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Local growers offer everbearing strawberries through October

by Emma Palova

Sightings of pickers hunkering in the fields and carrying cases of crimson red strawberries to the barn, while peaches are still being harvested, are truly unusual for September in Michigan.

Growers of everbearing strawberries, Ben and Aaron Kaeb, co-owners of Heidi's Farm Stand attested to that. And they hope to offer strawberries until Halloween.

"I've never had peaches and strawberries at the same time," Aaron said.

Well, peaches were late and the everbearing strawberries went dormant during the mid summer heat wave. Come fall, the strawberries ripened and produced an incredibly sweet crop.

"The heat aborted the buds but we had a phenomenal fall crop," said Aaron.

The Kaeb brothers added everbearing strawberries to their growing operation in Lowell Township three years ago. The everbearing strawberry has seeds on the



Aaron Kaeb holds a case of everbearing strawberries.

outside skin rather than having an outer skin around the seed.

Aaron expects the

strawberries to produce until Halloween, in spite of cold weather that will cause the strawberries to slow down.

And the strawberries are picked fully ripe because they do not have to travel, unlike California

crops. Most strawberries are sold right at the farm stand

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Local woman remembered for her energy and spirit

by Emma Palova

A ball of energy and great spirit. A kind soul. A true team player. A person who you can count on.

That is how friends and family characterized Chris West, who passed away on Monday. She was the general manager at the Flat River Grill since its opening in downtown Lowell close to a decade ago.

On any given day, West could be seen at the Flat River Grill or around the restaurant. During the summer concerts on the Riverwalk, she made her rounds between the restaurant and the Showboat.

West worked together with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on many events and special occasions, such as dinners for

nonprofits, Riverwalk, Pink Arrow and summer concerts.

"She could run circles around most of us. Never complained, she just made things happen," said chamber director Liz Baker.

Everyone, according to Baker, had West on their good list as a true team player and someone you could count on.

"I will always have a special place in my heart for Chris," said Baker.

And then there were the good old days at the Keiser's Kitchen, when West co-owned the restaurant with brother Blair until 2001.

"She was always very active and willing to help somebody," said Keiser's Kitchen owner Trudy Ca-

hoon. "She was a very good person. She would do anything for anybody."

West loved her staff and customers and cherished the moments she spent with the family. She was active in the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

During her career, West also helped open up another Gilmore Collection restaurant, Mangiamo on Lake Drive.

Her death on Monday came as a surprise to owner Greg Gilmore who met with West the previous week.

"It was a surprise to everybody," said Gilmore. "Chris loved her customers and staff. She was a great lady. She is very much missed at this time."

West could create a wonderful family atmosphere in any environment, whether in the restaurant, at home or during an event.

"Chris was an amazing person," said Baker. "She will be greatly missed."



West loved the restaurant business. Ledger file photo from "Behind the Scenes" January 2009.

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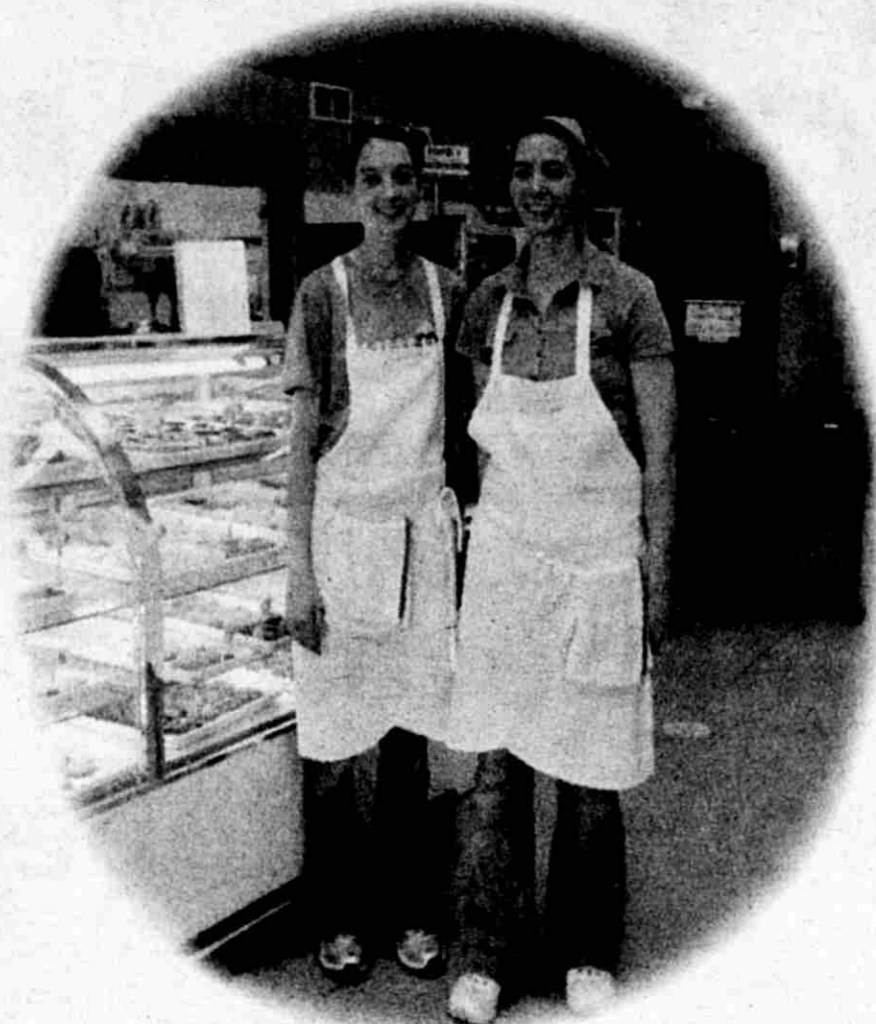
Strawberries, continued

for \$4.50 a quart or u-pick for \$2.50. If the strawberries do travel they go only a short distance to the area farm markets.

This year, the weather has presented unique challenges for the family-run operation with the first frost hitting the ground two weeks ago.

"We had to burn bales to keep smoke over the fields," said Aaron.

Carlos Garcia, small fruit educator for West Michigan Michigan State University Extension, said there is a niche market for the everbearing strawberries



Bakers Melissa and Heather Blough.

in high-end restaurants that use local produce.

"It's creating the demand for local growers," he said. "People are conscious about supporting local agriculture and buying locally grown produce."

The problem is that the growing season for everberries is short in Michigan, but the plants can produce year-round.

"It fills a niche market," said Garcia.

The Kaebes are only one of three large-scale growers of everbearing strawberries in Michigan. The everbearing California variety has been developed for cooler

climates, but still presents its unique set of challenges like most crops.

"Every year you have new diseases, new insects and new bugs," said Aaron.

The strawberries are rotated with other crops due to soil born diseases. Even though the everbearing strawberries can be perennials, the Kaebes plant anew every year in April for better yield.

"We're still picking all the vegetables," said Aaron. "We've never had a terrible year."

Aaron said the farm, built from scratch, has been growing on itself since 2006.

"We've got our plates

full trying to keep up with this," he said. "But we do want to keep expanding and growing. We would like to do grapes and apples."

The plans include a paved parking lot and a porch out front.

A bakery, with baker and co-owner Melissa Blough, was added to the farm stand three years ago.

The farm stand along with the bakery are on Kent Harvest Trails' program to gain exposure on the south side of Kent County.

The owners' goal is to bring the third generation farm closer to the community.

The market will stay open until Christmas.



along main street

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.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL AT EGR

Tickets for the Lowell/East Grand Rapids varsity football game at EGR will be available at the Lowell High School athletic office this Friday from 7:30-3:00. \$5 each.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

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

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Oct. 3 at 7 pm. Please come and support our athletes.

GILDA'S CLUB

Teen and Tween Talk, a group for youth in middle school or high school on a cancer or grief journey, Tuesdays, Oct. 4 and 18, 6-7:15 pm; Look Good, Feel Better, this program, presented by the American Cancer Society, is to help women in treatment for cancer with appearance-related side-effects, Tues., Oct 11, 1-3 pm; Cancer - New Member Meeting, Tuesdays, Oct. 11 and 25, 2:30-3:30 pm and Oct. 11, 7:15-8 pm. Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For information, call 897-8600.

CLASS OF 1976

The class of 1976 is having their 35th class reunion at the Grand Volute Ballroom on Oct. 8. To register or for questions call 897-7179.

LHS IDOL

The final round for the LHS Idol singing competition will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets available at the Lowell High School main office or at the door. Call Heidi Kolp at 616-987-2991.

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

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Harvest Celebration to offer activities in downtown Lowell and at the fairgrounds

by Emma Palova

Apple chuckin', scarecrow hoedown, chili cooking and bocce for the arts.

Those are the main staples of this year's Harvest Celebration set for Oct. 8 both in downtown Lowell and at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

But, the scarecrows will no longer adorn the Main Street giving it the Halloween atmosphere. However, this year they can still be built for \$5 at the fairgrounds and kids can take them home.

"This is the last year the chamber will be doing this activity," said director Liz Baker. "We are in the process of searching for a group to take it over for next year."

Other novelties include an ice cream social featuring the Divco Milk Truck at the fairgrounds, a new route for the 5K Harvest Hustle run and BBQ, Beer, and Bocce at the LowellArts! building on Hudson Street. The Farmers' Market will move to the fairgrounds for the celebration.

The celebration will start off with the Lowell Area Trailway dedication at Cherry Creek Elementary followed by the Harvest Hustle 5K run with a new route on the paved trail.

The Harvest Arts & Crafts Show and the Flat

River Antique Show will take place at the Foreman Building at the fairgrounds. The show will feature more than 70 booths that will stay open until 4 pm.

The Pet Expo in the dairy barn will have pet vendors, with pet adoption information and more from 9 am until 3 pm.

Bands: Fusion, String Theory and Easy Idle, will play at the fairgrounds to warm up the autumn air.

Back, in the downtown area, the merchants will be offering Harvest sales and open houses.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will have home-baked pies, cider and coffee for purchase. The exhibits are a real treat, as well as the Victorian garden with a new fountain.

The Lowell Light and Power will be offering free hot dogs, chips and beverages, as well as bucket rides

for the adventurous until 2 pm.

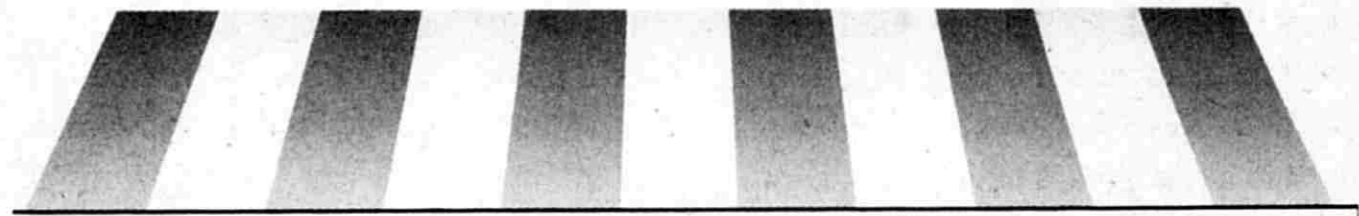
Just a few steps away on Broadway, the big Chili Cook-off will be in full swing for the 3 pm official tasting with boisterous cooks hoping to grab the first prize.

"We are looking forward to another fun day in Lowell," said Baker.

Visit www.lowellharvestcelebration.org for more information.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

- Robert Louis Stevenson



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Computer Help Time

Open lab time to get help with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, digital cameras, e-mail and other general computer questions. Use your laptop or ours. For adults. Registration not required. Thursdays, Oct. 6, Oct. 20 and Nov. 10, 1 pm.

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Christopher C. Godbold

Reinvesting dividends can pay off

When you invest in stocks, you want their price to go up. But of course, you can't control the rise and fall of stock prices. However, there is a key element of investing that you can control — the number of shares you own. And in the long run, share ownership may be more important than rising stock prices in determining your long-term investment success.

Of course, you might think that the advice of "buy more shares" is easier said than done. After all, not everyone can easily find a lot of extra money to invest. But you don't need access to vast wealth to increase your share ownership — you just need to consistently reinvest your stock dividends.

Just how important are reinvested dividends to wealth accumulation, as compared to capital gains (the increase in stock prices)? Over the 135-year period from 1871 through 2003, owning stocks and reinvesting the dividends produced 97 percent of all stock market returns, with only 3 percent coming from capital gains, according to a major study done by Dr. Jeremy Siegel, one

of the world's leading researchers on stock market performance. Other studies have also pointed to the importance of dividends as a component of total returns.

What are the implications of this disparity between the effectiveness of dividend reinvestment ver-

sus that of capital gains? First of all, it suggests that you may not want to spend an undue amount of time and effort in chasing after "hot" stocks, hoping for big capital gains. For one thing, by the time you buy these stocks, they may already be cooling off, but even more importantly, your focus on achieving large capital gains may not be the best use of your financial resources.

Ultimately, the power of dividend reinvestment means, not surprisingly, that you may be able to help yourself if you look for quality dividend-paying stocks — and then reinvest the dividends, month after month and year after year.

With just a little research, you can find stocks that have paid — and even increased — dividends for many years in a row. (Keep in mind, though, that not all stocks will pay dividends, and even those that do can reduce or discontinue them

at any time. Dividend reinvestment does not ensure a profit or protect against loss.) So, to help boost your share ownership, consider reinvesting the dividends back into the stock, rather than taking them as cash payments. If you do choose to reinvest your dividends, though, you will need to look to other types of investments to provide you with income, assuming you need some income from your portfolio, which may become more necessary during your retirement years. Your financial advisor can help you determine the appropriate investments to help provide this income.

In any case, if you can do without the current income provided by dividends, give careful consideration to reinvesting them. Dividend reinvestment is not a glamorous investment strategy, and it won't help you "get rich quick," but it can help you make steady progress toward your long-term financial goals.

Alto man named to Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness

An Alto resident is one of three people appointed Sept. 22 by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness.

Nicholas Sheltrown, of Alto, is director of measurement, research and accountability at National Heritage Academics in Grand Rapids. He manages the measurement and research initiatives for a network of 71 charter schools with a combined enrollment of more than 40,000 students.

Sheltrown previously served as director of research and measurement at Grand Valley State University, the technology director at Byron Center Public Schools and vice president of professional development at ST Concepts Inc. in Byron Center.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cornerstone University and a master's degree in curricu-

lum and teaching and a doctorate from Michigan State University.

The other two appointees are Deborah Ball of Dexter and Mark Reckase of Okemos.

The council was created by Public Act this year to provide tools that improve teacher effectiveness. The council consists of three appointees by the governor, as well as one from the speaker of the house, one from the senate majority leader and one from the state superintendent of public instruction. The council will report to the legislature, state board of education and governor, its recommendations for student growth and assessment programs for evaluations of teachers and administrators, as well as requirements for professional teacher, certificates. The council must issue its report by April 30, 2012.

viewpoint

outdoors

the way we were

Dave Stegehuis

Growing up during the 1940's and 50's was certainly different from the world that today's youth find themselves. "Happy Days" and "Mayberry" may not be coming back for some time. One of the significant changes over the last three generations is our disconnect from nature. During that time we passed from an agricultural based economy to the industrial revolution to the information age.

My dad spent part of his youth on a small potato farm early in the 20th century. The large family depended on farm produce, livestock, and poultry for the majority of their meals. Any shortfall was made up by harvesting wild game and fish from the woods and streams around what is now Wilderness State Park.

I grew up in a combination residential and rural setting. My father passed along his enthusiasm and skills for hunting and fishing. I could access fields, woods, and water on foot where I could hunt small game and trap fur bearing animals. My dad worked in a factory, so although we ate a lot of fish and game in those days it wasn't necessary for our survival.

Today most young people are not ordinarily in touch with the land or wild creatures. Meat comes wrapped in plastic and magically appears on the store shelf. Fresh fish is scarce, even at the supermarket. There are so many activities competing for youngster's attention, in and out of the home, that just finding

time to hunt or fish is keeping them out of the woods and off the water. Millions of acres have fallen victim to development where once open land has been segmented into small private parcels or paved over. You can't hunt birds in a parking lot. This culture shift has resulted in fewer people starting to hunt and fish than those who stop.

To help turn this deficit around, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has in recent years been attempting to make it easier to get started. An apprentice program allows beginning hunters to use a special license to hunt for two years before completing a hunter education course. A bill has been signed by the governor which will allow youth under ten years of age to hunt with a mentor. Peo-

ple may have differing opinions about these plans, but these measures point out the fact that the recruitment of new hunters is facing strong headwinds.

The opportunity for young people to become involved in hunting and fishing does not occur as a natural part of growing-up as in the past. A special effort needs to be made by parents and other concerned adults to introduce the outdoor lifestyle to young people and others.

Times have changed, but fortunately there are still natural areas and wild creatures which have not. One can still experience the excitement of the hunt, the tug of a fish on a line, or just being in neat places where all this happens. There is still time to be the way we were.



lend a hand

Volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, October 6, 2011, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of West Michigan is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least

19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call us at 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

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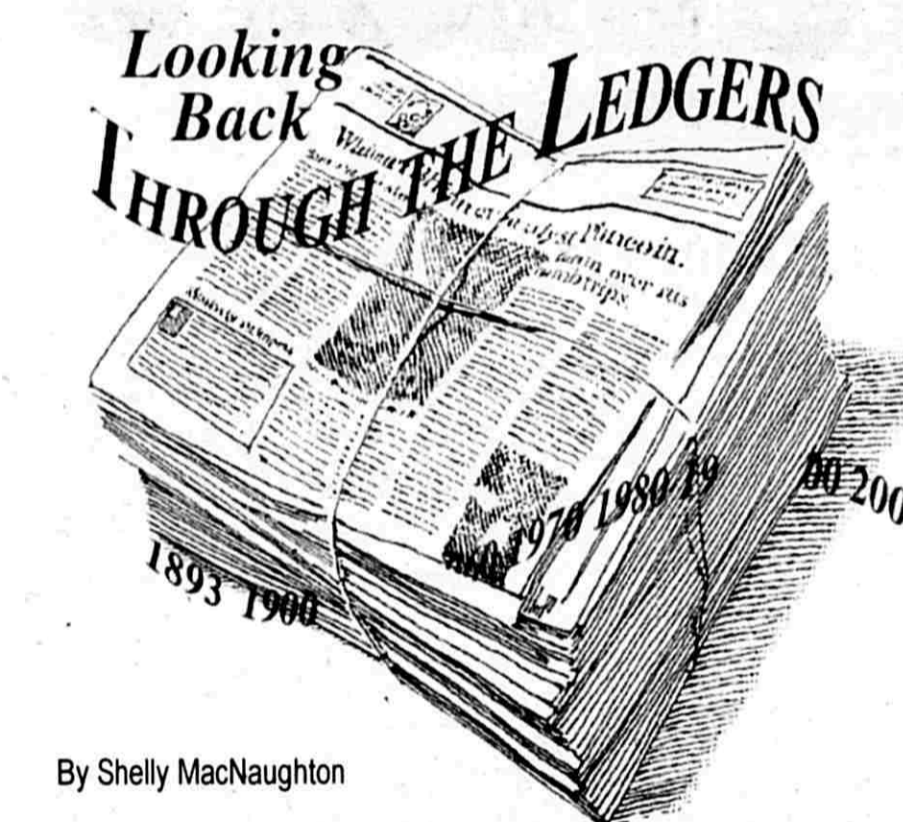
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By Shelly MacNaughton

With twenty men and sixty women at work, the Edwin Fallas Canning Company is approaching the peak of it's season's production. Eighty bushels of tomatoes hourly are being converted into the popular "Mary Jane" and "Jean" brand of canned tomatoes, in readiness for national distribution.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger September 28, 1961

Rep. Gerald R. Ford, Jr., announced today that his seventh annual mobile office tour of Kent and Ottawa Counties will open October 2.

Ford will spend an afternoon and evening during the following six weeks in 24 communities in the Fifth District to visit with his constituents near their homes. He will be in Lowell Friday, October 20 and in Ada Saturday, October 21.

"During the past six years," Rep. Ford said, "we have averaged a thousand visitors each fall at our mobile office stops and I am looking forward to renewing acquaintances and greeting new friends this fall."

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger October 1, 1986

Three people involved in a two-car crash on Main St. at the entrance to Valley Vista Trailer Park luckily escaped with minor injuries. The Thursday, September 25, accident took place shortly before noon and snarled West Main St. traffic for much of the noon hour rush.

Alfred Scott, 31, of Lowell, was stopped in the westbound lane waiting to make a left-hand turn when a vehicle driven by David Brock, 21, of Grand Rapids, slammed into the rear of Scott's Ford Escort. The impact collapsed the entire rear portion of Scott's car. Scott's wife Linda, 20, was a front seat passenger. All three received minor injuries.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 24, 1936

Some of the equipment to be used in the location of the new post office in the London block has begun to arrive. New windows are being cut in on the east side of the building.

health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier,
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Molluscum

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin disease, similar to warts, that is also caused by a virus. It most commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It causes small pink or flesh-colored bumps with a dimple in the center. These bumps are smooth and firm and can appear anywhere on the body. They may become sore, red and swollen, but are usually painless. These bumps normally disappear within 6-12 months without treatment.

Molluscum is contagious and can spread to different parts of the body. This spread occurs by touching or scratching a bump and then touching another part of the body. This virus can spread from person to person via direct contact when skin touches skin. It can also spread by sharing certain objects with an infected person, like clothes, towels and toys. Certain contact sports are at higher risk of transmitting the virus, like football, basketball and wrestling. Sometimes mol-

luscum can also be transmitted sexually.

The best way to avoid spreading the virus to yourself or others is to wash your hands frequently and keep your nails cut short. You should avoid sharing personal items with others. You should avoid scratching or picking at the bumps. You should keep the bumps covered with clothes and/or bandages. You should not take part in contact sports unless all bumps can be completely covered with clothes or bandages.

Treatment is typically not necessary as the bumps will usually disappear within 6-12 months spontaneously. Some treatments do exist for those cases where the bumps do not resolve, become painful or spread rapidly. Some of the treatments currently available include cryotherapy and a prescription cream. If you have a new rash and suspect it's molluscum, you should see your healthcare provider to get an accurate diagnosis.

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Taking time for safety leads to a successful harvest

As corn farmers across the nation are pulling into their fields to harvest the third largest crop on record — a predicted 12.5 billion bushels — they are reminded to focus not only on filling their bins, but also to follow important safety precautions that could save their lives.

Harvest is one of the highest risk periods for farm injuries or fatalities.

According to Michigan Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation statistics, Michigan had 21 agriculture-related fatalities in 2010, a jump from the 11 fatalities in 2009.

“As farmers begin harvest this year, we want to remind them that a successful harvest is one in which there are no serious injuries or fatalities and every-

one remains safe,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) executive director. “Harvest is a very important time for farmers. With equipment on the roads and in the fields, it is vital for everyone to remember to take proper safety precautions.”

Preventing accidents is the first step toward a safe harvest. The National Safety Council makes these recommendations:

- Inspect all harvest equipment, make sure shields and guards are in place and that the seat belt works properly if applicable.
- Never lean or step over a power takeoff (PTO) shaft while it is operating.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing around PTO shafts or other moving parts.
- Keep long hair tied back or under a cap.
- Check fire extinguishers and smoke detectors to ensure they are working properly.

Remind all farm employees about farm safety and ensure they have had all appropriate training.

Follow all safety guidelines set by the equipment manufacturers.

“We realize what a hectic time of year this is for all farmers,” added Pollok-Newsom. “A farmer’s annual income is dependent on harvest, so it is important they remove all their crops from the fields in a timely and productive fashion. They are then able to market their crops or fulfill any contracts they have made prior to harvest, which sets the financial tone for the rest of the year. Harvest is a vital time for farmers and we need to make sure our farmers take time to slow down and ensure it is a safe harvest, which is most important of all.”

Is your home vulnerable to burglary?

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But a few simple precautions can keep your home safe while you’re away:

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Evaluate your home’s surroundings. Don’t inadvertently make it easy for burglars to hide. Keep landscaping neatly trimmed to eliminate hiding places around the house. And careless placement of tools in the backyard, such as a ladder, can be used by the burglar to break-in. So be sure to always store tools properly and in secure locations.

Keep up appearances. Make sure to stop all newspaper deliveries and have the post office hold your mail when you are away. Also, keep your grass watered and cut, along with other landscaping if you are gone for an extended period. These simple tips and precautions should allow you to rest easier while away — and keep your home safe as well.

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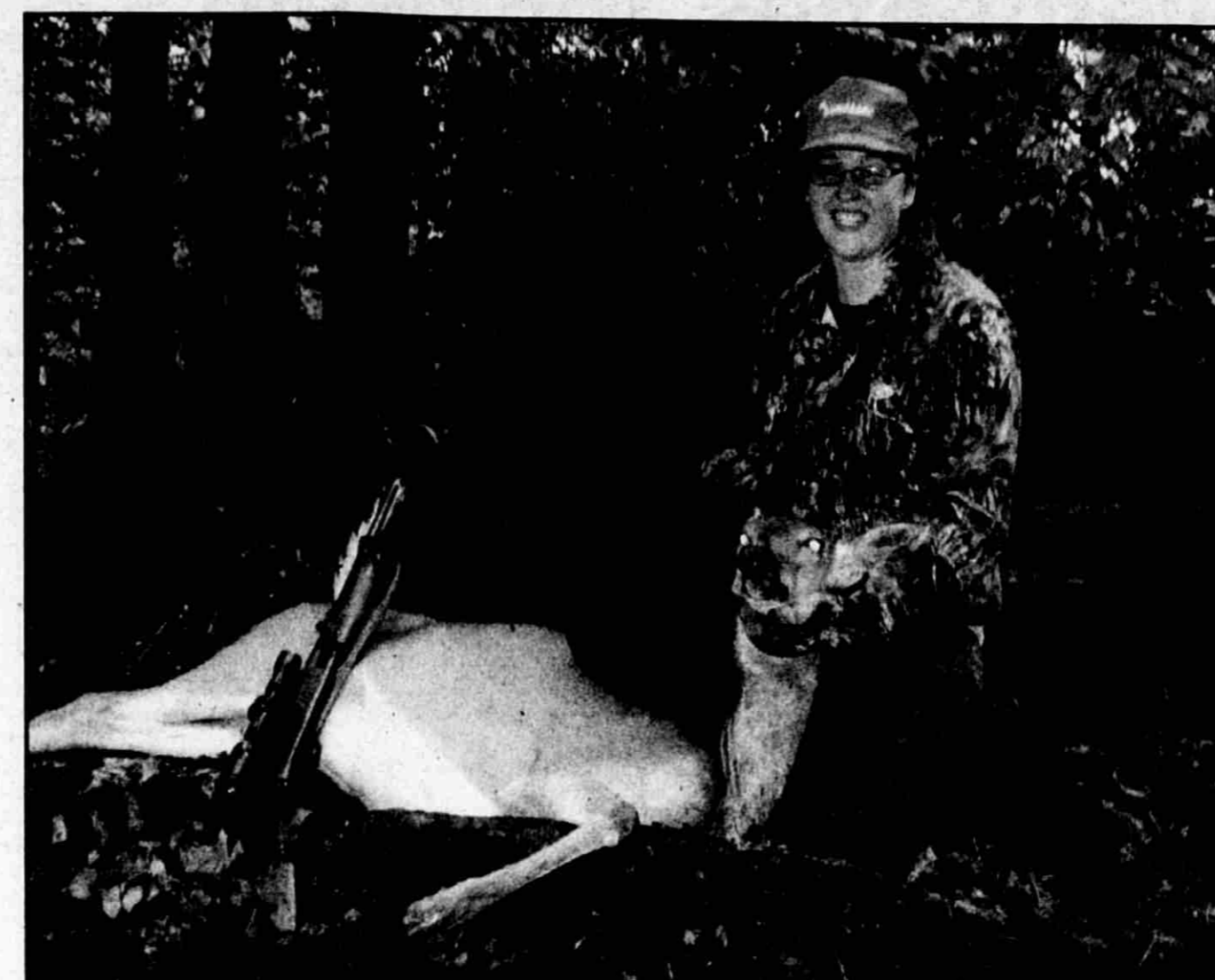
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Young hunters successful over weekend youth hunt



Kristin Russell is pictured with her first deer taken last Saturday during the youth hunt. Russell was hunting with Jeff and Pete Odland in Ionia County.



Mariah Rinckey, 13, of Saranac, and Tommy Mahalic, 14, of Lowell, both harvested their first bucks during the youth hunt. A five-point and six-point respectively.



Katie Hildenbrand, 16, of Lowell, shot a six-point buck on Saturday at 50 yards with a muzzle loader at her grandpa’s farm, north of Lowell.



On Saturday evening, Sept. 24, Caitlyn Gauck, a 14-year-old freshman attending Lowell High School, shot her first buck on her family’s property in Grattan Township during the 2011 youth hunt.

Hunting heritage program

Some of the biggest news about deer hunting in Michigan this year will not come into play until 2012, when the Mentored Youth Hunt, also known as the Hunter Heritage Program, comes into effect. The new program will create an opportunity for youths who are less than 10 years old to become deer hunters.

But there are some immediate changes, too. Currently, youths who are at least 10 years of age may hunt deer with a bow and arrow or crossbow if the youth is safety certified or in possession of an apprentice license and accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult 21 years of age or older. New this year, youths may hunt with a firearm if they are at least 10 years old, either hunter safety trained, in possession of a firearms license or junior

combination license, and accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age; or in possession of an apprentice license, accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult 21 years of age.

In either case, youngsters less than 14 years of age may hunt in private land only. “Accompanied by” means the adult must be able to come to the immediate aid of the apprentice and stay within a distance that allows “uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.”

The Hunter Heritage Program or Mentored Youth Hunt “is a great opportunity for Michigan’s youth,” said Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes. “Our youngsters can start hunting earlier with a safe program, which can have a lifelong impact on

their interest in conservation and natural resources.”

The Natural Resources Commission has been charged with developing the program. The NRC has appointed a six-member committee to make recommendations for specific rules for the new Mentored Youth Hunt program.

The law creates a mentored youth hunt license, which will enable youths to hunt, not just deer, but turkey and small game as well. The license will be \$7.50, and will be available start-

ing in the 2012 hunting season.

Under the law, a parent or guardian must apply for the license on behalf of the youngster. Once the youth reaches 10 years of age, the youth will be eligible for the apprentice license or must successfully complete hunter safety training.

Youngsters (and parents) are reminded that apprentice licenses may only be purchased for two years, at which time the new hunter must complete a hunter

safety education course to continue hunting. For more information on the Mentored Youth Hunt

Program starting in 2012, go to www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting

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Artist builds panels for ArtPrize Jukebox on local farm in Vergennes Township

by Emma Palova
The much anticipated Art Prize opened last week and Lowell has its own physical part in it.

Due to the magnitude of the art pieces, artist Royce Deans from Traverse City used a local farm in Vergennes Township to build his large wooden panels that will be used for a collaborative painting to music project.

Deans along with fellow artist Tali Farchi from Netherlands have developed project ArtPrize Jukebox for this year's arts contest. They are first time participants.

"We've been honing our skills for this," he said.

Deans built 45 panels four by four feet large inside a barn on the farm. He will be using the panels to paint to music. People are encouraged to bring their favorite music on iPods and iPhones. The music will be downloaded and played, while Deans paints with Farchi.

"I love the collaboration with the public in the spirit of the ArtPrize," said Deans. "I am looking forward to working with any kind of music."

Deans said music brings out the expressionism in a painter using different colors depending on the music.

"Calmer music will bring different colors and textures," he said. "I have worked with diverse music."

The duo usually paints to live music, but due to ArtPrize format downloaded music will be used instead.

"I like working with [the] public on the spot," he said.

Carol Drenth, co-owner of the farm, is looking for volunteers to help with downloading of the music and to man the merchandise table at Steepletown Center. Steepletown is located on the west side of Grand Rapids at 671 Davis Avenue.

Deans will be painting in a coffee shop where visitors will get an opportunity to hang out and relax. He is also

hosting a contest of his own, the Coaster Prize.

Blank coasters can be decorated with markers. An adult winner will get an authentic painting.

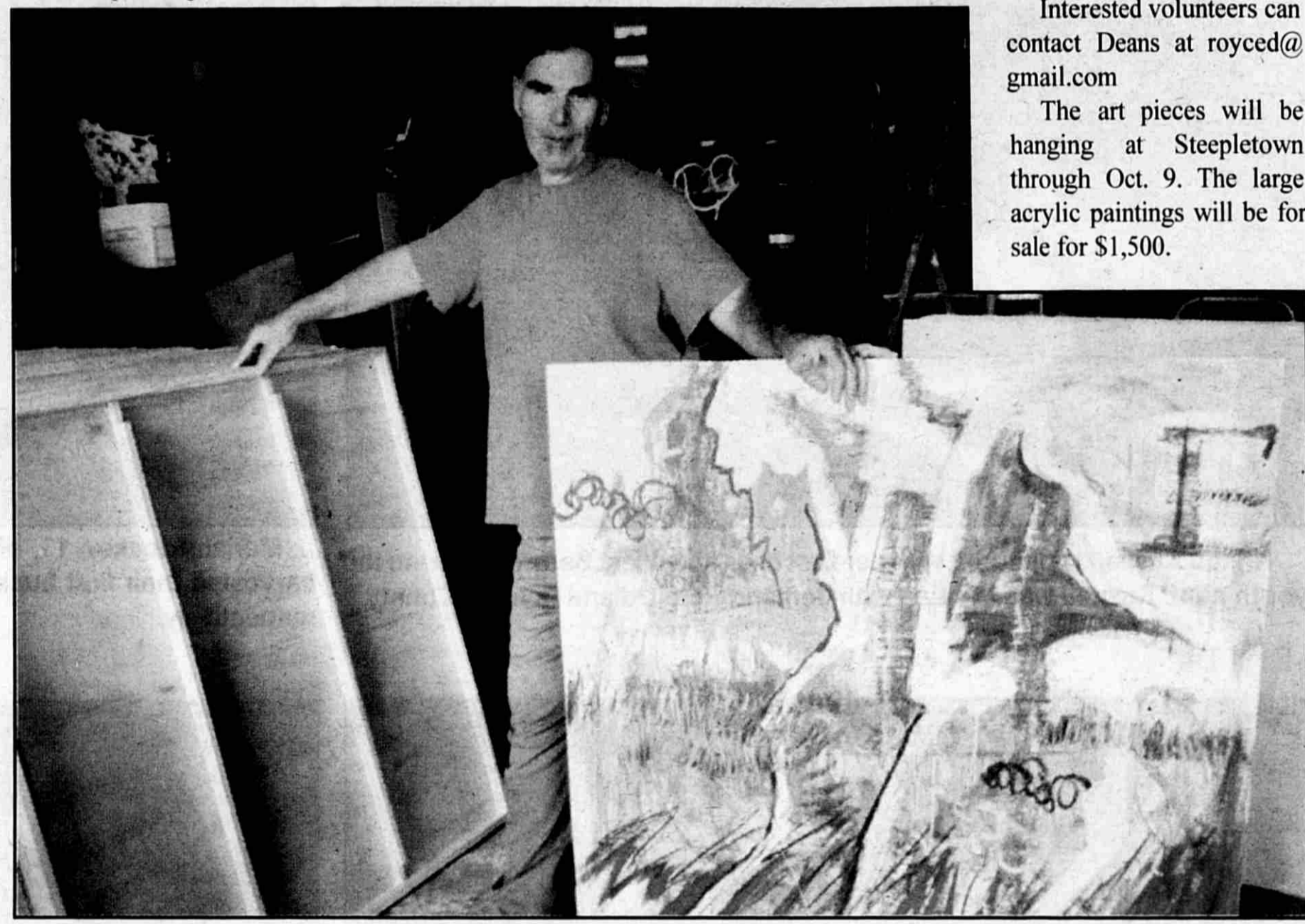
"This newest project will be interactive and it will depend on community involvement," said Deans. "Your music plus our painting equals the ArtPrize Jukebox."

The art pieces created are unique, original and attached to time and place, according to Deans.

"We are excited to play a small part in [the] Royce and Tali ArtPrize experience," said Drenth.

Interested volunteers can contact Deans at royced@gmail.com

The art pieces will be hanging at Steepletown through Oct. 9. The large acrylic paintings will be for sale for \$1,500.



Royce Deans builds wooden panels for a painting to music "Jukebox" project on a local farm.



VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinances 2011-2, 2011-3 and 2011-4 were adopted at the Regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on September 19, 2011. These ordinances amend the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, and are summarized below:

Ordinance 2011-2 amends Chapter 3, the Rural Agriculture District, Section 201.304 (C), (16), Agritourism Business section regarding management, employees, event capacity numbers and dining facilities. The definition of *agritourism business* has been amended to remove the word *proprietor* and change to *owner or resident manager*.

Ordinance 2011-3 amends Chapter 4, General and Special Regulations, Section 201.402 (A) Accessory Buildings, and adds more application requirement details and review process by the Township Board for constructing an accessory building before the dwelling.

Ordinance 2011-4 amends Chapter 4, Section 201.415 Mobile Homes, subsection (C) Accessory Dwelling - deletes this section and adds a reference to a new section of 201.441 Accessory Dwellings where other types of second homes will be permitted by special exception use permit with standards such as compatibility to the neighborhood, one permitted, acreage, size, height, setbacks, square footage, Health Dept regulations, occupancy, no renting-no business use, parking and recording the permit and its conditions. Related reference language has been added to Section 201.405 for garage/dwelling purposes under the accessory dwelling section standards. A new definition of *accessory dwelling* has been added to Chapter 2, section 201.202 Definitions to describe this type of dwelling. Also in Chapter 3, the use "Accessory dwelling" has been added as a special exception use permit option on parcels with a primary home on at least 2 acres in the districts of R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, L-R, C-O and F-R.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org.

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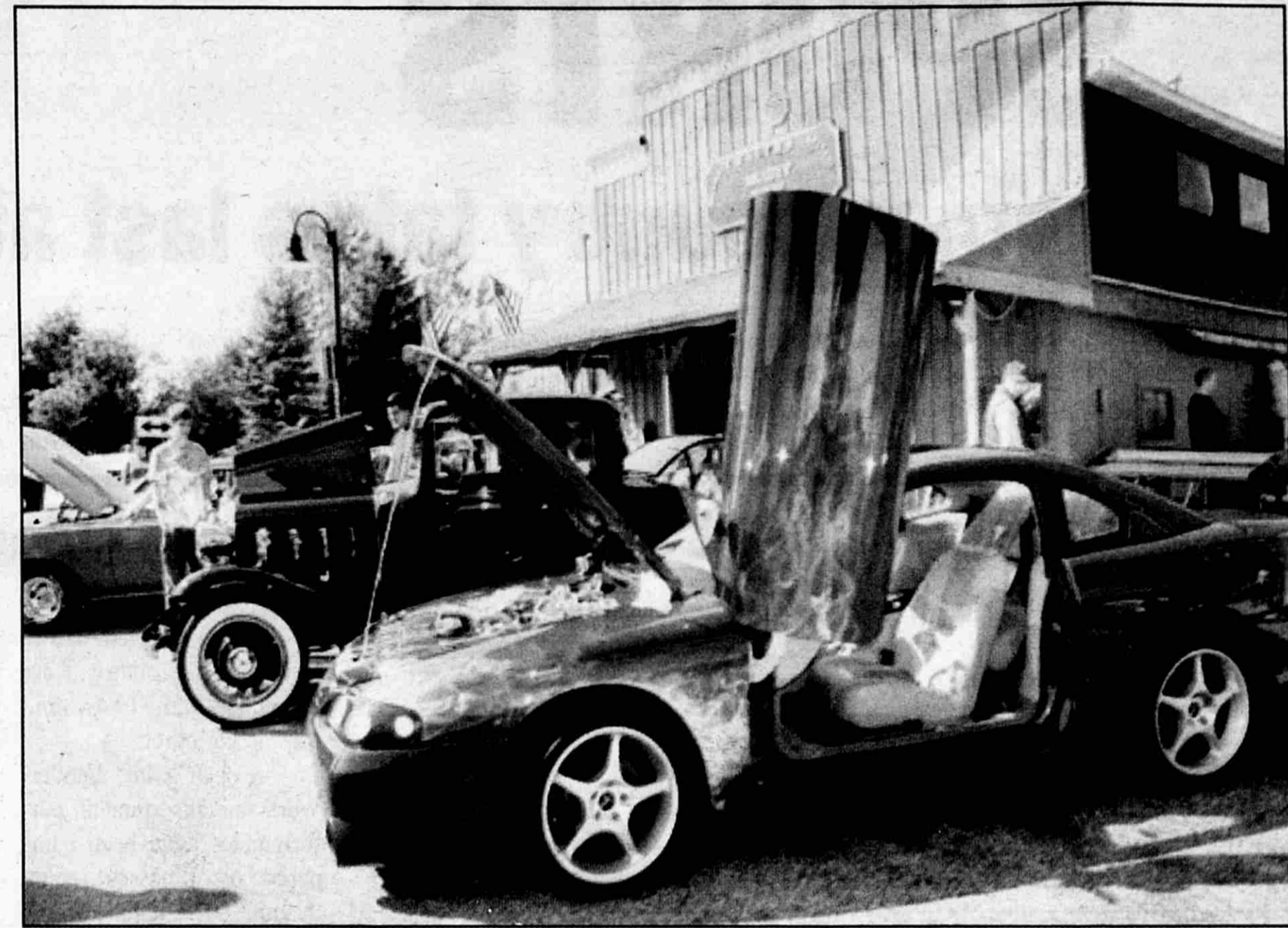
Annual Alto Harvest Festival enjoys great turnout

The annual Alto Harvest Festival enjoyed a great turnout and weather last Saturday.

The highlight of the festival was the official parade through downtown Alto past the car show. The parade opened with the American Legion Post 528 color guard followed by Bowne Township Fire Department, tractors, Kent County Youth Fair float and a float carrying the Kent District Library mascot Rosie.

For vendors like Brenda Jackson of Dirt Broke Gourmet Dip Company from Freeport, the event was an opportunity to present her delicious dip mixes, while artist Don Row showcased his henna tattoos.

Lowell Fusion Experience was among the featured bands on the stage.



Scenes from the Alto Fall Festival, clockwise, from left: the library mascot, "Rosie"; annual car show and Brenda Jackson of Dirt Broke Gourmet Dip Company.

Lowell Fire Department receives \$2,500 grant

Recently Peter Chittenden of FM Global awarded Captain Roger Reed of the Lowell City Fire Department with a fire prevention grant of \$2,500. Chittenden, of Lowell, presented the award to captain Reed and fire chief Frank Martin. The

award is given to fire departments that are actively involved in fire prevention education.

"This award will be used to help purchase fire prevention education and awareness materials for

Lowell Area Schools," shared captain Reed. "This program teaches the common causes of fire and how to prevent them. The importance of a pre-fire plan also shows students what to do in the event of a fire."

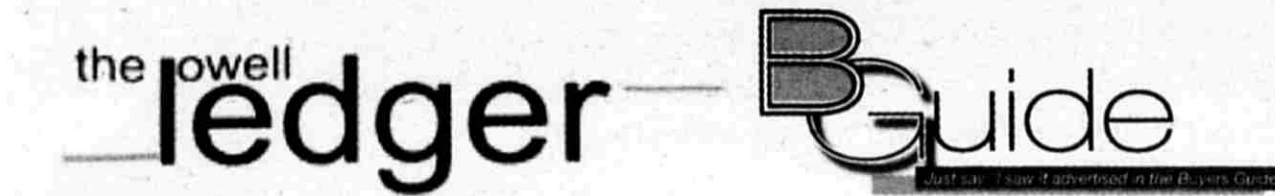
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Girls' cross country takes last at jamboree

by Casey Cheney
The Lowell girls' cross country team finished fifth at the East Grand Rapids jamboree, competing against four other teams in their conference. Sophomore Jessica Graves finished in 11th place at the East Grand Rapids jamboree, running the 5,000 meters in 20:31.5. Rachel Walters, also a sophomore, finished at 21st with a time of 21:18.6 and senior Karis Dilly finished in 22:01.7 at 36th. They finished the event with 107 points, five behind Northview. The girls' run times totaled 1:49:17 with an average of 21:51.38.

Illness slows cross country team

by Casey Cheney
The Lowell Red Arrows boys' cross country team placed last at the East Grand Rapids Jamboree. Coach Clay Vander-Warf said his runners' performances have been hampered by illnesses racing through the halls of the schools. He said, "All in all, I was pleased with the way the guys ran." John Mark finished first of the Red Arrow runners at 18:59.7. Nick MacDonald finished five places behind at 19:11.5. Close behind him were Ben Partridge and Zac Diamond with times of 19:34.6 and 19:37.0 respectively. The boys finished with 162 points, a total run time of 1:37:14 and an average of 19:26.86. Mark medaled in the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational earlier in the week, finishing in 15th.

Volleyball crushes Creston in first home conference match

by Casey Cheney
Creston fell to the Lowell Red Arrow volleyball team without much of the fight. The win gave the Red Arrows a solid victory after their tough 1-1 week against Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids. Dominating all three sets, the average score was 25-7.7, the first set 25-10, the second 25-4 and the third 25-9. Had Creston scored in each match their total points, they still would have lost in three by a margin of two points. This was Lowell's first conference game at home this season. The girls don't have another match until Oct. 11 and 13 when they face East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian for the second time this season.

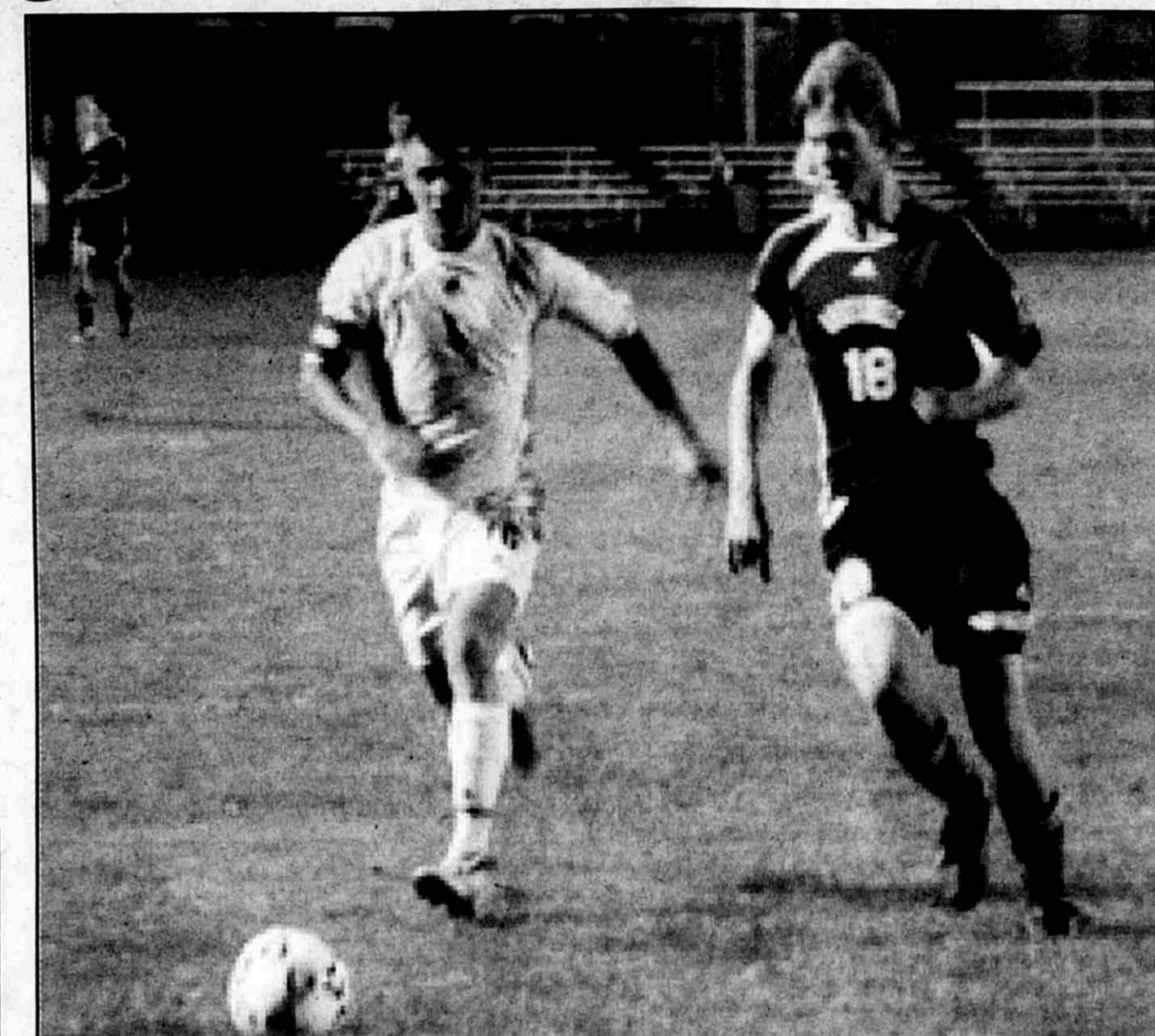
Season looks up for boys' tennis after 2-0 week

by Casey Cheney
The Lowell Red Arrow tennis team won two in a row last week, no easy feat when facing a gritty conference and grueling season. "We can see real improvement in this young team," coach Bonnie Wall said. "The doubles are attacking the net more and recovering quicker. Also, they are more savvy on where to be on the court." The boys defeated Northpointe Christian 6-2 on Tuesday. Number one singles Connor Smith defeated Kyle Reitsma in two sets, 6-2, 6-3. Dan Cowden, the number two singles, won in two sats against Josh LeFurge-McLeod 6-2, 6-2. At third singles, Austin Rix won out 6-1, and 6-1 against Matthew Verstrate. Only Quinn Summerfield lost his match in a hard-fought three sets against Sam Schowalter, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5. Number one doubles Micah Babcock and Tony Hanson won in three sets against Ryan Claus and Jack Rood, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1. Number three doubles Luke Kloosterman and Zach Fotis defeated Brandon Fonzalez and Nate Kamps 7-5, 6-0 and number four doubles Christian Huisman and Jon Niemann beat Andrew Currie and Jared Haas 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Number two doubles Parker Groom and Paul Heemstra lost to Zac Devries and Ben Hill 7-5, 6-3, Lowell's only other loss in the event. The Red Arrows followed this strong performance with an even stronger one, sweeping Greenville the next day. Only one match went to three sets. The team placed fourth of eight teams at the South Christian invitational on Saturday. "A respectable finish for the boys," Wall said.

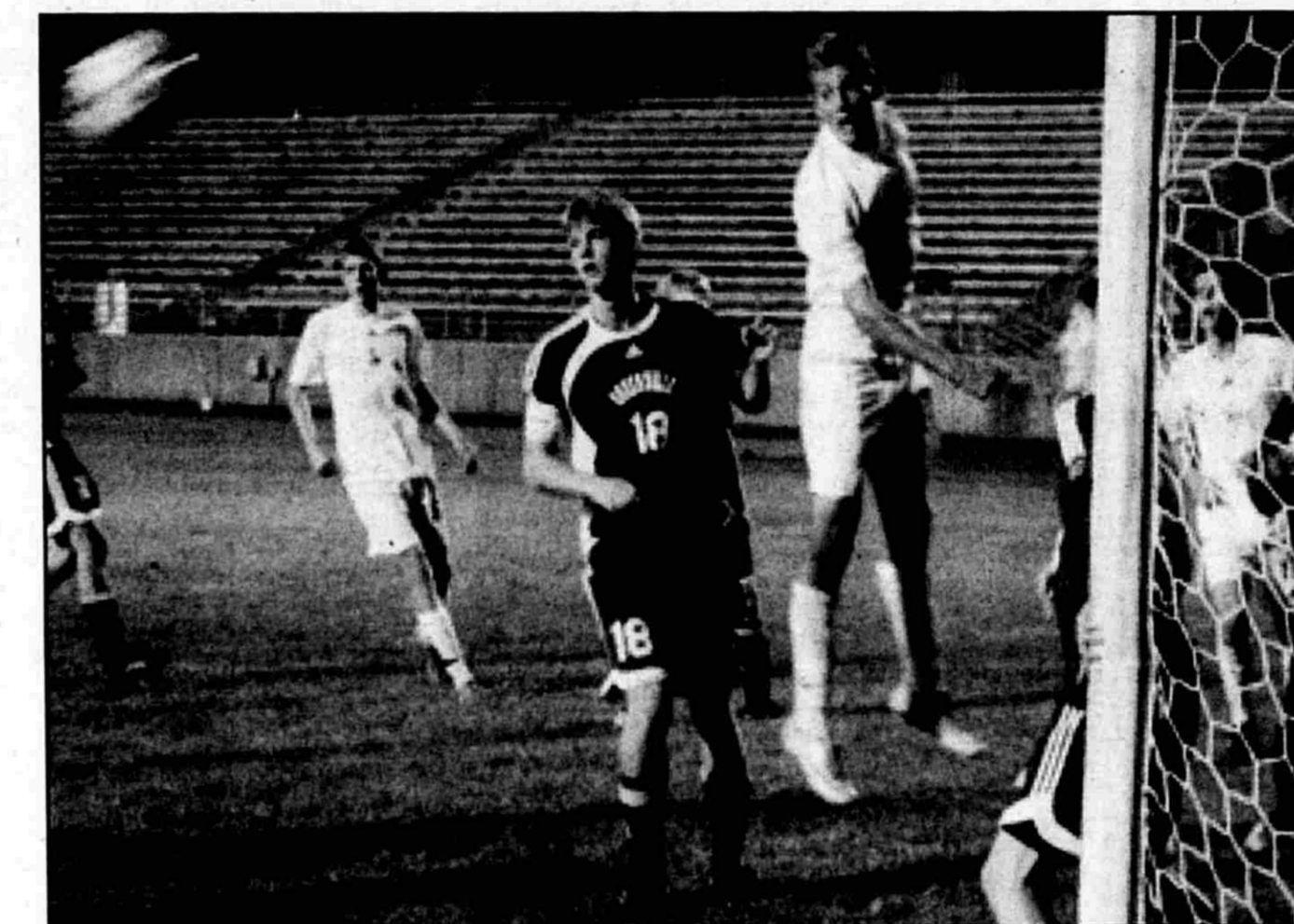
Soccer Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell defense holds strong for non-conference win

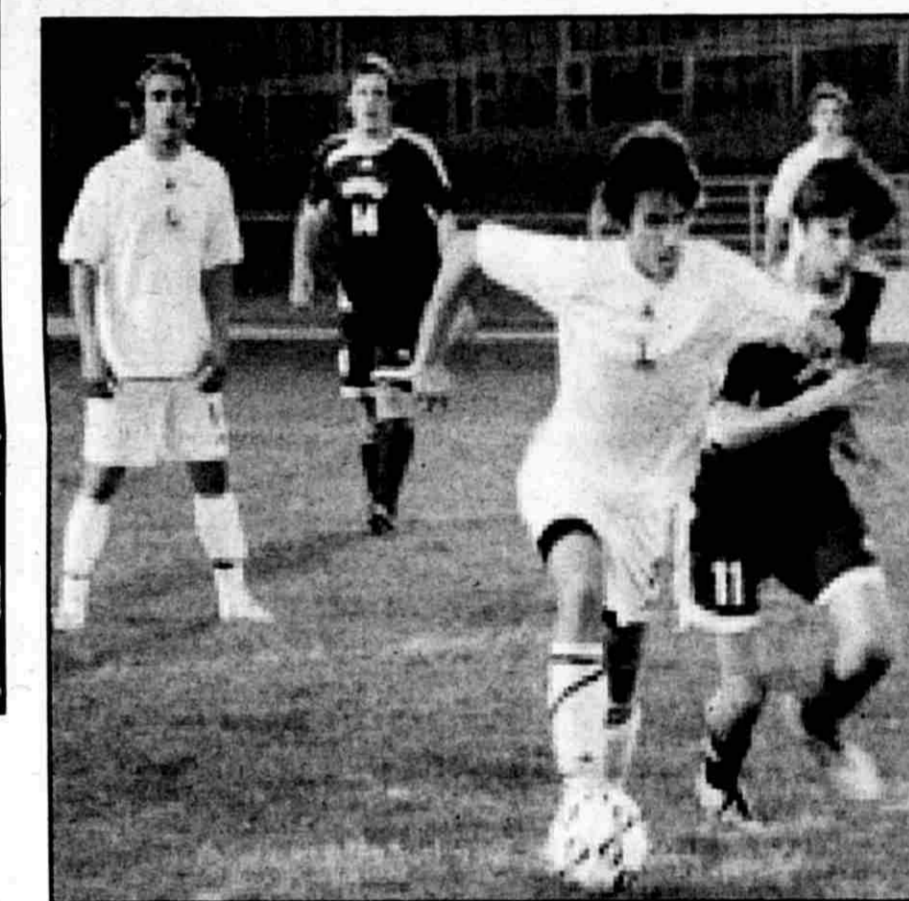
by Casey Cheney
The other goals were spread among Matt Hoogenboom, Martin Brubaker, Matt Kyllonen, Spencer Lyon and Will Athmann. Liam Kelly, Lowell's goalkeeper, had his third shutout of the season. Now halfway through conference play, the Red Arrows are tied with Northview at the number one spot. Against Zeeland East, coach Rich O'Keefe said, "Tyler Pawlowski was the first to tally, with a nice on-touch redirect to the corner of the goal, off a corner kick from Joe Sweet." Zeeland came back with a goal of its own early in the second half. But, O'Keefe said, his boys would not be denied. Spencer Lyon scored the second and final goal for the Red Arrows, bending the ball around two defenders and the goalkeeper for the score, O'Keefe said. Kyle Bowers assisted. O'Keefe said, "The defense finished the job the rest of the way." The club defeated Greenville, 4-1, last Tuesday.



Joe Sweet goes on attack against Greenville.



Matt Kyllonen tries for a header into the net.



Aaron Morris takes the ball to the net.

Undeclared Eagles end Lowell Red Arrows' 4-0 run

by Casey Cheney
Lowell's rivalry with East Grand Rapids, two titans battling for first, dropped from memory last Friday with Grand Rapids Christian's dominating performance against the Red Arrows. The Eagles cool-ly handed Lowell their first loss of the season in a 45-21 rout. Christian crushed the Red Arrow running game, holding them to 197 yards on the ground, Josh Addington accounting for 124 of them. The Red Arrows opened the game with a three-and-out, Grand Rapids Christian beginning their offensive drive at the 26 yard line after a 10-yard penalty for an illegal block in the back. The Eagle offense was undeterred. On second and four at their own 32 yard line, the Eagles scored on a 68-yard pass with 10:38 left in the first. The early score by the Grand Rapids Christian Eagles would have seemed more foreboding had the same thing not happened the previous week. Granted, that was Creston. This was undefeated Christian. Demonstrating the resolve Red Arrow fans count on, Lowell responded with



Blake Lyman breaks up a pass with some physical defense.

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obituaries

WEST

Christine "Chris" West, age 62, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Monday, September 26, 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents, Darlene (Doc Roy) Westcott and Robert Cahoon. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Dennis; sons, Scott, Brett, and Nick; foster daughter, Shawn (Jim) Austin; brothers, Blair (Trudy) Cahoon, Roger Cahoon; stepmother, Marge Cahoon; father-in-law, Hugh West; also brothers- and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews. Chris was very active at her church and was former co-owner of Keiser's Kitchen in Lowell and the General Manager at Flat River Grill in Lowell. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11:00 am at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 West Main. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Lowell.



CONDON
Lee Marcel Condon, age 93, of Lowell, August 29, 1918 ~ September 22, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Condon. He is survived by his son, Robert (Patricia) Condon of Lowell; daughter, Roxie (Chris) Verbrugge of Las Vegas, Nevada; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. As per Lee's request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place.



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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
A Public Hearing will be held regarding a request for a Special Exception Use Permit at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on October 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, 49331.

Kathy and Tim Wittenbach of 13005 3-Mile NE, Lowell, owners/operators of Witt's Inn, have requested a special exception use permit as allowed under Section 201.304 (C) (16) Agritourism Business of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance in order to re-open a bed and breakfast operation on 5 acres of property located at 2534 Alden Nash NE, Lowell. They also plan to establish a small café and gift shop for public use, and will offer additional activities such as hayrides, a pumpkin patch, daily sale of farm fresh eggs and fruit in season. The property is located on Alden Nash between 3-Mile and the Arrowhead Golf Course in section 10.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, 616-897-5671, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or if received by the Clerk in writing or by e-mail at clerk@vergennestwp.org before 7:00 pm October 17, 2011.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Martha A. Haraburda Trust
Re: Martha A. Haraburda, decedent.
Date of Birth: 01/28/1913.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 11-190768-DE
Estate of REV. JOSEPH J. PETTIT. Date of birth: 08/03/1924.
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO The decedent, Martha A. Haraburda, who lived at 716 Alpine Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, died 09/14/11. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to David R. Lewis, Co-Trustee, 1773 Sunvale, SW, Wyoming, MI 49519 or Michael R. Lewis, Co-Trustee, 157 Buckley Ln., Battle Creek, MI 49015, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
September 23, 2011
John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244)
410 Bridge Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-774-4001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO The decedent, Rev. Joseph J. Pettit, who lived at 914 - 4 Mile Road, NW, 2D, Walker, Michigan, died 07/22/2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rev. Edward Hankiewicz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
09/21/2011
John D. Mitus (P-31244)
410 Bridge St., NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-774-4001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO The decedent, Rev. Edward Hankiewicz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
09/21/2011
Rev. Edward Hankiewicz
156 Valley Ave., SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Seasons aren't the only things that change

Many people enjoy watching the changing seasons, especially here in Michigan. Seasons are not the only things that change. When it comes to some changes, we at Social Security need to know about them.

A change of address or direct deposit. Even if you receive your payments by direct deposit or debit card (as most people do), we still need a good mailing address so we can get in touch with you when we need to. If you change your account information without letting us know, your payment could go to the wrong place. You can inform us of a change of address or deposit information, as well as telephone number, at our website, www.socialsecurity.gov

Your work, if disabled. If you receive disability benefits, we need to know about any work you do. If you start work, stop work,

or have any change in your work, hours, or pay, we need to know.

Your living arrangements, if you receive SSI. People who receive SSI are paid, in part, based on financial need. Payments may change based on your living arrangements. Because of that, we need to know how many people are in your household and how the expenses are shared. There are other things we need to know about, such as if you're institutionalized, if you're no longer able to handle your finances, or if you've been convicted of a crime.

Some changes can be reported online at www.socialsecurity.gov, others can be reported by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Seasons change; there's little to report there. But when it comes to changes in the lives of people who receive benefits from Social Security, please remember to keep us informed.

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

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TOTS FALL PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE - Do you have outgrown infant, toddler or preschool clothing, toys, books & baby essentials? Please help Lowell area young families by participating in our sale! Stop by if you are looking for items for your family. Grandparents are welcome, too! FREE to sell! No charge to shop! Oct. 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., set up 8-9 a.m. Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman-Lowell, Call Lori Buys at 616-897-2532 to reserve a space.
MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Thur., Sat., 9/29, 9/30 & 10/1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 12313 60th SE, Alto. Household items, tools, baby to teen clothes - girls & boys, furniture, & much more.
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VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.
FREE YOGA - Monday nights through Oct. 3, 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. For everyone - & every ability. Bring a mat if you have one to Riverwalk by the Showboat in Lowell, 616-893-5661.
LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.
WHOLE FOODS FOR BETTER HEALTH - Cooking Seminar, Oct. 4, 11 & 25, 7-8:30 p.m., Riverside Fellowship at 10300 Vergennes in Lowell. No charge. Call 897-7930 to register.
AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.
ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.
V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.
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SHOTGUN & ARCHERY SHOOTING LEAGUES - at Caledonia Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport). Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@psc.us.com
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.
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, 987-2532.
MOVIE NIGHT - Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Showing Judy Moody & The Not Bummer Summer. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.
TOTS FALL PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE - Oct. 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman, Lowell. No charge to sell or shop! Call Lori Buys at 987-2532 to reserve a space!
LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Football, continued

es yells from the sidelines, "We're battling - every play."

Six plays later, Lowell was punting.

After a bad snap on the punt, the Eagles started

their drive just 25 yards out. They scored on fourth and two from the five yard line, going up 14-7 with six seconds left in the quarter.

Lowell's coaches and fans sat, stared and screamed

in disbelief at a missed delay of game against Christian on that scoring play.

After a Lowell interception and Christian punt, Dean ran in another touchdown, this time from

the four yard line, lunging through the defense and stretching his arm to get the ball past the plane of the endzone. The Eagles blocked the point after attempt, so they clung to a small lead

with 4:05 remaining in the half.

With only a few minutes left before halftime, the Eagles managed to march the ball from their own seven yard line to the endzone with a minute and seventeen seconds to spare.

Lowell ran out the clock and trotted to the parking lot with an eight-point deficit.

Any signs of life in the second half were more than offset by turnovers, bad snaps and miscues. When the fourth quarter began, Lowell trailed 35-13.

Dean connected with Reed Stormzand, then Dean ran in the two-point conver-

sion. The Eagles tapped in a 38-yard field goal, then yet another touchdown with less than a minute left in the game.

Dean threw for 135 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions on 11-for-24 completions. Grand Rapids Christian's Travis Kraai was 12 of 23 for 282 yards and two touchdowns.

Luke Bigham, who had seven receptions for 98 yards, went down midway through the fourth and did not return to the game.

The 4-1 Red Arrows face their longtime rival East Grand Rapids on the road this Friday.

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



SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 27

• U.S. to hand over Iraq bases, equipment worth billions, with three months until the last U.S. troops are currently due to leave Iraq. The Defense Department is engaged in a mad dash to give away things that cost the taxpayers billions to buy and build. The giveaways include enormous, elaborate military bases and vast amounts of equipment just to save money bringing it home.

• Tripoli, Libya - Libyan revolutionary authorities say they have discovered a mass grave containing the remains of 1,270 inmates killed by the regime of Moammar Gadhafi in a 1996 prison massacre.

• Washington - Google faces a serious antitrust threat. In the last nine months, Google has hired 18 lobbying shops. Google and Microsoft now dominate influence-peddling around internet issues, each having spent \$3.5 million on lobbying through the first half of 2011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF
LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will be conducting a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 14, 2011.



City of Lowell
Water Department

exploring our national parks



Kurt Hieshetter

From downtown Moab Utah, Arches National Park is a short 10 minute drive. Take Utah highway 191 North, cross the mighty Colorado River and enter the park on your right. The Visitors' Center is located just inside the entry station, in Moab Canyon, with a wall of sandstone behind it. If you have any desire to hike in the back country, you must get a permit at the Visitors' Center. You must also get as much water as you can carry. Water is non-existent in the high desert climate of Arches. Summer daytime temperatures can easily reach 110, as was the case when we visited.

If you are lucky enough to have tickets to the only tour at Arches, The Fiery Furnace Tour, you must check in at the Visitors' Center. This tour is only capable of taking 15 to 20 individuals and tickets sell out fast. Fortunately, we reserved our spots six months earlier on the government website Reservation.gov. If you plan to visit Arches, this trip is a must and the earlier you can reserve a spot, the better.

With our tickets in hand and our Camelbacks filled, we left the Visitors' Center for the long drive into the park. The park drive climbs along the Moab Canyon wall, winding easterly as it climbs. The views across the valley towards the Colorado River are stunning, but nothing like the view that awaits you when you reach the first viewpoint. At the Park Avenue Viewpoint and trailhead, the view is of the La Sal Mountains to the west and the stunning Courthouse Towers directly to your north. It is at this location the mile-long Park Avenue trail begins. This trail follows a canyon along the base of the Courthouse Towers. It then meets back up to the park road where you could be picked up or you could retrace your route back making this a moderate two-mile hike.

As the park road continues to climb past prehistoric rock formations, with names like Sheep Rock, Tower of Babel and The Organ, the view to the west opens up to the petrified dunes, a vast area of sand dunes that have been cemented into rock over thousands of years. The road follows the great wall until reaching one of the most popular sites in the park, Balanced Rock. There is a half-mile paved trail that loops around the base of this strange looking rock formation. "Be careful," the rang-

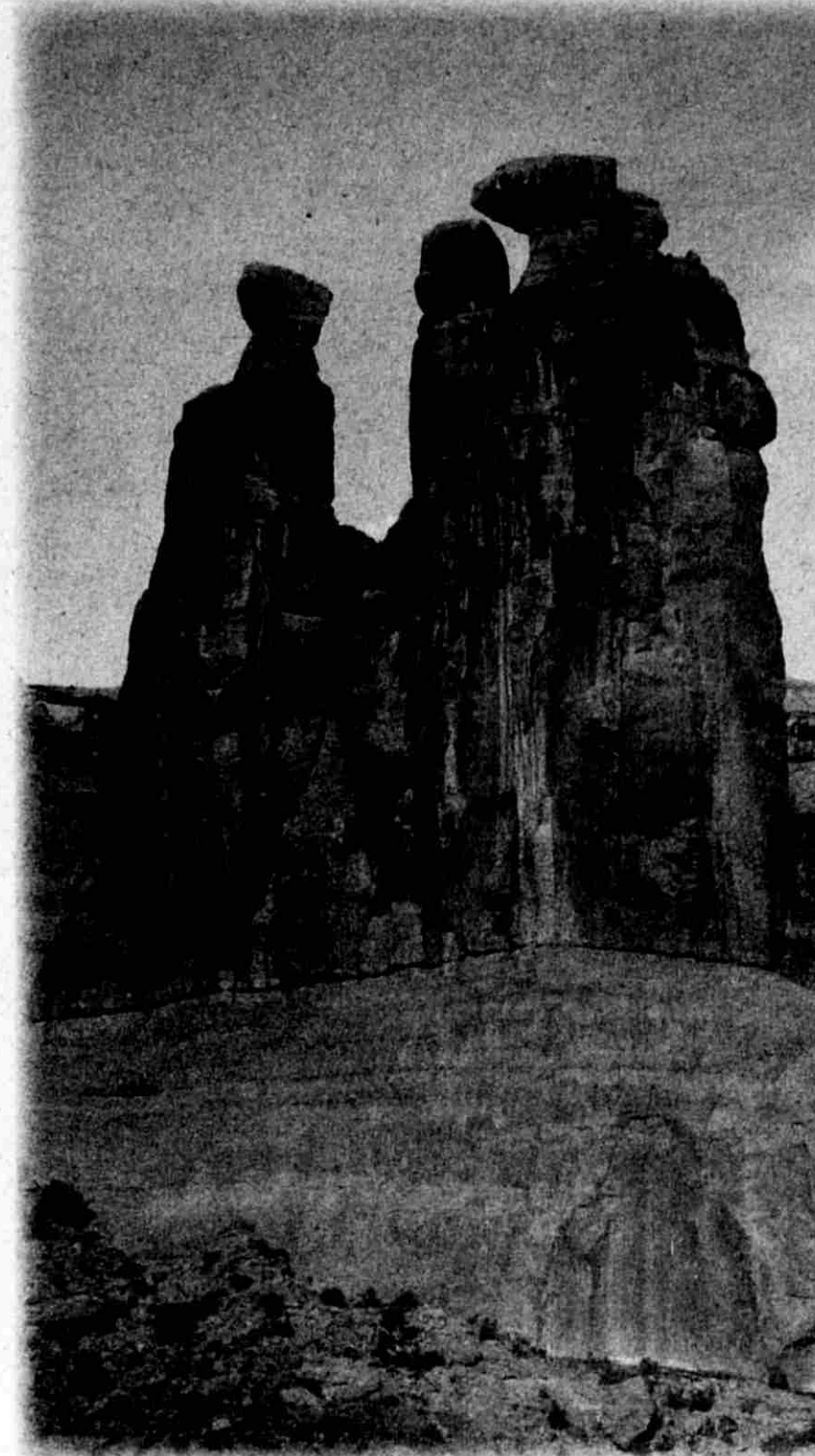
our kids were seven.) "During the hike, all participants will be walking and climbing on irregular and broken sandstone, along narrow ledges above drop-offs and in loose, sometimes wet sand." They even posted a video online about the hike for you to watch before you bought your tickets, just to be sure you were really prepared for it. And, after all of this, I thought, "Sure," we as a family can do this! So, here we were.

As we milled about the parking area watching our fellow hikers show up, it became apparent that we were as well-equipped as anyone to make this hike. There was the family of four from New York with tennis shoes (they must not have read the part about "all participants must wear good hiking shoes or boots with gripping soles"). There was the father from Chicago with enough cameras and lenses to cover a Super Bowl. I don't think he read the part about "there are gaps which must be jumped over and narrow places in the rock which you must squeeze into and pull yourself up and through," as well as, "in some of these places, you must hold yourself off the ground by pushing yourself against the sandstone walls with your hands and feet." This looked like it could be

a little difficult with multiple cameras hanging from your neck! As we entered this maze of labyrinth can-

yons, I was glad we had a Ranger leading us. I do have to point out that, other than the tennis shoe family from NY, out of the twenty people in our little group 14 of us were wearing Merrell boots/shoes, made by that great outdoor shoe company from Rockford, MI that employs my wife and helps make these trips possible.

The three-hour hike went by very fast. Sierra and Dillon followed our guide around like he was the Pied Piper. We saw arches that are not accessible to most visitors, like Skull Arch which gave you the impression of sitting inside a skull looking out through the eyes. However, this hike is not for everyone. If you are afraid of very tight places and steep drops, I don't think you should spend the money. But, if you are looking for some adventure, a little geology lesson and some ecology mixed in, this could be one of the best



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Courthouse Towers

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Lowell, County of Kent, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City of Lowell (301 E. Main St.), the office of the County Clerk, office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk. The purpose of the Tuesday, November 8, 2011 City General Election is to elect three (3) seats on the City Council and the following ballot proposal:

Lowell Area Historical Museum Operational and Maintenance Renewal Millage Ballot Proposal

Shall the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, levy a renewal special *ad valorem* property tax of .25 of one mill annually (which is equal to \$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation for a ten-year period commencing July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Lowell Area Historical Museum? The amount raised by such renewal levy in the first year at the current taxable value is estimated at \$27,677.33 (an estimated \$23,774.50 would be used for museum operations and maintenance and an estimated \$3,902.83 would be disbursed to the City's Downtown Development Authority for its use).

Qualifications to register to vote:
Citizen of the United States
At least 18 years of age on or before November 8, 2011
Resident of the City of Lowell, Kent County

Only registrations received on or before October 11, 2011 will qualify persons to vote in the City's General Election.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk



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The music at the Blue Grass Festival was great. Nice job musicians! But, I would get new parking attendants. The people there made me want to leave Lowell, not stay. They were too crabby.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

About which team are you most excited?

- Detroit Lions 46%
- Detroit Tigers 31%
- UofM Wolverines 15%
- MI State Spartans 8%

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Planning commission approves site plan for Jice Pharmaceuticals

by Emma Palova

The Lowell planning commission approved a site plan for Jice Pharmaceuticals proposed expansion with the condition of removing trailers, used for storage, upon completion on Monday night.

Jice will invest \$215,000 into additions to the existing office and manufacturing areas on Washington Street and a metal building to facilitate more storage. The expansion may add new jobs to the area. The facility is also eligible for tax abatements under the industrial facilities exemption.

Jice is located in a

tight industrial district between Kent and Washington streets, so the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted two variances in regards to setbacks and a side yard requirement in the abutting residential district.

Chairman Jim Hall was concerned about the existing trailers on the property and their removal.

"The site plan looks more than adequate," he said.

The planning commission set the removal of trailers within 90 days of completion of the project and/or by April 1.

The commission also addressed concerns about

truck traffic to and from the facility.

However, no more than four to five trucks will be coming to the facility on a weekly basis.

The proposed 60 ft. by 100 ft. building will have two truck docks facing Kent Street. In order for large semitrucks to access the loading docks, they will reverse into the site from Kent Street.

In related business, the Lowell city planning commission will hold a training planning session for the city and the township officials on Oct. 19 from 6 pm to 10 pm.

National Parks, continued

hikes of your life. It certainly was for this family.

Trailhead and picnic area. It is from here that trails lead to the largest number

of arches in the park, Navajo Arch, Tunnel Arch and Double O Arch, to name just a few. Having just completed the best hike in the park, we were content on eating our lunch in the shade and driving the 20 or so miles back to the Visitors' Center and getting the Junior Ranger Badges.

With a great sense of accomplishment we then drove the five miles back to Moab. The pool and our air-conditioned trailer were waiting for us, not to mention a Lizard Ale in a frosted glass at the Moab Brewery just a short walk down the street! We were nearing the end of two great weeks with one more National Park to visit, The Black Canyon of the Gunnison. We needed time to relax, get packed up and hit the road in the morning.

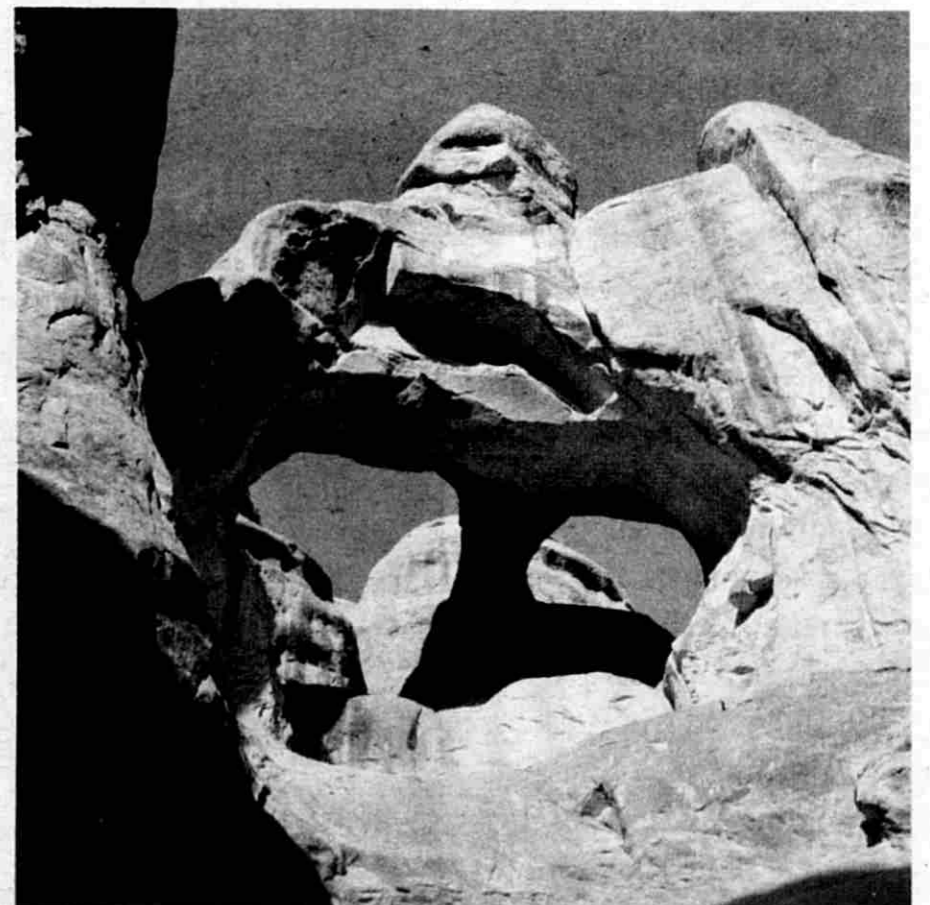
Don't forget to visit nationalparkswitwins.blogspot.com for more photos of Arches National Park.



Dillon and Sierra at Balanced Rock

Three hours and two miles later we were back at the parking lot. As we said our goodbyes and I tried to retrace the route in my head, I couldn't help wondering how many people have entered that maze for a few hour hike only to spend the night because they could not find their way out. And, as it turns out, the Ranger told me that it happens every year.

With noon having come and gone and the temperature approaching 90, we drove the rest of the park road to the Devils Garden



Skull Arch