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Silence of the Rams

Lowell trounces Rockford in season opener

by Casey Cheney

The much anticipated Lowell-Rockford game, met with some 8,000 fans and coverage by all nearby media outlets, ended in a commanding Lowell Red Arrow victory, 28-7.

The McDonald's game of the week got off to a slow start for the Red Arrows – senior and quarterback Gabe Dean was sacked in the backfield on first and ten, and the next play Lowell was flagged for an illegal man down field. Despite the completed pass on third down, Lowell was forced to punt it away.

That's where things started looking up.

The Rockford Rams committed their first of a series of crippling errors

on their first possession, fumbling the ball away on the punt return.

The forced fumble, however, meant nothing if Lowell's offense didn't capitalize. Dean did when, after seeing no open receivers, carried the ball in for a touchdown, making the score 7-0.

"The momentum swing went our way pretty early on," head coach Noel Dean said.

On the kickoff return, the Rams were penalized for an illegal hand-off. In the same possession, they fumbled the ball at midfield with Lowell recovering.

Once again, the Red Arrows capitalized as Dean rushed in another touchdown.

By the end of the first, the score was 14-0.

Lowell's offense, defense and special teams continued to outperform the Rams in the second quarter. They held the Rams scoreless and pinned the Rockford offense deep in their own territory on punts and kickoffs.

"I don't think [Rockford] was prepared for that," Coach Dean said.

Dean connected with Renn Osborne for a 26-yard touchdown and Joshua Addington ran the ball into the end zone for a three-yard touchdown.

As both teams jogged off the field at halftime, a

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Blake Lyman stretches out for a pass in the Lowell-Rockford game. Lyman caught four passes for 76 yards, leading all Lowell receivers.

Night falls on Sizzlin' Summer concert series



This year's concert series neared its finale as jazz band Tami Helm with MacNaughton Boulevard played the Riverwalk stage last Thursday.

The concert was well attended and for the first time ended in the dark, due to days getting shorter by the minute. Lights flickered in the breeze coming from the Flat River, as a mild beautiful night settled in on its banks.

The show was filled with jazz standards and pop classics. Tami Helm was the lead vocalist joined by the MacNaughton Boulevard.

The last concert remaining is the rescheduled Adams Family band from June 23 due to heavy rain. They will play next Thursday. The Adams Family, a local band, weaves musical magic with classic favorites from the 50s and the

60s, folk, doo-wop, classic rock, and more.

Their outstanding repertoire ranges from gentle ballads to jazzy vocal classic. The crowd-pleasing quartet features three lead vocalists: Cindy Adams Kropf with brother Jerry Adams, Brian Adams; and rounding out the group is Cindy's husband, Dale Kropf, on base and background vocals.

Accident in Lowell Township leaves two dead and four injured

A serious accident on Alden Nash near Segwun Avenue in Lowell Township left two dead and four injured on Saturday late afternoon.

Kent County Sheriff's deputies assisted by Lowell police, Lowell Area Fire Department, Alto and Bowne fire departments, responded to a crash around 4:45 pm. The Lowell Police Department directed the traffic around the accident.

According to police reports, three vehicles were involved in the accident, two minivans and a passenger car.

A van driven by 36-year-old Donovan McLaren of Gowen was traveling north, as it collided with another van heading south. Both drivers, McLaren and 66-year-old Judith Christensen of Alto, died of serious injuries. McLaren died in the hospital, while Christensen

was pronounced dead at the scene.

McLaren's wife, Kristen, and children, Luke, Mason and Cora, were transported to Spectrum hospital with serious injuries. The driver of the third vehicle traveling southbound, Leesa Kimble-Sees of Saranac, struck the van driven by Christensen.

Kimble-Sees did not sustain any serious injuries.

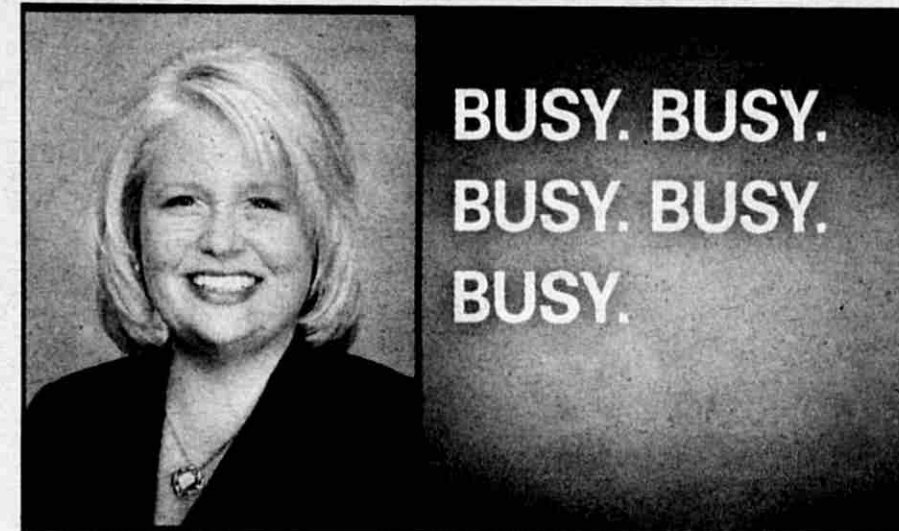
According to Kent County undersheriff Jon Hess, McLaren, driving northbound, crossed the center line. Technical data from the airbag and interviews with the passengers will further determine the cause for crossing the center line. "The investigation will put that all together to determine the cause," he said.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor and the accident is still under investigation.



Green Acres officially open with ribbon cutting

Green Acres' resident Lois McCandless cut the ribbon with the biggest scissors for the official opening of the assisted living retirement home last Friday. Owners Doug Maas and Paul Wyman gave initial speeches as others lined up for the cutting ceremony. "This is a true family business," said Maas. Green Acres is located on Fulton Street west of Lowell. The facility is part of a growing chain of retirement homes, with the newest one in Fruitport. Green Acres has been well designed with a complete interior streetscape and a town square that includes a coffee shop, a beauty salon, a post office and a restaurant, Cattails.



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Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

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All-Weather Seal donates windows totaling \$58,000

All-Weather Seal has donated windows to the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) for a total value of \$58,000. The windows will be installed in three phases. Currently, All-Weather Seal is in the second phase of installing 25 more windows on the north side of the building, which is undergoing a continuous remodel. The first phase was completed last June and the last phase is being planned for next summer. "FROM is a great organization that helps out local community," said owner Scott McDowell. "We want to keep it local." A crew of 10 worked on the windows over the last weekend. They also removed asbestos discovered by a recent environmental inspection. FROM is nearing the



All-Weather Seal crew, George Banfill, Mickey Thompson, Tony Perkins, Al Norton and Eric Bergmans, installed windows at FROM.

"We block off the area and put on poly sheeting to contain airborne asbestos," said McDowell. FROM paid for the asbestos removal training of the crew. The asbestos is mainly in the caulk around the windows. They also do lead removal in a similar process, mainly in residential buildings. Lead is largely in anything built prior to 1978, according to McDowell. "We're happy to do something for FROM," said McDowell. "This is a big project for us; we do mainly residential." Recently, the company added metal roofing jobs to the work already offered, such as windows, siding, doors and gutters. This helped boost up the business by 60 percent, compared to last year. completion of a capital fundraising campaign totaling \$800,000 for building improvements. "We continue to improve the building to provide better services," said new director Pamela Spicer. The window replacement is one of the many improvements, along with roof replacement and a new donation room. Lights and doors have also been replaced. Other improvements include secure access for the community north of the Thrift Store. The building located off M21 on the westernmost outskirts was built in mid 1970s. It houses the Thrift Store and the pantry. "FROM exists because of the generosity of this community," said Spicer. "We want to better serve the needs of the community. The whole ministry is based on volunteering and generosity. There are approximately 200 volunteers and all the donations continue to support the community.

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This tea party is full of fun

Dot Lacic celebrated her 13th annual tea on Aug. 18 with her friends who have come to be named the Golden Girls. Everyone dressed in beautiful vintage dresses, jewelry and fabulous hats.

Attending were, Phyllis Klinge of Allendale, Karen Atwood of White Cloud, Karen Stephens of Lowell, Marcella Schleder of Ithaca, Elizabeth Schleder of Ithaca, Laura Deyong, Donna Westing of Grand Rapids, Patty Zerlaut of Grant, Edith Kloe of Grand Rapids, Shirley Hanes of Sand Lake, Jennette Vanderhaag of Sand Lake, Dot Lacic of Lowell, Adeline Brower of Pentwater, Mary Irwin of Kentwood, Lu Barnes of Kentwood, Barb Keefer of Kentwood, Mary Dillree of Stanwood, Kat Alexander of Lowell, Hilda Sterzuik of Grand Rapids, Pride Hanes of Sand Lake, and Sandi VeenKamp of Cascade. Not pictured: Sylvia and Sydney Murphy of Caledonia.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Keep your investments working hard — all year long

On September 5, we observe Labor Day, which is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Of course, if you're like most people, work is essential to your life, both as a means of personal fulfillment and as a necessity for achieving

your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But if you're going to attain those goals, you'll want your investments to work as hard as you do.

For that to happen, you'll need to take these steps:

- Know your investment objectives. Whether you work in an office, a manufacturing plant or any other venue, your goal is to produce a clearly identifiable result. And the same should be true for the way

that you invest. In other words, you should know exactly why you own every single one of your investments — because only then will you have a clear, unified strategy for achieving your desired outcomes.

- Keep investing. As a diligent worker, you show up to work every day because you know that this type of consistency is necessary for success. A similar principle applies to your investing "career." By investing steadily, year in and year out, you have a much better chance of reaching your objectives than if you were to take periodic breaks. Of course, when the financial markets are volatile, it can be tempting to take a "time-out," but this stop-and-start approach can lead to missed opportunities. For example, if you jump out of the mar-

ket when it's down, you might miss out on the early stages of the next rally.

- Build a productive portfolio. Generally speaking, the most industrious workers are also the most productive ones. And just as productivity is an asset in the working world, it's important in the investment world, too. Strive to own a mix of investments in a balanced portfolio, based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

- Develop your investment skills. To truly be a good worker, you need a set of skills, such as initiative, the ability to make decisions and the willingness to work on a team. However, throughout the course of your career, you may also need to add new technical proficiencies so that you can stay on top of developments

in your field and maintain your productivity. As an investor, you also need some "core competencies," such as patience, discipline and the ability to prioritize goals. But you also need to stay current on financial products, the economy, the markets and changes in tax- and investment-related laws. To help expand your knowledge base and receive timely guidance, you may want to work with a financial professional.

Labor Day comes just once a year. But by keeping your investments working hard 365 days a year, you can keep making progress toward the lifestyle you've envisioned.

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

viewpoint

to the editor

volunteer support essential at lahm

Dear Editor,

The weather, the music, the food and our guests made our 10th anniversary celebration a very special occasion. Many attended or sent cards to honor the occasion.

The museum has much to be grateful for and it starts with the community and our volunteer support. We want to acknowledge how much we appreciate everyone that has made our museum such a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

The article in the Ledger last week was a great overview of our many accomplishments and a great recognition of how much we achieved as an organi-

zation. Ten years really isn't long to make this kind of an impact on a community. We hope the next ten years will have the same level of success and recognition. Preserving and presenting our history is one part of our mission, but educating, enriching and inspiring our citizens is the other. Our vision for the future is to continue with the same mission, but create even more quality exhibits, projects, programs and workshops reaching out to even more businesses and people of all ages. The goal will always be to inspire them about our rich history and also to encourage them to learn more. The museum has done a great job at pre-

serving our history and we hope the community appreciates that artifacts, photos and documents have a safe place to be stored.

The unveiling of our new fountain was a great reminder, to us and our community, on how people can make a difference. When the garden was designed, the desire for a water fountain was a dream of Carolyn Jane and the late Ivan Blough. It wasn't possible then, but both Carolyn Jane and Ivan never forgot their dream. Ivan designed and built the porch at the museum always keeping in mind that someday the garden would have a fountain. Carolyn Jane and Ivan made a monetary investment that would take ten years to mature. This investment would then be given to the museum to be used on special projects stipulated by them.

The first project for the money would be to purchase a fountain and place it in our lovely garden. It saddened all of us that Ivan wasn't here to see this fountain installed, but we know he is proud to see us carry out his and Carolyn Jane's vision. They have both been great supporters and Carolyn Jane continues to embrace all that we do. The message that speaks from both of them is the importance of volunteering for your community. We also received an in-kind donation of material and labor from Flat River Electric to run electricity to our fountain pump.

Many people don't have the means to make large financial donations, but most of us can volunteer time. Volunteers are the backbone to any organization. It isn't about having free labor; it's about building relationships,

sharing vision, creating a better organization, learning new skills and sharing yours. There's no "ME" in "WE" and "WE" can accomplish anything. Please consider making time to

volunteer and if you already volunteer, thank you.

Pat Allchin,
executive director
Lowell Area
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outdoors

harvest times

Dave Stegehuis

Seasons seem to pass quickly for Michigan residents, so we find ourselves continually looking forward to the next one. By the time we get to the end of a long cold winter, the promising signs of spring are a welcome change. Of course, the warm — sometimes hot and humid — summer weather eventually transitions into fall when the cooler temperatures and colorful landscapes offer plenty of chances to spend time outdoors.

Salmon move close to shore in preparation for spawning. The return of the big fish attracts anglers from all over the mid-west. Wall-eye fishermen have an opportunity to catch the season's largest fish. Hunting opportunities in addition to the fishing activity make fall the busiest season for hunters and fishermen.

Fall, the season of harvest, is appropriately the time when the majority of hunting seasons occur for both big and small game. Hunting for whitetail deer has always been a major part of Michigan's hunting heritage. Deer hunting has changed significantly since the days when it involved driving "up-north, wearing a red plaid wool coat, and sitting on a stump while cradling a lever action 30-30.

Deer are now hunted extensively in all counties with southern Michigan producing the largest number of deer and the biggest bucks. Food plots are planted with forage which has been specifically developed for whitetails. Limited baiting is permitted under strict rules.

In addition to the proverbial stump, a variety of portable blinds and tree stands position the hunter for a better view of the surroundings and reduce the chances of being detected by movement and tell-tale human scent. Permanent ground blinds hide the hunter and provide protection from the weather.

Red plaid wool clothing has been replaced with hi-tech weatherproof fabrics in an array of fashionable camouflage patterns. Matching boots, hats, and gloves complete the attire. New bows and rifles hardly resemble your grandfather's firearms. Crossbow design is evolving as fast as cell phone technology.

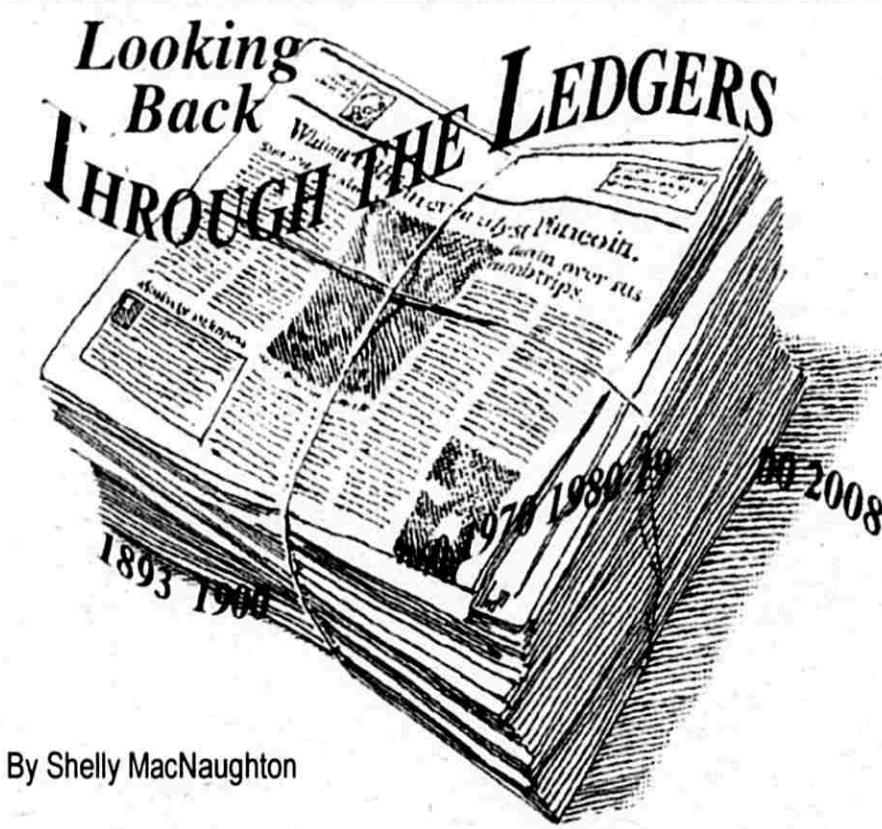
Range finders provide data for blind placement and insure a well-placed shot. Trail cameras produce digital photos to view on site or download to your home computer revealing what is going on when you are not out there.

Although times and methods have changed, harvesting the bounty of nature remains the highlight of the fall season. Take the opportunity to be actively involved.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Altò Solo August 27, 1936

The local post office is to be relocated, from the downtown site which it has occupied for the past half century, to the east store building of the London Brothers block, the old Waverly hotel location, Broadway and W. Main Street, according to advices received from the post office department at Washington early this week.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger August 31, 1961

Voters in two rural school districts went to the polls Monday and overwhelmingly approved the proposals to annex to the Lowell Area Schools and to assume Lowell's bonded indebtedness. The districts involved are the Ware School District and the Sweet School District.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal Entry missing from files.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger August 31, 1911

Last Saturday Night Was a Corker for Fights
Last Saturday evening after the horse races, which had drawn a large crowd to town, "there was something doing" on the streets of Lowell. One man claims to have seen five fights and he doesn't know how many got away from him.

The central act of the drama concerned the Wingate boys and Officer Taylor, the latter being roughly handled in making an arrest.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 3, 1986

It's "County Fair" theme at Honey Creek Christian Homes in Lowell. This 9th annual event will be held on the grounds of Honey Creek, located at 11652 Grand River Avenue (Cascade Road) south of Lowell, from 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday, September 13. A large variety of foods, a flea market, crafts and activities will be provided for all ages and family members.

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New preschool director at St. Pat's

St. Patrick School is pleased to announce that Courtney Krebill has been named the school's new preschool director. Krebill earned her degree from Central Michigan University and most recently taught kindergarten at Lakeview Community Schools.

"As a lifelong parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish, I am excited to be an even bigger part of the community by teaching preschool here," said Krebill.

The St. Patrick School preschool program fosters school readiness among three- and four-year-old children. "Preschool is very valuable to children as they learn the structure of school along with the importance of play," said Krebill. "Children learn how to work together using cooperation and incorporating how to problem solve and take turns. Preschool also aids in preparing students with the

skills that they need for kindergarten."

Commenting on Krebill's hire, St. Patrick School principal Scott Czarnopys said, "We are excited to have Courtney join our school family. She has amazing energy and a passion for Catholic education."

In addition to a new director, the preschool program will also benefit this year from expanded space, new activity centers and greater participation in all-school activities. The curriculum includes religion, math, science and reading as well as lots of time to explore and play. "Prayer, academics and play are all a part of our daily routine," Krebill said. "I look forward to developing these traits in our children in the upcoming year."

The St. Patrick School preschool program runs from 8-11 am on Mondays,



Courtney Krebill

Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents can choose from a two-day or three-day program depending on their

★ In The Service

Army National Guard Pvt. Abram N. McIntire has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime mov-

ers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

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Prior to the procedure one needs to clean out their colon. We call this a "prep." A prep typically includes a liquid diet for 24 hours, followed by a liquid laxative and a pill laxative. Your doctor may have to guide you with medications you take on a regular basis.

Upon arrival at the hospital, you will change in to a gown and be given an IV. This IV will be used to administer a sedative prior to beginning the procedure. This sedative also causes amnesia, so you do not remember the procedure. The doctor inserts the colonoscope and will view the entire large colon. The procedure usually takes about 20 minutes. After the exam it takes around an hour for the sedative to wear off before a driver can take you home. You will not be able to work the rest of the day. You may feel bloated and pass gas for several hours afterwards.

The doctor will contact you with biopsy results about a week later. If the colonoscopy was negative, you do not need another screen for 10 years. If polyps were found, it may range from one to five years.

happy birthday!

- AUGUST 31**
Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson.
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Veen Observatory open for night viewing

by Emma Palova

As the large dome of the Veen observatory turns to the north, a shining light trekking across the night sky can be seen through the viewing window.

Just a few minutes ago, the International Space Station was on its orbit over the Pacific Ocean. But, now on a Saturday night at 9:57 pm, the amazed public watches the fast moving light from the northeast to south on the remote Kissing Rock Hill.

In four minutes, the station disappears from the view. The station travels at the height of between 173 to 286 miles altitude above the Earth. Like most man-made satellites, it can be seen with a naked eye.

On one of the best viewing nights at the observatory, Grand Rapids Amateur Association (GRAA) president Dave DeBruyn directed attention first to a star with a very bright flare.

Standing outside on top of the hill, with or without telescopes, people watched the star appear inside a triangle.

"This is very bright," said DeBruyn. "You are lucky."

A 15-minute video presentation inside the observatory called "A Night on Kissing Rock Hill" gave a brief overview of the history and showcased deep sky photography.

Jeff Kozarski, GRAA member, said the main purpose of the public nights is to show the wonders of the universe, such as Neptune, star clusters and nebulas, hundreds of light years away.

"This is one of our better nights," said Kozarski.

Unfortunately due to bad weather on Aug. 12, the Perseid meteor showers could not be seen. But, October should bring the rising of Jupiter in the eastern sky. "It will be pretty bright," said Kozarski. "It's interesting, educational and different, something that people don't get to experience."

For Katelyn and Allyson Sheneman, watching nebulas that look like fuzz balls through the main telescope inside, the sky was amazing.

Unlike satellites, deep sky celestial objects like nebulas, galaxies and clusters, located millions of astronomical units far away, cannot be seen without a telescope.

"I don't get to see the stars very much," said Shelly Gonders, first time visitor at the observatory.

And the sky remains fascinating to seasoned amateur astronomers like Michael Steele, as well.

Steele, one of the junior members of the GRAA in the 1970s, came back for the public viewing night last Saturday.

"It's something different," he said.

Steele has wanted to come back to the observatory for some time.

"It's different entertainment than television and a fantastic hobby that doesn't cost you anything," he said.

Steele has done a lot of the deep sky photography for the observatory, like the Orion nebula and craters. "Your telescope becomes your lens," he said. "You can see craters."

The observatory has a charge-coupled device (CCD imager) available that allows computers and cameras to hook up to the telescopes.

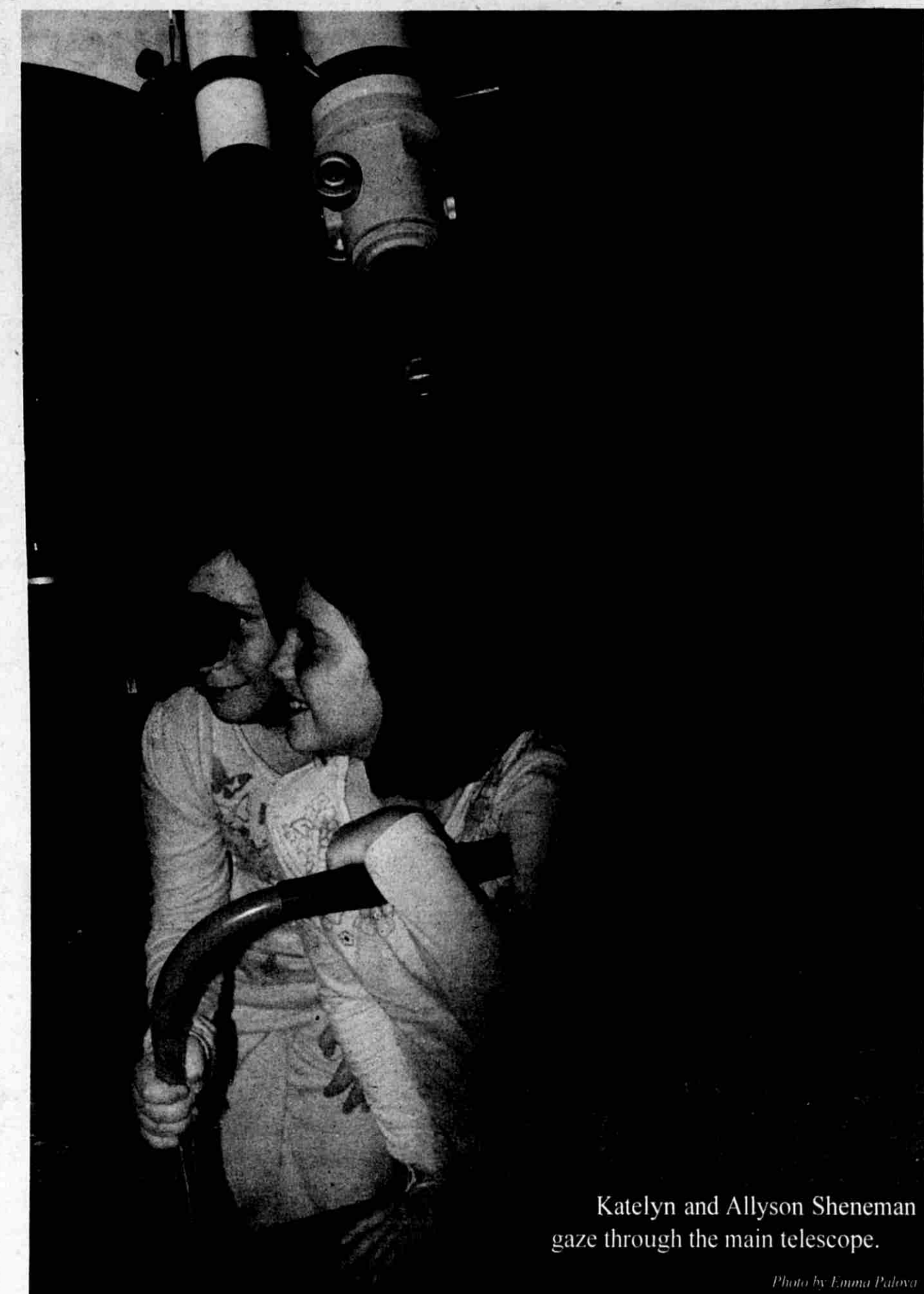
The GRAA conducts research on asteroids and other subjects using the smaller Schmidt Cassegrain telescope in the east dome.

There is also an extensive library in the lower level.

The public nights are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, starting at 8 pm in September, if the skies are clear.

The observatory is a quarter of a mile walk uphill from the main parking lot. Admission is \$3 and \$2 for children.

In September and October, viewings will include Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Gibbous Moon.



Katelyn and Allyson Sheneman gaze through the main telescope.

Photo by Emma Palova

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Season opener, continued

28-0 score rallied Red Arrow fans and silenced the Rams.

Coach Dean said, "The key was our kids were ready to go."

He added that Lowell's excellent defense accounted for Rockford's turnovers.

"I wouldn't describe it as they were off their game," he said.

The defense held the Rams to only one score in the third quarter, the game closed with Lowell's 21-point victory.

Dean rushed just past the century mark on 30 carries, tacking on 193 yards through the air and a passing touchdown. Blake Lyman led the Red Arrow receivers with four catches for 76 yards.

Coach Dean maintains a perfect record for season openers in his 14 years of coaching the Lowell Red Arrows.

Looking at where his team can improve, the head coach said, "We have to establish a running game.

We need to run better and block better."

Aside from that, "there were some small pieces offensively and on special teams." Dean added that constant improvement throughout the season is the main objective.

As for the rest of the season, Dean said, "I think our kids are confident they will [perform well] based on who they have in front of them."

Starting with an away game against the Kenowa Hills Knights this Friday at 7 p.m., Lowell has a tough schedule.

He explained, "They're all playoff teams, so they're all qualified opponents. Another great challenge for us."

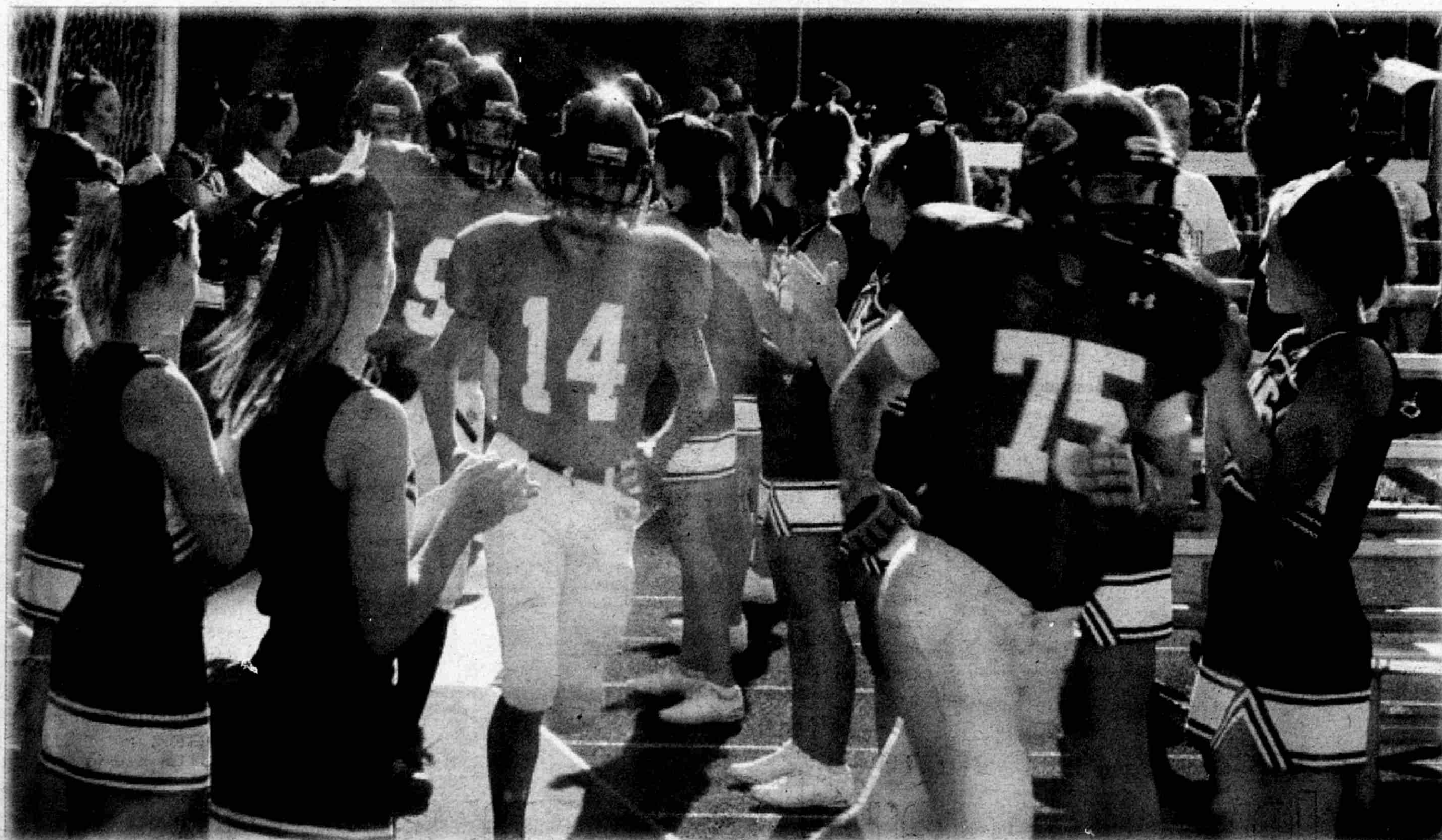
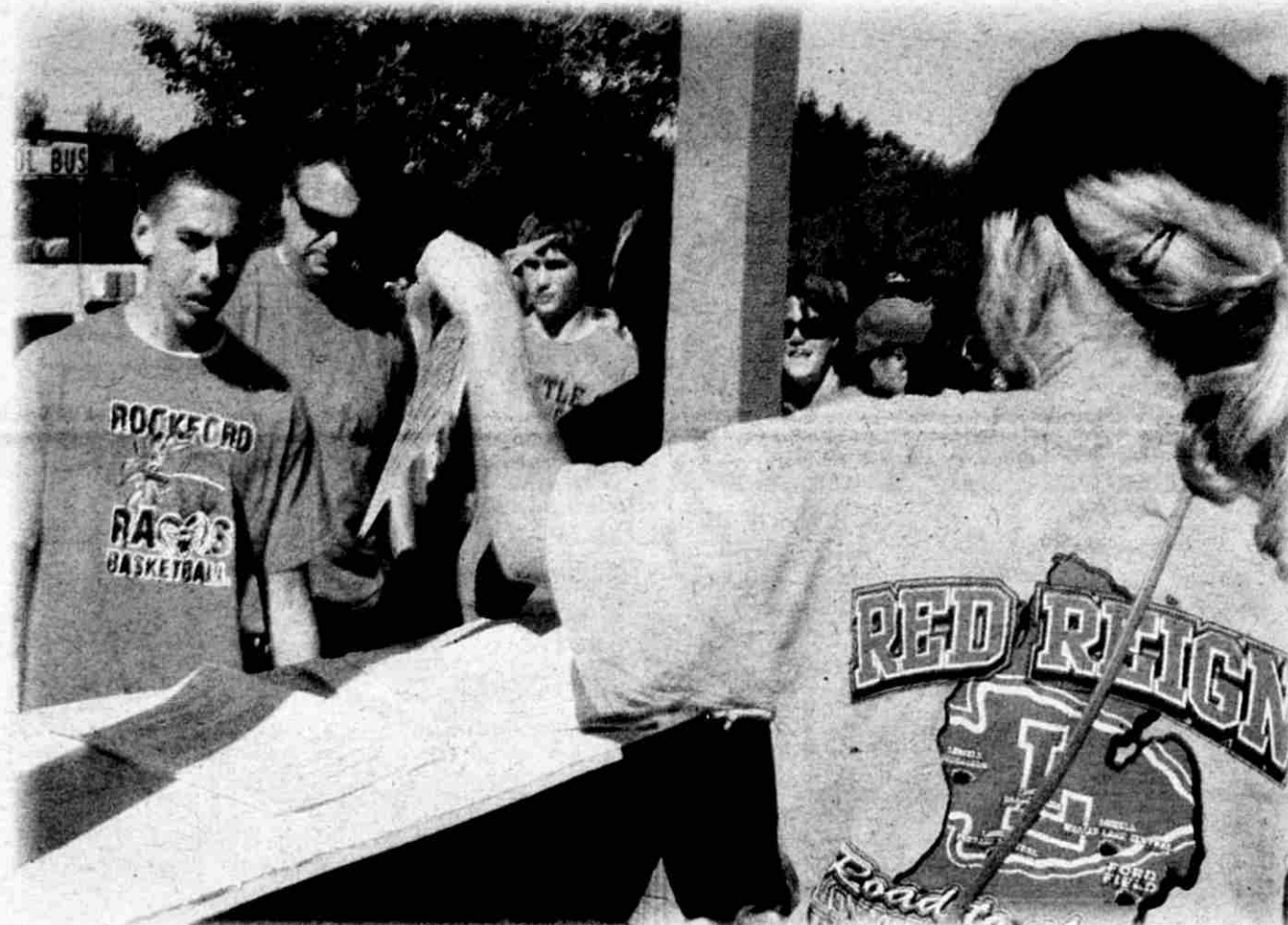
Rockford's starting quarterback Mark LaPrarie, who was injured during the game, is expected to return during the season according to Mike York, Rockford's athletic director.



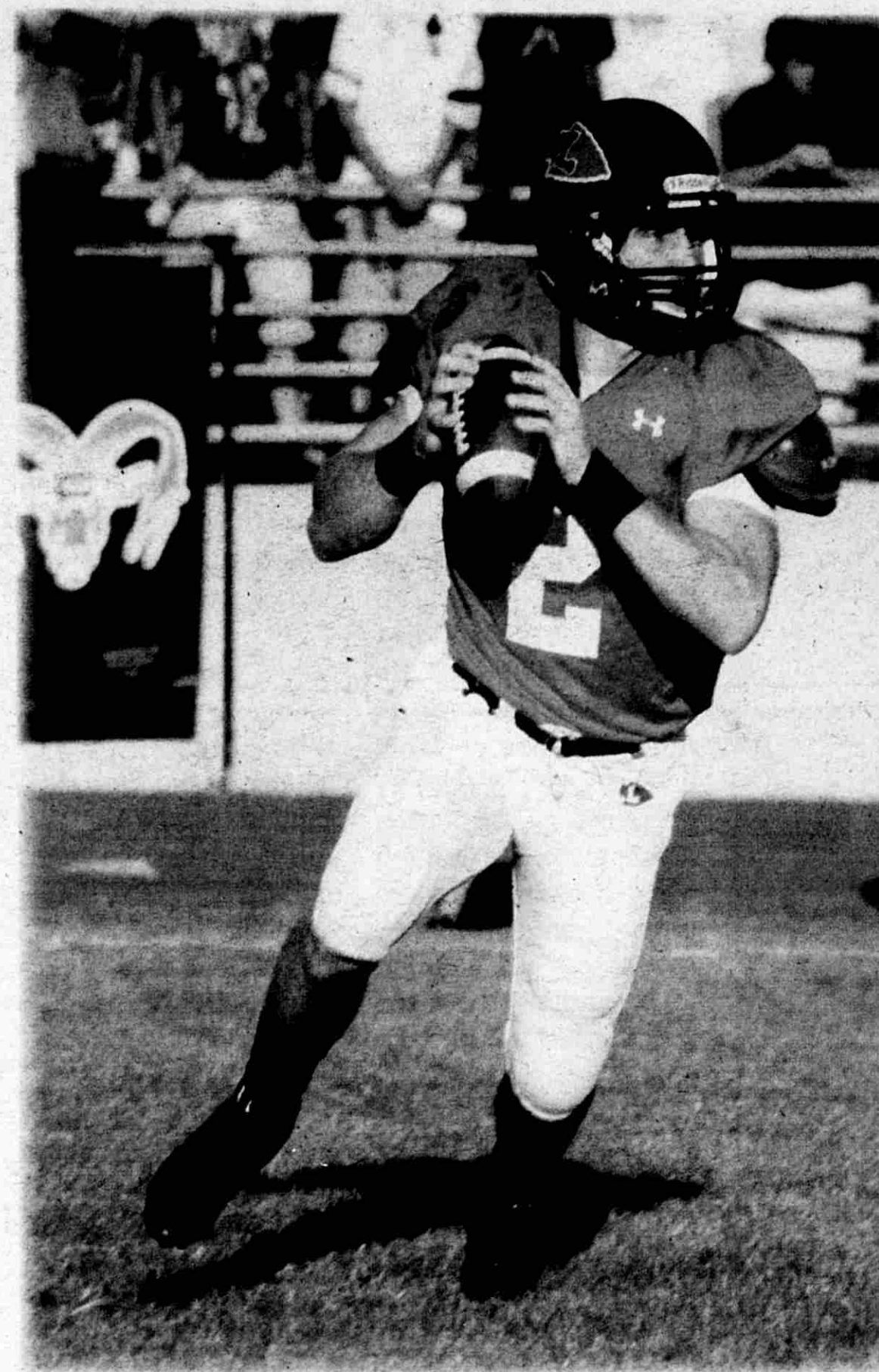
The student section organized a white-out, complete with painted chests, to support Red Arrows football.



Rockford fans pack the Bob Perry stadium, contributing to the crowd of approximately 8,000 fans.



The Red Arrows take the field.



Gabe Dean looks for an open receiver. Dean rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns, and threw for 193 yards and another TD.



Lowell recovered two Rockford fumbles, leading to two Red Arrow touchdowns.



Head coach Noel Dean coached his team to their 14th consecutive season opener victory since he's been coach.

The Lowell Red Arrows run out the clock in the fourth quarter, enjoying a 28-7 lead over the Rams.



Annual Pink Arrow Quiver Run expands

The annual Pink Arrow Quiver Run, taking place Sept. 10, has a 10 kilometer course this year. Now, runners and walkers can choose to go the extra

Both the 10k and 5k courses begin at the Bob Perry Football Stadium at Lowell High School runs through the high school roads, across Vergennes to the Wittenbach / Wege Center through the 1.39 mile nature trail, "vice president of marketing at Fifth Third Bank, Mary Jane Berklich, said in an email. "The 10k continues to the west down Vergennes to Parnell. Both courses finish back inside the football stadium."

Participants will be joined by celebrity runners: Middle School assistant principal Nate Fowler and head football coach Noel Dean.

The start times for the races are: 10k at 8 a.m., 5k at 8:20 a.m., 5k walk at 8:25 a.m. and Kid's Fun Run at 9:45 a.m.

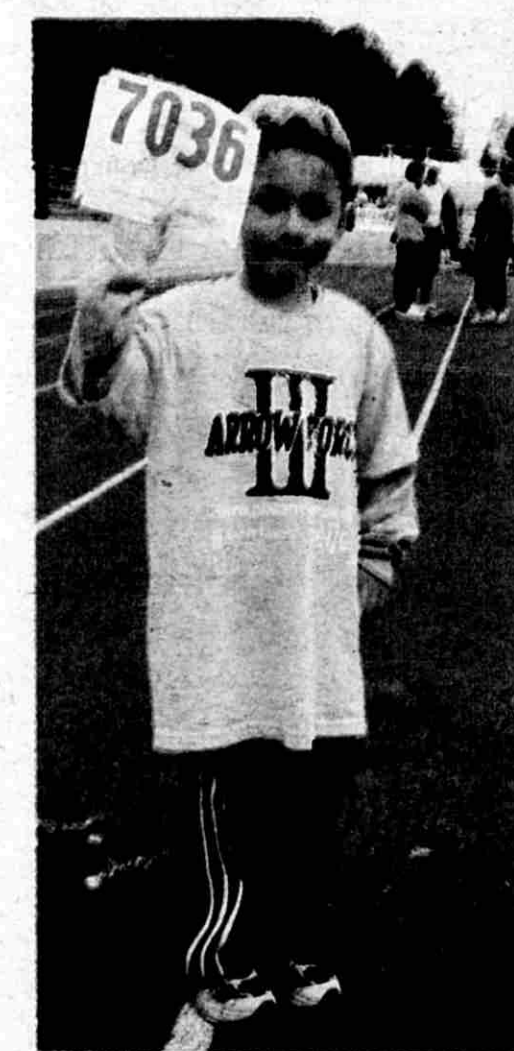
"The Kid's Fun Run is free and includes a finisher ribbon," Berklich said.

Refreshments are provided to the participants after the race and a T-shirt is included in the registration fee. The top five overall winners for men and women runners in both the 5k and 10k will be awarded medals.

All checks must be made payable to Lowell Area Schools or Pink Arrow Quiver.

Berklich said, "All monies support Gilda's Club of Lowell, provide financial assistance for families battling cancer and to educate our youth and community about cancer."

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

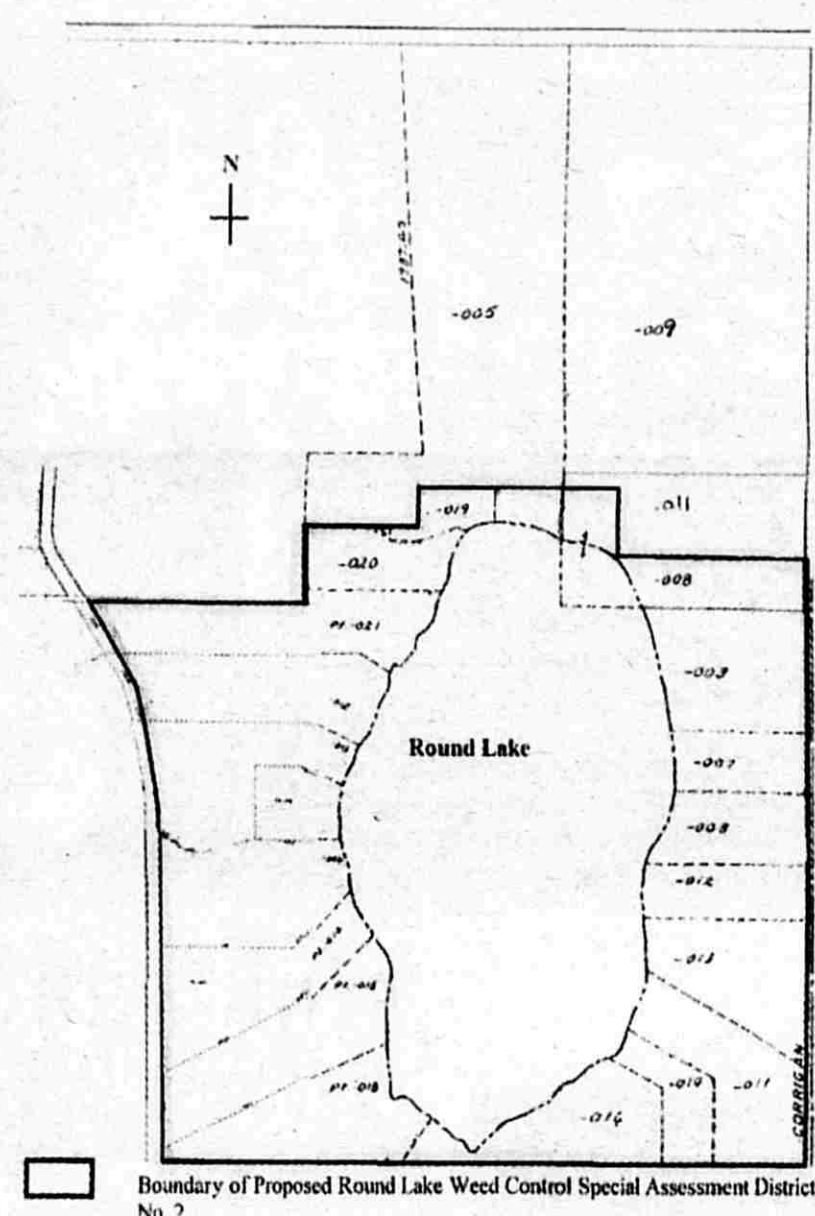
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having received petitions to make certain public improvements to Round Lake consisting of the application of herbicide treatments for the eradication or control or aquatic weeds and plants, from record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district described below, has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefited by the Improvements and which together comprise the following special assessment district:

ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

The lots included within the proposed special assessment district are permanent parcel numbers:

- 41-12-21-400-003, 41-12-21-400-007, 41-12-21-400-008, 41-12-21-400-011, 41-12-21-400-012, 41-12-21-400-013, 41-12-21-400-014, 41-12-21-400-016, 41-12-21-326-002, 41-12-21-326-006, 41-12-21-326-012, 41-12-21-326-013, 41-12-21-326-014, 41-12-21-326-015, 41-12-21-326-018, 41-12-21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020, 41-12-21-326-021, 41-12-21-200-005, 41-12-21-200-008, 41-12-21-200-011

MAP OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT



TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Grattan Township will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2011, at 7:00PM, at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 10% ABOVE PROPOSED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Periodic redetermination of the cost of the Improvements may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 188.

This Notice was authorized by the Grattan Township Board.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Jim Fues at 616-691-8450. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Jim Fues at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809, at least seven days prior to the hearings to be attended.

Dated: August 8, 2011

Jim Fues, Clerk
Township of Grattan

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
EARL VANDEN HAZEL TRUST

Craig A. Bruggink, attorney for Trustee, 429 Turner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within four months after the date of publication.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, Earl Vanden Hazel, who lived at 1655 6th St., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, died on 6/17/11. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Amended and Restated Earl Vanden Hazel Trust dated 12/19/2001, as further amended on 11/4/2002 and 6/14/2005, will be forever barred unless presented to John P. Sterk, Trustee, at 2700 Westbrook, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, or

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

August 25, 2011

John P. Sterk, Trustee of the Earl Vanden Hazel Trust, uad 12/19/2001 as amended. 2700 Westbrook, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-826-9952

Prepared by: Craig A. Bruggink P.L.C. (P29358) Attorney for Trustee 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-4038

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following business:

Applicant Eric VanDePol is requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Flat River District, section 201.307 (B) (3) (a). He is proposing to extend an existing river access dock 36 feet farther out into the water for a depth to support a boat. It will be a temporary seasonal dock of three sections, each 3 feet wide, 12 feet long. The property is located at 14200 Thompson Dr on the cul de sac of the private street.

The members may review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

Vergennes Township ZBA

Arrow tennis takes in preseason tourney

The varsity boys tennis team took second place in a Portland tournament held on August 17.

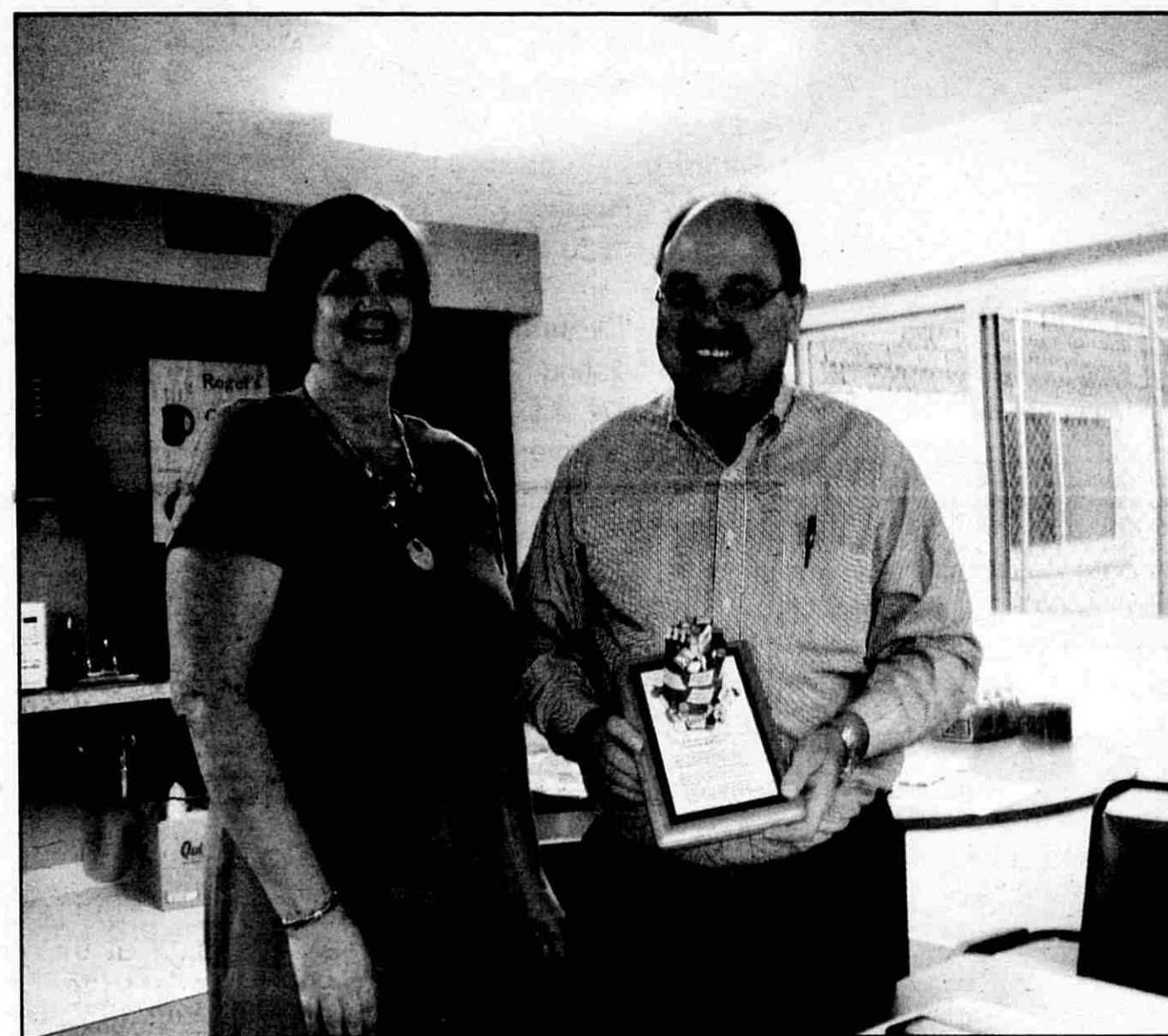
First row: coach Roger Wall, coach Bonnie Wall, Christian Huisman, Zach Fotis, Micah Babcock, Tony Hanson, Paul Heemstra, Dan Cowden, and Luke Kloosterman; back row: Quinn Summerfield, Parker Groom, Keaton Pomper, Conner Smith, and Austin Rix.



Golfers are forever working on mechanics. My tennis swing hasn't changed in 10 years.

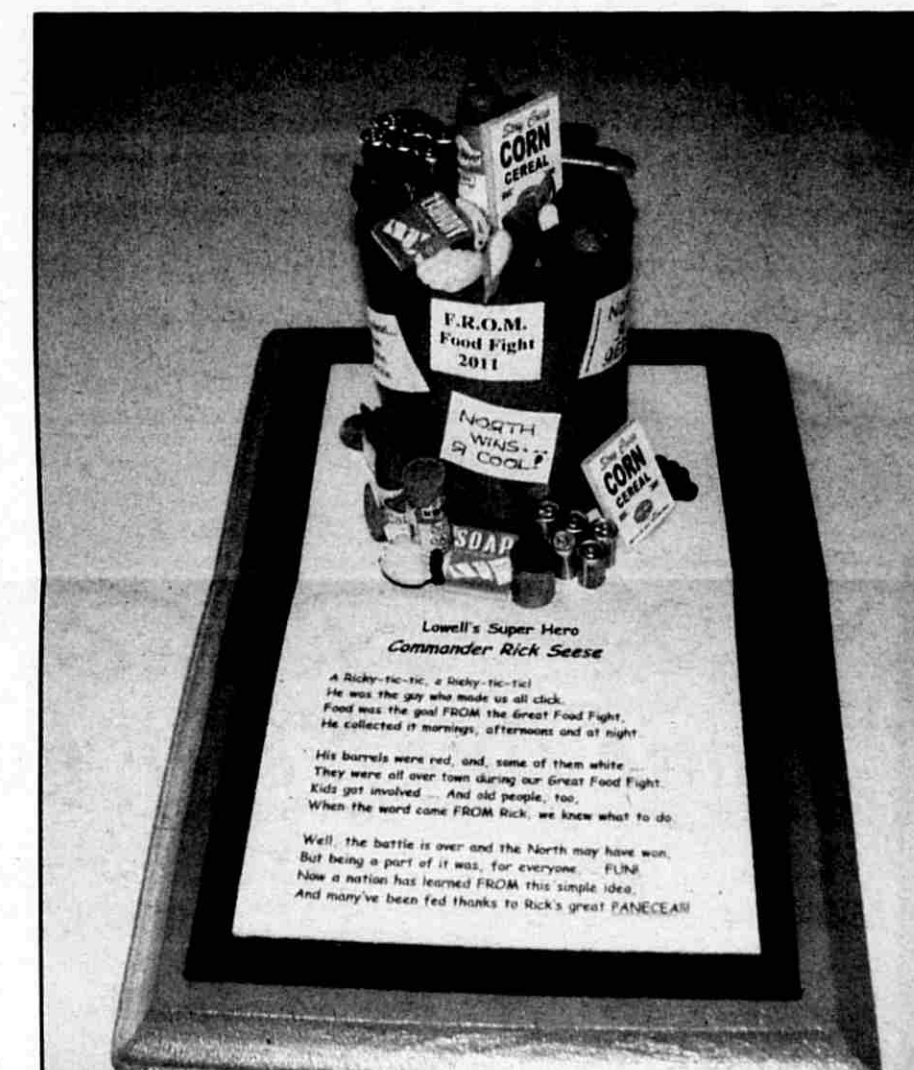
- Pete Sampras

Seese honored at FROM board meeting



Tamela Spicer and Rick Seese. At right the award created by Dave Thompson.

At the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) board meeting Monday night, Rick Seese was recognized for his inspiration for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Fight. This year's total of more than 32,300 food items was double the 2010 and quadruple the 2009 totals. Standing with Seese is Tamela Spicer, the new executive director for FROM. Dave Thompson made and presented the award which was a replica representing the many barrels that were located around town. "The Fight!" plans are already underway for the 2012 food fight campaign which has captured a wonderful spirit of competition of those who live north and south of Main Street.

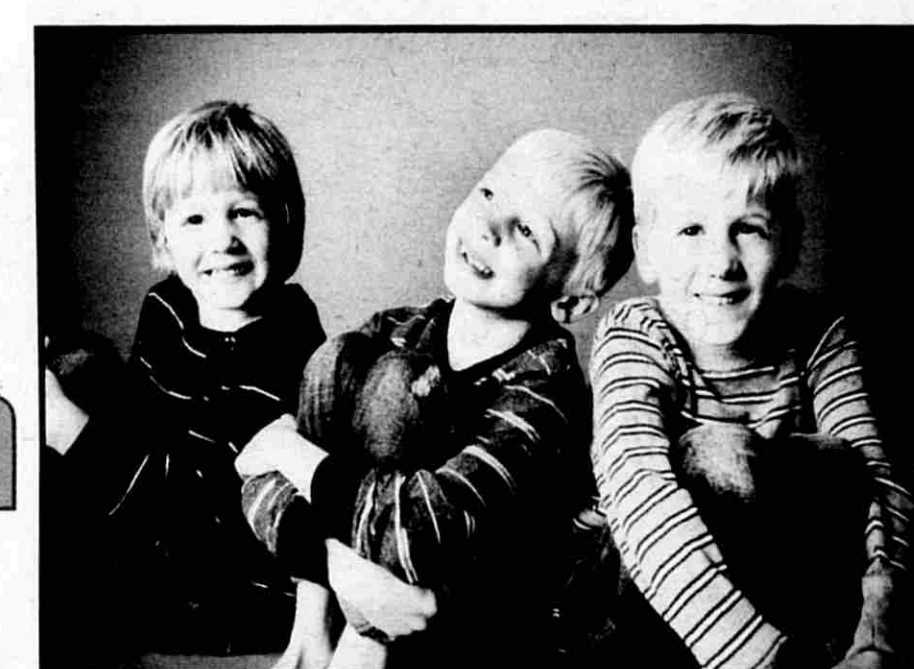


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obituaries

FRYOVER

Lillian "Lil" Tennetta Fryover, age 90, of Ada, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2011. She was preceded in death by her son, James Fryover and sister, Donna Wilcox. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Bill; children, Karen DeRidder, Steve (Su) Fryover, brothers, Bruce (Jan) Fase, Darrell (MaryAnn) Fase; sister, Dorothy (Hal) Collins; a loving, caring grandmother of grandchildren, Renea DeRidder, Shannon Fryover, Scott Fryover; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49502.

HOAG

Wilma Louise (Regan) Hoag, age 95, went to be with her Lord, Jesus, August 29, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Hoag and daughter, Florence Hoag. She leaves to cherish her memory, sons, Ray, Jr. (Deb) Hoag and Patrick Hoag; daughters, Tricia (Gary) Heys and Liz (Mark) Miller; grandchildren, Julie (Robert) Morse, Scott (Carol) Hoag, Melissa Heys, Kevin (Jocie) Heys, Beth Hoag and Susan Hoag; great-grandchildren, Landon, Brooke and Cole Morse, Ben and Jack Hoag, and Caedyn Heys. A graveside service for family and friends will take place on Wednesday, August 31, 11:00 am, at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

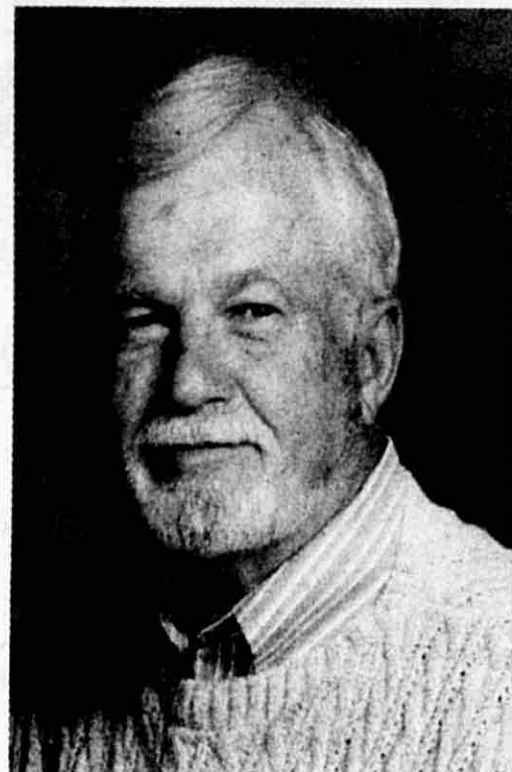
CHRISTENSEN

Judith "Judy" Christensen, age 66, of Alto, went to be with the Lord on August 27, 2011. Judy was an extraordinary woman with extraordinary love for her family and dogs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken Christensen. She will be greatly missed by her children, Dean (Trang) Christensen, Randy (Amy) Christensen, Wendy (Angelo) Christensen-Grimes; grandchildren, April, Nate, Nick, Ryan, Aaron, Marshall and Austin; great grandchildren, Jake, Haven, Riley, Brooke, Remington, and Dawson; brother, Donald (Debbie) Sherwood; sisters, Barbara (Forrest) Peterson, Juanita (Ken) Cotter, Robin (Bill) Jancek; brothers-in-law, James Christensen, Steven Christensen; sister-in-law, Monica Smith; also several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held 11:00 am Thursday at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Road, S.E., Ada. Brady Nemmers officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Visitations Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ionia County Humane Society, 3256 State Road, Ionia, MI 48846.



HARDING

David Squires Harding, loving husband, father and grandfather, peacefully passed from this life on August 26, 2011, at 10:42 pm after a diligent fight against cancer. He was born January 25, 1933, in Cassopolis. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 51 years, Marjorie (Marj) Freimund Harding; son, Michael David (Kim) Harding; precious granddaughter, Jordan Kathryn Harding; brother, Charles J. (Marcia) Harding; nieces; nephews; and many wonderful and caring friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. and Kathryn Squires Harding of Cassopolis. He graduated in 1951 from Cassopolis High School and attended Michigan State University.



NEAD

Kathleen "Kathy" Louise Nead, age 44, of Lowell, passed away surrounded by her family, Tuesday, August 23, 2011. She is survived by her mother, Sharon Nead and David DeVries; father, Charles Nead and Judy Kovalchick of FL; sister, Tracy (Peter) VanderMeer; nieces, Sarah and Kelsey VanderMeer; also many aunts, uncles and cousins. Kathy was a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University. Funeral service was held Saturday at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell. Deann Eddy officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Green Acres of Lowell, 11530 Fulton Street S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.



Besides his family, his passions were fishing, hunting and camping. He served his country with the army as a military policeman in Okinawa. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of Lowell scout committee, Lowell Area Historical Museum, life member of Peninsular Lodge #10, and several fishing clubs. He owned Harding & Associates, a manufacturing rep. business of fishing, hunting, camping and marine products, covering five states. Honoring his request for cremation, a private burial will be held at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery-Lowell. A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 30, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Larry Settle, retired minister of Pleasant View Church of Christ of Cassopolis, officiating. In his honor please consider donations to Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917; Lowell Area Historical Museum, PO Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331 or The Pink Arrow Project, PO Box 214, Lowell, MI 49331.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-190815-DE

Estate of BERNICE RUTH ELLENS. Date of birth: May 15, 1929.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Bernice Ruth Ellens, who lived at 2274 Fuller Ave., NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505, died 08/05/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Randall Ellens, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

08/24/2011

Daniel Blauw (P37283) 2020 Raybrook SE, 204A Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-336-5098

Randall Ellens 257 141st Ave. Wayland, MI 49348 616-891-1951

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Gone But Never Forgotten



BETTY J. POWELL 8/12/30 - 9/4/10

You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you.

Love you always, Lloyd Sr., Jane Lewis and Lloyd Jr.

classifieds

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

for sale

100% WOOD HEAT - No worries. Keep your family safe & warm with a Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, fax 897-4809 or email to: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261.

MATTRESS SETS - All new. Twin, \$125; full, \$149; queen, \$159; king, \$199 up. Waterbeds \$65 up. Pillows, \$175 up. Bunkbeds, \$199. 616-682-4767 or 293-5188. Can deliver.

PICK-YOUR-OWN RASPBERRIES & BLUEBERRIES - at Bird Berry Farm. 5256 Belding Rd. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Sunday. 616-794-5041.

AIR BED - King Medalion I-10. Top of line with memory foam. Dual chambers. Digital number pump. Used 1 year. Sell \$1,500. 616-293-6160.

1 FILING CABINET - 4-drawer, dark gray, heavy-duty office quality, good condition, \$40.00; 4 Good-year Eagle LS 225/55/R17 tires, \$100.00. Cash only, you haul. Call Don, 682-5415.

WALNUT TREES WANTED - Cash paid, insured work. 616-527-4142.

FOR SALE OR ASSUME LOAN - 1999 16x80 three bedroom, 2 bath mobile home in park. Call 897-0277.

STOP STOP - Don't send your student to school to sleep on someone else's "used" "yuk" mattress. Brand new twins, \$100; fulls, \$125. Call 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.

FIRE/BOILER WOOD - 10 cords semi loads 8 ft. logs delivered, 10" average diameter. See pictures, coxx.com or a movie on YouTube (alanjcoxx). Call Al @ 231-846-0346 anytime. Please clip this ad, give to a wood burner.

COPIES COPIES - We have color & black & white copiers! Stop by our office, Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

for sale

ADJUSTABLE BED - with Memory Foam mattress. Never used. Cost \$2,100. Will sell \$1,299. Can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.

THEATRE IN THE PARK CAMPS - offered in October to 4th-8th graders. \$60 per person. Call Veronica at 616-893-0307.

for rent

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, wheelchair ready, fenced yard, close to middle school, \$950 plus utilities, 897-1059.

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

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

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.

sales

SALE - 9/1, 9/3, 9/4, 9/8 & 9/10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. New items up to 90% off retail: furniture, wood, gardening items, silks, vases, TV's, lights, shoes, & more. Used: TV, coats, misc. home items, etc. Trees & plants. 131 S. Center, Lowell.

MOM MOVED, EVERYTHING LEFT MUST GO - 5847 Hotchkiss, follow the signs. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 2 & 3, 10 to 5; Mon. & Tue., Sept. 5 & 6, 10 to 5.

RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE - Fall garage! Sept. 8 & 9, 4:30 N. Washington, 8-5 p.m. Adult clothes, children & baby clothes, books, household items, furniture & more more.

free

FREE TO GOOD HOME - 3 year old cat, neutered, declawed, up-to-date on shots. Great lap cat. Call 616-642-3746.

SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787.

misc.

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS - is being offered by Pfaller Firearms LLC in cooperation with Tri Town Conservation Club over 2 days on Sept. 13 & 17. Cost is \$100. For more information or to register for class email jamespfaller@gmail.com

services

CATERING - All occasions; boxed lunches, luncheon parties, weddings, graduations, celebrations & parties. Call Patty's Pantry at 810-964-0639.

HOTWATERDR - Hotwater Dr Pool & Spa Service. Every make & model. Pool closing specials! Call for details, 616-874-3385 or visit hotwaterdr.com

services

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

BRICK - BLOCK - STONE - Chimney repair & concrete work. Call 897-0698 ask for Darryl.

WOOD GASIFICATION - Boilers use half the wood as our competitors. 85% plus efficiency. Boilers in stock. www.woodboilers.com, 616-893-2264 Nate Kinsman or 616-292-8801 Derrick Borup.

CUSTOM CABINETRY - Handcrafted, solid wood kitchens, baths, entertainment centers, etc. at pre-built prices. Personal Choice Cabinetry, 897-1130.

services

BIG STEPS LITTLE FEET - Christian Childcare & Preschool in Ada now enrolling. www.bigstepslittlefeet.org 616-682-8300.

THIS OLD PAINTER - Interior/exterior, insured, free estimates. Call 897-5314.

STICKNEY ROOFING - Licensed & insured, free estimates. 10% senior discount. Accepting all major credit cards. Call Jamie at 897-4369.

UPHOLSTERY - Furniture, RV cushions, boat seats, dinette chairs, 50 years exp. Low prices, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Richard Kuyt Sr. 531-3309.

CARPET INSTALLATION - Residential & commercial, patches, restretch. Free estimates. Call Kevin at 616-813-4299.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk, etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Mention this ad & receive 10% off. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

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 ran 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. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

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. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

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.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

ery Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm. 9:30-10:30 a.m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP - is open Wed. 10 - 8 p.m., Thurs. & Fri., 10-6, Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 1535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER - 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula,

clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

EVERETT HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 647-3820.

ENGLHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10-6 p.m.; Sat. 1-4 p.m.; Monday by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartsCouncil.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday 1-4 p.m.; Thursday 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER - 402 Amity, Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adoloscents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs. 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

SHOTGUN & ARCHERY SHOOTING LEAGUES - at Caledonia Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport). Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@csclub.com

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.

BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388, Open to the public.

EVERY THURSDAY - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865

Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms & grandmas come pray for our kids & schools. Contact Missy at 308-7920 or jakooistra@comcast.net with any questions.

ORIGAMI - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

CANCER - KIDS & TWEEN TALK GROUP - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for children in first- eighth grade on a cancer journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each Tuesday, 6 - 7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - KIDS GROUP - Second & fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

TEEN GROUP - CANCER AND GRIEF - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for teens in ninth - twelfth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities & discussion. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS - meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. New carvers welcome.

Social Security Q & A

Question: I received a notice from Social Security recently. It said my name and Social Security number do not match Social Security's records. What should I do?

Answer: It is critical that your name and Social Security number, as shown on your Social Security card, match your employer's payroll records and your W-2 form. If they don't, here is what you need to do:

Give your employer the correct information exactly as shown on your Social Security card or your corrected card; or

Contact your local Social Security office (www.

socialsecurity.gov/locator) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) if your Social Security card does not show your correct name or Social Security number.

For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: Are Social Security numbers reassigned after a person dies?

Answer: No. We do not reassign Social Security numbers. In all, we have assigned more than 460 million Social Security numbers, and each year we assign about 5.5 million new numbers. The current system

has enough new numbers for several more generations. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question: Can I apply online for retirement benefits?

Answer: Yes. It's quick and easy. Apply online and save yourself a trip to the office. Once you submit your online application electronically, in most cases, you're done. There are no forms to sign or documents to send in. If we do need more information to process your application, a representative

will contact you. For more information about applying online, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question: If both my spouse and I are entitled to Social Security benefits, is there any reduction in our payments because we are married?

Answer: No. We independently calculate each spouse's Social Security benefit amount. Each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. Couples are not penalized simply be-

cause they are married. If one member of the couple earned low wages or did not earn enough Social Security credits to be eligible for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse.

Question: How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

Answer: If you are an adult, you must be unable to work for a year or more because of a medical condition or combination of medical impairments. Overall, we use a five-step evaluation process to decide whether you are disabled. The process considers any current work activity you are doing. It also considers your medical condition and how it affects your ability to work. To be found disabled:

You must be unable to do work you did before you became disabled and we must decide you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition; and

Your disability must last, or be expected to last, for at least one year or to result in death.

Social Security pays only for total disability. We do not pay benefits for partial or short-term disability.

For more information, read our publication Disability Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

Question: If I go back to work, will I automatically lose my Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: Social Security has several work incentive programs to help people who want to work. You may be able to receive benefits and continue your health care coverage during a trial work period. For information about Social Security's work incentives and how they can help you return to work, you should:

For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question: If I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits, what is the effect on my benefits if I work?

Answer: In most cases, your return to work would reduce your benefit amount, and in some cases, discontinue your payments. Unlike Social Security disability, there is no "trial work

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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 6th day of September, 2011, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "JOHNSON AND GODFREY COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT", and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. And also if drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

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

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

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

41-24-14-300-001;

41-24-15-100-004; 300-016, -017, -022 thru -024; 400-004, -006, -007, -009, -010;

41-24-16-400-002, -010 thru -012;

41-24-21-100-010; 200-003, -004, -007, -018 thru -021, -023, -024, -026; 400-005;

41-24-22-100-001 thru -005, -007, -008, -010, -011; 200-002, -006 thru -010; 300-003, -005, -006, -008, -009; 400-001, -005 thru -010;

41-24-23-300-008, -013, -014;

Bowne 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; 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 Johnson and Godfrey 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 11th day of August, 2011.

William R. Byl,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following business:

Applicant David Dowson is requesting setback variances from the Zoning Ordinance, Lake Residential District, section 201.3075 (E) (1) & (2) and Accessory Buildings 201.402 (A). He is proposing to construct a detached garage that would be closer to the side lot line and the house and from the street right of way than the setbacks allow. The property is located at 3524 Causeway Dr, Lowell.

The members may review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

Vergennes Township ZBA

THEME: FAMOUS INVENTIONS

ACROSS

1. Ulysses S. Grant's first name
6. Second-largest bird in world
9. Expel
13. Sun-dried brick
14. "___ a moment too soon"
15. Helper for some elderly
16. Acquire knowledge
17. Contend
18. Abrupt increase
19. *Inventor of electric motor
21. *Cyrus McCormick's invention
23. Brooks or Gibson, e.g.
24. Small stream
25. Sometimes hard to find in city
28. Traditional spot for an earring
30. Front of a building
35. Like dental surgery
37. Vagrant
39. 13 in baker's ___
40. Average
41. Hill or Baker, e.g.
43. Just below roof
44. Gives off
46. ___ drab
47. Wedding cakes often have more than one of these
48. Leader of a Muslim state
50. Russia's Peter the Great, e.g.
52. "___ the Beloved Country"
53. Hippocrates' promise
55. Theatrical prompt
57. Not dense
60. *Allen/Gates invention
64. Wallop
65. Neither
67. Dam
68. Affected by wear
69. Masseur's office
70. African chieftain
71. Movie "The Way We ___"
72. Clairvoyance
73. Form of Japanese poetry

29. *Character Q provided great inventions to him
31. *Inventor of revolver
32. Pre-life
33. Postpone
34. Diary item
36. Lesotho money
38. *Inventor of "hoisting apparatus"
42. Olden day calculators
45. Not quite a spoon and not quite a fork
49. ___-been
51. Streamlet
54. Past, present or future ___
56. Organ swelling
57. If it fits...
58. She survived her infamous husband Henry VIII
59. Bane of teenager's existence
60. Tortilla sandwich
61. Baker's baker
62. Song "Eight Days a ___"
63. "Que sera ___"
64. *Huge network
66. Roman goddess of plenty

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616-897-0787

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Sound Off! is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print.

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So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

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We were almost broadsided by a large truck running a red light at the corner of Bowes and W. Main St. We need a light to tell drivers when the light is about to change. I suggest a fast-blinking yellow signal to wake drivers up.

You know, I was thinking the other day about the election and how if we give Obama four more years, because he's crappy, we won't have any mess to clean up. China and our other creditors will own it.

- Nancy Stroosmyder

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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- Tsunami 6%
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Fire and Water artist creates art based on dreams

by Emma Palova

Karen Godfrey's painting series "Dream People" now on display at the Fire and Water Art Gallery depicts dreaming that takes place while asleep and while awake.

"Our dreams will tell us what our hidden desires are," Godfrey said. "They tell your soul's purpose is in life."

A lot of Godfrey's artwork focuses on the night world and the possible meanings of the night's dreams.

"To me this represents times in my life when I am in transition from one adventure to the next or when I am on the edge of awareness of something much larger than myself," she said.

And almost all of Godfrey's artwork carries a hidden message or some sort of symbolism.

"These are messages that you don't see right away," she said. "You never know what's going to happen."

In her painting "Legend of the Water Lily Serpent," Godfrey started out by portraying a woman floating in the water. Later, she added the caves in the background, the water lilies and the water lily serpent.

Then, she realized that these underground caves, called cenotes, are a symbol of the Mayan people. If they found water lilies, they knew the water was clean. The water lily serpent was a deity associated with the cenotes. The symbolism of the serpent can also be viewed as water on the ground, or it may float between the world of the living and the dead.

"The importance of artwork is in symbolism," Godfrey said. "It's bringing you a message and showing you the drama of life."

The drama of life can also be seen in Godfrey's "Flight of the Scarlet Macaw." Here Godfrey depicts the beautiful birds along with a native girl in the American tropics.

The beautiful bird has suffered from local extinction through habitat destruction and parrot capture.

Godfrey, with a master's degree in social work, has practiced art therapy with women suffering from cancer. She has also taken classes from New School of Fine Art.

"I was being fed in a spiritual way," she said. "It was about expressing my feelings through art."



Karen Godfrey with her exhibit the "Dream People."

Godfrey has always used art to explore her own personal growth and issues. This may also be called visionary art.

"It helps me put an image to my feelings and take it down to my heart instead of thinking about it," she said. "It helps me not to think bad thoughts."

Godfrey calls those bad thoughts, "the inner critic in all of us." Artwork helps quiet down that inner critic through exploring various subjects, such as different cultures, beliefs and their healing properties.

For example, the Iroquois believed that dreams represented their soul's purpose.

"When you didn't honor that dream, you would get sick," said Godfrey. "That's how people get sick by losing touch with important things. They don't take the time to do what feeds their soul."

Godfrey suggests spending more time on what a person really wants to do

in life, rather than accumulating payments and huge houses.

"Take time every day to go into a quiet room, turn

see the importance of their work. She closed her own Art Beat gallery in East Hills in 2007, to dedicate herself to art.



Godfrey's "Legend of the Water Lily Serpent."

off your phones, close your eyes and see what comes to your heart," she said.

In her exhibit, Godfrey hopes to help other artists

The full-time artist also displays at the Cycling Salamander gallery in Charlevoix. She had a solo show in Tucson at the Old Pueblo Gallery.

"I would like art to help the community to move forward in a positive way," she said.

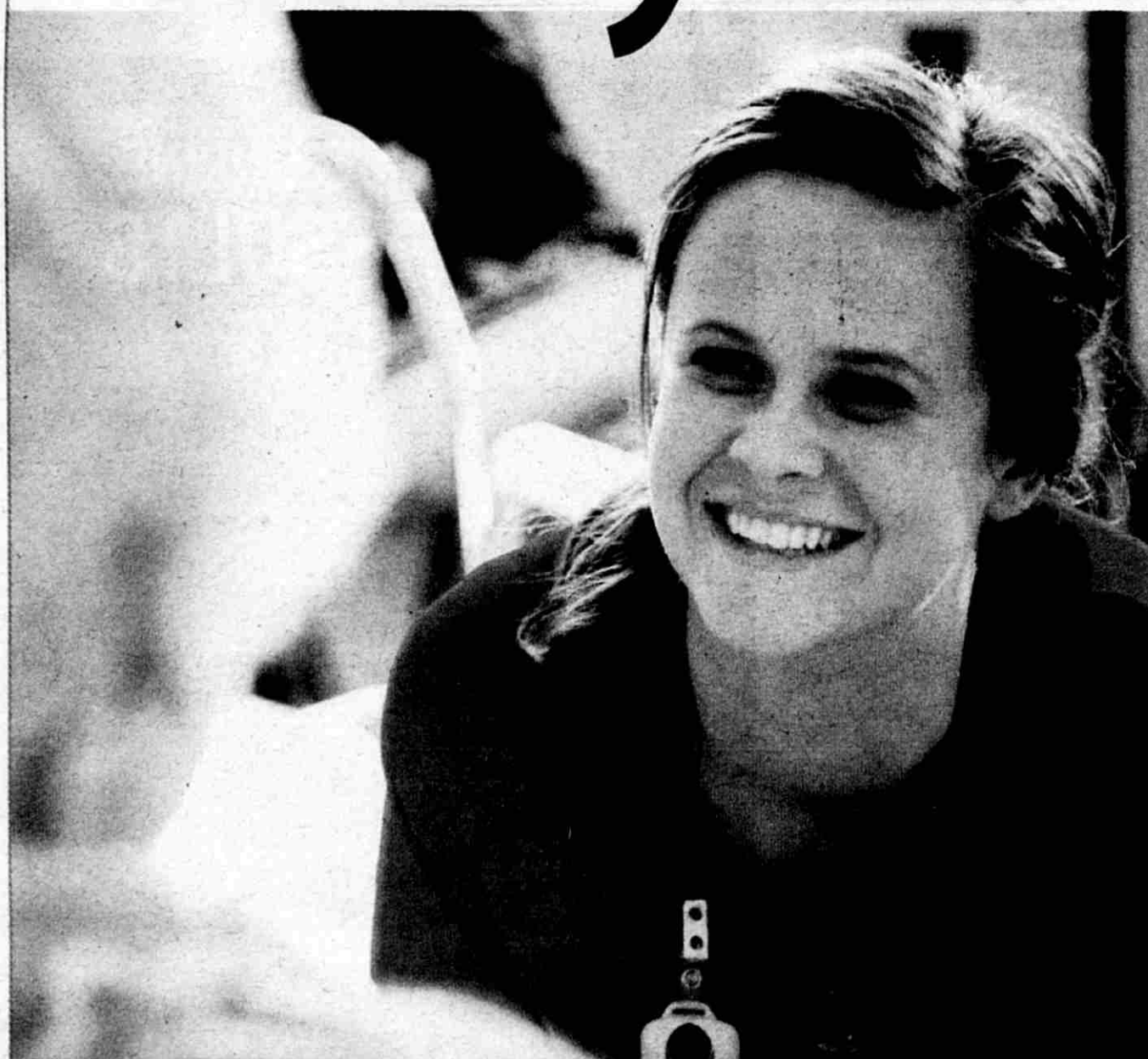
And although art may seem intimidating at first, picking up a box of crayons and a coloring book can be a way to start.

Godfrey encourages artists to display and show their work maybe on the Internet.

"If you're a beginning artist sharing your art is helpful," she said, "and discussing what it means to you."

The exhibit is featured through the months of September and October. For more information go to www.karengodfrey.net.

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