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A community icon and entrepreneur, King Doyle dies

by Emma Palova

He was an icon in the community, an old navy salt, a great entrepreneur and a supporter of the arts, an artist himself. A gallery inside the Lowell Area Arts Council has just been named after him.

King Doyle, 88, got his first name from his mother's maiden name, Florence King.

Doyle served as the King Milling president for 50 years and most recently as the company chairman until his death on Oct. 23.

He will mostly be remembered for his humbleness and generosity.

"He was a great old man," said his junior navy colleague, Dave Thompson.

Although 10 years and two gold stripes separated them, the two were old navy salts. Thompson still to this day envies Doyle who could fit into his navy uniform from some 60 years ago, which he liked to show off during Memorial Day parades.

Thompson remembers that Doyle drew up the contract with the arts council for the office spaces, owned

by King Milling, sometime in the 70s. According to the contract, the arts council was supposed to pay a dollar a year for the space.

Twenty-three years later, Doyle said, "I have yet to see that money."

So, Thompson, aka Seymour the clown, made a collage out of old mutilated dollars for Doyle symbolizing the money never received.

"It's a plaque criss-crossed with old dollars glued with gorilla glue," he said. "It's hanging somewhere in the King Milling offices."

Doyle, much like Thompson, was a Rotarian and a member of the American Legion.

"He was a behind the scenes kind of a guy," he said. "I truly love him. I will miss seeing him around town."

Nephew Jim Doyle said King was a tremendous mentor in learning the business and life itself.

"He was an exemplary person," he said. "We all talked to him. He had everybody's best interest at

heart. He was a quiet person and did things behind the scenes."

City manager Dave Pasquale said King had a deep affection for the navy.

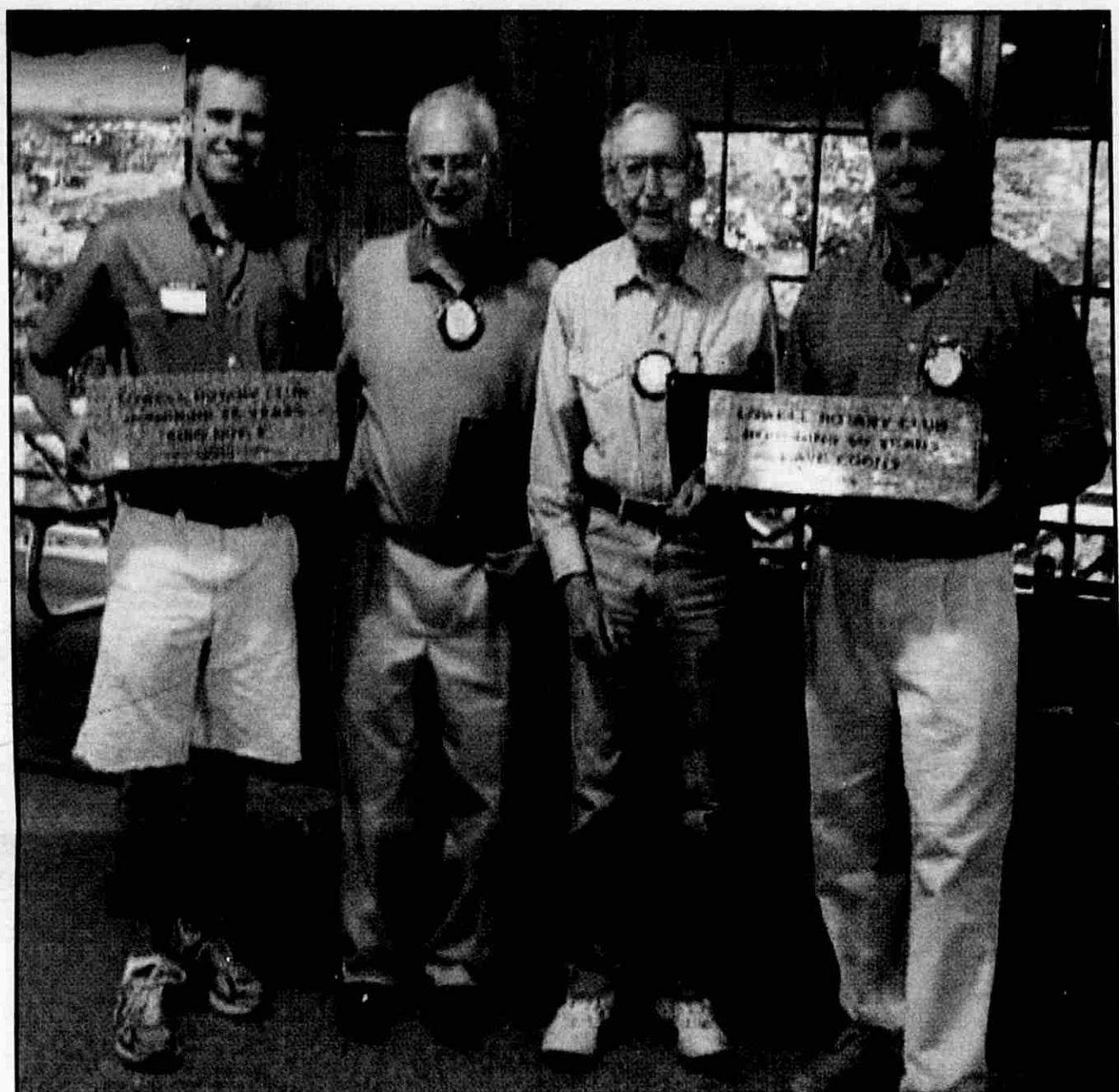
"He was an icon in

Lowell," Pasquale said. "He had a tremendous business sense and a strong support for the arts."

Director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, Lorain Smalligan, said King was a

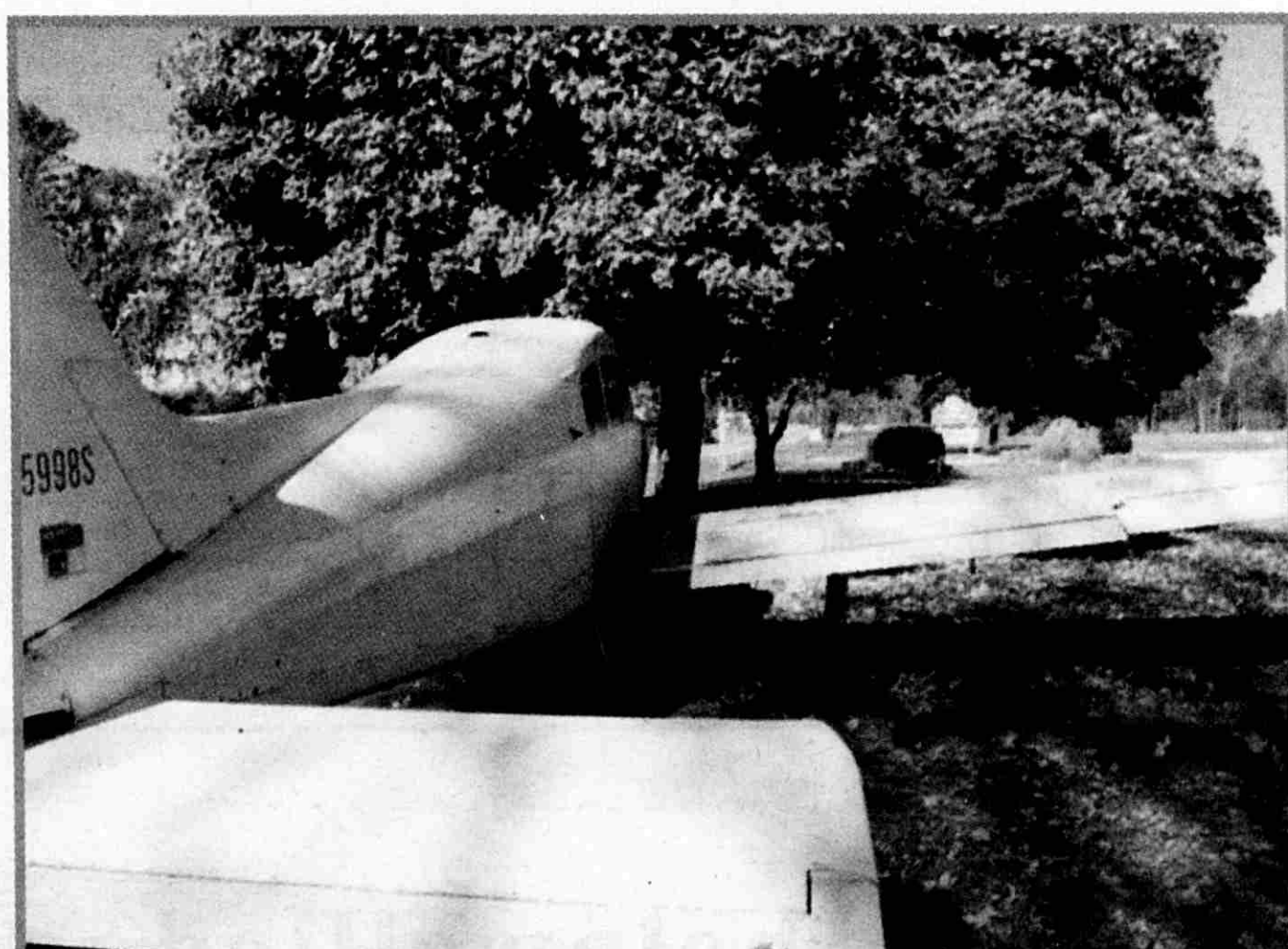
major supporter of the arts in Lowell.

"The art council wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. "He embraced the arts."



King Doyle, second from left, is pictured this summer with grandson Regan Doyle, Dave Coons and Jeff Wiltering after being honored by the Lowell Rotary for his many years of service.

Airplane attracts attention



A Piper Cherokee plane from the 1970s is on display in front of the Lowell Airport to promote awareness about the airport.

"The airplane was beyond repair," said airport fixed based operator Dan Williams.

The airplane didn't pass the annual inspection due to engine troubles this year, according to Williams. It has attracted attention so far, since it was put up on the site during late summer.



Tips to keep kids safe on Halloween

Halloween is this Sunday and soon our streets will be filled with little ghosts and goblins. To ensure this Halloween is safe, Sheriff Stelma offers the following safety tips:

Costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping. Masks should not be too restrictive with adequate holes for proper respiration and vision. Consider using cosmetics to create fun or scary faces instead of masks.

Watch costumed children around pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened, especially if the child is using a prop such as a sword or dagger as part of their costume.

Avoid hard plastic or wooden props, opting instead for items made of foam rubber which is soft and flexible.

To help make the child more visible after dark, trick-or-treaters should carry a brightly colored bag and a flashlight or glowstick. Add reflective tape to the sides, front, and back of the child's costume.

At all times, watch for traffic and avoid walking in

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Chili cook-off raises money for the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation

by Emma Palova

The annual chili cook-off, held during the Harvest Celebration and organized by Larkin's, raised \$2,195 in seed money for the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation in memory of Ivan K. Blough for scholarships.

Chamber director Liz Baker expects the monies to be disbursed in 2012. Pictured in the photo, from

left to right, are Mike Larkin, Jane Blough and chamber board president Cutter Phillips.

Each year, the money raised from the chili cook-off goes to a different non-profit organization. This year's chili cook-off raised more money than last year even though the overall participation was down.



NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 2, 2010 General Election will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum and VFW Post #8303 to present "Korean War Vets Tell Their Stories," moderated by Mark Weber and a panel discussion with John Erickson, Sherwin Nagelkirk, and Dan Pfeiffer, on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School.

5k RUN/WALK AND CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Lowell YMCA is sponsoring a 5k trail run/walk at the Wittenbach Center on Sat., Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. In conjunction with the run/walk, a canned food drive is being held to benefit the Flat River Outreach Ministry. For more details call 897-8445 or go to www.grymca.com/lowell/news.cfm

THEBES PLAYERS 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. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS

The 3rd annual Twilight Shines will honor the legacy of Ralph Hauenstein on Tues., Nov. 9 from 6-10 p.m. at the VanAndel Museum. For more information call 897-5949.

COAT DRIVE

Curtis Cleaners third annual "Coats for Kids and Vets" drive has started. Coats may be dropped off at Curtis Cleaners, 1410 Main St. until Dec. 1, where they will be cleaned and donated to Mel Trotter of Grand Rapids, FROM of Lowell, and Health Care for Homeless Veterans of Grand Rapids.

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.

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

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West Michigan law enforcement putting the scare on drunk drivers this Halloween

Ghosts and goblins won't be the only spooky things on the streets this Halloween as drunk drivers will pose the scariest threat of all. That's why more than 200 law enforcement agencies will be putting extra officers out on the road Oct. 25-31.

Law enforcement officers in 35 counties, including Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon,

Newaygo, Ottawa and Van Buren, will be conducting drunk driving enforcement through federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Although there were no traffic fatalities last Halloween, five people died in traffic crashes on Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. Two of those deaths were alcohol-related. In 2009, there were 299 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 5.7 percent from 2008. Although the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths declined last year, crashes involving alcohol are eight times more likely to be fatal.

Michigan's law enforcement officers are specially trained to spot and apprehend motorists who are driving drunk."

Last Halloween, 179 drivers were arrested for drunk driving in Michigan and 75 of those motorists had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 or higher.

A motorist convicted of drunk driving can expect to face serious consequences including:
Up to 93 days in jail
Up to a \$500 fine
Up to 360 hours of community service
180 days driving suspension
Six points on a driver's license.

subject to a \$1,000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.

As of Oct. 31, Michigan will have enhanced penalties for anyone convicted of drunk driving with a BAC of .17 or above. This includes increased fines, longer jail time, a one-year license suspension and the possibility of a restricted driver's license with the use of a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device.

For a listing of planned enforcement times, dates, and locations, visit www.michigan.gov/ohsp. In addition, they will be

Halloween tips, continued

the street whenever possible. An adult should always accompany young children. A parent should stay within close range of young children at all times and children should never be allowed to go down a street alone. Walk with your children to each house and wait near the porch or front entrance of the home until they return. Older children should travel in pairs or in groups

at all times while trick-or-treating and never venture down a dark, empty street. Parents should know the route that their children are following. Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and only cross the street at crosswalks. Dark, unlit homes should be avoided. Children should save their candy until they get

home so you can inspect it. Discard any unwrapped or suspicious looking goodies. If your child does get sick, call your family doctor or the hospital emergency room immediately and save all wrappers. It is also helpful to determine what he or she ate and which house it came from. Keep flammable items, such as your jack-o-lantern, away from small children, pets, and flammable materials such as draperies, furniture, and paper decorations. Never leave a candle burning unattended. "Halloween is a fun time in Kent County," Sheriff Stelma concluded. "Let's make it a safe time as well."

Planning to move? Contact Social Security

Moving can be hectic. Some studies show that relocating is one of the greatest stresses we face in our lives. Whether you are moving nearby or across the country, don't forget Social Security if you are a beneficiary. Keep us in the loop with your updated information so we can make sure your benefits continue to arrive on time at your new address.

Even if you get your benefits by direct deposit or Direct Express, or you are only receiving Medicare benefits, reporting your change of address to us still is important. Without your current mailing address, Social Security is unable to send you notices and other important correspondence about changes that could affect your benefits. Agreeing to report certain events, including your change of address, is part of the Social Security benefit application process. Your benefits could stop if we are unable to contact you.

The fastest and easiest way to change your address with Social Security is to do it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/changeofaddress. By answering a series of questions, we can process your change of address electronically, and you can tell us when the change takes effect. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.

You also can call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Our automated service will walk you through the process of

changing your address in our records. Representatives can help you weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Lowell is in the process of preparing amendments for 2008 through 2013 of the City Recreation Master Plan. As part of this process, the City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding this matter. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2010 at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning this matter by the City Clerk at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the City Council at the hearing.

In particular, the amendments involve riverbank improvements both east and west side of the Flat River downtown.

Copies of the master plan are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the public hearing and to make comment to the Council regarding this matter.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Thank You
The family of Jeanne Shores would like to thank the staff of Fountain View of Lowell for the care, compassion, companionship and love provided to our mother/grandmother friend during the past two years.

You were able to give her a level of care we never could have provided on our own. Thank you for the support, friendship, and guidance given to us as well. May God bless you all for being His "hands and feet" here on earth!

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

It's no treat to be tricked by scary investment moves

If you have young children, or even if you just have some in your neighborhood, you know they will soon acquire large amounts of free candy, obtained by impersonating witches, vampires and other scary creatures. As an adult, of course, you're unlikely to encounter too many monsters after Halloween ends. Yet as you go through life, you will find some things that are truly alarming — such as scary investment moves.

Here are a few of these frightful actions:

- Investing too conservatively** — You could try to avoid investment risk by putting all your money into very conservative investments. However, as you're probably aware, those investments typically pay very little in the way of interest, so your

make progress toward your important financial goals.

- Taking a "timeout" from investing** — During periods of significant market volatility, such as we've seen the past few years, you might be tempted to take a "timeout" from investing and stick all your money into very conservative vehicles until everything "blows over." But the financial markets will never be totally calm, nor will they be predictable. Market rallies can start unexpectedly; if you're not invested when that happens, you may miss out on growth opportunities.
- Ignoring tax-advantaged investment opportunities** — When you invest in a tax-deferred investment account, such as your 401(k) and a traditional IRA, your money has the opportunity to grow faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. If you aren't contributing to your 401(k) and you haven't opened an IRA, you're missing out on a great chance to build resources for retirement.

To make sure you don't fall victim to these scary

investment moves, you need only follow a few simple principles. First, take the long view — you will see ups and downs in the short term, but historically the market has performed well over the long term. (Keep in mind, though, that past performance is not guarantee of what will happen in the future.) Second, diversify your holdings among a variety of investments. Diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, but it can help reduce the effects of volatility. Try to build a diversified portfolio based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. And finally, consider boosting your 401(k) contributions whenever your salary increases and fully funding your IRA each year.

Halloween comes but once a year, but scary investment moves can haunt you for a lifetime — so take the right steps to help avoid them.

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

health



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

depression

All of us have felt down or depressed during a period of our lives, but for most of us these periods are temporary and short-lived. These episodes are usually normal and a result of something that has occurred in our daily lives, like the death of a loved one.

Major depression is a serious condition causing sadness, loss of interest in usual activities, and emptiness that can last for months or years. We are not really sure what causes this type of depression, but it is multifactorial and includes heredity, chemical neurotransmitters in the brain, stress and other factors.

Symptoms of depression include:

- feeling sad or down all the time
- unexplained fatigue or loss of energy
- a change in sleeping patterns. Difficulty staying asleep or sleeping too much
- a change in appetite causing weight gain or loss
- feelings of guilt or worthlessness
- feeling agitated, angry, or moody
- difficulty with concentration
- thoughts of suicide

Depression is more common than most people think and it is one of the most frequent conditions seen in a family physicians' office.

Treatment of depression first requires

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Ledger,

When Thomas Jefferson advocated a revolution every twenty years, he certainly did not mean the French Revolution. He meant like Proposal 1 coming up next week.

A constitution is the most basic ordering of society in a free system. The framers of the 1963 Michigan Constitution wisely made provision for a periodic vote on a new convention, and (I forget the French): our opportunity is at hand.

The Sunday Free Press reported forty interest groups are against - which should tell you something. Oxen could get gored, so let's play it safe, boys. The state Chamber of Commerce, public unions, all those outfits who do so much for us, oppose it. That

is conservative in the worst sense of the word. Michigan is in "it" as the British say, so time to reform, and if you are someone always caterwauling about how Lansing is "broken" (sic), then vote "Yes."

Oh yeah. They are trying to scare you with the \$45 million, typical two-bit dodge: billboard on I-96. Ask me if I care. Those who are not cowards, follow me.

G.M. Ross
Lowell

Dear Editor,

Observations about a recent article in The Ledger concerning a \$2,000 expenditure authorized by our City Council to The Right Place, which is a Western Michigan organization that promotes Western Michigan and tries to entice companies to locate and expand here.

Prefacing my comments by noting that it's easy to draw conclusions from the sidelines after the fact and so forth. So with that thought in mind, please consider these comments from a typical sideline, self-anointed expert.

Any observer of politics and news would agree that "small business" leads the headlines as the engine of future economic growth. Small business is constantly hailed as the bastion of a sound and fruitful economy. However, what is "small business?" Is it an antique, pizza, variety, beauty salon, or one of many other businesses that line the main streets of small and large communities throughout the USA? They certainly are "small businesses" and these folks work hard, pay their taxes and contribute in numerous ways to their communities.

However, it's interesting

to note that when it comes to local, state and federal taxes, fees and regulations, you rarely hear of any concessions made to these "small businesses." In fact, you can close down streets, bridges and sidewalks that surround their establishments, without one single dime of abatement even being considered or suggested.

So my thoughts from the "peanut gallery" would suggest that the "right place" for any consideration, financial or otherwise, should be to our local merchants along the construction zone on Main Street that survived this summer's bridge construction. They are "small business" at its best.

Charlie Bernard
Bernard's Ace Hardware
(Not in the construction zone)

Dear Editor,

I've been a friend of Dave Hildenbrand and

his wonderful family for many years. I supported him when he ran for the House of Representatives because I knew he had great character traits and experience. I'm supporting him now in his campaign for the State Senate because he didn't disappoint us while he served in the House. Dave has fought tirelessly for Michigan families and small businesses because he loves our state and has a desire to restore it to the flagship it once was. Dave has even proposed that all government spending be posted online so we can all see exactly how they're spending our money. That's the kind of honesty and transparency we need at the Capitol! Please join me by voting for Dave Hildenbrand on Tuesday, November 2, so he can continue his work in Lansing.

C. Peter Odland
White's Bridge Tooling

with ill intentions are prowling for easy targets. Many animals also become lost while running from the commotion and strangely dressed people.

- Stay with your animals in a quiet room, away from the door. The constant stream of costumed visitors is stressful for animals and provides opportunity for cats and dogs to slip out or even bite a trick-or-treater, mistaking them for an intruder.
- Stash treats out of reach. Chocolate, raisins, and candy wrappers can be deadly if animals eat them. Tell kids not to give animals candy.
- Party smartly. Candles and lit jack-o-lanterns can burn animals and start fires if knocked over. Party decorations can cause poisoning or digestive blockages if eaten, so keep them away from animals.
- Let animals be themselves. Costumes can impair animals' ability to see, move, and breathe, and they can contain dangerous snaps or small parts. Your cats and dogs will love you for letting them be their naturally adorable selves instead of dressing them up.

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Lindsay Pollard-Post
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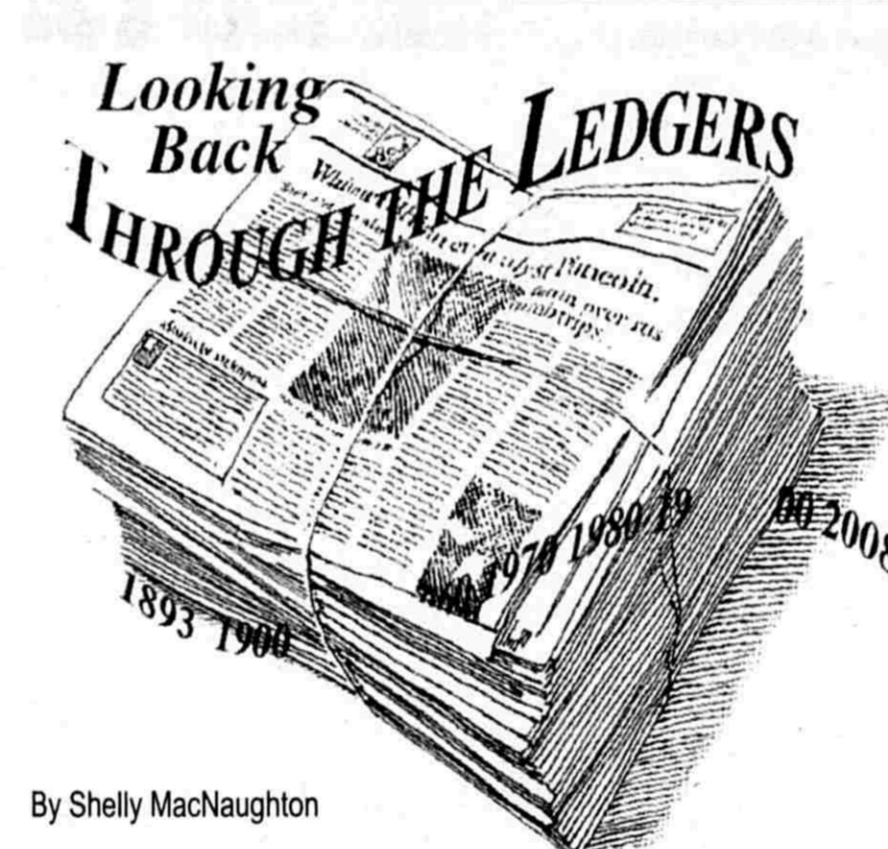
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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
October 30, 1885

The branch state prison will be located near Marquette.

J.H. Dawson, who has been visiting Lowell friends, has gone to Mackinaw City.

N.B. Blain's store, Graham's block, has received, what it has long needed, a plate glass front.

During the year ending Oct. 27, 1885 there were 59 divorces granted in the City of Grand Rapids for the following causes: cruelty, 22; desertion, 16; non-support, 15; adultery, 4; and drunkenness, 2. Forty-five of the divorces were granted to women and fourteen to men.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
October 24, 1935

Monday, Oct. 28, is Navy Day. Display the flag.

The State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Flight, of which W.V. Burras of Lowell is president, received outstanding distinction at the national convention of mutual insurance companies held early this month in Des Moines, Iowa. It was awarded both first and second prizes as well as two honorable mentions because of the efficiency of its advertising.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
November 3, 1960

Dr. Robert Regan, president of Lowell Board of Trade, this week delivered the final check for payment of the parking lot between Riverside Drive and Broadway. This lot was purchased five years ago from several owners by the Board of Trade at a total cost of \$15,000. It was leased to the city for a public parking for shoppers at \$1 a year.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
October 30, 1985

Moving a two-story house from one place to another, even over a short distance, is a slow, tedious, nerve-racking job, but what if the house weighed 500,000 pounds and had to be moved 100 miles?

That's the challenge Consumers Power faces the week of October 28, when it begins the task of moving an electric transformer from its Tittabawassee substation near Midland, to the Vergennes substation near Lowell.

attended him. It is fortunate that he was discovered as he might have bled to death during the night.

Mr. McDougal gives his home as Providence, R.I., and was on his way from Grand Rapids to Saginaw. He states that his wife had sailed for Europe the day before and he was suffering from loneliness and did not realize when he walked off the train.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
October 27, 1910

Friday evening, a traveling man who gave the name of G.E. McDougal fell from the rear platform of the Pere Marquette passenger train, which was due here from Grand Rapids at 6 o'clock, and received bad scalp wounds and severe bruises.

His cries were heard by the section men and he was conveyed to Hotel Waverly where Dr. Greene

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area births

Krebill



Louis Laurence Krebill

Louis Laurence Krebill and Courtney Krebill of Lowell City, were born September 14, 2010 at 1:01 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Bert and Karen Baker and Tom and Laurie Krebill, all of Lowell. Proud parents are Keith and

In The Service

Army National Guard military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. Adams is the son of Tawnya Vreeland of Saranac.

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volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

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

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

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NOVEMBER 2
Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.

Local church to hold craft show in Nov. 6

BeadforLife helps Africans leave poverty behind, one bead at a time. Friendship Country Chapel will sponsor a BeadforLife booth at the first annual Friendship Country Chapel Craft Show on November 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10200 W. Grand River Ave., Lowell.

The event is an opportunity to learn more about and support impoverished Ugandan women who are lifting their families out of poverty with their handmade, high-quality beaded jewelry.

The event will also feature additional craft booths featuring local area crafters, says Cathy Barger, local organizer.

BeadforLife (BFL) is a socially responsible global organization working with women, all of whom were living on less than a dollar a day in extreme poverty. Like extremely poor people worldwide, their members have experienced many sorrows and difficulties. Yet they remain strong, resilient, and hopeful for a better life. Based in North America and Uganda, BFL has partnered with industrious women who make vivid beaded jewelry out of recycled paper. The 300 members of BFL support almost 5,000 others to climb out of poverty.

"BeadforLife's philosophy is that people want jobs rather than handouts. We focus on ways for people to leave poverty behind forever," says BFL co-director Devin Hibbard. "The beadworkers are incredibly hardworking and every dollar they make goes into critical things, like sending children to school, paying for health care, and saving to build a home."

More information about BeadforLife is found at www.beadforlife.org

Stamp collections on display at the library

A special stamp exhibit will be on display in Lowell through Oct. 30 at the Kent District Library Englehardt Branch.

Stamps tell stories. Like music, stamps can speak across boundaries and open communication between individuals and countries. They commemorate famous people and events that have shaped history. They can serve as a way to understand the past, the present, geography and how this nation and other countries look at the world. Stamps can be a good investment, both educationally and financially. Stamps are recorded evidence of how written, sent communications have evolved from sailing captains who brought mail in pouches to the colonies to hand-stamped covers of early letters to the gallant (and short-lived) Pony Express to the delivery of

the first Air Mail letters and beyond.

President Franklin Roosevelt said, "The best thing about stamp collecting is the enthusiasm it arouses in youth increases as the years pass. It dispels boredom, enlarges vision, broadens our knowledge and in innumerable ways enriches our life." President Roosevelt once told the Junior Philatelists of America, "I commend stamp collecting to you because I started when I was ten years old and have kept it up ever since. In addition to the fun, it has kept up my interest in history and geography, past and present. I really believe that collecting stamps makes one a better citizen."

The library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 12-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Stamps collection on display at the library compiled by Richard VanderVeen of Lowell.

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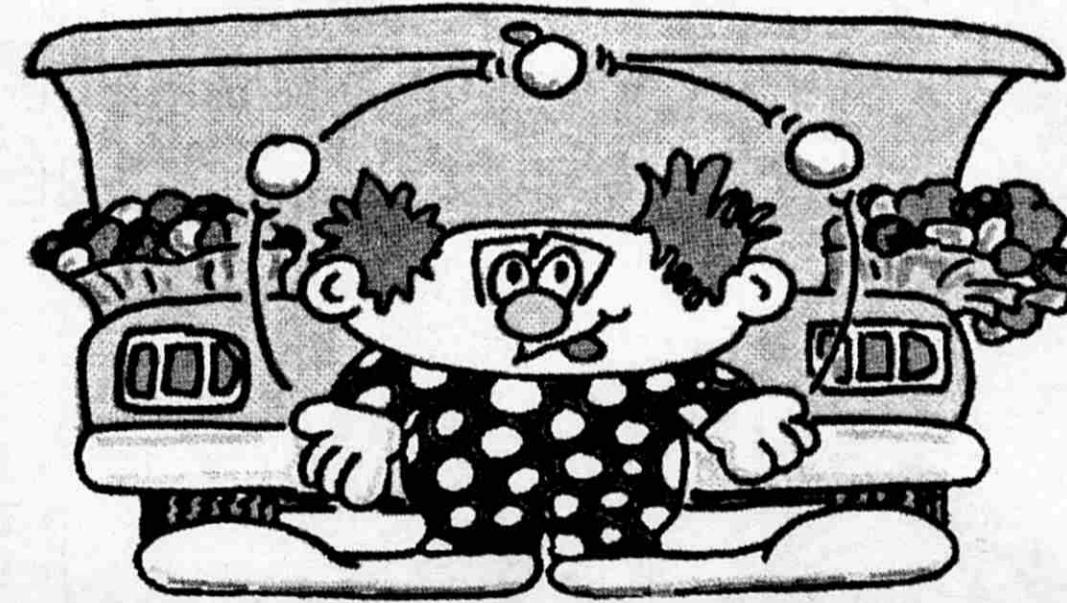
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last week's poll result: Sound Off

Are you voting in the midterm election?

YES I'm well informed.....89%
NO I'm clueless..... 11%
MAYBE if I wake up in time 0%
WHEN IS IT? 0%

Health, continued

making a proper diagnosis by excluding other medical conditions. Medication is often prescribed which helps increase the neurotransmitters serotonin or norepinephrine within the brain. Medication may take several weeks to provide improvement and there can be unwanted side effects. Counseling and psychotherapy have been known to be very effective for depression and are often used in combination with medications.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of depression

should be seen by a doctor. In our society, there is often a stigma attached to psychological conditions, which prevent those suffering with depression from seeking help. Appropriate treatment of depression is just as important as treating any other chronic medical condition.

For more information on depression contact The National Mental Health Association at www.depression-screening.org or The American Psychiatric Association at www.psych.org

college news

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Christian S. Koning of Lowell has made the Dean's List for the August 2010 session in the College of Technologies. Full-time students must

receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the Dean's List.

Koning is a 2007 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Steve and Cindy Koning.



At Your Local Library

Learn new words with Martha, the dog who can speak, while she eats alphabet soup! Children ages six and under and their families are invited to Kent District Library, Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Come listen to stories, make special crafts, and enjoy games and activities based on the book Martha Speaks by Susan Meddaugh. Children are encouraged to bring their own stuffed dog to speak with Martha.

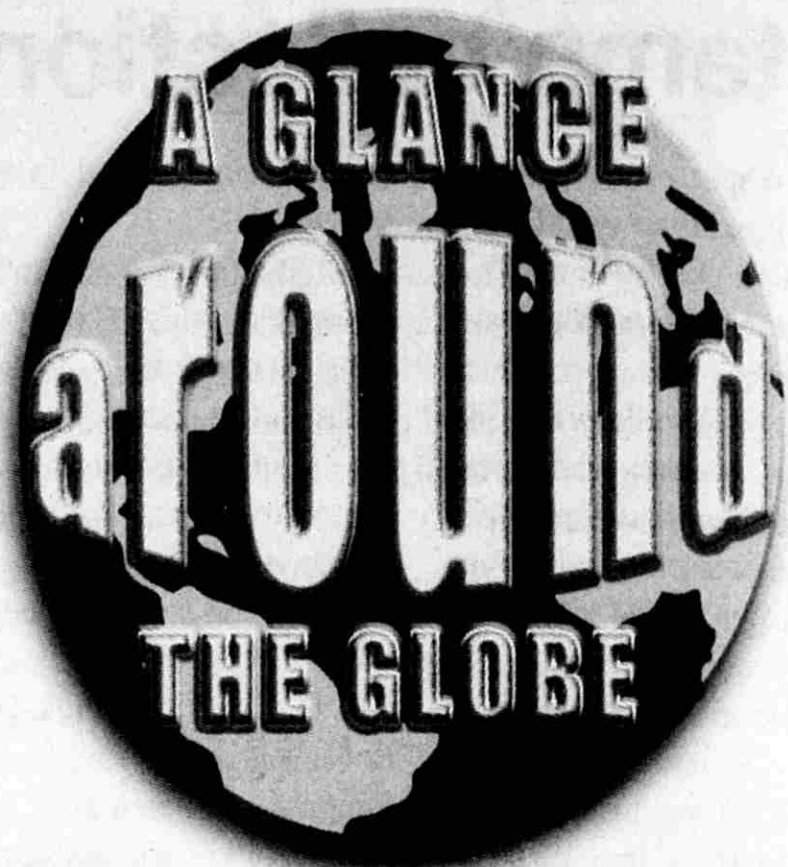
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OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 26

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BP sells four Gulf of Mexico fields to Marubeni to pay for oil spill.

Yemeni security forces thwart a plan to bomb a sports stadium in the southern city of Aden, scheduled to host the Gulf Cup soccer tournament next month, officials say.

A 26-year-old swimmer, Fran Crippen, and member of the U.S. swim team, dies during the last leg of the 10-kilometer Marathon Swimming World Cup.

In Bagdad, Tariq Aziz, 74, a key player in Saddam Hussein's regime is sentenced to death by hanging.

A Tsunami in Padang, Indonesia kills at least 113 people; many more are missing.

Pop singer Madonna is opening up a chain of gyms around the world that merge fitness and entertainment.

HAPPY 18th BECKY CHAMBERLAIN Nov. 6

Love, Mom & Josh



Lowell Area Arts Council's ghost story winners announced

The Lowell Area Arts Council has announced the winners of their 2010 Ghost Story Writer's Contest.

Adult winners are: first place, Judy Rich; second place, Cheryl Vatcher-Martin; and third place, Rose Manning.

Youth winners are: first place, Melody Antel; second place, Katlyn Senneker; and third place, Maya Eaton.

The stories were read during the annual Harvest Celebration by Bonnie Grooters. A story by Grooters follows, as well as the first-place youth story by Melody Antel.

Chyne the Wayward Witch

by Bonnie Grooters

This was the day, the day the training wheels would come off her broom.

At last she had learned all the charms, potions and spells she needed and her broom handling was complete. Chyne, the junior witch, was going to go solo today. She had studied for two hundred and twelve years to get to this level and now here it was.

A grassy meadow lay just ahead and the senior witches flew only a few feet above the ground in a semicircle with four new intern witches in an arc behind, their wheels bobbing on the soft earth and occasionally going airborne.

Shallamorga, the head witch, stopped amid a circle of candles and the others followed. The old leader was a weathered old hag so wrinkled she could barely see. No one really knew how old she was. She had conjured spells and mixed potions for so many centuries that even she forgot the number.

"Rid your ride of rounded helpers and let me see if you can lift yourselves above, you miserable wretches," she shouted. The four removed the wheel frame, tottered, hung, then up they went, bumping into each other and into the veterans below. The old witches ducked and scattered as the little trainees learned to control their brooms.

But whoa! One flew straight up, swooped just over their heads, then did a series of rolls, then loops and dives. Yes, it was Chyne, she was so excited she could barely breathe. She hung upside down from the handle by her toes, exposing her scrawny little legs and striped stockings, cackling and laughing through the night sky.

"Who's in charge of that intern?" shrieked old Shallamorga.

"That would be me, your wickedness," Dovely replied, hanging her head in defeat. She knew there was no controlling Chyne once she was free of restraints. She was like a balloon deflating in every direction. "That will be TWO

demerits Dovely. Now, get her down NOW!" Dovely blew her whistle loudly. The other little witches flew down to the meadow, some landing end over end, but they returned nevertheless. But Chyne soared higher and higher, looping, rolling and diving, shouting, "I'm going to the moon Dovely!" and flew beyond sight. Shallamorga shrieked again, "FOUR demerits Dovely!" and shuffled to the center of the glowing circle. She began to chant and spout words of magic. Bright white light lit up the faces of the onlookers. Purple and orange smoke swirled and dipped.



Bonnie Grooters, dressed in witches garb, reads ghost stories to assembled listeners.

Chyne, continued, page 16

The Shadow Man

by Melody Antel, 2010 Fifth grader Mr. Bredin's Class

"Are you getting all this? This is good!" the reporter said.

"Um sir, we're live," explained the camera man.

"Oh well, good morning. We're here at West Michigan live, wow that was really good. Oh, um ok, well it's a beautiful day for the Shadow Man, dun-dun-dun," exaggerated the reporter.

Just then there was a cry for help, the Shadow Man had attacked.

Reports on the Shadow Man

He's a short man... He died in shadows of the cemetery...

He was murdered by his mother that is plump...

She tied a rope to his neck and hung him with blood all over...

She was called the Bloody Murderer... He lived a terrible life and lived in shadows...

He attacks when in shadows...

Three months later

He attacked again, his mother. He strangled her to death. Payback, brutal payback.

When they thought it was done, they went inside. There she was lying on the ground with a bloody neck. They reached out for her body. They felt cold air on their wrists. They knew the Shadow Man would attack in seconds. Then, "Wham" they were all on the floor. They were shaking to death. Just then the reporter couldn't breathe. He neck was getting bloody. His flesh was dissolving. It was thinning. Now there were only bones, guts, and blood. The camera man knew he

wouldn't suffer this fate, so he took out his pocket knife and shoved it into his heart.

Two months later

The reporter's son, four-year-old Xavier-Grace, went to church one day and went walking around the church and walked by Jesus' statue that had a shadow and just then Jesus' shadow moved. Then a rope came out of nowhere and tied around his neck and hung him. His neck was bloody and the rope was cutting off his circulation. There was nothing to hear from Xavier.

One year later

No one ever heard from the Shadow Man since. Everyone was scared. No one ever went near shadows.

But remember kids, don't go walking in shadows, kids.

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Local politician and area small businessman vie for State Senate seat

by Emma Palova

The two State Senate seat candidates for the 29th District couldn't have less in common. The Republican candidate Dave Hildenbrand, 37, a native of Lowell, is a long-standing politician.

Opponent Democrat David LaGrand, 44, is a small businessman who owns the Wealthy Street Bakery in downtown Grand Rapids. He served as a city commissioner.

David LaGrand: bio

Bachelor of arts in history from Calvin College. He earned a law degree from University of Chicago in 1992.

LaGrand served in Kent County as assistant prosecutor and a city commissioner. In 2007, he joined with Chris Yates and Paul Denenfeld to form Yates PLLC, which is now LaGrand and Lowery PLLC.

LaGrand opened the Four Friends Coffeeshop in downtown Grand Rapids in 1994 and the Wealthy Street Bakery in 2002. The bakery and the coffee shop employ 25 people. LaGrand is a licensed maintenance and alterations contractor.

LaGrand was actively involved in the student newspaper at Calvin College and he funded a minority scholarship fund with other student leaders.

He lives with his wife Melissa, and their four children, John, Isaac, Helen and Julia. He is a member of Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church. He volunteers in the prison ministry program sponsored by Grace Christian Reformed Church.

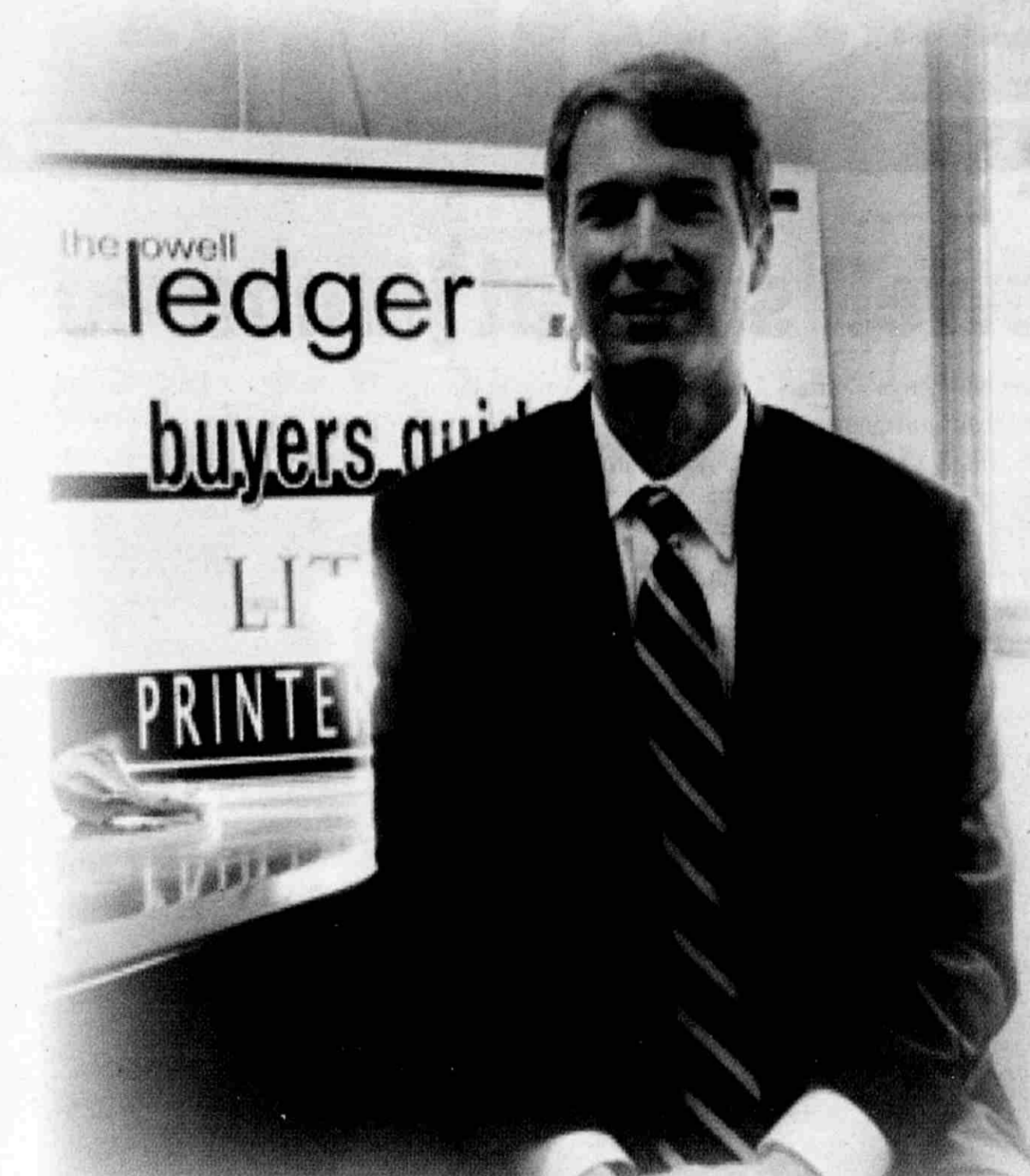
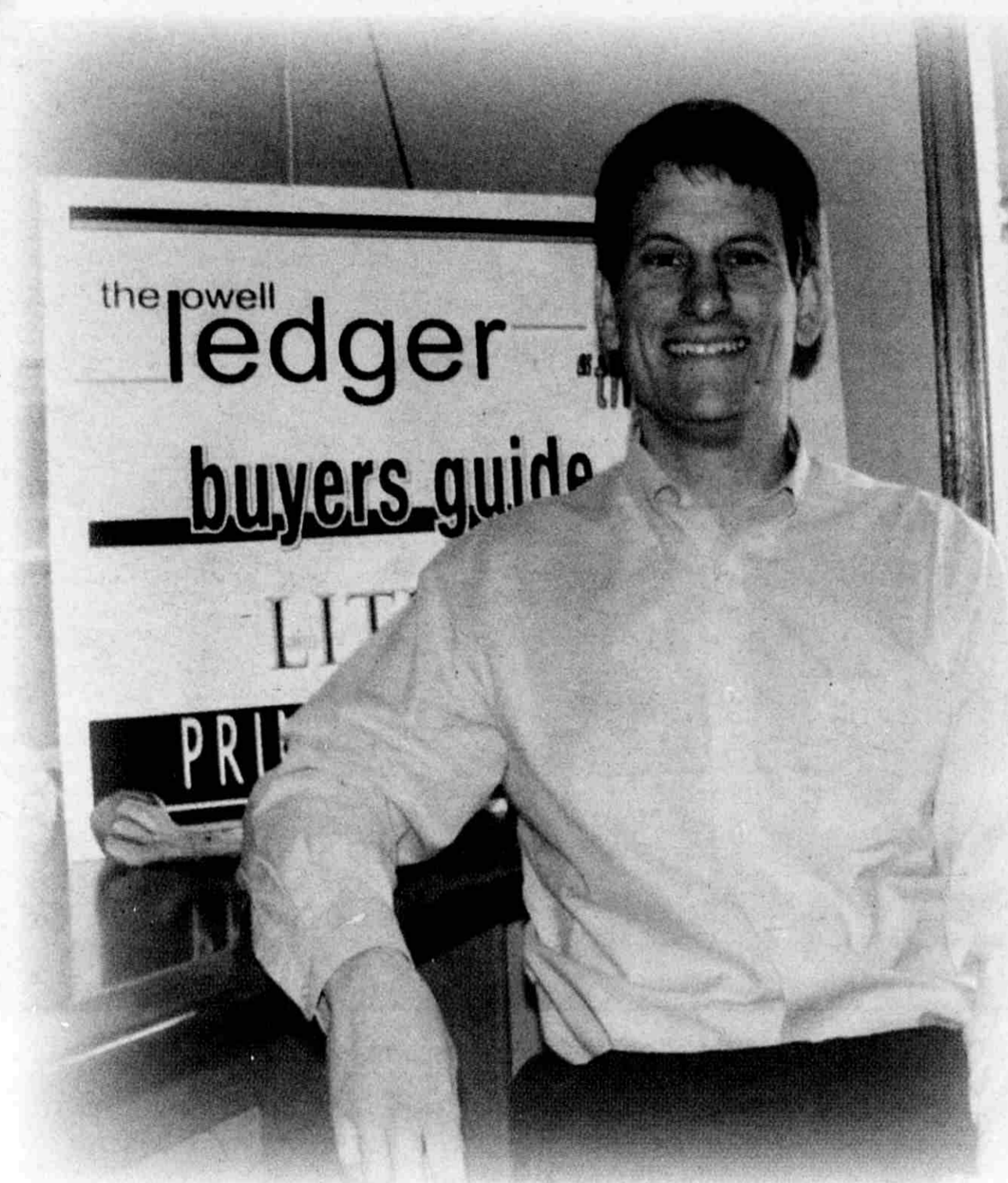
Dave Hildenbrand: bio

Bachelor of science degree in economics from Michigan State University.

Hildenbrand began his career in the Michigan Legislature in 2004 as a staff member. He ran for state representative in Kent County and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. He was re-elected in 2006 and 2008, and as a floor leader by colleagues in the State House.

He and his wife Sarah have a one-year-old daughter, Jane.

His community involvement includes: life member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Right to Life of Michigan, Republicans for Environmental Protection, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts, honorary Rotarian, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, National Rifle Association, Michigan State University Alumni Association and Kent County Farm Bureau.



Both candidates agreed to come into the Ledger office and respond to a few questions about their candidacy.

Although, the two opponents differ in philosophy, they have in common a plan to reform or to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax. (MBT) But, on the other hand they vow to make up for the lost revenues by creating new job opportunities.

Both LaGrand and Hildenbrand said the (MBT) tax is difficult to understand, and the rules keep changing.

Hildenbrand plans to replace the lost revenues with a flat corporate income tax. LaGrand wants to create more jobs to gain revenues.

Q: How will electing you directly affect the voters in your district?

Dave Hildenbrand:

My focus will be on working with colleagues to strengthen the economy and create job opportunities, to control government spending, and to reform government, eliminate fraud and put governmental spending online. We have been dedicated to this race by getting to the voters' doors.

David LaGrand:

I have a small business background. I want to create opportunities for Lowell's Main Street, fill all the vacancies and focus on prosperity. This will be a dynamic between direct voter contact and advertising. My focus will be on small businesses and on governmental cost control. People in small businesses have been struggling.

Q: Where do you stand on tax incentives for the movie industry?

David LaGrand:

It was an early program and it had a lot of mistakes. I want to look at reforming it.

Dave Hildenbrand:

I supported the tax incentive, but I am for a low broad based tax system that treats everybody equally. We have a difficult tax structure. I am not for eliminating the tax incentive but also not for expanding it to other industries.

Q: How will you make up for the lost revenues from the tax cuts you propose?

Dave Hildenbrand:

I am for a flat rate corporate income tax at six percent.

David LaGrand:

By getting people back to work. You need people back to work to get revenues.

Q: What tax cuts do you propose?

Dave Hildenbrand:

Eliminating the Michigan Business Tax. I voted against it in 2007.

David LaGrand:

Reforming the Michigan Business Tax. It's a bad tax that nobody understands.

Q: How would you improve the educational system in Michigan?

David LaGrand:

Stop cuts and start sharing services. Dollars should be spent in the classrooms. Incentivizing, consolidation and put caps on administrative costs.

Dave Hildenbrand:

Decisions should be done locally. We should set the standards high, oppose mandates and empower parents and keep choices as wide open as we can.

Q: How do you plan to create more job opportunities in the state?

Dave Hildenbrand:

It's not up to the government to create jobs, it's up to the private sector. We need to change the business environment in Michigan. It's a highly regulated state with a difficult tax structure.

David LaGrand:

We need to be more business friendly, but companies need to be held accountable. As with any tax break, we need to use outcome testing. It has to be a collaborative effort. We have to lead by example.

Q: Who is your mentor or who do you seek to emulate?

David LaGrand:

Abraham Lincoln. He was to democracy what Einstein was to physics.

Dave Hildenbrand:

My parents. They were humble people. I seek to emulate Dick Posthumus.

REMEMBER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

For a sample ballot turn to page 14

Red Arrow CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS

Lowell sixth at jamboree

Lowell boys' cross country team finished sixth in the final O-K White jamboree at Riverside Park. Grand Rapids Christian took league honors tallying 19 points. East Grand Rapids was second with 61 followed by Northview 72,



Ben Partidge was Lowell's medalist finishing 32nd overall.

Greenville and Creston 133 and Lowell with 154.

The Red Arrows' top times were Ben Partridge, 18:43; John Mark, 18:46; Jon Wyckoff, 20:53; Ryan Timmers, 22:05 and Scott Van Oosten, 22:09.

"The guys finished on a strong note for the regular season," Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. "Although we finished sixth in the race, they finished it running PRs or came close to their PRs."

The guys are definitely running their best races at the time of the season that you want them to."

Lowell competes next in the regional at Allendale on Saturday, Oct. 30.



Jon Wyckoff was the Red Arrows' third runner home in the jamboree at Riverside Park.

Lowell solidifies third at Riverside

by Thad Kraus

Not yet ready to compete with Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids for a conference crown, Lowell girls' cross country team took care of business where it was supposed to as it finished third in the fourth and final league jamboree of the year.

Lowell's performance landed it third overall in the O-K White, beating Northview and Greenville.

Christian, the league champion, was first with 24 points followed by EGR, 39; Lowell, 95; and Northview, 98.

"The girls had a great meet! We finished third again, coming in third overall," said Red Arrow coach Sarah Ellis. "This time with our best team time of the year at 21:08."

Christian's Julie Bos was the medalist with a winning time of 18:16.10.

Kallie Holzhueter was the top Red Arrow runner in a time of 20:29.54.

Following Holzhueter (14th) home were teammates Jessica Graves, 17th,

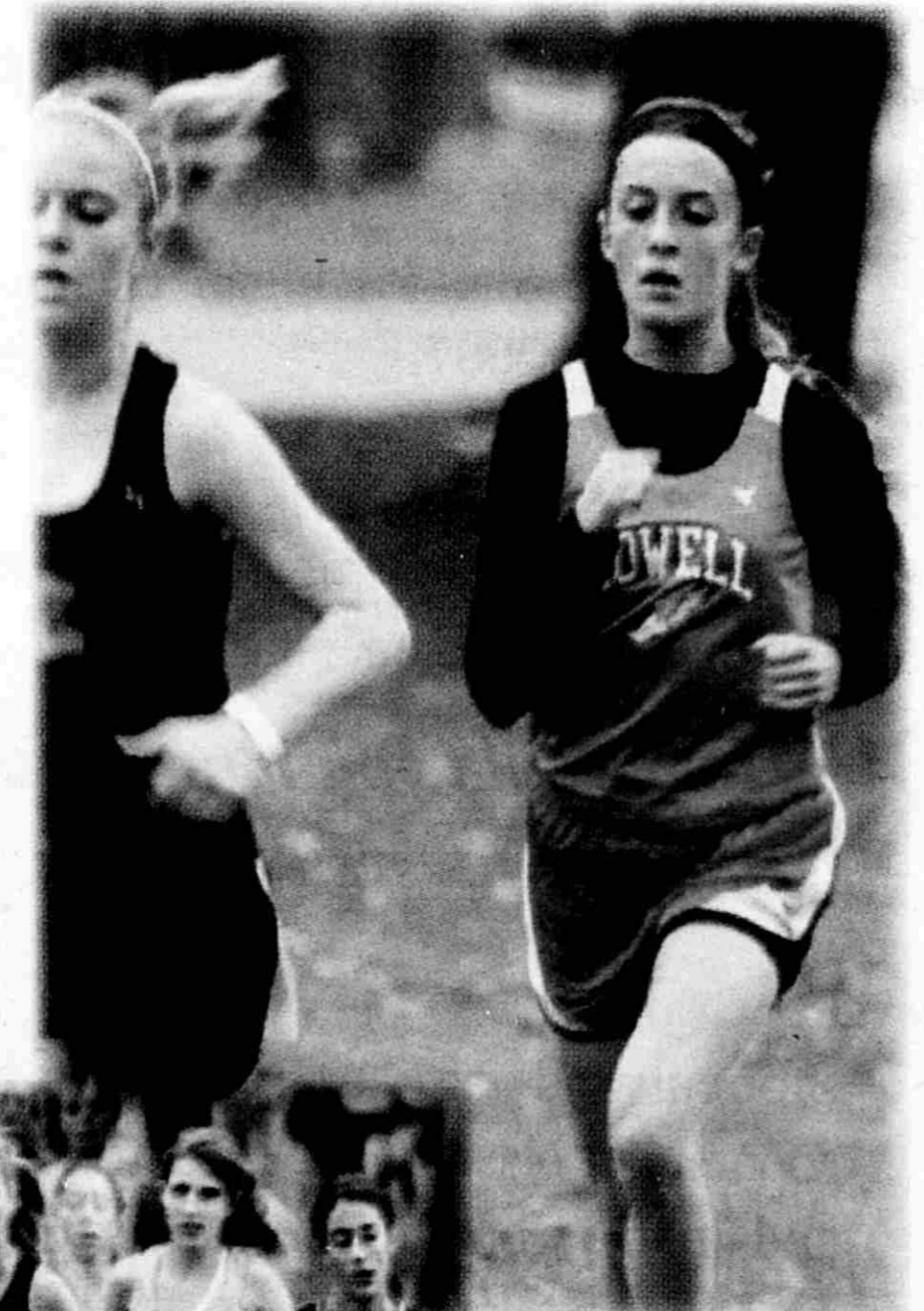


Kallie Holzhueter was Lowell's top runner in the O-K White jamboree at Riverside Park.

20:50.54; Rachael Walters, 18th, 20:53.84; Karis Dilly, 21st, 21:33.44; and Rebekah Betts, 25th, 22:05.28.

Not figuring in the team score but running personal bests were Carissa Paiz (22:20.77) and Lindsey Crawford (22:21.09).

"A few girls weren't feeling well, but several others were able to pick it up for the team. We had three PRs in the top seven Walters, Dilly, 21:23; and Crawford," Ellis explained. "We're looking forward to regionals at Allendale."



Rebekah Betts came home in 22:05.28.



Jessica Graves placed 17th overall.

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Red Arrow FOOTBALL SPORTS

Geography pits two ranked schools in first-round matchup

by Thad Kraus

What's the cure for what ails a high school football team that's lost two of its last three games?

Lowell football coach Noel Dean doesn't proclaim that it will cure all, but he does believe playing on the road to start the playoffs will help bring a stronger sense of focus.

Something the Red Arrows (7-2) may have

lacked in its 35-21 loss to Greenville.

What awaits them is an undefeated Grand Ledge squad that finished the year with quality wins over Holt (17-10) and Howell (17-6).

The Comets, 9-0, are ranked fourth in Division I. "They are pretty good. They remind me of the old Hudsonville teams with multiple set offenses and

defenses," Dean explains. "They have a slew of backs and receivers and a real nice quarterback and tight end."

"Both of them are good programs and well coached," said Comet football coach Matt Bird. "Holt is a big rival and then to come back the next week and play well against a good Howell team - I'm proud of our kids."

While geography is

a determining factor in what region schools play in, Bird does not think the system always rewards good records.

In Division 2 all the regions are laid out north and south except one, region two which is east and west, thus you have the Grand Ledge/Lowell matchup.

"We always seem to get matched up with a team

with more speed and size," Bird said. "All I know is we had better be ready to play Friday night. Lowell is well coached and tournament savvy."

This will mark Lowell's 12th consecutive appearance in the MHSAA football playoffs.

"This is probably the best team we will have faced all year. They are as good

as East. It would be a real good game between the two schools," Dean says.

The game will be played Friday night at Grand Ledge. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale Thursday and Friday at the high school between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Lowell stung in 35-21 loss to Yellow Jackets

by Thad Kraus

"Nobody, but nobody gave us a chance of coming in here and winning tonight," said Greenville football coach Dave Moore. "Well, nobody outside of Greenville."

Execution of its game plan to near perfection, superior line play and four Lowell turnovers enabled the visiting Yellow Jackets to defeat the Red Arrows for the first time since 1994. Greenville led from the start en route to a convincing 35-21 victory.

Greenville jumped out to a 21-0 lead scoring touchdowns on three of its opening four possessions.

While the Jackets controlled the ball early against Lowell's defense, Greenville's defense held Lowell to just 22 yards on its first two possessions.

"Both of our lines have played well all year. We have some good athletes who are well coached," Moore said.

The loss dropped Lowell to 7-2 overall. It also means that for the first time in 11 years, a Noel Dean coached team will not finish one or two in the O-K White.

"We got beat in every facet of the game tonight," Dean said. "Greenville was well organized and came in with a purpose."

While Greenville's performance may have been surprising to others, it did not catch the Lowell coach by surprise.

"We knew this would be a great challenge. The reality is they are a pretty good football team," Dean explained.

Greenville took the opening kickoff and drove 73 yards with Christopher Micky racing it in from the 28.

On its third possession, the Yellow Jackets marched 53 yards in 12 plays with Garrett Veihl scoring from the nine-yard line.

The visitors then recovered a Lowell fumble on the ensuing kickoff. Eight plays later it was Zach Burris rumbling home from the four.

Lowell hinted at a comeback with two Gabe Dean touchdowns (five-yard runs) within a six-minute span to close the gap to 21-13.

The game's turning point may have come in the final 1:38 of the first half. Greenville drove 75 yards in five plays with Burris running to pay dirt from the 13 with 38 seconds to play. The big play was a 57-yard pass-and-catch from Burris to Sean O'Brien.

Any chances Lowell had in the second half were given away with three turnovers. Two of them came inside the Greenville 20.

"It's hard to beat Lowell without them turning the ball over," Moore explained. "We talked at half about how important it was to come out and stop Lowell on its first drive."

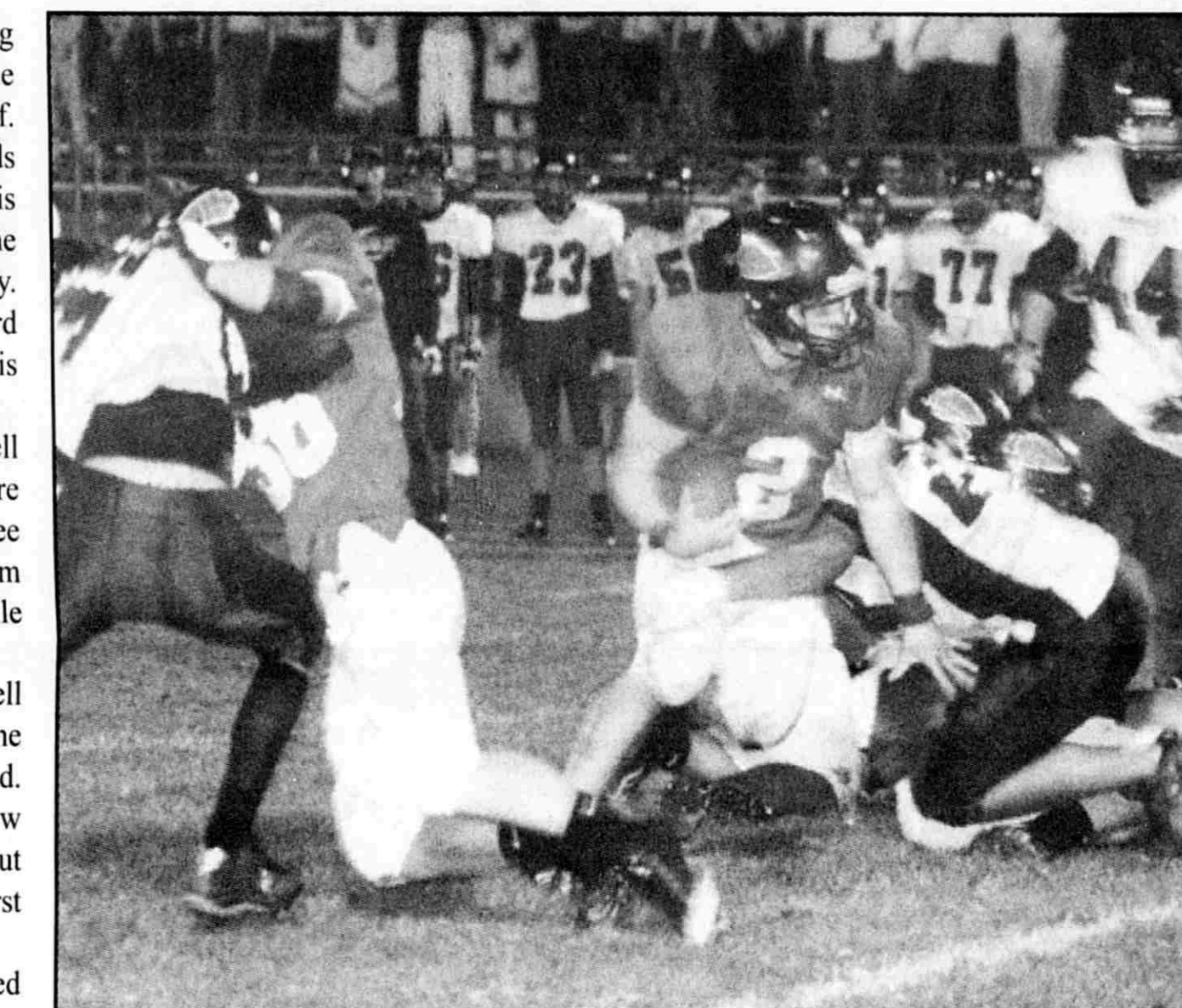
The Red Arrows helped Greenville as it fumbled the ball away at the Jackets' 19.

Lowell was intercepted on its second possession of the half and then fumbled the ball away at the Greenville one-yard line on its third possession.

Greenville's only second-half score came on a four-yard run by O'Brien with 7:01 to play in the third quarter.

Lowell's only touchdown over the final 24 minutes came with 2:44 to play in the game on a pass from Dean to Luke Bigham.

Greenville finished with 197 yards on the ground and



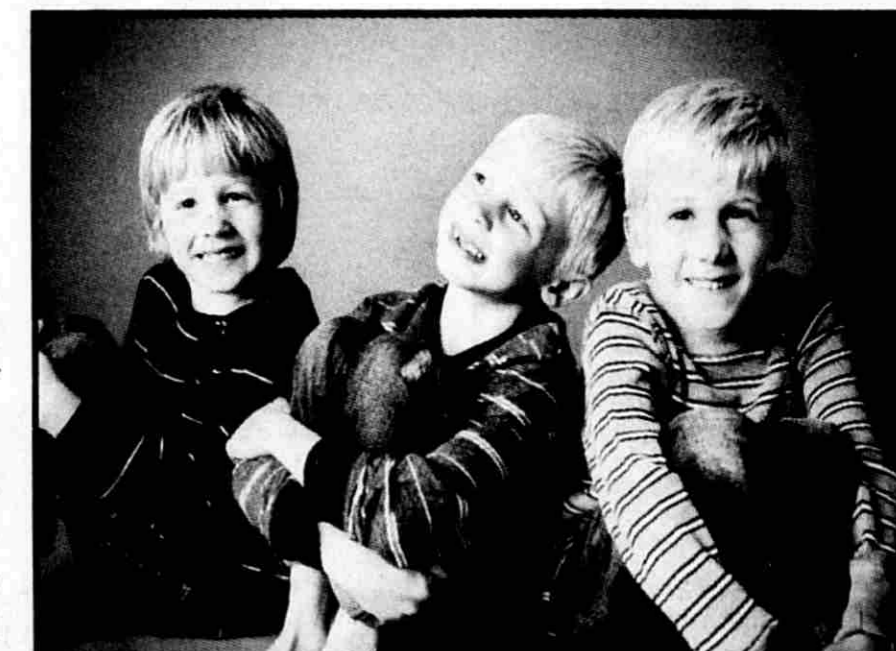
Gabe Dean rushed for a team-leading 146 yards.

132 through the air.

Lowell rushed for 229 (Dean 146) and threw for 147.

Greenville finished the regular season with a record of 8-1 and will host Kenowa Hills in a first round playoff game.

Lowell, with its second defeat in three weeks, lost an opportunity to play at home in round one and instead will travel to Grand Ledge to play the 9-0 Comets who are ranked fourth in Division I.



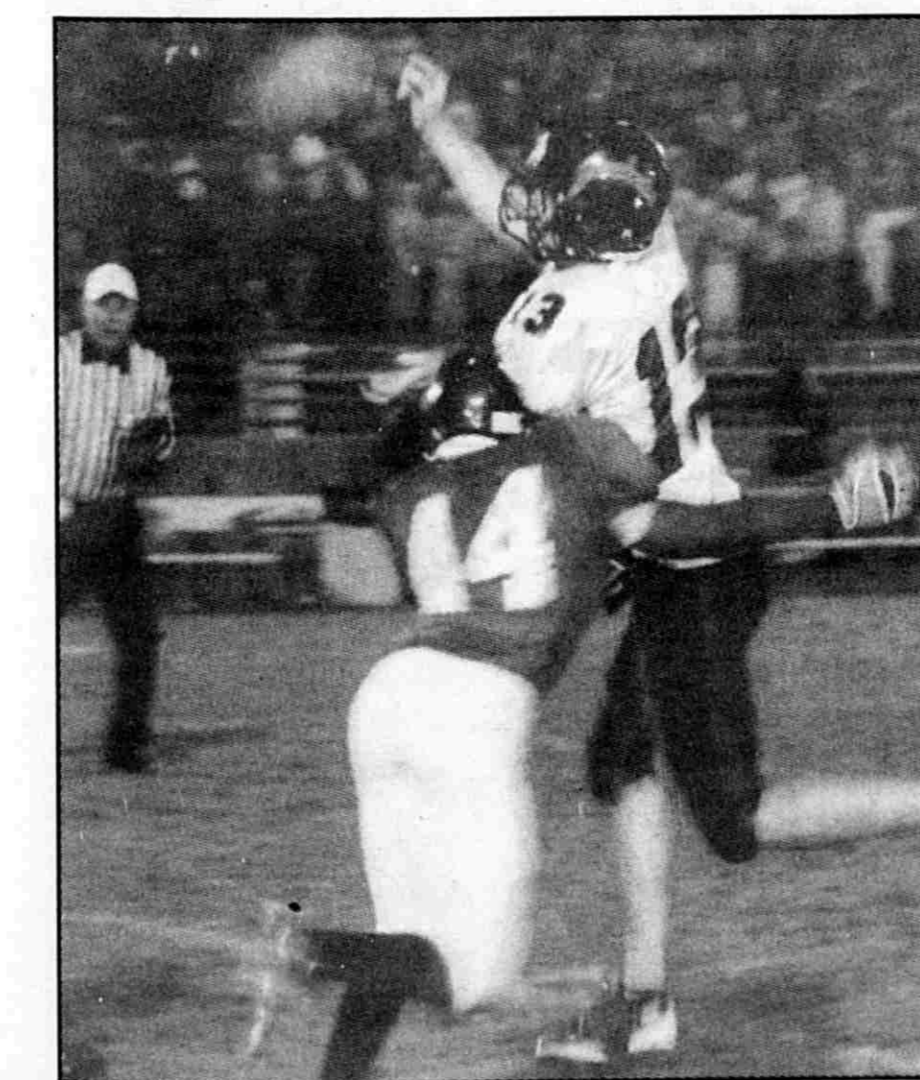
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Pierce Watson jars the throwing motion of Greenville quarterback Zach Burris.

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Voters reminded of proper conduct while at the polls on Election Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today reminded voters of proper conduct within the polling place on Election Day, especially as it pertains to cameras.

"The use of video cameras, still cameras and other recording devices is prohibited in the polls when they are open for voting," said Land. "This includes recording features built into many of today's cell phones. These restrictions ensure

that you are able to vote a secret ballot in complete privacy. I encourage all voters to remember these policies when at the polls on Election Day."

The ban applies to all voters as well as challengers, poll watchers and election workers. Exceptions are made for credentialed members of the news media though certain restrictions remain. The ban protects voters who may feel

intimidated in the polling place by the presence of a camera.

Additionally, under Michigan election law, a ballot is rejected if deliberately exposed and the voter who does so will not be allowed to vote in that election. The ban also serves as a deterrent to those who may try to sell their vote which is prohibited by law. Land addressed other

topics generating voters' questions, including:

- **Voting rights of residents in jail or prison:** Michigan residents confined in jail or prison who are awaiting arraignment or trial are eligible to vote. However, residents who are serving a sentence in jail or prison after conviction cannot vote during the period of confinement. When residents are released from
- **Early voting:** While some states allow all voters to cast ballots prior to Election Day, Michigan does not have early voting. Of course, qualified Michigan voters can cast absentee ballots prior to Election Day.

jail or prison after serving a sentence, they are free to participate in elections without restriction.

• **Displaying election-related materials at the polls:** Michigan has prohibited this practice for decades. It includes clothing and buttons as well as material such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If a voter goes

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Sample ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Kent County, Michigan
City of Lowell, Precinct 2

TO VOTE: Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:

IMPORTANT: To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!

PARTISAN SECTION: To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

Straight Ticket: Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

Split Ticket: You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

Mixed Ticket: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

NONPARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS of the ballot (if any) must be voted separately.

DO NOT vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and completely darken the oval. This must be done even if you cast a straight party vote. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT: This ballot has two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

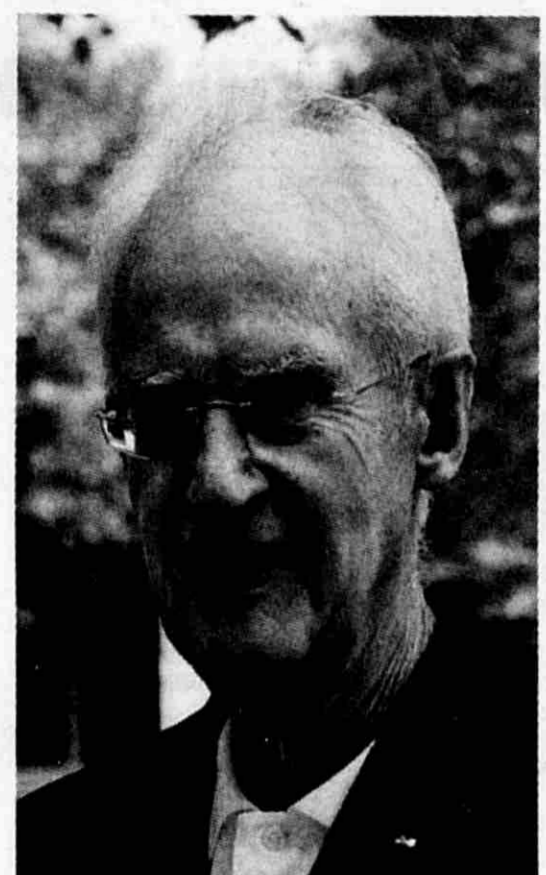
NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

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DOYLE

King Doyle, April 24, 1922 - October 23, 2010. King is survived by his wife, Marie (Watson-Metzger) of 30 years and was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Louise (Gasper). He is also survived by daughters, Louise (Carl) Berasi, Sharon (Bill) Hawkins, and Karen (Fred) Adelman; sons, Brian (Cheryl) and Kevin (Rennell); stepdaughter, M a e v e Metzger; eleven grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Quinn, Carl and Steven Berasi; Elizabeth, Julia and Will Hawkins; Erin, Patrick, Regan, Molly and Liam Doyle. King was a native of Lowell and a World War II Navy veteran. He served as a communications officer aboard the USS Hale DD 642 until it was damaged by a Kamikaze in the Battle of Okinawa in April of 1945. King was president of the King Milling Company in Lowell from 1945 to 1995 and chairman from 1995 until his death. A memorial Mass for King will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, at St. Mary's Church in Lowell, Rev. Eugene Okoli, presiding. Friends may meet the family after the Mass in St. Mary's Family Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell, MI 49331; Lowell Rotary Club Educational Foundation; Lowell Area Arts Council; or Lowell Area Historical Museum.



Chyne, continued

When the light and smoke cleared, there appeared a giant telescope and the old hag peered through it. There she saw Chyne on the crescent moon rocking the moon back and forth, cackling with glee. "She's on the edge of the moon! SIX demerits Dovelly! Get her down here!" Poor Dovelly blew her whistle again and again knowing full well it would do no good. Perhaps there was a spell she could come up with, but she knew Chyne was well out of range of her power. None of them had ever gone as far as the moon

before. She had to admit the task was impossible and face old Shallamorga. "She's beyond our power, true, but when she gets back we must confiscate her transport immediately and add two more demerits to your SIX!" Shallamorga screamed furiously. "But — but, bu," stammered the poor defeated teacher. "No buts, you are in charge of that wayward wretch." Three weeks passed and out of nowhere appeared Chyne, happy as can be. She joined her friends in the coven and was about to tell them of her adventure when Shallamorga spotted her and screamed, "You! You demon you!" Chyne was surprised. She had no idea she had done anything terribly wrong. Shallamorga pointed a crooked, boney finger at Chyne and croaked as loud as she could, "You are grounded for another two hundred years! Turn in your broom and I will turn it to ashes!" "No, your wickedness, please, I meant no harm, please." "Get out of my way young'un." Just as she was about to turn the little witch's broom into a smoldering heap, Chyne snatched it away, mounted it and flew straight up at a speed no witch or warlock had ever witnessed, calling back, "Look for me on the moonooooooooooooonnnn." On an October night, when the moon is full, look up and see the witch intern flying, dipping and soaring. Yes, she's still there, just look for her. Chyne on... Chyne on harvest moon.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188779-DE

Estate of VERONICA HALSDORF, Date of birth: 02/12/1954.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, VERONICA HALSDORF, who lived at 156 Roth St., SE, Kentwood, Michigan 49548, died 01/20/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DAVID TERRELL, JR., named personal representative

or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

John R. Jackson (P45183) 429 Turner, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-956-5008

decedent, CHARLES JAMES VANDER ZEE, who lived at 738 Crosby NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 09/25/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to VICTORIA A WIGGERS, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

David Terrell, Jr. 156 Roth, SE Kentwood, MI 49548

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-189261-DE

Estate of CHARLES JAMES VANDER ZEE, Date of birth: 09/16/1941.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

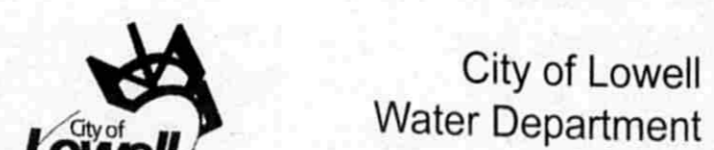
John T. Conroy (P43709) Conroy Law, PLC 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119

Victoria A Wiggers 5525 Pine Island Drive Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-785-9503

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will be conducting a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin Monday, October 18 through Monday, November 1, 2010.



City of Lowell Water Department

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

CMC Services/Lowell Lanes has made application for a variance from Section 18.07 - Signs and Billboards of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a sign on the side wall of a building for property located at 11550 Fulton Street SE, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-290-005.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP CITY OF LOWELL LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, October 30, 2010 for any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Election.

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township 11am - 2pm 8240 Alden Nash Alto, MI 49302 (616) 868-6846

Linda S. Regan Lowell Charter Township 11am - 2pm 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7600

Betty Morlock City of Lowell 8am - 2pm 301 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8457

Mari Stone Vergennes Township 11am - 2pm 10381 Bailey Dr Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5671

office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. closed Sat. & Sun.

classifieds

for sale

HONOR A LOCAL VETERAN/SOLDIER THIS VETERANS DAY! - in the Lowell Ledger's Veteran's Day Special Section. We are looking for Local Veterans/Soldiers! We need the Veteran/Soldier's name, branch of service & years served, along with a military photo (to submit a Veteran or Soldier is free). Advertising is available in this section for only \$35 for a color ad that includes 1 photo or logo & 5 lines of copy. Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, 897-9261 email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

NEW HOME/HIGHLAND HILL - Traditional 3 bedroom, two story, 1680 sq. ft. 2 1/2 baths. Walkout basement. Kitchen appliances included. Many extras/upgrades. Seller will pay \$3,000 of buyer's costs. Priced at \$152,900. Crown Realty, 616-262-1091.

WOW!! - Post Frame Packages ACT NOW!! 24x24x8 - \$3,399; 24x40x10 - \$4,999; 30x40x10 - \$5,699. Standard Lumber 616-676-2108 or 1-800-444-4075.

PUMPKINS!!!! - Hewitt's, 10496 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

LAND FOR SALE - Two 5 acre parcels adjacent to one another at the end of a private road. Both have mature trees, walkout sites, & have been perked & surveyed. Lots of wildlife to see. \$71,900 each. Call 550-0558

AIR BED - Digital number sleep system. Used 1 year. Top of line with Visco top. Dual chambers. Still under warranty. Mail price \$4000, sell \$995. Call 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH SPLIT LEVEL RANCH - in Lowell city limits. 2 stall unattached garage. Comes w/appliances & extras. Nice deck. Central air. Large landscaped yard. Close to schools & shopping. Quiet neighborhood. Priced to sell. \$85,000. 324 Elizabeth Dean Dr. Call for viewing, 304-2027.

RELAY FOR LIFE CHRISTMAS TREE SALE - Scotch pine starting at \$19.50; Douglas, Fraser & Spruce also available. Sale begins Nov. 26. All proceeds donated to ACS. Watch future ad for more info.

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POTTED TREES - Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce & White Pine. Starting at \$10. Call 616-761-7588.

for sale

2004 CHEVY SILVERADO - work truck, 2 wheel drive, red, V-6 auto w/air, 53K, very good condition, \$7,300. Call 616-481-3477 before 11 a.m. or after 6:30 p.m.

KEY CARDS ARE HERE - Help support the LHS Academic Boosters & save money at the places you shop in Lowell and in Grand Rapids. Cards are \$20. Stop by & get your card today. Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway. Cash or check only please.

for rent

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME - in the city of Lowell, across from Richards Park. Living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom down 2 lg. rooms upstairs w/bath, mud & laundry room, lg. 2 stall garage & shed. Available Nov. \$950 a mo. + utilities. \$500 deposit down. Call Bob or Mary 897-7176 or cell 299-3198.

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.

FOR RENT - 1,800 sq. ft. country home, 4 bedroom. No smoking, no pets. \$850 per month plus utilities. References. Saranac schools. 642-0462.

FOR RENT - in Lowell. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. For more info email: mcbill59@yahoo.com

LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent. Rent from \$350 - \$550. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

BOUNCE HOUSE - & canopy tent for rent. Call 446-2048.

SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM APARTMENT - private setting. Heat included. \$675 per month. 262-6490.

wanted

WANTED - Older toys, games, kitchen items, furniture, art, instruments, signs & advertising, military & sports items, jewelry & much more! CASH PAID. 616-550-0521.

free

FREE TO GOOD HOME - Older, long-haired indoor cat. Granddaughter has allergies! Call 616-437-1927.

lost

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

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

events

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sight-in at their range facility at 8731 W. Riverside Dr. This service is free to the public & will be held on Sat., Nov. 6 & Sun., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Targets & assistance will be provided. For more information go to www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen & perishable food. First Friday/month. Registration 2:30, distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 616-868-6402.

SNOW UNIT - ED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style Pork & Dressing dinner on Wed., Nov. 10, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, Children 6-12 are \$3, & children 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available.

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sales

A LIVING ESTATE/GARAGE SALE - Oct. 29 & 30, 10 a.m. - ? 1830 Sterling Oaks, off Grand River Dr. between Ada & Lowell. Furniture, home decor, small appliances, coach bags, tools, lawn & garden, new 5000 watt generator, Little Tikes wagon w/cart, slot machine, fitness equipment, artwork, holiday, much much more.

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PEP TALK IS LOOKING FOR OUTSIDE SALES PERSON - Call 897-7200.

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ZOOLAND DAYCARE HAS FULL TIME OPENINGS - Call 897-8386 or 308-0195. www.zoolanddaycare.com

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Biggest, Hairiest and Scariest?

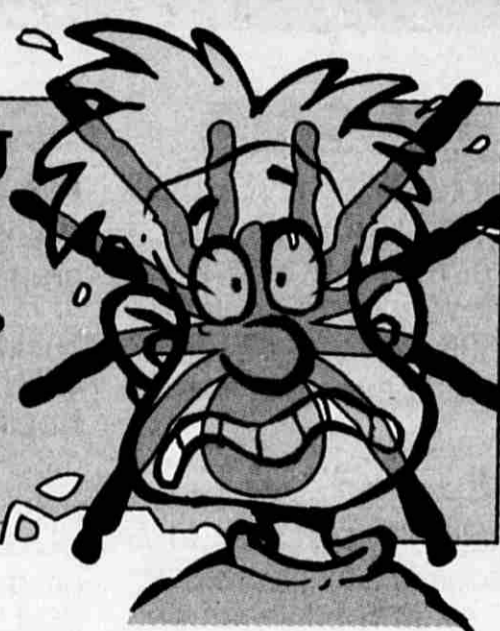
The Goliath bird eater tarantula is the biggest spider on the planet. It is also the hairiest. But is it the scariest?

Some people think so. They think a bite from this big tarantula can kill a person.

The reality is that no one has ever died from a tarantula bite. Tarantulas don't want to bite people. They only attack what they want to eat.



How Big is the Biggest Spider?
So big that it could cover your entire face!



How a Tarantula Eats
First the tarantula _____ and paralyzes its prey. Then it pumps _____ from its stomach into its intended meal. The stomach fluid _____ the inside of the prey to liquid. The spider then slurps the liquid and _____ the skin away.

Replace the missing words.
TOSSES BITES TURNS FLUID

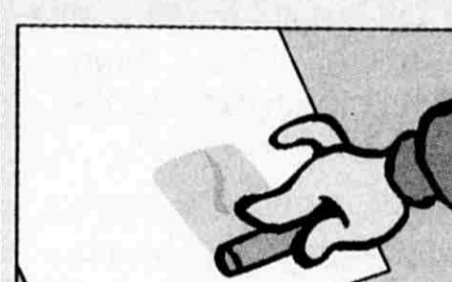
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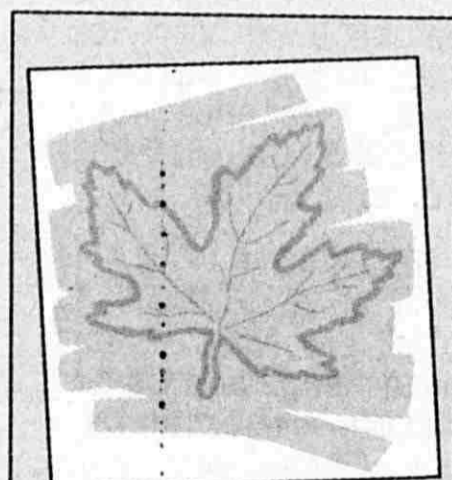
Go outside for a hike or a walk around your neighborhood.



Find and collect some pretty fallen leaves.



Place the leaves, vein side up, underneath a sheet of blank paper. Rub the paper gently with the side of a crayon and watch the leaf patterns appear!



Ta da!
A fall work of art.

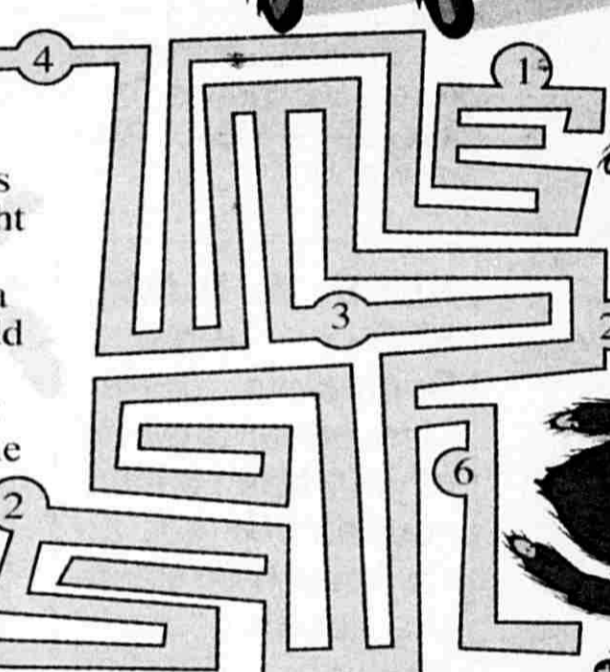
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow multiple-step written directions.

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

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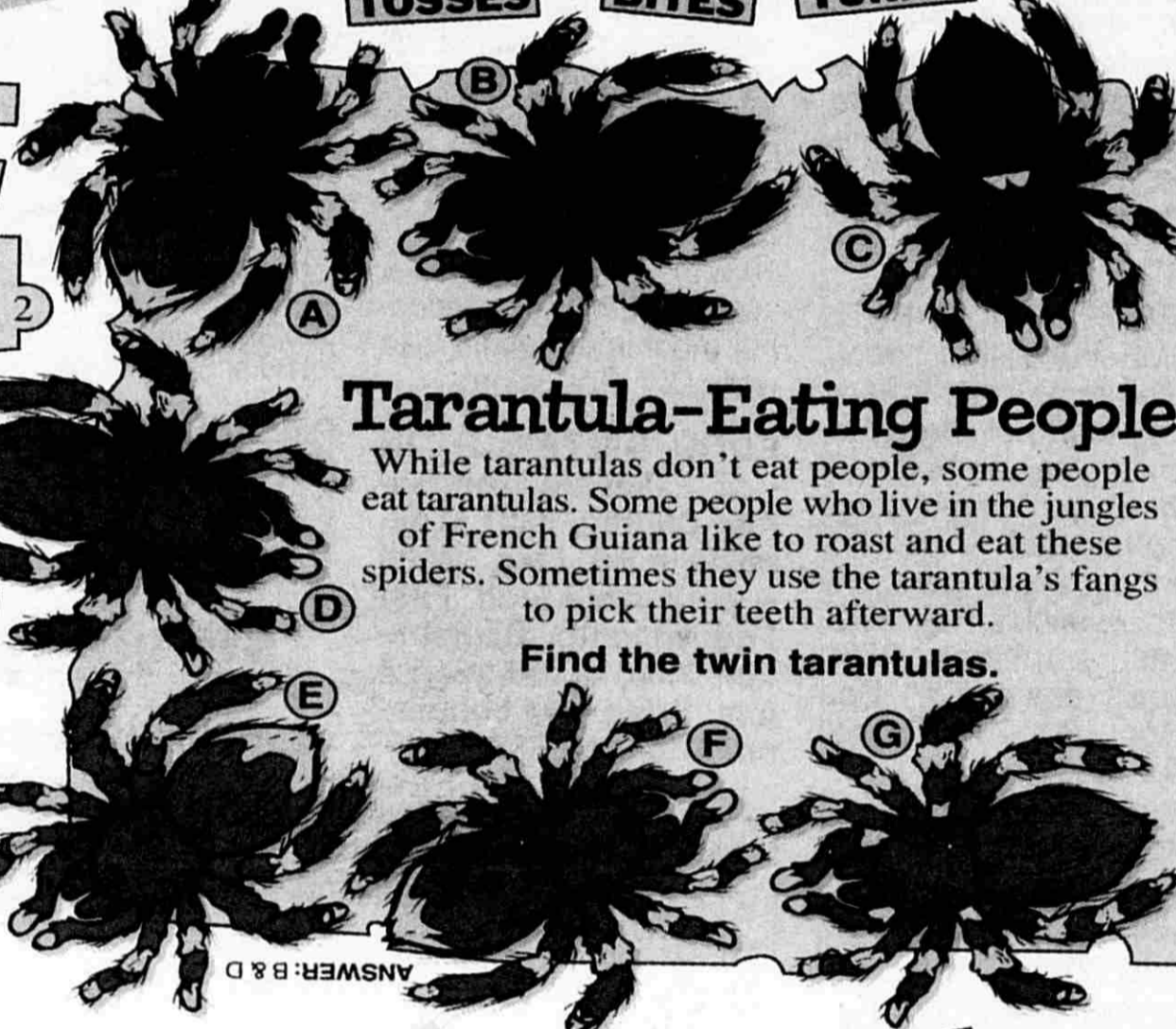
Write On!
Misunderstood Tarantulas
Write as if you were a tarantula in a classroom aquarium. Tell about your life and what you think the kids think about you.

A tarantula's eyes can only detect light and dark. How many eyes does a tarantula have? Add up the numbers along the correct path to discover the answer.



Cut out these sentences and put them in the correct order to reveal a surprising tarantula fact.

_____ onto people. These tiny hairs cause an
_____ sometimes brush hairs from their back ends.
_____ While tarantulas don't bite people, they
_____ eyes or nose or touch their skin.
_____ intense itch when they get into a person's



Tarantula-Eating People

While tarantulas don't eat people, some people eat tarantulas. Some people who live in the jungles of French Guiana like to roast and eat these spiders. Sometimes they use the tarantula's fangs to pick their teeth afterward.

Find the twin tarantulas.

Most spiders only live a season or two. Not so, the tarantula. Some tarantulas can live 12 + 9 + 9 = _____ years.

Scariest Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:
• the scariest item you see
• a pumpkin
• the longest word that contains the letters B-O-O
• a black cat

Standards Link: Research. Use the newspaper to locate information.



Leg Redo If a tarantula loses a leg, it can grow a new one. In fact, a tarantula will chew off and eat its own injured leg in order to get a new, healthy leg.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living things are found almost everywhere in the world and that distinct environments support the life of different types of animals.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Spiders are not insects. They are arachnids. Most arachnids have four pairs of legs. Arachnids do not have antennae. Use the code to discover other members of the arachnid family.

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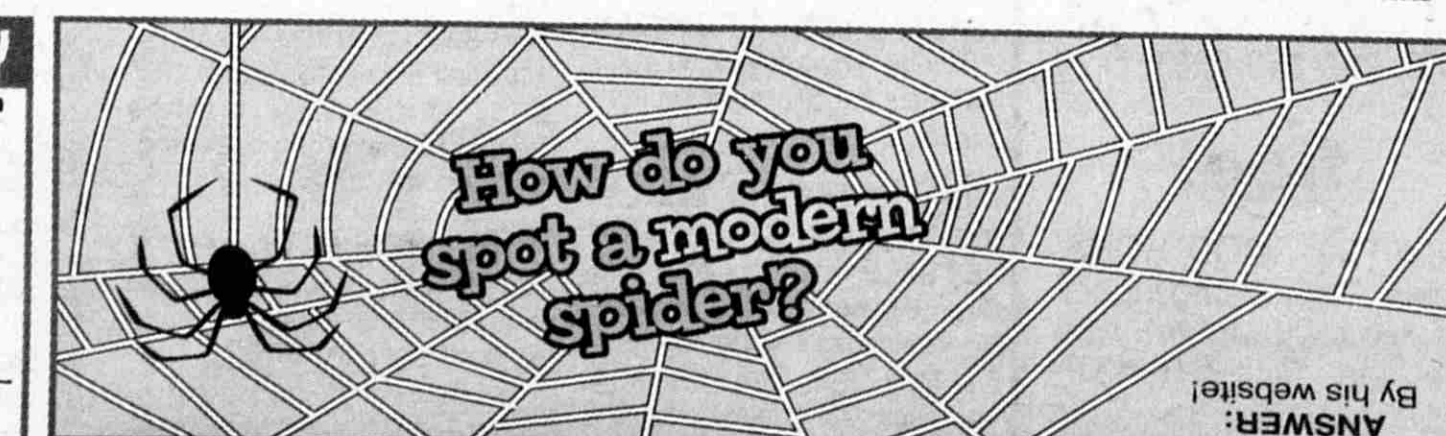
SECRET CODE
☐ = C ☐ = E ☐ = I ☐ = K ☐ = M ☐ = N
☐ = O ☐ = P ☐ = R ☐ = S ☐ = T ☐ = U

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Create a Scary Math Problem
Choose an article or advertisement in today's newspaper or newspaper website and use the information in it to make up a math problem. Trade problems with a friend and compare your answers.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Represents problem situations in a variety of forms.



Double Double Word Search

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

S	S	E	Z	Y	L	A	R	A	P
D	R	A	R	E	A	L	I	T	Y
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Convenient option eases voting for residents who qualify

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today reminded voters of the absentee ballot option in the upcoming Nov. 2 general election.

"Absentee ballots allow residents who might otherwise be unable to participate in the election to vote at their convenience," Land said. "However, the deadline to obtain one is fast approaching. It's easy to find out if you qualify. Simply visit the Michigan Voter Information Center for more information."

The MVIC Web site is www.Michigan.gov/vote.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person
- expecting to be out of town for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 to submit the application to their city

or township clerk. Voters must include their name, address and the qualifying reason for requesting the ballot. An absentee ballot application is available at any local clerk's office or online at www.Michigan.gov/vote. A request can also be submitted in a simple letter or on a postcard.

Voters can also track their absentee ballot online through this Web site. The absentee ballot tracking feature notes when an application for an absentee ballot has been received by the local clerk's office, when the ballot was sent, and when the clerk received the returned ballot.

Registered voters may visit their city or township clerk's office for an absentee ballot through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 1 must vote the ballot while in the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by hand or by mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters should note that if they have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and have never voted in Michigan, they are not eligible to vote

by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct instead. However, this restriction does not apply to voters who are age 60 or older, disabled or overseas. The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Absentee voters should remember to sign the return envelope. If a voter receives assistance in preparing the ballot, the signature of the person providing the assistance must also be on the return envelope. Signed absentee ballots can only be returned to a clerk's office by

the voter, a family member or person residing in the voter's household, a mail carrier or election official.

When completing an absentee ballot, voters should be aware that building managers and staff cannot take possession of a person's ballot, unless they are handling it as part of their duties to collect that building's outgoing mail. It is also illegal to vote in a group setting. Residents should not attend any meeting at which the residents of their building or

members of an organization to which they belong are being asked to vote at the same time.

Military and overseas voters are reminded of federal rules that allow ballots to be sent to them by e-mail or fax. This helps to ensure that ballots are returned in time to be counted on Election Day. The ballots can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to military and overseas voters at the voter's request. Voters then return the ballots by mail.

Voters eligible to receive a ballot by e-mail

or fax include members of uniformed services, their spouses and dependents who are away from their city or township of residence. They may be located inside or outside the U.S. Civilian voters outside the U.S. who are eligible to vote in Michigan also qualify.

For additional information, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk.

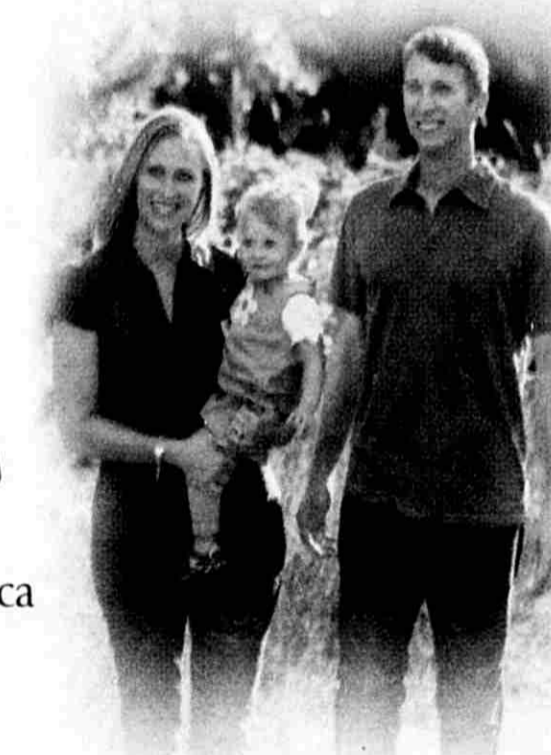
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