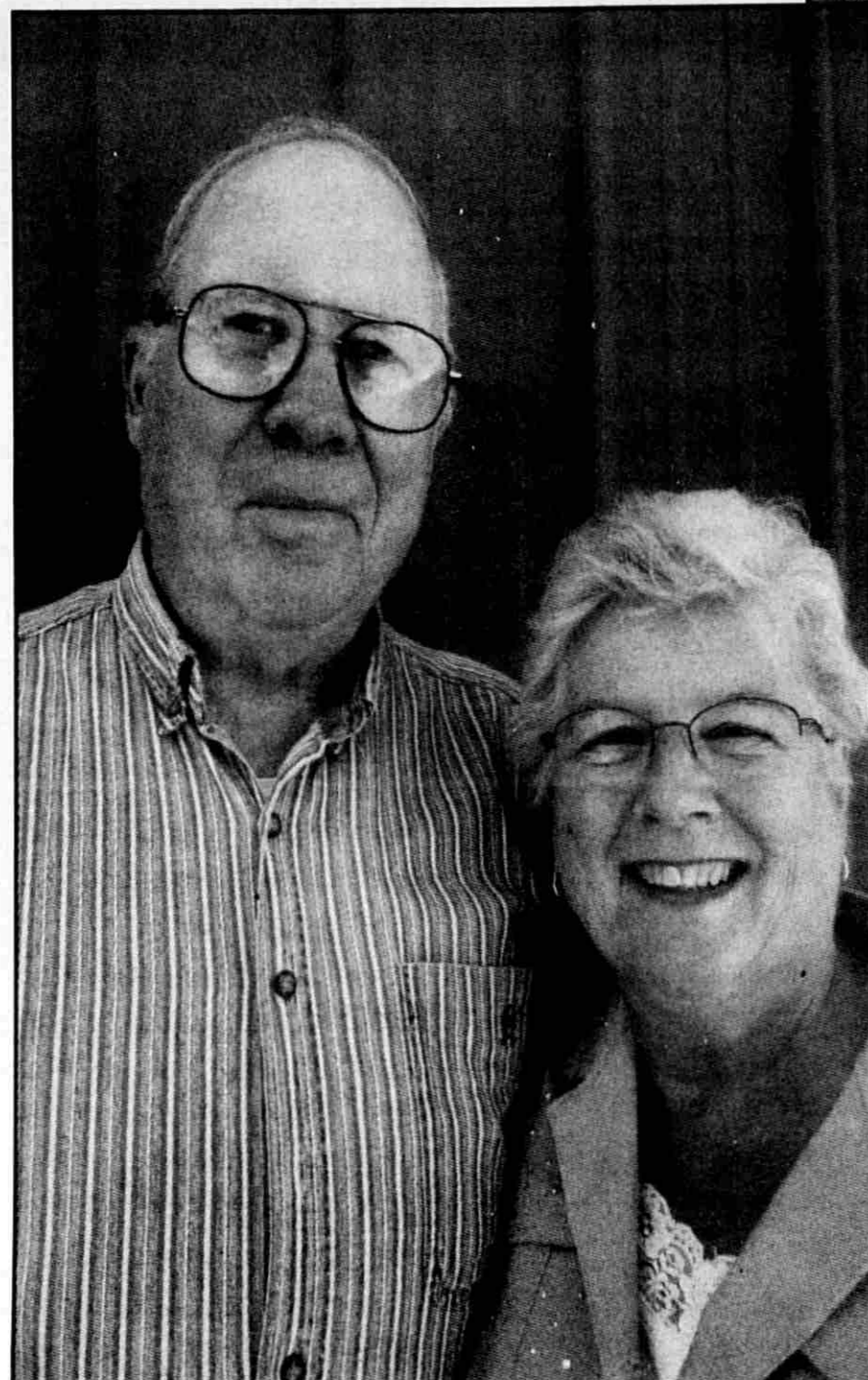
Madelyn, born in Raton, NM, and Bill, born in Mobile, AL, met in Raton, NM where he was stationed in the service and were married in Seattle, WA, in 1944. They later settled and lived for many years in Lowell.

They have been residents of Palmetto, FL,

since 1965 and still live in their studio home where they have created and sold their popular art pieces including their L'il Tiffany leaded glass lamps and works of cast bronze.

Children of the couple are Susan Christiansen of Cortez, FL, and the late Diane Christiansen Cook of Palmetto, FL. Grandchildren are Christa (Joe) Smith of Wilmington, DE, and Heather (David) Fair of Bradenton, FL.

## Alderink's mark golden anniversary



Martin and Mary Alderink

Fifty years together as husband and wife will be observed October 21, 2010 by Martin and Mary (Marsman) Alderink of Ada. The occasion was celebrated with a pig roast hosted by their children, Michael

Alderink, Patricia Goddard, and Julie Alderink. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The couple has resided in the Cascade/Lowell area for the past 42 years.



## happy birthday!

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| <b>OCTOBER 14</b><br>Ericka Onan, Barb Erickson, Debra Duiven, Court Duiven, Kyle Hildenbrand, Stacey Kinyon, Jim Watrous, Kelsey Callihan, Caleb Baker. | <b>OCTOBER 16</b><br>Paula Blough.   |
| <b>OCTOBER 17</b><br>Collin Kaeb, Kurt Telman, Jason Nearing.  | <b>OCTOBER 18</b><br>Mary Ellen Rivers Barber, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews Snyder.                                       |
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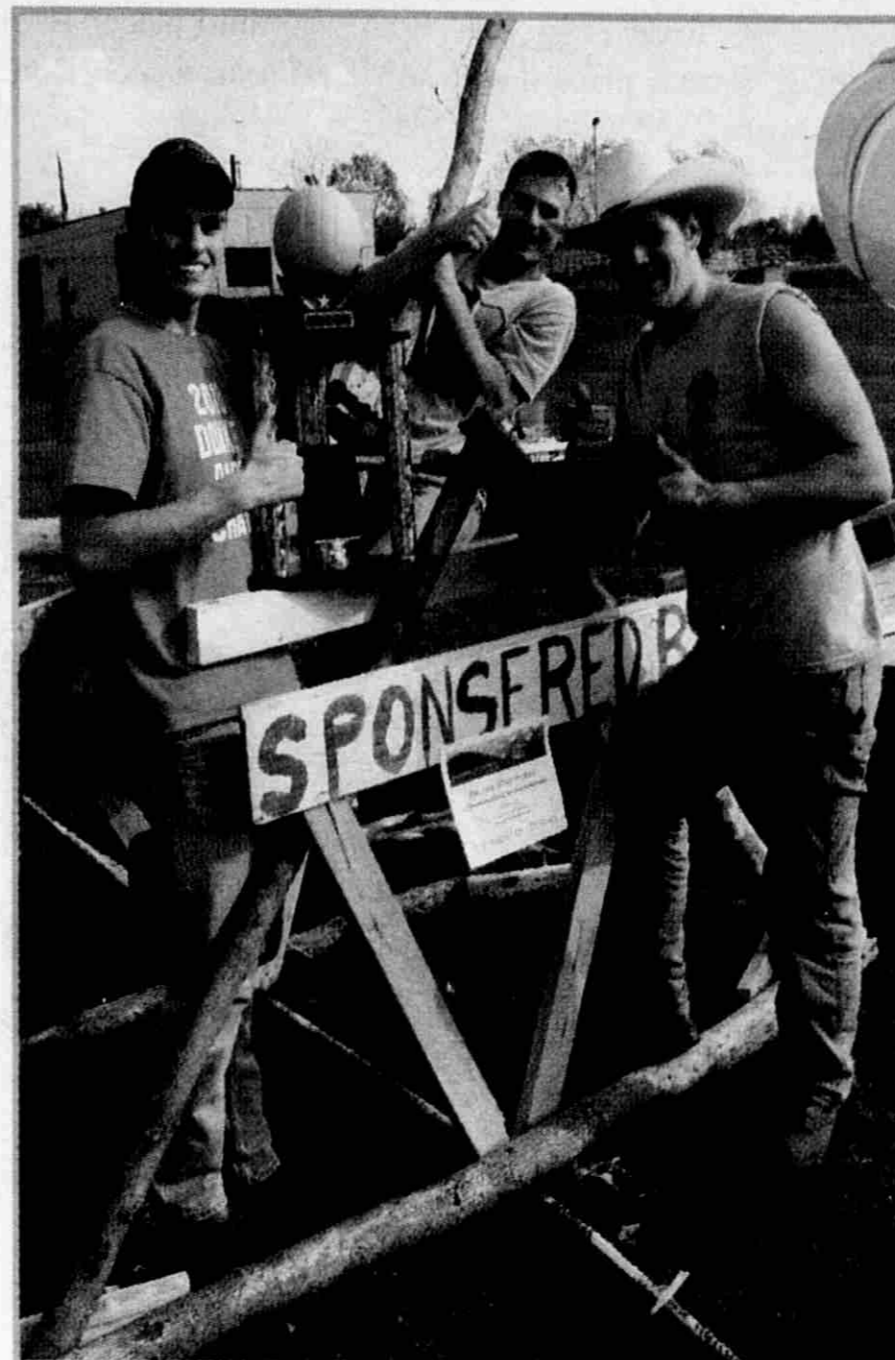
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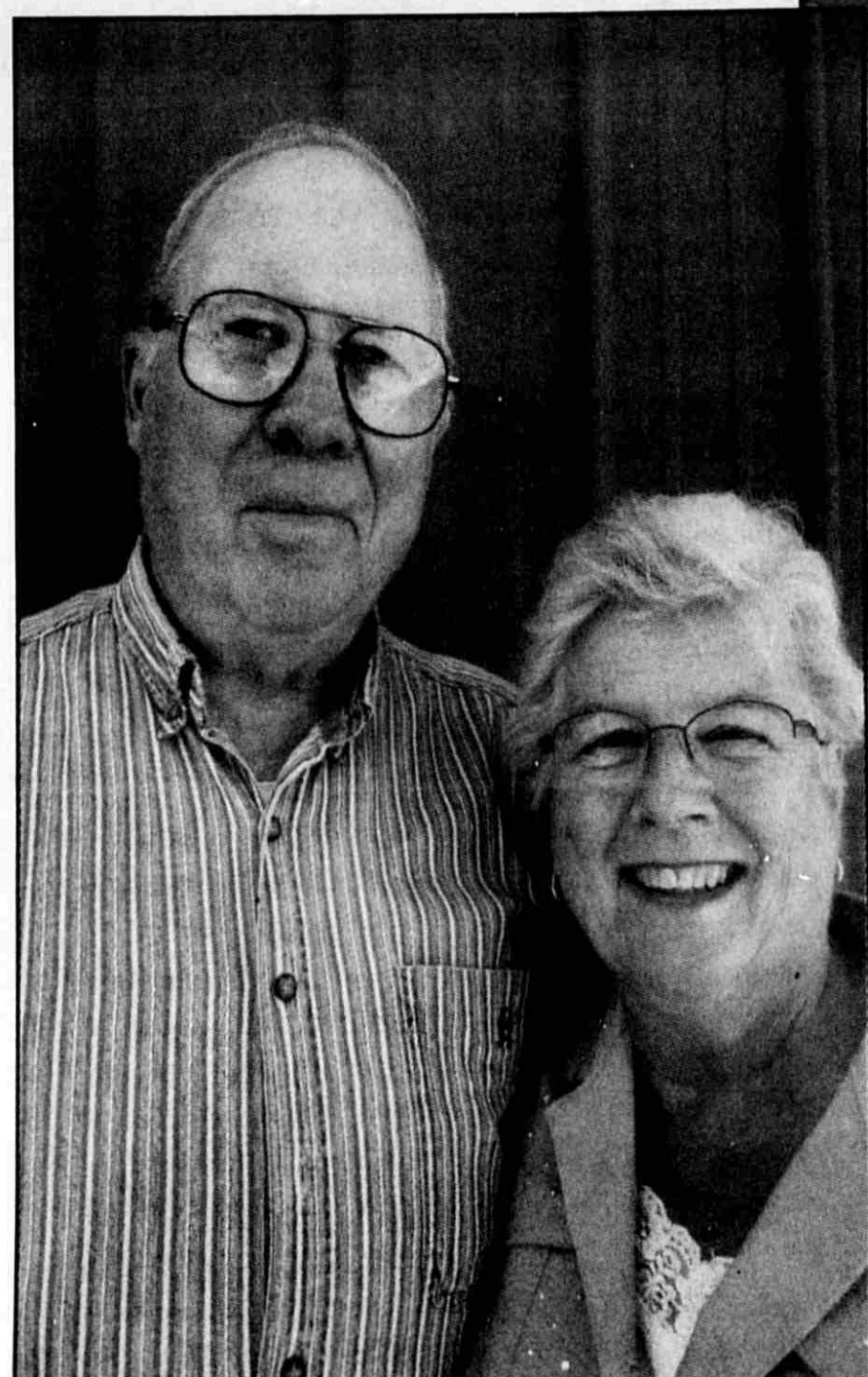
William and Madelyn (Derickson) Christiansen will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on October 23, 2010.

Madelyn, born in Raton, NM, and Bill, born in Mobile, AL, met in Raton, NM where he was stationed in the service and were married in Seattle, WA, in 1944. They later settled and lived for many years in Lowell.

They have been residents of Palmetto, FL, since 1965 and still live in their studio home where they have created and sold their popular art pieces including their L'il Tiffany leaded glass lamps and works of cast bronze.

Children of the couple are Susan Christiansen of Cortez, FL, and the late Diane Christiansen Cook of Palmetto, FL. Grandchildren are Christa (Joe) Smith of Wilmington, DE, and Heather (David) Fair of Bradenton, FL.

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Martin and Mary Alderink

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Alderink, Patricia Goddard, and Julie Alderink. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The couple has resided in the Cascade/Lowell area for the past 42 years.



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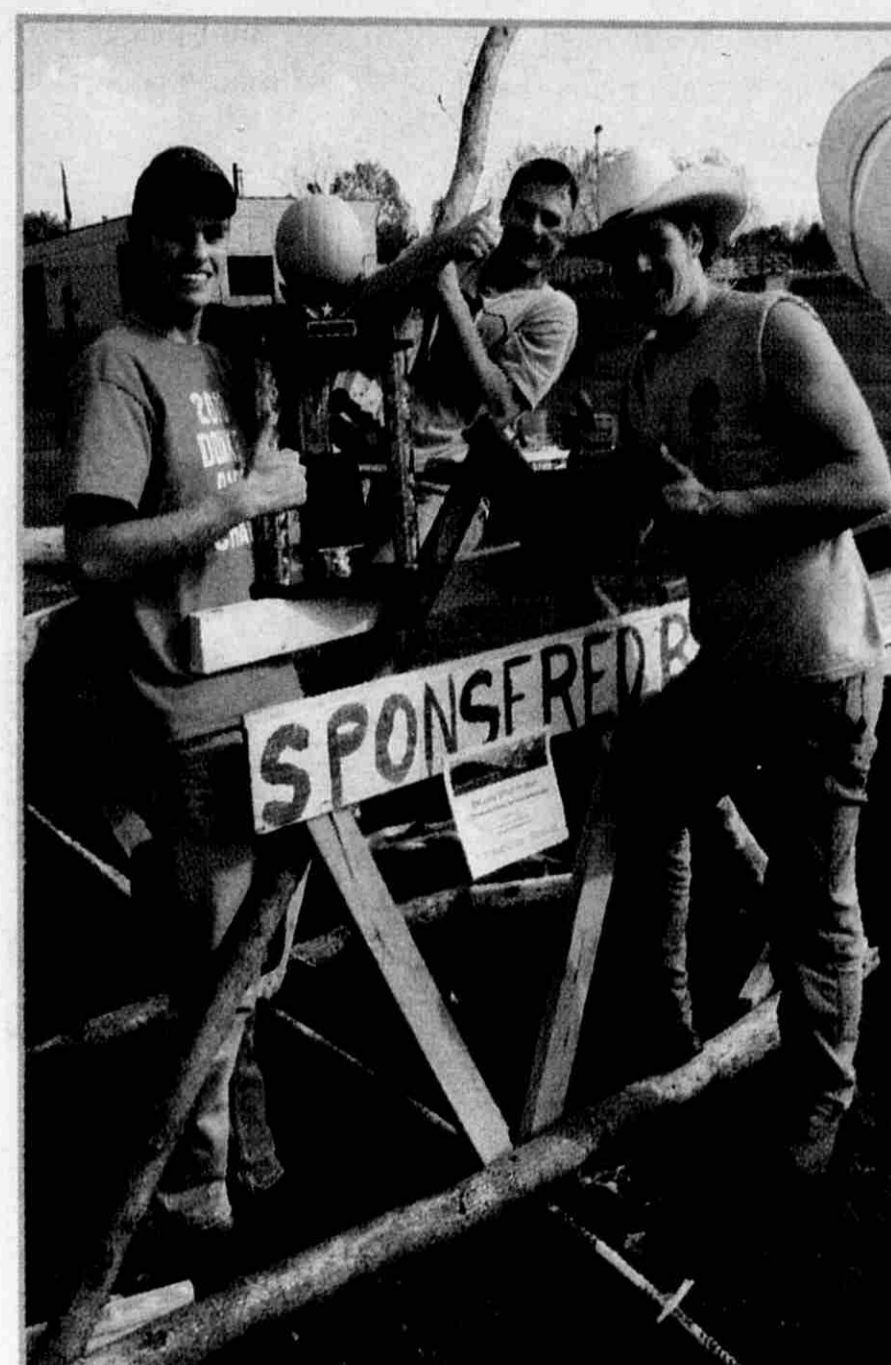
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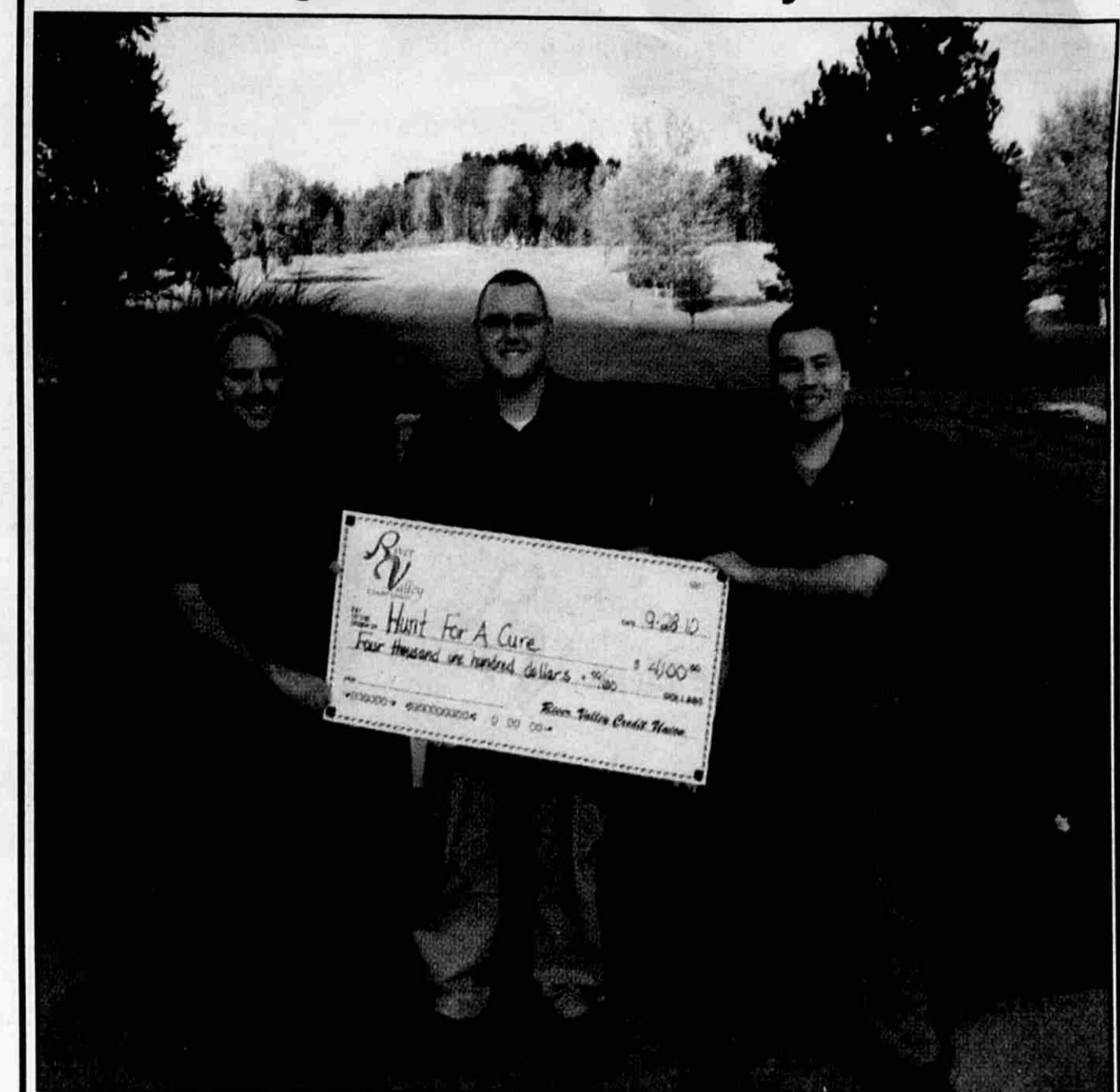
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# Harvest Festival, continued

trolls, Lorain Smalligan, arts council director, secured the grant for the finale of the Lowell Troll, and Liz Baker, the chamber director.

People gathered on the bridge to taste some pulled pork cooked by the Backwater Café and coffee by Ella's Coffee.

Scarecrows were built at the fairgrounds to decorate Main Street.

Even though many merchants had reservations about the closing of the bridge, which was the idea of police chief James

Hinton, it turned out to be a great idea.

"It was a great idea and we should do it again during the Riverwalk," said Chimera Design owner Cliff Yankovich. "Parents didn't have to worry about the traffic."

Yankovich also liked the new troll sitting out there on the river.

One of the mainstays of the Harvest Celebration is the annual chili cook-off organized by Mike Larkin. The participation was down compared to previous years,

but the quality was up. A close runnerup to the winners was Fry Daddy's

no.12 herb and spice inspired chili. But, the winners were, late entry first: Fat Kid with

head cook Rick Fiegl of Belding; second place, Fat Kidds with head cook Ed

Roth; and third place, Two Devils with head cook Don Wert.



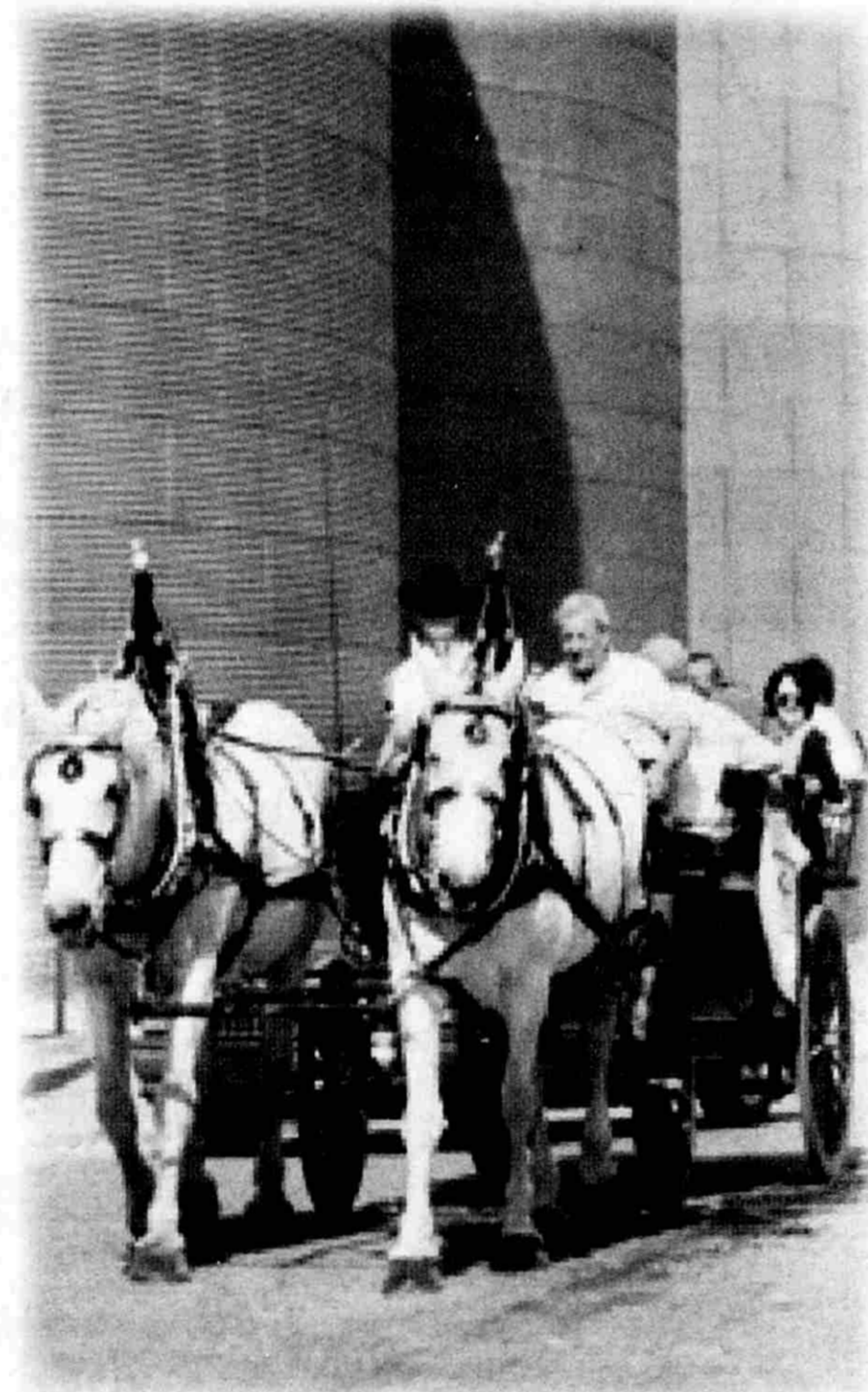
Local merchants set up tents on the bridge which was closed for the Harvest Celebration.



Mayor Jim Hodges delivered a speech during the Harvest Festival.



Arts council director Lorain Smalligan talked about the troll project on stage on the closed bridge.



The Harvest shuttle was provided by The Common & Gentry Carriage Co.



Ryan Odell and Scott West cooking (aka Jeff Schronski)



Annual chili cook-off with Evert Bek and Mark Todd (head cook)

# Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOCCER

## Confident group of Arrows making second half noise

by Thad Kraus

Lowell held East Grand Rapids to just one shot on goal while making good on one of many scoring opportunities in its 1-0 O-K White conference win Thursday night.

The victory lifted Lowell's league mark to

"We had a few 'just misses,'" he said. "Their goalie (Karsten) played a good game. He's one of the best goalies in our conference."

East managed just one shot on goal against Alex Nurmikko and the Red

would have been a devastating defeat to Creston and then followed that up with an impressive 3-1 win over league foe Grand Rapids Christian.

Prior to Tuesday's game with the Eagles, Lowell coach Rich O'Keefe said he hoped the team that beat Zeeland East showed up and not the one that defeated the Polar Bears.

The coach got his wish. Lowell led from start to finish.

Joe Sweet got the Red Arrows on the board with a goal in the first half on an assist from Matt Hoogenboom.

Lowell's Matt Kyllonen scored the first goal of the second half to give the Red Arrows a 2-0 lead. He was assisted on the goal by Evan Kohtz.

Eagles' Slas Bakker scored the visitor's only goal of the night on an assist from Joel Schipper, cutting Lowell's lead to 2-1.

Kyllonen secured Lowell's victory with his second goal of the half, this time he was assisted by Sweet.



Lowell's Joe Sweet attempts to skirt one past Pioneer goalie James Karsten.

5-3 with games against Northview and Greenville remaining.

"We're playing well," said Red Arrow Matt Kyllonen. "The last two wins (Christian and East) are big. If we beat Northview we can finish second in the league."

The Wildcats, at 7-0, have already clinched the conference title. Lowell lost 2-1 in their first meeting of the year.

Kyllonen broke free in the first half against East to blast one past Pioneer goalie James Karsten.

"Joe (Sweet) played a good ball through and I was able to beat the last defender and put it away," Kyllonen explained.

Lowell soccer coach Rich O'Keefe was pleased with his club's controlled pace and with the way it moved the ball.

"The boys are playing with confidence," O'Keefe explained. "Our defense played real well. We had balance in the back and won the balls in the air."

Offensively, O'Keefe remarked that his club had many opportunities.



Matt Kyllonen clenches his fist after the ball passes EGR's goalie and finds the net.

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## East Grand Rapids finds way to rally past Lowell

by Thad Kraus  
East Grand Rapids erased a 16-point, fourth-quarter deficit to pull off a remarkable 44-40 high school football win over Lowell Friday night.

The battle between the state's top Division 2 & 3 football teams played out in epic and dramatic fashion. "That was an incredible high school football game," East Grand Rapids football coach Peter Stuursma said. "It was a great game between

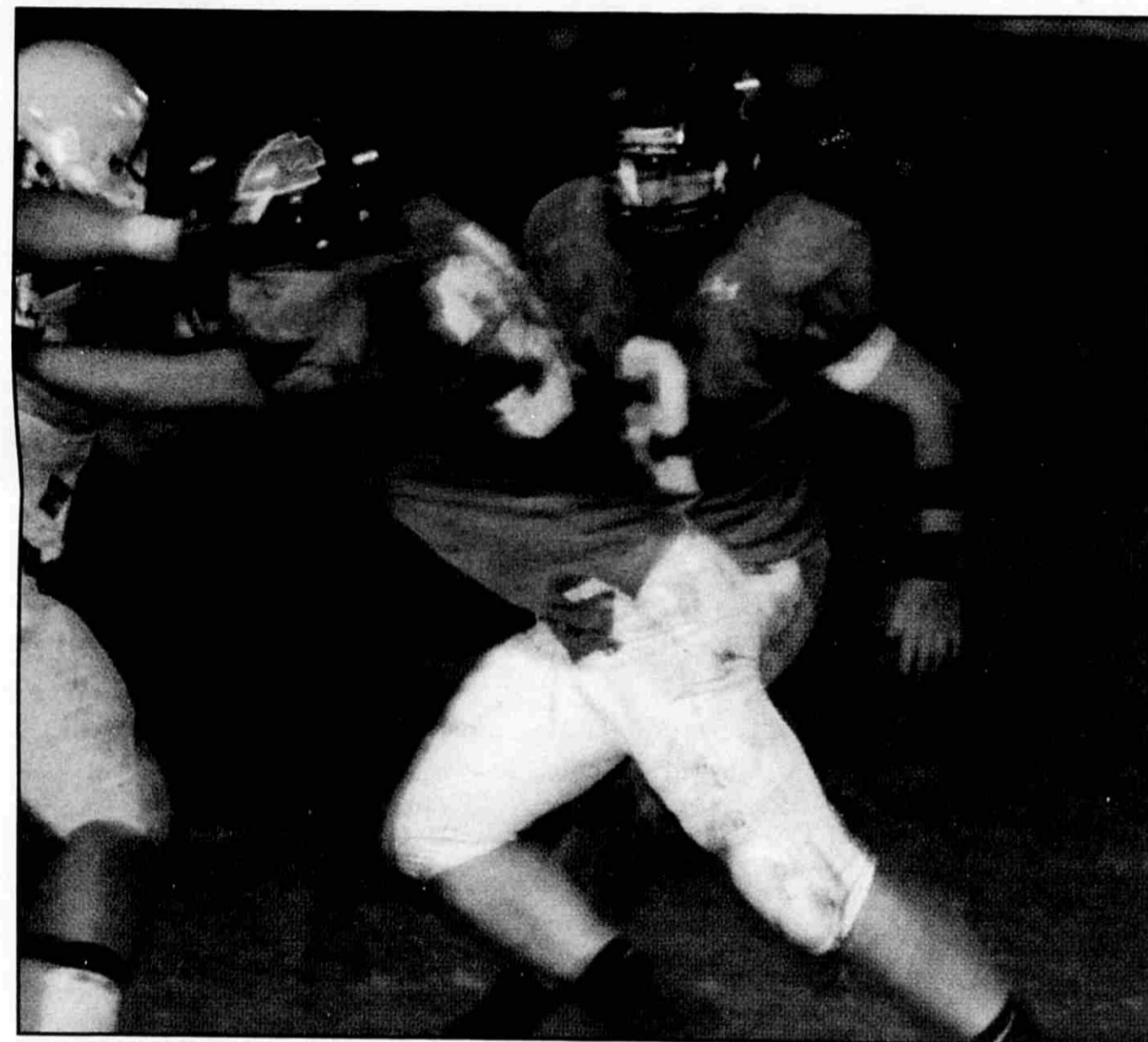
two schools who share a lot of mutual respect. How do you explain a game and an atmosphere like this?" he said. "How do you measure that? How do you put a statement on it other than it's a great, great game?" However, it was the Pioneers' moxy and hutzpa that fueled three fourth-quarter scores. "The kids just didn't quit. We got back into it one score at a time - in

little chunks," Stuursma explained. EGR's 160-pound tight end Nick Mulhall carved out three receptions for 100 yards and three touchdowns against the Red Arrow defense. Two of those touchdowns came over the final 12 minutes. Mulhall caught the game-winning, 18-yard touchdown pass with 4:45 to play.



The senior opened the fourth quarter pulling in a 22-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Elble to bring EGR to within 10 at 40-30. "Nick (Mulhall) was outstanding for us tonight," Stuursma explained. Sandwiched in between Mulhall's two touchdown receptions was a 32-yard touchdown run by David Drummond. "Penalties in the second half were critical. They made it difficult to get anything going," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. The Red Arrows were pinned back inside their 15, late in the third quarter at a critical juncture in the game, when it was called for two holding penalties over a four-play period. It was the only time all night the Red Arrows were flagged for holding.

Our kids did not find a way to quit." Dean carried the ball 43 times for 240 yards and two touchdowns. The Lowell QB also threw for a third TD. Along with second-half penalties, Lowell was also stung by four turnovers - two fumbles and two interceptions. Following East's go-ahead score, Jacob Meyer returned the kickoff to the East 47. From there, Lowell marched down to the 20 where it faced a third and five. Two incomplete passes into the end zone ended the drive and their best chance to take back the lead. "Peter does great things with his kids. I hate EGR (in a good way), but I respect them. They do all the right things," Dean said. "It is like I say, it is what it is. It's (this game) a phenomenal setup when you think about it. You get a chance to compare yourself for the next road. Not a lot of people get to do this. It's a great game for us to play at this stage."



Gabe Dean rushed for 240 yards in Lowell's 44-40 loss to EGR.

The Red Arrows took the opening kickoff and marched 83 yards in five plays to extend its lead to 34-17. The key run was a 58-yard burst by Dean. "That was an incredible play. The guy was going down and Dean pulls the ball out and breaks it for a long run," Stuursma said. "I was told you beat Lowell by stopping Dean. That's great, but would someone tell me how you do that. I can't believe he's only a junior." "That's a great team and I'm not sure if we will ever face another kid like Gabe Dean," Stuursma said. "They got the breaks in the first half, we got some in the second half."

### CROSS COUNTRY

## Improvement keeps Arrows striding forward

by Thad Kraus  
For a third consecutive time this season the Lowell girls' cross country team legged out a third in an O-K White jamboree. This time the venue was Grand Rapids Christian's Gainey Park. "It's a tough, hilly, woods course," explained Lowell girls' cross country coach Sarah Ellis. "The girls ran a fairly strong race and turned in some personal records." Kallie Holzhueter led the Red Arrow charge with a time of 20:41. She was followed home by Jess Graves, 20:57; Rebekah Betts, 21:28; Karis Dilly,

21:36; and Carissa Paiz at 22:16. Christian won its third straight jamboree tallying 31 points. Lowell finished with 105 and stopped the clock in a team average 21:17. In Allegan over the weekend, Lowell's top three runners finished fifth while the Red Arrows top four to seven were fourth. In the top one to three race Lowell's Kallie Holzhueter was clocked in 20:59 with Jess Graves and Rebekah Betts finishing in 21:13 and 21:47 respectively. Rachael Walters was Lowell's top runner in the

top four to seven race. The Red Arrow came home in 21:44. Karis Dilly followed at 22:30 with Carissa Paiz clocking in at 22:38 and Lindsey Crawford finishing in 23:20. "Carissa stumbled and fell on the last hill coming in which cost her about seven spots," Ellis said. Lowell's final league jamboree (Riverside) is on Wednesday, Oct. 20. "It's been a fun year thus far and a successful one," Ellis concluded.

## Red Arrow spikers blast Creston

Lowell girls' volleyball team improved its record to 23-8-1 with a straight set win over Creston in O-K White conference play. The Red Arrows used a strong service game and aggressive play to overwhelm the Polar Bears. Lowell won 25-1, 25-4 and 25-9. "The girls took care of things at their end," Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal said. "We hope that this serves as a warm-up to a big stretch of games." Courtney Schmidt was Lowell's leader in aces with five while Hannah Geelhoed recorded five kills and Jordan Timmer delivered 12 assists. Lowell plays in a quad at Forest Hills Northern prior to traveling to Grand Rapids Christian on Thursday.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

### GOLF

## Red Arrow linksters 4th in league tourney

by Thad Kraus

The room for movement on up was limited, but where it was possible, Lowell girls' golf team did just that. The Red Arrows finished fifth during regular season play in the O-K White. To improve upon that it needed to defeat Northview in the O-K White conference tournament at Thornapple Pointe.

Lowell carded a 439, one shot better than the Wildcats, earning the Red Arrows an overall fourth-place tie in the league. "It was a big match for us. We were last in the preseason tournament," said Lowell golf coach Kim Stevens. "The best the girls could do was to move up

one spot. To do that they had to beat Northview and they did." Greenville won the league tourney with a team score of 319. It was followed by East Grand Rapids 366, Grand Rapids Christian 395, Lowell 439, and Northview 440. The Red Arrow

individual scores were Morgan Groom 102; Sophie Kohtz 104; Megan Montgomery 106; and Courtney VanNoord 127. **Division 2 Girls' Golf Regional** Lowell's girls' golf team finished 10th in the field of 12 at the Par 72 Eldorado

Golf Course in Mason. "We had the highest team average so the girls played well enough to beat two schools they weren't suppose to," said Lowell coach Kim Stevens. East Lansing won the regional with a team score of 350. Lowell was 10th at 478.

The Red Arrow individual scores were Morgan Groom 110; Sophie Kohtz 117; Katie Tackmann 118; and Kait Drudy 133. "Morgan and Sophie had a couple of tough holes where they struggled, thus the high numbers," Stevens said.

### TENNIS

## Lowell season ends at regionals

by Thad Kraus

It wasn't the quality of tennis Lowell coach Bonnie Wall wanted to see from her Red Arrows in the Division 2 regional at Forest Hills Central. "We just didn't play very well," Wall explained. "There were some matches we should have pulled out that we didn't." Lowell tied for eighth with Reeths-Puffer. Forest Hills Central won the regional and Traverse City Central finished second. Red Arrow Cort Thompson advanced to semifinals with a bye and

a win against Creston. Lowell's top seeded singles player lost in the semis to Forest Hills Central's Grant Veltman (regional champion), 6-1, 6-0. The only other Red Arrow to score team points was Connor Smith (second singles). He won his first round match before losing to Northview 6-4, 6-4.

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Has anyone figured out who's the best team in the NFL yet? If so, let me know. Is Chicago the worst 3-1 team in many a years? How does New Orleans lose to Arizona? The Cardinals are good, just not at football. When's the last time someone said the Lions kicked some arse on Sunday? I am neither a State or Wolverine fan... in fact, I liked it when the two schools could still tie. Michigan State fans smelling roses yet? Would the Wolverines trade some of Denard Robinson's talent for just a little defense? In unspectacular fashion the Irish won on Saturday. Notre Dame now prepares for the Broncos (Western Michigan). I will be there in South Bend for that matchup. I am taking my God son (Chandler) to his first Notre Dame football game. Who you love'n in baseball? I'm liking Tampa and Philadelphia and I would like the Phillies to win it all. All this does is assure that it will be the Yankees and Giants. Love them or hate them, East Grand Rapids has that "it" thing. Can't really define it, but you know it when you see it. Not only that, but EGR is good at football.

My only losses in a week I went 8-2 were Caledonia and Lowell. My overall record is now 50-20. Let's spin the wheel for week eight. **Who Do I Love?** 1. Byron Center at Holland Christian Bulldogs still in the hunt for a conference championship. I love Byron Center. 2. Caledonia at Middleville. Scots are up and down, that's a bad thing when your next opponent has been good all year. I love Middleville.

3. Catholic Central at FH Eastern Cougars posted a big win over Caledonia. That's good enough for me. In a nail-biter I love Catholic Central. 4. Greenville at GR Christian In a battle for third in the O-K White, I love Greenville. 5. Jenison at Hudsonville This is a close one, but I love the Eagles at home. 6. West Ottawa at Muskegon I love Muskegon's athleticism and team speed. 7. Zeeland West at Unity Christian Another tough, close game, I love Unity Christian. 8. Kelloggsville at Allendale Falcons putting together another good year, I love Allendale. 9. Ottawa Hills at Hastings Following a disappointing loss to South Christian, Saxons recover. I love Hastings. 10. Lowell at Northview Speaking of disappointing, or is that disheartening losses, Lowell recovers. I love the Red Arrows in a cakewalk.

### THAD'S TOP 10

Two teams in the Top 10 lost last week. Changes follow!!!  
1. EGR  
2. Grand Haven  
3. Rockford  
4. Lowell  
5. Zeeland East  
6. West Ottawa  
7. Muskegon  
8. Middleville  
9. Catholic Central  
10. Greenville

### LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Oct. 18, 2010

MON: Nachos w/meat, shredded cheese (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/ romaine, rice & beans, pineapple, milk.

TUES: Homemade cheese pizza (burrito w/ salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), celery sticks/ broccoli florets & ranch dipping sauce, applesauce, milk.

WED: Chicken drumstick w/wheat bread (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes w/gravy, diced peaches, milk.

THURS: Mini baked corn dogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), glazed carrots, pear slices, milk.

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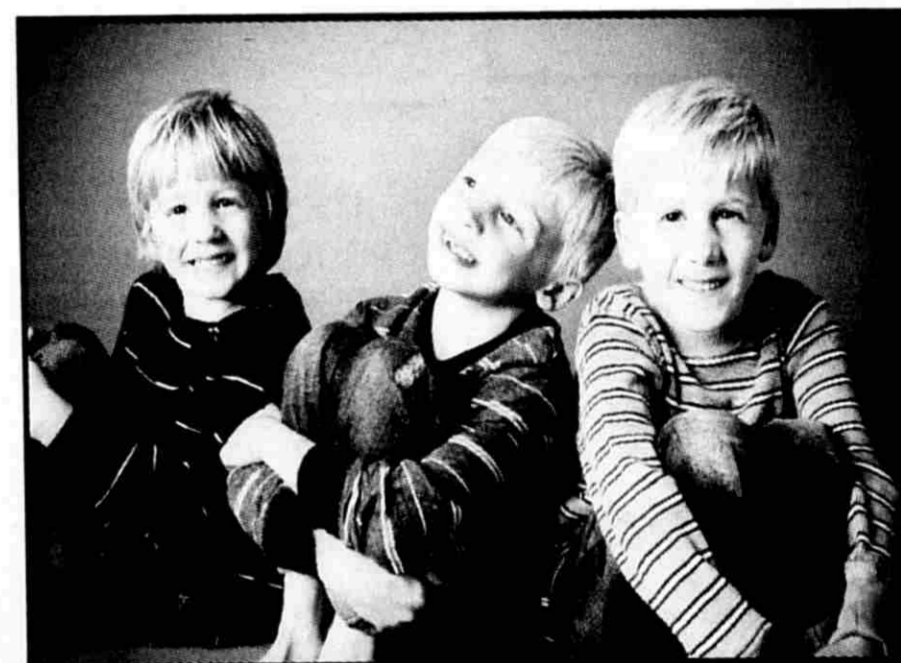
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OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 12

Google announces Sunday that it has developed cars that drive themselves automatically in

traffic and that it has been testing them on the streets of California for months.

- British Prime Minister says U.S. forces may have thrown a grenade during a rescue operation in Afghanistan that killed a British aid worker.
- President Obama gets the book thrown at him - literally. An unidentified individual in the crowd threw a book at him at an event in Philadelphia.
- The Chilean miners are tantalizingly close to freedom. For the past two months 33 miners have been trapped half a mile underground.
- Democrat Virg Bernero and Republican Rick Snyder clash on jobs, education and social issues in their only scheduled debate.



I would just like to bring some attention to Lowell's equestrian team. They are now on their way to yet another state championship. I just think we get pushed off to the side and get hardly if any attention from the community. So please congratulate the Lowell equestrian team on riding with our Lowell spirit.

To the disgruntled, desperate and obviously democrat person, please know that all you had to do was call the Snyder/Calley campaign office

and they would deliver a sign to you for free! You didn't have to steal ours!

- N. Stroosnyder

Pretty sad when someone steals the straw under the scarecrow tent at the Lowell Fairgrounds. That straw was earmarked for another children's project; Santa's reindeers. Quite sure there was no sign saying "free" Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

People in charge need to think things through. Disabilities make everyday more of a challenge. The festival that should have been fun was frustrating. The chili area had no usable ramp. The band was placed there. Down the street to the pumpkin painting, a van blocked the way; we had to walk blocks out of our way. I hope you will take more consideration for those with special needs next year.

## Bridge, continued

Jim Hodges and chamber director Liz Baker. The ceremony was also attended by the following officials: Darrell Heuker, delivery engineer and Kirk Steudle, director of MDOT.

Baker said the project gave birth to the Lowell troll.

The bridge that cost \$2.5 million should last another 75 years.

The troll cannot be seen from the bridge just by driving by. You have to stop and look north upstream of the Flat River.

Trolls symbolizing the project will remain in the city.

The project replaced the two M21 bridges over the Flat River in downtown Lowell, marking the first reconstruction of these bridges since they were built in 1941. The investment will extend the service life of the bridges and increase ride quality. The sidewalk and barrier upgrades will increase safety and improve aesthetics for both pedestrians and motorists in the downtown area. The barrier wall design was selected on input from city officials and local stakeholders.

The dedication event was held to acknowledge the positive impact of the project and to recognize the contributions of all the parties involved.



Bif and Jeff Altoft help load the pontoon carrying the troll.



Artist Nate Galusha puts the finishing touches on his sculpture.

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| AIC Insurance Services             | 219 E Main St        | Enjoy fruit and champagne & ask insurance questions you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask!  |
| All Weather Seal                   | 319 E Main St        | Play the slot machines for a chance to win windows for your entire house or sign up to win \$15,000 worth of windows or siding   |
| Arctic Inc. Heating & Cooling      | 220 W Main St        | 2nd Annual giveaway for one (1) free installed GOODMAN furnace to a needy family. Come see us for details!   |
| Avon - Sherry Grimm @ the Chamber  | 113 Riverwalk Plaza  | 50% off any products in stock, no processing fee!  |
| Bernard's Ace Hardware             | 1601 W Main St       | 20% off from 5-9 to all GNO participants (10% off power tools and equipment)   |
| Chimera Design Fine Jewelry        | 208 E Main St        | Look for markdowns in every case   |
| Collector's Korner                 | 218 W Main St        | Ain't no sense going anyplace else, Collectors Korner has been accredited by the BBB*  |
| Computer Rehab                     | 216 W Main           | **Will be located at Modern Photographics for event** \$10.00 off service!!!   |
| Cousins' Hallmark/River Hollow     | 223 W Main St        | Treats and refreshments, 25% of any reg. priced item. In store super sale items. Free gift with purchase!  |
| Curtis Cleaners                    | 1410 W Main St       | 50% off Silk Blouses good all day on the day of GNO!   |
| Curves for Women-Lowell @ Pep Talk | 207 E Main St        | At Curves you'll always find a trainer to keep you motivated. And our 30 minute circuit combines strength-training and cardio for the perfect workout. Join now for \$30!  |
| Daisy Floral                       | 216 W Main St, Ste 2 | 10% entire purchase! (excludes sale items)   |
| Dovetail Antiques                  | 211 W Main St        | Check out our STOREWIDE SALE!  |
| eja Salon, Inc.                    | 204 W Main St        | \$5 eyebrow waxes!   |
| Ella's of Lowell Coffee & Cuisine  | 307 E Main St        | Stop in and get a large specialty drink for the price of a medium!   |
| Fire and Water Art!                | 219 W Main St        | "Make It Take It" Making fun luggage tags in honor of sending the Trolls packing. 8:00pm prize drawing.  |
| Flat River Cottage                 | 317 E Main St        | Enter the 6 drawings for gift bags with items from our store!  |
| Flat River Grill                   | 201 E Main St        | 50% off regular priced appetizers!   |
| Giggles & Gumdrops                 | 217 W Main           | 10% off entire purchase!   |
| Glass House Designs                | 215 W Main St        | Join us for Champagne and chocolate.   |
| Heartstone Design Studio, LLC      | 218 E Main St        | 25% off on all in stock items  |
| Hunan Garden's La Te Da's          | 11656 E Fulton       | Happy Hour all night and 15% off all food entrees!   |
| Journeys Time Antiques             | 209 W Main St        | \$10 Gift Certificate drawing every hour! Must register at shop.   |
| Larkin's Fine Food & Cocktails     | 301 W Main St        | Pecan Cherry Chicken Salad with Blue Cheese crumbles for \$6.99, and Octoberfest drink specials!   |
| Lowell Area Historical Museum      | 325 W Main St        | 10% off gift shop items. 2011 calendar available!  |
| Lowell Beer Store                  | 213 E Main St        | Enjoy \$1.00 off any bottle of wine!   |
| Miche Bags @ Overbeck Construction | 309 E Main St        | Stop in and see our new fall shell line and enjoy our refreshments!  |
| Modern Photographics               | 216 W Main           | Girls get your photo taken and get a FREE 4x6 each. Enter to win a portrait package worth \$150.   |
| Nightforest Jewelry                | 10 W Main            | 10% off anything...in the store!   |
| Pep Talk                           | 207 E Main St        | 10% off entire purchase! (excludes Under Armor)  |
| Rookies Sportcards Plus            | 106 W Main St        | 20% off board games and comic hardcover books and trade paperbacks!  |
| Salon 206                          | 206 E Main St        | \$5 hand paraffin dips, eyebrow waxes, 10 min scalp massages and 10 min chair massages. Check out ALL our great in store specials!   |
| Sneaker's                          | 211 E Main St        | Happy Hour special 5-9 for women only!   |
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| Springrove Variety                 | 123 W Main St        | 25% off entire store, excluding "Super Saver Yarn"   |
| The Hanger @ the Chamber           | 113 Riverwalk Plaza  | Hanger Accessories and Purses. \$5 off any \$25 purchase   |
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