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## Girls' Night Out differs from previous years

by Emma Palova

Champagne, chocolate covered strawberries and dancing, that's what it was all about last Thursday during a different Girls' Night Out.

Even though some girls still sported yellow construction hard hats from the spring Girls' Night Out, it was all about the trolls

that have been sent home now that the bridge project is done. Actually, the trolls have been auctioned off and some businesses would not give theirs up, according to Catherine Bek of the Lowell Area Chamber Commerce.

And the business participation was up due to the troll marketing project. Each participating business

in the troll project got automatically enrolled in Girls' Night Out.

However, according to most merchants, public participation was down, as well as sales.

The entire event was designed by Karen Hale, of Cousins' Hallmark, as customer appreciation day. Hale was busy and counted

185 people around 7:15 p.m.

"It's a fun event," she said.

And there was a line at the counter of women purchasing various gifts and knick knacks.

The chamber was also

busy with two merchants having their presence there.

These were Jess Galusha and Kris Vershum of The Hanger selling beautiful fashionable bags. The other merchant stationed at the chamber was

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Dar Novak and Vern Sanders at Journeys Time Antiques.



Karen Hale with customer Nicole Hawley at Cousins' Hallmark.

## Lowell city approves \$2,000 for economic development

by Emma Palova

Monday night, the Lowell City Council approved \$2,000 for economic retention and development for The Right Place, Inc., an economic development corporation. The Right Place, Inc. is an arm of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

President of The Right Place, Inc., Birgit Klohs, delivered a presentation about the private/public sector partnership. The partnership is funded by philanthropists, by 75 percent, and by municipalities such as Kent County, city of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township, by 25 percent.

Its number one goal, according to Klohs, is economic retention of existing businesses and attraction of new businesses, mainly manufacturers.

Klohs said America needs the manufacturing sector to produce.

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## Third annual "Coats for Kids & Vets" drive has officially begun

The third annual "Coats for Kids and Vets" drive has started with high hopes again this year. Curtis Cleaners is looking to collect, clean, and donate more coats than last year with a goal of 1,000 coats (last year's total was 852). This year Curtis Cleaners has turned both annual coat drives into one, in hopes to get more coats for more people. They will be donating the collected coats to Mel Trotter of Grand Rapids, Flat River Outreach Ministries of Lowell, and Health Care for Homeless Veterans located at 353 Division Avenue.

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## Indian summer delivers autumn beauty, completion of projects and start of a new bridge project in Ada

by Emma Palova

Indian summer was definitely not a summer of discontent. On the contrary, it delivered the completion of the bridge replacement project over Flat River. Lowell, with a population of 4,013, is a changed town nowadays.

And fall is a time of transition for nature and people.

Sunny, with 70-degree temperatures and just plain beautiful was this year's fall. The deep red colors of

sedum and burning bushes have never been redder. They almost appeared to be on fire. Chrysanthemums glowed in the bright sun with their purples, yellows and pinks, and Joe Pie Weed blossomed with tiny white flowers. Marigolds glowed like gold. The fall was like a bold symphony of colors with colorful leaves playing the main tune.

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The Flat River taken from the bridge at the Fallsburg Park.

## Pauly's launches maiden voyage of new bus for pub crawl

by Emma Palova  
 Nothing beats being chauffeured in a small bus to area microbreweries. That is Pauly's newest addition to already existing wine tours to Leelanau and Old Mission peninsula wineries.  
 Last Sunday, Paul and Stacey Faba held their inaugural voyage to three local breweries. Stacey is also known as the "Beer Goddess" for her extensive knowledge of beer and beer making. She encourages trying different beers, because as she puts it, "You wouldn't eat meatloaf every day."  
 Paul wants people to experience bus tours, kind of like color leaf tours, for people who enjoy beer and wine.  
 The tour visited three breweries, including Schmohz, who produces the strong hopknocker and many others. The brewer Chas Thompson explained the beer making process, with samples available.  
 Other breweries included Founders and the newest brewery in Sparta, the Michigan Beer Cellar.  
 The experience included the sampling of seasonal drafts such as the Octoberfest.  
 For more information about Pauly's events and products go to the website at [www.pauly's.net](http://www.pauly's.net) or call 897-2669.



Pictured, in the Schmohz beer garden, are: Paul Faba and beer goddess, Stacey Faba, Kish Whitmore, Kim Gillespie, Jeff Slater, Ludek Pala and Schmohz brewer, Chaz Thompson.



# along main street

### SENIOR CENTER MUSEUM CONCERTS

The 2010-2011 Wurlitzer Organ programs have begun. Dave Wickerham will perform Fri., Oct. 22. Plan to leave the Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson, at 6 p.m. For more information call 897-5949.

### BOULDER RIDGE RANCH

Lowell Senior Neighbors will be visiting the small ranch and petting zoo in Alto on Fri. Oct. 22. The bus leaves the center, 314 S. Hudson, at 12:45 p.m. For more information call 897-5949.

### NIGHT HIKE

Join in Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. and explore the forest at night. To register, or for more information, contact Kathy Doyle at 987-1002 or [kdoyle@lowellschools.com](mailto:kdoyle@lowellschools.com)

### FROM FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is presently in need of fruit juice, fruit, cereal, pasta, tuna, hamburger helper, crackers, tomatoes, tomato sauce, paper products, and personal care items. Please help if you can.

### GILDA'S CLUB FALL FUN SOCIAL

Sat., Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson St. Bring family and friends for an afternoon of fall fun. Wear your Halloween costume or fall attire and enjoy a delicious lunch followed by fun activities for adults, kids, and the whole family. Please call to sign up, 897-8600.

### TEEN SOCIAL NIGHT/KIDS GROUP

Tues., Oct. 26, 5:30-7 p.m. at Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson St. Teens on a cancer or grief journey, at the Clubhouse. Kids group - A committed group for children in

first through fourth grade on a grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion, and fun. Call 897-8600 for more information or go to [www.gildasclub.org/pinkarrow](http://www.gildasclub.org/pinkarrow)

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join the Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, on Fri., Oct. 29, for a Halloween party following the Birthday Lunch. Prizes awarded for the best costume. Games and fun for all. For more information call 897-5949.

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

Presents "Escanaba in Love" by Jeff Daniels, directed by Sue Bradford. Join us at Larkin's Banquet Hall in downtown Lowell for dinner and theatre (show only tickets available). November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and play 7:30 p.m. November 7 and 14 with dinner at 1:30 p.m. and play at 2:30 p.m. Contact the Lowell Area Arts Council for tickets, 897-8545.

### ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

### POKER RUN VENISON DINNER

A Venison Stew dinner Nov. 6 at 6-9 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Lodge to benefit Gilda's Club and the Lowell Moose.. Coach Noel Dean will emcee the kickoff of the Poker Hand Drawing at 7 p.m.. For information call Christine Baird, 616-446-9100.

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## Pink Arrow Pride continues to inspire

by Thad Kraus

An ailing economy and higher unemployment played key factors in an 11 percent drop in charitable donations in 2009 to large charities. That was the largest decline in 20 years.  
 Smaller charities recorded an overall decline of 3.6 percent.  
 When a community can identify with the cause, however, and embraces the concept of helping one another, that number can invert to more than an 11 percent increase.  
 That is what the Pink Arrow Pride event experienced this year - a 14 percent increase in charitable donations.  
 In 2009 the event raised \$115,000 in donations. This year, that total ballooned to \$133,000.  
 The three-year total for the Pink Arrow events rests at a little over \$340,000.  
 Those figures do not include the thousands of hours of donated in-kind services.  
 Gilda's Club of Lowell valued the labor and supplies donated toward its satellite center (located in the Senior Neighbors Center) at \$250,000.  
 All of the funds are disbursed to community wellness, scholarships and Gilda's Club of Lowell to enhance cancer education and awareness.  
 This year Pink Arrow Pride has been able to help 25 local families while on their cancer journey, with such things as a mortgage payment, rent, car payment, gas cards, and more. "That number is up from 19 a year ago and we expect it to grow even more," said Lowell's Teresa Beachum.  
 The awareness within the community is more and more prevalent.  
 "Everybody knows somebody who has walked the walk. This community has shown its care and pride in the place they live," Beachum explained. "We are thankful to the community for embracing Pink Arrow Pride."

Its mission statement - "Serving our community and inspiring others to serve theirs" is evident through a number of West Michigan events that have taken root since the inauguration of the Pink Arrow Pride event three years ago.  
 This year Kenowa Hills raised \$12,000 for its "We Do Care" event.  
 "A big thank you goes out to the Lowell community, students, teachers, administrators and support staff and the total football program for their support in the 2010 Pink Arrow Game - We could not do what we did without them," said

Lowell's Brian Krajewski. "From volunteers cleaning the stadium and painting the field to clean up afterwards - we truly are a selfless community - helping each other when help is needed!"  
 The word of the community's effort in enhancing cancer education and awareness has spread beyond West Michigan.  
 Lowell is in the process of teaming up with High School Football America to further help continue its plight.  
 High School Football America taped a seven-minute video on the day of the Pink Arrow game. It can be viewed by going to the [highschoolfootballamerica.com](http://highschoolfootballamerica.com) website.  
 In a blog, the New York Times' Joe Favorito wrote about Lowell's event.  
 That blog can be found at [joefavorito.com/2010/10/14/scoring-fundraiser-points-at-the-high-school-level](http://joefavorito.com/2010/10/14/scoring-fundraiser-points-at-the-high-school-level)

## Economic development, continued

"We're strong believers America has to make things," she said.  
 Since 1984, the company has attracted 40 German companies to the West Michigan region.  
 "For every manufacturing job, there are two spin-off jobs," she said.  
 And for every manufacturing job in the automotive industry, there are seven spin-off jobs.  
 The company's focus is on medical companies, alternative energy, wind turbines, renewable and bioenergy, aerospace and food processing.  
 Other goals include connecting the manufacturers with intellectual properties and bringing technical assistance. "We measure ourselves," she said. "If we don't measure it, it doesn't get done."  
 Since 2009, The Right Place, Inc. has brought to Michigan \$318 million in new investment, \$172 million in new payroll and 5,000 new jobs.  
 The company operates regionally and considers the municipalities as investors, much like the private investors.  
 "We have competition in other states," Klohs said. "It gets tougher every year. We want the city of Lowell to become an investor."  
 In a long list of credits for the company, Klohs mentioned connecting a Shanghai company to Walker. Mayor Jim Hodges questioned how the partnership will benefit Lowell, which has one of the highest taxation rates after East Grand Rapids.

Klohs said it already has retention of Attwood and is working with Root Lowell.  
 "At \$2,000 a year it's a bargain, an economic development director would cost you \$55,000," she said.  
 City manager Dave Pasquale said the city budget can handle the \$2,000 request. "It's not an outrageous amount," he said.  
 Klohs stated the amount is determined by the size of the community.  
 "It's not an easy investment, but we'll make it work," said councilmember Andy Schrauben.  
 In related business, the council approved re-roofing for Creekside and Stoney Lakeside Park's restrooms.  
 During the citizen comments period, Dave Harding requested the city should pursue having a fishing pier at Stoney Lakeside Park.

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# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## A good week to think about retirement savings

You may not see it posted on your calendar, but this is National Save for Retirement Week. This annual event, endorsed by Congress, is designed to raise awareness about the importance of saving for retirement — so why not take some time this week to review your own strategy for achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned?

Of course, you may wonder why we even need a National Save for Retirement Week. Unfortunately, it seems many Americans are

defined benefit plans (i.e., traditional pension plans) is less than \$25,000.

Less than half of the respondents say they and/or their spouse have tried to calculate how much money they will need for a comfortable retirement.

These are obviously troubling statistics — and they indicate that most of us probably need to put more thought and effort into our retirement savings. What can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Determine how much you'll need in retirement.** Try to define the lifestyle you want during retirement. Will you travel the world or stay close to home? Will you work part time or spend your hours volunteering or pursuing hobbies? Once you know what your retirement might look like, try to estimate how much it might cost.
- **Identify your sources of retirement income.** Take into account your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, Social Security and other savings and investments. How much income will they provide? How much can you withdraw from these vehicles each year without depleting them?
- **Calculate any retirement shortfall.** Try to determine if your savings and investments will be enough to provide you with

an income stream that's adequate to meet your retirement needs. If it isn't, develop an estimate of the size of the shortfall.

- **Take steps to close savings "gaps."** If it doesn't look like you'll have enough to meet your retirement needs, you'll have to adjust your savings and investment strategy. You may have to contribute more to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts, or you may have to adjusting your investment mix to provide more potential growth — or you may need to take both of these steps.
- **Monitor your progress.** Once you've put your investment strategy into place, you'll need to monitor your progress to make sure you're on track toward achieving your retirement savings goals. Along the way, you may have to make adjustments in response to changes in the markets, your objectives or your family situation.

Taking these types of action can be challenging, so you may want to work with a professional financial advisor who has the experiences and resources necessary to help you identify and pursue your retirement goals. In any case, though, take action soon — and National Save for Retirement Week is a great time to start.

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

## Coat drive, continued

### Donation sites are:

- All Gilmore Collection restaurants;
  - Farm Bureau Agency's - Mike Curtis, Sean Black, Dustin Nieboer and Scot Akins at 6650 Crossings Dr., SE, Suite D, Grand Rapids; Mike Bouma and David Crump at 6740 Cascade SE, Suite 4, Grand Rapids; Mark Johnson and Terry Abel at 6095 28th St., SE, Suite 4, Grand Rapids;
  - Citadel Broadcasting, 60 Monroe Center, Grand Rapids;
  - Impact Church of Lowell;
  - Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce;
  - Independent Bank - Cascade, Plainfield, and Allendale branches.
  - All Curtis Cleaners locations - 6475 28th Street, Cascade; 450 Michigan, downtown Grand Rapids, and 1410 Main Street, Lowell.
- Donations will be accepted until December 1.
- If you are on one of the free pick up and delivery routes for Curtis Cleaners, simply leave any coats to be donated out with your cleaning to be picked up and mark it "Donation."

## business matters

Paul Mundt has been named one of a select group of Waddell and Reed's financial advisors who qualify for the firm's Career Development Conference (CDC).

Waddell and Reed holds its CDC several times each year for financial advisors that are within one year of service with the company and have exhibited initial success in the industry, based on an analysis of investment, insurance and financial planning sales generated by the advisor. Waddell and Reed hosts the week-long conference

to emphasize business and marketing planning, the financial planning process, asset allocation, retirement planning, values and client relationships, and many other educational topics.

Mundt, 23, has been a professional in the financial services industry for one year and counsels clients throughout the Grand Rapids and Lowell communities on their ongoing financial affairs and goals. He joined Waddell and Reed in 2009. Mundt earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

It was noted recently in an article that officials would be looking at extending the Downtown Development Association (DDA) past 2013. If officials are looking at extending the DDA, then I believe so should the constituents of Lowell. This shouldn't be left up to the DDA or the city council. It's too important and should be voted on by the constituents of Lowell.

This is about if Lowell should continue to have two governing bodies. It's about if the DDA should have the right to spend the greater share of their city taxes as they please.

I for one, do not believe in extending the DDA. I believe all the city taxes generated by the downtown area should go into the general fund. I do not see the downtown area being one day closer to

being the economic hub of the community than it was when the DDA was formed eighteen years ago. Projects like the resurrection of the now defunct amphitheater or the securing of the west bank of the Flat River are on the DDA's agenda.

Last year, the DDA had an RV Park on its agenda. Lowell cannot afford foolish spending in a time of need. Two governing bodies has brought about a city with a tax base near the top in Kent County and roads twice the age of replacement.

Lowell cannot get out of its economic dilemma by adding to it.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

Dear Editor,

Again, I am so disappointed by seeing the tradition of the deer hunt.

Seeing pictures of even our youth posing with their dead bucks in hand brings me to another letter to the editor. With our youth being so much the leaders of tomorrow and being taught in so many other ways about "green" and saving the planet, isn't it time to teach them about deer management rather than feeding the ego with antlers?

Does anyone even remember where the "Buck Hunt" came from? It was 40-50 years ago when the tradition was to go north to hunt because the deer population was so small here in the lower part of the state. As a kid, I remember it being such a thrill to see a single deer crossing the driveway because the sighting was so rare. At that time the DNR encouraged buck hunting because of the desire to grow the population through the preservation of the does. Well, mission accomplished! No more rarity of deer sightings!

Yet, the tradition continues. How sad that we are passing on this tradition to future generations without thinking of the consequences.

We all are very aware of all the damage caused by deer these days. Yet, hunters have the very simple solution: Thin the does - this is where the overpopulation comes from. Nearly every doe you see will have a fawn. Even a year old doe will produce a single fawn, a two-year old usually has twins. A three-year old and older is considered in her prime and will have two or even three fawns every year. Can anyone do the math?

Talking to a wildlife biologist with the DNR I also learned that the rut is in October. But, any doe not bred, then comes into heat again in late November/December. So that probably provides pretty much 100 percent breeding of every doe. This points to the need for deer management by more selection of does,

not continued mindless trophy hunting of the bucks. Please, hunters, if you are determined to get that one more set of antlers, at least get a doe or two as well. For the sake of the herd pass the meat on to someone else if you can't use it yourself. Many others need it.

I would again ask the local papers - please create something other than "First Buck" contests. How about "First" or "Biggest Doe?" There is much more meat there than many of those tiny little baby bucks brought in (no sportsmanship there). Wouldn't it be great to have a great contest and reward for most meat donated? Even "Biggest Buck of the Season" or at least "Biggest

Buck of the First Day" rather than "First Buck" would help. At least create a little need to actually hunt and maybe work for a bigger buck.

I want to say a huge thank you to all those hunters who have become more enlightened with the idea of deer management and taking does rather than just hunting for a trophy. Everyone, please start thinking more about what the hunt really means and how things have changed over the years. Let's change with the times and teach our youth as well.

Thank you,  
Peggy Covert  
Lowell

## outdoors

start 'em young

Dave Stegehuis

Parenting is serious business. It seems that raising children today presents more challenges than with previous generations. Part of the problem may be that there are so many choices and decisions facing parents in regards to their children. Time constraints make it necessary for kids to choose only a limited number of activities. Young people today are booked solid with daily activities which are usually organized by adults. Although time consuming and arguably beneficial to the child, the list is short. The danger is that a childhood could be spent focused on a narrow sphere of interests which may not be practical to carry into adulthood.

Modern conveniences and contracted services leave little for most young people to do around home. Think about farm-life 75 years ago. There were plenty of tasks to attend to and many important skills to learn. A special effort should be made to teach youngsters a variety of skills and help them develop interests to serve them along life's journey.

Parents have a large influence on children. They can set an example for behavior and have the authority to monitor and affect a child's choices. This puts the parent in a

position to influence the future lifestyle of children by encouraging kids to explore a wide range of new interests. Grandparents likewise can have a positive effect on their grandchildren. Grandparents generally have had a wide range of life experiences and can pass along special skills and knowledge to the next generation.

Some activities may be outside of one's realm of experience. A parent may have to overcome prejudices or unfamiliarity, but never the less, give the child the chance to have new experiences. Passing along prejudices, lack of interest, or unfounded fears may unnecessarily limit a child's opportunity for a fulfilling well rounded life.

Golf and tennis come to mind as healthy lifelong pursuits for many people. Art and music, for example, will enhance a person's quality of life. Camping, hunting, and fishing can also provide the basis for future lifestyles. A connection with nature provides a diversion from daily pressures and creates interest in conservation issues. These are just a few examples of productive and interesting ways to have a life filled with purpose and lived with enthusiasm. Don't miss the opportunity to start em young.

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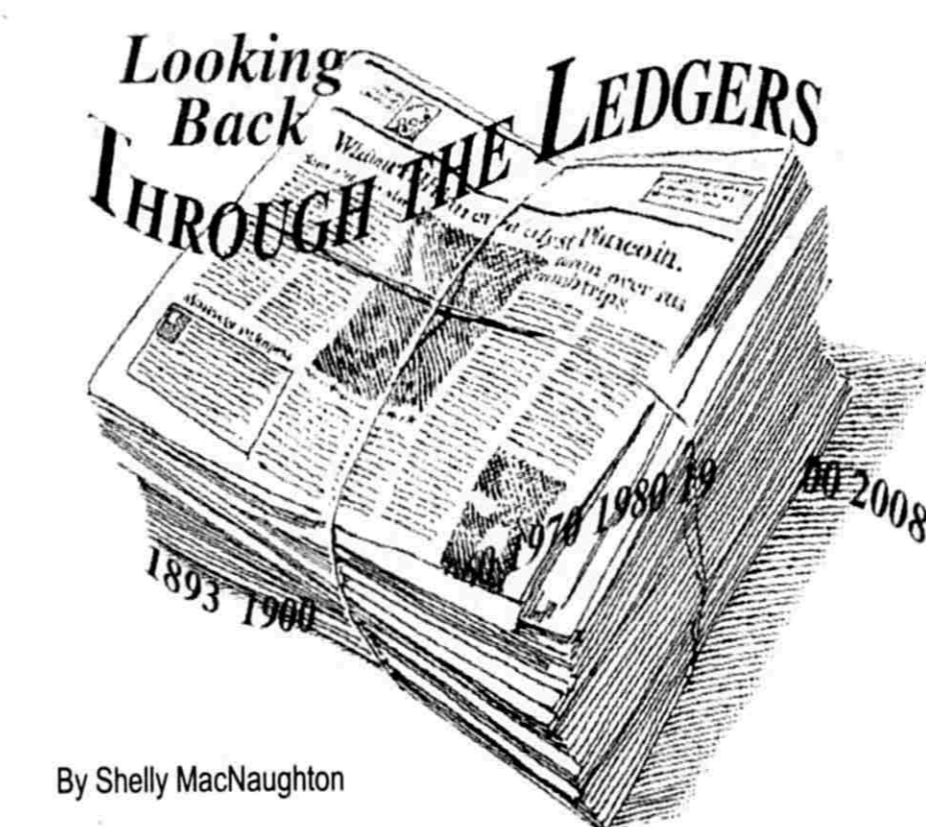
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By Shelly MacNaughton

**75 Years Ago**  
**The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo**  
**October 17, 1935**

An Associated Press dispatch from Akron, Ohio, last Saturday, brought the news that the will of Philip H. Schneider, a former Lowell boy who died in the Ohio city on October 7, as mentioned in last week's Ledger, has named Lowell as the principal beneficiary by providing for the setting up of a trust fund to be known as the "Phillip H. and Jennie Winegar-Schneider memorial fund." It is reported that the fund will approximate a large sum and is to be used for the erection of a hospital here to alleviate suffering. It is a gift which the benefits of will be felt in this locality through generations to come.

**50 Years Ago**  
**The Lowell Ledger**  
**October 27, 1960**

James Nauta, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nauta, was shot in the stomach Saturday while hunting on his parent's farm. He was brought to Lowell and then rushed to Blodgett Hospital by ambulance. His condition is reported as good and he is expected to be brought home at the end of the week.

The accident occurred when James and his brother Phillip, 13, were hunting and went into a barn to get out of the rain. The 22 rifle of Phillip accidentally discharged and struck James, who was standing about eight feet away, in the stomach.

**25 Years Ago**  
**The Grand Valley Ledger**  
**October 23, 1985**

The staff of the State Savings Bank will proudly display their newly expanded and remodeled home office at 414 East Main Street during an all-day open house on Friday, October 15. Visitors will be treated to tours of the facility, free coffee and cake, and free gifts as tokens of appreciation to the 50 year-old bank's valued customers.

**125 Years Ago**  
**The Lowell Journal**  
**October 23, 1885**

Dr. Tibbitts had the misfortune a few days ago to lose his valuable horse.

Another old pioneer is dead. "Uncle Ben," as everybody called him, has been a great sufferer for a long time. Relief, welcome relief, came on Sunday, the 18th, when at 2 o'clock in the afternoon he died. Uncle Ben was one of the oldest and best known pioneers here. He died at the ripe age of 87 years and 4 mos. The funeral services were held at the Congregational Church Tuesday fore noon.

**100 Years Ago**  
**The Lowell Ledger**  
**October 20, 1910**

The Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps of Lowell, assisted by both local and outside talent, will give a campfire at the City Hall Wednesday evening, Oct. 26. The program will consist of war songs, speeches, stories and recitations.

## Middle school Students of the Month

Every month Lowell Middle School teachers nominate students who demonstrate good leadership, good citizenship and good academics in each grade for the Student of the Month award. For the month of September the following students were chosen as LMS Students of the Month: Lydia Tawney, eighth grade; Hayden Sutton, seventh grade; Lawrence Patrick and Megan Ritchie, both sixth graders.

**Pictured, left to right: Hayden Sutton, Lawrence Patrick, Megan Ritchie and Lydia Tawney.**



### Madelyn Derickson Christiansen and William Christiansen will celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> 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 Smith (Joe) of Wilmington, DE, and Heather Fair (David) of Bradenton, FL.

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Health, continued, page 7

## Thank You

This past spring, I did my Eagle Scout project on the Lowell Showboat and I now feel the need to say thank you to a few parties that were a big help.

I would first like to extend my thanks to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Especially Liz Baker, for getting me in touch with Ivan Blough and getting me started.

Next, I would like to thank Mr. Ivan Blough for all of the time and effort he put into my project. Almost every single night I was at the boat he was there too; always ready to answer a question or give some advice. I will dearly miss him. Self Serve Lumber was also a great help. Thank you for supplying me with all of my painting necessities. I would also like to thank Mrs. Blough for letting her husband spend so much time working with me.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped me in any shape or form throughout all stages of my project, whether it was the paperwork, the scraping and painting, or even just some good advice to set me straight.

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## GNO, continued

Simple Pleasures Fine Bath & Body featuring special doggie shampoo.

A mainstay on the night out is the Flat River Cottage, never disappointing with sangria and oranges. Lynn Hiser was at the register.

Cliff Yankovich of Chimera Design, in a follow up conversation, said the event is mainly for fun.

"I don't expect to do business during this or to sell a diamond ring," he said.

And arts is alive at Fire & Water Art. Owner Kathleen Mooney was busy making travel badges with colorful threads. The gallery was full.

Jan Johnson created a Paul Gauguin picture in bright orange and black colors. Mooney showed off an interesting piece by artist Nancy Wanha titled "Old World Santa."

Greg and Deb Canfield, owners of Main Street Inn, were handing out brochures. Their hotel is embellished by the proximity of a good troll sculpture created by artist Nate Galusha.

Surprisingly enough, although the sculpture is close to eight feet tall, most ladies did not notice it from the bridge as it sits on the water on a pylon.

It was also busy at Journeys Time Antiques and Glass House Designs.

Eja Salon, Inc. was offering \$5 eyebrow waxes. Judie Eddy loved the event and she will continue to come to it.

"I was just thrilled with the turnout for GNO", said chamber director Liz Baker, "it just gets better every time we do it. We have already set the theme for the April and October GNO, but we will keep you in suspense for a little while longer."

## Health, continued

antibiotics and longer courses of treatment.

Common infections that usually do not require antibiotic treatment include the common cold, flu, and most cases of bronchitis. Many ear infections will also resolve without antibiotic treatment, but in the United States it is common practice to prescribe antibiotics for an acute ear infection.

You can help prevent the emergence of resistant bacterial infections by making sure to take antibiotics only when prescribed by your physician. Follow directions when taking the antibiotic and be sure to complete the entire prescription even though you may feel better before finishing. Throw away any old, unused antibiotics. Do not share your medication with others and don't take antibiotics prescribed to someone else.



Deana Brownlow with her glass art. Below Kathleen Mooney at Fire and Water Gallery



Jan Johnson with her artwork.



Jess Galusha and Kris Vershum representing The Hanger at the chamber.



Jamie Bailey and Sarah Seeley having a good time dancing during GNO.



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# Autumn projects, continued

In Fallasburg Park, people were biking, hiking and fishing by the Covered Bridge. Some trees were half green and half orange, and their marvelous shadows in the Flat River seemed to grow longer.

Driving into the sun from the park, trees appeared to have black trunks adorned by yellow leaves.

One had to marvel at the beauty of colorful gourds at local farm stands. They looked like swans with long necks. Some were up to tricolored. The farm stand on Lincoln Lake across from the Alton church boasted with endless crates of these gourds. And they are a great deal too at three for a dollar.

Paulson's Pumpkin Patch near Belding on M44 carries fresh produce such

as different kinds of peppers, including the hottest orange habaneras, red round peppers, purple cauliflower, and hundreds of pumpkins and squash.

The warm autumn air allowed still sitting in the sun in the garden and watching the deep blue sky without a cloud, or a worry.

Fall also wrapped up many Lowell activities like the Fallasburg Fall Festival, the Harvest Celebration, chili cook off and the annual Girls' Night Out.

Lowell is different nowadays. Change has come to this sleepy little town. It has a new bridge, a new troll sculpture, and it will have a hotel.

Changes have also come to the neighboring communities of Ada.



Colorful gourds at a roadside farm stand on Lincoln Lake Road.

replacement project along M-21 (Fulton Street) crossing the Grand River in Ada Township. Work includes removing and replacing the M-21 bridge over the Grand River, constructing a no motorized path, and 1.5 miles of resurfacing and concrete repairs.

To maintain one lane of traffic in each direction throughout the project, crews began preliminary work this week to construct a temporary bridge over the Grand River. In March,

traffic wanting to turn left onto eastbound M-21 will be detoured east on Vergennes Street, then south on Alden Nash Avenue to M-21. For the third and final stage, M-21 traffic will be maintained on the new bridge while the temporary bridge is removed. It is anticipated that Stage III will take place from November 2011 to June 2012.

"We've worked very closely with the residents, stake holders and businesses

river crossing and building a temporary bridge was a collaborative decision."

The reconstruction of the bridge will ensure long-term access across the Grand River and the no motorized facility will increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists. The pavement repairs and resurfacing will provide increased longevity and ride quality. This marks the first reconstruction of this bridge since it was built in 1957.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - SOCCER

### Lowell Red Arrows tripped up at Northview, rebounds against Jackets

by Thad Kraus

It didn't take the Lowell boys' soccer team long to get that nasty taste, from a loss to Northview, out of its collective mouths in a dominating 8-1 regular season, conference-ending win over Greenville.

Matt Kyllonen and Joe

Sweet each creased the net three times with Spencer Lyon and Martin Brubaker contributing with single goals.

The Red Arrows took control early and scored often in a 6-0 first-half performance.

Kyllonen led the way

with all three of his goals coming in the first half.

"After coming off the loss to Northview, the boys finished off the regular season quite well in preparation for the district," said Lowell boys' soccer coach Rich O'Keefe.

Lowell travels to Grandville to open up district play. The Red Arrows defeated the Bulldogs earlier this season 6-1.

The winner of the game will play Grand Rapids Union who drew a bye in round one.

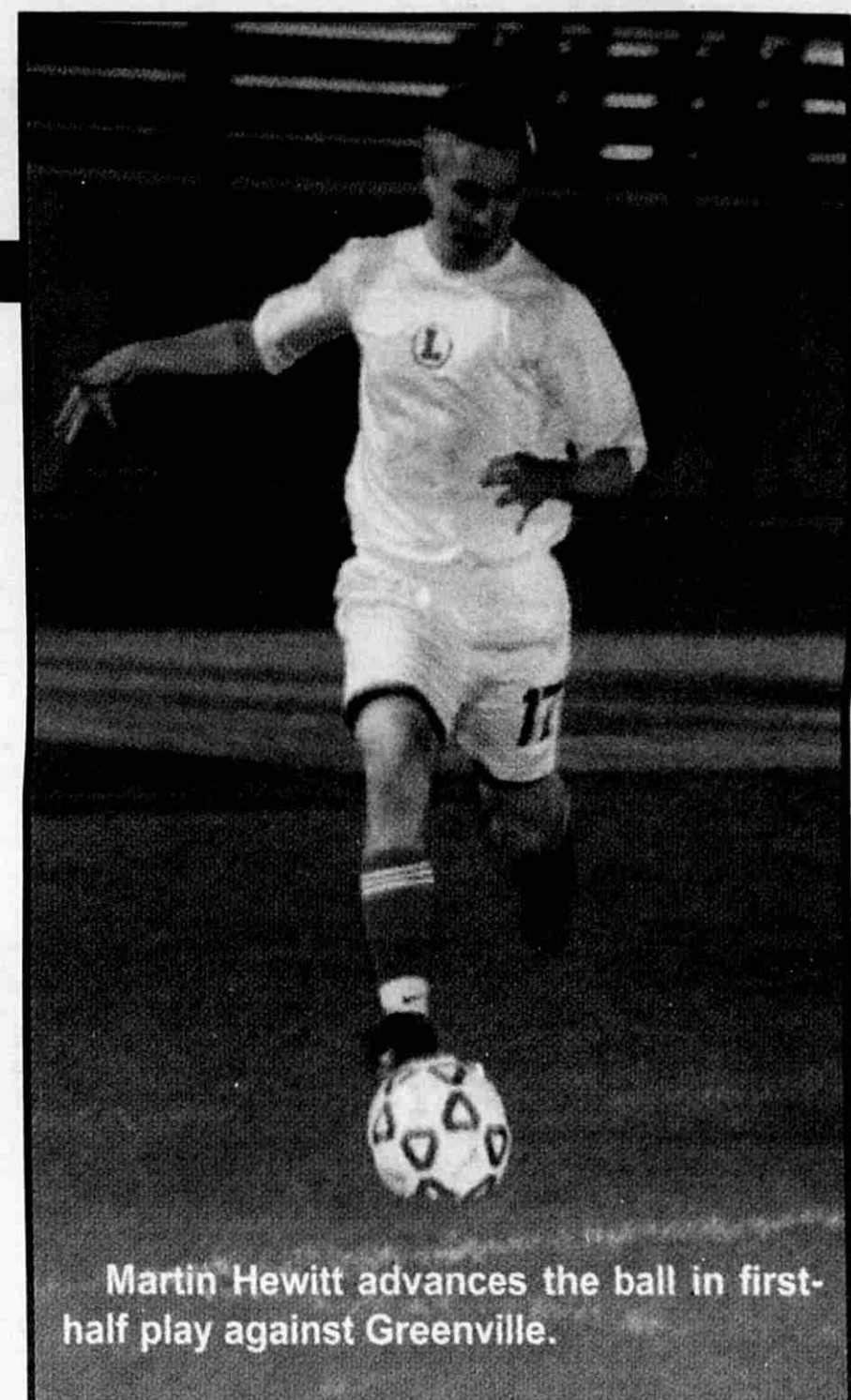
O'Keefe is well aware that his club was fortunate with its district draw.

The bottom half of the district has East Kentwood playing Caledonia and Rockford playing Forest Hills Central.

Despite the good draw, the task remains the same.

"We still have to stay focused and work hard for good results," O'Keefe explained.

Lowell finished the regular season at 6-4 in the O-K White, good enough for third place. Northview



Martin Hewitt advances the ball in first-half play against Greenville.

won the league title with a mark of 10-0. Grand Rapids Christian finished a half game in front of Lowell at 6-3-1.

East Grand Rapids came in fourth place at 5-4-1 followed by Greenville and Creston.

Lowell lost a 5-1 decision at Northview.

"They are one of the top four teams in the state," O'Keefe said. "That's no surprise. They have great talent and have done a good job of developing that team. Without a doubt, Northview is the best we've faced all year."

## - VOLLEYBALL

### Eagles soar over Arrows

by Thad Kraus

Lowell girls' volleyball team struggled with confidence and inexperience in a three-set loss to Grand Rapids Christian, 25-20, 25-15, 25-17.

"We had girls playing in new roles, but I was confident in their ability to bring play, even with lineup changes, that could compete with Christian," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal.

The Red Arrows took the Eagles right to the end before falling.

"They were right there

before losing it at the end," Peal explained. "They played loose in game one, but then I think their inexperience and lack of confidence settled in."

Hannah Geelhoed led Lowell in aces with three while Emily Oberlin and Abby Petroelje added a team-leading six kills. Jordan Timmer dished out 18 assists.

Leading Grand Rapids Christian were Micaela DeVos with two aces, Katie VanderWeide with 15 kills

and Taylor Gates recorded 33 assists.

In a quad at Forest Hills Northern, the Red Arrows went 1-2 with losses against Mona Shores and Wayland and a win over Forest Hills Northern.

"The girls played with intensity. I was pleased with the play of the girls on the court. Some of them were playing positions they had not played before," Peal said. "This quad helps prepare us for the second half of our league season."

### Equestrians third at state championship

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's equestrian "B" squad captured a third-place finish in the Michigan Interscholastic State championship at the Midland County Fairgrounds.

Lowell's "B" team tallied 209 points in the 11 team field. Williamston was

crowned state champion with 317 points, with Fruitport finishing second at 304.

"The girls had a strong showing. They have been strong all year," said Lowell coach Linda Foote who shares duties with Jessica Bouman.

Lowell equestrians have been part of the state

finals every year since the competition started in 1976.

This year it was also the largest team from the west side of the state to participate with 35 members.

Lowell advanced to the finals with its Region

Equestrians, continued, page 10

## So -- Mr. Amash wants to go to Washington?

His web site does not mention: *Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea*, or for that matter, *nuclear proliferation*. Pose less with children. Talk to adults.

Try economic policy, then. Amash claims government is at fault for the 2007 train wreck, but no names of agencies, bureaus, or commissions. Brief blather about free markets.

He loves the *Ninth Amendment* (US Const 1791), so how does he square "rights retained by the people" as an anti-abortion hotspur? 24-karat law degree, but too much deep thinking could cost an important Right to Life endorsement.

No Teddy Roosevelt or Milliken, "property rights" will suffice for environmental protection. Bully for endangered species, fugitive carcinogens and marine estuaries.

Justin Amash needs bigger feet for the shoes. Henry's unavailable and Ehlers is on holiday. Our bad luck.

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# Red Arrow FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Lowell crushes Northview, 64-8

by Thad Kraus

Some may say Lowell's football team came out flat following the tough week that followed a loss to league rival East Grand Rapids.

Don't group Red Arrow middle linebacker/running back, Sam Young, among those.

"Northview just came out and played harder in that first series," Young explained.

That, however, was the kick in the backside that Lowell needed to get its engine running.

Lowell responded by scoring touchdowns on nine of its 10 possessions. Defensively, after giving up 60 yards on Northview's scoring drive, the Red Arrows relinquished just 62

yards the rest of the way. Lowell finished with a 64-8 victory, lifting its league record to 3-1 and overall record to 7-1.

The Red Arrows will close out their regular season with its final home game of the year against Greenville.

The Yellow Jackets (3-1, 7-1) enter the game on an emotional high following a dramatic 27-21 overtime win against Grand Rapids Christian.

Barring an unexpected East Grand Rapids loss to Northview, the winner of the Lowell/Greenville game will finish second in the O-K White.

"Greenville is a fantastic football team. They gave East a great game and will present us with a great challenge," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Lowell rushed the football for 455 yards against the Wildcats'

defense. Gabe Dean led the way with 186 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns. Joshua Addington added 101 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns.

Dean threw the ball for 117 yards and three touchdowns.

Matt Houston led all receivers with five catches for 56 yards and a touchdown.

"I felt we may have come out flat, but then we found our groove," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "We were able to have some fun and mix up our passing game a little."

Lowell's six first-half touchdowns came on a Dean seven-yard pass to Jordan Drake; a Dean 63-yard pass and catch to Jacob Meyer; a Dean two-yard run; a Young 16-yard run; a Dean 76-yard run; and a 16-yard pass from Dean to Matt Houston.

Leighton Watson scored the first touchdown of the second half on a 29-yard touchdown run. Addington added runs of 21 and two yards.

**Lowell's Gabe Dean runs the ball during first-half action against the Wildcats.**



Sam Young rushes for some of his 86 yards on the ground in Lowell's 64-8 win over Northview.

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**THURS:** Baked chicken nuggets w/dinner roll (junior turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/butter, peaches, milk.

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## Equestrians, continued

A grand championship at Hastings.

"The girls very much gave it their all," Foote explained. "They did all the leg work required to advance from the district and region and then onto state."

Lowell's top three point-scoring events at the championship over the weekend were the flag race (32), cloverleaf race (26) and the western fitting and showing (26).

Filling the roster spots on the "B" team were Shelby Baird, Kendra Black, Audrey Blodger, Molly Doyle, Kaitlin Fisher, Kendall Hewitt, Michaela Kehoe, Justin Rinks, Kristen Schramm and MacKenzie Whaley.

Serving as captains were Hewitt, Schramm, and Whaley.

Assisting Bouman and Foote were Jessie Meyer, Sara Fosburg and Cara Wilcox.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## McElroy named Lowell's new softball coach

by Thad Kraus

Bill McElroy has been named Lowell's new varsity softball coach.

McElroy replaces Bob Rodenhouse, who coached 29 seasons before retiring after the 2010 season.

McElroy becomes just the third person to coach

Lowell girls' softball since the program's inaugural year in 1979.

"I know Bob won a lot, so what's not broke I probably won't fix," McElroy explained.

That doesn't mean there won't be changes.

"Everybody has different approaches. I think I'll tend to be a little more aggressive," McElroy says.

While new to the varsity softball coach role, McElroy isn't new to the Red Arrow softball program. He served

as an assistant under Rodenhouse for five years and coached at the freshman and junior varsity levels for four years prior to that.

"I have a good feel for who we have coming back and for what's coming up

through the program," he explains. "This (O-K White) is a tough softball league, so it will be nice to have a very good foundation coming back this year," McElroy said.

The new coach will hold a program-wide meeting at the high school on Tuesday Nov. 2 at 7:30 for all players and coaches and anyone who would like to be involved in the program.

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Remember that Florida slot receiver, Chris Rainey, who roughly a month ago was arrested and charged with a third degree felony for sending his former girlfriend a threatening text message? It read in part... "Time to Die."

Rainey's arrest was the 30th involving 27 Gator football players since Urban (I don't run a dirty program - however, it may lack character) Meyer arrived.

Rainey was recently allowed to come back and join the team.

He hasn't played yet, but he is practicing.

One other thing, he's considered one of Florida's biggest offensive (literally and figuratively) threats.

Before you go pointing fingers, the charge was

negotiated down to a misdemeanor as long as he upholds the terms of his deferred prosecution (and helps get the Gators to a prominent bowl and makes the university some cold, hard cash). That's my take in the parenthesis.

And so goes the world of college coaching....

Another 8-2 week. I'm now 58-22. My only misses were with Catholic Central and West Ottawa.

A 10-0 mark in the final week of the regular season would do wonders for my playoff confidence. Here are my picks!

### Who Do I Love?

1. Zeeland East at Byron Center Bulldogs are playing better, however, Chix are undefeated and sexier; I

2. Ottawa Hills at Middleville It's the Trojans' year; I love Middleville.
3. South Christian at Catholic Central Great rivalry this year; I love Catholic Central.
4. Allendale at Hopkins Vikings turning it on late; I love Hopkins in a mild upset!
5. Rockford at Hudsonville Rams are turning it up a notch at the right time; I love the Rams.
6. Grand Haven at Muskegon Oh My! Do you have a coin? I usually lean toward the Big Reds. Not this time; I love Grand Haven.
7. Hamilton at Zeeland West It's all Dux! I love Zeeland West.
8. Kenowa Hills

at Forest Hills Central Records aren't great, but they are the two best teams in the Black... I love the Rangers.

9. East Kentwood at West Ottawa NC - no contest! I love West Ottawa.
10. Greenville at Lowell The Jackets are 7-1, but not a Red Arrow 7-1. I love Lowell.

### THAD'S TOP 10

Two teams in the Top 10 lost again last week. Changes follow!!!

1. EGR
2. Grand Haven
3. Rockford
4. Lowell
5. Zeeland East
6. Muskegon
7. Middleville
8. Greenville
9. Zeeland West
10. West Catholic

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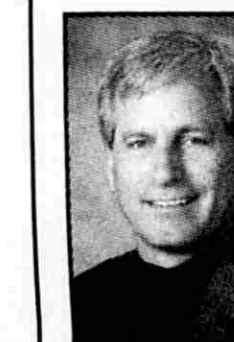
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## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Meeting of October 11, 2010 Reports

- Mr. Greg Pratt, Superintendent provided a report on current school funding.
- Summer Moore, Student Council President, provided a report on Homecoming activities. Student Council's first Blood Drive will be held October 28. They are also sponsoring a haunted corn maze on Friday, October 29. Casting for this year's play is complete. PALS mentoring has begun, and the International Club has begun planning for future events.

### Action Items

- The Board accepted the following gifts to the district:
  - Various Books, donated by State Representative Dave Hildenbrand, to be used by LAS Media Centers.
  - Various books, donated by Kate Democoeur, valued at \$45.00 to be used by LAS Media Centers.
  - Various books, donated by Debrah Maxim, valued at \$100.00 to be used by LAS.
- Discussion of policy continued and action will

- Approval of new hire, Mrs. Joy O'Strander, Speech Pathologist for Alto Elementary.
- Approval of Girl's Lacrosse as a non-school-funded Varsity sport.

### Consent Items Approved

- Minutes for the September 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, September 27, 2010 Board Work Session.

- The following payment of bills for September, 2010:

1. GENERAL FUND.....	1,280,933.58
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund .....	\$15,630.80
3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$101,115.38
4. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND....	\$281,114.01
5. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$1,679,293.77

### Budget Update

Mr. Zielski summarized the budget status reports for the month of September.

### Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup summarized work done in preparation for MEAP testing which begins this week and thanked the coordinators for the work

they have done and will do in regards to the testing. Mr. Bearup expressed gratitude for the fantastic job various committees are doing in providing higher learning opportunities for every child, every day by pin-pointing barriers and finding ways to remove any barriers that can prevent higher learning.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt feels fortunate to have the type of support from staff and volunteers with all the various activities especially the Lowell Education Foundation and their kick-off event. Mr. Pratt also thanked the Principals and School Board members for their leadership.

### Board Communication

Nancy Hopkins welcomed Summer Moore to the School Board Meetings. Mark Lessons reminded everyone that Parent/Teacher Conferences begin this week and to invite others to attend the Band, Orchestra and Choir concerts.

**Board of Education Work Session**  
October 25, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.



### We need to stop China's intellectual property theft



Sen. Carl Levin

In September, I testified at a hearing of the Congressional Executive Commission on China, which Congress established in 2000 to monitor human rights and the development of the rule of law in China. The hearing examined China's respect, or lack of respect, for intellectual property law. That's the area of law that protects inventions and patents, and it's especially important to Michigan manufacturers.

China is trying to have it both ways: protecting its home market while exporting most of its production. The New York Times reported that China continues to engage in unfair trade practices. I asked the commission to look into China's actions in two areas: steps it has taken to favor domestic producers of renewable energy technology, and counterfeiting of auto parts.

We should all be alarmed by China's attempts to dominate the renewable energy industry through measures that discriminate against

foreign manufacturers. China does this by requiring the use of domestic suppliers and production for green and renewable technology. China also requires a significant percentage of these products be exported, in order to guarantee that its domestic companies will dominate this important sector. We can't let these jobs – the jobs of the future – go without a fight.

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I am also concerned about the counterfeiting of auto parts, concerns that extend beyond monetary losses to U.S. firms and directly impact human health and safety. A counterfeit auto part could be the wheel or the brakes on your car. Since counterfeit parts are often substandard and produced with inferior materials, they put lives at risk.

In addition to the safety issues, American companies' investments in innovation and technology development are at risk. The auto parts industry's losses due to counterfeiting

are enormous. An industry group conservatively estimates that counterfeit goods cost motor vehicle suppliers up to \$12 billion globally in lost sales every year. In 2007 Ford Motor Co. stated that counterfeit auto parts cost it nearly \$1 billion a year. We cannot continue to allow these types of American investments and innovations to be stolen by foreign competitors.

For almost 20 years the United States has been aggressively pressing China to improve its intellectual property protection regime. Yet China continues to be the number one source for counterfeit and pirated goods seized at our border, accounting for 79 percent of the total value seized in 2009. The Chinese government itself estimates that counterfeits constitute between 15 and 20 percent of all products made in China and are equivalent to about eight percent of China's annual gross domestic product.

These practices hurt American companies and American workers, and I strongly favor strong action by U.S. trade officials to rein them in.



OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 19

- Full speed ahead - Wells Fargo won't halt foreclosures. Employees admit approving 500 foreclosures per day without reading the paperwork.
- In a latest Nielsen study, texting is on the rise. The average teenager sends over 3,000 texts per month. That's more than six texts per waking hour.
- Russia plans to help Venezuela build a nuclear power station, President Dmitry Medvedev says Friday. Also agreed upon were some military agreements with Russia. "Well, soon will arrive some little rockets," Chavez stated. "Those are only defense instruments because we are going to defend our nation, from any threat, from wherever it comes."
- Los Angeles, California - The California fertility doctor who implanted embryos in Nadya Suleman (Octomom), resulting in the birth of octuplets last year, faces a hearing Monday on a charge he was "grossly negligent" and could lose his license.
- Barbara Billingsley, TV's favorite mom from *Leave It To Beaver*, dies at the age of 94.

## Editorials



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Sound Off

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 Cliff Yankovich/Cher .....43%

## CITY OF LOWELL

### OAKWOOD CEMTERY FALL CLEAN-UP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2010

REVENUES	
Investment Earnings	\$ 1,778,889
Contributions	\$ 517
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,779,406</b>
EXPENSES	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 661,270
Investment Manager Fee	\$ 74,986
Support Services	\$ 60,808
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 797,064</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 982,342
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$ 11,979,666
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$12,962,008</b>

## Community Fund Advisory Committee

John Darling, representing the Englehardt Family  
 Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township  
 Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Principal, Lowell High School  
 David Organeck, Huntington Bank  
 David Pasquale, Lowell City Manager  
 Gregory Pratt, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools  
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## Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Fire Trucks	To purchase one rescue vehicle.	City of Lowell	\$18,000
Englehardt Public Library	To repair roof and wood damage, and painting of exterior wood of the Englehardt Public Library.	City of Lowell	\$50,000
Creekside Kingdom Playground Mulch	Remove existing wood chips at Creekside Kingdom which contains traces of arsenic and replace with mulch.	City of Lowell	\$22,500
Amity School Routes Sidewalks	To construct sidewalks in Amity Street area to promote safer school walks to Bushnell and the Middle School.	City of Lowell	\$45,300
21st Century Law Enforcement	To enhance law enforcement communications between the new Kent County Sheriff Department Dispatch system and Lowell Police Department.	City of Lowell	\$22,337
Downtown Lowell Historic District	To continue a program of historic preservation of Lowell's Downtown buildings.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
City Trees Program	To provide more trees throughout the City in both public and private areas.	City of Lowell	\$10,000
Skateboard Park	To provide a skateboard park at Stoney Lakeside Park.	City of Lowell	\$10,334
Critical Needs	To meet the critical needs of the residents of the greater Lowell area.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
Online Communications, Annual Fund Planning	To build capacity and sustainability, to fully develop Annual Fund efforts and continue communications strategies.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$6,600
Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Lowell Program	To provide capital and operational funding for Phase I of the collaborative venture.	Gilda's Club Grand Rapids	\$30,000
2010 Kaleidoscope	To publish the Kaleidoscope insert and community-based online calendar.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$14,880
Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series	To provide support funding for the 2010 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$12,288
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To implement the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$22,266
Preserving Farmland in the Lowell Area	To preserve approximately 500 acres of prime and unique farmland in Vergennes and Lowell Townships.	Kent / MSU Extension	\$50,000
Arts Alive Everyday in 2010	To support programs in the visual and performing arts and arts education outreach support services.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$14,000
Technology Support	To support technology upgrades including website, emails, computer hard drives, and printer.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$3,462
Where We Worship Exhibit	To fund a traveling exhibit that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history and character of the Lowell area.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$2,250
"A Victorian Bedroom" and Furniture Making	To fund a special exhibit to recall the unique history of the furniture manufacturing in Lowell.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$5,000
Growing Career and Life Skills Through Gardening	To develop and implement a Junior Master Gardener program for incoming fifth grade students.	Lowell Area Schools	\$10,100
Electronic Signs - Main High School Entrance	To provide information to the community of Lowell.	Lowell Area Schools	\$17,500
Tots on Track for School	To help families prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$74,000
Academic Service Learning	To grow the practice of high-quality academic service learning within Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools	\$65,000
Elementary Theatre/Performing Arts Experience	To provide an opportunity for students in grades K-5 to experience performing arts.	Lowell Area Schools	\$3,432
LEF Grant Request 2010	To fund grants for innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Township Park Bleachers	To provide seating at the Lowell Charter Township park.	Lowell Charter Township	\$4,200
Operating and Programming Support	To inspire and educate the greater Lowell community to attain a healthier lifestyle.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$10,000
Equipment Replacement	To purchase a stretcher, cardiac monitor and a computer notebook for patient care reporting.	Rockford Ambulance, Inc.	\$14,500
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell Area Students		\$55,000

**TOTAL GRANTS \$677,949**

Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation