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## Biggest trees named in annual tree contest

by Emma Palova

They may not all be tree huggers, but the three top winners of the "Biggest Tree" contest are aware of the beauty and the magnitude of the trees in their yards.

The winning tree located at 412 N. Division was submitted by Gail Thomet, who saw the ad in The Lowell Ledger or the Buyers Guide plus she works for the organizer of the contest, Dr. James Reagan.

many big trees in the city as we can," said Reagan, "and we want to document them. We want to be aware of our big trees and get the public involved each fall."

The first place winning tree measures 168 inches in girth at the height of 4.5 feet above the ground. It's a beautiful elm tree in its fall beauty.

"The purpose is to promote the city, that we care about our trees and preserving the nature," said Reagan.



Second place tree, oak, 98.5 inches, Candice Strong.

Arbor Board chairwoman Dana Chase.

The contest is in its second year, while the city was named the Tree City USA in 2007.

"We want to highlight the trees that we have and recognize large trees that add to the looks of the city and have impact on our surroundings," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

Each winning tree will be marked with a plaque just like in the past. One of the previous winning trees is by Schneider Manor.

Candice Strong, who won second place, decided to enter because she realized she had some nice trees in the backyard and a beautiful one behind the garage on North Hudson. Her oak tree measures 98.5 inches in girth.

Joyce Cooper submitted her maple, with a girth of 96.5 inches, located at Elm and Spring streets. That tree received third place out of a total of three entries, but one was disqualified because it was out of the city limits.

"The main purpose is to find the biggest tree," said Dan DesJarden, Director of Public Works.

The contest will continue into the future, according to Reagan.



First place tree, elm, 168 inches, Gail Thomet.



Third place, maple, 96.5 inches, Joyce Cooper

## SALUTING OUR SOLDIERS ON VETERANS DAY

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## Lowell honors veterans with annual dinner

by Emma Palova

The American Legion and VFW will honor veterans with an annual dinner at the Veteran's Center on Nov. 8. "Reservations are required," said American Legion post commander, Dave Thompson.

The dinner will be catered by Backwater Café. The featured speaker is Gary Morrison.

"Veteran's Day is a salute to live veterans," said Thompson.

On the other hand, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for soldiers that have passed on. The dinner is usually well attended with approximately 70 spaces available.

Here is a brief history of Veteran's Day also known as the Armistice Day.

### 1918

World War I, then normally referred to simply as The Great War (no one

could imagine any war being greater), ends with the implementation of an armistice [temporary cessation of hostilities - in this case until the final peace treaty, the infamous Treaty of Versailles signed in 1919] between the Allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November, 1918.

### 1919

November 11: President Wilson proclaims the first

Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of

the nations." The original concept for the celebration was for the suspension of business for a two minute period beginning at 11 a.m., with the day also marked by parades and public meetings.

### 1920

On the second anniversary of the armistice, France and the United

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# Area resident will turn 100

by Emma Palova

Lillian Briggs was known as 'the clock lady' because she had a clock repair business out of her own home at a time when women usually didn't work and definitely didn't own businesses. She learned how to repair clocks at Kirkhoff Electric.

She was born a Kropf to parents, who came from Switzerland children as number six out of seven, Briggs is the last one living.

"She's had a great life," said granddaughter Lori Moore. "My grandfather played the saxophone and she liked to dance."

Briggs still dyes her hair with dark brown color and red highlights so people recognize her. Pointing to her hair while playing cards at the Lowell Area Senior Neighbors Center, Briggs said that was her original color and she wants to keep it that way.

Briggs comes to Lowell to play cards with a relative, Kay McDonald, Jason Onal and Elva Topp. McDonald drives Briggs to Lowell for her regular card games.

She really didn't expect to live to be 100. Briggs was born on a farm on Four Mile and Alden Nash on Nov. 18, 1910. She was married to husband Hilton for 55 years. Hilton served in World War II. She was 38 when she finally had her only child,

Pam. Hilton died on their 55th anniversary.

"I danced a lot because Hilton played in a band," she said.

Briggs likes having fun. That's why she comes every other week to the senior center to play euchre with friends. She used to play bridge, but all her bridge club members died. Sometimes, Briggs throws in a poker game to spice things up and she plays for money only in the privacy of the family.

"If you want to have fun all the time, just play cards," she said.

And in spite of the fact that she had double pneumonia at 91, Briggs has always been in good health.

"She loves chili dogs," said Moore.

She credits her long life to always having a good breakfast. Briggs alternates French toast with eggs, but she always has a half a banana, coffee and orange juice. She likes having a big turkey for Thanksgiving.



Lillian Kropf Briggs has always enjoyed a good card game.

Briggs doesn't know yet how she will celebrate her 100th birthday. That is a surprise left up to the kids, daughter Pam Wengorovious and granddaughter Lori Moore. Briggs lives with Pam in Belmont.

The family celebrated her 99.5 birthday on July

11. They will most likely take Briggs out to eat somewhere.

Briggs plans to continue to play cards into the future.

"We all have a very close relationship," said Moore.



Lillian Kropf Briggs, Kay McDonald, Jason Onal and Elva Topp.



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The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Nighttime Santa Parade on Sat., Dec. 4. The parade begins at 6 p.m. sharp from the Lowell fairgrounds. Parade theme is "Christmas Cartoons." Download application at www.discoverlowell.org or call 897-9161.

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

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# Christmas nighttime parade organizers seek entries

by Emma Palova

The fourth annual nighttime parade is seeking entries with a deadline by Nov. 26. This year's theme is "Christmas Cartoons."

Also new this year is an entry fee of five non-perishable food items, a coat or a new toy. This will benefit the Flat River Outreach Ministries, much like the donations from the annual Riverwalk parade. Curtis Cleaners is holding the coat drive.

"I hope that we have over 75 entries all lit up and a blanket of snow," said chamber director Liz Baker. "I am hoping for a Hollywood style Christmas parade."

The parade has been in existence for many years, alternating between being a night parade and a daytime parade. It is always held on the first Saturday in December.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa wave to the crowd during the 2009 parade.

"Lights and music are the two things that make an entry stand out," said Baker. "The entries will be judged based on the theme, use creativity and diversity."

The first place winner wins \$150, second place gets \$100 and third place receives \$75. The parade starts at the fairgrounds and heads out east on Main Street and ends at the First United Methodist Church. The parade, preceded by the lighting of the community Christmas tree, starts at 6 p.m. sharp. The last one to ride in is Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They are the only Santas allowed in the parade and are provided by the chamber.

Baker encourages people to car-pool instead of bringing several cars to the line-up area.

There will be a pancake supper, Santa visits on the

Showboat, as well as an ice sculpting competition on the Riverwalk.

Previous years' entries included everything from a Litchouse truck, Lowell Area Schools' bands, to the Lowell Area Historical Museum float driven by horses and emergency vehicles.

Baker suggests dressing warmly for Michigan weather, that means boots, hats, mittens, handwarmers and more.

"Have fun," she said.

The entries that want to be judged must arrive between 4:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. Judging will start between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

As per the Lowell Police Department, no objects of any kind, including candy, may be thrown or passed out from the parade units.

Last year's theme was "A Christmas Story."

# Skateboard park relocation to Stoney Lakeside completed

The relocation of the community skateboard park, from Richards Park to Stoney Lakeside, has been completed. The main goal, according to city manager

Dave Pasquale, was to get the skateboarders out of the residential areas. Prior to the construction of the skateboard park, teenagers were skateboarding on

sidewalks and various walls and ramps of businesses in the city.

The \$42,362 project was funded with a combination of

monies from the Rotary, the Lowell Area Community fund and the Lowell Cable

Television fund, as well as from the parks' budget. The skateboard park is located

right next to the dog park on Bowes Road and it has a parking lot for 20 cars.



Workers complete the paving and place the ramps at the relocated skateboard park.

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# Superintendent Pratt announces collaboration with GRCC - pilot program to begin January 2011

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Presenting before the board was Murray Lake teacher Dianne Titcher and three students from last year's third grade classroom. Titcher's niece, Alyssa Titcher, joined the Peace Corps and currently resides in Senegal Africa. Students in Mrs. Titcher's class were able to Skype with Alyssa and learn more about Senegal and the students she works with. Mrs. Titcher allowed the students to develop the dialogue and discussions for the Skype calls by writing down questions in wonder books; the teacher allowed students to form the discussions believing that students would learn more from asking questions that interested them. As

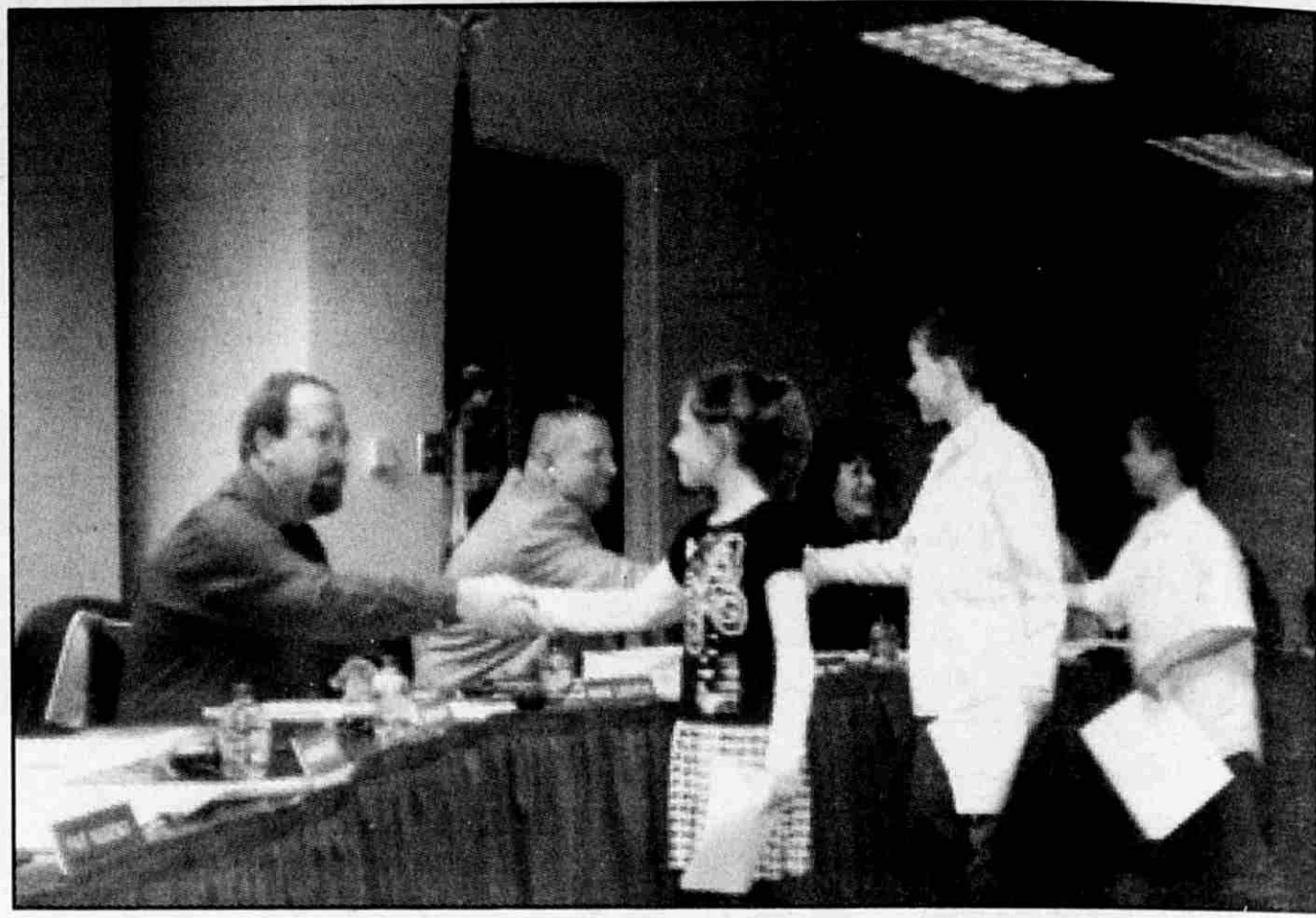
discussions progressed students came up with the idea to collect art supplies for students in Senegal, with the hope of allowing them to learn to be creative thinkers and problem solvers. So, students in Mrs. Titcher's class collected art supplies. Among the many tasks: students created an ad to run in the morning announcements and they were responsible for keeping track of items collected. Overall, the third graders collected 65 pounds of art supplies and shipped them to Africa. The cost for shipping came from a grant for service learning. "We have the power to make a difference and it felt great," said the students.

"Dianne is just an amazing teacher. I want to commend her for her work," said curriculum director Roger Bearup.

"I would like to thank you for your presentation. Thank you for inspiring your kids to do this service learning project," said Mark Lessens, president of the board.

The board approved a couple new hires for the district. Robert Ward was hired to teach a section of the orchestra and Megan Thompson will be the Performing Arts Center director. "Megan Thompson will replace the position vacated by George Hommowun. I'm sure she will do a great job," said Pratt. "We were looking to hire a part-time orchestra teacher. Robert Ward will do a wonderful job; he has already been working with the students," said Pratt.

John Zielinski offered a budget update to the board. "The Edu Job federal money is still pending; the state has



Students Ellie Cooper, Gavin Coxon and Brett Hudson being congratulated by the board for their presentation

not yet said how that money will be distributed," said Zielinski.

Superintendent Pratt announced a new collaboration between Lowell Area Schools and Grand Rapids Community College. Beginning in January 2011, several GRCC classes will be offered at the Runciman Administration Building. Mid-afternoon and evening classes offered will include Math 107, English 102, Political Science 110, Psychology 201, and Communications 135. "We are very excited to offer great access to GRCC's students in Lowell and our surrounding communities," said Dan Clark, GRCC's Dean of the Lakeshore Campus and Academic Outreach. "Our new partnership with GRCC is going to provide our families with a great opportunity to continue their education in a very affordable manner," said Superintendent Pratt.

School board meetings are held the second Monday of each month and are open to the public.

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- Eve Merriam

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

Really? One letter to the editor concerning the long running traditional First Buck Contest and it becomes the First Deer Contest.

I do agree with the points made about controlling the size of the herd by harvesting does, but the prize has always been that hard to find elusive big buck. (Believe me, my hunting record proves it's not that easy.) Besides, most of the successful buck hunters go back out and harvest a doe later.

I don't think a paper full of does will draw a lot of interest.

Respectfully,  
Dale Dawson

To The Editor,

I want to express my appreciation to the Lowell Historical Museum for the wonderful program they had last week at the L-PAC saluting Veterans. Our museum, which sits on the corner of Main Street and North Hudson, has programs that reach far beyond that corner. Many visitors to Lowell agree we have one of the best small town museums anywhere in the state. I know that feeling is shared by curators from the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Many of our residents are missing something special when they fail to take advantage of some of the truly special programs the museum provides. I speak

for all Veterans when I say, "Thank you to the museum, its staff and volunteers and to Pat Allchin, its director, for the tireless work they do. We are proud of you and your facility!"

Dave Thompson  
Lowell

Dear Editor,

In the October 27 issue of The Ledger (Letters to the Editor), a majority of the people were called cowards if they did not agree with this writer's political belief in regard to Proposal One, the constitutional convention. I believe these people to be conservative patriots!

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" Michigan isn't broken because of its constitution. It's because of legislation that's not

very business-friendly. If anyone has read our state's constitution, which isn't very lengthy, you'll see it mirrors very closely our United States constitution, which itself hasn't had that many changes in over 200 years. That's because it's working.

This writer talked of scare tactics used to persuade people to pass this proposal, like the state not having the money to fund this convention. Perhaps he can sharpen his pencil and show us where this money would come from.

Prior to this past election our own president called us (republicans) the "enemy." Some may tout it as a landslide victory for republicans, however, it really should be looked

at as a wake-up call for both parties! The people are tired of Washington's "business as usual" from both sides of the aisle. The time for finger pointing and blaming others is over. So while some democrats will be whining and crying about a "republican" win, just as republicans did with

the presidential election, it's time for everyone to get over it and work together for the good of all Americans. Transparency will be key. Just like a baby monitor, Washington, we'll be watching you!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Stroosnyder  
Lowell

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Use "open enrollment" to help meet financial goals

November is a popular month for "open enrollment" — that time when you can choose from the options offered in your employer's benefits package. By making the right moves in some key areas — such as your 401(k) and life insurance — you can help protect your family and boost your progress toward your long-term financial goals.

Let's consider your 401(k) first. If you haven't taken part in your 401(k) plan, you need to review the benefits of this excellent retirement-savings vehicle. First, you contribute pre-tax dollars to your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your adjusted gross income — and the lower your annual tax bill. Also, your 401(k) earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis. Furthermore, your employer may offer a matching contribution, and if you're not participating in your plan or not putting in enough to earn the match, you're essentially leaving money "on the table."

So, if you're not already investing in your 401(k), now is the time to get started. And if you've already been putting money in your 401(k), you may want to use the open enrollment period to increase your contributions or to rebalance your investment choices in response to changes in

investment performance or in your goals or risk tolerance. Of course, depending on your plan, you may also be able to make changes in your 401(k) at other times in the year.

During open enrollment, you'll also want to look at your insurance choices. Your employer may offer a certain amount of life insurance, and possibly disability insurance, at no cost. Clearly, this coverage can be beneficial — but is it enough to meet your family's needs?

To answer this question, you'll need to review at least three key areas of your family's finances:

- **Debts** — Try to calculate your overall debt load — mortgage, car payments, credit cards and so on.

- **Education** — If you are planning on helping your children pay for college, try to estimate these costs. Keep in mind the considerable differences in expenses between colleges: public versus private and in-state versus out-of-state. Keep in mind that college costs have been rising faster than the overall cost of living.

- **Income replacement** — Try to determine about how much of your income would need

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By Shelly MacNaughton

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 7, 1935

By the decisive vote of 286 to 57, the taxpayers of Lowell School District No. 1, at a regularly-called election held in the central school building last Friday night, voted in favor of a new \$70,000 school building. The work of repairing and reconditioning the upper bridge over Grand River has been completed and the bridge now is open regularly to traffic.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger November 17, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cillis and three girls are making their home at 919 E. Main Street. Mr. Cillis is the operator of the newly located Custom Upholstering shop.

The home at 917 Lincoln Lake Road is now being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dilbert Callan. Mr. Callan drives a truck for the Sealtest Milk Company. Making her home with the Callans is his mother.

### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger November 13, 1985

Wow! What a transformation. It was only two years ago that The Ledger ran a front page article concerning the growing number of vacant buildings on Main Street, especially at the west end of the central business district. Now, most of those stores have not only filled up, they and others have spruced up. Cousins' Card and Gift Shoppe, Curt's Home Sound and Arcade (Radio Shack) Straw Basket Collections, Nature's Pantry and Modern Mini-Lab & Camera have all moved into buildings that were vacant at the time of that article. Lambert Variety will soon expand into the vacant law office building next door and the Strand Theatre has reopened.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger November 10, 1910

Dr. M.C. Greene has about completed some elegant and extensive improvements on his residence and now has one of the finest homes in the county. A magnificent porch surrounds the east, west, and north sides of the main building, the west end being enclosed for a commodious sun parlor. A fin hot water heating plant warms the entire building and numerous other modern improvements have been added.

Altogether, it looks as if the Doctor and Mrs. Greene are Lowell fixtures and THE LEDGER heartily wishes them many years of enjoyment in their splendid home.

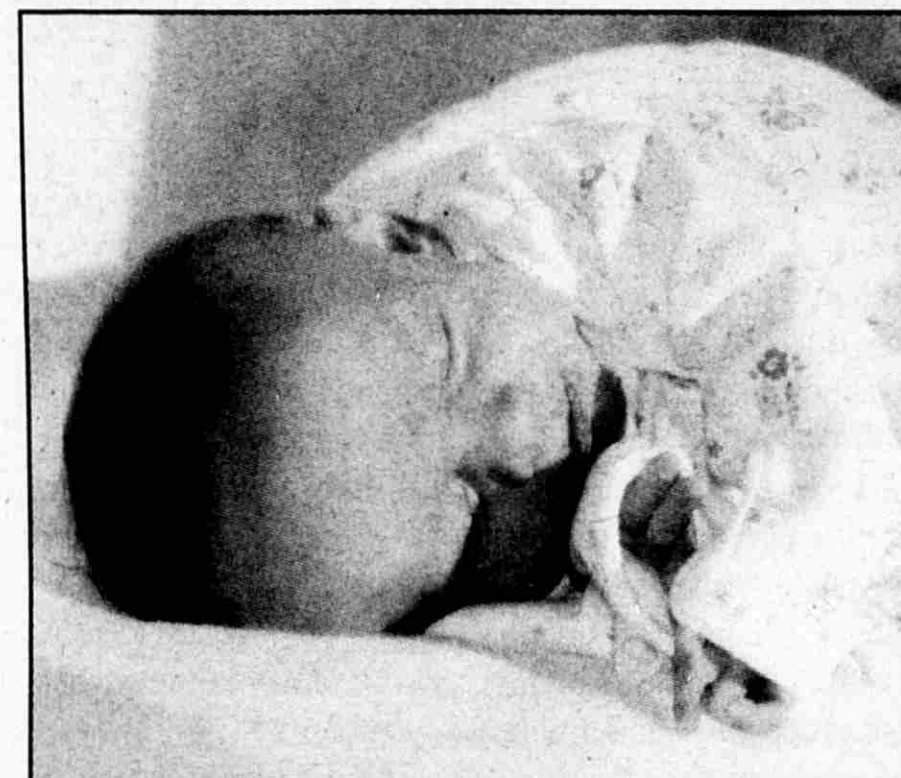


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**area births**

**Gray**



**Natalie June Gray**  
James and Heather Gray of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie June. She was born September 24, 2010, weighing 4 lbs. 2 oz. Welcoming her home are big sisters Bridget and Rebecca.

**At Your Local Library**



In cooperation with the Alto Lions Club, the Englehardt Library is pleased to have Dr. Michael J. Deeb visiting on November 18 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library in Lowell. He will talk about Civil War era issues. Among them, he will question the belief that slavery caused the American Civil War.

Deeb is a native of Grand Rapids. He was educated in the parochial schools there and received his undergraduate degree from Aquinas College in 1957. He earned a master's degree in history from Michigan State University and a doctorate from Wayne State University.

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**Lowell man's love of hunting inspires him to help others**

submitted by Cliff Yankovich

With all of the political rhetoric, creepy behavior, mudslinging and outright lies we are bombarded with on the national stage every day, it is very possible to miss the glint of gemstone in our own backyard.

Pete Odland, the president of White's Bridge Tooling on Bowes Road in Lowell, is such a gem. He and his good friend Bob Schafer have used their combined skill set to create something that enables physically challenged men and women to do things they could only dream of.

To say that Odland enjoys hunting is to put it very, very mildly. He has shared that love with many people on the 337 acres he owns in Belding. Some of the hunters he has invited there have had various physical challenges and Odland has tried to accommodate them by modifying a golf cart so they could hunt from it. In the last couple of years, his efforts to enable handicapped hunters has catapulted from simple wooden blocks to state-of-the-art sophistication.

One of his hunting buddies is Ted Nugent. It was Nugent who provided the catalyst for Odland to develop The Liberator — a high tech piece of equipment that enables the disabled to participate in hunting in a manner that is humane and

safe. Nugent heard about four brothers in Idaho with muscular dystrophy. As the disease took its toll on their bodies, they lost their ability to hunt and missed it tremendously.

In May of 2008, Nugent invited the Clark brothers to his property to hunt in October of that year. He then called Odland and asked if he could enable the Clarks to hunt in that amount of time. It came right down to the wire, but Odland and Schafer were able to supply them with The Liberator.

The Liberator is a frame that accommodates a hunter that remains in his or her wheelchair. The front of the framework contains a movable mount that can be fitted with a single shot rifle, shotgun, or a cross bow. Odland and Schafer modeled the joystick control, which moves the gun or bow up and down or side to side, after the joystick found on modern wheelchairs. There is a tiny camera mounted behind the scope of the gun which projects the image of crosshairs and the target onto a video monitor the hunters can easily view from their wheelchairs.

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Pictured, from left to right, Pete Odland, Mike Chambers and Drew Born.

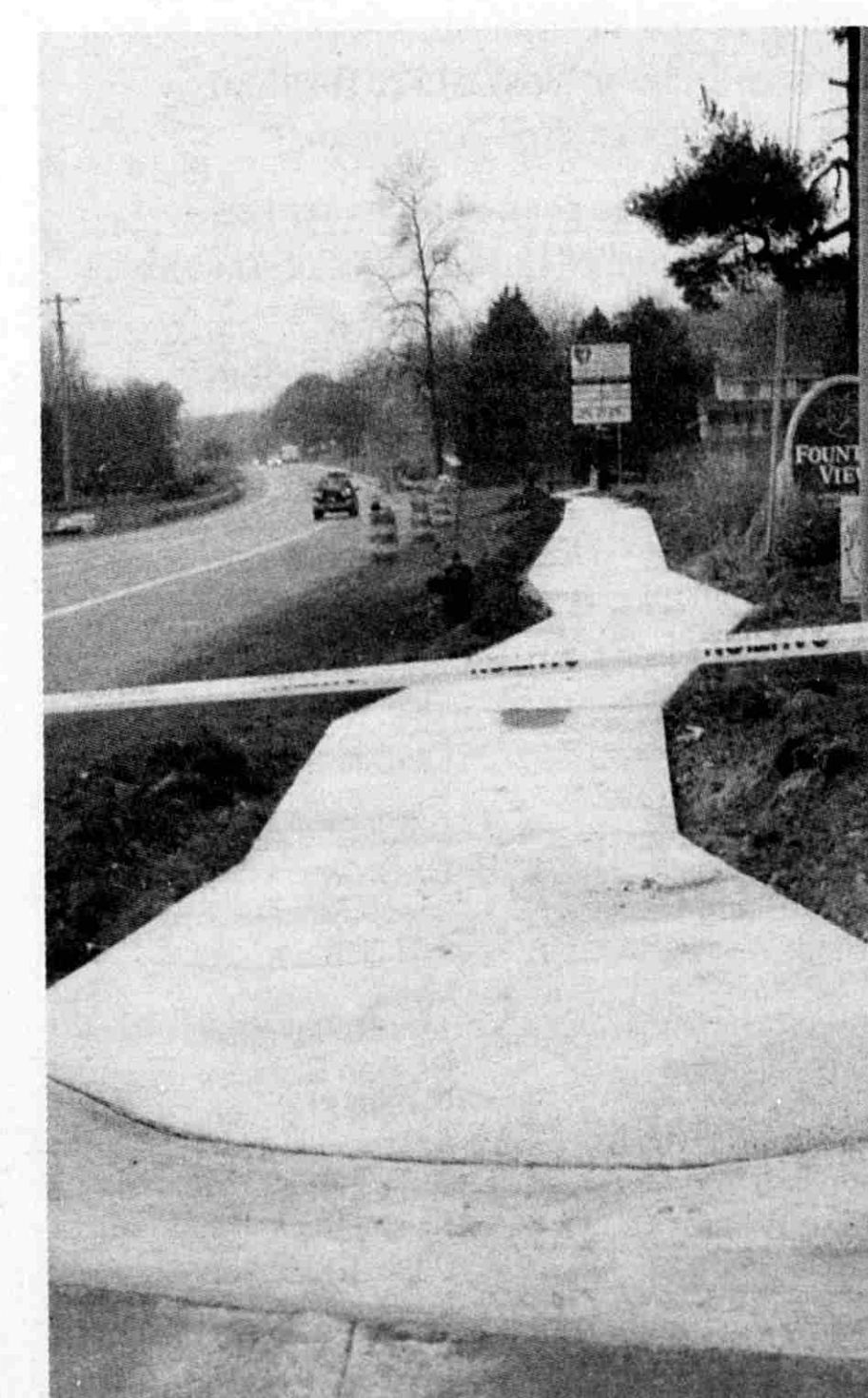
Lowell resident Mike Chambers can testify to how well the system works. Chambers is 24 and is in a wheelchair from muscular dystrophy. He has grown up in a hunting family but does not have the arm strength to hold a gun or bow. Chambers is constantly on the lookout for new and different ways for handicapped people to engage in sports and activities. He has been active with the Grand Rapids

Eagles Disabled Sports Team for over a decade and is the current vice president of the group. Chambers saw an article in the Grand Rapids Press about The Liberator last year and then met 25 year-old Angela Kline of Sparta this summer. Kline, who has cerebral palsy, not only knew about the device, but had used it to hunt. This spurred Chambers to get in contact with Odland and ask if he could try it. Odland responded by arranging a hunt for Chambers at Born's Bucks in Caledonia.

Naber's Taxidermy Studio of Grand Rapids agreed to mount the deer at no charge if Chambers should happen to get one. Well, he sure did get one. After spending one hour in a blind, Chambers zeroed in on the 19-point buck you see in the picture. The buck was 60 yards away which Lowell hunters, continued, page 15

**City approves \$10,000 for Lowell Township sidewalk**

The city council has approved an additional \$10,000 from the Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) Fund for the construction of a sidewalk and a pedestrian bridge. The project which connects Key Heights Village to Birmingham Street near Meijer has already started. The costs came in higher than estimated, according to township supervisor Jerry Hale.



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# Veterans Day, continued

Kingdom hold ceremonies honoring their unknown dead from the war. In America, at the suggestion of church groups, President Wilson names the Sunday nearest Armistice Day Sunday, on which should be held services in the interest of international peace.

### 1921

Congress passes legislation approving the establishment of a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. November 11 is chosen for the date of the ceremony. According on October 20, Congress declares November 11,

1921, a legal federal holiday to honor all those who participated in the war. The ceremony was conducted with great success.

### 1926

Congress adopts a resolution directing the president to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, most states establish November 11 as a legal holiday and at the federal level, an annual proclamation is issued by the president.

### 1938

Congress passes legislation on May 13

making November 11 a legal federal holiday, Armistice Day. The United States has no 'actual' national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own holidays. The federal government can, in fact, only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. But in practice the states almost always follow the federal lead in designation of holidays.

### 1941- 1945

### 1950- 1953

World War II and the Korean War create millions of additional war veterans in

addition to those of World War I already honored by Armistice Day.

### 1954

On June 1, President Eisenhower signs legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

### 1968

Congress passes the Monday Holiday Law which established the fourth Monday in October as the new date for the observance of Veterans Day. The law is to take effect in 1971.

### 1971-1975

The federal observance

of Veterans Day is held on the fourth Monday of October. Initially, all states follow suit except Mississippi and South Dakota. Other states changed their observances back to November 11 as follows: 1972- Louisiana and Wisconsin; 1974- Kentucky, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, South Carolina, West Virginia; and 1975- California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming.

### 1975

Legislation passes to return the federal observance of Veterans Day to November 11 based on popular support throughout the nation. Since the change to the fourth Monday in October, 46 states had either continued to commemorate November 11 or had reverted back to the original date based on popular sentiment. The law was to take effect in 1978.

### 1978

Veterans Day observance reverts to November 11.

## Social Security serves veterans

Veterans Day is when we honor our Nation's veterans for their service to America. What better time to tell everyone about the many benefits and the wealth of information Social Security has available for veterans and military personnel.

In September, the agency published final rules about the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax (HEART) Act. The HEART Act changes the way we treat some cash payments to members of the uniformed services and veterans under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

The HEART Act does the following:

- Treats most cash military compensation as earned income for SSI

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Social Security also makes it easy to get information about benefits for wounded warriors. The first place to go is our website designed specifically for

our wounded veterans: [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

You will also find a "webinar" that explains the Social Security disability application process and expedited processing available to wounded warriors.

To learn more about Social Security for current and former military service members, read Military Service and Social Security. You can find the publication online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html).

## In The Service

Army National Guard Pvt. James R. Miller has graduated from the Fire Support Specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The field artillery specialists serve in intelligence activities, including target processing in field artillery, cannon battalions, division artillery, artillery and maneuver brigade, and headquarters and fire support elements.

The course is designed to train students to establish, maintain, and operate radio and wire communications and speech security equipment, including encoding and decoding messages. They also must prepare and maintain daily staff journals, fire support situation maps, charts and

other fire support and target processing procedures, records, and documents. In addition, students assist in initiating requests for field artillery, mortar, naval gunfire and aerial delivered munitions, and emplace, maintain and assist in the operation of laser range finders, target designation and night observation devices.

Miller is the son of Toni A. Besemer and grandson of Russell J. Rozman, both of Lowell.

The private is a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School.


Navy Hospitalman Craig A. Loetz, son of Catherine J. Ott-Loetz and Eric R.

Loetz, both of Alto, recently graduated Tri-Service Optician School conducted at the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, Yorktown, Va.

During the 24-week course, Loetz received extensive training through the use of lectures, group activities, demonstrations, hands-on instruction, clinical practice and computer based learning to provide an academic base to work in a clinical and optical fabrication setting.

He is now qualified to perform tasks appropriate as an optician.

Loetz is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School and joined the U.S. Navy in September 2009.



# THANK YOU VETERANS

the lowell ledger

The Lowell Ledger would like to thank the members of the military who participated in our Salute to Veterans.

We would like to include these pages next year and know that our list does not begin to name all the Veterans in this area.

**If you or someone you know would like to be included in 2011, please be sure and contact our office with the information and picture.**

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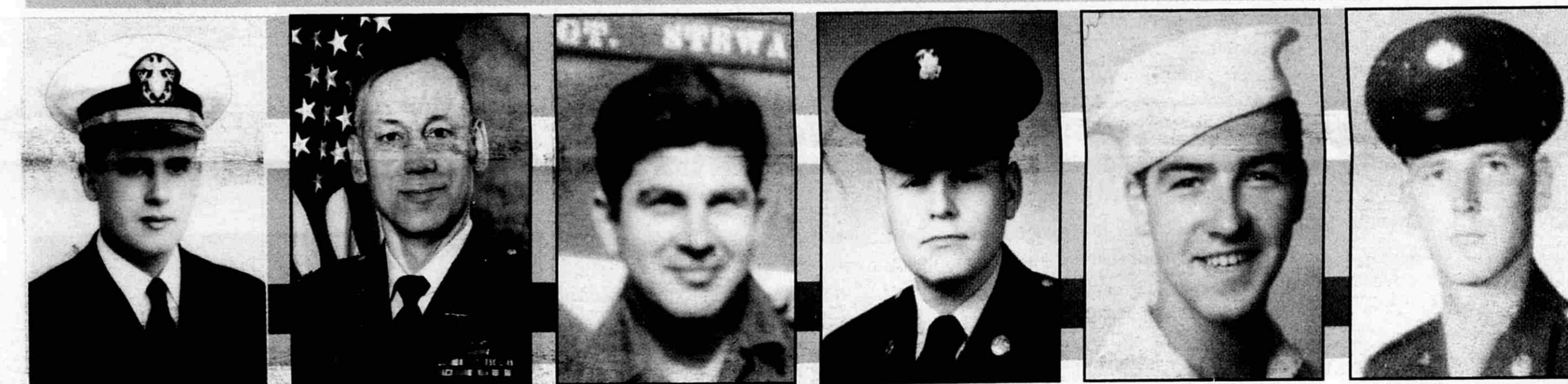
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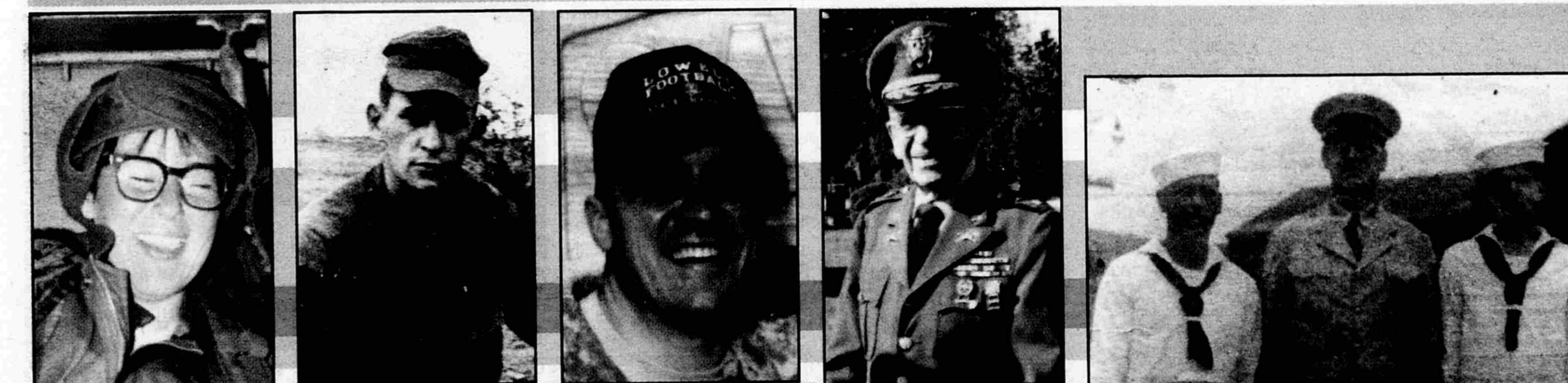
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U.S. Marine Corps  
1966-1967

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U.S. Army  
2008-2010

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# Red Arrow **SPORTS**

## Feel good district final win sends Lowell to regional against Muskegon

by Thad Kraus  
There was a feel good vibe coming from Lowell football coach Noel Dean Friday night following his Red Arrows' 49-16 Division 2 district final win over Portage Central.

The Lowell football coach felt good about playing on the road; about fielding a healthy squad; about a balanced attack; about their play against good football teams; and about returning home to play in the regional title game against Muskegon.

"You don't know what to expect," Dean explained. "I do know things fell apart there when we lost kids and then some games and it's good to get kids healthy."

A healthy Leighton

Watson rushed the ball 23 times for 148 yards and a touchdown. While he wasn't the Red Arrows' leading rusher, he did have the most rushing attempts.

"Leighton's been hurt, making it hard to get and keep him on the field," Dean explained.

Gabe Dean led the club in rushing yards with 174, and did so on 20 carries.

That balance also carried over to the passing game. Dean only attempted 11 passes and completed seven. Jacob Meyer pulled in three while Matt Houston and Reed Stormzand each caught two passes.

"It's nice to win and have success against a good football team," Dean said. "This is the eighth playoff

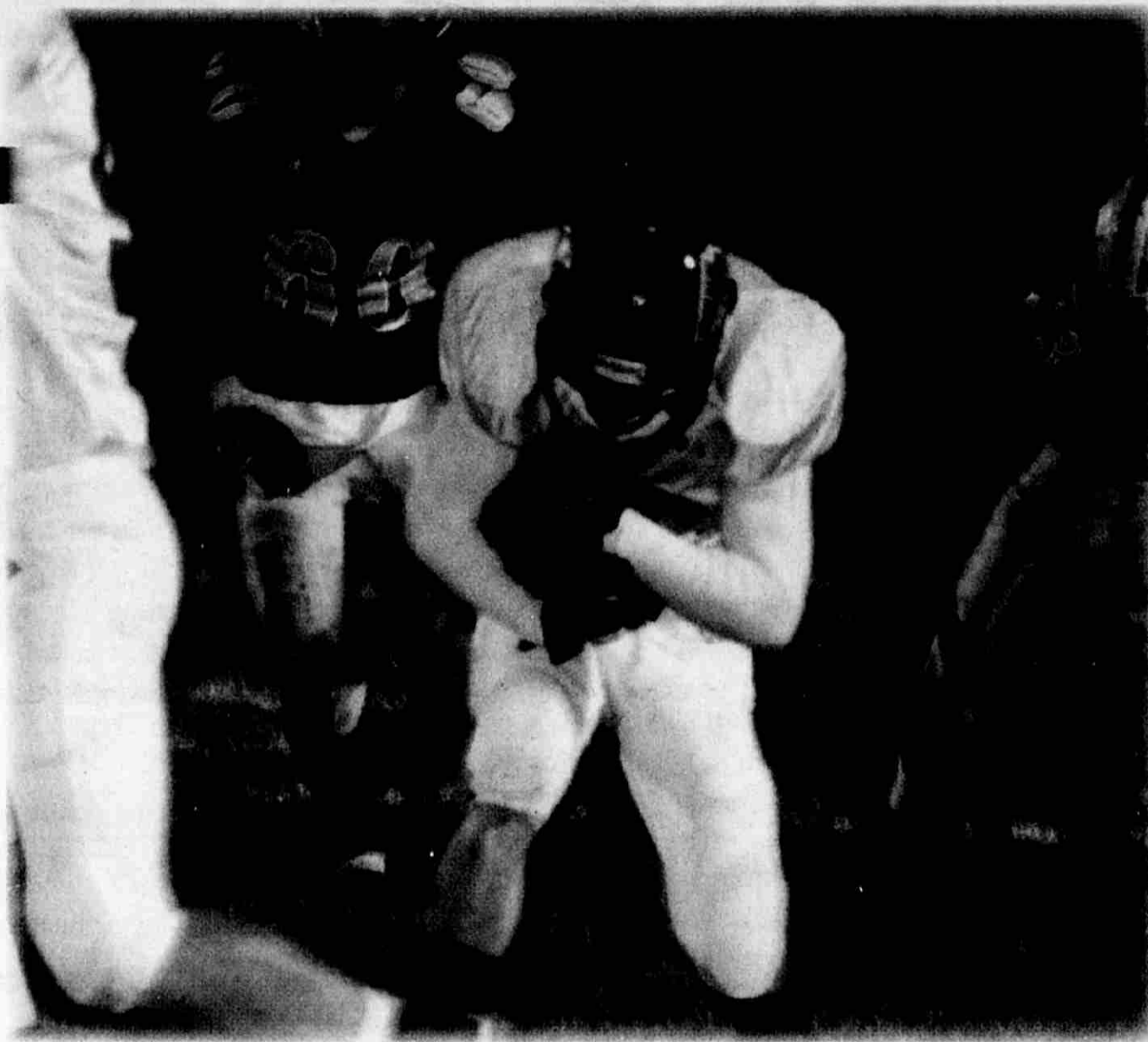
team we've faced this year. We've been good against a lot of good football teams."

Trailing 3-0, Lowell found the end zone three times in a 22-point second quarter outburst.

Dean put Lowell on the board early in quarter number two with an eight-yard touchdown run. He followed that up by running in the two-point conversion.

Moments later, Dean busted through the line and raced 65 yards for the Red Arrows' second score of the night. The junior then connected on a pass-and-catch with Stormzand for the two-point conversion, extending its lead to 16-3.

The third touchdown of the first-half came on a



Lowell's Joshua Addington finds the end zone from the four-yard line in Lowell's 49-16 win over Portage Central.

two-yard pass from Dean to Stormzand.

"We had some (early) opportunities that we didn't take advantage of that we needed to," said Portage Central coach Mick Enders, whose squad struck first with a 27-yard field goal by Tad Drabik. "You have to convert big plays against

these guys because you only get a few opportunities."

Lowell pounded out 382 yards on the ground, a physical style play the Mustangs had not seen.

"We see a couple physical teams, but not the pound, pound, pound (that Lowell gives you)," Enders said. "It's basically a

fitfight for 48 minutes."

Lowell continued its relentless pounding approach to start the third quarter. The Red Arrows covered 60 yards in five rushing plays with Watson scoring from the one-yard line.

Football, continued, page 13

## Rams find strength within in district final win over Lowell

VOLLEYBALL

Up two games to one, but down 16-10 without its setter in game four, Rockford girls' volleyball team did what it has done all year, it stayed confident and dug a little deeper.

The result was the number two team in Class A unearthed an exciting 25-23, 15-25, 25-20, 25-21, to defeat Lowell (36-16-1) in the Class A district championship.

"The girls have battled adversity all year, but continue to play as a team," said Rockford volleyball coach Kelly Delacher. "Our

motto all year has been to dig deep and they did that again tonight."

The Red Arrows played with an energy and effort that elevated their level of play.

"I told the girls if that energy and effort had been there all season, the story may have been different tonight," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal. "I am very happy with their effort tonight."

Peal pointed to the Rams' change of strategy late in game four as a turning point.

"We blocked well

tonight, that's why they started tipping," Peal said. "We were not able to adjust quick enough to their change of strategy."

Following a Delacher time-out, the Rams (49-8) rallied from a 16-10 deficit in game four, to within one at 17-16.

Lowell scored three of the next five points to take a 20-18 lead.

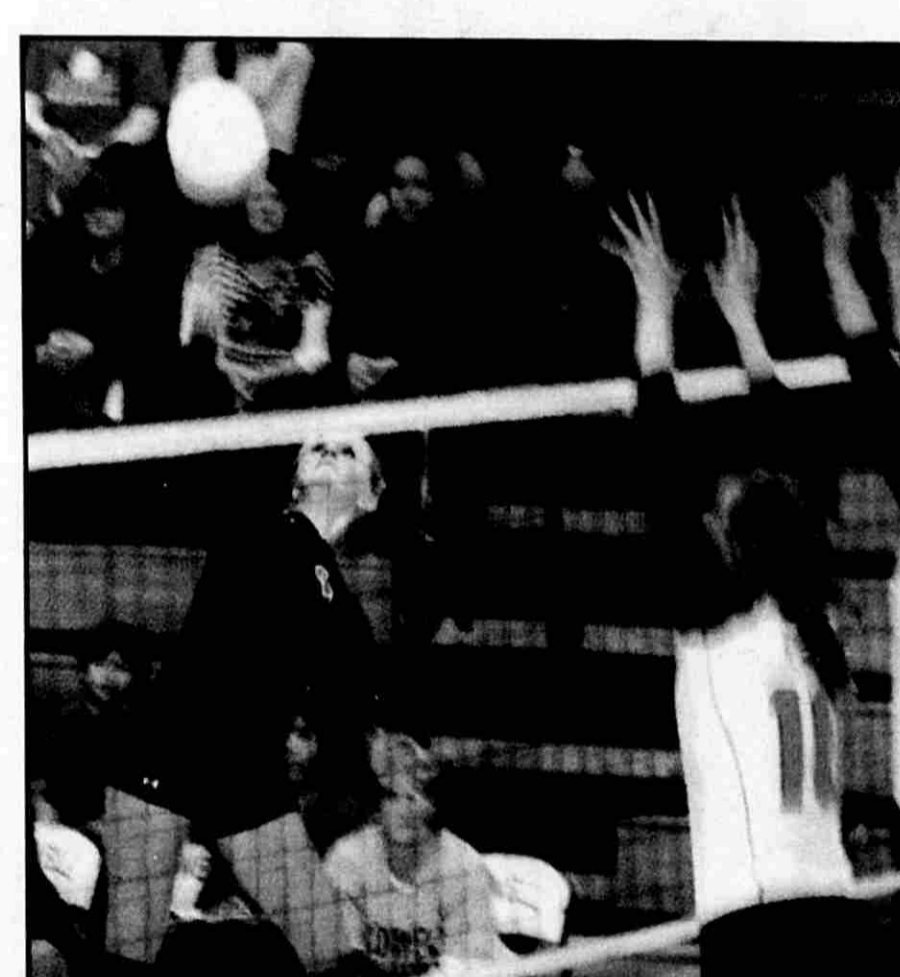
Rockford dug deep within itself as the Rams finished on a 7-1 flurry to win the game and match.

In Lowell's 25-15 win in game two, Rockford setter Halle Peterson injured her

right knee when she banged it with a Lowell player forcing the Rams to finish the match with backup setter Heather Gates.

"Gates stepped in and played well. That was probably her first match since being a freshman," Delacher said. "One of our mottos all year has been dig deep, work hard and serve tough, and we forced Lowell into a few bad passes. Every time the backs are to the wall, you grow from it."

Lowell picked up 27 assists from Jordan Timmer, 12 kills from Hannah Geelhoed and three aces from Anna Rozema.



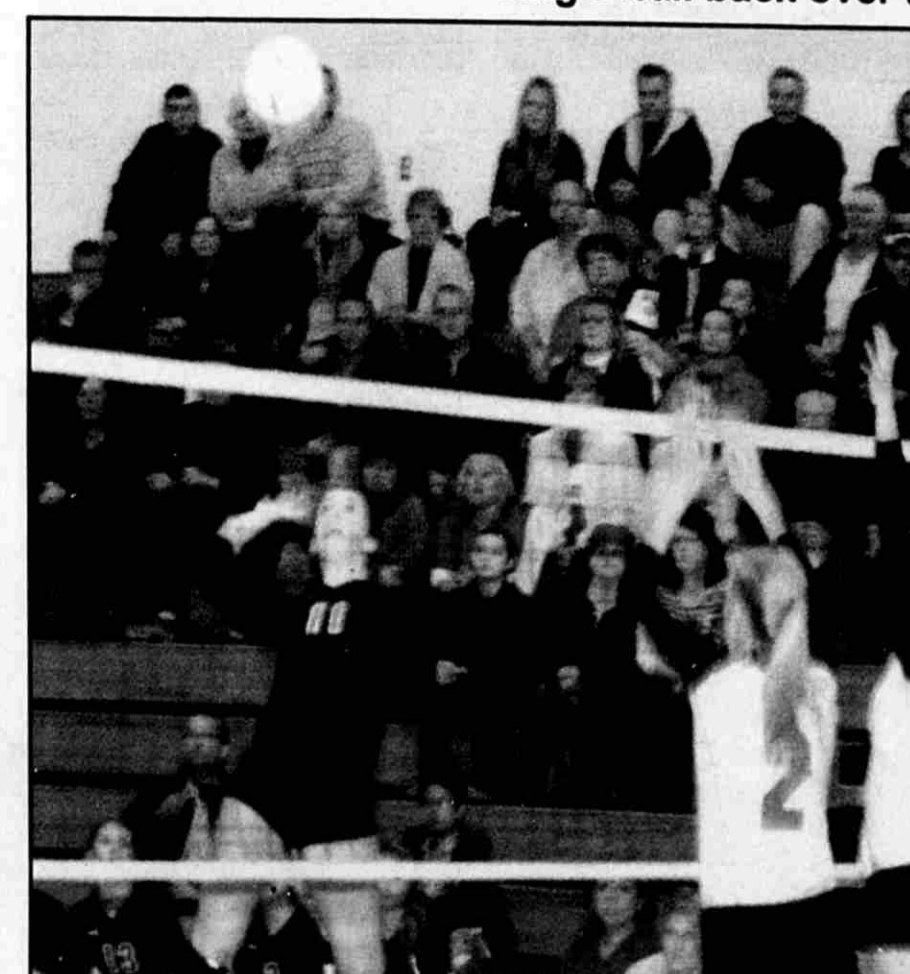
Red Arrow Anna Rozema rises up before rifling a ball back over the net.

Rockford was led by Murphy Heyer (18 kills), Gates (21 assists), Sidney Rodriguez (four aces, 18 digs) and Andrea Kacsits and Niki Czehowski (two blocks).

In Lowell's 21-25, 25-15, 25-13, 25-16 win over Northview, the Red Arrows had to do some digging themselves after dropping the opening game.

It did and with the win moved into the finals.

Geelhoed led all Lowell players in kills with 10. Timmer posted a club-leading 22 assists and Arielle Nausieda finished with two aces.



Emily Oberlin delivered a number of good hits in Lowell's loss to Rockford on Thursday.

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# Red Arrow **SPORTS**

## Regional football tickets go on sale Thursday

The records (9-2, 8-3) may not indicate it, but the names Lowell and Muskegon tell even the average fan it must be a big high school football game.

The Red Arrows and Big Reds will meet for the fourth time in five years on Friday night at Bob Perry Field in the Red Arrow Stadium for a Division 2 regional championship.

Muskegon advanced to the regional final with wins over Forest Hills Central and Greenville. Lowell comes in with wins over Grand Lodge and Portage Central.

Muskegon leads the all-time series 5-1 and has won two of the last three games (dating back to 2006). Advance tickets for the big game go on sale Thursday and Friday at

the Lowell High School Athletic office from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$5. With this being an MHSAA sanctioned state playoff game, no game passes will be accepted and there is no reserved seating.

Gates to the stadium open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

## Football, continued

On its second possession of the third quarter, Lowell rumbled 53 yards in eight plays with Joshua Addington

busting into the end zone from the four-yard line, giving Lowell a 36-3 lead.

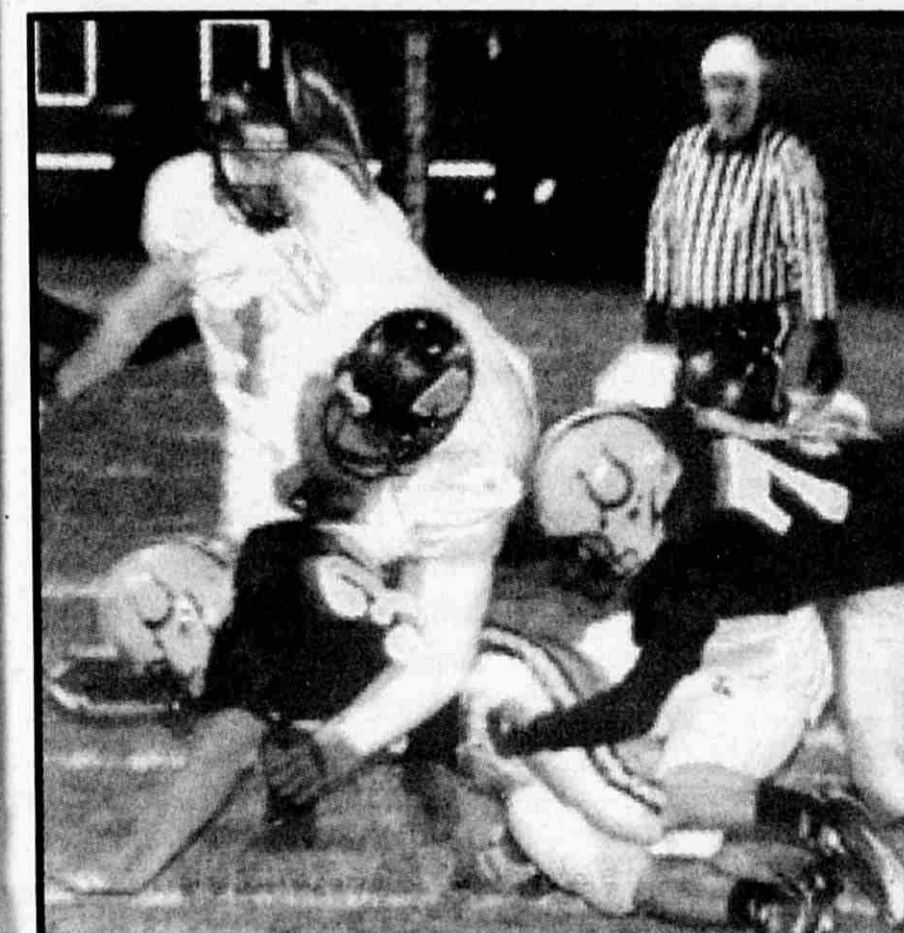
Lowell's final two scores of the game came in the final 12 minutes with a four-yard scoring burst from Watson and a 22-yard scamper by sophomore Titan Anderson.

Portage tallied two second-half touchdowns when Kyle Cutler hooked up with Ryan Krill on touchdown passes of 26 and 34 yards.

The Red Arrow defense held the Mustangs to 162 yards on the ground and just 68 yards through the air.

Lowell will now host Muskegon on Friday night. Tickets for the game go on sale Thursday and Friday at Lowell High School.

The Red Arrows defeated the Big Reds in last year's district final 26-19.



Leighton Watson averaged a little over six yards a carry against the Mustangs Friday night. The Red Arrow finished with 148 on the ground.



Gabe Dean amassed 174 yards on the ground against Portage Central.

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

As a Notre Dame fan, I feel it necessary to send a brief letter off to Brian Kelly (Irish football coach).

Dear Brian,  
When you have a kicker who has connected on 17 consecutive field goal attempts, why have your quarterback throw a jump ball in the corner of the end zone in the final 42 seconds of a game?

Do what's prudent, kick the 36-yard field goal and run off the field with a win over Tulsa as opposed to a defeat.

Secondly, and much more importantly, when a young man (in charge of videotaping practice) is killed during your practice, afterwards, do not talk about your practice being productive.

At that point coach, anything achieved in practice is irrelevant.

Actually, you may want to visit the grotto, light a candle for the young man.

The fatal accident reeks

from negligence. Someone, coach, I think that starts with you, should have told him not to go up in the scissor lift in those weather conditions.

### Who Do I Love?

I was a mediocre 6-4 last week, leaving me at 72-28 for the year.

There are only eight West Michigan teams still playing (if you count Muskegon).

**Howell at Rockford**  
Strong second half carried Rams past West Ottawa. I love Rockford.

**Zeeland East at EGR**  
This is easy, I love East!!! Zeeland East, that is, in an upset.

**Muskegon Oakridge at West Catholic**  
Falcons fly into next round. I love West Catholic.

**Comstock Park at Catholic Central**  
Cougars playing well, I love Catholic Central.

**Menominee at Morley-Stanwood**  
Root for Morley, but I love Menominee.

### Cadillac at Mt. Pleasant

The Oilers did a number on St. Johns, I love Mt. Pleasant.

**Montague at Constantine**  
Falcons wing-t the death of the Wildcats. I love Constantine.

**Ravenna at Ubly**  
Ravenna has the track record. I love the Bulldogs.

**Edwardsburg at Lansing Sexton**  
You can take the boy out of Edwardsburg, but you can't take the Eddie out of the boy. I love the Eddies (Yes, this is a homer pick.)

**Muskegon at Lowell**  
The Big Reds may have too much flash and dash, but I can't pick against Lowell. I love the Red Arrows.

### THAD'S TOP 10

\*\*\* As a tip of the cap to all the West Michigan teams still playing ... they all make my Top 10

1. EGR
2. Rockford
3. Zeeland East
4. Lowell
5. Muskegon
6. West Catholic
7. West Ottawa
8. Greenville
9. Catholic Central
10. Comstock Park

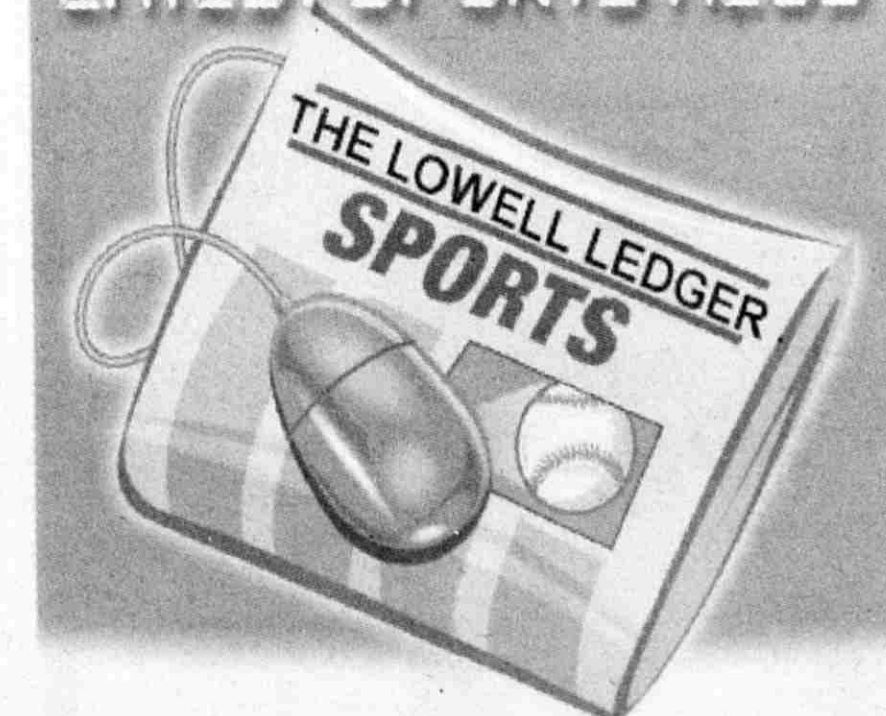
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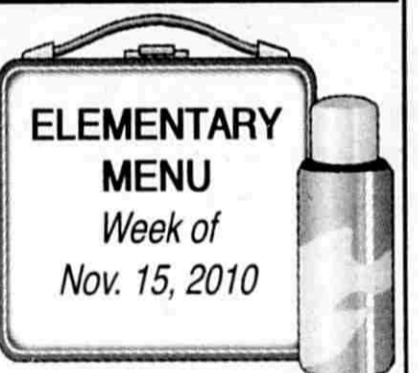
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**TUES:** Bagel & peanut butter/Danimals yogurt (sloppy Joe (bun or chips) also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), Mixed vegetables, orange smiles, milk.

**WED:** Homemade cheese pizza (burrito w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), celery sticks/green pepper strips, low fat ranch dipping sauce, pears, milk.

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

**FRI:** French toast sticks or cereal w/graham crackers each w/scrambled eggs, peaches, apple juice, milk.

# FFA members honored at National Convention

submitted by Kevin Nugent,  
Lowell FFA advisor

Several members from the Lowell FFA traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, October 20-23 to take part in the 83rd National FFA Convention. The FFA convention is the largest annual student gathering in the nation, with over 50,000 FFA members, teachers, administrators and guests filling the streets and hotels of Indianapolis.

Eleven students from Lowell made the trip with several either participating in the convention or being recognized for awards.

Conner Swift and Kelsey Ward were selected to play in the National FFA Band.

These students submitted audition tapes in the spring and were selected to be part of the 100 member National

Band. The band performed several times during the convention, helping to add excitement and motivate the students with their music. In order to be prepared, Swift and Ward had to arrive at the convention three days early to take part in several practices and rehearsals.

Former Lowell Middle School band director, Dale Latva, serves as the

assistant band director for the National FFA Band.

Three members from Lowell were presented with the American FFA Degree. Briana Buck, Leara Glinzak and April Wolf earned this award which is the highest degree level in the FFA. While in high school, students are awarded the Chapter and State degrees based on their supervised agricultural experiences or projects that they were involved in for FFA. The American degree recognizes those individuals that continue to develop and improve their SAE projects after high school. Examples of projects students from Lowell worked on include raising fair animals, working at a local agricultural business and landscaping.

In addition to the American Degrees awarded to members, the National FFA awards Honorary American degrees to individuals that



Conner Swift is pictured performing with the National FFA Band. Swift, along with Kelsey Ward, auditioned and was selected to be part of the 100 member band.

contribute to agriculture and agricultural education through the FFA. Tom Nugent, a former Lowell FFA member and Lowell High School graduate, was one of two individuals from Michigan, out of 150 nationwide, recognized with this award. Nugent currently works as the Director of Field Operations for the Michigan Farm Bureau.

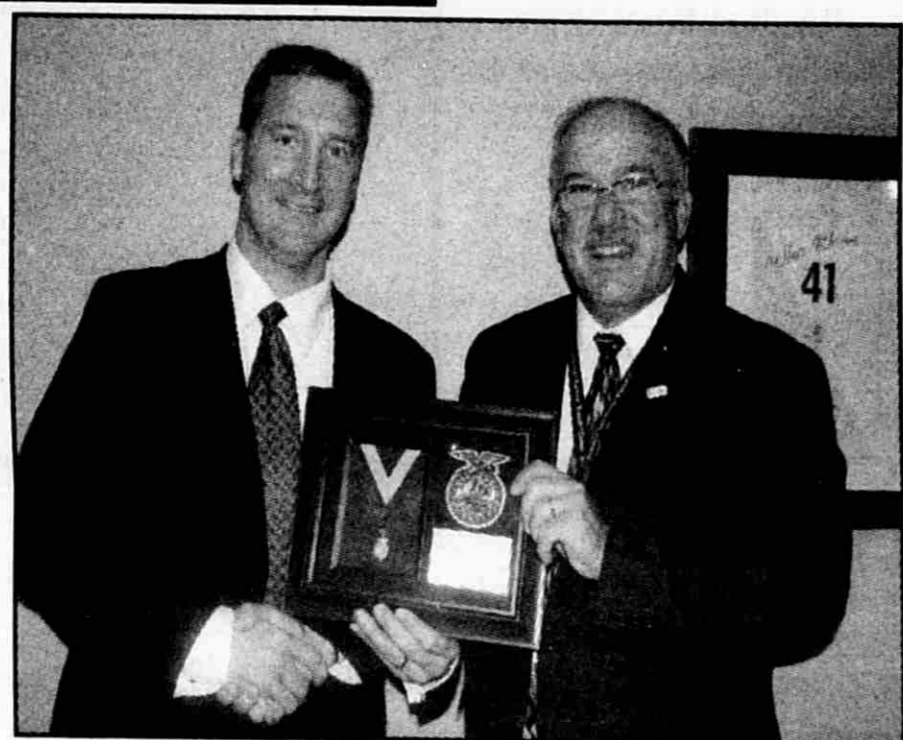
The other students that attended from Lowell took part in many areas of the convention. The sessions included motivational speakers and presentations from the National FFA officers. The students also attended the National FFA career show which contained over 1,300 booths representing colleges and

different agriculture-related career opportunities. Katie Bartholomew, Audrey Blodger, Caitlin Clover, Melissa Grasman, Kendra Merriman, Katy Mork, Alli Oesch and Jennifer Stevens attended the convention from Lowell.

The National FFA organization has over 500,000 students in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 130 members. The mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.




Attending the National FFA Convention from Lowell were, left to right: Caitlin Clover, Alli Oesch, Kendra Merriman, Audrey Blodger, Jennifer Stevens, Katy Mork, Katie Bartholomew and Melissa Grasman.



Tom Nugent (left) is congratulated on his Honorary American degree by Michigan FFA advisor, Dave Wyrick.

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"Michigan's first settlers often relied on hunters to supply fresh meat for survival. Today, we have the opportunity to continue that tradition by helping those who are experiencing hard times," says Raymond Rustem, of the DNRE's marketing, education and technology division.

Hunters can help in one of two ways. When purchasing a hunting license, they may tell the agent of their interest to make a monetary donation to Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger (MSAH). The agent will add the donation to the hunter's overall license cost.

Secondly, hunters may consider taking and donating an extra deer through one of the licensed processors registered with MSAH. A list of processors can be found

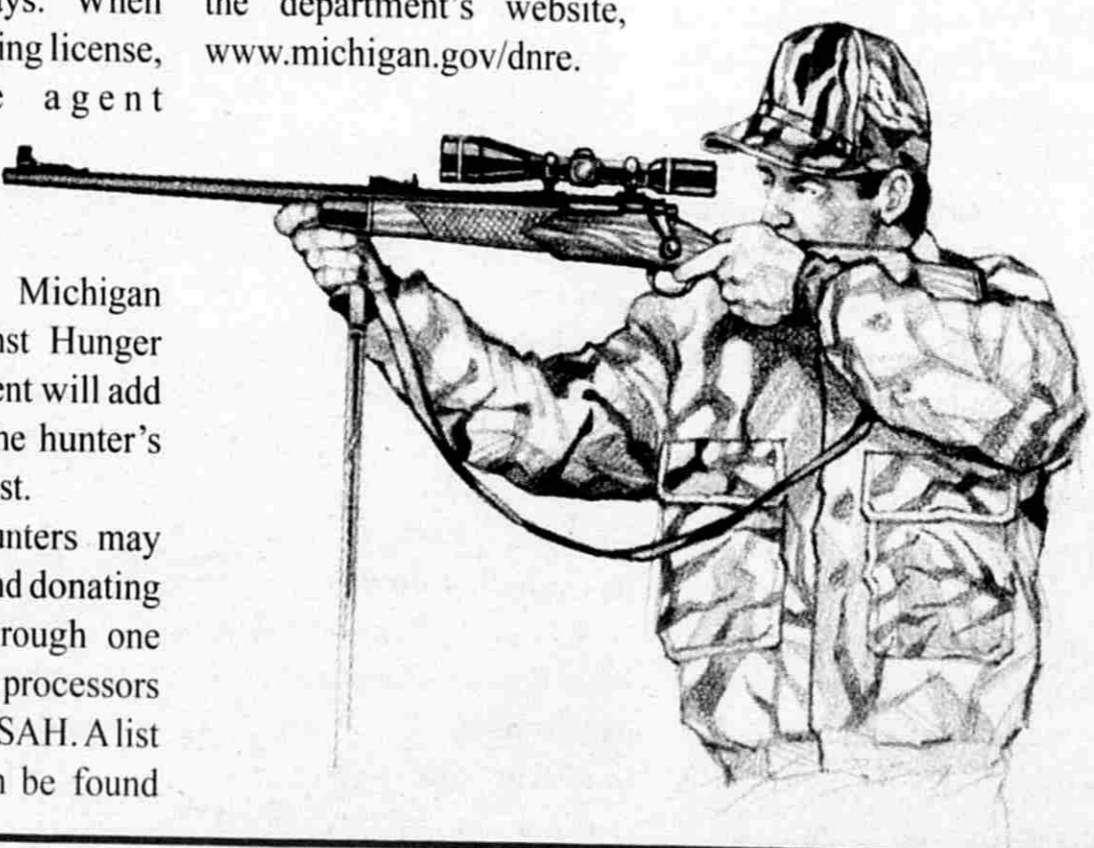
on the MSAH website [www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org](http://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org). Many of these processors also participate in the "Give a Pound" promotion, where hunters can donate some of the ground venison from their processed deer. Venison donations will be accepted only if the processing is done by one of the participating licensed processors.

Individuals who do not hunt also may support this program by going to the Michigan E-Store link from the department's website, [www.michigan.gov/dnre](http://www.michigan.gov/dnre).

Click on the "Feeding the Hungry" button and fill in the information.

Monetary donations are used to support the cost of processing the venison for distribution.

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## Financial Focus, continued

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recommend any additional coverage to fill this void.

You may also find other advantages to individually owned insurance, such as *portability* — you can take your policy with you, no matter where you work — and *affordability* — you may find that some policies, particularly term life insurance, may be less costly than the supplemental insurance you

could purchase from your employer.

So, review both your insurance situation and your 401(k) plan during the open enrollment calendar. It's a great time to make those choices that can help you during all the seasons of your life.

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NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 9

- New Delhi - President Barack Obama on Monday backs India for a permanent seat on the U.N. security council, a dramatic diplomatic gesture to his hosts at the end of his first visit to this booming nation.
- MSNBC temporarily suspends star anchor, Keith Olbermann, following the news that he had donated to three Democratic candidates this election cycle.
- After almost 16 years of imprisonment for a murder he said from the start he did not commit, and more than a year of freedom by near poverty, Joshua Kezer is a millionaire. The real killer of multiple murders is still at large.
- U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates: repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' now, before the GOP takes control of congress.



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"Remembering Halloween" what a fun and interesting article. Thank you to Angie and all the contributors for such a fun time.

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Do you think the Detroit Lions have a chance at making the playoffs?

- DREAM ON .....45%
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41-24-29-200-006; 401-002; 427-001 thru -032; 451-001; 476-001; 477-001 thru -003;  
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41-24-33-100-002, -005; 200-003, -007 thru -009; 300-001, -005 thru -007, -009, -012, -013, -017 thru -019, -021, -022; 400-003, -006, -008, -009, -011 thru -013, -018, -019;  
41-24-34-101-001, -002; 126-001; 176-001 thru -013; 177-001, -002; 178-001, -002; 200-001, -005, -007 thru -011, -014, -016, -018 thru -021; 300-003, -006, -010, -015 thru -019, -021, -024 thru -030, -033, -034; 400-004, -006, -008, -012 thru -016, -018, -019;  
41-24-35-100-004, -006, -007, -009, -010; 200-001, -003, -004; 300-005, -009 thru -011; 400-002, -003;  
41-24-36-100-001, -002, -006, -008, -016, -018 thru -020; 200-001, -004, -006 thru -008; 300-001, -003, -004, -008, -018, -021, -022, -024, -026 thru -028, -032, -033, -036, -039 thru -046; 400-002 thru -006, -008, -010, -013 thru -015, -017, -020, -022 thru -025, -027, -028;

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

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