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## Motivated midterm election voters flock to the polls

by Emma Palova

Patricia Ramos, a retired educator for Department of Corrections, was motivated to vote because she is only three years away from social security.

And she cares about young people having jobs in Michigan and not leaving the state.

"I want jobs back in Michigan and I want to see it keep going," she said.

That was her answer Tuesday morning as she checked in to vote with election inspectors Marj Harding and Linda Johnson at the city hall.

"It's the American way," said Harding smiling and sporting the I Voted sticker. "I always vote."

Johnson said she voted because of her grandkids.

Just before the polls opened, there was a line of 15 people, according to city clerk Betty Morlock.

"I think people are paying more attention as the economy gets tight," she said. "They're upset with changes."

At 11:30 am, already, 252 voters voted in precinct 1 and 157 in precinct 2. Election inspector Nancy Wood predicted a good election. Lowell has 2,400 registered voters and the usual turnout is 15 percent.

"We've had a steady stream," said Morlock. "People are continuously coming through. It's a busy election, better than normal."

In Vergennes Township, at noon already 517

voters voted out of 1,500 registered.

And the busiest times come after the schools and

the factories get out at 3 p.m.

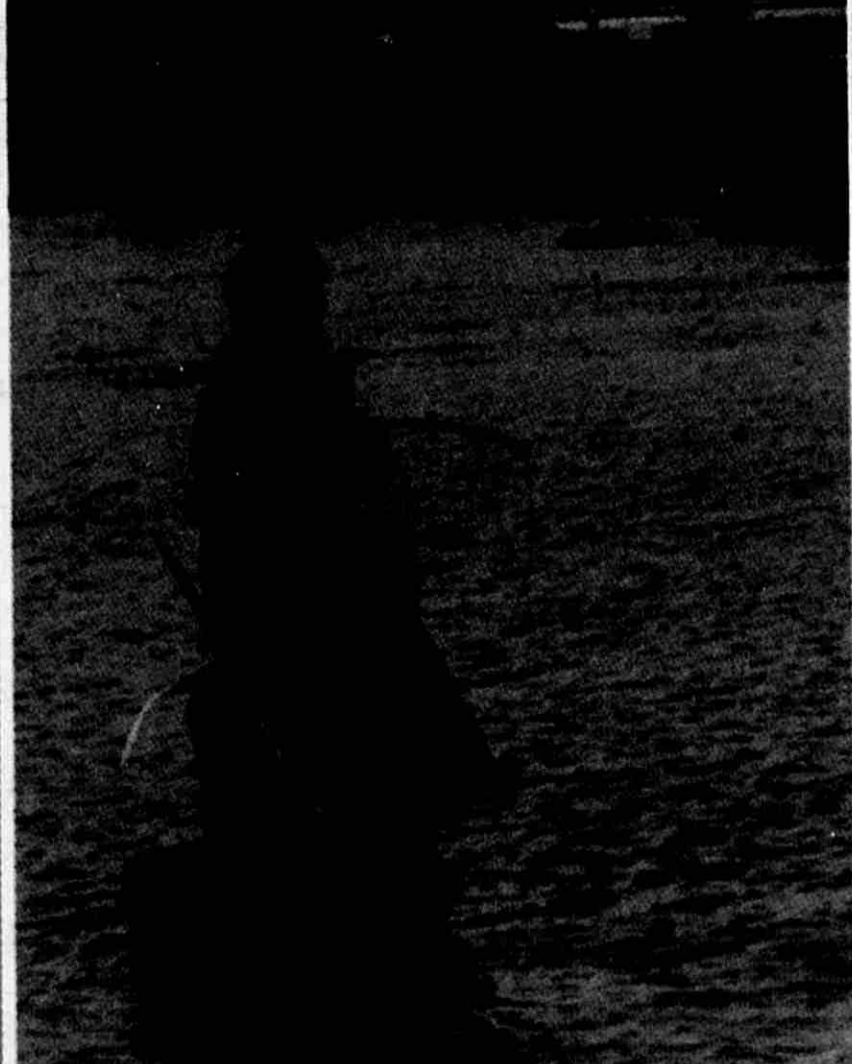
"We are realizing how important it is to vote," said

Morlock. It's a privilege. People had to fight hard for this. We're taking our duty on as we should."



Patricia Ramos, with poll workers, Marj Harding and Linda Johnson.

## High winds rip through the area



High gust cyclonic winds ripped through the area last week knocking down more branches and trees only one month after the last storm. The newly placed troll sitting on a pylon survived the storm with only a few cattails exposing metal. The waters in the area lakes, like Murray Lake, had white crescents whipped up from the wind.

The last storm was at the end of September and

it mostly caused damage in the area of Richards Park in downtown Lowell.

So, what does the winter forecast look like?

Well, according to WOOD TV 8 chief meteorologist Bill Steffen, the key word for this winter is "volatile."

There could be months with above average precipitation, snow and chances of freezing rain. Bundle up or go south.

## City website goes out for bid, planning commission to regulate wood burning furnaces

by Emma Palova

The city council agreed to put out for bids the proposal for an upgraded website. Ten vendors have so far showed interest in the project.

The website may have a new address, although the existing one [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) is a standard format used by municipalities.

"We need to keep this moving," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The overall goal is to keep the site simple, clean, intuitive, attractive and user, according to the Request for Proposals (RFPs). Site additions will include event calendar integrated with Kaleidoscope and templates for online submission forms, such as building permits, dog licenses and park reservations, and the ability to embed content from other media accounts like Facebook.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, who sits on the website upgrade committee, said the city needs to get going on this.

In other business, the council, after a heated discussion, moved to regulate outdoor wood burning furnaces under zoning regulations.

Councilman Jeff Altoft opposed banning the furnaces and proposed regulating them simply by setbacks; These would include 75 feet from lot line and 25 feet from structure.

"We shouldn't bother with it," he said. "We have nuisance law in effect. We have residents with indoor burning stoves that are a much bigger hazard."

But, Ellison said if somebody does something wrong there is no recourse for the city if nothing is done.

According to Altoft, there have been no complaints.

"It's a waste of money in my eyes," he said. "I wouldn't spend time and money on it."

In other business, the council approved \$10,000 from the Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) fund for a Lowell Township sidewalk project including a pedestrian bridge. The sidewalk will run along the north side of M-21 from the Key Heights Village to Birmingham Street near Meijer. The township received \$4,000 from the LCTV endowment fund last year toward the overall cost of \$53,200.

Supervisor Jerry Hale said the township is going ahead with the project. The bid for the sidewalk and the

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# CITY OF LOWELL

## PLANNING COMMISSION-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A DEFINITION OF "FOOT CANDLE" TO SECTION 2.04, "DEFINITIONS - F," OF CHAPTER 2, "DEFINITIONS"; TO ADD SECTION 4.24, "OUTDOOR LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS," TO CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20.04, "GENERAL SIGN PROVISIONS," OF CHAPTER 20, "SIGNS," OF "APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS I AND J AND ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS J AND K TO SECTION 4.08, "(SOFT SIDED) ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES;" TO CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," AMEND SECTION 12A.03, "SPECIAL LAND USES," OF CHAPTER 12A, "I-L LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," AND AMEND SECTION 13.03, "SPECIAL LAND USES," OF CHAPTER 13, "I - INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," OF "APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

Copies of the ordinances are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us)

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

## Show you care - bake for the Vets It's cookie time again

Each year many women in the Lowell area have come forward to bake cookies for those in the Veteran's Home right after Veteran's Day and before Thanksgiving. Last year 25 bakers produced 1,600 cookies, bagged three or four to a bag and cookies were an instant success. "I felt like the Pied Piper," said Jan Thompson, who chairs the event. "I never knew that a few cookies could mean so much to anyone until we made our delivery. It warms one's heart to see their response. Home baked goods bring

back memories of home." This year, volunteers plan to deliver the cookies on Nov. 13, the Saturday after Veteran's Day. The collecting point is the Veteran's Center. The center is located a couple of miles south of Lowell and about two miles north of I-96 at 3116 South Alden Nash. Bakers are asked to bring the cookies and volunteers will bag them between 10 a.m. and noon. Deliveries will be made to the Veteran's Home as soon as the bagging is complete. All bakers in the greater Lowell area are encouraged to take part in this thank you



Halloween wasn't even over and the Christmas stuff was out - slow down!

I hate politics.

Those that may disagree with your beliefs are not cowardly, Mr. Ross!!!

- N. Stroosnyder

It's great that you can't smoke inside but do you have to smoke right outside a business when windows are open?

### last week's Sound Off poll result:

Has a "robo" call (a recorded political message) ever influenced your vote?

- NO - I don't like the calls ..... 100%
- YES - I like the extra information ..... 0%
- NO - But I think they're a good thing ..... 0%
- YES - If I get a robo call, I don't vote for that person ..... 0%

BE SURE AND GO TO [thelowelledger.com](http://thelowelledger.com) AND VOTE IN OUR NEXT POLL!



OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2

Investigators believe two explosive packages found at airports in Dubai and the United Kingdom on Friday were assembled by the same bomb-maker responsible for the device used in last year's failed Christmas Day "underwear bomb" plot.

Comedy Central funny men Jon Stewart and Stephan Colbert hold a "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" in Washington DC. The event turned out thousands of people. The event carried a message about Americans turning their backs on hate and working together to make the world a better place.



Everything old is new again - sign held up at the Rally.

Speechwriter to JFK, Theodore C. Sorensen, at the age of 82, passes away Sunday. The speechwriter and confidant's term was marked by cold war struggles, growing civil rights strife and the beginnings of the U.S. intervention in Vietnam. One of Sorensen's famous addresses written for John F. Kennedy was "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Detroit officials report the city has 169 fires during the three day Halloween period.

# Thebes Players present Escanaba in Love

Lowell Area Arts Council - Thebes Players will present *Escanaba in Love* at Larkin's Other Place Nov. 5-20.

Black tie optional? HA! Try hunter's orange, camouflage and Stormy Kromers recommended! The Thebes Players cordially invite you to attend our dinner theatre production of "Escanaba in Love" by Jeff Daniels.

Join us for an evening of Yooper themed food and good times with the Soady men at deer camp in da deep woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Character Albert Soady says, "If you wanna go to heaven it's north of the bridge," but this November we're bringing

a little bit of heaven to you without all the tourist fudge and Petoskey stones! Dress warmly for deer camp, bring your friends and enjoy the hunting story to beat all hunting stories as we share with you this hilarious tall tale of humor, horror and heart with this super Yooper comedy. Can you say, "Pass da pasty eh, youse guys?" "You betcha eh!"



Matt Tawney ("Salty" Jim Negamane), Ken Parrish (Alphonse Soady), Casey Berg (Albert Soady Jr.), and Amy McDaniel (Big Betty Balou) in a scene from *Escanaba in Love*.



Amy McDaniel, picture above center and at right with Casey Berg (Albert Soady Jr.), plays Big Betty Balou.



Jeff Daniels' eleventh new play, *Escanaba In Love*, is a hilarious prequel to the legendary *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, set in the Soady deer camp during World War II and outfitted with a whole new cast of wacky Yoopers. Eighteen-year-old Albert Soady, Jr. is celebrating his final hunting season before he becomes a sharpshooter for the U.S. Army when he falls head-over-heels for the legendary Big Betty Balou - the woman destined to become Reuben and Remnar's mother. The

question is, does she have what it takes to become part of Escanaba's "royal" family?

"Writing the prequel was like putting on a pair of your old, favorite shoes," says *Escanaba* playwright, Jeff Daniels. "For years, I wasn't interested. Never even thought about it. Once I started writing it, though, it was just a matter of going back into that world, hearing their voices. I never intended to write a companion piece to *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*. It wasn't until about three

years ago that I got the idea to write a prequel." Daniels goes on to say, "What's big with me, too, is wanting to spend time with the characters I'm writing. I need to stay interested in them, otherwise, forget it. I mean, if you're going to be in my head for many, many months, I have to want to be with you. The thing is, with the Soadys, I never wanted to leave."

Larkin's Other Place is located at 301 W. Main St., downtown Lowell.

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I love acting. It is so much more real than life.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

## New track dedicated at Alto Elementary

The Alto Running Club thanked the Alto Downtown Development Authority at a ceremony on Monday, October 25, for their generous donation of a full-size, quarter-mile, paved community walking/running track located behind Alto Elementary. Alto students use this track extensively for P.E. classes, activities, recess, as well as the after school walk/run program known as "Running Club." The track is open to the community during nonschool hours and weekends.



Pictured, in front of the new track, are the Alto Downtown Development Board and the "high mileage" student winners from the Alto Running Club.

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## DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2010 as corrected.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to approve the request for added LCTV Endowment Funds to accommodate Lowell Charter Township sidewalk project of a pedestrian bridge.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 1, 2010 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

# Remembering Halloween from another era

Submitted by:  
Angela Brummett

Halloween is a time for tricks and for treats, costumes, parties, and anticipation of scary things. But was it the same for those born in the 20's and

30's? After presenting that question to a group of Laurels of Kent residents, the answer is 'yes' but simpler than it is today, much simpler.

For instance, several

residents do remember trick or treating in some sort of costume, but all were fashioned from old clothes instead of as an elaborate character. Mary Jo Lattimore remembered, "laughing

and giggling during 'dress up time' because the boys would dress like girls and the girls would dress like boys." Today, of course, that would hardly turn a head. A princess was wearing a mother's dress, a ghost was an old sheet if one could be spared. "Elaborate" meant taking time to make a witch's hat or having a mother who could make time to sew

something for a few hours of fun.

Genevieve Gordon remembers simply "putting leaves down my long black stocking until my legs were stiff and then I'd dance around like a puppet. Mom didn't get angry for the mess I made of my stockings because Halloween was an allowance to be a little naughty. That's why it was so much fun."

Trick or treating was something that only the 'city kids' enjoyed, but Kay Zuidewind said that, "As soon as the street light came on, we had to skedaddle for home without delay." "Candy was given out, but only one piece here and there," says Virginia Morse. Morse remembers getting licorice, taffy and peppermints, but she said, "I was always hoping for some chocolate."

Elaine Laity was lucky it seemed because with a smile, she stated, "I would sometimes get a Hershey's bar or a shiny penny." Zuidewind added, "Oh yes, if you went home with five pennies, you felt rich." Other common items in everyone's "pails" were apples, oranges, popcorn balls and homemade cookies.

The residents who grew up on a farm or in the rural area enjoyed these treats at home on Halloween night, because, Virginia Clark explained, "We had chores to do after school so there was no time for 'trick or treating.' Irene Vaughan made the point that families were larger making it difficult to dress up nine or more children for "silliness." "We would just have fun scaring each other."

One favorite trick remembered by Marge Potter was something called "rattle the window," done

with a wooden spool, pencil and some string. "When people came to the door, we'd pull that string and oh, the scariest sound against the glass had them screaming," she laughs, and of course "tipping over outhouses" was another common trick, she added. At that, Lattimore quickly ensured that, "Only the boys did that!" Jan Kropf remembers once seeing a bath tub in front of Lowell's drugstore and there was the incident of a horse and buggy perched on top of a flat-roof barn. With enthusiasm Potter adds, "Oh, and then that one time when there were corn husks all the way down the middle of Main Street!" When questioned if she may have been responsible, she smiled with a twinkle in her eye, and again Lattimore said, "Oh no, only the boys!" However, Laity quickly admitted to ringing doorbells and then running away, and all had recall of soaping a window or two. Zuidewind said, "Mother allowed us to do it inside and then we would have to wash the windows the next day readying them for the winter ahead."

But whether one lived in the country or city, they all have memories of the Halloween school parties where the teacher allowed a day of games, such as spin the bottle and ducking for apples, with the usual party refreshments of apple cider, popcorn balls and fry cakes.

Yes, Halloween was and still is a time for fun and the unusual, but it wasn't about who got the most candy or wore the best costume back then. It was simpler, although one does have to wonder what is simple about getting a horse and buggy on top of a flat-roof barn?

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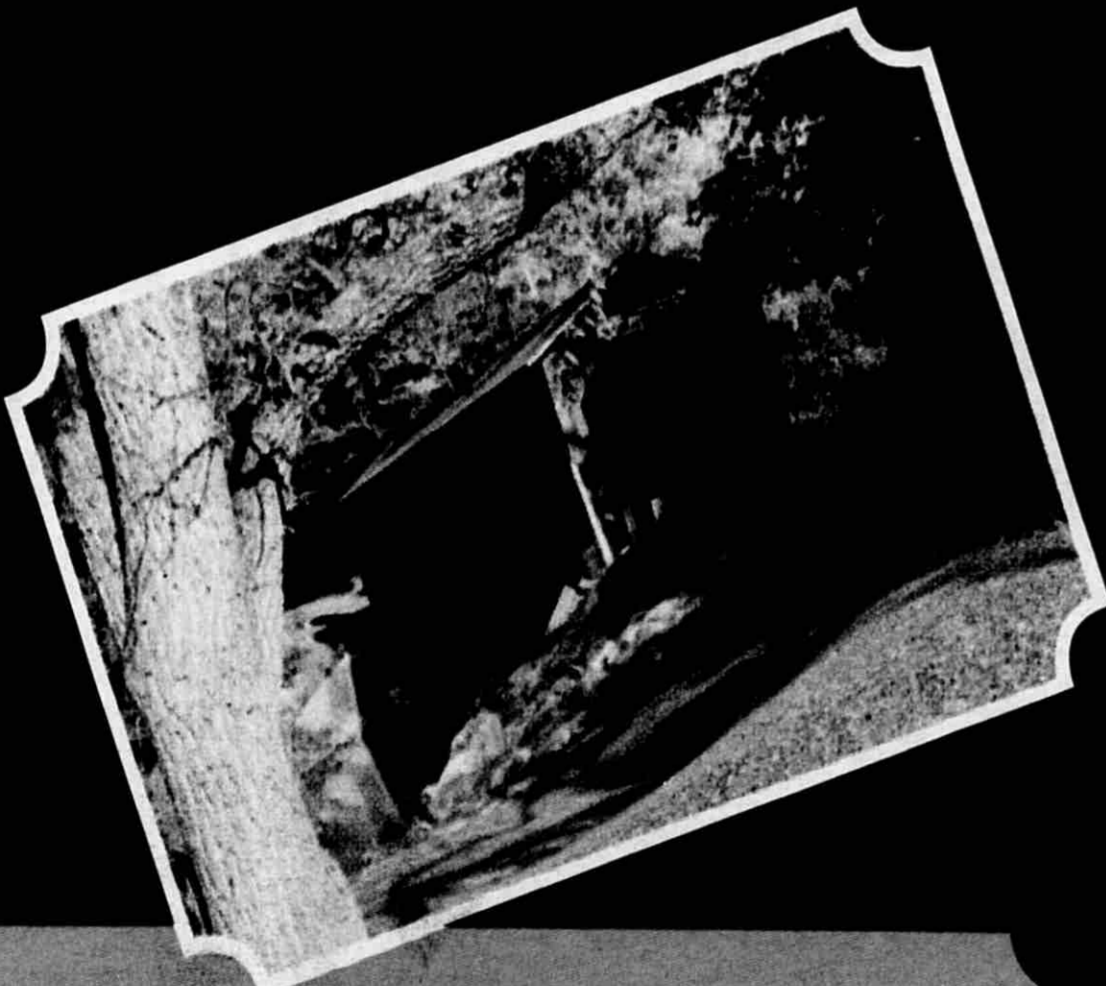
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Three entries per person. High resolution images only. Pictures must be attached as a jpeg. Include your name, address and phone number in the body of the email. Must be submitted by November 30, 2010. By submitting your photo you grant J-Ad Graphics unlimited use of that image in future publications.



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# Halloween sees fewer costumes in Lowell businesses

This year, there weren't quite as many dressed up business people as usual. But, those who did dress up had high quality masks.

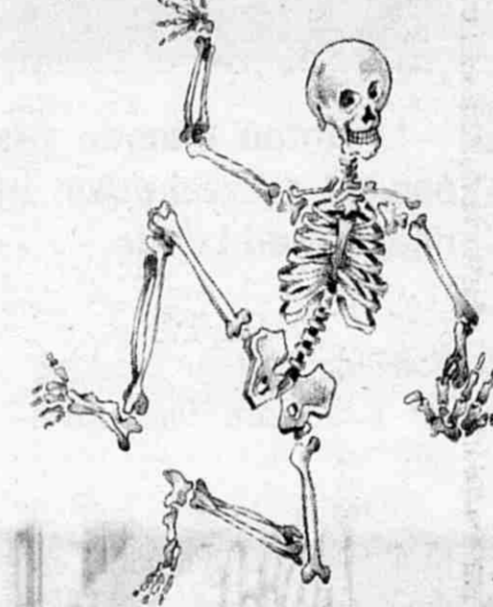
Dr. Jim Reagan's office dressed up last Thursday. Reagan, was a lumberjack with an axe. Pictured in the photo, at right, are: Reagan, Lorie Van Heulen, Jean Getzen, Carrie Woolworth, Cara Haines, Gail Thomet and Susan Hessler.

Cathy Acker at the Buyers Guide office dressed up as an alien and scared one longtime supporter, Dave Thompson, also known as Seymour the clown.

Jack Reedy, owner of Rookies Sportcards Plus,

dressed up as the newest upcoming superhero, Green Lantern. The movie, based on a comic, will be released in the summer of 2011 with Ryan Reynolds as Hal Jordan, aka Green Lantern. According to the story, all earthlings will get a power ring from a foreign galaxy. Reedy was sporting a green power ring.

Overall, Halloween was without any major incidents, according to the Lowell Police Department.



Jim Reagan and staff, perennial favorites, dressed up for Halloween.



Jack Reedy, aka, The Green Lantern.

Cathy Acker holds on tightly to the candy at the Buyers Guide.

A spooky scene at a home in Lowell Township.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell finds clarity in win over Grand Ledge

by Thad Kraus  
Squib kicks, pooch punts, onside kicks and fake punts. The Lowell and Grand Ledge football teams pulled out all the stops in Friday night's first round Division 2 playoff game between two of the state's top teams. "The state wanted a heck of a first round match-up and they got it," said Grand Ledge football coach Matt Bird following the Red Arrow's 35-24 win over his Comets.

Grand Ledge, the fourth ranked team in Division I, rallied from a 14-0 first-half deficit to tie the game at 14-14 and then rallied from a 21-14 third-quarter deficit to take a 24-21 lead into the final 12 minutes of play. However, Gabe Dean's two touchdown passes in the final eight minutes lifted the Red Arrows to a 35-24 victory. It also advanced Lowell to the second round where it will face Portage Central, a 49-14 winner over Portage Northern.

"I'm proud of our kids to come in here and go toe to toe with a great team that is well coached," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "This is as healthy as we've been since week one. It was nice to have everyone back."

The Red Arrows entered the game coming off a bitter 35-21 loss to Greenville

that did more than sour expectations. "I'm not sure who said it. Was it Bear Bryant who said it? Or maybe it was Woody Hayes -- 'Nothing cleanses the soul like a good, old-fashioned butt-whooping.' Losing sometimes brings a certain amount of clarity to everybody," Dean said.

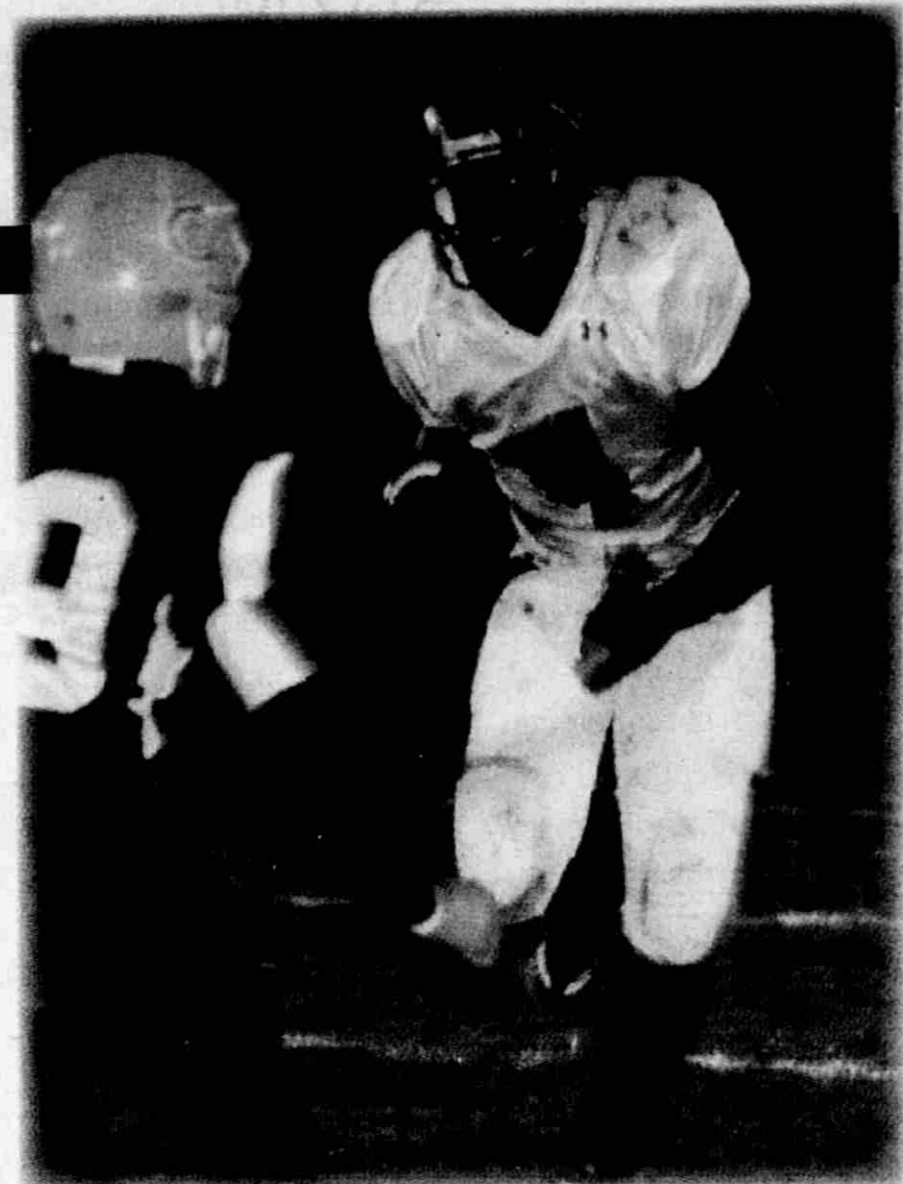
Trailing 24-21, Dean connected with sophomore tight end Reed Stormzand on a 17-yard touchdown pass to give Lowell a 28-24 advantage.

Six minutes later, on a fourth-and-three from the Comet three-yard line, Dean found Jacob Meyer, running a post behind his defender in the back of the end zone. A 35-yard pass and catch from Dean to Meyer set Lowell up inside the 10 four plays earlier.

"Everybody did what they were supposed to do," Meyer said. "We fixed what we did last week."

Lowell, on its first possession, marched 78 yards with Dean running it in from the 10.

The Red Arrows then recovered a pooch punt down in front of the Comet sideline. From there it went 39 yards in four plays with



Leighton Watson rushed for 98 yards and scored a touchdown in Lowell's 11-point win over Grand Ledge.

Leighton Watson breaking off a 25-yard touchdown run. Grand Ledge battled back as it tied the game on touchdown runs by Josh Bachert (three yards) and Dario Bongiorno (57 yards). Lowell regained the lead midway through the third quarter on a four-yard burst by Dean.

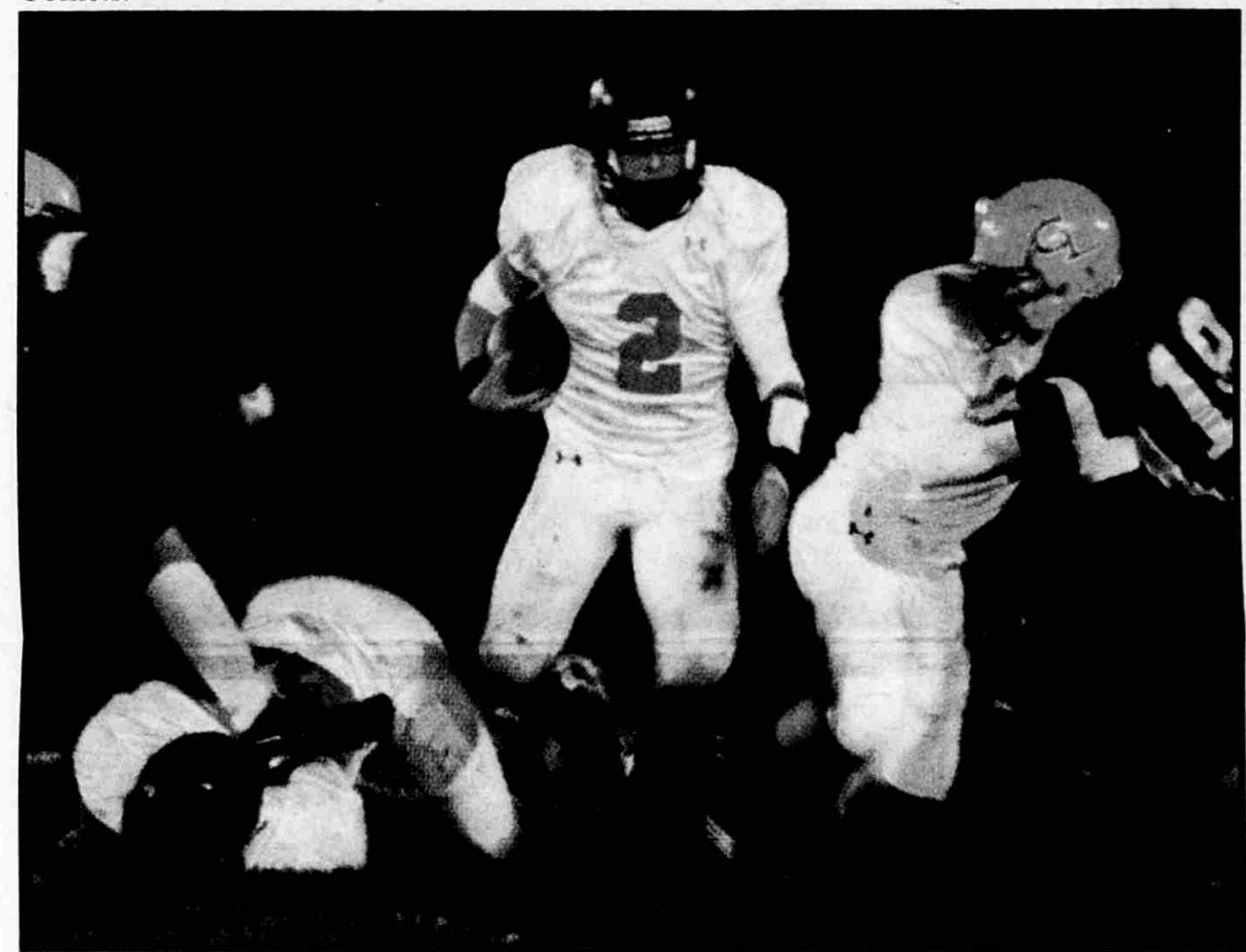
The Comets answered immediately with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Bongiorno to Bryce Wight. Grand Ledge took its only lead of the game on a 37-yard field goal by Brian Eavey toward the end of the third quarter.

Dean led all rushers with 180 yards. Watson provided some balance with 98 yards on the ground. Dean was 11-of-19 through the air for 162 yards.

"That is a great offensive football team," Bird said. "Lowell did a great job with its adjustments."

Grand Ledge ran for 220 yards (Bongiorno 113). The Comets connected on just two of 19 passing attempts for 45 yards.

Tickets for the Lowell Portage Central football game Friday night go on sale Thursday and Friday at the high school between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5.



Gabe Dean threw for two touchdowns and ran for a couple more in Lowell's 35-24 win over Grand Ledge.

## Neitzel speaks at Lowell Basketball Clinic

Potentially, 40 future Lowell High School basketball players attended a basketball clinic on Saturday featuring former Michigan State Spartan Drew Neitzel. The clinic focused on shooting form, crossover, behind-the-back, between the legs and other dribbling drills along with shooting and offensive moves. The clinic was held for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade kids. Neitzel spoke to a gym of middle school and high school players and adults on the game of basketball.

"Drew also talked about working your tail off, commitment to the game, good grades and being a good person," said Lowell varsity basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "It was a great kickoff to the youth and middle [school] basketball seasons."



Drew Neitzel works through a shooting drill with the young Red Arrow basketball players.

This Saturday (Nov. 6) from 8:30 until 11 a.m. McDonald will host a clinic for third-, fourth- and fifth-grade basketball players. "Any sixth-graders unable to make it to the Oct. 30 clinic are welcomed to join the fifth-grade group on Saturday," McDonald said.



Lowell varsity basketball coach Jeff McDonald hosted a basketball clinic for Lowell sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade basketball players on Saturday at Lowell High School.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell advances with win over Creston

by Thad Kraus  
The goal was to get it done. The result was a 25-8, 25-5, 25-6 straight set win over Creston in round one of the Class A District volleyball tournament. "We had played Creston a number of times. Our goal was to get the job done and move on to Wednesday," said Lowell girls' volleyball coach GiGi Peal. The Red Arrow coach played her entire squad against the Polar Bears.

"It was a light emotion night. It was nice that everyone got to play and the girls were able to have some fun."

Leading Lowell statistically was Jordan Timmer with 21 assists and three aces. Arielle Nausieda also recorded three aces while Hannah Geelhoed added a team-high seven kills. With the win, Lowell advances to a Wednesday night showdown with league rival Northview. "We're 3-0 against Northview. The matches have been close, but then we were to take over," Peal explained. The Red Arrow coach added that her club's strengths match up well against Northview. "We've been able to play well against them," she concluded.



**Someone had to say it!**

Chris L. Rucker's probation, for his involvement in the Nov. 2009 assault on students and members of a fraternity, was followed up by the MSU senior cornerback violating his probation when he operated a vehicle while intoxicated. The consequence landed Rucker in the Ingham County Jail where he spent eight days for his probation violation. Following his release on Thursday, it didn't take much longer than Rucker changing into his street clothes and getting a ride back to campus before Spartan football coach Mark Dantonio reinstated him back onto the team. "My decisions can never be only about the next game," Dantonio said. "The scoreboard I most care about has very little to do with a Saturday in October. This is about positioning a young man for a successful and productive future," Dantonio explained. My cynical response is why then is your best cornerback, arguably one of your best players, reinstated before the team's biggest game of the year, decade or more? Because it was about the next game? Had it been Minnesota and not Iowa would Rucker have been reinstated? The MSU coach left it up to Rucker if he wanted to travel with the team and play on Saturday.

**Who Do I Love?**  
I was 13-2 last week, raising my yearly total to 66-24 (75 percent). My only misses were Middleville and Grand Haven. Things get a little more dicey in week two of the playoffs. Rockford/West Ottawa Rams are a rocking, I love Rockford. EGR/GR Christian I think it will be close, but I love the Pioneers. Greenville/Muskegon I'm a believer, I love the Jackets! Zeeland East/St. Joseph I'm staying in West Michigan, I love East. Kingsford/Comstock Park I love Kingsford. Zeeland West/Catholic Central I just don't know? So I love Zeeland West. West Catholic/Portland I love the Falcons. Olivet/Hopkins I love Hopkins. Edwardsburg/Paw Paw I love the Eddies. Lowell/Portage Central Nice bounce back win Friday night, I love Lowell!

**THAD'S TOP 10**  
1. EGR  
2. Rockford  
3. Zeeland East  
4. Greenville  
5. Lowell  
6. Muskegon  
7. West Ottawa  
8. Zeeland West  
9. Catholic Central - Grand Haven  
10. West Catholic

That reminds me of high school and allowing a student to determine if he/she wants an in-school or out-of-school detention. It also allowed the university to get the desired decision without having to take responsibility for making it. Dantonio has always carried himself as a classy individual, but if a successful and productive future is the goal, doesn't it make sense that the consequences should be more in line with the world that awaits Rucker after MSU/football? Intentional or not, Dantonio's decision gives a clear perception that his decision had much to do with MSU's game against Iowa and the lure of a shot at a possible national championship. The word assault is what I get hung up on. That's what started Rucker down this road back in November of 2009. While operating his vehicle under the influence is serious enough, assault elevates it to a level of criminality to where I'm not sure a punishment of being off the team three-four weeks fits the crime. In my world, wouldn't it have been a stronger message without Rucker on the sidelines or on the field Saturday? Wouldn't that have done more to position all of Dantonio's young men for a more successful and productive future?

**GO RED ARROWS!**

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Red Arrow girls finish strong; 7th at regional

by Thad Kraus  
Lowell girls' cross country team finished seventh in a field of 15 at the Division I regional in Allendale on Saturday. While the Red Arrows pushed hard into the wind to gain a middle of the pack finish, the times of the young Lowell squad bring promise for the future of the program. "Lowell girls have had a great season, coming in third in the conference and improving their team time by over a minute from last year," said Red Arrow coach Sarah Ellis. "Most importantly it's a great group of young women: kind, enthusiastic and competitive. The future of the team looks promising." Lowell's top five times were brought home by Jess Graves (32nd) 21:01; Kallie Holzhuetter (39th) 21:26; Rachael Walters (43rd) 21:31; Rebekah Betts (56th) 21:57; and Karis Dilly (63rd) 22:13. This year, Lowell's team improved its team time by over a minute from last year. "It was a windy day for the Division I girls' regional race. Times were not as fast as they were in the calm of the morning. The top three in the regional, Rockford, Traverse City Central and Grand Haven, are ranked as the top three teams in the lower peninsula and will very likely come in that order this weekend at the state meet in Brooklyn," Ellis concluded. Rockford won the regional with 44 points followed by Traverse City West, 55; and Grand Haven, 63. **Boys' Division I regional** Lowell did not field a full team in the boys' Division I regional. Its top four times were recorded by Ben Partridge, 18:59.9; John Mark, 19:24.8; Jon Wyckoff, 21:17.4; and Scott VanOosten, 22:18.5. "Considering the windy conditions, I thought the guys ran a great race. With the layout of the course it seemed like the guys could never get a break from running into the wind. However, each runner finished strong and that's what I like to see," said Lowell boys' coach Clay VanderWarf. "We were a small, young team this year, so almost all the guys will be back with some experience under them."

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### U.S. and Michigan should be high-speed rail leaders



Sen. Carl Levin

Like most Americans, I'm a firm believer in the notion that if our country sets its mind to do something, we'll get it done. That's why I was so pleased by the U.S. Department of Transportation's announcement in late October that Michigan

Dearborn to accommodate high-speed passenger trains; developing plans to triple the number of daily rail trips between Detroit and Chicago and increasing their speed; and improving rail lines on Detroit's west side to reduce congestion and facilitate both high-speed service between cities and for commuter rail service.

Why is this money so important? Because it puts Michigan, and the entire Midwest, on the path toward the kind of fast, efficient, dependable passenger rail service that other countries

have long enjoyed. Funding will improve more than 130 miles of track between Kalamazoo and Dearborn so that it can accommodate passenger trains moving at up to 110 mph. It also will pay for studies on how best to improve other sections of track in the state for similar high-speed service.

Our economic competitors - nations such as Germany and Japan - have long enjoyed the benefits of high-speed rail service between their cities. They have demonstrated that such service can create jobs and promote economic growth, and that they can provide a more energy-efficient alternative to other forms of transportation. High-speed rail transport has also lowered these nations' dependence on imported oil.

The United States lags all these other countries in providing high-speed rail service, but there is no reason for this to be so. As President Obama said last year in announcing his high-speed rail initiative, "There's no reason why the future of travel should lie somewhere else beyond our borders."

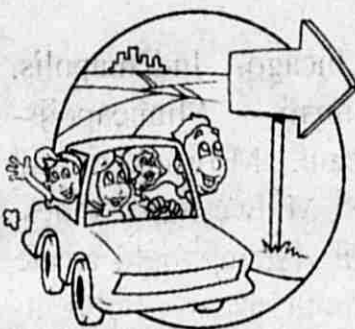
Michigan and other Midwestern states have put together a comprehensive plan to provide high-speed rail service throughout the region. Detroit, Jackson, Kalamazoo and other Michigan cities would enjoy high-speed rail links

to Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Milwaukee and other Midwestern cities. Such a system would create jobs both as we build it, with American workers building the trains and rails, and when it is completed, by promoting tourism and commerce and making travel between cities more affordable and convenient. And it would reduce our dependence on foreign oil because rail service can move passengers more efficiently than other modes of transportation.

This funding also brings us closer to something Michigan has never had: efficient, convenient commuter rail service in our state's most populous area. Many major U.S. metropolitan areas now have or are building at least some light-rail service for

*Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.*

### exploring our national parks



Kurt Heishetter

## Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is the closest National Park to the people of West Michigan. It is also one of the newest National Parks, being a true park since 2000. It is a true wonderland of water and wilderness in the shadow of the Cleveland-Akron urban landscape. I must also confess that this is one of the few parks where we did

home from work as fast as possible. Throw what you think you might need into a bag. Throw more than you need for the kids into a bag. Strap the kids in the car seats and head to Subway to collect a car picnic for supper on the road.

As we travel and look for lodging (whether a campground near a metro area or a motel), we look for



Peninsula is a great example of this. You are able to walk into lock #29 and visualize how barges were lifted up over the river via the aqueduct system. Very cool when you consider that it was built in the 1820's.

The Peninsula Visitor Center is also home to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway. The original railway was built to replace the canal system. It now is run as a scenic railway that follows the river and stops at historic points along the way. It is not your smoke and steam railway like other scenic lines. It is however, one of the longest and least expensive trains you can ride in the country. Most of the rolling stock is from the 40's and 50's, with early diesel electric engines and Budd and Pullman passenger cars.

We boarded the northbound train in Peninsula the short trip to the Canal Visitors center. After stating

"this is a scenic railway, it does not go fast" more times that we could count, we arrived at our destination. This stop allows you to take the short walk over the river to the Visitors Center. This historical building houses a gift shop and exhibits detailing the history of the Erie-Ohio canal. A working lock showing how the gates were opened and closed by hand is also located at this location. Even five-year-old children are fascinated by how ships can be raised or lowered in a lock using only water.

The return trip on the southbound was a little more eventful. Ten minutes out of the station our scenic train came to a sudden, screeching halt. After twenty minutes of wondering if a scenic train can derail, my son asked, "Dad, what are those men doing walking along the train with chain saws?" At this point, we figured something wooden

was blocking the tracks. We were told a tree had fallen on the tracks once we started rolling again. Although the stop was unplanned and not necessarily a ton of fun, we were all happy that the train could stop so quickly when we considered the alternative.

Arriving back into Peninsula well after our kids' normal lunch time, we started hearing, "Dad, I'm hungry" and "Mom, where are we going to eat?" Lucky for us, we discovered a great little restaurant I mentioned before that was right next to the train station. What I didn't mention was that it was a Key West, Florida-style tavern with one of the most diverse menus we have ever seen, a great selection of food along with over one hundred microbrews - who needs a pool now? The sad thing is that I had to drive back to Toledo. If that wasn't the case, I certainly could have

spent all afternoon there.

With riding stables, numerous waterfalls, historic villages, and miles of hiking trails, six hours is not enough time to truly explore all CVNP has to offer. With lodging available at the Inn at Brandywine Falls, one could (and should) plan to spend two or more days. This would allow you to drive around the park; see the covered bridges; visit Hunt Farm; and maybe even take the train to Cleveland. There's bound to be a microbrewery there. Because of its close proximity to Lowell, it is a National Park that should not be missed. Even though most of us in this area are not big fans of Ohio, this park has a lot to offer and we recommend the trip. And as a bonus, you also have to drive right by Cabela's and/or Ikea, so you may want to save room in the car and add another day to your travels.

### LOWELL CITY AIRPORT LOWELL, MICHIGAN STATE CONTRACT NO. M 41-3-C2 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the procurement of the following services will be received from contractors at the time and place indicated below and will then be publicly opened and read:

Sponsor of Project: City of Lowell,  
301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331  
State Contract No.: M 41-3-C3  
Procurement: Phase 2 Airport Tree Clearing (Runway 12)

Sealed Bid Proposals marked "Phase 2 Airport Tree Clearing (Runway 12) CONTRACT NO. M 41-3-C3" will be accepted from contractors at the Lowell City Offices, City of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 until November 17, 2010 at 3:00 PM, at which time and place all Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. No faxed or unsealed bids will be accepted.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on November 10, 2010 at 1:30 PM. at the airport terminal building at which time the site will be inspected and questions will be taken.

Bid security required is five percent (5%) of base bid amount.

Bidders Note that the proposed procurement is or will be funded as a State Aid Project. The bidder's attention is directed in particular to the Equal Employment Opportunity and other labor requirements as detailed therein.

The project plans incorporating "Proposal Instructions," "Proposal" and "Specifications" may be inspected at:

Lowell Municipal Airport  
730 Lincoln Lake Avenue  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
or:  
URS Corporation  
3950 Sparks Drive SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the Office of URS upon a non-refundable payment of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each set. Contact Jackie Warfield at the URS Plan Desk at (616) 574-8506.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bid Proposals, and the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. It may award to someone other than the lowest monetary bidder. No Bid Proposal may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids.

Proposal Contact: All inquiries shall be directed to URS Corporation attention Robert Nelesen, PE at 616-574-8335.

Dated and signed at Lowell City Offices in Lowell, Michigan,  
this November 1, 2010  
Owner: City of Lowell  
301 East Main Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331



### At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

#### Pokemon, Bakugan, Yu-Gi-Oh!

Calling all experienced Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan players. Come play, trade, and meet other fans of these popular games. For ages 6 and up. Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

#### Meet the Author: Michael Deeb

Dr. Michael Deeb, author of a fictional trilogy of the Civil War, will speak of his latest book in the trilogy "Honor Restored" in which the main character is from Lowell. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. For all ages. Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m.

#### Cultural Awareness: Focus on the British Isles

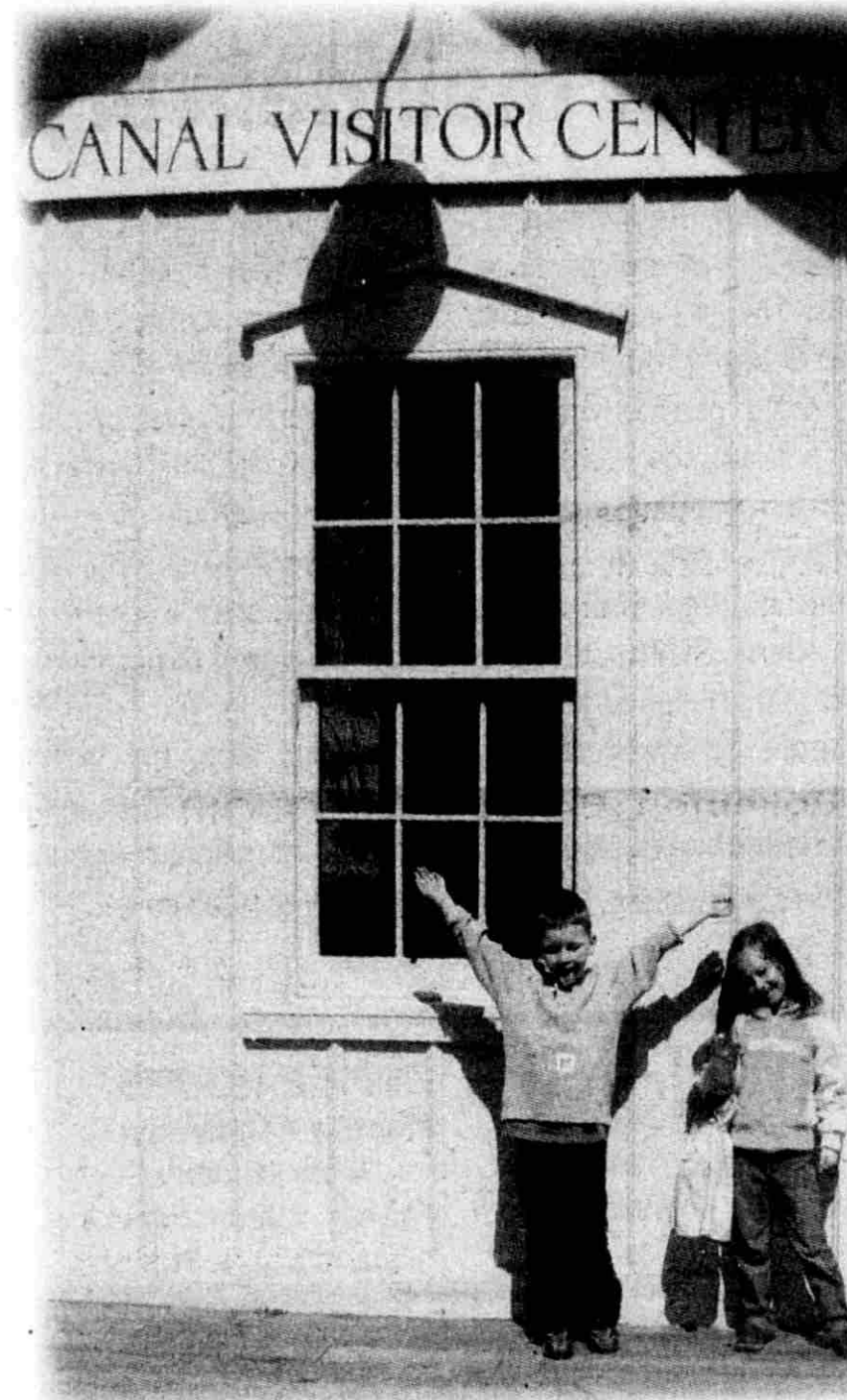
Experience the culture, music, geography and food of the British Isles in this program about the countries of Britain, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. For all ages. Monday, November 22, 4 p.m.

#### Friends of the Library Book Basket Sale at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will be selling their popular book baskets at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine on Main Street in downtown Lowell during "Christmas Through Lowell." All proceeds will benefit library programming. Friday, November 19, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The author's children patiently waiting at the Canal Visitor Center.

not camp. Being so close to Lowell, we crossed this one off the list over a weekend.

The Cuyahoga River, which some of you may remember as the river that caught fire during the not so glory days of no environmental regulation, has carved this deep valley just miles from downtown Akron. It also allowed the state of Ohio to dig the Ohio and Erie canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio River in the early 1800's. The remains of the locks and tow path are all part of the National Park. This former transportation method has allowed the park service to create some of the finest bike and hiking paths near any metro area.

Our weekend trip began with a drive to Toledo. We felt this was far enough to drive on a Friday night and close enough to the park to drive to on Saturday. Whenever we start out on a Friday night the schedule is always the same. Get

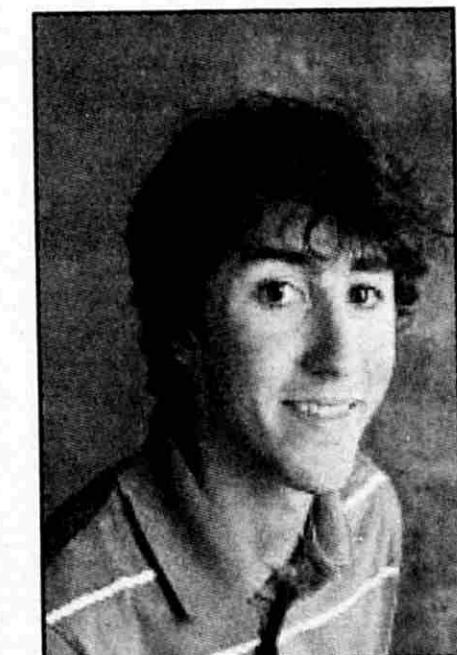
two things: the first would be a place that has a pool for the kids and the second would be a local microbrewery for dad. Unfortunately for dad, Toledo did not have a local microbrewery close to the motel with the pool. Once again dad loses.

Because Cuyahoga Valley is a patchwork of federal land surrounded by private land, you are able to enter the park at many different points and directions. We chose to start at the Peninsula Visitors Center. Peninsula is a very small, quaint town with a great restaurant, bike shop and interesting little antique shops. It is also just about in the center of the park. This allows you to explore the park via the tow path bike and hike trail to Cleveland or Akron.

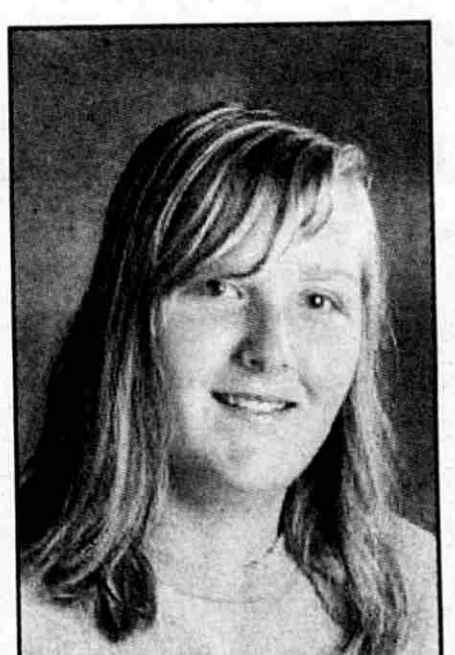
One of the great things about the National Park Service is their policy of protecting and restoring. The lock and aqueduct near

## LHS Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School announces that Autumn Munroe, eleventh grade; and Maxwell Forton, twelfth grade; are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,241 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Munroe and Forton. The students each receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.



Maxwell Forton



Autumn Munroe

Munroe was nominated by the English department and they write, "Autumn

has learned to advocate for herself, to ask for help, and to accept the constructive criticism and advice of

inspiring, both academically and personally." Forton was also nominated by the English department and they write,

others. She works hard to be successful, even if it means staying after school to get help. The turnaround Autumn has made since she entered high school has been exceptional and

"Maxwell Forton deserves recognition as he embodies everything we value as a school community. In addition to his classroom academic achievement, Max

excels on the stage with music and even with the Chess Club! Max Forton is an excellent example of all that's good about LHS. Max is a quiet leader within the school; he calls little attention to himself, yet he demonstrates compassion, respect and honesty toward his fellow classmates and teachers. Whether he is in the classroom, on the marching band field, or taking center stage in a play or musical, Max conducts himself in a mature fashion. He is an exemplary student and marvelous human being."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.





### NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 2010, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "COLDWATER RIVER INTER-COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT", and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

**WHEREAS**, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

#### AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

- 41-20-22-  
300-013;
- 41-20-23-  
300-002, -003, -010, -016, -017; 400-003;
- 41-20-24-  
300-002, -005, -006; 400-004, -006 thru -009;
- 41-20-25-  
100-001, -004, -006, -008, -009; 200-002, -003, -006; 300-005 thru -009; 400-007 thru -009; 501-001;
- 41-20-26-  
100-002 thru -005, -007, -008; 200-001, -002; 300-001, -003, -005; 400-001, -002, -006, -009, -010;
- 41-20-27-  
100-002 thru -004; 200-001, -002; 300-001, -002; 400-004 thru -006;
- 41-20-28-  
300-004, -005, -007, -009, -011, -016, -020 thru -022, -026 thru -028; 400-003, -004;
- 41-20-33-  
100-004, -007, -010, -012, -014, -016, -018, -019, -023, -024, -026 thru -028, -030 thru -032, -034 thru -037; 200-002, -004 thru -008; 301-003, -006 thru -009; 326-002, -005; 351-002, -003, -006 thru -009; 352-001 thru -006; 376-001 thru -003, -006, -007, -011, -015 thru -018; 380-002, -004, -005; 400-009, -014, -015, -021, -022, -025, -027, -030 thru -035;
- 41-20-34-  
100-001, -002; 200-003, -005, -007 thru -012; 300-001, -008, -010, -011, -018 thru -022; 400-006, -008 thru -010;
- 41-20-35-  
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- 41-20-36-  
100-005, -007, -009, -012, -013; 200-005, -008, -009; 300-006, -012 thru -016; 400-003, -004; 501-001;
- 41-24-01-  
100-005, -009, -012, -014, -016, -018 thru -024; 200-002 thru -005, -008, -009, -012, -014 thru -019; 300-002, -003, -007, -010 thru -016; 400-002, -004, -005, -007, -009, -010, -012; 501-004;
- 41-24-02-  
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- 41-24-03-  
100-008, -010, -011, -013, -015, -016, -018, -021, -023 thru -025, -027, -029, -030; 200-001 thru -003; 300-001, -006, -007; 400-003, -004, -008, -015, -017, -022, -023; 501-001;
- 41-24-04-  
101-001 thru -005; 102-001 thru -003, -005; 103-007, -010, -011; 126-003 thru -009; 127-003 thru -010; 128-001, -004, -010 thru -014; 129-002, -005 thru -009; 130-001, -002, -004, -007, -008, -010, -011, -014, -015; 131-001, -002, -006, -009, -010, -012, -014, -022, -025 thru -027, -029 thru -032; 134-006, -007; 135-003, -006, -007, -009; 151-002 thru -009; 176-007 thru -010, -024, -025, -030; 200-001 thru -011, -013, -016, -017, -022 thru -024; 300-004, -007, -009 thru -014; 400-003, -012, -017, -018, -028, -029, -031 thru -034, -036, -037; 401-003, -004; 404-001 thru -061; -425-002; 501-001;
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- 41-24-16-  
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- 41-24-22-  
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Bowne Township and Lowell Charter Township at large, the County of Kent on account of roads and the State of Michigan on account of State Highways.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County, Christian Wenger - Bowne Township Supervisor, Jerry Hale - Lowell Charter Township Supervisor, Kirk Steudle - Michigan Department of Transportation Director and Jon Rice - Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Coldwater River Inter-County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

**AND EACH OF YOU**, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2010.  
William R. Byl,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

# It's Time For the **ledger** First Deer CONTEST

## MONDAY, NOV. 15



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