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Christmas through Lowell shows steady turnout

by Emma Palova

The annual Christmas through Lowell tour had a steady, comfortable turnout, a sign of an improving economy. Beautiful November sunshine held up for all three days of the shopping spree.

"We've been comfortably busy," said June Dilly, organizer of the Lowell Women's Club luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce.

Dilly said the money

raised was down by \$300 compared to last year, but the club also had a lot more competition from area churches, Grand Volute and Ella's.

"We did sell out of all our soups," said Dilly.

The club had a good selection of food including sandwich plates with beef and pulled pork. But, the biggest sellers were the six soups.

That's why people keep coming back for our soups, according to Dilly.

At Nightforest Jewelry, owner Jeana Schwacha was assisted by Molly Denison.

There were more than 300 artists and crafters on the Christmas tour with handmade treasures, such as candles, soaps, pottery and jewelry.

The tour kicks off the holiday season always

on the third weekend in November.

Coming up is the Rogue River Artisans Holiday Marketplace at the high school on Dec. 4, along with Santa visits on the Showboat, the Flat River Freeze Ice

Sculpture challenge, "A Cup of Christmas Tea" at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Rudolph's craft workshop at the chamber, lighting of the community Christmas tree and the nighttime parade.



Cliff Yankovich at Chimera Design.

At left, June Dilly, Veronica Blough, Joy Smith, Carolyn Blough, Marj Harding, Joanne Parker and Mary McAleery.



Molly Denison at Nightforest Jewelry.

LaughFest hopes to bring out community comedians for a cause

by Emma Palova

Get ready to laugh. There will be comedians all over Grand Rapids in March and the organizers of the first LaughFest are encouraging communities like Lowell to emulate the fest.

"It's a community based event," said marketing and public relations director of Gilda's Club, Paul Salyer. "Anyone can sign up."

Salyer said anyone who thinks they're funny should sign up for the Grand Rapids LaughFest and then locally rent a large space and act.

The LaughFest is modeled after ArtPrize following its huge success, according to leadership board member of Lowell Gilda's Club, Teresa Beachum.

"This was 18 months in the planning," she said. "ArtPrize was the fuel for bringing comic relief to West Michigan."

The corporate sponsors include the

Gillmore Collection, Meijer, Bud Light, Reagan Marketing, and the Wege Foundation.

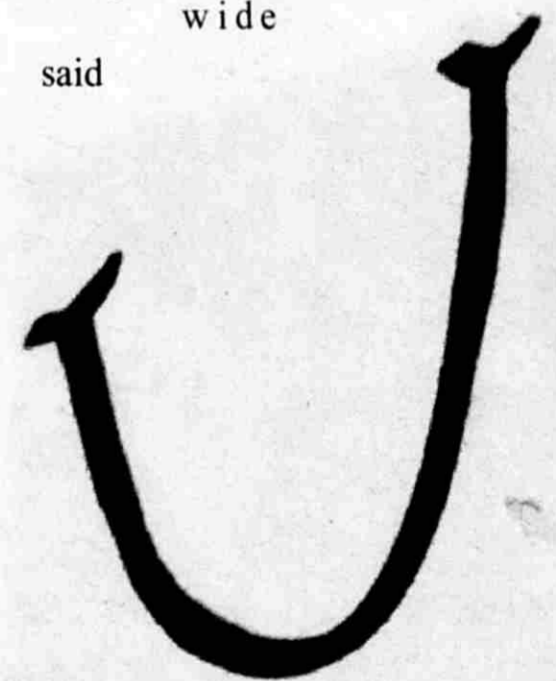
Beachum said Gilda's Club is looking for more sponsors and more comedic talent.

"We're looking for other talent to play at different venues," said Beachum.

The event takes on a momentum, as Pink Arrows will be presenting checks to Gilda's Club and Lowell Community Wellness totaling \$120,000 in December.

Also, recently 63rd District Judge Sara Smolenski had a comedic presentation at the Lowell Women's Club. Smolenski, who lost three relatives in 18 months, talked about finding balance in humor even in different stages of grieving.

So, March will bring the nation's first ever community-wide



festival of laughter to Grand Rapids, March 10, 2011; the 10-day, 20-plus venue event, LaughFest, is designed to engage people throughout the region and beyond in all aspects of humor. Created by the team at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids in celebration of its 10th anniversary, LaughFest's entertainers include

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Curtis coat drive targets kids and veterans

by Thad Kraus

Curtis Cleaners' third annual coats for kids and veterans will bundle up

many with warmth during the holidays.

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Andy Curtis, of Curtis Cleaners, delivers 125 coats to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Curtis Cleaners is hoping to distribute over 850 coats this holiday season to kids and veterans.

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Middle school students visit the Lowell Airport



A group of 32 seventh-grade students from Lowell Middle School chose a field trip to the Lowell City Airport as their activity for the end of Trimester 1 Rewards Day. The program included clever hands-on activities, such as flying toilet paper, the old "egg in the bottle" trick, thrusting an ornithopter, and focusing on Bernoulli's Principle to demonstrate the force of lift.

Pictured, from left to right: Katie Brim, Maddy Emelander, Kris Kropf, Victoria Hewitt, Harris Islamevic, Brandyn Inderbitzen and Allie Frederickson.



TOBACCO FREE FOR GOOD

An informational meeting will be Wed., Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center. This meeting is designed for anyone who wants information quitting tobacco. Talk with a tobacco treatment specialist and receive a resource guide that lists local classes, Internet and phone counseling options and low/no cost medications. Call 616-446-7058 with any questions.

DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY FUND REQUESTS

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Fri., Dec. 10 at noon. To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell area. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2011-2013. Request forms are available at Dr. James Reagan's office, 207 W. Main St., or at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St.

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Annual Rogue River Artisans sale at Lowell High School this Saturday

Starting the holidays with a fabulous gift shopping experience can only mean one thing - partaking in the Rogue River Artisans 28th Annual Fine Art and Craft holiday sale.

This year's event will take place at Lowell High School on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.

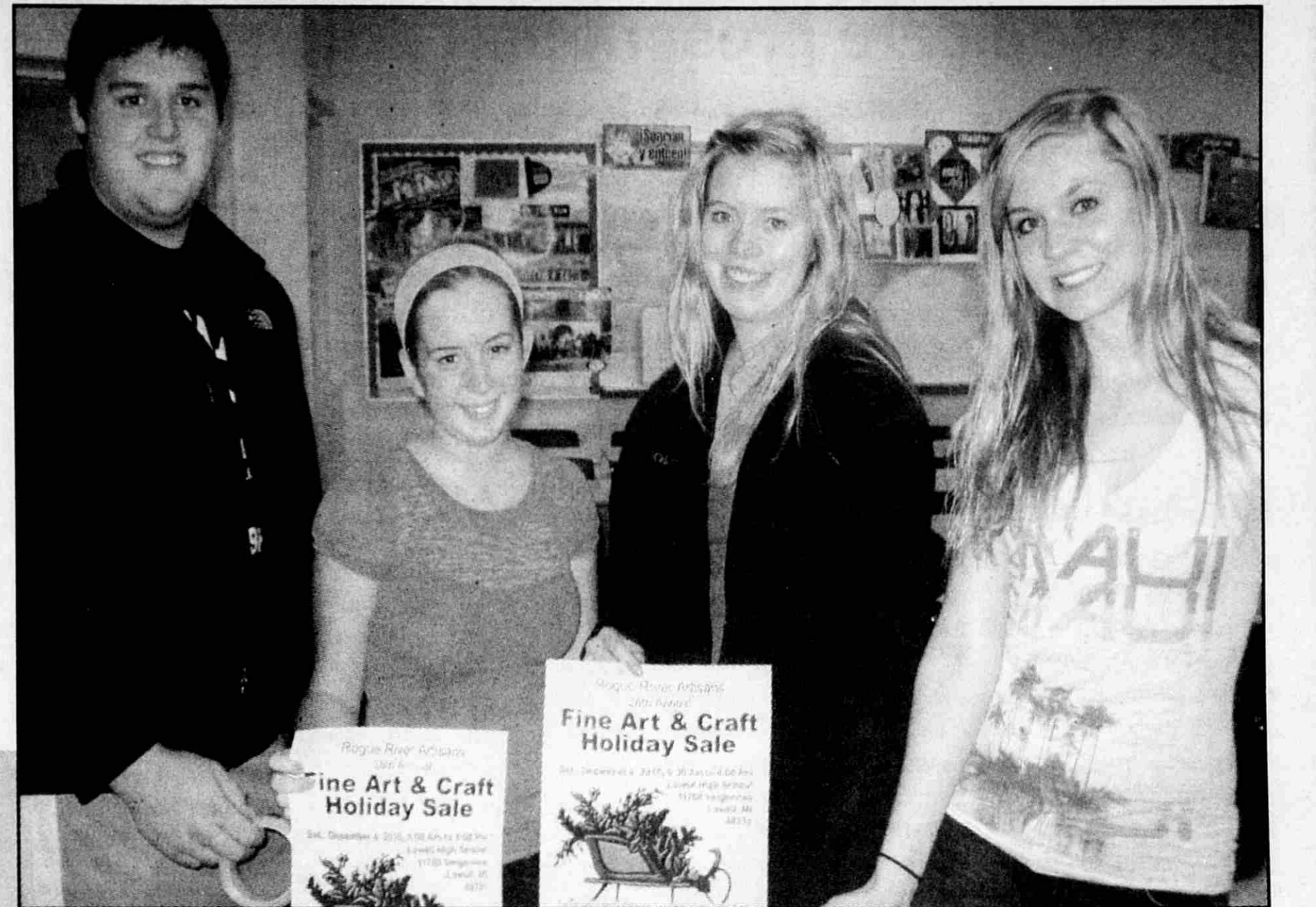
The show will feature the area's finest selection of more than 100 juried artists and craftsmen.

Artists will feature quality sculpture, pottery, jewelry, glass, metal, soaps, wearables, naturals, floral, specialty food, wood, furniture, wild life art, photography, painting, wearable, seasonal decor and more.

The holiday craft and fine art sale will benefit the Class of 2011. Proceeds will go toward the seniors' activities next spring at Lowell High School.

Under the guidance of Sarah Ellis, the senior class will help in the show setup, takedown and clean up along with helping artists arrive and depart with their materials and wares.

Lunch will be available to patrons of the sale in the high school cafeteria.



Lowell seniors, who lend a helping hand at the Rogue River Artisans show on Dec. 4, include, left to right: Griffin Brink, Brynlie Pomper, Bryleigh Loughlin and Sam Visscher.

LaughFest, continued

comedians Bill Cosby, Betty White, Mike Birbiglia and Kathleen Madigan. Other entertainment includes multiple showcases, Dan Zane and Friends, laughter yoga, guest authors, and incredibly funny pet contests.

Last week's announcement by Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids kicks off LaughFest's recruitment of additional sponsors, volunteers and more entertainment venues throughout downtown Grand Rapids.

include DeVos Performance Hall, DeVos Place, GRCC Ford Fieldhouse, St. Cecilia Music Center, UICA, Grand Rapids Art Museum and local area bars and restaurants such as The B.O.B., Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, JW Marriott and others.

A variety of ticket options will be offered and include individual event tickets from \$7 - \$77 and

all festival passes starting at \$250. There will also be a number of events free to the public. Details on ticket sales will be announced in time for holiday purchases.

Gilda's Club is named after Gilda Radner, an original cast member of Saturday Night Live. Gilda died of ovarian cancer in 1989. In her book *It's Always Something* Gilda wrote, "My job was to find what was funny about whatever was going on. So I began to think that I should do the same thing with cancer."

LeannArkema, president and CEO of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, said the event was long in the making.

"Since Gilda's gift to laughter to everyone in their community and beyond, especially for those families living with cancer and grief," said Michael Radner. "My sister, Gilda, loved to laugh and after she was diagnosed with cancer, she found out that finding the funny, even in a cancer journey, was so important. I applaud all - community investors, volunteers, ticket-buyers and even the comedians who are coming in - who are helping to celebrate laughter for the health of it."

To learn more about tickets or additional information about LaughFest, please visit laughfestgr.org.

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LACC SEEKING PARADE ENTRIES

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.

Coat drive, continued

started on Oct. 11, will run through Dec. 1. As of Nov. 17, Curtis Cleaners had taken in 600 coats. Last year, 850 coats were collected and distributed.

"It's a good thing to provide for the community and it's a way to give back to the community over the holidays," said manager Andy Curtis.

The local dry cleaners delivered 125 coats to the Flat River Outreach Ministries on Wednesday (Nov. 17). All coats that are dropped off are cleaned and/or dry-cleaned before being distributed back into the community.

Residents looking to donate coats can drop them off at any one of the Gilmore Collection restaurants, Farm Bureau Insurance branches and at the dry cleaners.

This year the coat drive has also been added to the Ionia area. Ionia's Independent Bank is collecting coats. Those coats will be distributed in the Ionia area.

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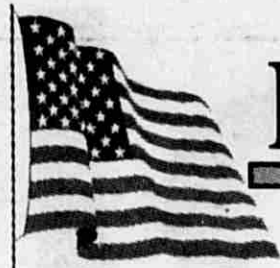
Foster



Ethan Matthew Foster

Ethan Matthew Foster was born October 6, 2010, in Grand Rapids, weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz., to proud parents Jim and Kate Datema of Lowell and Kim Datema of Saranac. Great-grandparents are Matthew and Carmen Foster of Lowell. Grandparents are Kim and Cheryl Foster of Lowell, Alma Foster of Greenville, Edith (Dolly) Bailey of Ionia and Victor and Joan Osterberg of Lowell.

In The Service



Army National Guard Pvt. Ryan L. Barker has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Denise Hughes of Ionia and James Rodgers of Saranac. Aaron Sterling earned the rank of Private First Class and graduated from basic training and AIT as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, GA in August. He is currently serving with the National Guard in Virginia. He is also in the ROTC program at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Sterling, the son of James and Judy Sterling of Lowell, is an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop #102 in Lowell and a 2007 home school graduate.



Aaron Sterling

Marine Corps Pfc. Mark A. Ford, son of Joy and Dave Ford of Lowell, recently graduated from the Basic Water Support Technician Course while assigned as a student at Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, NC. Ford and fellow students received instruction in subjects such as maintenance management, plumbing, military water supply and field sanitation. Upon completion of the course, graduates are qualified to perform tasks

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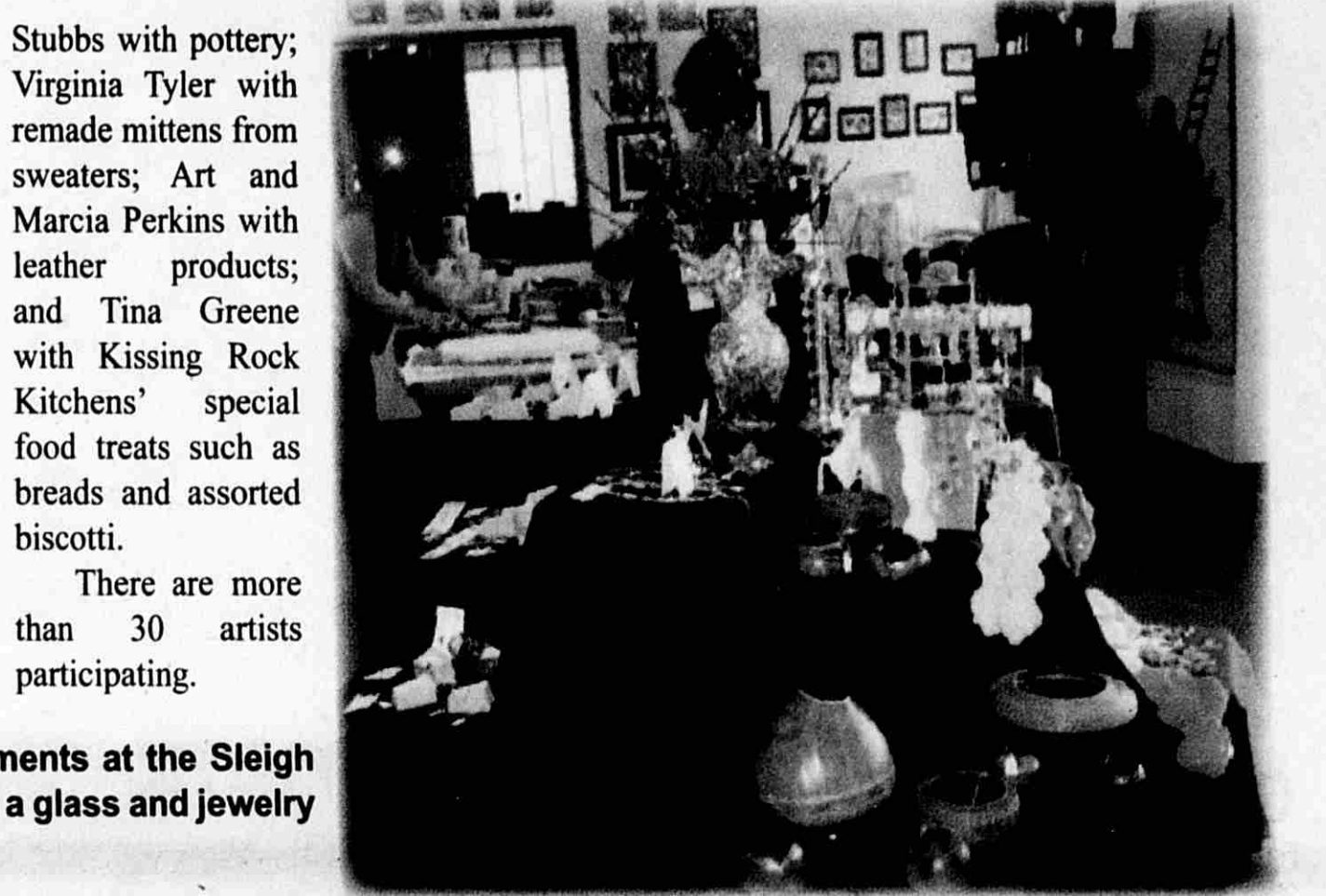
Santa is making his way to Lowell

Kent County Youth Fair royal court members met with Santa last week in Grand Rapids. Santa will make his grand entrance into Lowell at the Nighttime Santa Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4. Before the parade he will enjoy the annual pancake supper at the fairgrounds. Pictured with Santa are Kent County Youth Fair queen Emma Roderick (in white); royal court member Jessica Miller; junior queen Brittany Perry; junior royal court member Tess Reagan.



Annual holiday show features new artists

This year's Sleigh Bells & Holly features many new artists. They will be selling a wide variety of fine arts and gifts, such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, fused glass, textiles, hand made dolls, ornaments, candles and woodcarving. Among the new artists are Sarah Cash with silver jewelry; Anne Curtis, who does wood boards and spoons; Cindy Hanson with soaps; Jennifer McMyler with digital artwork; Tracey Pepper with painting on glass; Gail VanSledright with fused glass; Debbie Walker with watercolor and sweatshirts; Megan Stubbs with pottery; Virginia Tyler with remade mittens from sweaters; Art and Marcia Perkins with leather products; and Tina Greene with Kissing Rock Kitchens' special food treats such as breads and assorted biscotti. There are more than 30 artists participating. There are fine ornaments at the Sleigh Bells & Holly show and a glass and jewelry exhibit.



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New hotel slated to open on Main Street

by Emma Palova

The much awaited hotel on Main Street is slated to open on Thanksgiving. The Main Street Inn has luxuriously appointed rooms with individual bathrooms, all tastefully designed and decorated. The colors of the walls in the rooms are soft pastel ranging from orange to blue. The main stairway to the second level is painted in yellow.

"It's an upscale resort destination, a simple elegant place to stay." It is worth the walk from the municipal parking lots or on street parking. Canfield restored the building to its original beauty. Throughout its history, the building was made into three and often occupied by local merchants, such as Fashionista and Reedy Realty, as well as Flat River Cottage. The city wanted to demolish the buildings that were sitting on the northwest side of the bridge, prior to last year's downtown bridge replacement project, due to structural instability.

However, Greg and Deb Canfield purchased the buildings matched with funds from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The inn has seven rooms with the majority of the rooms under \$100. To rent the entire inn costs \$995. The Canfields hope to draw from a wide clientele ranging from Grand Volute's wedding guests to the Roth-Gerst funeral home. Greg Canfield is not a newcomer to renovation. He restored the original three-story hotel from 1800s, the Davis House, to a modern shape, where he has his plumbing business

on the east end of town. He remodeled the building in 2002. With Main Street Inn it was a little trickier, since the building sits on I-beams on water. "I have twice as much into it, as I had anticipated," he said. There is a total of seven rooms: five overlook the Flat River and two overlook downtown Main Street. The exterior of the building is painted in nice green and red colors, and restaurants and shopping are within walking distance. The most expensive rooms are priced at \$125.

Additional features include a gathering room on the second level, overlooking the Flat River with a balcony, and a view of the newly installed sculpture of the Lowell Troll. There is a conference room on the main floor next to the lobby. The marvelous scenery of the river on one side and Main Street with King Milling on the other side is unbeatable. "We want to keep people in town who would stay in Grand Rapids," said proprietor Greg Canfield.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell perseveres in 35-21 win over Central

by Thad Kraus

Lowell will return to Ford Field Friday to defend its 2009 Division 2 state championship following the Red Arrows 35-21 semifinal win over Walled Lake Central on Saturday. "It's great. These kids (seniors) deserve it," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "They've been hurt a little bit over the years, but they have taken risks, and have trusted the program. They have stayed together, worked together and have shown a willingness to compete in tough times." Lowell has needed the ability to battle back from second-half adversity in three of its four playoff games to advance to the title game. After leading the entire game Lowell fell behind Grand Ledge in the fourth

quarter. It saw Muskegon erase a 14-point half-time deficit to take a second-half lead (28-27). Walled Lake Central erased a 13-0 half-time deficit to take a 14-13 third-quarter lead before Lowell rallied for the win. "Ball control is nothing if you don't finish," Dean explains. "Against Muskegon and Walled Lake we had an opportunity to make it a three possession game in the first half but were unable to finish drives." What the Red Arrows have done is responded after losing leads. Saturday was no different. After the Vikings forced a Lowell three-and-out,



Two first-half touchdowns and a strong defensive effort gave Lowell plenty to cheer about. Picture courtesy Michele DeHaan



Coach Dean talks to the team during a first-half time out during Saturday's game. Picture courtesy Michele DeHaan

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LUNCH MENU

- ELEMENTARY MENU**
Week of Nov. 29, 2010
- MON:** No School.
- TUES:** Hamburger on bun (quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven baked French fries, pears, milk.
- WED:** Baked chicken nuggets (salisbury steak also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/butter, peaches, wheat dinner roll, milk.
- THURS:** Pizza dippers w/ marinara dipping sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, pineapple, milk.
- FRI:** Grilled cheese sandwich (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup w/ crackers, fresh mini carrots, applesauce, milk.

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Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts through December 16, 2010

TOY BOXES OR BARRELS

will be in place at the following locations beginning Fri., Nov. 19: Brenda's Hair Design, Curves, Dollar General, Fifth Third Bank, Grand River Veterinary Hospital, Rite Aid, Showboat Automotive, Springrove Variety and Walgreens.

ANGEL TREES

Will be in place at the following locations: First Bank, Ella's Coffee Shop, Huntington Bank, Huntington Bank (branch) and Englehardt Public Library.

FOODS, TOYS & MONETARY DONATIONS

can be dropped off at the **FROM Food Pantry**, 11535 Fulton St. E., on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15 and 16, between 10 am & 4 pm. Food and toys will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9 am to 2 pm.

If we can be of assistance to your family with food and/or toys, please come to the Food Pantry to sign up.

REMEMBER
This program is for members of our community.

Red Arrow SPORTS

On to state, continued

Walled Lake's Eric Moss blocked a Lowell punt, which was recovered by Central's Steven Worley at the Lowell six-yard line. Senior Chris Koziara put the first crooked number on the board for the Vikings on a one-yard touchdown run.



Leighton Watson's 14-yard touchdown run gave Lowell some fourth-quarter breathing room. Pictures courtesy Perry Beachum

Walled Lake's defense then held Lowell on downs. Moments later it scored a go-ahead (14-13) touchdown on a 44-yard touchdown run by Chris Koziara.

"We just told them at half-time that what we were doing in the first half isn't getting it done," said Central coach Bob Meyer. "The only option was to work harder and correct mistakes and that's what (we) did."

The defending state champions responded immediately as Dean connected with Jacob Meyer on a 64-yard touchdown reception, giving Lowell a lead it would not relinquish. A pass from Gabe Dean to Matt Houston on the two-point conversion made it 21-14 Red Arrows.

Fourth-quarter touchdown runs by Leighton Watson (14-yards) and Dean (one yard) extended Lowell's lead to 35-14.

"Big plays and missed assignments cost us. You can't get away with that

against a team as good as Lowell," Meyer said.

Watson led all running backs with 144 yards and on the ground.

Dean added 82 while throwing for 143 yards and two touchdowns.

Meyer was the leading receiver with three receptions for 117 yards and a touchdown. He also had a first-quarter interception which led to

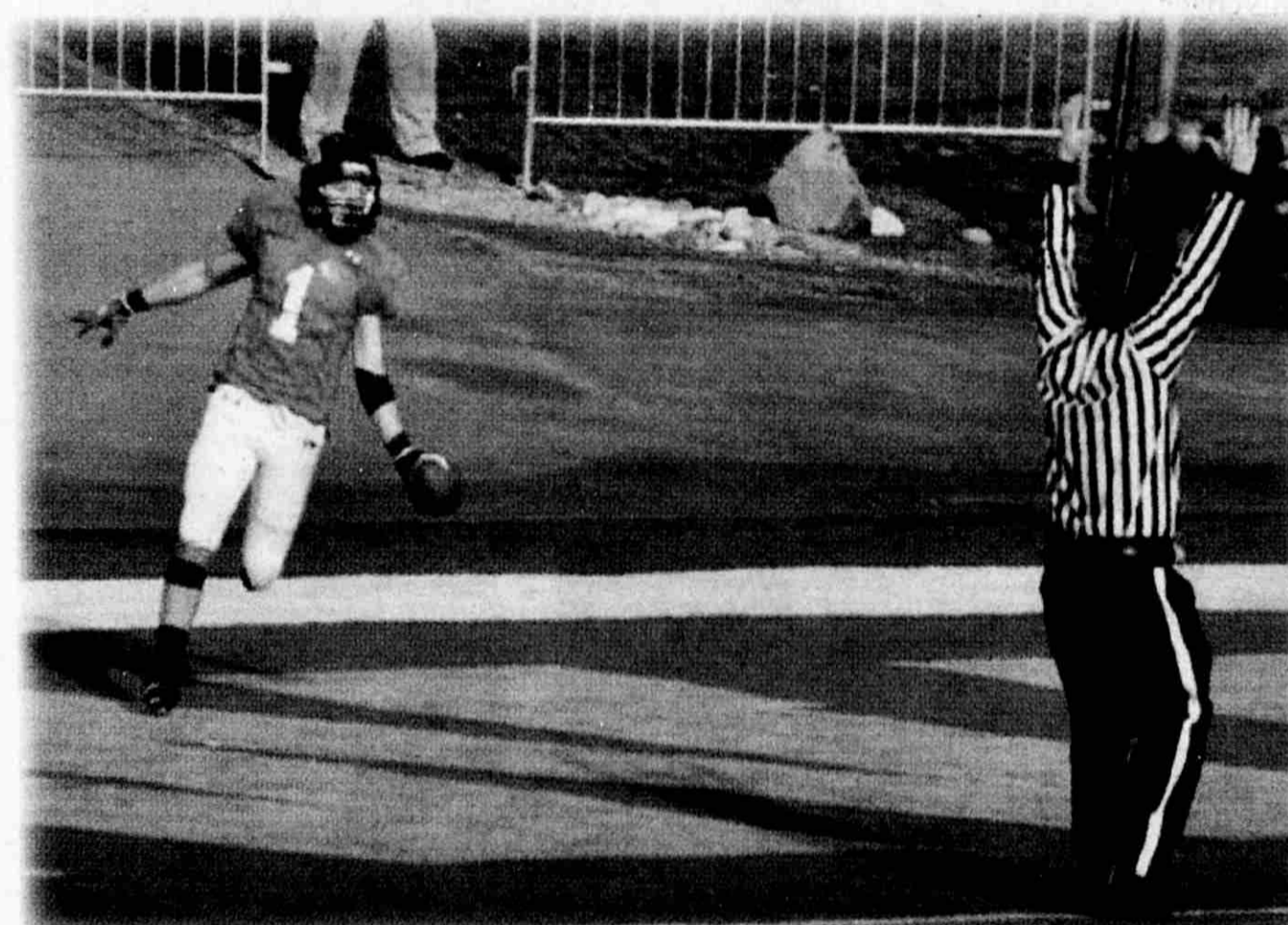
Lowell's first touchdown on a 17-yard pass from Dean to Houston.

The Red Arrows made it 13-0 in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Dean.

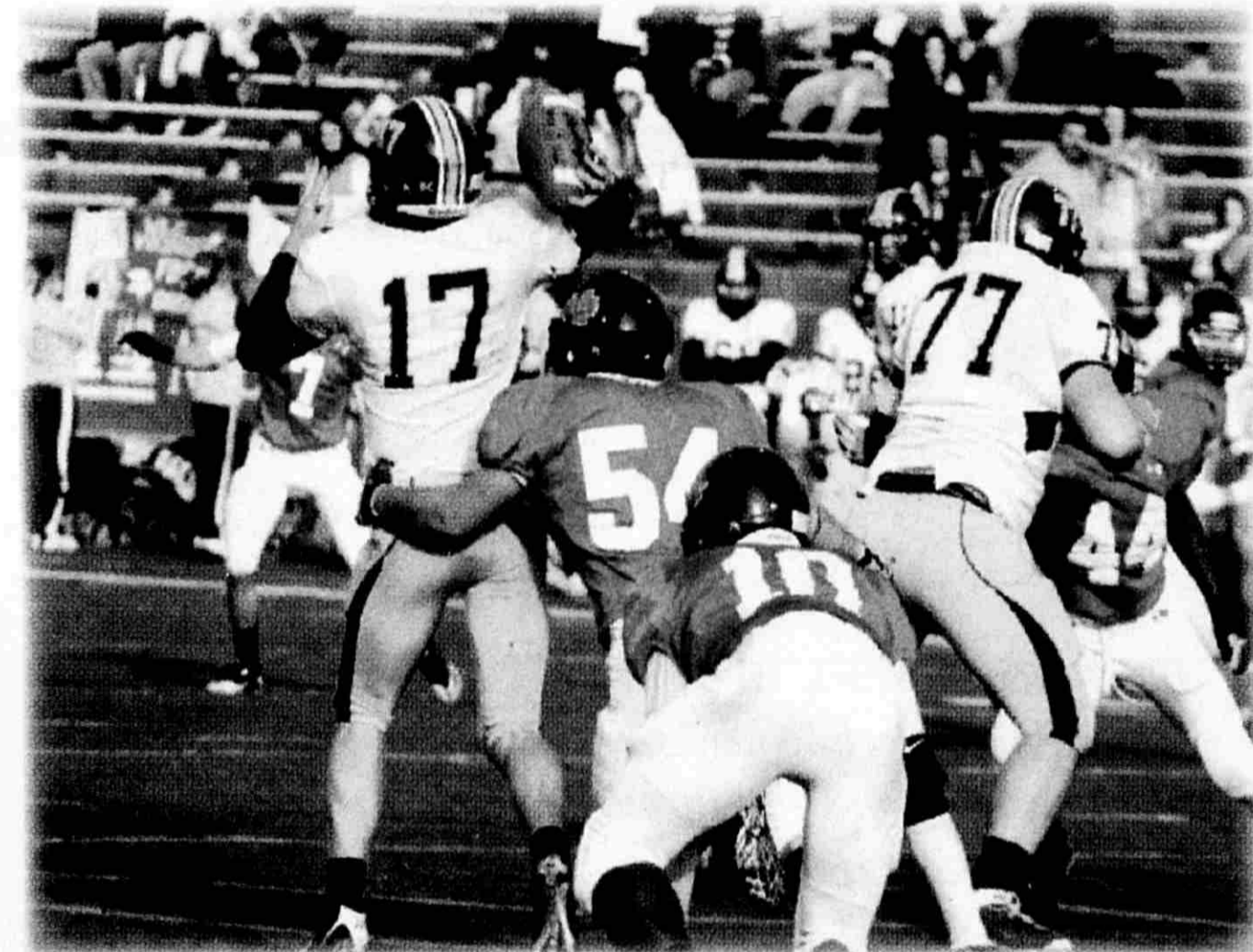
The Vikings final score came with roughly a minute to play in the contest on a seven-yard pass from Zach Liembach to Kyle Clark.

Central finished the game with 129 yards on the ground and 75 through the air.

Lowell amassed 220 on the ground and 143 through the air.



Lowell's Jacob Meyer pulls down one of three passes in Lowell's 35-21 win over Walled Lake Central. Pictures courtesy Michele DeHaan



Red Arrow Jake Stehley (#54) hits Central quarterback Zach Leimbach from behind as he readies to release the ball. Pictures courtesy Perry Beachum

Red Arrow SPORTS

Ford Field facts for Friday's Div. 2 Football final

Tickets for the Division 2 state finals football game at Ford Field between Lowell and Farmington Hills Harrison went on sale Monday and Tuesday. Tickets will also be sold on Wednesday at the high school athletic office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10. With the purchase of the ticket at LHS, Lowell receives 50 cents for each ticket sold. Tickets may also be purchased at Ford Gate A and Gate G windows for \$10. Tickets are good for all four games played on Friday, but there are no in-and-out privileges. The Lowell football program is asking that all Lowell fans wear any of their Pink Arrow Force t-shirts or purchase a new pink finals shirt at Pep Talk. The price is \$10 for one or two for \$15.

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- FORD FIELD CHECKLIST:**
1. Fans must sit in end zone seating areas while waiting for their game to start.
 2. No confetti or paper pompons on sticks will be permitted.
 3. No bottles, food, coolers, jugs, and etc. will be permitted. Personal items will be checked for bottles.
 4. Violators of good conduct will be removed from the facility.
 5. Video cameras and film cameras are allowed, but they must be battery powered and handheld and may not have a professional lens. Tripods are not allowed.
 6. No grills or alcohol are allowed in parking lots.
 7. New security

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Farmington Hills Harrison football players tackled Sorrows Hill during their summer workout sessions.

After each repetition players would shout out a name (a school on its schedule).

With the 14th rep came "Lowell."

"Who else could it be? Lowell is the defending state champion," said Farmington Hills coach John Herrington, who will finish up his 49th year of coaching on Friday.

Friday's trip to the championship game will be Herrington's 17th. He has won 12 state championships. Herrington doesn't believe for a second that 13 is unlucky.

"Not at all," he says with a laugh. This year's Hawk squad along with being undefeated has remained focused.

"They love playing the game. They work hard and they play unselfishly," Herrington explained.

Farmington Hills Harrison played and defeated Rochester Adams, a club that runs a mid line/veer offense.

"Lowell is different in that it pounds it in behind a strong offensive line," explained the Hawk coach. "I have great respect for what Noel has done in Lowell. With the Pink Arrow game and the Fraser Reading program it's been about more to him than just football."

I went 11-5 through last week's 16 semifinal football games, improving my overall record to 92-34. There are eight games left to be played this Friday and Saturday at Ford Field.

Who Do I Love?
In Division 8 Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (12-1) takes on Saugatuck (10-3). My heart will be tugging for the Indians. Not a good way to pick, but I don't care, I Love Saugatuck.

In Division 7 its Ishpeming (12-0) battling Hudson (13-0). I Love Hudson.

In Division 6 Ithaca will take on Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central. I gotta Love the Falcons (that's St. Mary's).

In Division 5 West Catholic (12-1) will battle Olivet (11-2).

I'm sticking with the Falcons, they bring a title back to West Michigan. I Love West Catholic.

In Division 4 Catholic Central (11-2) will play Williamston (12-1). The Cougars beat my Eddies so I Love Catholic Central.

In Division 3, EGR (13-0) plays Orchard Lake St. Mary (11-2). The Pioneers go for five in a row and I Love Orchard Lake this time.

In Division 1 it's Plymouth (11-2) against Lake Orion (12-1). I Love Plymouth.

In Division 2 Lowell (11-2) battles Farmington Hills Harrison (13-0). Many believe the Hawks may be the best team in the state, forget the divisions, but I gotta Love the Red Arrows!

Thad's Top 10

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

ARROW FORCE CHARTER:

- The Touchdown Club is sponsoring a charter bus to Ford Field.
- The bus will leave Red Arrow Stadium at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 per adult (this does not include a game ticket). The charter bus will take the first 47 people who sign up.
- To reserve a seat call Donna at 340-3025 or a reservation can be made when purchasing a t-shirt.

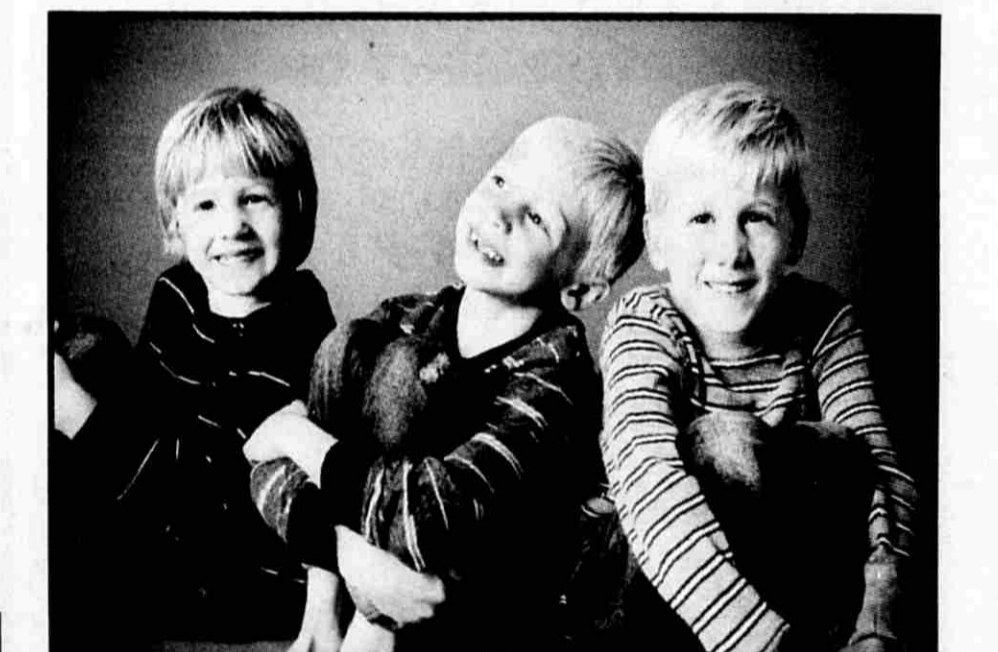
GETTING TO FORD FIELD:

Take I-96 to I-275 South (to continue on I-96 East). Take I-96 East to I-75 North (Fisher Freeway) and exit Gratiot Ave. South. Sharp right turn on Gratiot. Continue on Gratiot and Ford Field will be on the right.

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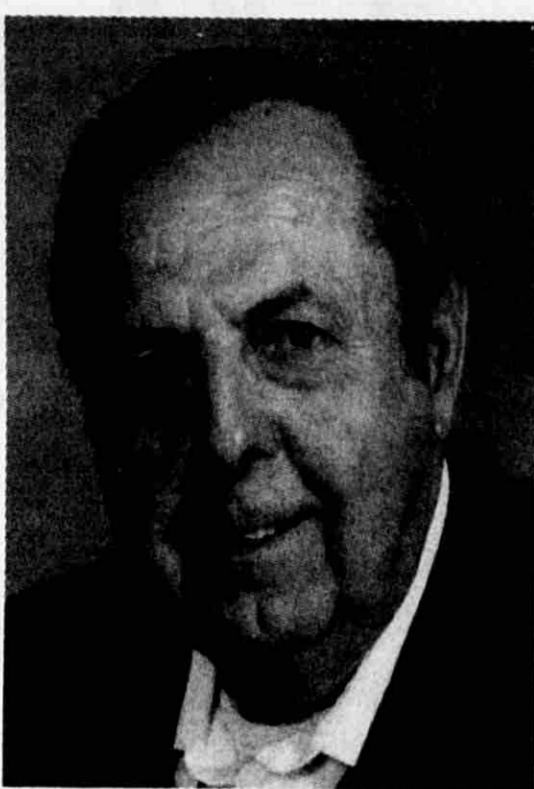
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obituaries

SEESE

Calvin Keith Seese, age 79, of Alto, passed away Monday, November 15, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis (Roxie) Seese; sister, Treva (Carl) Fox; and brother, Harold Seese. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Fern (Nee Rowley); daughters, Amy Seese, Cathy Corliss; son, Paul Seese; grandchildren, Cassandra Tuttle, Dylan, Dalton, Drake and Dominic Seese; and sister-in-law, Judy Seese. He served in the Army from 1954-1956 and was honored by the Clarksville Steam and Gas Association as farmer of the year in 1999. Cal will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, farmer, friend, and neighbor. Funeral services were held Saturday at Hope Church of the Brethren.



Pastor Douglas Reichenbach officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 811 W. Evergreen Ave., Ste 303, Chicago, IL 60642.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT forever barred unless presented to DIANNE Y. KOKOT, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GLADYS H. SPANGLER, who lived at 1161 Dorrell NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 11/04/2010. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

lend a hand... tutoring opportunities... tutors needed... The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 7, 2010 for prospective volunteer tutors.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CITY OF LOWELL RESIDENTS LAST WEEK TO USE ORANGE TRASH BAGS AND YARD WASTE BAGS WITH BLACK LETTERING

If you have orange trash bags or yard waste bags with City of Lowell printed in black, they must be used by Friday, November 26, 2010 (this week only). If you have trash or yard waste bags you will not use by November 26, 2010, you must return to City Hall by November 30, 2010 for a refund. After November 30, 2010, the bags may not be returned for a refund.

You can purchase individual orange trash bags or yard waste bags with City of Lowell printed in black at City Hall or Springrove Variety.

Starting December 2, 2010 your trash bags will be blue. These are now available for purchase at Lowell City Hall, Springrove Variety and Meijers.

The cost of trash and yard waste bags will be the same, \$15 for a bundle of 10 trash bags and \$20 for a bundle of 10 yard waste bags.

NOTE: GARBAGE AND RECYCLING MUST BE AT CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.

City of Lowell logo and contact info for Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

The City of Lowell is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a City owned lot approximately 338,923 square feet at 320 Kent Street (parcel number 41-20-02-434-002).

Prospective bidders must describe their proposed use of the property in which they are bidding on.

Sealed bids and proposed uses must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street no later than Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at which time these will be publicly opened and read.

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CITY OF LOWELL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOTICE Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office and Light and Power will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2010 in observance of Thanksgiving.

City of Lowell residents who use orange refuse bags will have their refuse and yard waste picked up on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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for sale

FREE AD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer.

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HELP WANTED - NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.

HELP WANTED - Part-time for farm & yard work. Call 616-437-1526.

MISC. - 6TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW & HOME BUSINESS EXPO at Impact Church, Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1069 N. Hudson

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

WANTED - CASH PAID FOR OLD STUFF - I buy retro furniture, toys, games, military, sporting goods, baseball cards, advertising signs, premiums, jewelry, brochures, maps, fishing lures, and much more!

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WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

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card of thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Golf Benefit for our son, Bill, to help purchase a memorial stone. A special thanks to Mary Nead and family, Birchwood Golf Course, Angie and all who participated for their effort and work to make this outing a big success for Bill.

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QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS - MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

COFFEE BREAK/LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Sept. - May. Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. No church membership or experience required.

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Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are run on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad.

In The Service, continued

expected of a basic water support technician.

Ford is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2010.

Coast Guard Seaman Ryan S. Mayhew, son of Jane A. and Gregory S. Mayhew of Ada, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

During the eight-week training program, Mayhew completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, physical fitness, health and wellness, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast

Guard just as they will work together aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, all recruits are trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance.

Mayhew and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast

Guard's Core Values -- Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Mayhew will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's workforce.

Mayhew is a 2010 graduate of Forest Hills Eastern High School of Ada.



NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 23

On Friday morning, appearing on MSNBC's Morning Joe, vice president Joe Biden described 2014 as the "drop dead date" for "transitioning" power to Afghan authorities.

Pakistan has rejected a U.S. request to stage drone attacks in Quetta and other tribal areas near the Afghan border, Pakistani military officials say.

Los Angeles - A young boy fell to his death from a luxury suite at the Los Angeles Lakers Staples Center on Sunday night.

The U.S. military launched what is billed as its largest ever spy satellite on Sunday. "This mission helps to ensure that vital National Reconnaissance Office resources will continue to bolster our national defense," said Gen. Ed Wilson.

It is predicted that the wild tiger may become extinct in 12 years if their habitat isn't protected and poaching isn't stopped in their native countries.

Report Highlights Michigan's Successful Strides Toward Protection, Restoration

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced the release of the 2010 State of the Great Lakes Annual Report which highlights the many successful efforts to protect and restore Michigan's most valuable resource - the Great Lakes.

"This report details the progress we've made in protecting the Great Lakes," Granholm said. "We have to be eternally vigilant to ensure that the Great Lakes remain great. With a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem,

Michigan will continue to be a destination for commerce and recreation."

The 2010 annual report focuses on on-the-ground efforts to protect and restore the four lakes that border Michigan: Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior.

Funding from the new federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other programs, such as the Michigan Coastal Management Program, are enabling Michigan to make tremendous advancement toward implementation of

the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy and the MI-Great Lakes Plan. Over \$80 million has been awarded to-date under the 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for more than 140 projects across the state.

In her 2004 Special Message to the Legislature on Water, the governor laid out a broad agenda and called for the legislature to work with the administration on a bipartisan basis in reclaiming Michigan's historic role as protector of the Great Lakes and our water resources. The report demonstrates that great strides have been made in finding bipartisan agreement with support from business, environmental and conservation groups. These efforts include development and implementation of new water withdrawal laws, aggressively working to prevent new introductions

of invasive species such as the Asian carp, and building strong partnerships and collaborations through development and implementation of regional and state strategies for protection and restoration efforts.

Ken DeBeaussaert, director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Office of the Great Lakes, stressed the importance of federal, state and local partnerships in advancing restoration efforts. "All across Michigan, there are countless unsung heroes working daily in professional and volunteer capacities to restore the Great Lakes and protect our waters," DeBeaussaert said. The State of the Great Lakes Annual Report is prepared by the Office of the Great Lakes. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnrgreatlakes.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Doug and Arlin Maas to rezone the following described property from R-3, High Density Residential to C, General Commercial.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property (PP # 41-20-04-378-013) is located at 1845 Birmingham Road SE which is the northwest corner of M-21 (East Fulton Street) and Birmingham Road. The property consists of 5.36 acres.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MON., DECEMBER 13, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE:
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Schrauben.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2010 as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.


Motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan amendments.

Motion to approve the resolution amendment establishing license term and fee for Waste Hauler Licenses and term for collection.

Motion to approve the resolution amendment establishing license term and license fee for snow plow operators and amended to permit application.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 6, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on December 6, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

 Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

616-897-0787

Thank you Coach Dave Dean and your crew of wrestlers and football players for supporting LAAC. The work was greatly appreciated. We were impressed with how courteous and hardworking the guys were. People like you make this a great community.

Every year the news reports that Kent County has the highest rate of deer/car accidents. Two this week, one fatal. Maybe Kent County could have an extra hunting session.

last week's poll result:

Sound Off

Which city project would you like to see tackled first?

Build a new riverfront amphitheater	12%
Finish repaving the city streets	10%
Filling vacant storefronts	55%
Remove ridiculous "no parking" sign from the last spot at the Post Office.....	23 %

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