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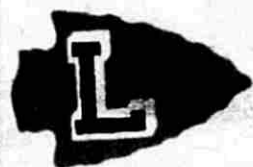


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## Fallasburg Festival draws record crowds

by Emma Palova

As late September sun warmed up a perfect fall weekend, thousands flocked to the Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts.

The leaves in the park had just started to change colors and created a beautiful palette envied even by the participating artists themselves. People had barely started wearing sweaters and on Sunday they were taking them off.

The music stage and booths were decorated with deep red, brown and yellow mums, orange pumpkins and straw.

For the first time, the organizers, Lowell Arts!, had to use an overflow parking lot. On both days,



The crowds enjoy the perfect weather, food and music at the annual Fallasburg Fall Festival.

there was a line of cars waiting to get into the park. The longstanding event has been moved up by one week from the end of September. And the change made all the difference, according to the artists and director Lorain Smalligan.

"It's always a challenge changing the date," said Smalligan.

The artists were from far and near. Brent Heerspink of Cedarville compared the festival to a family reunion, since he gets to see his family. Heerspink of Porter Pottery uses ash glazes along with brushwork accents.

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## 10<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-off prepares to spice up Lowell's Harvest Celebration

by Emma Palova

The chilies are all good, so says the expert.

Mike Larkin, owner of Larkin's restaurant, started the chili madness ten years ago on the patio based on a customer's suggestion. And the Lowell Area Chamber

down Broadway Street. The turnout is anywhere between 300 to 400 people. This year, the Chili Cook-off is set for Oct. 8 with tasting at 3 pm "Homebrewed" band will play from 1 pm to 5 pm.

"We all have a nice time

the best peppers they can grow or find on the market. Just ask a chef what makes the best chili. Most will answer the heat, determined by the peppers. No one will share their secret recipe.

On the other hand, judges



Crowds of chili lovers filled the street outside the Ledger office at last year's Chili Cook-Off.

of Commerce was looking to add events to the Harvest Celebration.

So, a perfect partnership started brewing. What started as a small gig has grown over the years into one of the favorite events for a charitable cause that closes

and we raise money for a charity," said Larkin.

Nothing tastes better on a cold October afternoon than a great chili, whether it's red or white, hot or mild.

The cooks start setting up early in the morning with fresh ingredients, including

have a different opinion. It's not always the spiciness they're looking for.

Each year, Larkin determines a charitable cause that will receive the

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## Lowell looks to the future in projects and budget

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council adopted new manager Mark Howe's goals in a teamwork atmosphere last Monday.

"These are the goals that have been established through discussion with you," said Howe. "I have worked with the leadership team and the department heads. These are the goals for the entire staff. We've incorporated benchmarks."

One of the benchmarks is to update a plan that will address the city sanitary system issues, such as water infiltration and upgrades.

Based on the council's priorities to fix streets and sidewalks, Howe proposed a citywide inspection of the infrastructure.

"We need to get an idea what needs to be repaired, to know what we're dealing with," he said.

On the same note of future projects, Howe said the city has received preliminary scoring from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for the east river-bank improvements.

"There are areas where we can get additional

points before the October deadline," he said.

Looking to the future in the budgeting process, Howe presented a budget worksheet with a projected deficit, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

"The key is the fund balance, that is where you start to build the budget," said Howe.

Building up the equipment fund for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to replace vehicles also remains a council priority.

"I have been looking into the equipment fund," Howe said. "Many communities don't use it as an accounting mechanism as we do."

The replacement of vehicles has been a nagging problem for most departments, not only DPW but also for the Lowell Area Fire Department.

Councilwoman Maryalene LaPonsie said the fire department ended up with a \$4,000 deficit due to the purchase of a truck.

"The fire board cannot borrow money," she said.

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# Chili Cook-off, continued

proceeds. The first cook-off raised only \$50, but last year the cook-off raised \$2,200 to benefit the Ivan K Blough scholarship fund. This year, Flat River Outreach Ministries will receive proceeds from the event.

The chilies are judged at Larkin's Other Place where judges from the community are carefully sequestered from the public. First, second and third places are awarded, along with a People's Choice

award. The first place usually gets tickets to a sport's game. There are two categories: red and white chili. The majority of participants enter with red chili. Entries are accepted until the day of the cook-

off, either at Larkin's or on the chamber website at [www.lowellchamber.org](http://www.lowellchamber.org) along with the Harvest Celebration. Contestants receive goodie bags with items

donated by local businesses. Based on sponsors of the t-shirts and awards, Larkin

expects a good year for the cook-off. "We're getting a good response," he said.

## City council, continued

"Should the fire board have a fund balance?"

LaPonsie questioned whether the municipalities or the fire board should hold the money for equipment purchases.

In related business, the council awarded the bid for cross connection inspection to Hydro Designs. A bid was also awarded to Layne Christensen Company for the repair of a city well not to exceed \$21,779.

In other business, the Lowell Area Schools (LAS) district has been holding community forums in regards to district facilities and the Unity School property.

A training session for the planning commission, the city council, and Vergennes and Lowell townships will be held on Oct. 19.

## Remembering Ruth Collar

Submitted by Ann Dimmick

The community of Lowell has experienced a great loss in the death of Ruth Collar. Collar died on Saturday, September 17, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She lived her life caring for those people in this community who experienced need.

The same year that she began her work with FROM, she established and ran the Saint Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center and continued to serve there until recently when her illness left her unable to continue. Collar not only ran the center, but she often became the birthing coach and sometimes a place of residence for "her girls."



During her thirteen years of service there, she made a difference in the lives of over 1,000 girls and women.

The exact number of people whose lives she touched will never be known, but the known numbers of those at Saint Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center and those from Flat River Outreach Ministries speak clearly of the selfless life and the gift that Ruth Collar's life was to our community.

The number of families served during these nine years is close to 5,000.



## At Your Local Library

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

**A Stuffed Animal Sleepover**  
Bring your stuffed friend to a special pajama storytime and leave it for a sleepover at the library. Pick up your special friend the next day to see what fun it had while the library was closed. Wed., Sept. 21, 6:30 pm.

**Rhyme Time Music and Movement**  
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**Pajama Storytime**  
For families who can't come to the library during the day, Pajama storytime offers an evening of stories and fun. Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional. For children ages six and under with a caregiver. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Oct. 26, 6:30 pm.

**Friends Business Meeting**  
All members and those interested in becoming a Friend of the Englehardt Library are encouraged to attend. Share your ideas regarding library programming and service projects. Tues., Sept. 20, 10 am.

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**Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.**

- Albert Schweitzer



## along main street

**COMMUNITY SUPPER AND 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.

**CLASS OF 1976 REUNION**  
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**FREE FLU SHOTS**  
If you are a Kent County resident age 60-64, you are eligible for a free flu shot. Flu shots will be given at the Schneider Manor Community Room on Thurs., Sept. 29 from 10 am - noon. Should you have any questions, contact Marcia Roth at the Lowell Senior Center, 897-5949.

**ANNUAL BIKE RIDE**  
The 29th Annual Colorburst Bicycle Ride Fallsburg Park will be held Saturday, Oct. 15. Registration begins at 8 am. The 2011 ride profits will benefit MADD of Kent County, West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, Elves and More West Michigan, the Motion Initiative and other local organizations. Pancakes before the ride and a soup bar afterwards. For more information and to pre-register or volunteer please visit the Colorburst website: [www.rapidwheelmen.com/colorburst](http://www.rapidwheelmen.com/colorburst)

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# Lowell is filled with the sound of fall bluegrass music

The 16th annual Bluegrass Music Festival held annually at the Kent County youth fairgrounds attracted bands nationwide and bluegrass music lovers.

areas, bake sale and pie eating contests. Councilmember Jeff Altoft said, at the Monday city council meeting, that

the area festivals fill the town with people. "Lowell is booming," he said.

We had a great festival, said chairman Dave Simmonds.

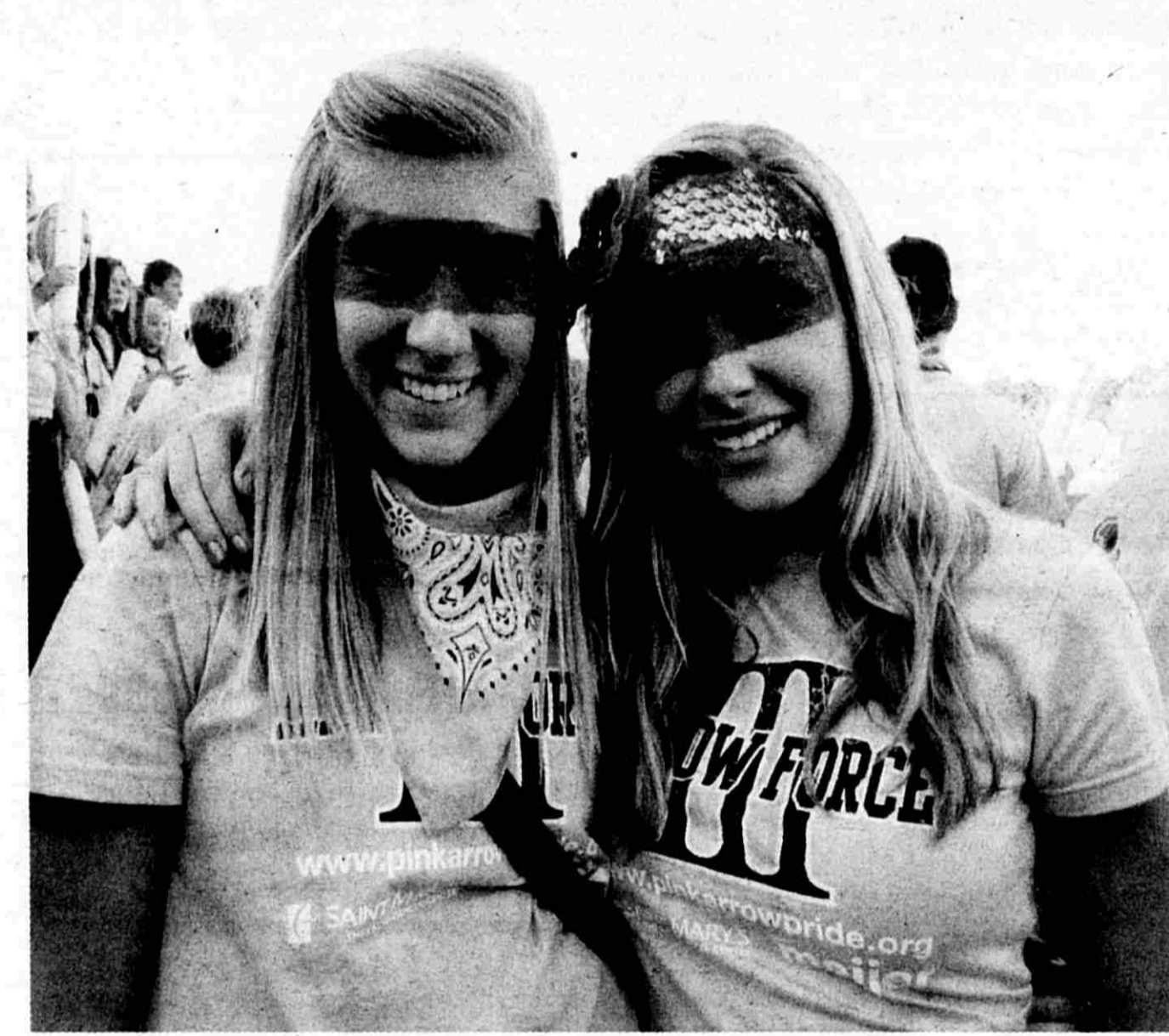
The fall fest featured a band scramble, instrument workshops, beginners' slow jam, parking lot picking, sheltered jamming



Pictured are two of the bands featured at the annual bluegrass festival in Lowell.



## Spreading Pink Arrow spirit



Ellie Fitzpatrick and her cousin in a picture her parents hope will help with her educational expenses.

Ellie Fitzpatrick graduated from Lowell High School this past spring. She is currently attending St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN. With scholarship help from St. Mary's, the Lowell Women's Club, and other local scholarships, Fitzpatrick has realized her dream of attending St. Mary's and is an art major.

Just before Fitzpatrick began her freshman year at Lowell she lost her grandmother to pancreatic cancer. During finals' week of her senior year, she also lost a grandfather to prostate cancer.

The family is hoping that the Lowell community will come together and vote for Fitzpatrick's picture entitled "Pink Arrow Pride." One random person who votes for the winner will also receive a \$500 scholarship.

You can log onto Facebook and then Scholarship.com School Spirit Contest and click "like" and then vote. You may vote every hour until the contest ends on Sept. 30, 2011.

## Hunting for a prescription drug plan is no game

"Open season" is right around the corner for the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. Hunting down the best plan for you is no game. Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and current beneficiaries who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D plan, should mark their calendars for October 15. The "open season" will run from October 15 to December 7.

The Medicare Part D prescription drug program is available to all Medicare beneficiaries to help with the costs of medications. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage.

While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the prescription drug program, some people with limited income and resources also are eligible for "Extra Help" to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Resources not over \$12,640 for an individual or \$25,260 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources.

You can complete an easy-to-use online application for Extra Help at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)  
Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at [vonda.vantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vonda.vantil@ssa.gov)

To figure out whether you are eligible for the Extra Help, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

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# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## Women business owners need retirement plans

If you're a woman who owns a small business, you've got plenty of company. In fact, women own more than 10 million U.S. companies, and women-owned businesses account for about 40 percent of all privately held firms in the U.S., according to the Center for Women's Business Research. Clearly, the good news is that women like you are entering the small-business arena at a rapid pace. The not-so-good news is that you may be facing a retirement savings gap in comparison to male business owners.

To get a sense of this gap, consider these statistics:

- According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, 19.4 percent of male business owners have 401(k) or similar plans,

compared with just 15.5 percent of women owners.

- The percentage of female business owners with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) is about the same as that of male business owners — but the men have more money in their accounts. The average woman's IRA balance is about \$51,000, compared with \$91,000 for men, according to a recent report by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Although these figures change constantly with the ebbs and flow of the market, the difference between the genders remains significant.

One way to help close this savings gap, of course, is to set up a retirement plan for your business. But for many women business owners (and male owners, too), the perceived cost of setting up and running a retirement

plan has been an obstacle. However, the retirement plan market has opened up considerably for small business owners over the past several years, so you might be surprised at the ease and inexpensiveness of administering a quality plan that can help you build resources for your own retirement — and help you attract and retain good employees.

With the help of a financial professional, you can consider some of the myriad of plans that may be available to you:

- **Owner-only 401(k)** — This plan, which is also known as an individual 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax-free.

- **SEP IRA** — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible

employees.

- **Solo defined benefit plan** — Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are still around — and you can set one up for yourself if you are self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

- **SIMPLE IRA** — A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan.

As a business owner, you spend a lot of time thinking about what needs to be done today, but you don't want to forget about tomorrow — so consider putting a retirement plan to work for you soon.

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# health



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

## Fungal nail infections

Toenails often become infected with fungus. Nails will appear thickened, brittle, ragged, dull and darkened. They may also separate from the nailbed. Fungal infections often never resolve without medical treatment. Dermatophytes are often the fungal cause, but it may also occur from molds or candida. These fungi live in moist environments, like pools and showers. They cause problems if your nails are continually exposed to heat and moisture. This can also occur in fingernails, but is not nearly as common.

Often pain is caused by the thickness of the nail causing irritation to the nail bed.

It can be difficult to treat nail fungal infections and repeat infections are common. There are multiple over-the-counter treatment products, but these are rarely effective. The most effective treatment is an oral anti-fungal medication called Lamisil. This has to be taken daily for three months. Blood tests will be checked monthly on this medication to make sure your body is handling it without any problems. A topical medication called Penlac can also be prescribed. Sometimes the entire nail must be removed before the medication is started.

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I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

- Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)

# viewpoint

## Congress should pass the American Jobs Act



Sen. Carl Levin

Clearly, the economic recovery that we all hoped was under way in 2009 and 2010 has slowed, and with it, job creation has stalled. With the hopes of millions of American families at stake, the time is now to act on initiatives that would create jobs and re-energize the economic recovery.

That's why I was so encouraged by the jobs plan that President Obama outlined in his Sept. 8 speech to a joint session of Congress. The president proposed legislation called the American Jobs Act. I support his efforts to create jobs and to do so in ways that do not add to the budget deficit.

The president's speech was a rousing, patriotic call to action. And the argument for his plan is simple: We need to act now, and we need to do so with ideas

that members of all political parties have supported in the past.

Now some in Washington have criticized the president's plan by comparing it negatively to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the stimulus bill. They claim the Recovery Act was a failure. What these critics fail to acknowledge is what economists across the ideological spectrum say: that the Recovery Act helped us avoid a second Great Depression.

Experts at the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and at private forecasting firms — firms that are paid for the quality of their analysis — say the Recovery Act saved or created millions of jobs and boosted economic growth. In fact, as the amount of stimulus from

the Recovery Act has dwindled in recent months, so has the growth of our economy.

But important as the Recovery Act was, job growth is still not good enough. The president's plan will help by doing a number of things:

- It would cut taxes for small businesses that create jobs. It would cut payroll taxes in half for 98 percent of American businesses, and it would eliminate all payroll taxes for companies when they hire new workers or increase the pay of current employees.

- It would support state and local governments that otherwise will have to lay off police, firefighters and teachers, preserving those jobs and the public service those employees provide.

- It would give tax credits to businesses that hire veterans returning from overseas.

- It would give tax credits to companies that hire unemployed workers.

- It would modernize schools, roads and bridges across the country, providing new jobs while improving public infrastructure that in too many cases is overdue for rehabilitation.

- It would expand a payroll tax cut for workers that we already have in place, cutting payroll taxes in half for 160 million Americans.

The plan would have an immediate impact in Michigan. It would save the jobs of an estimated 11,900 Michigan teachers and public safety workers; create more than 20,000 jobs rebuilding Michigan schools, roads and bridges; and give the typical Michigan family a tax cut of about \$1,430.

There is no reason these members should not support the American Jobs Act today — especially because the president has also proposed ways to pay for the plan so that it doesn't add to the budget deficit.

Among the steps he proposes is to eliminate big tax breaks for profitable oil companies; ending a tax subsidy for the sky-high paychecks of hedge fund managers; and asking the wealthiest Americans, who have continued to do well even as middle-class families have struggled, to give

up some tax breaks. Those who reject the idea of shared sacrifice and oppose the president's plan and the jobs it would create most often do so at the same time they protect tax breaks for big corporations and wealthy individuals.

The president laid out a path to support job creation, without adding to the deficit. How can we not seize that opportunity? I support the American Jobs Act, and in the coming weeks I'll be working hard to encourage its passage.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### Volunteering - good for your health

Did you know that volunteering about two hours per week has been shown to improve volunteers' health? It has been proven that volunteering not only makes the volunteer feel good, but it also improves the volunteer's physical and mental health.

A study done by the Corporation for National and Community Service found the connection between volunteering and good health. One of the health benefits found is that volunteers have lower mortality rates. The Corporation for National and Community Service controlled age, health, and gender and still found that volunteers are more likely to live longer.

It was also found that volunteers have fewer incidences of heart disease and have greater functional ability. For those over the age of 65, it has also been found to lower rates of depression. And, volunteers can help solve problems, improve lives, strengthen communities, connect to others, and transform their own lives.

Volunteering while going through a difficult time can also improve mental health. It was found that when a person gives of themselves during a difficult time it can strengthen social ties, which will protect that person from isolation. This can also help the volunteer have a greater self-worth and trust.

Everyone can experience these benefits through volunteering, but those who volunteer 100 hours per year (about two hours a week) are most likely to show signs of positive health outcomes.

If you are thinking of volunteering, there are some things you may want to consider while choosing an organization to volunteer for. The first is to determine what you have to offer. For example, if you are art oriented, you may want to volunteer your talents by hosting an art class.

Next is to determine what motivates you. Then, you may want to choose services that use your professional skills. Lastly, you should connect with an organization that makes you feel good and that you are excited about volunteering at.

If you are a cancer advocate, Gilda's Club may be for you. Gilda's Club Lowell is always looking for more volunteers. Currently there is a need for groups to prepare and serve dinner for 30-35 people on Tuesday evenings, arts and crafts lovers who are willing to lead a class or session, cancer mentors, greeters, Nogieland child care volunteers, and individuals who are willing to help keep the clubhouse clean.

If you are interested in volunteering for Gilda's Club please visit <http://gildasclubgr.org/lowell.html> for more information on how you can help.

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 17, 1936

The fronts of the MacFarlane feed store and the Palace Cleaning establishment have been brightened with coats of aluminum paint.

Elmer S. White, clerk of Lowell Township, reports that 59 men and 60 women have registered thus far this year. The total number of registered voters in the township at the present time is more than 1800.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1961

Announcement was made this week by Mrs. Ethel Reed, George Berends and Mrs. C. Reyers, principals of the R. B. R. Mfg Co., that the company will build boats and associated products in a plant located at 201 East Main St., in the old A & P building.

The company will build marine products under the trade name WEDCO for distribution nationwide.

### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 24, 1986

The Lowell dam was opened Monday to drain the Flat River in an attempt to find the body of a canoeist missing and presumed drowned since Sunday, September 14. At about noon, the body of Brian Keith Scheltema, 22, of Caledonia, was discovered by sheriff deputies about a quarter mile downstream from the Burroughs dam.

Scheltema and a friend, Allen James Thompson, 21, of Lowell, were canoeing the Flat River in flood swollen conditions.



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal Entry missing from files

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1911

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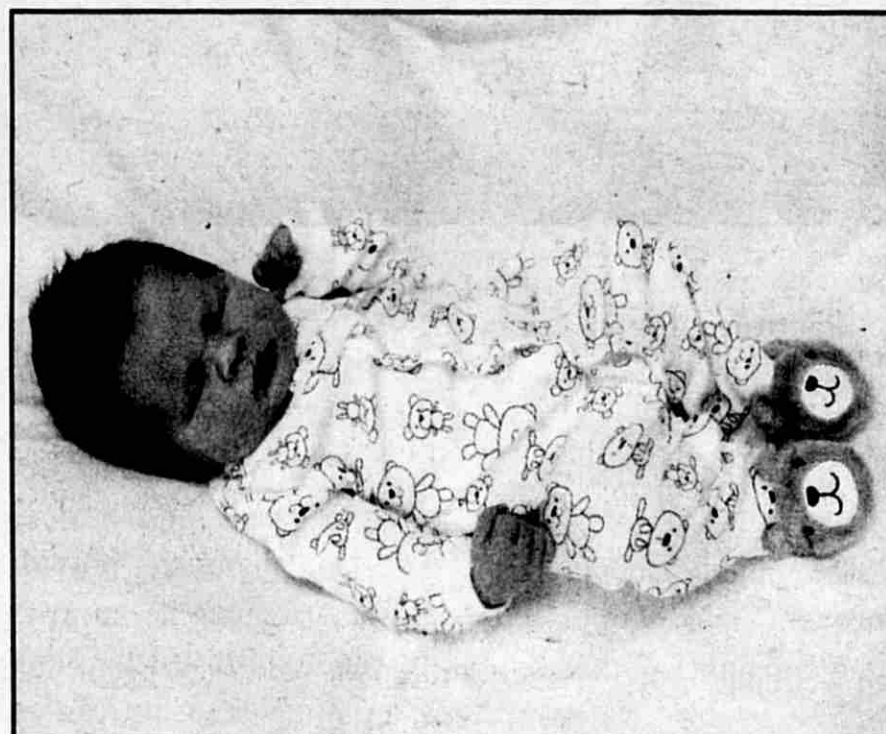
**Haines/Rider**



**Paul Rider and Cara Haines**

Richard and Elaine Haines of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter Cara Haines to Paul Rider, son of Marjorie and Jerry VanPutten of Wyoming and Duane and Dawn Rider of Jenison. The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Belding High School

**Foley**



**Bentley Joseph Foley**

Zach and Katie Foley of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bentley Joseph. He was born on September 5, 2011 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz and measuring 20 inches. Grandparents are Kirk and Kerry Foley and William and Susan Ward, all of Lowell.

**Kahl**

Cyrus Shepard Kahl was born on July 31, 2011, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz., to proud parents, Jeffrey and Cherith Kahl of Lowell Charter Township. Grandparents are George and Kathleen Kahl of Farrell, PA; Mary Pryde of Oakmont, PA; and David and Darlene Brewer of Gibsonia, PA.

**college news**

Davenport University has announced that Angeline VandenBout of Alto; Lindsey Jousma of Lowell; Lisa Kenworthy of Lowell; and Colleen Miller of Lowell; have been named to the dean's list for the spring/summer 2011 semester. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Kyle J. Barron-Kraus, Mark J. Hensel, and Carl A. Korth, all of Ada; and Joshua S. Flier of Lowell were among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2012 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 283,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Red Arrow **SPORTS**

**Volleyball goes 1-1 against two conference rivals**

by Casey Cheney

After a stellar four-set victory over rival and top conference contender Grand Rapids Christian earlier in the week, the Red Arrow volleyball lost in four sets to their other heavy-hitting rival in the conference, East Grand Rapids.

"They're a tough match up for us, only because of where their strengths and weaknesses are versus our strengths and weaknesses," coach Gigi Peal said. "Christian is equally as good a team as East, but the match up is different."

Peal said it was a tough week for the girls and, as far as their record is concerned, Peal is satisfied with going 1-1 against two quality squads.

She added that Thursday's loss would have been easier to take had her team played better against East. Barely losing the first set 25-20, the Red Arrows duked out a 29-27 victory in the second set.

She said, "At the end of set one, we had a surge to close the gap a little. They would have a little glimpse of [that fight]."

Peal said they lost the pluck they showed in that second set, losing the next two 25-15 both times.

"I sort of felt like the set two that we won, that was the only set we really fought with our volleyball," she said. "The other sets, we just let them take control. I kept telling them, 'They're going to get their big hits. They have a great attacker - she's going to get her kills. It's the other stuff we have to take care of.'"

The main problem, Peal said, was their serve receive:

"Our serve-received, our bread and butter, is the best part of our game."

This has to be good so that the setter can set up the hitters well. It was also the difference between Tuesday and Thursday. Against Christian, she said, their serve receive was excellent, allowing Timmer to hold the blockers, jump set and set up the hitters one-on-one.

"We're a good serve-received team and I don't consider East a good serving team," she said. "If we had been serve-receiving, then [setter] Jordan [Timmer] could do her work as far

as holding blockers - when we're out of system and she has to throw every ball high and outside, it makes it pretty easy for the blockers." There were hints of their good play the final two sets - the girls often took the momentum from East Grand Rapids, but never quite got it going in their favor. The Red Arrows started the third set with an ace, putting them up 1-0. Their next ace, however, found them down 18-10.

"I think this team, because of the youth and inexperience in some positions, will always struggle playing a team that has tough impact hitters," Peal said. "I think they were a little tense, a little shell-shocked from that, which was disappointing coming off the confidence from Tuesday that they should've had."

In the fourth set, Lowell clung to a lead for a while. Feeling the momentum building in Lowell's favor, East called a timeout, losing 9-6. Out of that timeout, the Pioneers scored 6 unanswered points, triggering a Red Arrow timeout.

Volleyball, continued, page 16

**Tennis goes 7-1 against Mona Shores, Northview**

by Casey Cheney

The Lowell Red Arrow tennis team lost 7-1 in both its games last week against Mona Shores and Northview. With only one senior, the young team is trying to find its place in the conference.

Against Mona Shores, number two singles' Dan Cowden gave Lowell its only win in a three-set victory over Ribbin, going 6-3, 6-7(6) and 6-1.

Micah Babcock and

Tony Hanson, the number one doubles team, won against Northview's Josh Tull and Dan Baric, 6-1 and 6-4.

Coach Bonnie Wall said much of her team's growth will come out from playing matches, which have a vastly different mental impact from practice.

The problem is, Wall said, even with the experience from matches, it's difficult to work on specific areas during the season.

"You can make some refinements," she said, adding that to make real changes requires thousands of repetitions, which they simply don't have time for in their busy season.

Particularly against tough opponents where a victory has to come out of a third set, Wall said her players also need to take their time.

Tennis, continued, page 11

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

**Amend Section 4.33 and Section 4.29 to:**  
Prescribe requirements for towers and antennas not regulated elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance.  
Replace the specific requirements for MET towers in Section 4.33 which would continue to be regulated under the proposed amendment for towers and antennas;  
Amend Section 4.29 to remove the references to antennas as they would be regulated under the proposed amendment.

**2. Amend Section 18.03 and Section 18.08(b) to:**  
Amend the definition of Electronic Reader Board/Digital Sign  
Permit LED/digital billboards in the L1 and Industrial PUD Zones; provide regulations for such signs; and add language for all billboards regarding spacing, height and double faced billboards;  
Limit the number of billboards to the number that currently exist;  
Prohibit existing billboards which are more than 200 feet from the I-96 right of way from being converted to an electronic reader board.

**3. Amend Section 201 and Section 4.39 to:**  
Add definitions of marijuana, medical marijuana, medical marijuana dispensaries, registered primary caregivers and qualifying patients;  
Prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries and require a patient caregiver to deliver medical marijuana to the qualifying patient where the qualifying patient resides.

The hearing will be held as follows:  
**WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE**  
**LOWELL, MI 49331**

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

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# Statewide photo show intrigues with variety

by Emma Palova  
The first statewide 2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition now on display at the Lowell Arts! King Gallery intrigues with variety of subjects and their treatment through the eye of the photographer and with the use of technology. "It's a spectacular show," said project director for Lowell Arts!, Kacey Cornwell. "It's impressive for the wide range of entries."  
Guest juror Dennis Grantz selected the final 62 photos from a pool of 172 entries from around the state. Grantz even added a sixth place to recognize more work.

have now essentially become alternative process." But, the viewing public now may have a greater appreciation of the handmade methods that were required to produce the images. The show is a true spectacle of images from the winning "Kaleidoscope Crane Fly Triptych" by Carrie Joers to the traditional 35mm photograph "Morning Dew-Door County" by Kimberly VandenBerg of Grand Rapids and mystical "Three Cardinals" or "Haiku" by area photographers J.L.S. Boss and Ted Bergin. "The winning piece is fascinating," said Grantz. "Excellent camera work and superior Photoshop skills combine for a technical tour de force."



The first statewide 2011 Michigan Photo Exhibition represents the best of traditional and digital photography.

The show, according to Grantz, reflects on the best of both worlds. That is the past and the future of photography. "With the advent of digital technology, the medium has expanded into an exciting new realm of visual possibility," he said. "At the same time, traditional approaches to photography

The images glow with color and light as they remind the viewer of fine art glass or looking for the first time through a kaleidoscope. "The power here is achieved in the pattern that emerges from the similar

yet different arrangements," Grantz said. "The end result transcends mere digital play and results in a work that is meditative." There was also a lot of black and white imagery represented in the show, such as the third place "Ur-

ban Grind" by Michelle Pitman. The photograph, according to Grantz, has a look of 1955 except for the details. A figure is striding through smoke in a street scene. The sixth added place went to "Psyche" by Chris-

Caputo for her image of a bound woman, physically and perhaps mentally. "This photograph is raw, elemental and potent with its power coming directly from the subject," said Grantz. The show is fascinating and inspirational for the be-

ginning and advanced artists. The first place award for the 2011 show is sponsored by the Kendall College of Art and Design. A closing reception will be held on Oct. 23 at the Lowell Arts! gallery.

# Fallasburg Festival, continued

The business for Heerspink was just as good as last year, but he regretted changing his location by the music and the food booths. According to Heerspink, the other side of the park is better for business. "The park is beautiful," he said.

But, for Gil VanWeelden of Alto Lions, the festival is really about food. He has been making elephant ears for the last 10 years at the festival. He skillfully spread the dough and patted it for a finishing touch. Most area non-profits had their food booths set up around the seating area by the stage.

showcased little wooden figures. The Lowell Garden Club and Frozen Creek Florals sold beautiful dried flower arrangements. This year's festival was most likely the best attended ever due to both weather and timing.

Most artists, like Tim and Ann Pervinkler of tImages fine art photography, travel around the country with their arts. Pervinkler travels between Michigan and Florida.

Susan Winter Designs of Harbor Springs featured lovely switch plate covers, collages and frames with meticulous botanical designs. And according to public opinion, the best food was white chili made by volunteers from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Dan Mayhew made a rustic wooden chair on the porch by the park shelter. The demonstrators inside the shelter have been coming to the festival for years. The Flat River Wood Carvers

showcased little wooden figures. "Moving it up was a good idea," said VanWeelden. Smalligan said Saturday was a record attendance. "The booths were running out of food," she said. Alto Lions used 1,400 pounds of potatoes for their famous French fries. "You're always nervous when you move the dates," she said. "I couldn't be happier with the attendance."



Fran Mendez and Don Smith of Flat River Wood Carvers show small carved figures.



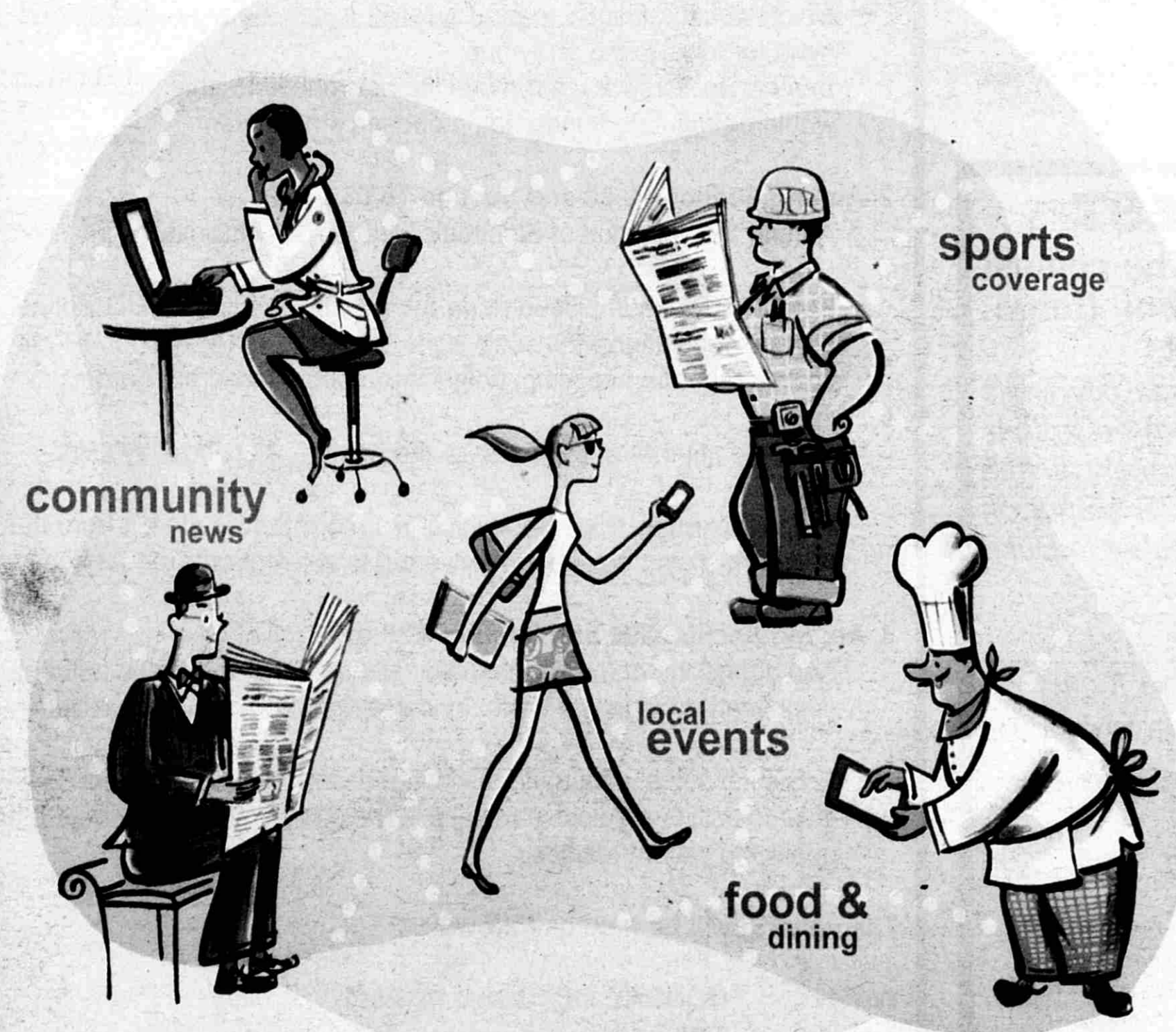
Gil VanWeelden of Alto Lions rolls out dough for elephant ears.



KinFyre plays at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

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Dan Mayhew makes a rustic wooden chair.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church decorated their booth with huge pumpkins.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell cuts through Forest Hills Lyman leads offensive surge with four TDs

by Casey Cheney

The wrong team scored the first touchdown last Friday night, Forest Hills Central launching the ball for a 63-yard touchdown on the first play of their first possession. For the first time this season, the Red Arrows were losing, less than 90 seconds into the game.

The Rangers missed the PAT (point after touchdown) and on Lowell's first possession they marched the ball from their own 25-yard line for a 9-yard touchdown of their own by Renn Osborne, taking the lead 7-6. Lowell converted two fourth down attempts on that drive.

The Red Arrows remained in control the rest of the game, recovering a fumble on Forest Hills' next possession.

After a series of interceptions between the two teams, Gabe Dean passed to Blake Lyman for a 40-yard touchdown, the first of his four for the night. After getting the two-point conver-

sion, Lowell led 15-7 with 47 seconds left in the half.

Forest Hills chose to kneel the ball, sending the game into halftime with only an 8-point deficit.

The Red Arrows were 4-6 that night on fourth down conversions - two of those plays were touchdown passes to Blake Lyman.

Osborne went down early in the fourth, Lowell leading 21-6, after getting hit hard on an incomplete pass. He was able to walk off the field unassisted. Later, Osborne said the muscles in his leg were, "just a little tight," but that it wasn't serious enough to keep him off the field next week.

"The leg is a long way from the heart," Osborne said.

The next play, fourth and ten at the 20-yard line, Lyman hauled in a pass from Dean for another score.

The last touchdown of Lyman's scoring frenzy came off an interception

midway through the fourth. Lyman ran it 45 yards, putting the final nail in the coffin.

Lyman had six receptions for 140 yards and two interceptions to cap off his impressive game. Dean threw for 272 yards and

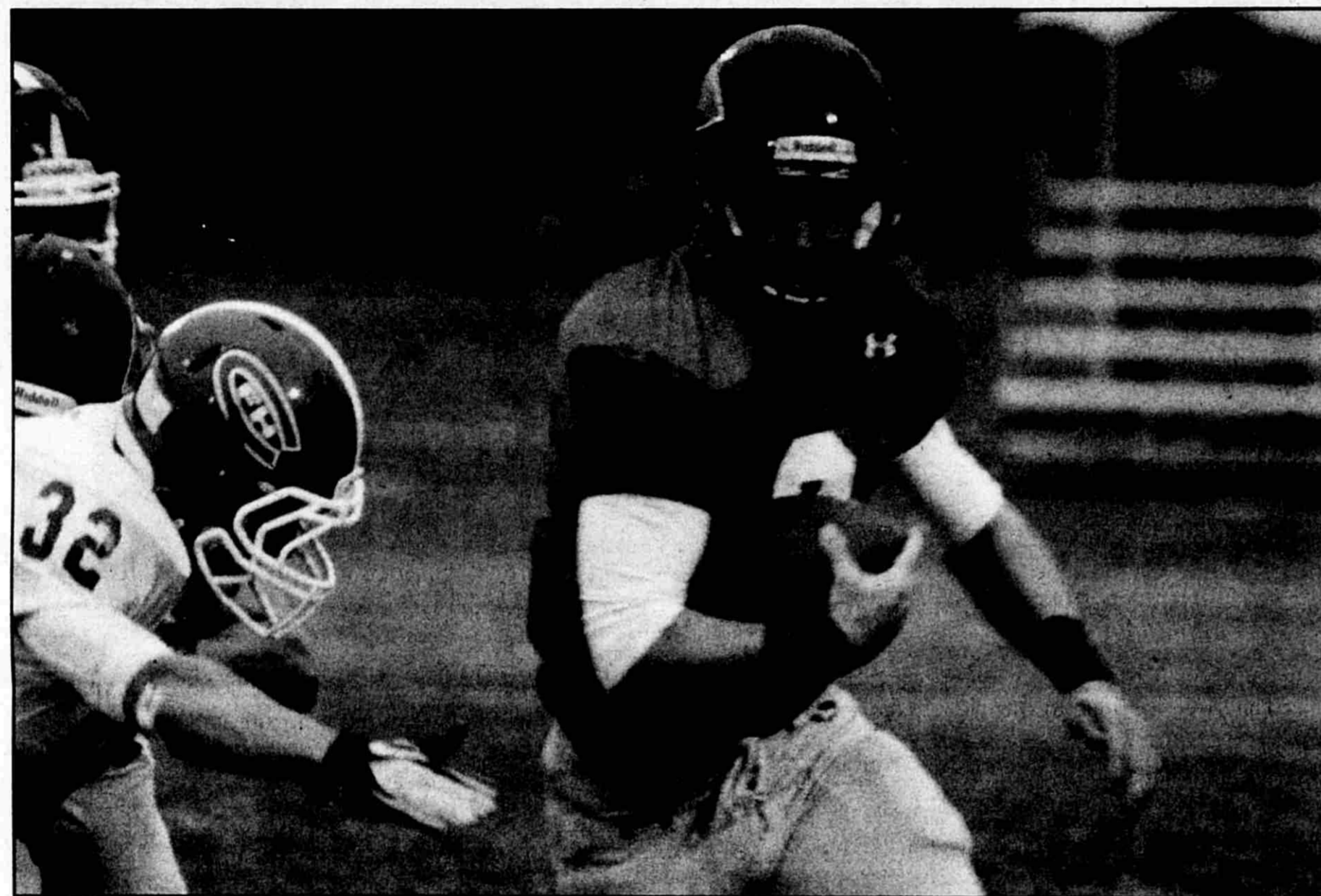
three touchdowns on 19-of-30 completions, as well as 96 yards rushing on 27 carries. Osborne carried the ball 11 times for 55 yards and a touchdown and had four receptions for 38 yards. Joshing Addington had 52 yards on 11 carries. Luke

Bigham had four receptions for 69 yards.

Overall, Lowell had 202 yards rushing to Forest Hills' 72, 272 yards through the air to the Rangers' 185.

Jake Stehley also came up with an interception in the game.

Next week, the Red Arrows face Grand Rapids Christian at home. They are the only other undefeated team in their conference, coming off a 61-15 victory against the winless Muskegon Mona Shores.



**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to award a three year contract to Hydro Designs, Inc. for an amount to not exceed \$10,380 annually for the City's Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Michigan DEQ.


Motion to award contract to Layne Christensen Company for \$21,779.00 for the repair and cleaning of Well #3.

Motion to adopt City Manager Mark Howe's goals as amended.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on October 3, 2011 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.

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**LUNCH MENU**

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Week of Sept. 26, 2011

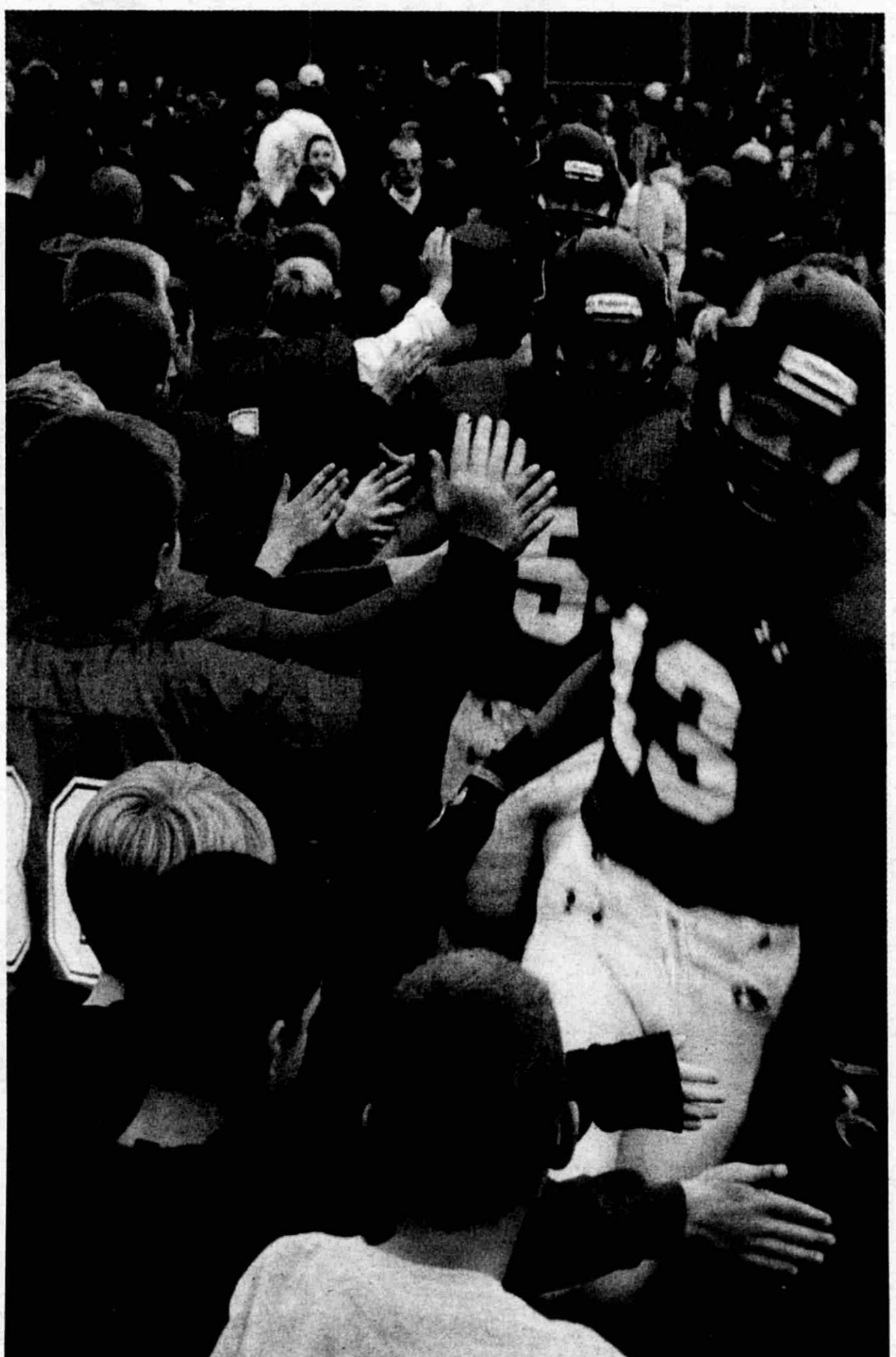
**MON:** Tony's flatbread cheese pizza (Rib BQ on wheat bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed romaine salad w/lite dressing, pears, milk.

**TUES:** Egg, cheese & sausage on wheat English muffin (Sloppy Jo Tostito scoops also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), southwest corn & black bean salad, pears, milk.

**WED:** Pasta marinara w/ cheese & Bosco stick (Jr. ham & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli florets w/low fat ranch dipping sauce, pineapple, milk.

**THURS:** Soft taco w/ shredded cheese & lettuce (cheese quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), refried beans/diced tomatoes, applesauce, milk.

**FRI:** Chili cheese fries (chicken patty also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), w/crispy oven French fries, orange smiles, wheat roll, milk.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell soccer takes down East Grand Rapids, ties with Northview Wildcats

by Casey Cheney

The 2010 Division 2 state champions, the Northview Wildcats, held the Lowell Red Arrow soccer team to its lowest score this season, one goal. The game Thursday went into overtime and ended in a tie, another first for the Red Arrow squad, who to this point was 8-0.

"It was two solid teams getting together," coach Rich O'Keefe said, adding that despite losing a lot of

players last year, "[Northview] still has a good core group from last year."

Northview drew first blood in the heated defensive battle about halfway through the first half off a miscue.

"It's hard to say what it actually was," O'Keefe said. "But they had an easy shot into the net."

Not missing a beat, Lowell's Matt Kyllonen scored just nine seconds later to tie the game.

O'Keefe said, "We didn't waste any time off the kickoff. Just a few passes and Matt beat their back defenders. There was no time to put their head down, it was just go forward."

The Red Arrows had to adjust to playing on Northview's turf, O'Keefe said, which they were able to do midway through the first half.

Then, at halftime, O'Keefe said, "We talked

about what we need to do to play our style of game. Quite frankly, I think we held our own on their field."

"For the most part the two defenses played well," he added. "The two goalkeepers made some really nice saves. In overtime, both teams played pretty evenly."

Such a low score can be deceptive, O'Keefe said, because it doesn't necessarily reflect a lack of offense.

"That's soccer... The offense could still be very creative and make lots of opportunities. The offense of both teams did well, but the defense did that much better," he said. "It was a very fast, very physical game, but you wouldn't expect anything else from the two teams."

O'Keefe said, "[Northview] came out and played quite well. Frankly, they were beating us to the ball for most of the first half. [Later] in the first half, the game became a little bit more back and forth. We had settled down quite a bit at the point.

"The boys worked hard," O'Keefe said. "They continued to work to get back into their game and I was very pleased with the way they played the second half and overtime. At the end of the game, I felt good about where we were."

"Credit to Northview, cuz they're the ones who knocked us off our game a little bit," he said.

Considering the way both teams played, O'Keefe said, "It was probably fitting that we ended up tied."

O'Keefe said it's always disappointing not to win a game, but despite that, the goal is not to go undefeated. "Our goal is to win our conference and to go deep in the tournament. We are still in the driver's seat to meet those goals."

The Red Arrows have another chance against Northview Oct. 6, this time at home.

The Red Arrows are now 2-0-1 in the conference, defeating Grand Rapids Christian 5-3 in the Pink Arrow game and East Grand Rapids 4-1 last Tuesday.

Kyllonen had two goals against the Pioneers, Joe Sweet had a goal and two assists, with Alex Ligman putting in the final goal for the Red Arrows.

O'Keefe said, "The defensive performance was a solid team effort led by Grant Bruker, Will Athmann, Matt Hoogenboom and Alex Heffron."

Lowell played Greenville at home last night, after print time. Check our Facebook page for the score.

## Boys' cross country slims times, sets PRs; underclassmen show promise

by Casey Cheney

Cutting more than a minute off their overall time at their first meet of the season, the Lowell Red Arrow boys' cross country team took sixth of nine teams at the Sparta Invitational on Saturday.

"The guys continue to run well," coach Clay VanderWarf said. "Most of them are still setting [personal records] with each race."

Freshman Nick MacDonald led the Red Arrow team with a time of 18:23.43. MacDonald finished 26th overall.

Junior John Mark finished two places behind at 18:25.56

To make their performance that much sweeter, VanderWarf said two of his freshmen have shown a lot of improvement and are strong assets to the team.

"I have been really impressed with Zac Diamond and Nick MacDonald who ran in the 18:00s and are freshmen," VanderWarf said.

Diamond finished fourth of the Lowell runners with a time of 18:51.26.

Their next conference meet is today at 4 pm.

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## Tennis, continued

"You really have to be patient and wait. Sometimes it's a long time," she said. "You get impatient - 'I'm going to win. I'm going to kill it.' And then, boom, you're out of it."

It's not easy to take these matches slowly, but Wall said, "That's part of the game."

The Red Arrows took fourth at the Holland quad this Saturday behind first place Zeeland East with 18 points, Holland with 15 and Spring Lake with eight. Lowell ended the day with seven points.

Hanson and Babcock took second in doubles, los-

ing to Holland 6-2, 6-1 in the finals. Number two doubles' Paul Heemstra and Parker Groom took third with what Wall called a "strong win" against Holland, 6-4, 6-4. Each of the singles went 1-3 in their matches.

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# obituaries

## CALDWELL

Keith L. Caldwell, age 79, of Cadillac, died September 17, 2011, at his home. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1949. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marcia "Mit" L. Caldwell; son, Thomas (Carolyn) Caldwell and grandchildren, Keith, Kristen, and Jack of Fishers, IN; son, Gregory (Anna) Caldwell and grandchildren, Maddy, Brooklyn and Regan of Valencia, CA; and brother, Ronald (Mary) Caldwell of Cadillac. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Almada Caldwell of Cadillac. Keith spent many years in the banking industry. Keith began as a teller at Cadillac State Bank then served as a bank examiner for the state of Michigan. From 1968 to 1992 Keith worked in Lowell at State Savings Bank / First Michigan Bank. Upon his retirement in 1992, he was the CEO and president of the Lowell branch of First Michigan Bank. Keith was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed playing ping-pong, basketball, tennis, bowling and especially golf. He had his first hole-in-one in 1970 and six more after his retirement. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service in honor of Keith will be held Friday, September 23, 2011, at 1 pm, at the Peterson Funeral Home, 205 East Cass Street, Cadillac. The family requests no flowers please. Any memorial contributions on behalf of Keith may be made to the Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby Street, SE & Harrison Avenue, SE, Alto, MI 49302. An online guest book is available at www.petersonfh.com

## COLLAR

Ruth Harriet Collar, age 73, of Alto, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; daughter, Nila Goodin; parents, Joseph and Helen B. Paffhausen; brothers, Loris, Ronald, Pat, Alan and Joseph Paffhausen; sisters, Jean (Jerry) Magnan, Carolyn (Fred) Blakeslee, Bette (Emmett) Gless; and brother-in-law Austin (Mickey) Collar. She is survived by her children, Joe (Heather) Collar, Rick Goodin, Renee (Gary) Sias, Melissa (Chuck) Tichelaar; grandsons, Jason (Andrea), Justin (Dawnell), Bobby (Angie), Brett, Jacob (Jessica), Steven, Brandon, Zachary, J.D.; granddaughters, Heather (Mark), Jessica (Keith), Cassidy (Jon), Helen; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Wyatt, Elissa, Kendal, Ethan, Jaxan, Jersey, Andrew, Wesley, Nila, Eli; sisters-in-law, Mary (Jim) McLean, Patty Paffhausen, Joan Paffhausen, Lillian Paffhausen; sister, Lorraine (Leroy) Thompson; brother, Jim (Louise) Paffhausen; and countless nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be Saturday, 11:00 am, at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell. Interment Alaska Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rosary at 6:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Pregnancy Center, 322 Amity, Lowell, MI 49331.

## DABAKEY

Mrs. Betty Joan Dabakey, age 85, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully Monday, September 12, 2011, at Rose Garden Homes, Grandville. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Fred Nicholas Dabakey. Born April 19, 1926, to Paul VanderMaas and Edna Winkles. Betty is survived by her children, Maribeth (Dick) Stapley of Irons and Daniel (Shirley) Dabakey of Byron Center; sister and brother, Eleanor Czerney of Marne and Jim VanderMaas of Orlando, FL; and several nieces and nephews. Betty was the proud grandmother of four grandchildren, Craig (Heather) Stapley, Gretchen (Marshall) Cooper, and Brian and David Dabakey; six great-grandchildren, Matthew, Shelby, and Dylan Cooper, Mason and Lucas Stapley, and little Alexander Nicholas Dabakey, who were her pride and joy. After retiring from Attwood in Lowell, Betty enjoyed crocheting (of which she was the very best), crafts, crossword puzzles, TV game shows, and listening to

her favorite CDs. She especially enjoyed her trip to Rome and a safari to Kenya, where she saw firsthand the "big cats" she so much loved. Funeral services were held Friday, at the Cook Memorial Chapel, Grandville, with Pastor Dennis Gilbert officiating. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Grand Rapids. Her family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookfamilycares.com

Contributions in memory of Betty may be made to the Rose Garden Homes or Faith Hospice.

## DYKHUIS

Denise Marie Dykhuis, aged 50, of Lowell, passed away September 20, 2011 following her battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Avis Hoag; her sister Debbie. She is survived by her husband, Scott; wonderful children including sons, Justin Scott (Mandy) Dykhuis of Edmore, Cody John Dykhuis of Lowell, and daughter, Amanda Marie (Dave) Kerman of Lowell. Denise was also blessed with four lovely grandchildren, Liberty, Riley, Dakota and Hunter; father and mother in-law Ken and Elaine Dykhuis; brothers, Michael Hoag, Stuart Hoag, Kevin Hoag; sisters, Mindy (Kelvin) Potter, Terri Hoag; also several in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews, and many very special friends. Denise and Scott both were from the Alto/Lowell area and shared a marriage for 31 years, while he stood by her side each day during the journey she fought until the end. Denise enjoyed card and craft making, cooking, and family gatherings. Visitations will be held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Sunday 6-9 PM. Funeral Service will be held Monday 11:00 a.m. at Alto Baptist Church, 6015 Bancroft, Interment Merriman Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

## GERIG

Dr. Zenas E. Gerig, age 84, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2011. He was born February 27, 1927, on a farm near Spencerville, IN. After high school he went on to earn a B.A. from Ft. Wayne Bible College, a Master of Divinity from New York Theological Seminary, and a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Indiana University. He was married to his "brown-eyed sweetheart," Esther Lehman, June 12, 1952, and was ordained as a minister in 1954 by the Missionary Church. He, with his wife Esther, served 43 years in Jamaica, WI, with the Overseas Board of the Missionary Church Inc., first as a pastor, then as an educator establishing the bachelor level Jamaica Theological Seminary and then the masters level Graduate School of Theology. He also founded and served with multiple Jamaican, Caribbean and international organizations involving Christian higher education and accreditation. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Esther; children, Stephen (Roxanne) Gerig of Houston, TX, Laurel (Rev. Mervin) Charles of Millersville, PA, Stan (Cindy) Gerig of Lowell; brother, Rev. Dale (Beth) Gerig; sister, Ruth (John) Imler; grandchildren, Stephanie and Dan Gerig, Nathan, Luke (Sherelle), Kristina and Amanda Charles,



Hannah, Andrew, Ben, Melody, Abbie and Charity Gerig; one great-grandson, Caedmon; and sisters-in-law, Mary Gerig, Dorcas (Harold) Sutherland, and Eunice Weber. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Eunice Gay, Lois Hetmansperger; and brothers, Paul, Matthias, Maurice and Ardon Gerig. Funeral service will be held Friday, 11:00 am, at Evergreen Church, 10501 Settledwood Drive, Lowell. Rev. Rick Ferguson officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitations will be Thursday, 2-4 and 6-8 pm, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, and one hour prior to service at the church. Memorial contributions may be given through Evergreen Church for the schools in Jamaica.

## STURGIS

Richard John Sturgis, Sr., age 72, of Lowell, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, after a valiant fight with many illnesses. He was a kind and loyal husband, dad and grandpa who was known as a "second dad" to many. As a man of faith, his character was evident through his actions. Richard retired from McInerney Spring and Wire after 32 years of dedicated service and later retired from Bosch after 10 years of service. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Richard proudly served his country in the US Army during the Korean conflict and actively served at the Flat River VFW Post #8303 in Lowell. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elнора Sturgis; brother, Edward Sturgis; son, Michael Purcell; and grandson, Richard Scott. He will be remembered by his wife of 42 years, Patricia Sturgis; children, Richard Sturgis, Jr., Marci and Thomas McCoy, Terri and Scott Yates, Tricia and Shane Pulley; grandchildren, Tabitha, Samantha, Cody, Tyler, Caitlin, Joshua, Jaime, Axel, Elizabeth, Timothy, Grady, Evan, Jill, Daynen; brothers and sister, Paul and Phyllis Sturgis, Joyce Manos, David and Dorothy Sturgis; many special nieces, nephews and cousins; and several dear friends. A memorial service was held Saturday at Flat River VFW Post #8303, Lowell. Interment Grandville Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Grand Rapids Home for Veterans or Flat River VFW Post #8303. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com



## VAN LAAN

Earl Van Laan, a man of God, age 89, of Lowell, went home to his faithful Lord on Saturday September 17, 2011. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Walter and Hattie Van Laan; and grandson, Greg Williams in 1989. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris; children, Patricia (Joel) Walker, Barbara (John) Williams, Mary (James) Craig, Nancy Van Laan, Susan (Philip) Dykstra, Phillip (Rebecca) Van Laan, Linda Van Laan, Karen (Roger) Onan, Ruth (Jeff) Gesselman; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean Van Laan. Funeral service will be at 11 am, Wednesday, at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main. Pastor Burland Margesson officiating. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the Children's Bible Hour or First Baptist Church.



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# classifieds

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## sales

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LIL' RED BARN SALE - We've prepared a lovely assortment of antiques, furniture, Shabby Chic items, linens and fall decor. Thurs., Sept. 22 & Fri., Sept. 23, 9-6. Meet us at 12795 Burroughs NE, 2 miles north of Lowell, off Lincoln Lake Rd.

SALE - at Mill Creek Meadows Apt., 320 Summit St., Saranac. All proceeds to benefit mission trip to Israel. Sat., Sept. 24, 9 to ? Antique dolls, 1972 Honda CD-750, lava lamps - 1 w/phone, upholstery tools, clothes, king size comforter, camcorder, PC games. This, that & the other.

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GREAT SALE - 3277 Segwun, 9/22 & 23, 9-5 p.m. Vintage furniture, collectibles, pottery, glass, coats, hats, ladies boots. Half off items & lots more.

SALE - Sept. 22, 23 & 24, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 120 Cumberland (off Bailey), Lowell. 2 - antique corn planters, 2 - 212 JD tractors, also JD attachments, 65 Chevy truck, 95 Chevy 4x4 truck, garden way cart, knickknacks, much, much more.

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## misc.

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Lowell Area Farmers' Market is wrapping up the 2011 Market Season with a giant Flea Market Sale September 29. We are seeking 10 peddlers to fill these spaces. If you have gently used items (no clothing please) that you would like to sell, please call Betty to reserve your space. Spaces are available on a first come first serve basis at \$10 each. 616-897-9186.

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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 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 Rumage 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.

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MOMSINTOUCHGROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

STORYTIME - Sept. 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

ALTO HARVEST FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW - Sat. Sept. 24th. Please note the date is one week later than usual.

TOTS PLAYGROUP - Meets every Tues., Wed. & Thurs. at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. 8:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. Meeting at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto on Thursdays at 10 a.m. For more info contact Lori at TOTS, 897-2532.

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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.

# EARTH TALK

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** Are as many cats and dogs being euthanized these days as back in the 1970s and 1980s when indiscriminate breeding led to explosions in pet populations? -- Mary H., Knox, TN

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the leading non-profit devoted to animal welfare, reports that in the 1970s American shelters euthanized between 12 and 20 million cats and dogs every year at a time when there were 67 million pets in U.S. homes. According to statistics gleaned from the Asilomar Accords, which tracks animal shelter care and euthanasia numbers, U.S. shelters today euthanize three to four million animals, while there are more than 135 million cats and dogs in American homes.

"This enormous decline in euthanasia numbers - from around 25 percent of American dogs and cats euthanized every year to about three percent - represents substantial progress," reports HSUS. "We will make still greater progress by working together to strike at the roots of animal overpopulation."

These numbers are only estimates as there is no centralized reporting protocol for shelters. However, the Asilomar Accords method is gaining momentum as a standard for more accurately tracking animal shelter care and euthanasia numbers; it posts annual statistics for some 150 different U.S. shelters on its website.

And what exactly are the roots of the problem? Foremost is irresponsible breeding - pet owners failing to get their animals spayed or neutered, leading to unwanted offspring. Some 35 percent of U.S. pet owners do not spay or neuter their pets, despite increasing public awareness about the pet overpopulation issue.

Another factor is low adoption rates: Only 20 percent of the 17 million Americans that get a new pet each year opt for a shelter pet; the vast majority buys

from pet stores, breeders, or through other private arrangements. And six to eight million pets are given up to shelters or rescue groups every year for one reason or another, leaving these organizations with many more animals than they can place in homes.



tion through public education, legislation and support for sterilization programs. As to what individuals can do, HSUS recommends spaying or neutering their dogs and cats, adopting from shelters or rescue groups, and considering all the ramifications of pet ownership before deciding to take on a cat or dog in the first place.

CONTACTS: HSUS, www.hsus.org; Asilomar Accords, www.asilomaraccords.org; National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, www.petpopulation.org.

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Beyond these factors, HSUS also cites our society's "disposal pet" ethos, whereby owners are quick to relinquish their pets for any number of reasons. The majority of shelter pets are not overflying litters of puppies and kittens, but companion animals turned in by their owners. "To solve this problem, we would need to effect a cultural change in which every individual fully considers all of the responsibilities and consequences of pet ownership before adopting, and then makes a lifetime commitment to their pet."

The National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy is a coalition of eleven of America's foremost animal welfare organizations concerned with the issue of unwanted pets in the United States. The Council and its partner groups, including HSUS, work to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce pet overpopula-



SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20

• Obama to unveil \$3 trillion in debt cuts. The president's plan is for wealthy people and corporations to pay more in taxes.

• Reno, Nevada - The pilot of the World War II era P51 Mustang is being investigated. Thoughts are he was unconscious when the plane hit the ground, killing nine people.

• British police arrest seven people of being suspected Islamic extremists on Monday in one of the most significant counter-terror operations of the year.

• Gunmen from neighboring Congo kill 36 people in a late night attack at a pub in Burundi.

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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.

Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service please.

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

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*I love my small town. People help when needed and look out for one another. Lee and Linda Cook are two of those people. Your kindness in helping my pet after someone hit her is appreciated more than I can put into words. You are kind people with big hearts for pets and you prevented my pet from suffering.*

Forever Grateful,  
Candice Bowne and Ruth Wood

*2:47 p.m. M-21 by Ford dealership - Waited through three lights to turn left. During every single red light four or five high school drivers went through red lights! Where are the police?*

*Wonderful to see the article "In The Service" with Abe M. My son was in Cub Scouts and on the high school wrestling team with him.*

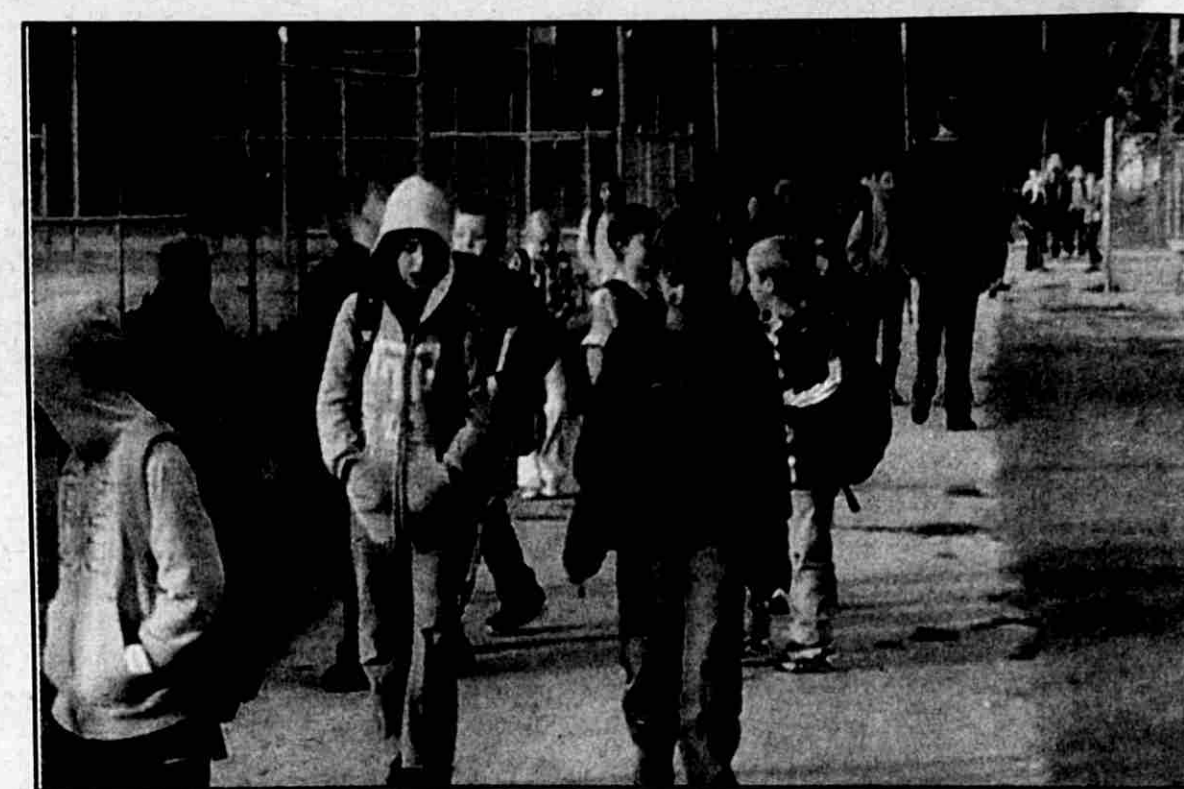
## THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

With coworkers - what two qualities do you value the most?

- They get you coffee and laugh at your jokes ..... 0%
- Work ethic and honesty ..... 82%
- Appearance and they are on time ..... 9%
- They bring doughnuts and take long lunches ..... 9%

## Walk to School Day

Cherry Creek students got their bodies moving and their brains ready to learn by walking to school on Friday, Sept. 16. Each month the school has a "Walk to School Day" to encourage healthy habits. Students walk from Creekside Park to school. Warm jackets were in order last week, with temperatures dipping and fall colors beginning to appear.



## NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that on Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 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 "KILGUS 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:

**41-20-35-**  
100-003, -005, -007 thru -009; 200-002, -006 thru -009; 300-002; 400-004, -006, -009 thru -012;

**41-20-36-**  
100-005, -007, -009, -012, -013; 200-009; 300-006, -012 thru -016; 400-004;

**41-24-01-**  
100-005, -014, -016, -018, -019, -021 thru -024; 200-015; 501-004;

**41-24-02-**  
100-001, -002, -005 thru -009; 200-003 thru -007; 300-004, -005, -008, -016, -017, -021 thru -024, -026, -028, -029, -032 thru -035; 400-002, -010, -011; 500-001;

**41-24-03-**  
200-003; 400-003, -004, -008;

Bowne-Township at large, Lowell Charter Township at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County; Christian Wenger-Bowne Township Supervisor; Jerry Hale - Lowell Charter Township Supervisor; 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 Kilgus 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.

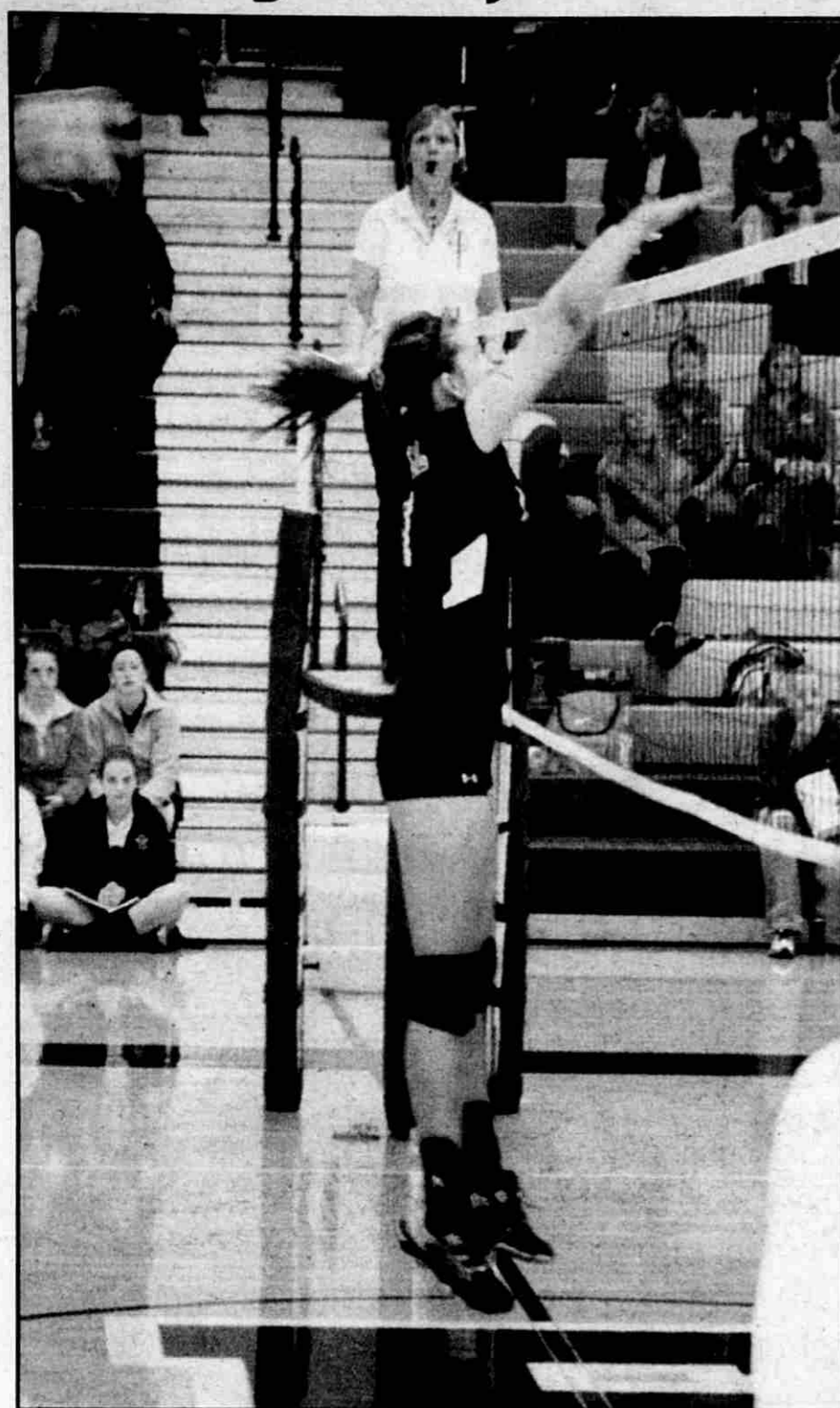
Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.

William R. Byl,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Volleyball, continued



Aubreigh Steed puts a roof over the net to stop the East attack.

"I watched their outside hitter Betsy Ronda have the match of her life," Peal said. "But when we won the game, it was off her errors. If you keep going at her, she'll eventually take herself out of the match."

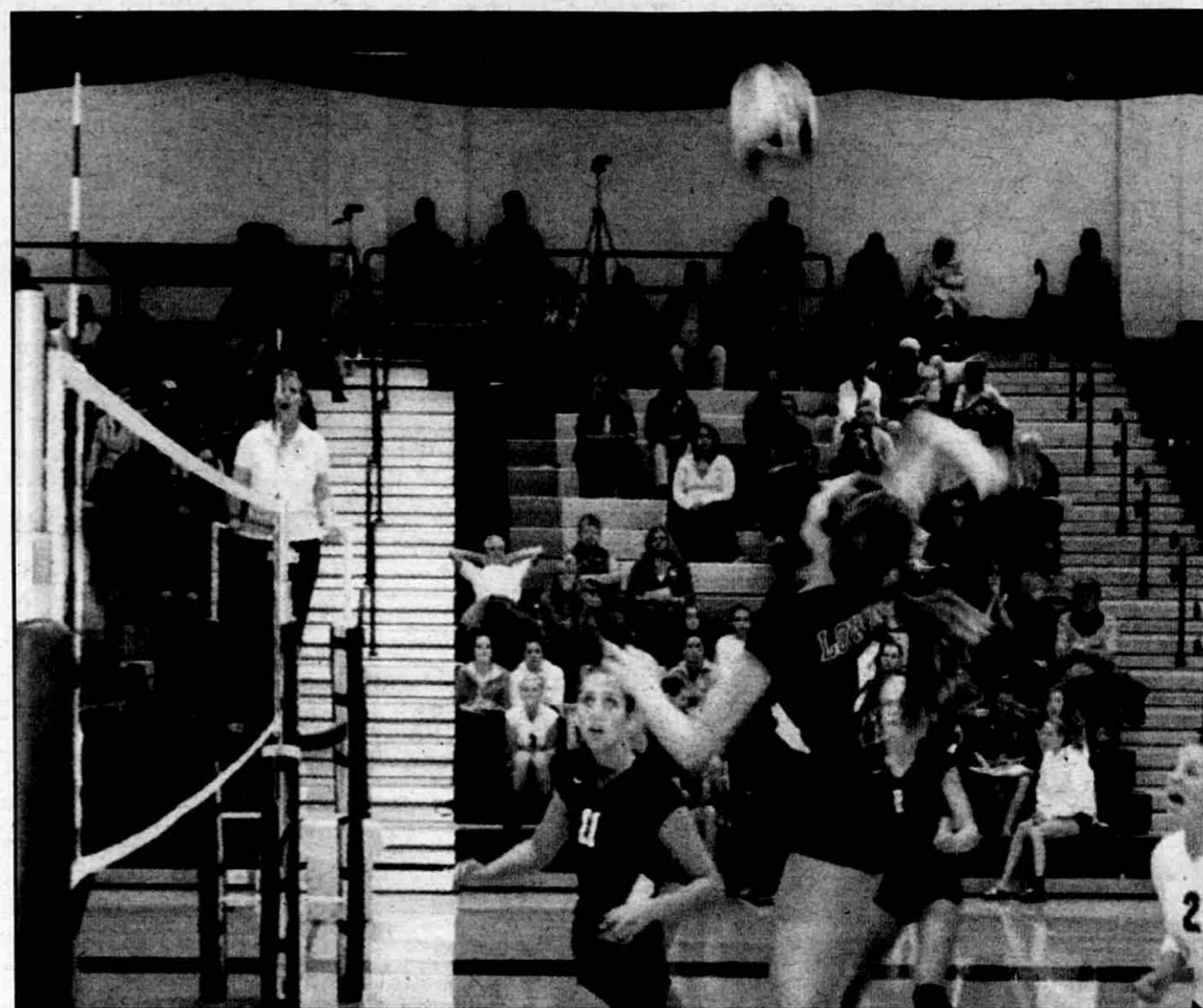
Despite intense volleys and tough defensive stands from Lowell, they found themselves down 20-10, then matched the Pioneers point-for-point to end the set 25-15.

Peal said fatigue also contributed to the loss.

She said, "I knew if it got long or hard, the fatigue from Tuesday would set in."

However, Peal said, there is a lot of season left and Christian and East still have two matches against each other this season.

She said, "When I looked at this week on my calendar - don't get me wrong, I'm very happy at the end of the week to say we're 1-1 and we took a set from East Grand Rapids.



Abby Petroelje goes for the kill against East Grand Rapids.

But looking at the match, I would be okay with the loss if I felt like the girls fought."

After a tournament this weekend and only Creston to play this Thursday - their first conference match at home - Peal said they have

the whole week to work on their game.

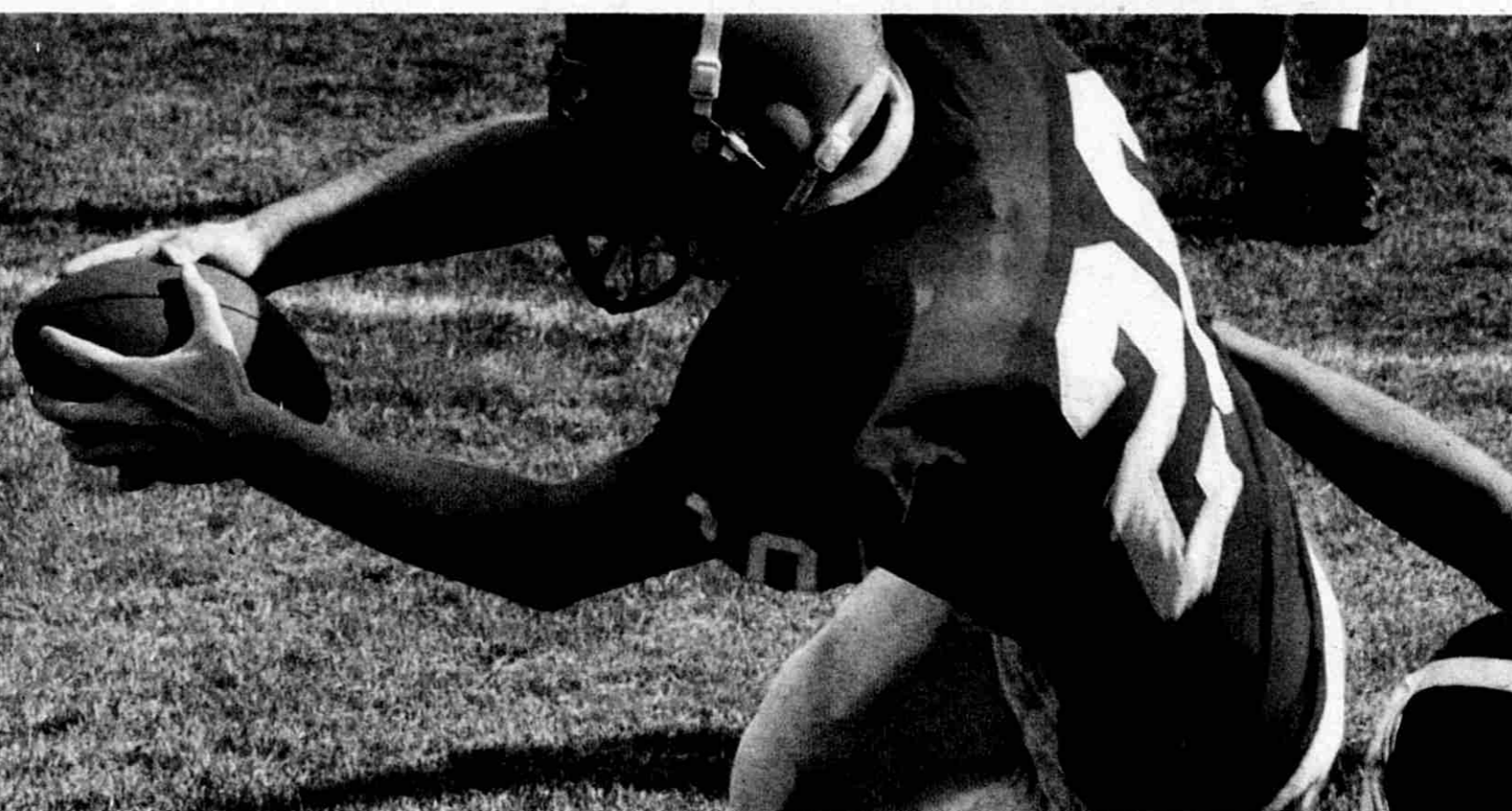
"Put it all out there," Peal tells her girls, "and if it's not good enough, we'll get back in the gym and work on it."

Now, she said, her play-

ers have a decision to make. "We're not going to change the team we are, but right now we need to decide what team we're going to be, Tuesday's team or Thursday's team?"

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