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## NBC Today Show to cover Pink Arrow Pride

by Casey Cheney

The fourth annual Pink Arrow game has the same cause with a new twist: NBC's Today Show will be there.

Superintendent Greg Pratt said, "We are incredibly thrilled to have received word from the producer of

the NBC Today Show that they plan to cover Pink Arrow IV, bringing national attention to this powerful student-led service learning project." A lot of details still need to be hammered out, said Donna Miller one of the many Pink Arrow Pride volunteers.

"What we know so far is that they're coming," Miller said. "Who? I don't know."

Whoever does come, she said, will arrive early Friday morning and stay through the football game. While they're here, they will interview players, coaches

and community members, including two players who have parents fighting cancer, or who died in the fight and a retired football coach who is a cancer survivor and faithful attendant of the Pink Arrow games.

Pratt said more than

\$1 million has been raised through Pink Arrow.

Miller said, "It's absolutely wonderful. We want them to see that what we do and what we raise stays in the community and helps community families."

## Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts offers a relaxing day in the park

by Emma Palova

From apple dumplings to famous chicken and brats, fine jewelry to a blacksmith showing his skill, and from country to rock and roll, come and sample the smorgasbord of the Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts.

Set on the backdrop of fall beauty and grandeur, the 43rd Fall Festival for the Arts will take place on Sept. 17 and 18 at the beautiful Fallasburg Park located four miles north of Lowell.

Presented by the Lowell Arts, the festival has expanded its name to put emphasis on the arts part of the event.

And it has permanently

moved its date to the third weekend in September in order not to coincide with ArtPrize.

"We wanted to provide more opportunities for the people in West Michigan," said Lowell Arts director Lorain Smalligan.

The festival is unique because it offers an eclectic mix of music, arts and crafts, and artisan demonstrations in a park setting.

This year, 100 artists will be selling their arts and crafts under the canopy of large oak trees. Annually, the festival attracts 20,000 people between Saturday and Sunday.

And even on rainy fest days, serious shoppers will come to the event in search of that special unique piece.

The arts and crafts range from jewelry, ceramics, fiber, wood, glass, sculptures, photography and paintings.

The festival offers musical entertainment on both days. Among the new bands this year are Josh Rose and Jonas Ridge, and then there are mainstays like the Adams Family, Luke Lenhart Family and the Proulx Brothers.

Most of the demonstrations are inside the shelter or

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Kasey Cornwell holds this year's fall fest quilt by Dawn Ysseldyke.

## Technology equipment stolen from fair office

by Emma Palova

The Kent County Youth Fair is offering a cash reward for information leading to the return of stolen technology equipment worth \$750.

The office was broken into sometime on Sunday night between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. A router and an ASUS laptop with software were stolen.

"They're stealing from the kids in the county, taking away equipment we use to provide better service to the fair," said Bruce Doll, senior vice president and secretary for the fair board.

The walls of the King Building were smeared with mustard and ketchup, according to Doll. The announcer's booth at the horse

arena has been vandalized as well.

Doll can recall only one other incident of vandalism at the fairgrounds when a water pump was set on fire.

However, it was the first time that the fair office was broken into, according to Sgt. Steve Bukala of Lowell Police Department.

The burglary is a 10-year felony charge.

"We have no suspects at this time," said Bukala.

The police department and Doll are encouraging people to call anonymously or Silent Observer with any information.

"It would help us to have the computer back," said Doll.

## Market peaks with autumn bounty



Hope Stepek and Noah Blough of Heidi's Farmstand weigh produce at Farmers' Market last week. The market is in full swing with all the vegetables and fruits at its best. Gary Blough of Heidi's said the sales have been comparable to last year. The new location in front of Tractor Supply has worked out well for both the vendors and the customers. The biggest seller seemed to be tomatoes, as more people are canning produce. The heat to some extent impacted the number of people coming to the market.

**The market continues through September, until its end during the Harvest Festival on Oct. 8 at the fairgrounds.**

# Drivers need to be extra cautious as kids get back-to-school

Summer days are waning away and the start of school is just around the corner. The Kent County Sheriff's Office encourages drivers to cut down distractions and concentrate on the road as kids of all ages get back to school.

Children are often eager to get on and off the bus because they are excited to get to school and they are also excited to get home and tell their parents about their day. Sheriff Stelma has some safety measures for both students - and motorists - to help ensure safety for everyone.

### Tips for students

Always arrive at the bus stop early.

Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door is opened and the bus driver says that it's okay to board.

Once on board proceed quickly to your seat and stay sitting until the bus arrives at your school or other drop off location.

Do not move around on the bus.

Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. Make eye contact with the

driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.

Never walk behind the bus.

If you are walking beside the bus, make sure you are at least 10 feet ("giant" steps) away.

Take extra precaution to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the hand rail or door.

Never stop to pick something up you have dropped while the bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

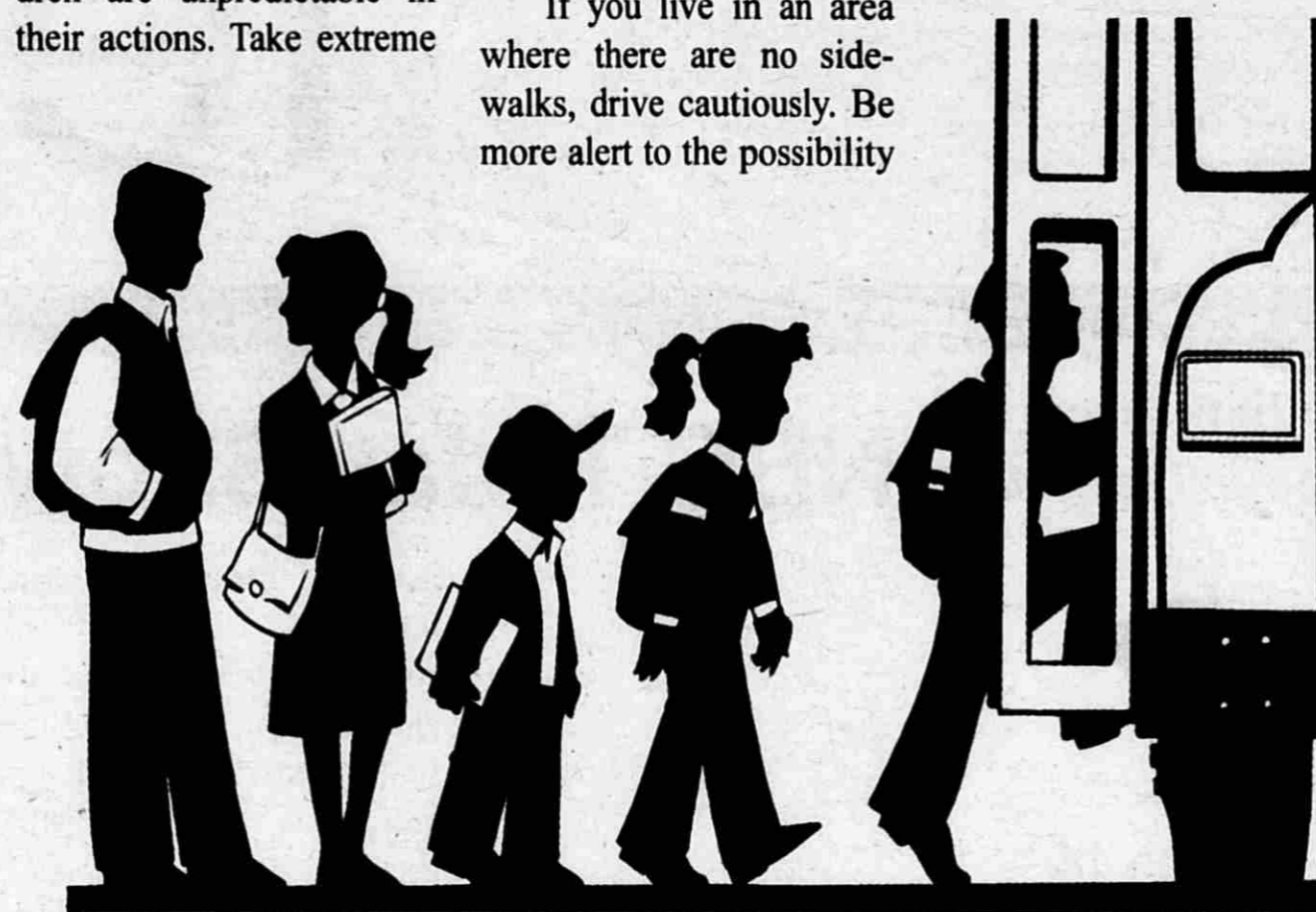
### Tips for motorists

Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme

caution when traveling in a school zone.

If you live in an area where there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility

see yellow school bus lights flashing.



## along main street

### BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

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### ALONG THE GRAND RIVER

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present "Along the Grand River from Ada to Ionia" with the Historical

Societies of Ada, Boston-Saranac and Ionia at the Lowell Township Hall, Tues., Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm. Learn about the Grand River, hear stories of Indians, settlers, fur traders, bridges, steamboats, the railroad, the Wolverine Pavedway. Light refreshments served after the program. For more information call 897-7688.

### COMMUNITY SUPPER/FOOD TRUCK

St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, Wed., Sept. 21. Truck arrives 5 pm. Free food distribution between 5 and 6 pm. Dinner served at 6 pm. Any questions, call 897-9820.

### FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Two free classes will be offered this fall at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. Call 616-446-7058 to register. Each class runs for eight weeks. Evening and weekend sessions are available. Times and dates will be determined by those registered. Classes are facilitated by a Mayo Clinic trained and certified tobacco treatment specialist. Guests and support persons welcome to attend.

of children walking in the road.

Be more aware of children playing near school bus stops.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road your surroundings.

Put down your phone - don't talk or text while driving.

Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you

Never pass a school bus when there are flashing red lights. This is a sign that children are getting off the bus - and it's the law.

Traveling to and from school

Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.

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# Local band wraps up Sizzlin' Summer concert series, gears for Fallasburg Fall Festival

by Emma Palova

It was a rocky Sizzlin' Summer concert season. A season that started patriotic with the 64th Army Band and ended with local talent well known around West Michigan.

The Adams Family band with lead vocalist Cindy Adams Kropf closed the 2011 Sizzlin' Summer concert series last Thursday on the Riverwalk stage.

The concert ran into September due to rescheduling because of rain in June.

The band delivered their classy tunes from the 50s and 60s including folk, doo-wop and classic rock.

"We're not going away, we're going to play all night," Adams Kropf promised.

And the band did play all the way into the dark without intermission.

Jerry Adams even made his lifelong dream come true.

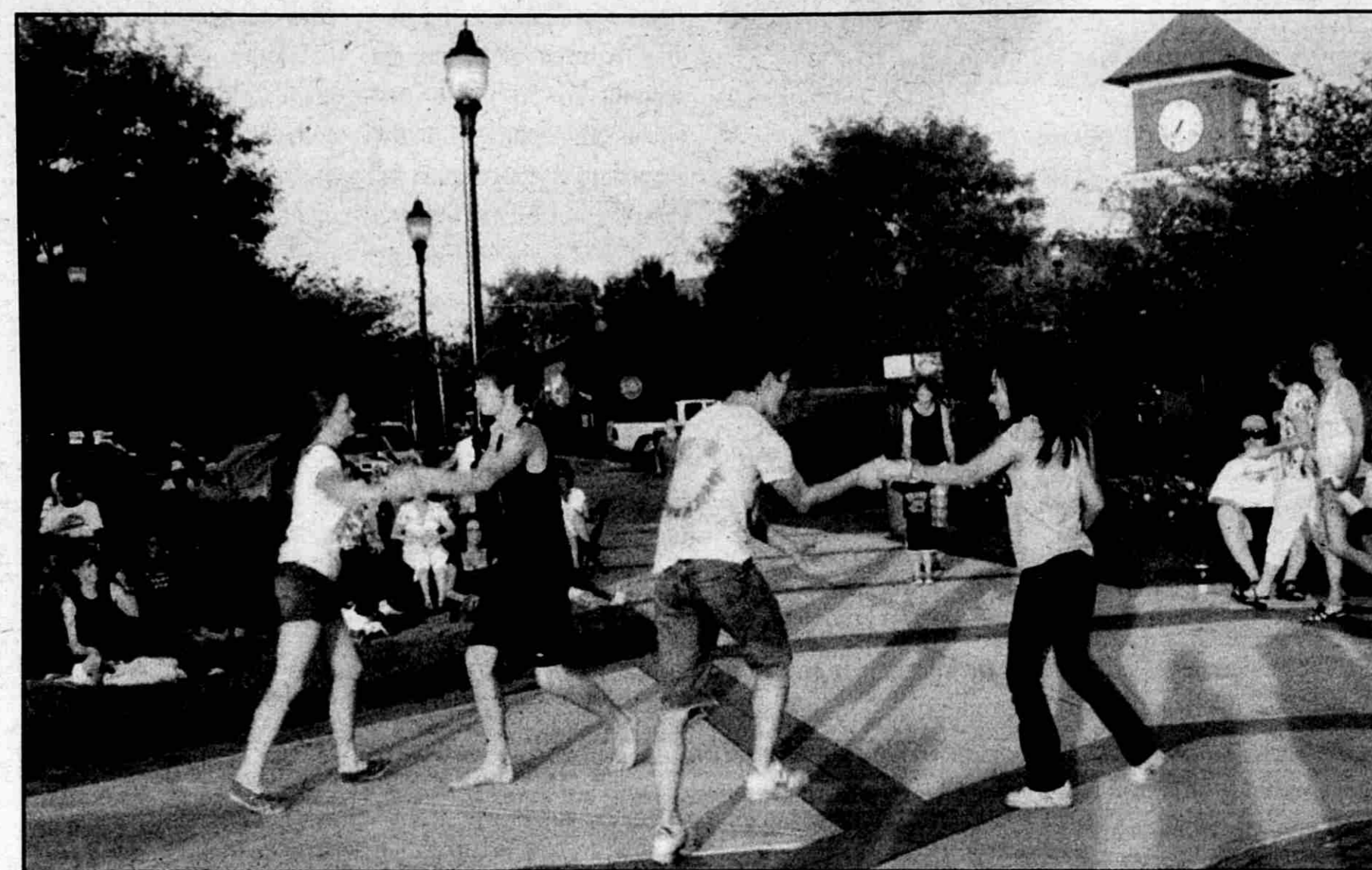
"I've always wanted to be an endman on the Showboat," he said. "This is as close as I am going to get."

So, he sang without any musical accompaniment "Old Man River," to the complete delight of the crowd.

Adams Kropf performed jive with her hands to inspire those who did not want to get out of their chairs to dance.

Throughout the entire concert series, the dance floor was frequented by couples of all ages from young swing dancers to seasoned country line dancers during the "Stolen Horses" concert.

The weather played a



Dancers hit the Riverwalk one last time.

major factor in this year's concerts. The Riverwalk ei-

ther blazed in heat, or soaked in rain.

But, the concerts were well attended by a faithful crowd ready to weather any storm, even on the night coinciding with the football game.

Other favorite bands that performed in the series were Thirsty Perch, The Trace, Tami Helm and MacNaughton Blvd, and the Grand Rapids Jazz Band.

The concerts are funded through the Downtown Development Authority.

But, the music is not yet over for this year. A full concert line up, including the Adams Family, is scheduled for the Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts on Sept. 17 and 18.



The Adams Family closes this year's Sizzlin' Summer.

## business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Sales Associate of the Month in August.

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The public is also welcome to make comments on the revised Energy Optimization Plan (EOP) in person at the LLP Board meeting scheduled for September 13th, 5:30 PM, at 127 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Gobbold

Grandparents may need to balance gifts and goals

Grandparents Day falls on Sept. 11 this year. While not as widely observed as Mother's Day or Father's Day, Grandparents Day nonetheless serves a valuable purpose in reminding us of the importance of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren. If you're a grandparent yourself, you already know the joy your grandchildren bring you, and through the years, you have probably been generous with them in many ways. At the same time, though, you probably need to strike a balance between your heartfelt gifts and your financial goals.

ever, many of these same grandparents may not be accumulating sufficient financial resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle they've envisioned. In fact, the median balance of retirement accounts for 55- to 64-year-olds is only about \$100,000, according to the Center for Retirement Research. That's not a lot of money for an age group that could spend two or even three decades in retirement.

So, as a grandparent, what steps might you take to bolster your retirement savings while simultaneously helping your grandchildren? Here are a few ideas:

• Maintain permanent life insurance. Once your children are grown, you may feel less compelled to carry life insurance. But the right type of life insurance can benefit you throughout your life. Permanent life insurance offers you the chance to build cash value, which you may be able to access, depending upon the specifics of your policy. And you can name your grandchildren as beneficiaries of your policy.

• Open a 529 plan. Use the money you're already gifting to fund a 529 plan to help your grandchildren pay for college. These plans have generous contribution guidelines, and withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for

qualified expenses. There may be state tax incentives available to in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan. And a 529 plan offers you a degree of flexibility; if the beneficiary grandchild decides to forgo college, you can transfer the unused funds to another grandchild, tax and penalty free. However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10 percent penalty.

• Contribute to a Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The Roth IRA is a powerful retirement savings vehicle. You can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment, such as stocks, bonds and government securities, and your earnings grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're at least age 59 1/2 and you've held your account at least five years.

Your grandchildren may appreciate your generosity, but they'll also no doubt want you to enjoy a comfortable retirement. As always, you need to do what makes sense for your situation. You may find there are ways to help both your grandchildren and yourself.

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

Hastings man named board president of 4,600-mile national trail

by David DeDecker Staff Writer

Dr. Larry Hawkins of Hastings has been named president of the national board of directors of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA). Hawkins officially became president at the association's 2011 national conference Aug. 11 to 13 in Dayton, Ohio.

Hawkins, an avid trail user and supporter, has been president of Chief Noonday Chapter — which includes Barry, Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties — since 2004. He has also served a number of years as a member of the board of directors of the NCTA.

In 2009, Hawkins was elected first vice president of the board. He will now begin his two-year term, taking over for outgoing board president Bobby Koepplin of North Dakota.

"I am very pleased," said Hawkins. "It's a wonderful organization. We have wonderful staff and volunteers. I became involved because of the trail itself, but have taken on more of a role over the years, although administration is not my favorite thing. I am still working full-time with the Gun Lake practice and overseeing two hospices."

At the July 13 monthly meeting of Chief Noonday Chapter in Delton, Hawkins stepped down as president of the local chapter in preparation for his new duties on the national level.

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viewpoint

to the editor

Lowell - a fortunate community

Dear Editor,

How fortunate we are to live in a community such as Lowell that treasures its past and makes it a vital part of its future. We are especially fortunate that some forward thinking residents knew the importance of saving the past and formed the Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM). A museum that is known today as "the best small-town museum in America."

At the recent 10th anniversary of the LAHM, a walking tour brochure was

introduced and it is very professionally done. If you haven't seen a copy, stop at the museum, the chamber office or the Englehardt Library; pick up a copy and take your family and friends on a walk down main street - a walk down memory lane.

We have much to be grateful for in our museum, in its staff and volunteers - this is just the latest to be proud of!

A happy member and volunteer,

Joy Smith

Learning the lessons of the Post 911 decade



Sen. Carl Levin

A decade ago this Sept. 11, terrorists motivated by a monstrous and hate-filled ideology attacked our nation, taking nearly 3,000 innocent lives. Like every American, I was appalled by the destruction and loss of life at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93.

That day, I went with Sen. John Warner, as the chairman and ranking mem-

ber of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to the Pentagon. I vividly remember the horrible damage there. We held a press conference with the secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We were unified, as a Senate and a nation, in our determination to bring those responsible for the attacks to justice.

Ten years removed

from that tragedy, it's important that we examine the steps taken since the Sept. 11 attacks to protect our nation.

Most important, we've severely degraded al Qaeda's ability to threaten us. Thanks to diligent intelligence work, the incredible bravery and competence of our military, and President Obama's thoughtful and courageous decision making, Osama bin Laden can no longer plot to harm us. Bin Laden's death and the efforts of our military in Afghanistan led Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to say recently that we are "within reach of strategically defeating al Qaeda."

We have also organized our military forces to better protect the homeland, a task we have focused on in the Armed Services Committee. We have reorganized homeland security and intelligence agencies to better combat terrorism and to share information more effectively, addressing one of the weaknesses that contributed to the 9/11 attacks.

We also have made significant strides in homeland security. One of the big problems that 9/11 revealed is that too often various emergency response agencies can't talk to one another because their radios don't link up.

In the aftermath of 9/11, I authored legislation to fund seven demonstration projects on the northern and southern borders to combat this problem, including a \$4 million grant for Michigan police to coordinate emergency response with Canada.

In March, we opened a Northern Border Operational Integration Center at Selfridge Air Base. That center will gather information from every agency and office involved in securing the

northern border so that our agencies can coordinate in protecting us while allowing commerce and travelers to move freely.

Those are important steps. But we have made errors, too, and must learn from them. The Iraq war distracted us from fighting the people who attacked us on 9/11. Use of interrogation techniques that are considered torture under U.S. and international law has made us less safe by producing faulty information and by handing our enemies a propaganda victory.

We also have work to do on northern border security. In February, government auditors found that lack of coordination between immigration and border patrol personnel is hindering border security in the Detroit region.

We must fight terrorism financing more effectively. Laws in most states do not require corporations to reveal their true owners. That loophole allows terrorists and the arms dealers who supply them to launder their money. I've introduced legislation to strip away that anonymity.

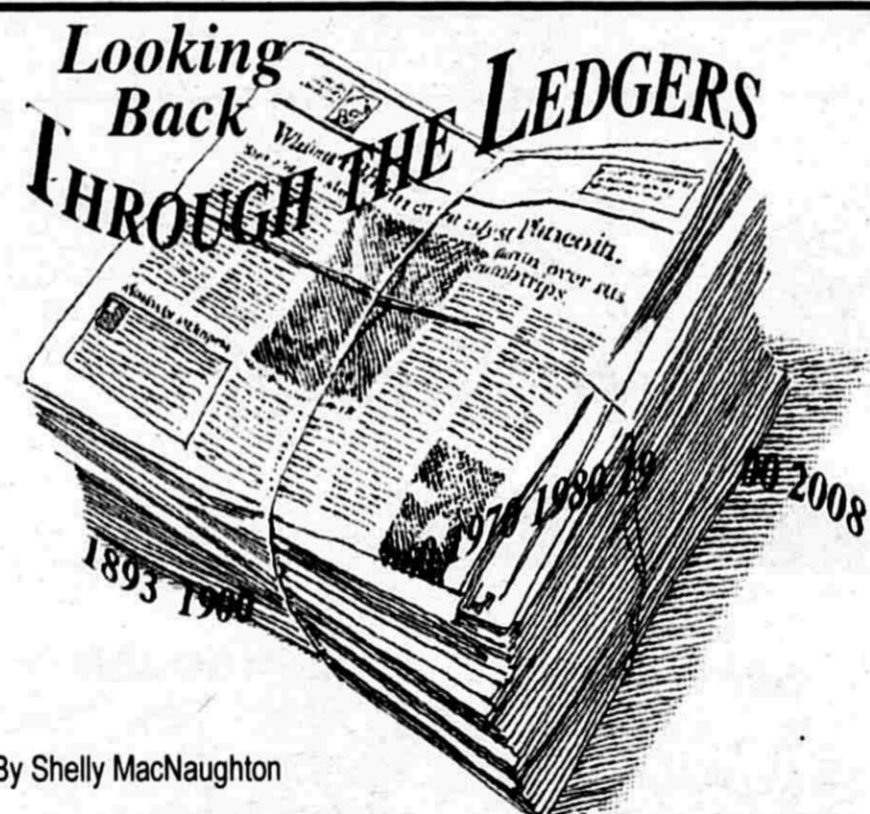
With all the work yet to do, it's good to remember our successes. One beautiful May night, my wife, Barbara, and I, drove down to the Lafayette Park, in front of the White House, just a couple of hours after President Obama announced that we had brought bin Laden to justice. The unity we felt that night, joining thousands of people celebrating the news, was just as powerful as the unity we felt at the Pentagon on the day of the attacks. It is united.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 7, 1961

Lowell Area Schools were a beehive of activity Tuesday with a record breaking 1644 students reporting. This is an increase of 329 over the enrollment in 1960 when 1315 were enrolled the first day.

Death took George E. Hatch, a well known Lowell carpenter who lived at 420 Riverside Drive, on Friday September 1. Born on November 17, 1897, he was 63 at the time of his passing.

For many years Mr. Hatch was in business with his father, the late J. Clifford Hatch, who was responsible for the construction of many of the business establishments and buildings in Lowell.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 7, 1911

M. D. Sneathen has purchased a Franklin touring car.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller on September 2, an eight pound daughter.

Mr. Baker has purchased Fred Kropf's gray house.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 10, 1986

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," is an old quip that has found new meaning for Don Fizer, president of Michigan Wire Processing. The ten year old Lowell based company has found a way to recycle one of their primary wastes and also produce a marketable by-product. Sulfuric acid is the primary chemical used in the company's process of cleaning and treating huge coils of steel for various steel manufactures. Fizer explained that as the steel is processed the acid retains iron particles until it reaches a point where the acid is too saturated to be used further. The used acid is hauled away by disposal firm reduced to a sludge and buried in a landfill.

Beginning in early October, Fizer hopes to change all this when a new reclamation plant goes into operation on Michigan Wire property on West Main Street. The new plant will remove the iron crystals from the used acid. The acid can then be reused for wire processing and the iron residue can be sold to fertilizer companies to be used as an ingredient in their products.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 3, 1936

Miss Madeline Kyser of South Boston is the new assistant in the Ledger office. Miss Kyser graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1936 and takes a real interest in office work.

Despite petitioned remonstrance from virtually all of the local business places the Lowell post office will be removed to the London Brothers Block at Broadway and West Main streets, as previously announced according to the telegram received Wednesday from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General in which that official regretted that the matter had been decided upon apparently irrevocably last August 21.

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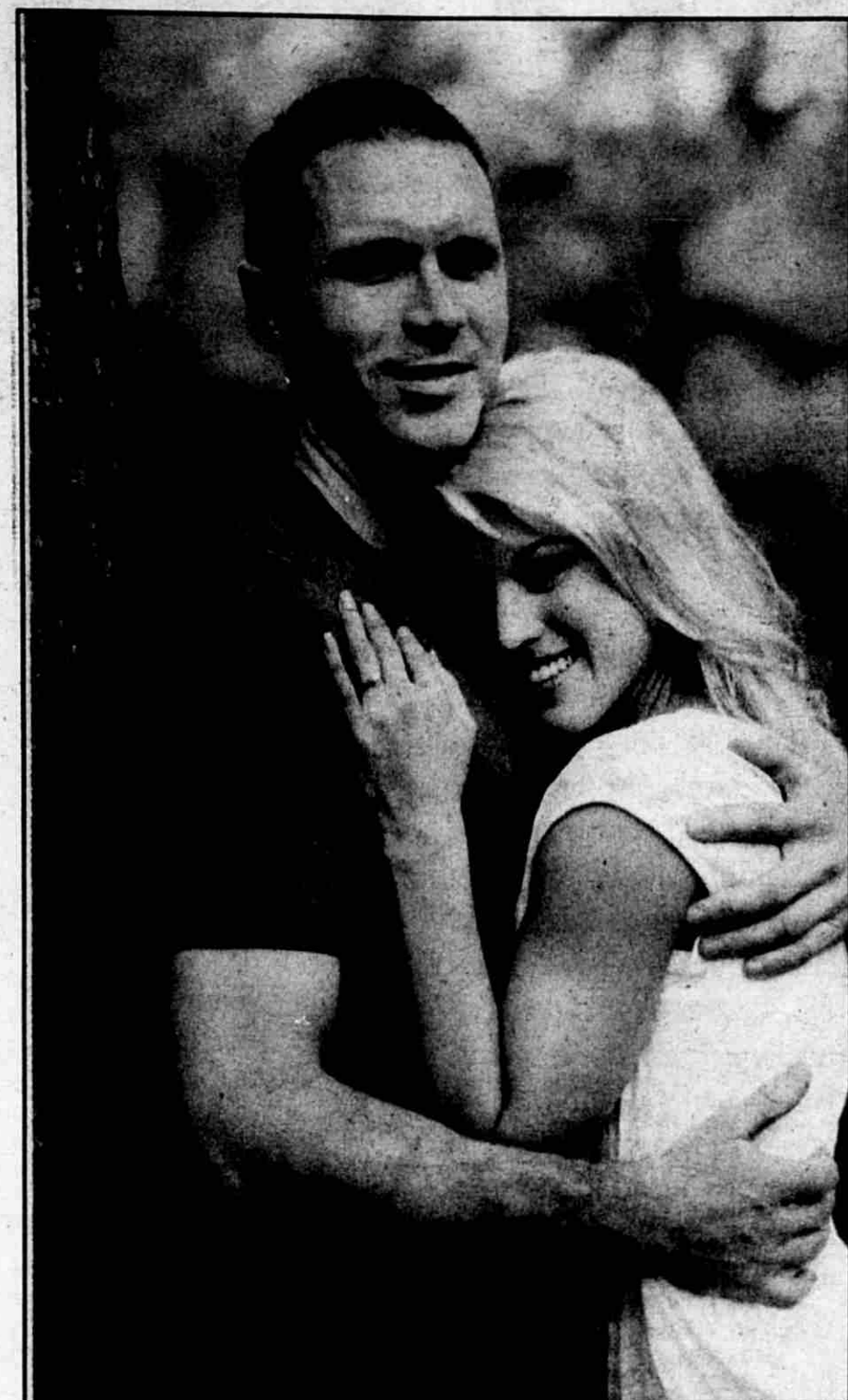
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# engagements

## White/Stuart



Brent Stuart and Krystal White

Krystal Marie White and Brent Paul Stuart will be wed on October 8, 2011. Parents of the couple are Mike and Michele White of Lowell and Ralph and Joyce Stuart of Bailey.

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A long marriage is two people trying to dance a duet and two solos at the same time.

— Anne Taylor Fleming

# A reminder to adults that vaccines aren't just for babies

While many Michigan adults are making sure their child's immunizations are up to date for the new school year, it's a good time for them to review their own immunization status as well. Whooping cough has been on the rise in recent years in the U.S. and in Michigan, and recently, Michigan has had three adult cases of tetanus reported by hospitals. Immunization is a lifelong process, and it's important that adults of all ages get vaccinated against serious diseases, such as

flu, measles, tetanus, and whooping cough, to name a few. "Vaccinations can protect adults from many preventable diseases, but too many Michigan adults are under-vaccinated," said Dr. Dean Sienko, Interim Chief Medical Executive for Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). "It is important to remember that vaccinations aren't just for kids so as families get their children

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



## Achilles tendonitis

The achilles tendon is a large cord of tissue connecting your "calf" muscle to your heel. This tendon allows you to push off with your foot. Tendonitis is a result of overuse and not enough rest. It is often a result of running, jumping or other intense exercise that strain the tendon. Many factors can contribute to developing this condition, such as:

- flat arches
- shoes that lack adequate support
- running on uneven surfaces
- poor flexibility of the calf muscle
- new intense exercise
- a rapid increase in the distance or speed of running
- repetitive sudden starts and stops
- direct trauma to the tendon

If the tendonitis is mild, you need to rest and ice the area several times per day, as well as taking anti-inflammatories like Motrin or Aleve. Rest usually is for several weeks to a month. Gradually one can begin exercise as tolerated. Some will need physical therapy and even months of rest. Orthotic devices (custom special insoles) or cortisone injections are also sometimes used.

Achilles tendonitis usually begins with a dull chronic pain and gradually worsens over time. This pain is worse after periods of inactivity. The pain is typically above the heel. One may notice mild swelling or a bump over the area. This can progress to a weakening of the tendon called tendonosis. This can lead to a more severe injury involving a tear or rupture.

As with most health issues, prevention is key. Proper stretching, a gradual increase in exercise and intensity, good supportive shoes, and cross training can help you avoid months of rest and inactivity.

# Busy families get a helping hand from Cherry Creek staff.

Purchasing school supplies — done. School and Pink Arrow t-shirts purchased — done. Feeding the family dinner — done. Beginning the partnership with your children's teachers for the new school year — done.

Families at Cherry Creek Elementary had a new and productive experience at this year's Meet the Teacher night. As parents

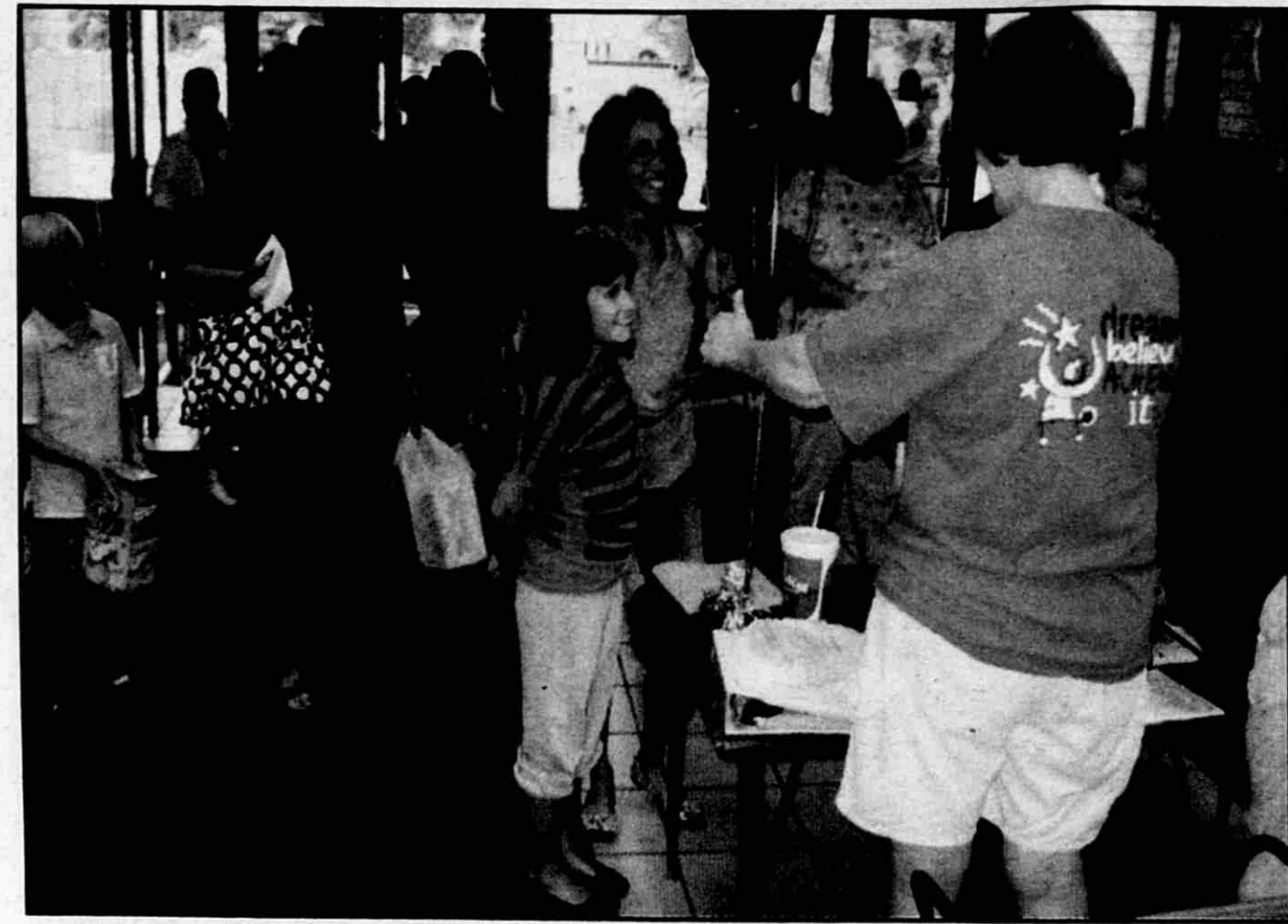
themselves, staff members understand the challenge of fitting in multiple classroom visits, school shopping and getting the family fed dinner all in one rushed evening. This year, they wanted the experience to be different.

"When you have more than one child in school, you have to fit multiple classroom visits into Meet the Teacher night. It can be

rushed and stressful, instead of the relaxed, welcoming experience it should be," said Shelli Otten, Cherry Creek Elementary School principal. "We wanted to offer an event that got the year off to a positive and productive start."

The first difference was combining Meet the Teacher night with the school

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Maureen Kissinger, Cherry Creek administrative assistant, greets families at Back to School Night.

# Vaccines, continued

ready to head back to school, now is the perfect time for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to talk to their providers about protecting everyone's health in the household."

Whooping cough has been on the rise in recent years in the U.S. and in Michigan. People 13-64 who have not yet received Tdap should be vaccinated at their next healthcare visit. Those 65 years or older should receive Tdap vaccine if they are living with or caring for infants under 12 months of age. It is especially important that those in contact with infants get vaccinated against whooping cough,

including pregnant women, new parents, siblings, grandparents, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel.

Measles, a highly contagious disease, is also on the rise in the U.S. and internationally. Some adults who haven't received MMR vaccine should get immunized right away. It is especially important that persons planning international travel are vaccinated against measles, as many of the cases throughout the U.S. have been brought in from other countries.

In January, the federal Advisory Committee on

Immunization Practices (ACIP) updated its recommendations on the meningococcal vaccine, based on new data. Teens now need a booster dose at 16-18 years of age and college students 19-21 years of age who haven't received meningococcal vaccine in the past five years should now be given a dose of meningococcal vaccine. Other adults may need meningitis vaccine, too. It is important for adults to talk to their health care provider about all of the vaccines they need to stay healthy.

Adults should check to make sure if they need to be vaccinated against other

diseases such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, varicella (chickenpox), human papillomavirus, and hepatitis A and B. Further, the flu season will soon be upon us, and the seasonal flu vaccine is now recommended for everyone, every year. The single best

way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated. Flu vaccine can be given throughout the fall and into the winter and spring months. Vaccinating adults protects infants and children, seniors, and individuals with weakened immune systems. Now is a great time for adults

to talk to their health care provider about vaccines for the entire family. Protection from preventable diseases is just as important to adults as it is for children. For information about vaccines adults need, visit [www.adultvaccination.org](http://www.adultvaccination.org).

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\* Approximate times

- 2:30 p.m. GATES OPEN
- 3:00 p.m. Boosters Concessions  
and Restaurant Row Open
- 3:20 p.m. Soccer introductions
- 3:25 p.m. Brennan Prill sings National Anthem
- 3:30 p.m. **VARSITY SOCCER GAME -**  
Lowell vs. Grand Rapids Christian
- 4:20 p.m. Volleyball introduction and match -  
Lowell vs. Belding
- 6:00 p.m. Survivor and Honor Walk
- 6:20 p.m. Football Player and  
Honoree introduction
- 6:55 p.m. National Anthem presented  
by Lowell High School Choir  
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## Record-setting 44,000 register as organ donors

More than 44,000 Michigan residents registered as organ, tissue and eye donors during August, setting a record for the most sign-ups in a month and continuing the state's unprecedented surge in registrations, [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos), Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced.

## Bus safety, continued

other places where there aren't many people around. Teach your child never to talk to strangers, accept rides from strangers or accept gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust. Be sure your child walks to and from school or the bus stop with a sibling, friend or neighbor.

decision to donate if asked," Johnson said. "With every yes, we are improving the odds for those whose lives depend on receiving a transplant." The number of registrations has increased significantly since Johnson, working with advocacy partners Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank, launched her RESTART THE HEART campaign in April. As part of that campaign, Johnson directed

Teach your kids - whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school - to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather. When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the school yard or building.

## Cherry Creek, continued

open house that typically happens during the second week of school. One visit to accomplish everything at once helps ease busy family schedules.

The evening had a schedule of 45-minute presentations that each teacher presented twice. The second and third grade teachers

branch employees, time permitting, to ask customers if they would like to sign up on the registry. Johnson also pushed for other changes, including placing reminders on widely used Secretary of State forms, leveraging the department's website to publicize efforts, forming an advisory committee to develop recommendations and encouraging donation via social media. In August, a total of

If your child bikes to school make sure he wears a helmet that meets safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent. If your child rides a scooter to school, make sure they wear sturdy shoes, a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. Children under

44,101 people joined the organ donor registry, compared to 31,403 in August 2010. It was the fourth consecutive month that registry sign-ups have increased by double digits. May was up 20 percent over May 2010, June was up 25 percent and August 28 percent.

12 should not ride motorized scooters. Be sure your child knows his or her home (or parents' cellular) phone number(s) and address. They should also know where you work, your work phone number, the phone number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

the people of our state have to saving and improving lives. And it also shows what can be accomplished when the Secretary of State, Gift of Life and our partners like the Michigan Eye-Bank join forces in this important mission.

"The thought of 40,000 people registering in one month is amazing to me," Del Greco said. "I have been blessed twice as a recipient with the most precious gift there is and I am thrilled by the thought that the waiting time for transplants may be decreasing as a result. Organ donors are heroes and by adding their name to the registry, anyone can be one."

Michigan is ranked 44th in the country in terms of registrations with 2.3 million residents registered as do-

ban and rural land, from New York, through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota to North Dakota.


## Trail president, continued

Another goal of his as president is to communicate better with the 2,500-person membership to make them feel part of the national trail.

"Most often, members are only focused on their section of trail," explained Hawkins. "Of our total membership, we might get 250 at the national convention. That's 10 percent, and we can do better."

miles of trail, often using chainsaws and other tools. "We need to have more training available in safety, first aid, construction (like bridges), and how to work with land owners," he said. His final goal is monetary. "Like any organization in this economy, we are operating on a thread," said Hawkins. "We need to work on financial development."

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## Lowell class of 1940 celebrates 71<sup>st</sup> class reunion



The following names were inadvertently omitted when this article was printed on Aug. 31, 2011. Pictured above, front row, left to right: Carroll Kyser, Bill Scherbenster, Marjean Fonger Brillhart and Helen Clark Blow; back row: Jack Tornnga, John Jasperse and John Scripps.


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**WED:** Mini baked corn dogs hamburger on wheat bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven baked beans, grapes, milk.

**THURS:** Chicken fingers w/wheat bread (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, diced peaches, milk.

**FRI:** Bosco sticks/marinara sauce (Jr. ham & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh mini carrots, low fat ranch dipping sauce, apple slices, milk.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell takes on Reeths Puffer in forth annual Pink Arrow game

by Casey Cheney

The 2-0 Lowell Red Arrow football team looks to extend their winning streak in the conference match-up against Reeths Puffer this Thursday. Kick off at the fourth annual Pink Arrow game is at 7 p.m. - sure to be met with thousands of "pinked-out" fans.

"We're excited," head coach Noel Dean said. "It's a fun game to play and it has a lot of value."

The Pink Arrow game drew more than 10,000 to the Bob Perry football stadium last year in their shut-out of Kenowa Hills last year.

Lowell defeated Reeths-Puffer on the road 56-0 last

year. This year, they play the Red Arrows - and if there's ever a game where home field advantage mattered, it's the Pink Arrow game. But despite the one-sided track record against Reeths Puffer, Dean said their opponents will come out to play.

"They're a sound team,

and they're much improved in the last couple of years," he said. "We love a good challenge."

A predicted blow-out or a surprising nail-biter, the level of competition in this game is secondary to

the enthusiasm of the crowd and the meaning behind off during the game. The new Arrow Force T-shirts, admission tickets for the night's game, are available at Pep Talk, and will be available for purchase at the game.

various Pink Arrow Pride-themed items will be raffled off during the game. The new Arrow Force T-shirts, admission tickets for the night's game, are available at Pep Talk, and will be available for purchase at the game.

The Red Arrows are on an increasingly high-scoring run, taking Rockford 28-7, then Kenowa Hills 49-7.



## Red Arrows trample Knights

Lowell Red Arrows defeated the Kenowa Hills Knights last Friday 49-7. Passing - Gabe Dean: 11-12, 216 yds., 3 Tds. Rushing - Renn Osborne: 2-64. Receiving - Blake Lyman: 2-80, Luke Bigham: 4-75.

### - SOCCER

## LHS smashes Kenowa Hills, continues undefeated

by Casey Cheney

The Red Arrow soccer team faced an unexpected threat to their undefeated record of 5-0, trailing by two goals in their game against Kenowa Hills in the first half. Then, scoring nine goals unanswered, Lowell came back to win big, 9-2.

"We were slow to react and were outplayed the first ten minutes, which resulted in two goals," head coach Rich O'Keefe said. "But we turned it around the final twenty minutes of the half, and played very well in the second half."

Joe Sweet and AJ

Morris led the offensive charge with three goals each, Matt Kyllonen scoring two and Kyle Bowers scoring one.

After a mediocre season of 12-6-2 last year, with a strong finish (8-2-1), O'Keefe's first year coaching the Red Arrows, his soccer team is off to a promising start.

"Joe Sweet, whose experience on the national championship team, has been a positive influence on him and the team," O'Keefe said.

Sweet led the team in

goals and assists last year (20/13), followed by Matt Kyllonen (14/6).

O'Keefe said, "Kyllonen will provide speed and experience to the forward line."

Anchoring the defense are seniors Will Athmann, Matt Hoogenboom and Grant Brueker.

Though they are now a Division 2 team, the Red Arrows played, and defeated, the Rockford Rams, a Division 1 team, and will play Forrest Hills Central later this season.

### - CROSS COUNTRY

## Lowell runners take seventh at first invitational

by Casey Cheney

The boys varsity cross country team finished seventh out of twelve teams at the OK-White-Black Invitational at Gracewil Country Club. The girls finished in fifth out of ten teams. This was their first conference invitational of the season.

"I thought the guys

ran a great race," head coach Clay VanderWarf said. "Everybody set new personal records from their previous race."

Junior John Mark led the boys team with a time of 18:26.20, and sophomore Jessica Graves led the girls with a time of 20:55.60.

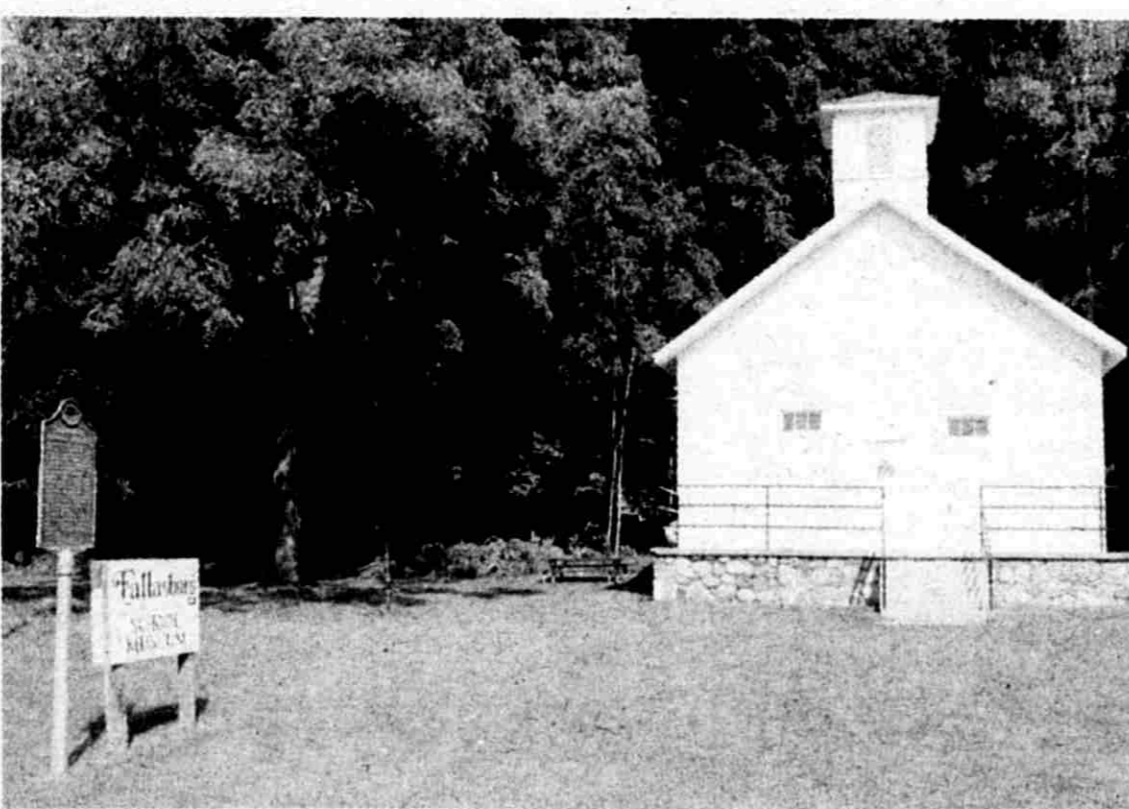
The boys had a total

time of 1:35:001, averaging 19:00.12, and the girls had a total time of 1:51:18, averaging 22:15.68.

VanderWarf said, "If everyone continues to improve on a weekly basis, then we are on pace to have a great season."

"Come and spend the day there," Smalligan said. "It's a nice day at the park."

Food is provided by the area non-profit organizations. The Lowell Area Historical Museum will have their apple dumplings,



while the Lowell Fire Department will offer famous chicken, and the Rotary with their brats.

A quilt "Autumn Games" by Dawn Ysseldyke will be raffled off. The drawing will take place on Sunday at 4:45 pm.

Freewill donation accepted for parking.

Started by the Fal-

lasburg Historical Society in 1969, the Lowell Area Arts Council, now Lowell Arts, took over the event in 1977.

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### THEME: FOOTBALL

#### ACROSS

- Grating sounds
- Seton Hall University
- Cartoon explorer
- Until now
- T-cell killer
- Prestigious prize
- One of many rescued in Chile last year
- Australian bird
- Run off together
- \*Last year's champ
- Anarchic
- \_\_\_ Paolo, Brazil
- Marketplace
- Suffix that makes a "host" female
- Be gloomy
- Front of shoe covering
- Illegal lab product
- Spiral-horned African antelope
- Lacking guile
- Small ladies' handbag
- What Edward Scissorhands does
- \_\_\_ crazy
- Police informers
- U.K. art museum
- She was a d'Urberville
- Bully's action
- Toys for \_\_\_
- Wade opponent
- \*Brady won MVP by unanimous \_\_\_
- "\_\_\_ Te Ching"
- \*Consensus college pre-season #1
- \*Finally resolved this summer
- \*\_\_\_ deck
- \_\_\_ Maria
- Anchor rope hole
- Mixed breeds
- Once around
- The Three Musketeers' weapons of choice
- "\_\_\_, over here"
- Infection of the eye
- Location of something surrounded by other things

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- Update, as in iPod
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- Running water
- "\_\_\_ So Fine"
- Not her
- Throat lobe
- Cabbage Patch Kid, e.g.
- Double reed woodwind
- \*Plays or snaps
- A in IPA, pl.
- \*This year's #1 draft pick
- Chess piece, pl.
- \*\_\_\_ Modell, owned Browns and Ravens
- Arbitrate
- Make corrections
- Stiff hair, pl.
- Gun maker \_\_\_ Ruger & Co.
- \*4th down option
- \*The Cowboys and Giants are in the NFC \_\_\_
- One who cites
- Dispatch boat
- As such
- \*Action between center and QB
- "\_\_\_ no good"
- Vigorous fight
- Rescuers
- Neither
- Chief Massasoit, aka Great \_\_\_
- Former Russian leaders
- Similar to giraffe but smaller
- Waste water reservoir
- Symphony #9, e.g.
- Prefers
- Left after deductions
- Tax
- Was in debt
- Functions
- SAT, e.g.
- \*The Eagles played here from '71 to '02

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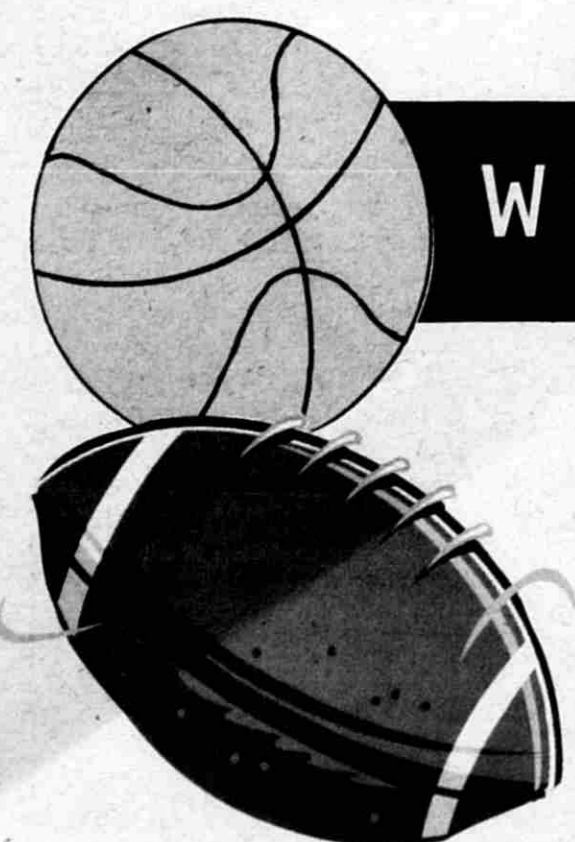
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- Of course.....9%
- Not a prayer ..... 45%
- I'll buy it for kindling..... 45%
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### AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 6

- Wildfires continued to rage in Texas Tuesday morning. The largest fire near Austin has spread across 25,000 acres destroying at least 470 homes.
- Postal chief to testify on Capital Hill as USPS could face default. The postal service are required to make \$5.5 billion payment into the future retiree health benefits, and probably won't be able to make it when it comes due Sept. 30.
- Tea Party groups roundly condemned teamsters president Jimmy Hofta after he called on union supporter's unhappy with congressional Republicans to "take these son-of-a-bitches out."
- David Petraeus, the newly retired general is taking up his post running the CIA, leaving behind his uniform and his military brain trust.



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# Red Arrow TENNIS SPORTS

## Arrows come away with a big win over G.R. Christian

by Casey Cheney

Despite winning only one match against the powerhouse Grand Rapids Christian last Wednesday, the Lowell Red Arrow tennis team made that one win count. The match, a face off between the number one doubles teams, lasted well

past the other matches and ended in a thrilling victory for the Red Arrows.

Juniors Micah Babcock and Tony Hanson struggled to keep up at some points, and dominated at others. Babcock said that in the end, "I knew they were tired."

Christian tried to change

their serves in the final set to catch Babcock and Hanson off guard, but Christian's Taylor Asfour committed several double faults in the attempt, swinging the advantage Lowell's way.

"They switched their serve to flat serves from kick serves," he said. "But we kept taking the net from them."

The match went to three sets – most matches are finished in two – drawing out the anticipation. But it was well worth the wait.

Babcock said, "That was a long, long match."

Babcock and Hanson currently have a record of 9-4, the best on the team.

"I was really proud of

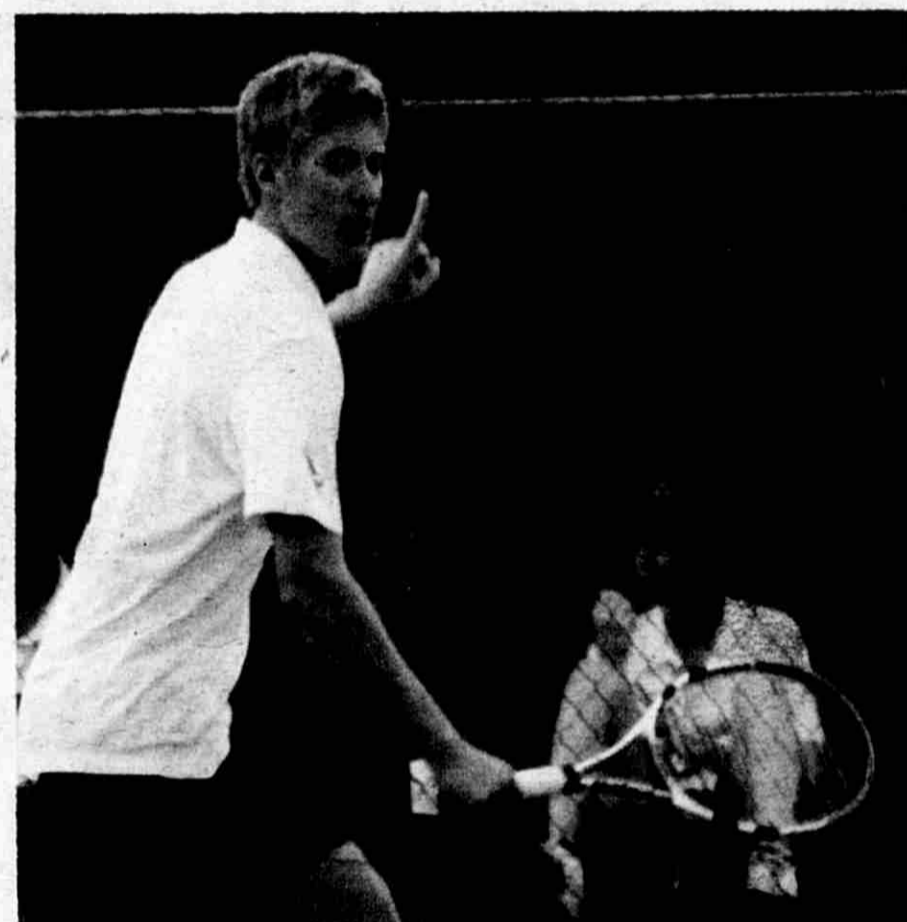
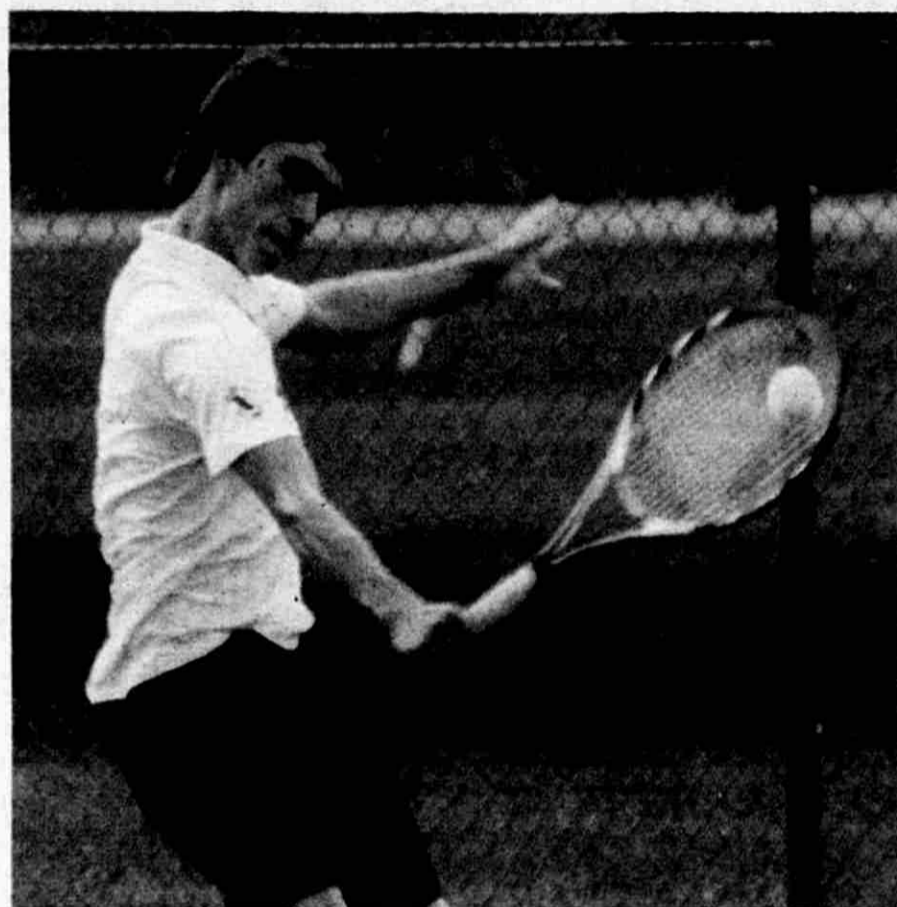
the guys because they kept their cool under duress," head coach Bonnie Wall said.

Said duress challenged them particularly in the final set when a Christian player on the sidelines commented loudly at the Lowell players during gameplay.

Wall said, "They [decided] that we're not going to let the crowd bother us. We want to win."

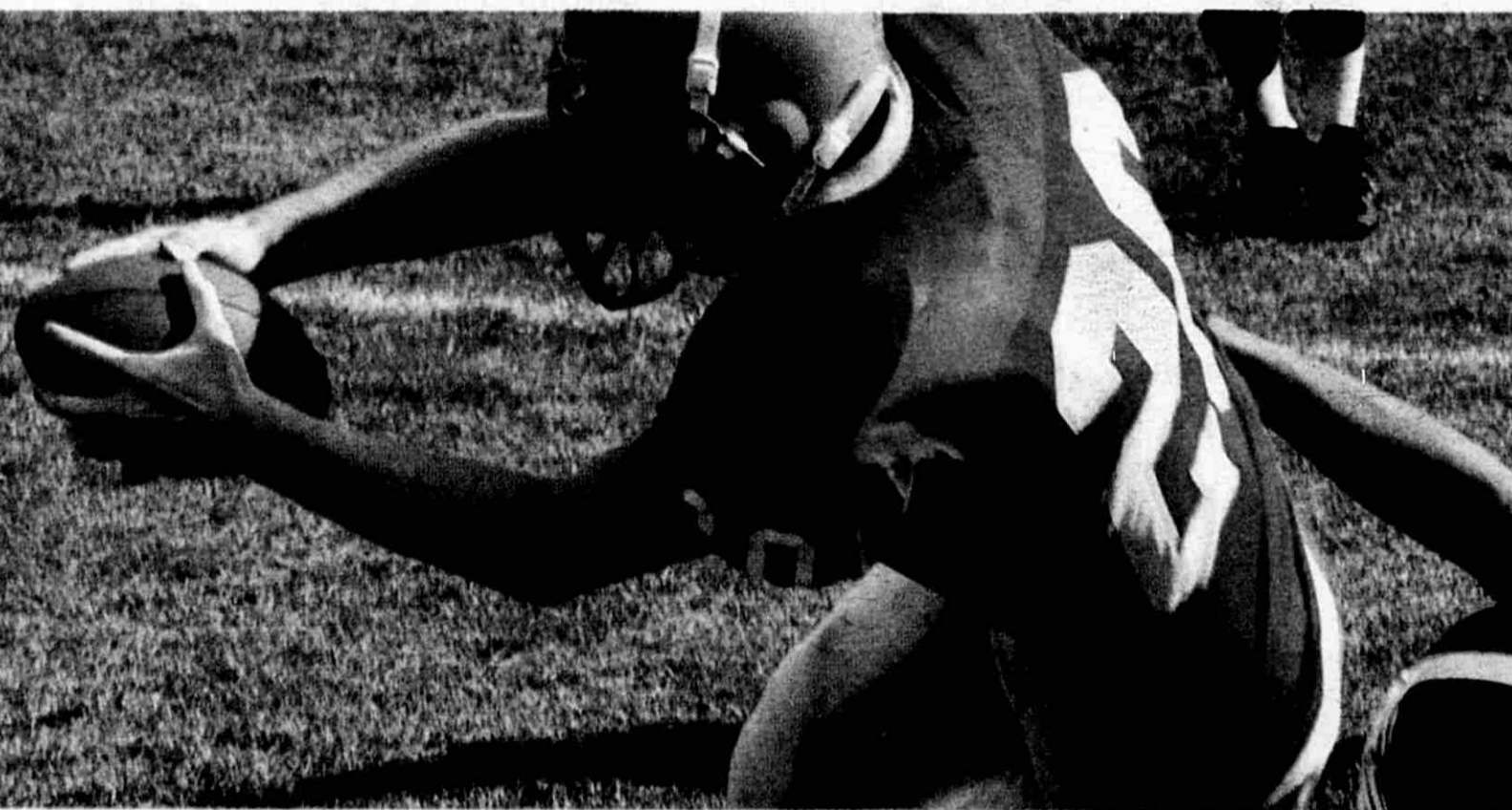
The rest of the year, Wall said, is looking up for the team. She said her players have been telling her and her husband things they want to work on – things she wanted to work on too. But, she said, it's important for the players to ask to practice certain things.

"We're working on it," she said.



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