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City places flower boxes along Main Street



The Department of Public Works (DPW) put in new flower boxes on the south side of Main Street because the existing trees did not grow amidst all the concrete, sidewalks and shade.

The contractors were Michigan Landscape and Concrete Construction with owners Jake and Josh Grim. Each bed cost approximately \$1,000. Sexton Don DeJong said he will plant shady perennials.

"I will be experimenting with something different," he said.

DPW director Dan DesJarden said even though the money had been appropriated from the Downtown Development Authority for some time, the department just now got around to doing it.

Harvest Celebration 2011 wraps up busy season

by Emma Palova

The 2011 Harvest Celebration opened with the Lowell Area Trailway dedication in front of Cherry Creek Elementary just prior to the Harvest Hustle run.

It was a special day for Lowell Area Trailway Authority members and other participants who have been working on the project for the last 10 years without using any taxpayers' money.

The weather with temperatures in the mid 70s was more than conducive to outdoor activities. The Low-

ell Light and Power held an open house with traditional bucket rides and hot dogs.

Only a few steps down Broadway, the annual Larkin's Chili Cook-off took place with eager chefs trying to reap first place.

For Ryan Odell, who has been participating for the last five years with his mother's white chili recipe, the contest was fun.

"I always want to win," he said.

The Lowell Dog Park, for the second year in a row,

sponsored the Pet Expo at the dairy barn at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds were bustling with activities from the scarecrow building hoedown, in its last year, to the Farmer's Market, that has had a successful season. This was the last year for scarecrow building organized by the chamber.

"We're looking for organizations to take over the scarecrow building," said Lowell Area Chamber director Liz Baker.

Autumn entertainment

at the fairgrounds featured bands, Fusion, String Theory and Easy Idle.

The arts and craft show inside the Foreman Building had many area artisans, like Dale Lynn Thompson of Lou Spun Creations.

The Ice Cream Social featured the Divco Milk Truck with Hudsonville ice cream.

The kids apple chuck-in' at the fairgrounds tested their skills with trebuchets.

The Lowell merchants had Harvest sales and open houses to jump start Christmas shopping just before Girls' Night Out set for Oct. 20.

More harvest celebration pictures on page 16



The Lowell Area Trailway was dedicated prior to the Harvest Hustle during the Harvest Celebration. The construction of the trail started this summer after years of planning. The trail runs from Foreman Road in the city of Lowell to Wittenbach/Wege Nature Center along Alden Nash. The nonmotorized trail extends for two miles.

Lowell is expected to become a hub of three distinct trail systems: Lowell Area Trailway, North Country Scenic Trail and Rail to Trail between Ionia, Belding and Lowell.

Lowell's Girls' Night Out kicks off the holiday shopping season

"Witches and Princesses" will take over Lowell this Girls' Night Out, set for Oct. 20 in the historic downtown, with a brand new theme.

The participation of the Lowell area merchants is approximately the same as last year, according to Lowell area chamber director Liz Baker.

"We always get a good turnout," she said. "It's a kick-off time for Christmas shopping. It's much bigger than the spring one."

The fall event started approximately six years ago as a customer appreciation day.

"It has blossomed and we've set the bar for other communities," said Baker.

Other communities like Ada, Hastings and Saranac have followed Lowell's suit.

It's gotten really big," said Baker.

If you want more information go to: www.girlsnightoutlowell.org

Other events coming up are: Christmas through Lowell on Nov. 18, 19 and 20, parade on Dec. 3 and Santa visits on the Showboat in December.

Third annual "Sunday Afternoon with FROM"

Where in the Lowell community can a person go who wants to find good clothing bargains, food to feed their family, financial assistance for monthly bills, tax preparation assistance and a compassionate, listening ear? Since opening its doors to families in need in 1997, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) has provided the answer to many families in need. Located on East Fulton Street, just outside the city limits of Lowell, this outreach ministry has touched hundreds of families and individuals within the greater Lowell area.

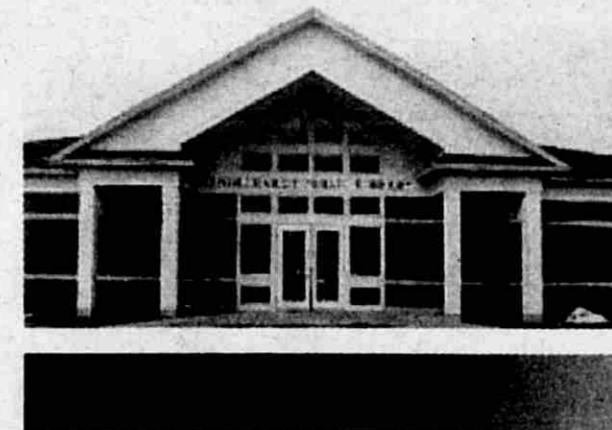
The success of this ministry depends on a large volunteer staff, shoppers who purchase items from the Thrift Store and the ongoing donations and pledges from persons in the greater Lowell area.

If you would like to learn more about how you can join FROM in impacting lives in the Lowell community, join the annual fundraiser "Sunday Afternoon with FROM," on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3:00-4:30 pm, at St. Mary's Church.

A reservation is needed to attend this free event. If you would like to hear more

about how FROM is impacting the Lowell community, please RSVP to Carol Briggs, at 897-5501. This year's event will be hosted by Jordan Carson and will feature a special fashion show highlighting the bargains from the FROM boutique.

Flat River Outreach Ministries seeks to meet the needs of people in the greater Lowell area in their time of hardship. To learn about how you can help, please visit the website at www.fromlowell.org



At Your Local Library

Creative Gift Crafting Series: Creating Paper Crafts For Gifting

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

Creative Gift Crafting Series: Trash to Treasure Jewelry

Tap into your creative side and craft holiday gifts for friends and family. Bring jewelry you no longer wear and we'll help you deconstruct it, combine it with new elements and create something new to gift or to keep. Each participant must

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along main street

GILDA'S CLUB

Book Club, join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk, Tues., Oct. 18, 4:30-5:30 pm; Wood Carving, learn to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. Tues., Oct. 25, 4-5 pm. Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse is located at 314 S. Hudson St. For more information, call 897-8600.

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 987-2991.

SECOND INFANTRY REUNION

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nevada; from August 23 - 27, 2012, visit our website at www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

LOWELL SCHOOL EVENT RESOURCES

Lowell varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings, etc., can be downloaded for viewing from the www.wlhistv.org website. Many athletic contests and concerts can also be heard 'live' from the www.wlhradio.org website.

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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marlon M. Jingles, who lived at 1125 Cora Street, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 07/12/2011.

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the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Duane A. Jingles, 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.

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Historical museum asks residents for millage renewal

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has been a steady asset to the community over the last decade since the operational millage was installed to support its programming.

The museum is now asking for the 0.25 mill renewal in the Nov. 8 general election, which translates to \$21 a year per household. The millage brings approximately \$20,000 a year to the museum.

Museum director Pat Allchin said the millage helps support all the programming, including educational and extra curriculum activities.

"What we do is a great asset and we are an economic part of the downtown," said Allchin. "We provide cultural background."

Over the years, the mu-

seum has made its presence on the cultural scene of Lowell by participating in all the major events along Main Street.

Allchin said people believe in the museum. "We are confident that we will win," she said.

And the museum is much more than just a place where collections are gathered.

Museum president Jim Doyle said the museum is an intricate part of everything that goes on in Lowell.

"People come here and do research," said Doyle. "The millage enables us to have a part-time person who uses time effectively to promote the museum."

The museum, according to Doyle, gives people an opportunity to think about the community and the vision for the future.

"The amount of research is incredible," said Doyle. "It's an interactive venue; people can get as much from it as they want."

The museum started as a small historical association around 2000. In 2001, it acquired the use of the Graham Building from the city.

"It has evolved into a significant asset," said Doyle, "so many people are giving time, artifacts and money."

Being the president of the museum has been gratifying for Doyle. He started the historic district and his



involvement in the museum has been a step up from that. "I do it for the love of

history and community," he said.

It has always been the vision of the museum to build a bridge from past to present for future generations.

"Our aim is to provide a museum setting as well as learning opportunities where individuals can draw connections to their past,

their community and their world," said Allchin.

Located in the 1873 Graham home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, the exhibit galleries were opened in 2001.

The museum is home to more than 8,000 photographs and artifacts that have been donated by local residents.

Student to perform at FFA convention

When the lights are dimmed and a hush descends upon an audience of more than 54,000 at the nation's largest annual student convention this Oct. 19 through Oct. 22, in Conseco Fieldhouse, Emma Blough will share the spotlight in a musical performance that will inspire the crowd and provide memories to last a lifetime.

Blough of the Lowell FFA Chapter has been selected to play clarinet in the National FFA band. She sub-

mitted an audition tape and was one of 80 FFA members selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band.

The band will perform several times at the 84th National FFA Convention Oct. 19 through the 22nd. National FFA band members are chosen from a pool of more than 225 applications. The young musicians arrive in Indianapolis three days before convention begins to rehearse. Blough is the only

band member chosen from Michigan.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 520,284 student members all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The National FFA Organization

changed to its present name in 1988 in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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FALL CLEAN-UP NOTICE

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Betty R. Morlock
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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

It's a good week to think about retirement savings

You may not see it posted on your calendar, but Oct. 16 - 22 is National Save for Retirement Week. This annual event, endorsed by Congress, is designed to raise awareness about the importance of saving for retirement — so you may want to take some time this week to review your own strategy for achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

If you're not convinced of the need for an event such as National Save for Retirement Week, just consider these statistics, taken from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2011 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- The percentage of workers not at all confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement grew from 22 percent in 2010 to 27 percent — the

highest level measured in the 21 years of the Retirement Confidence Survey.

- 56 percent of respondents say that the total value of their household's savings and investments, excluding the value of their primary home and any defined benefit plans (i.e., traditional pension plans) is less than \$25,000.

- Less than half of the respondents say they and/or their spouse have tried to calculate how much money they will need for a comfortable retirement.

These numbers are obviously troubling — and they indicate that most of us probably need to put more thought and effort into our retirement savings. What can you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Determine how much you'll need in retirement.

Try to define the lifestyle you want during retirement. Will you travel the world or stay close to home? Will you work part time or spend your hours volunteering or pursuing hobbies? Once you know what your retirement might look like, try to estimate how much it might cost.

- Identify your sources of retirement income. Take into account your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, Social Security and other savings and investments. How much income will they provide? How much can you withdraw from these vehicles each year without depleting them?

- Calculate any retirement shortfall. Try to determine if your savings and investments will be enough to provide you with an income stream that's adequate to meet your retirement needs. If it isn't, develop an estimate of the size of the shortfall.

- Take steps to close savings "gaps." If it doesn't look like you'll have enough to meet your retirement needs, you may consider adjusting your savings and investment

strategy. This may mean contributing more to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. Or, perhaps your investment mix may need to be reviewed to find a better balance growth potential with risk. Or you may need to take both of these steps.

- Monitor your progress. Once you've put your investment strategy into place, you'll need to monitor your progress to make sure you're on track toward achieving your retirement savings goals. Along the way, you may have to make adjustments, if there are changes in your objectives or your specific situation.

Taking these types of action can be challenging, so you may want to work with a professional financial advisor who has the experiences and resources necessary to help you identify and work toward achieving your retirement goals. In any case, though, National Save for Retirement Week is a great time to consider your course of action.

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

health



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

dry skin

Dry, itchy skin is a common condition this time of year. As the weather gets colder, the air gets drier and your skin becomes dry and itchy. Humidifying your home can help to keep your skin moist. You can either get a stand-alone portable humidifier or have one added on to your furnace.

Excessive hand washing and bathing can also cause your skin to become dry. Limiting the number of times you wash your hands can help. Using a waterless hand sanitizer is just as effective at killing germs, but won't dry your skin as much. Limiting the time you spend in the shower or tub can also help. People with dry skin should consider bathing every other day in the winter. Taking quick, lukewarm showers will also help to minimize the drying effects of hot water. Mild,

hypo-allergenic soaps are less drying than scented and colored soaps.

Moisturizers are an important part of treating dry skin. They should be used two to four times daily. A moisturizer should also be hypo-allergenic. They work best when they are applied to the skin right after bathing or hand washing. If a hypo-allergenic cream or lotion moisturizer does not seem to be helping, other over-the-counter treatments can be tried. A one percent hydrocortisone cream is available over-the-counter and could be used for up to one week. Another option is a 12 percent lactic acid based lotion which may help some severe forms of dry skin. If none of these treatments seem to help, see your health care provider for an evaluation.

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Dave Stegehuis

Some years ago, the television program "Candid Camera" featured videos of ordinary people reacting to extraordinary situations which were created by the producers. The program was very popular and ran for a long time.

Candid cameras have now come to the outdoors. Digital cameras are strategically placed in areas frequented by wild creatures. These devices called scouting cameras or trail cams, make it possible to produce your own reality show.

Scouting cameras are frequently used by hunters to determine what animals are visiting an area as well

as when they are there. This information can help to determine hunting strategy. A hunter must again decide how much technology he or she will use to gain an advantage on game. Locating game by reading natural sign left by birds and animals has been a basic hunting skill since the beginning of time and still has value today. Trail cameras aid in gathering information but must be placed in a likely location determined by traditional scouting methods.

The cameras are tripped by motion, so they can record the activities of anything out and about. Those not interested in locating

game for the table can use them for a number of other reasons. Photographing wildlife is enjoyed by amateur as well as professional photographers. Families can add more interest and excitement to their outdoor adventures, or one may just want to find out what is raiding the garbage can or bird-feeder.

Prices of these units vary depending on the number of features. A camera senses motion in front of the lens then takes a still picture or a short video if set up to do so. An infrared flash is activated at night as to not alarm the subject. The image, including the date and time, is stored on a S.D. card to be viewed on a computer or television later, or the camera may have a moni-

tor for viewing on site. All this is contained in a weather-proof case which can be mounted to a tree or post and aimed in a direction likely to catch the action. Who knows? That garbage can raider may not be the local raccoon family, but a well-traveled black bear. A cougar was recently caught on a trail cam in the western U.P. settling the debate about mountain lions in Michigan.

As with any digital device, trail cameras have become smarter with more features as they evolve. A turkey may not be able to smile for the camera, but it is still fun and interesting to catch wildlife doing what they do when not in the presence of humans.

ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouer Ph.D.

This article is entitled "The Domain of Pain: Mainly in the Brain." Severe and chronic pain has a physical part and this is why medical intervention helps. This is actually the smaller part of the pain puzzle. Treating the physical symptoms can leave behind what Dr. Fehmi calls "a neural platform" from which the pain can rebuild itself. The example of this kind of pain is the well-known "phantom limb pain." This kind of pain happens when the areas of the brain that are associated with the missing limb can still mistakenly generate pain. Dr. Lenz, a neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, discovered that some people during surgery had an extreme, unstable response to a small stimulation. Lenz theorized that the brain contains "neuromodules" that fire throughout the brain. These neuromodules (network of neurons) can become so unstable that they can be set off by a host of triggers, such as moods, memories, stress, and emotions. The result of these triggers can be severe levels of pain.

Whatever theory sounds feasible to you, they all point to the brain as being capable of causing, as well as mitigating the pain signals. Next month, the article will look at the conventional understanding of pain. Pain and its historical perspective will be the main focus of this article. If you have any questions or concerns about this topic, please e-mail me at kathryndenhouer@gmail.com

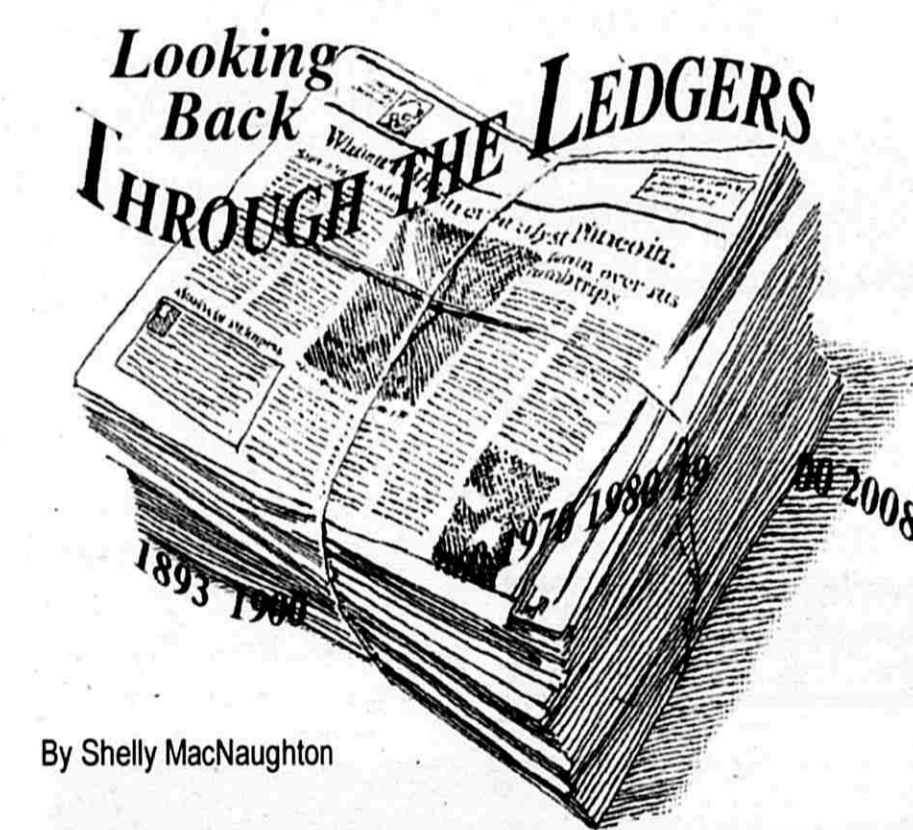
wrist pain, this suggestion can cause the actual sensation of pain. Because of these thoughts/suggestions, the brain/mind constricts the blood flow to that area. The reduction in blood flow to muscles, nerves and tendons impedes normal function of that area and results in a pain reaction. This is another part of the pain puzzle.

Another perspective on pain is the "Gate Control" theory of pain. This explanation was revolutionary when it was introduced in 1965. Ronald Melzack and Patrick Wall postulated this theory. They claimed that pain-conducting neurons opened the "gate" so that the pain signals could travel to the brain. They also postulated that there are pain-inhibiting neurons that close the "pain gate" as well. This is how they explained the effectiveness of behaviors, such as rubbing a sore arm or a mother's kissing an "owie" to make it feel better. These behaviors send signals to the spine to close the "gate" to pain signals.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
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100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
October 11, 1911

Mr. Rexford has been laid up with a lame back. We had a hard frost last night, ice thicker than a window pane of glass. Mrs. A. G. Steketee and son George motored here from the Rapids last Thursday to spend the day with J. Tower and family. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Tower who remained until Saturday morning.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
October 8, 1936

Sigler's jewelry store has been repainted. Mrs. H. C. Scott's candy store supports a new awning.

lonia High School initiated its football field last Friday night by defeating Lowell High, 13-6, before an estimated crowd of 1,000 fans.

For the first time, five boats have this year plied the ferry across the Straits of Mackinac. The greatest traffic of its history had already crossed the channel by the middle of September. It is estimated that the year's total of cars carried will reach 200,000.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
October 12, 1961

Work is well underway on the new seven-room and all-purpose room at Alto Elementary School now under construction on Bancroft St. Contractors have the foundations in and brick work is expected to start next week. Completion of the building, contracted to cost over \$243,000 plus the furnishings, is scheduled for September 1, 1962.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
October 15, 1986

Anyone who drives in Lowell knows West Main Street can be an adventure that rivals 28th Street in Grand Rapids. Heavy traffic with numerous drivers exiting and entering side streets and commercial drives make for a fast-paced environment that can raise the hair of even the most experienced drivers. Three residents of Lowell One Apartments, located just north of Main and west of Valley Vista Dr., decided to do something about the situation. Vera Sherman, Margaret Gardner and Dorothy Haney presented a petition with over 350 signatures at the Monday, October 6, Lowell City Council meeting. The petition asked that a traffic light be located at Main St. and Valley Vista Dr.

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Sawyer Chase Blough

Sawyer Chase Blough was born September 15, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 22 inches. Proud parents are Gavin and Alyssa (Rash) of Lake Odessa.

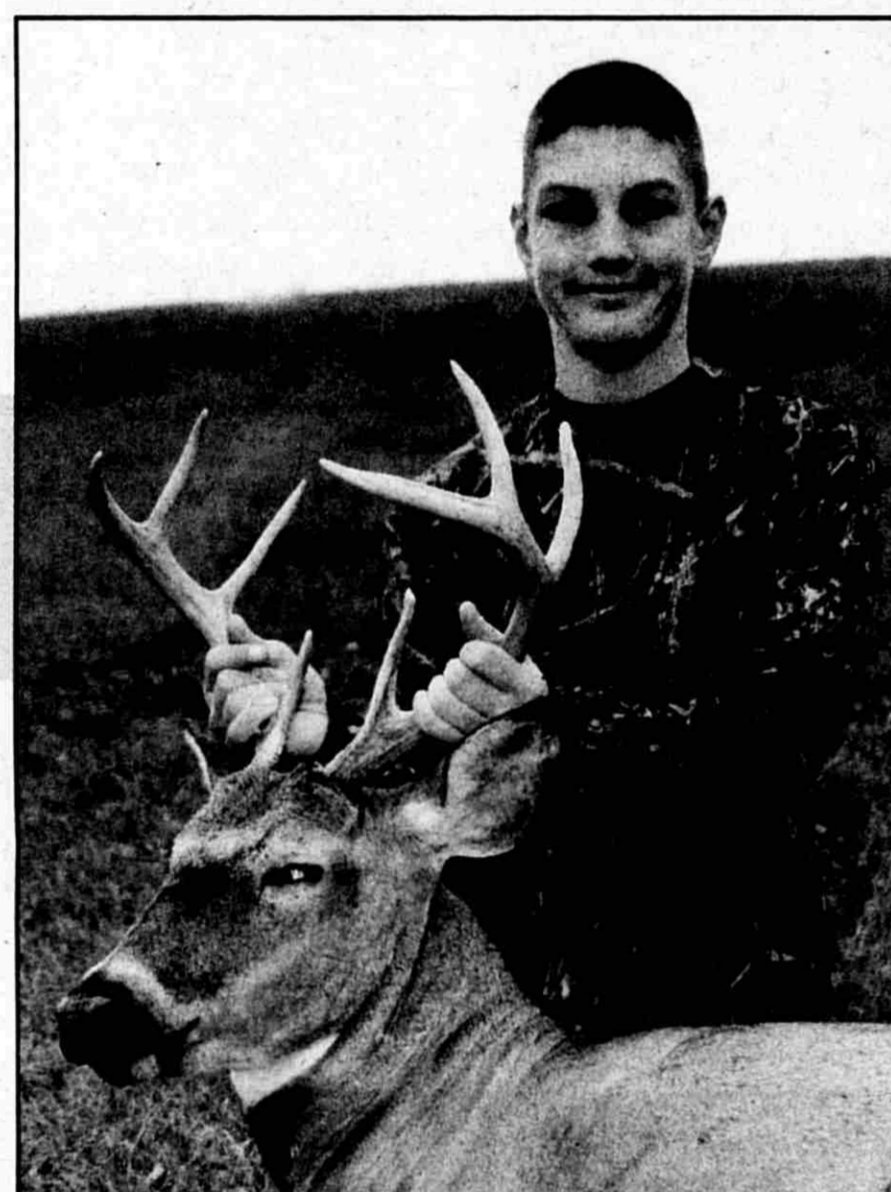
Five generations celebrated

With the addition of Sawyer Blough, born September 15, 2011, the picture depicts five generations of the Blough/Rash family. Shown, clockwise, from left to right: Alyssa Blough and Sawyer Blough, of Lake Odessa; and David Rash, Darrel Rash, and Norabell Rash, of Lowell.



Young hunter bags his buck

Jason Price, 15, shot this eight-point buck with his bow and arrow, during the youth hunt while hunting with his father, W.J. Price, on his grandparent's property. Price is a ninth-grader at Lowell High School.



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Kane honored for her work on Rails to Trails

Award recognizes Kane's role in developing Michigan's trail system

On Saturday evening, Oct. 1, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) commemorated its 25th anniversary by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the rail-trail movement during the past quarter century.

Among the honorees of the inaugural Doppelt Family Rail-Trail Champions Award was Carolyn Kane of Vestaburg. Kane's involvement with trails didn't come until after her retirement in 1993, when she joined the Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.

But that was just the beginning of a remarkable second career for Kane, who went on to spearhead the acquisition and development of 37.5 miles of rail-trail from Ionia to Greenville, raising \$2.3 million dollars in the process and she played a key role in providing for the maintenance and expansion of trails across the state. Kane has also been a member of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance Board since 2001 and was chair from 2003 to 2008.

amazed by what local volunteer groups are able to achieve, often with few resources aside from their own professional experience and a great passion for their community," says RTC President Keith Laughlin. "What Carolyn was able to complete on behalf of the Fred Meijer trail system is nothing short of amazing—raising millions of dollars and acquiring dozens of miles of rail corridor for recreational trails. The amount of time and energy people like Carolyn put into opening up new trails speaks volumes to how important these trails are to the communities they serve."

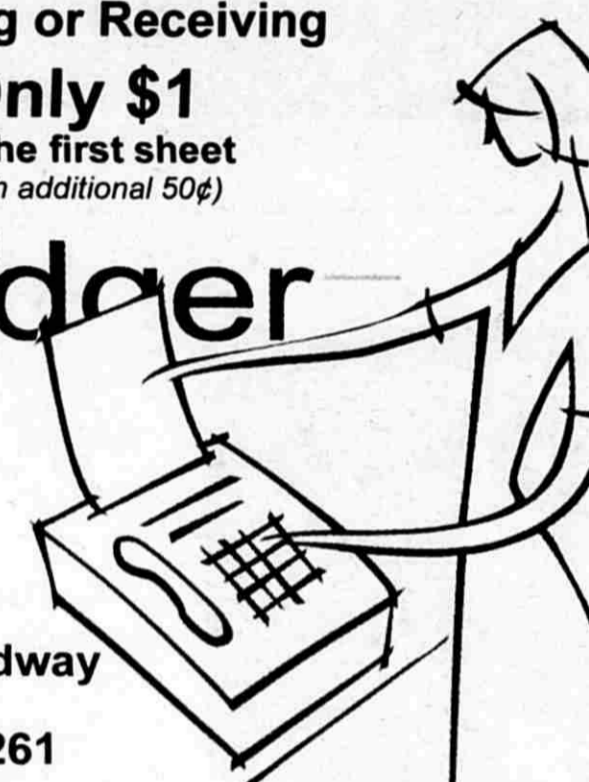
Fred Meijer, whose name is synonymous with trails and parkland philanthropy in his native state of Michigan, was also honored with a Doppelt Family Rail-Trail Champions Award, in recognition of his generosity and vision in establishing the Fred Meijer network of trails. These corridors provide vital transportation and recreation links for millions of Michigan residents and tens of thousands of visitors every year. Thanks to the philanthropy and vision of Fred and his wife Lena, millions of Americans now have the opportunity to enjoy the respite that Michigan's trails system offers. He also created the first endowment fund in Michigan for the maintenance of trails.

At the Saturday award reception, held at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Total Health, Kane joined a diverse group of community leaders, volunteers, elected officials and municipal staff to be honored as Doppelt Family Rail-Trail Champions. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood delivered the keynote address and each honoree received a silver-plated railroad spike. Thanks to the generous support of the Doppelt family, each Rail-Trail Champion was awarded a \$1,000 grant to be given to a nonprofit or volunteer trail organization in his or her honor. Kane selected the Fred Meijer Mid-West Michigan Rail Trail Endowment Fund. This grant will contribute to the endowment fund's mission of maintaining the 125-mile corridor in perpetuity. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a nonprofit organization with more than 150,000 members and supporters, is the nation's largest trails organization dedicated to connecting people and communities by creating a nationwide network of public trails, many from former rail lines and connecting corridors. Founded in 1986, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's national office is located in Washington, D.C., with regional offices in California, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information visit www.railstrails.org

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Congratulations to Lowell area Farm Bureau Insurance agent Mark Johnson, who will be interviewed during the MSU/U-M football game this Saturday as the result of winning a statewide company contest.

Mark will be interviewed at halftime of the October 15 game between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan at Spartan Stadium.

The interview will run live on the 32 radio stations of the Spartan Sports Network. The local Lowell area affiliate is WBBL-FM 107.3 in Grand Rapids.

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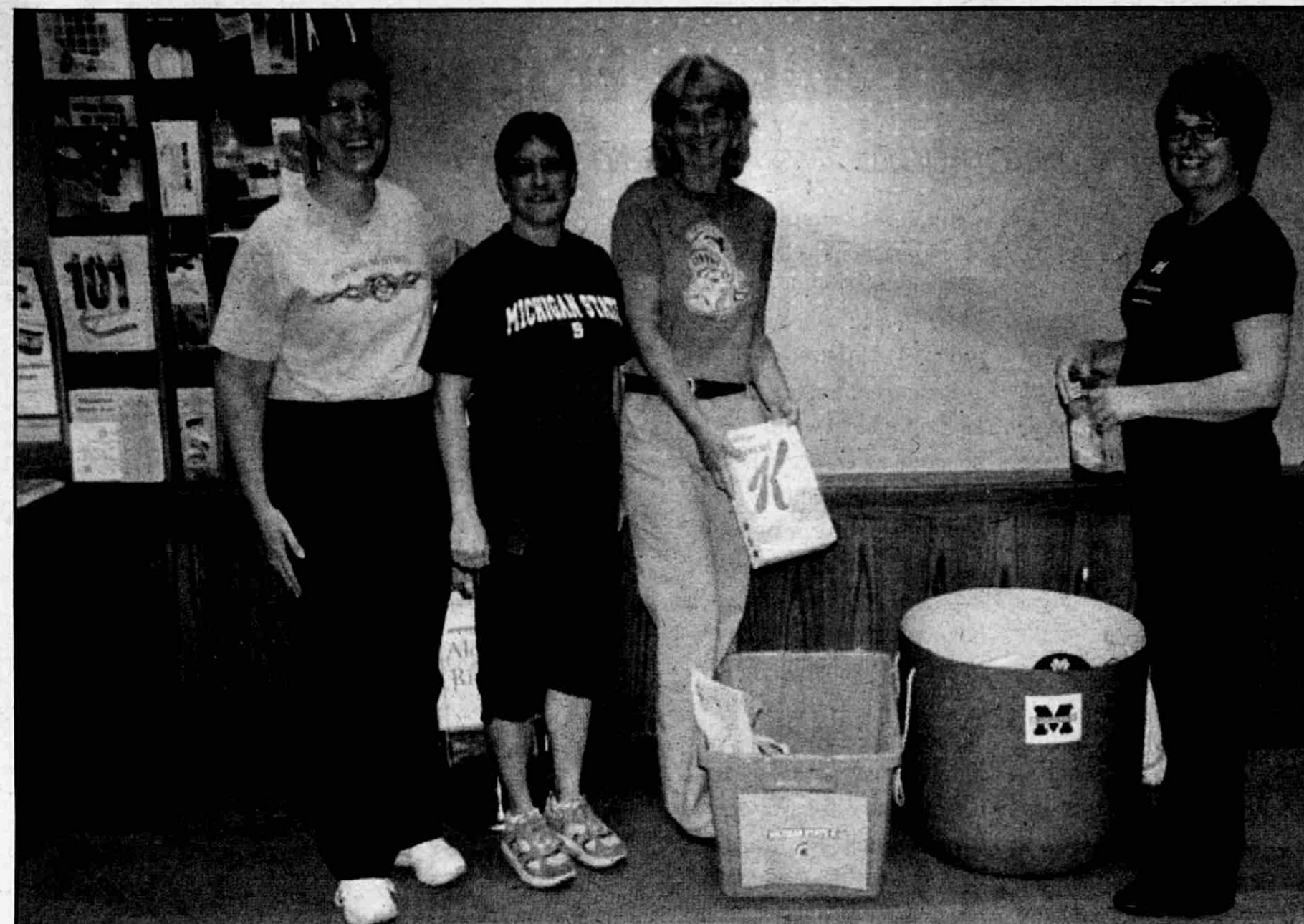
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Supporting their teams and FROM

In preparation for the University of Michigan and Michigan State football game on Saturday, city employees are "tailgating" by collecting food until Friday at the city offices for the Flat River Outreach Ministries.



Sue Olin, Lori Gerard, Leslie Heffron and Theresa Mundt pose, with their team preference on display, by a food box at the Lowell City Hall.

Red Arrow **SPORTS**

Homecoming win boosts Red Arrows to 2-1 in conference, playoff berth

by Casey Cheney

A stellar rushing game, including 232 yards and five rushing touchdowns by Gabe Dean, propelled the Lowell Red Arrows to a 45-15 victory over the 4-3 Northview Wildcats.

"I was excited about the way our offensive line played and the way our defense played," coach Noel

Dean said. "They were fabulous."

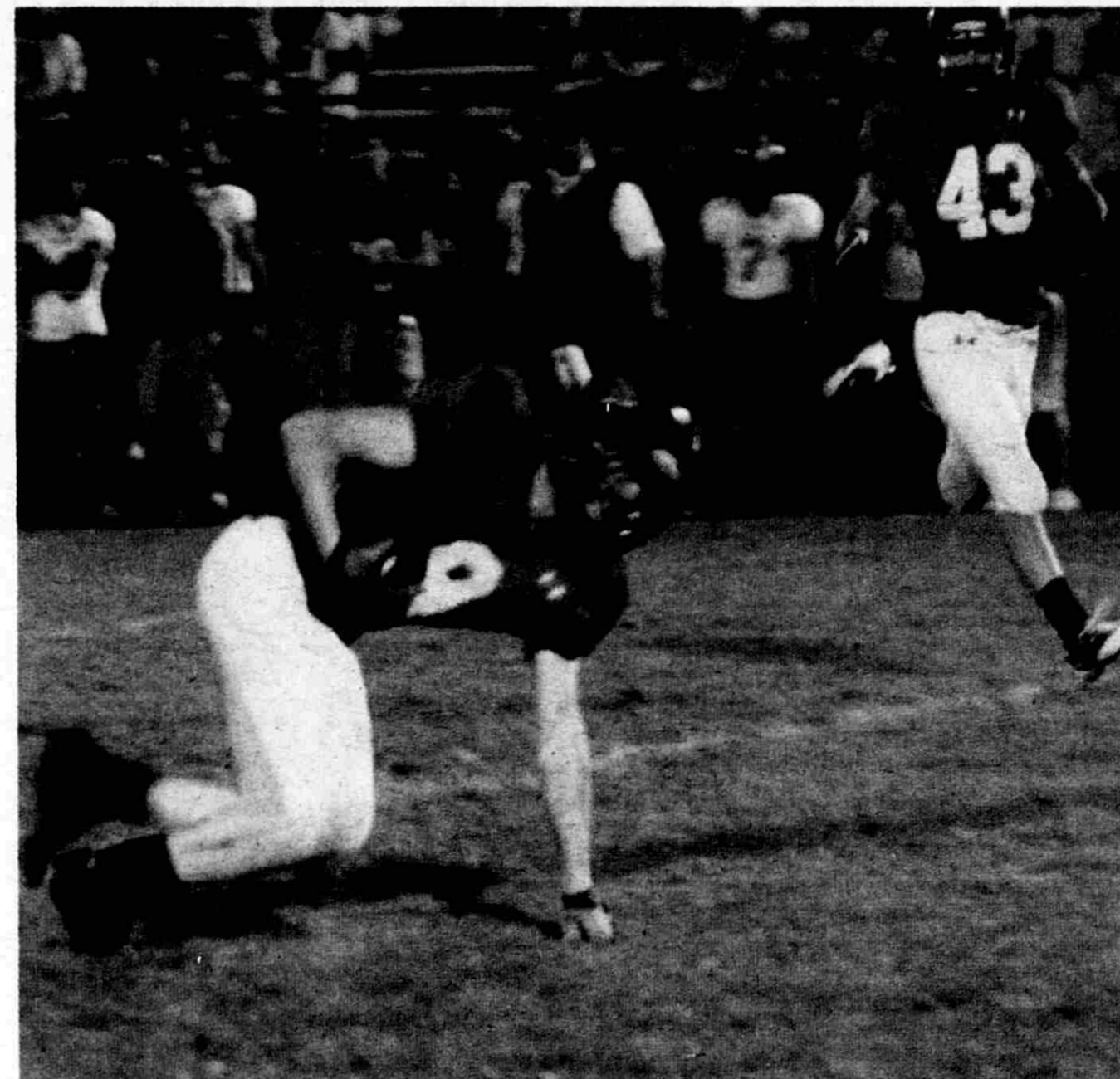
Dean ran in his first score of the game from the five yard line after forcing the Wildcats to punt following the three-and-out. Grant Brucker's 37-yard field goal and another score from

Dean, this time from the one yard line, gave Lowell a 17-0 lead at halftime.

The Wildcats' 72-yard touchdown pass put them on the board with 8:34 in the third quarter. They trailed 23-8 following the two-point conversion.



Sarah Mogor takes her place as 2011 Homecoming Queen.



Blake Lyman hauls in one of his three receptions.

Another Brucker field goal and 40-yard touchdown from Dean gave the Red Arrows a 38-8 lead before Northview struck again early in the fourth quarter.

Titan Anderson capped off Lowell's scoring with a rushing touchdown from the 10 yard line.

The Red Arrows secured more than a conference win, securing a spot in the postseason for the thirteenth consecutive time.

Lowell finished the game with 357 yards on 56 carries, while holding Northview to 55 yards on 26 carries.

Dean said, "It always comes down to defense and running games. Those are quintessential in playoff time - to be able to control

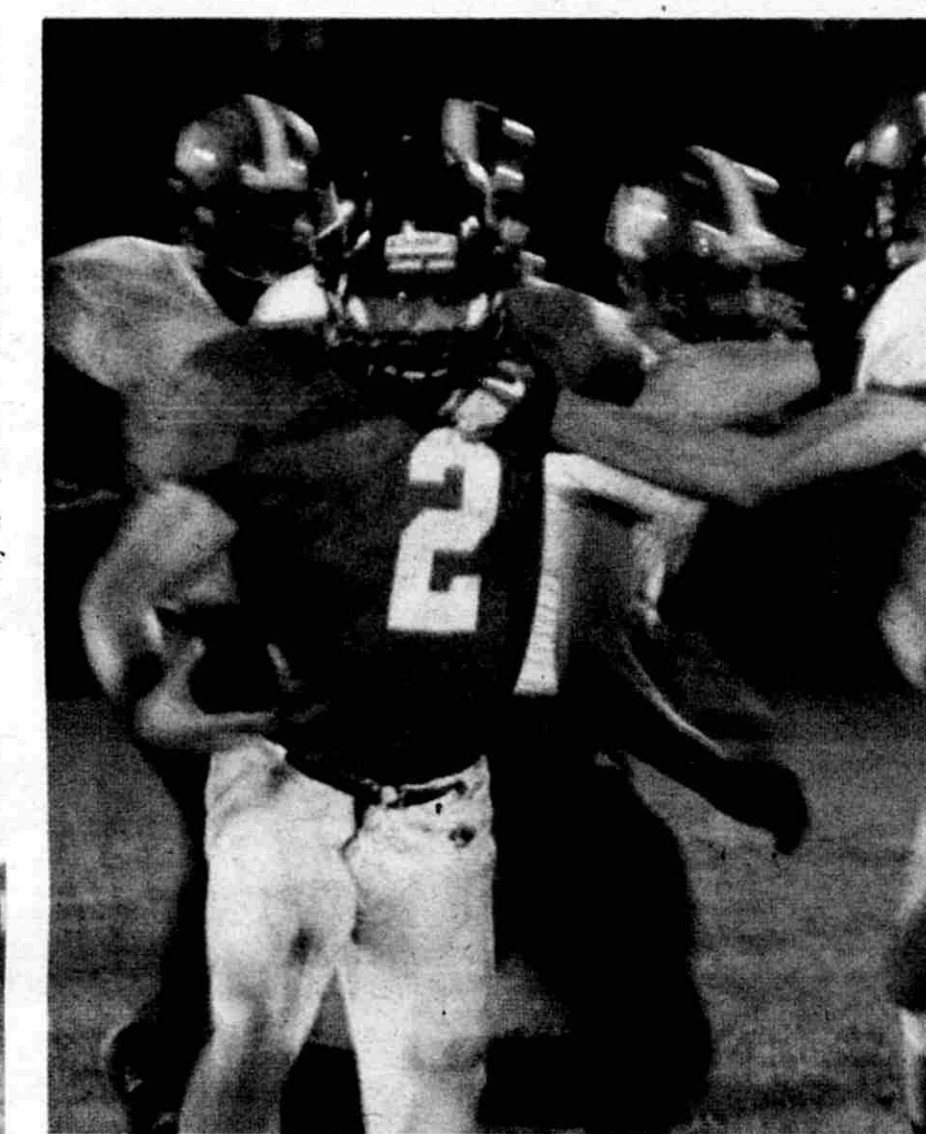
the ground and run some clock. Throwing is nice and all that, but we've got to be able to move on the ground."

The Red Arrows had 103 passing yards to the Wildcats' 147.

With only two games left in the regular season, against 4-3 (1-2) Greenville and winless Creston, the

Red Arrows hope to fend off another loss against Greenville.

"They beat us last year. We understand the significance of this game," Dean said. "It's the last varsity game to be played over at Greenville's Black Field. We understand that very well."



Gabe Dean stiff arms a Wildcat on his way to the end zone.



The student section doesn't disappoint, painted up and primed to cheer on their football team.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary and FROM partnering to provide local winterization help

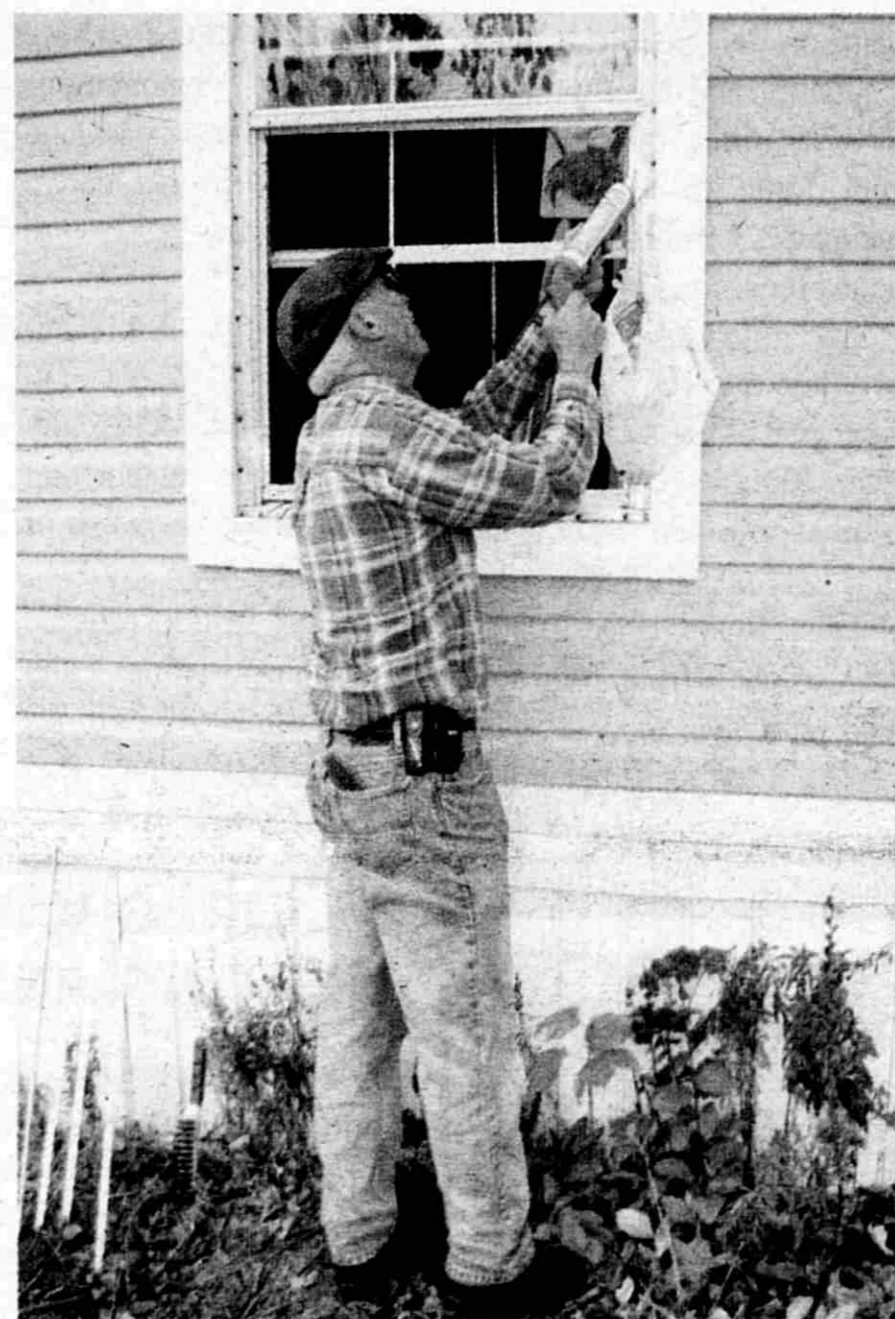
Lowell Rotary and Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will continue their efforts this season to help those in need of winterization tasks. The date has been set for Saturday, Oct. 22. The 2010 collaborative winterization project combined 11 volunteers and 71

volunteer hours to help prepare eight homes for winter weather.

FROM identified homeowners who requested help with utility bills last year. For those who qualified and wanted further help, Lowell Rotary organized the labor and donated some materials to help reduce their utility costs. FROM provided over \$500 in additional materials.

The rotary crew installed thermostats, weather stripping, smoke detectors, repaired windows and heat vents, caulked doors and windows, installed CFC light bulbs, insulated water heaters, replaced furnace filters, plastic wrapped windows and gave much appreciated advice.

Anyone wishing to donate their time and skills may call Rick Seese at 437-2576 or Roger LaWarre at 897-0105.

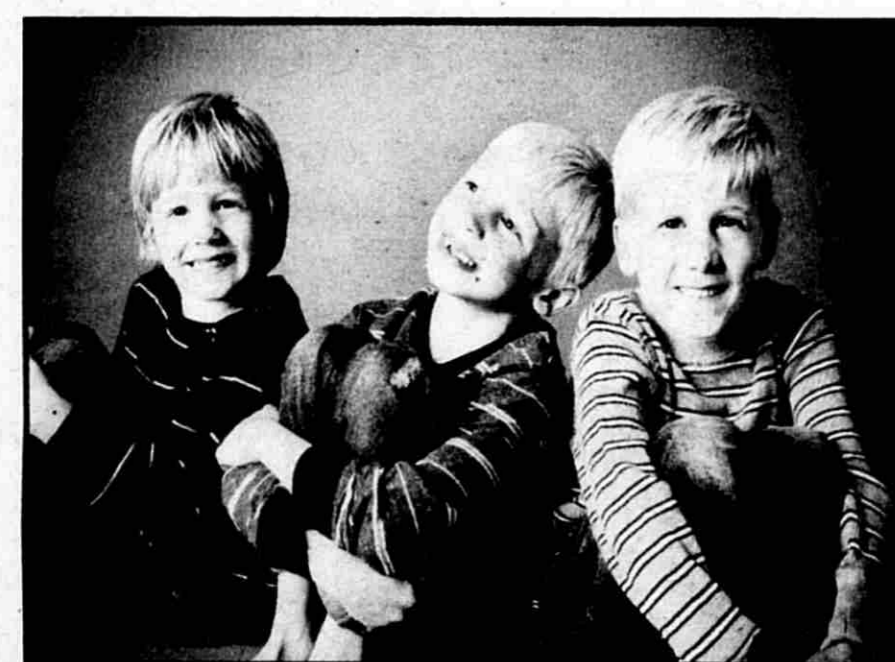


Roger LaWarre is pictured winterizing a home during last year's project.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Girls' golf finishes season, Groom in top ten

by Casey Cheney
The Lowell Red Arrow golf team finished their season last week with a conference and regional tournament. They finished last of

five teams in the conference tournament. Their 454 put them only ten behind Grand Rapids Northview. Greenville took first with 344. Coach Kim Stevens said

that while the team didn't finish how they would have liked, they cut 50 strokes off of their pre-conference score.

Senior Morgan Groom finished in the top ten at the conference tournament, as well as All-conference honorable mention for the second consecutive year.

Out of eleven teams in the Division 2 regional tournament, Lowell placed ninth and shot 445. Battle Creek Lakeview took first, scoring 338.

"We were probably supposed to come in last," Stevens said. "But we came in

ninth out of eleven, so we beat two teams we shouldn't have."

Stevens said he is still waiting to hear if the team won academic All-state this year, a goal the team always pursues.

Still an up-and-coming team, Stevens said they had some highlights. Groom, for example, shot a 40 this year, two strokes shy of a school record.

The Red Arrows also shot a 196 against powerhouse Forest Hills Central.

"It seemed as if the more competitive teams we played, the better we played," Stevens said. "If we had maintained that score throughout the season, we could have beat half the teams we played."

Cross country adapts to unseasonal heat

by Casey Cheney
Placing fifth overall at the OK White Jamboree, the Red Arrow cross country team moved up a position last Wednesday.

Coach Clay VanderWarf said, "It was nice to see the boys move up a place at the Greenville Jamboree."

He said his boys would have likely run even better had the weather not been so uncharacteristically warm.

"Times were slower than they have been because I think the heat got to them a little bit," he said. "We have been used to running in cooler weather and the un-

usual warm day threw them off mentally."

Leading Lowell is freshman Nick MacDonald, who ran the 5,000 meters in 19:02.10. Senior Ben Partridge finished a few places behind him with a run time of 19:09.60, then came junior John Mark at 19:20.20.

In the Allegan Invitational, they finished eighth of nine teams with 156 points. Mark crossed the finish line first for Lowell with a time of 18:40.8. MacDonald finished in 18:55.4 and Partridge in 19:25.2.

The girls finished third at the jamboree, sophomore

Jessica Graves nabbing sixth place overall with a time of 20:41.20. Sophomore Rachel Walters finished in 21:36.30, then senior Karis Dilly and junior Sam Kooiman finished one after the other with respective times of 22:18.60 and 22:19.20.

The girls finished seventh of nine teams in the Allegan Invitational. Graves led the Lowell runners once again with a time of 20:39.7. Walters finished close behind in 20:51.9. Senior Carrissa Paiz came in a few spots behind her, finishing in 22:19.9.

Lowell equestrian team will compete in state championship

Lowell's high school equestrian team will travel to the Midland County Fairgrounds Oct. 13 through Oct. 16 for the M.I.H.A.

State Championship. This follows Lowell's victory in Division B of the Region A championship earlier this month.

The other Division B champions heading to the state competition are Howell, Ogenmaw Heights, Fruitport and Williamston.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I know that polar bears are losing ice cover due to climate change, but what are other ways that global warming affects wildlife around the globe? - Hanna Bond, Hartford, CT

Although perhaps the best known examples, polar bears certainly aren't the only wildlife species already suffering as a result of global warming. With the sea ice that they depend upon as hunting platforms and places to rest during long swims quickly melting, polar bears were added to the federal list of threatened species in 2008. This contentious listing decision was significant in that it represented the first time the federal government acknowledged that global warming was not only having a noticeable effect on the environment but could also be blamed for the decline of particular species. Environmentalists claimed the listing was reason enough to reign in our carbon emissions sharply, but of course that has yet to happen.

While all organisms on the planet are affected in one way or another by climate change, some are more at risk than others. "Species with small population sizes, restricted ranges, and limited ability to move to different habitat will be most at risk," reports the National Audubon Society. "Similarly, different habitats and ecosystems will be impacted differently, with those in coastal, high-latitude, and high-altitude regions most vulnerable."

Audubon, which is primarily concerned with birds, recently published a report based on 40 years of data that found some 60 percent of the 305 avian species in North America during winter have been on the move in recent decades — shifting their ranges northward by an average of 35 miles, as habitat shifts thanks to warming temperatures. The Brant (a coastal bird), the Ring-necked Duck (a water bird), and the American Goldfinch (a land bird), all moved about 200 miles north over the last four decades. While it's questionable whether some birds will find suitable habitat to the north — we may have paved that piece of land over — the picture looks even more grim for those species not willing or able to abandon old roosts. Also, Audubon reports that the timing of reproductive events (egg-laying, flowering, spawning) across different interdependent species is occurring earlier than ever "in some cases interrupting delicate cycles that ensure that insects and other food are available for young animals."

Another leading conservation group, Defenders of Wildlife, details how a long list of other North American

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Soccer Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell falls to Northview in overtime

by Casey Cheney
As the clock ticked down in the game with both teams deadlocked, the Lowell Red Arrow soccer club proved their last meeting against the Northview Wildcats wasn't a fluke.

"I thought we played well, especially in the first half," coach Rich O'Keefe said. "We pretty much dictated what we wanted to."

This time, however, they couldn't stave off the Wildcat offense for all 20 of the overtime minutes.

Joe Sweet scored the first goal of the game off an assist by Matt Kyllonen with 20:22 in the half. The lead, however, was short-lived as the Wildcats responded six minutes later with their own goal.

Northview scored their winning goal with 6:23 left in overtime.

O'Keefe said, "We had plenty of opportunities in the first half and most of the second half."

Particularly in tough matches, he said it's important to capitalize on those opportunities.

"We kind of lost a little bit of playing composure out on the field," O'Keefe said. "We got away from what was successful and started being more direct, which limited our opportunities."

The Red Arrows had only a few minutes to tie the game, but did not give up, aggressively pursuing the ball and furiously thwarting Northview's attempts to run out the clock. It earned them a yellow card and a couple shot attempts.

O'Keefe said, "There was a sense of urgency that kind of took us out of the game. We were our own first enemy."

They finally succeeded at an organized attack at the goal with only a few seconds remaining. Rushing for that tying score, Lowell dribbled up the right side,

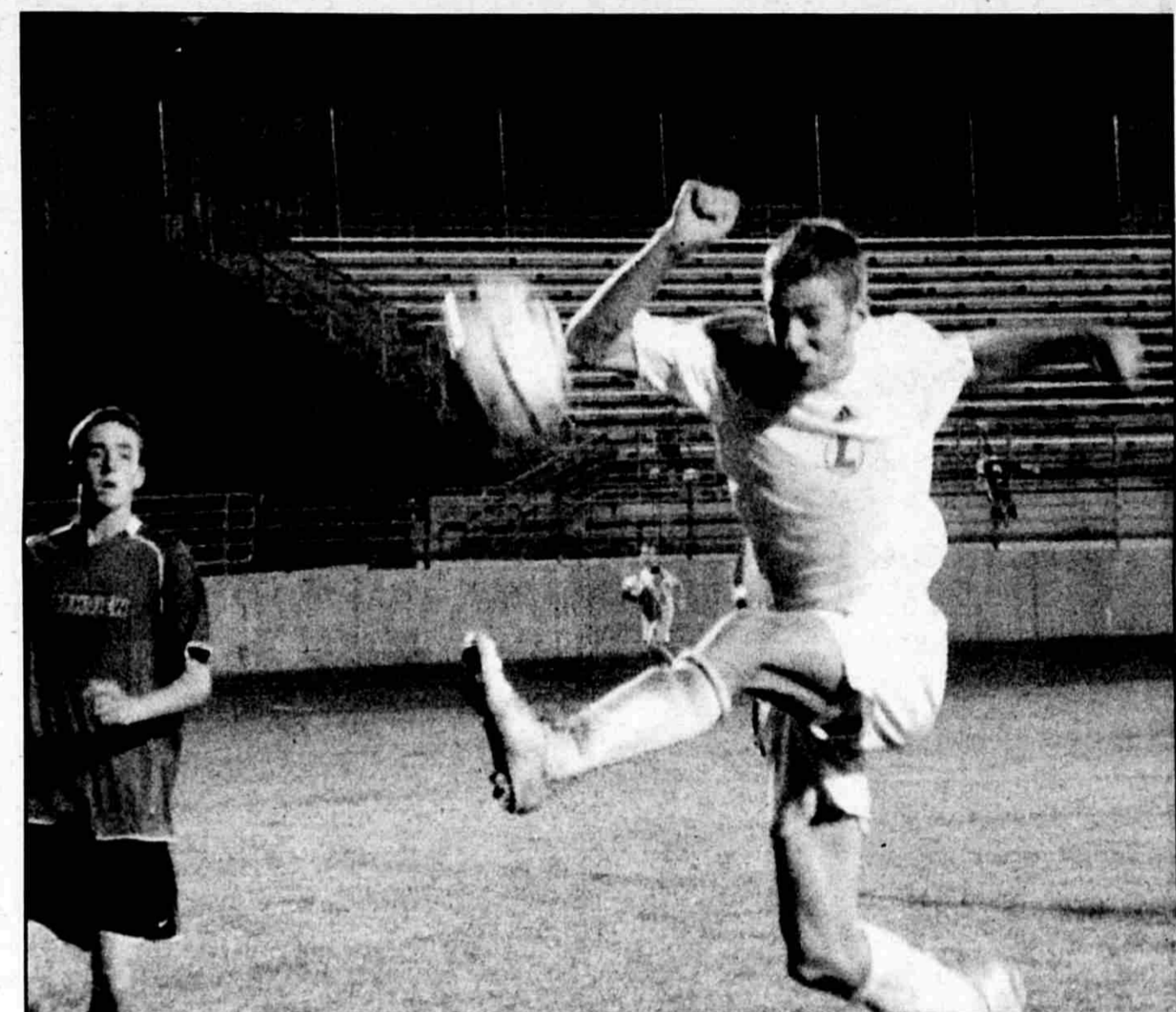
then passed to the middle. With five seconds left, Spencer Lyon, no time to get off a perfect shot, booted the ball from the 20 yard line.

Northview deflected the ball, sealing their victory. Northview is 12-2-3 for the season, 7-1-1 in their conference.

"The team did not give up," O'Keefe said. "[The Northview] defense made a nice preventative play."

This is only Lowell's third loss of the season, but a victory would have given them a distinct advantage in the offseason. The Red Arrows are 5-2-1 in the conference, but have two more conference match ups against Greenville and Creston before the end of the regular season.

The Red Arrows will face Greenville in the first round of the district tournament as well. With one more regular season against the Greenville squad, Lowell is



Matt Kyllonen attacks the Wildcat goal.

afforded an opportunity to reevaluate their opponent before the postseason.

"It sets the stage again," O'Keefe said, adding,

"We've got a few things we want to work through regardless of who our opponent is."



Joe Sweet passes the ball upfield against Northview.

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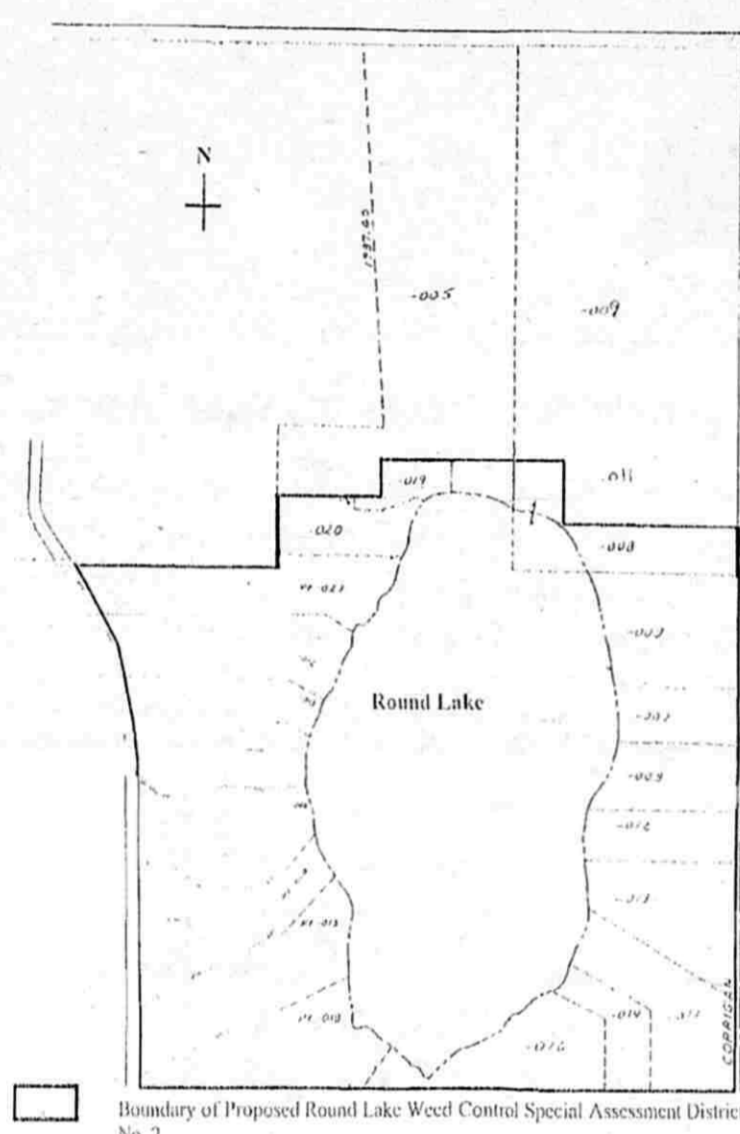
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MAP OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Township of Grattan has made and certified a special assessment roll for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district. Pursuant to the resolution of the Township Board adopted on September 12, 2011, the costs of the Improvements are to be periodically redetermined on a yearly basis in accordance with the resolution.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MICHIGAN, IN SAID TOWNSHIP, TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: September 12, 2011.

Jim Fues, Clerk
Township of Grattan

obituaries

GROEN

Joan Emily Groen, age 80, of Belding, formerly of Lowell, passed away Thursday, October 6, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her children, Frank Visco, Cindy and Steve Koning; sister, Alberta Bachert; foster daughter, SR Lucinda Patterson; grandchildren, Angela, Mark and David Visco, Steven and fiancé Michelle, and Christian Koning; extended family including many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Mark Peacock officiating. Interment Blytheheld Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends and Neighbors 4H Club, 12272 - 4 Mile Road, Lowell, MI 49331.

POTTER

Kelvin Franklin Potter, age 64, of Lowell, passed away Friday, October 7, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred Stauffer and Elvin Potter; and brother, Jim Potter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mindy Potter, of 34 years; wonderful children, Kelly (Karen) Potter, Kurt Zalokar, Kristin (Kevin) Miller; sister, Lois (Ron) Heffron; sister-in-law, Mary Potter; grandchildren, Jordan, Kyle and Macy Potter, Alexis, Connor and Brooke Zalokar, Allison and Dylan Miller; several brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and special friends. Kelvin was a member of Alto American Legion SAL and retired after many years as foreman with Newkirk Electric. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Foundation - Hospice, 100 Michigan Street N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



A memorial service for JEROLD E. TIMPSON

will be held at
1:00 pm on
October 15, 2011
at the
Church Of Jesus
Christ Of Latter
Day Saints
2780 Leonard St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI

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classifieds

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

for sale

LOWELL - Nice 2005 3 bdrm, 2 bath, large garage, landscaped, within city limits, walkout basement, finished family room, granite countertops, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, \$170,000. 616-897-7883.

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME - domestic water & more with the Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. Call SOT your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

FIREWOOD - Hardwood, full cord \$160, rick \$65. Delivery available. Multiple cord discount. Call Mike, 616-490-2283.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

WOW! POST FRAME PACKAGES - Act Now! 24x24x8-\$3749. 24x40x10-\$5449. 30x40x10-\$6249. Standard Lumber, 616-676-2108 or 1-800-444-4075.

PUMPKINS FOR SALE - Thousands - all sizes. Hewitt's, 10496 Bailey Dr., corner of Bailey & Parnell. Open daily 10 a.m. - dark. 897-1730.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER/BLACK LAB PUPPIES - 8 weeks, family raised, vet examined, 1st shots, very calm demeanor. 616-648-4170.

TRIPLE DRAWER DRESSER - w/mirror & matching chest. Excellent condition. \$175. Call 691-7088.

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

KEY CARDS ARE HERE - Help support the LHS Academic Boosters & save money at the places you shop in Lowell and in Grand Rapids. Cards are \$25. Stop by & get your card today. Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway. Cash or check only please.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

for rent

HOME FOR RENT - Lowell. 13912 52nd St. S.E. Remodeled farmhouse, 4 bedroom, living, dining, main floor utility, porch. \$790/mo. Ed Zaagman, 455-2220.

FOR RENT - Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on Slayton Lake. Available Oct. 1 through May 1. \$595 per month. Call Greg at 292-4948.

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

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

in memoriam

3/13/1945 - 10/8/2009
Michael E Serne
In Loving Memory
To his name will ever be, the key that unlocks memory; of a dear one gone, but cherished yet, a beloved face we'll never forget.
We love & miss you,
Your wife, children & grandchildren

help wanted

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

HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY POSITION - for sm. assisted living community. Part time, 12 hrs./wk. Experience required. Call 616-954-2366 if interested or come in to fill out application at 6117 Charlevoix Woods Ct. SE, G.R.

AUTO MECHANIC WANTED - Must be certified, have own tools & experience. Send resume w/salary requirements to: Mechanic, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

sales

CHARITY YARD SALE - Oct. 13-15. Thurs. & Fri. 9-6 p.m., Sat. 9-2 p.m. Located at 3314 S. Whites Bridge Rd., Lowell just off M-21.

CLEANING OUT - vintage furniture, estate items, glassware, linens, much more. Priced to sell. 2863 Court Dr. (off Bewell), Thurs., Oct. 13 & Fri., Oct. 14, 10 to 5.

SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787

sales

MOVING SALE - Senior couple downsizing to apartment. 1765 Nottingham Trail, Ionia. Oct. 13 & 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, glass, furniture, Klingman dining table w/4 chairs, Forsland entertainment center, Treadle sewing machine, snow blower, patio sets, tools. Very clean. 1 1/2 south of Ionia, at top of hill, off Schoolboy Rd. Sale by Now-N-Then Antiques.

services

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

HORSE BOARDING - (2) 3 acre pastures & shelter, north of Lowell. Please call Peggy, 897-5807.

HAUL-AWAY DUMPSTERS - 15, 20 or 30 yard. Beat any price. Best service. 616-364-1320.

SNOWPLOWING - Ada, Lowell, Cascade. Commercial & residential, insured, references available - fall cleanup discount with signed snowplow contract. Call Jon at Scenic Expressions LLC, 240-4464.

services

ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING - Accounting, Bookkeeping, Payroll and Tax services. Affordable rates for individuals and small business owners. Call for a free consultation. 616-443-9625.

FALL CLEANUP - Let us prepare your yard for winter. Leaves, annuals removed, perennials & shrubs pruned, tree transplanting. Call Tom at Scenic Expressions LLC, 240-6215.

HORSE BOARDING - in and out. Call Peggy, 897-5807.

NEEDADUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

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

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

wanted

BUYING OLD & VINTAGE ITEMS - Toys, military related, retro furniture, jewelry, sports related, books, awards, knives, games, models, coins, any advertising items, & MUCH MORE. Cash paid. Call 616-550-0521.

UPS SHIPPING AT THE LOWELL LEDGER! Call for a price quote! 897-9261

misc.

SNOW UNIT-ED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE, will serve a family style Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner on Wed., Oct. 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, children 6-12 are \$3, children 5 & under are free. Takeout dinners also available.

GUN & KNIFE SHOW - Hastings at the Barry County Fairgrounds. Oct. 22 & 23, Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 9-3. 22 rifle doorprize. J&J Sport Shows, 1-800-968-5016.

Community Calendar

- PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.
- FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS - meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. New carvers welcome.
- FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385.
- FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool-8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st-8th; GEMS for girls 3rd-8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool-2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell, Ph. 897-7060, email: lowellcalvaryc@yahoo.com
- MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.
- NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclub.org/pinkarrow
- 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.
- 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.
- KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.
- QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - 8731 Riverside Dr., Saranac. Open to the public on Sundays thru Oct. 30, Except Holiday weekends. For more info call 642-9800. www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org
- ALTO LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.
- COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city council members. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available. Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://m222.miwg-cap.org
- KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.
- ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tues. 6-7:15 p.m., for adults diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.
- FREE SENIOR PICNIC - Every third Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., RSVP 897-8473.
- FOOD PANTRY - First Friday of month at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitteville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. Registration 1 p.m., distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 868-6402.
- GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.
- MOMSINTOUCHGROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.
- 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.
- WHOLEFOODS FOR BETTER HEALTH - Cooking Seminar, Oct. 25, 7-8:30 p.m., Riverside Fellowship at 10300 Vergennes in Lowell. No charge. Call 897-7930 to register.
- 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.
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impactchurch.org or www.celebrater-recovery.com
- STORYTIME - Stories, songs & crafts. Oct 18 & 25, 10 a.m. at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.
- KNITTING 101 - All levels of knitters welcome to attend. Oct. 12, 19 & 26, 10 a.m. - noon. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.
- TEEN READ WEEK - Oct. 16. Amnesty on library lines up to \$10 for ages 10-18 on Saranac/Clarksville Library material only. Replace a lost card for free. See Library staff. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

Lowell Area Historical Museum welcomes Graham descendants

The Lowell Area Historical Museum welcomed thirteen descendants of Robert W. Graham on Sunday, Oct. 2. Graham built the museum as his home in 1873. Jeff Graham, a great-grandson of Robert Graham, visited the museum a year ago to learn more about his family.

This year, he decided to host a family gathering at the museum and share his "discovered" heritage. He arranged for the Flat River Grill to cater a meal in the museum's Victorian dining room and brought a handwritten ledger dated 1872, used by Robert Graham. The family decided to donate this ledger as a gift to the museum.

This is the first artifact that is directly related to Robert Graham's family. "The museum was excited to receive this artifact. We hope to have it on display soon to share with the public," said museum director Pat Allchin.

Graham played an important role in the early development of the town of Lowell. At the age of twenty-one, he left England and like thousands of other young men, turned his face toward the hospitable shores of the new world. He landed in New York City in 1850 and moved to Lowell, Michigan, in 1854.

One year later, he purchased 160 acres of valuable land within a short distance of the town. Until 1862 Graham carried on farming as his principal business. In 1863, he embarked in the mercantile business in Lowell. Graham and his twin brother Joseph joined the boot and shoe trade with a Mr. White. The business later became Graham & Graham when White retired from the business due to illness. Robert Graham stayed with this partnership until the close of the Civil War.

In the year 1869, Graham built the Graham block on Main Street, with an outlay of \$6,000. He did the mason work with his own hands and exercised personal supervision over the entire structure. This structure now houses the North Country Trails and AIC Insurance.

Later he built an addition to the block at a cost of about \$3,000 and in many ways contributed to the material prosperity of our town. It was also noted that he and his son Ernest Graham worked on the post office that is now the Serenity Club.

Finding it somewhat difficult to give personal attention to his business interests, he disposed of his original 160 acre tract and purchased 80 acres on the west south limits of Lowell.



Museum director Pat Allchin with Robert Graham's great-grandson Jeff Graham on the steps of LAHM.

In 1873, he built a duplex home for his family; one side was for his family and the other for his in-laws. The building is now the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Once Graham was a resident of Lowell, he took an active role in the town's welfare. He was soon elected to the village council. He served two terms and was twice elected to the office of justice of the peace.

Graham also served twenty-three years as director of the school board. He died August 7, 1899, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

They had three children: Herbert E. Graham, born on April 5, 1865; Ernest Robert Graham, born on Aug. 22, 1868; and Myrtis Graham, born Nov. 6, 1870.

His wife died in Sept. 1873, shortly after their house in Lowell was completed. One year later, he married Elizabeth Shaw and had one more son, Frank Archie Graham, born in 1880. Jeff Graham, who recently visited the museum with his family, is the grandson of this union.

"We also found how Liz (Graham) Baker is related to Robert Graham. Her great-great-grandfather was an uncle to Robert Graham. His name is William Kidd Graham and was the brother to Robert's mother, Catherine," reported Allchin.

She added that William K. Graham's family line is significant for most of the Grahams still living in the area.

major sources of emissions of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Repeated exposure to nitrogen oxide-based smog and particulate matter has been linked to a wide range of human health problems, and we all know what CO₂ emissions are doing to the planet's atmosphere and ecosystems in terms of global warming.

According to a 2005 analysis by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), heavy duty trucks are the biggest villains, accounting for 77.8 percent of total U.S. freight greenhouse gas emissions. Boat, train and airplane freight contribute 10.8, 8.7 and 2.8 percent respectively.

Besides filling up loads completely and keeping equipment well tuned, shippers can reduce emissions via smarter operations and procedures. Software developed by UPS's Roadnet helps logistics managers re-engineer their fleet routing, preventing tons of emissions and saving millions of dollars and in the process.

Freight companies operating in the U.S. and beyond do generate significant amounts of pollution. While transportation technologies and fuels have gotten more efficient in recent years, freight demands have grown considerably over the past two decades. Today, in the U.S. alone, for example, freight is responsible for about a quarter of all transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

Most freight trucks, locomotives and ships run on diesel engines, which are

and replacing crumbling infrastructure. These fixes won't be cheap, but CEC claims they will save money in the long run and clean up of North American freight altogether.

CONTACTS: FHWA's "Assessing the Effects of Freight Movement on Air Quality at the National and Regional Level," www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/publications/effects_of_freight_movement; Roadnet Technologies, www.roadnet.com; Commission for Environmental Cooperation, www.cec.org.

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Earth Talk, continued

fauna is in decline as a result of global warming. The gray wolf, trout, salmon, arctic fox, desert bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, Edith's checkerspot butterfly, golden toad, Hawaiian monk seal, lobster, manatee, painted turtle, penguin, streamside salamander and western toad are just a few of the species on Defenders' list that are negatively impacted by our profligate fossil fuel use. Meanwhile, the Wildlife Conservation Society adds the Irrawaddy dolphin of Southeast Asia, the Arctic's musk ox, the ocean-going hawksbill turtle and others to the list of species that are "feeling the heat" from global warming.

While it may seem futile given the scope of the problem, everyone can still take steps to be part of the solution. Switch out your incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescents or, even better, the new generation of LED bulbs. Bike, walk and take mass transit more; drive your car less. Telecommute when you can. Try to source as much of your food and other goods locally to cut down on carbon-heavy transcontinental freight shipping. If not for yourself, do it for the polar bears, turtles, foxes and toads.

CONTACTS: National Audubon Society, www.audubon.org; Defenders of Wildlife, www.defenders.org; Wildlife Conservation Society, www.wcs.org.

Dear EarthTalk: Freight companies like FedEx, UPS and all those 18 wheelers on the highways probably generate a lot of pollution and global warming. Is anything being done to address this? - Michael Brown, Washington, DC

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CONTACTS: FHWA's "Assessing the Effects of Freight Movement on Air Quality at the National and Regional Level," www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/publications/effects_of_freight_movement; Roadnet Technologies, www.roadnet.com; Commission for Environmental Cooperation, www.cec.org.

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U.S. and Canada. The report identifies some scary trends. For example, emissions from freight-related vehicles grew 74 percent between 1990 and 2008 — some 40 percent more than emissions growth from passenger vehicles over the same time span. Also, while emissions by light duty vehicles are expected to drop 12 percent by 2030, freight truck emissions are expected to grow by 20 percent. To start turning the freight sector around, CEC recommends that the three countries party to NAFTA start shifting to lower carbon fuels, putting a price on carbon emissions

THEME: WORLD SERIES

ACROSS

- One hundredth of a pound
- Australia's flightless bird
- *Red Sox hero, Jim _____, played in '86 series
- Theater in ancient Greece
- Lonely Boys
- Honorific for a Muslim woman of high rank
- Ornamental hair net
- Romanian money
- O in B.O., pl.
- *Winner of most World Series
- Soak up
- ENT's first concern?
- Pat dry
- *Never aluminum
- Risque
- Bests and _____ of the year
- Pinocchio's claims
- "____, why not."
- Specialty
- First rate or top notch
- 1982 song "____ and Ivory"
- Type of speech
- Famous sheep Dolly
- Asian food thickener
- *Pitcher who lost most World Series games
- In a sympathetic manner
- Pharmacy ware
- Laurie Partridge actress
- Belongs to us
- Little piggy?
- *1994 cause for cancellation
- *Location of first cross-town World Series
- Bruce Wayne's Batman, e.g.
- Like the suspects in "Casablanca"
- Do over
- Hunch-backed assistant
- Home on the _____
- Flower garment

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- Take charge of a job
- Oxidation-reduction, for short

DOWN

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- "Show Boat" novelist Ferber
- Glowing gas
- R&B singer-songwriter
- Make lovable
- Building extensions
- *Baseball catcher who served as spy in WWII
- Like the suspects in "Casablanca"
- Do over
- Hunch-backed assistant
- Home on the _____
- Flower garment

- Emergency responder
- *Winner of first World Series
- Wipe out
- Shoelace knot, e.g.
- Roads less traveled
- *The "____" Sox scandal
- Garlic mayo
- Part of mortise joint
- *Owner of longest World Series drought
- Repeated musical phrase
- Young cod
- Not here
- Like a disreputable neighborhood
- As opposed to receive, as in e-mail
- Engineer, abbr.
- Wasted on the young?

- The Plaza Hotel's famous fictional character
- Exclamation of disgust
- Enlarged thyroid gland
- Dominion
- School in France
- "____ in the face"
- Prong of a fork
- Road _____
- *____ Music, pitch near the batter's face
- Canned
- Garbage in, garbage out
- Black and white variety of quartz
- You're or you _____
- Red or Black _____

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2				6	9	8	1	7
						5		9

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku solution, page 12

Remember to

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A big thank you to Jim Hall for inviting Miss Angie's class to his pumpkin farm. The kids had so much fun and you were so generous with pumpkins and treats.



OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11

Apple's cofounder Steve Jobs passes away Wednesday at the age of 56. Jobs has been courted as one of the most brilliant people of our generation.

Dozens of foreign insects and plant diseases have slipped undetected into the U.S. in the years after 9/11, when authorities were so focused on not having another attack.

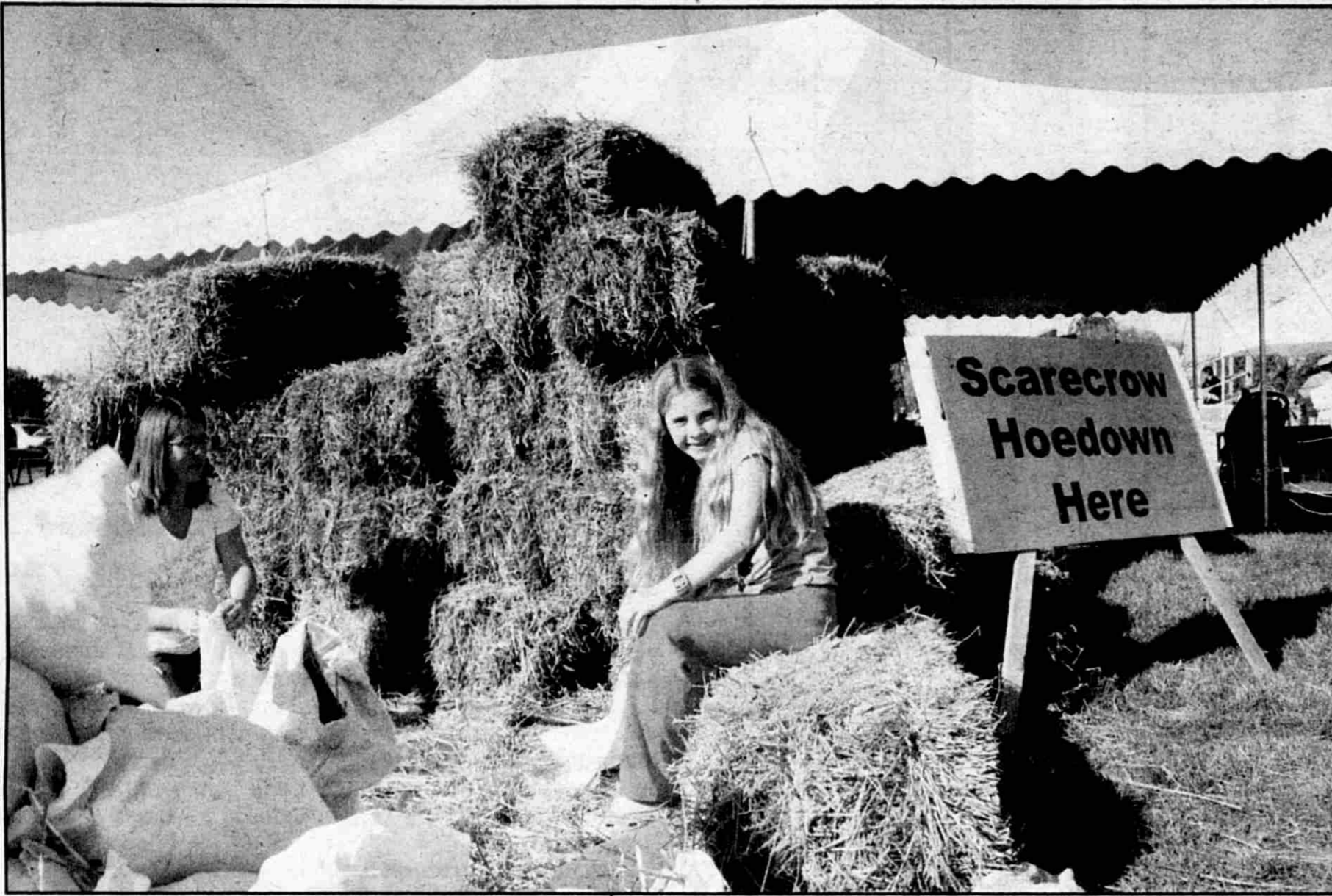
Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis dies at the age of 82.

A golf fan is arrested on Sunday after attempting to throw a hot dog at former world number one, Tiger Woods.

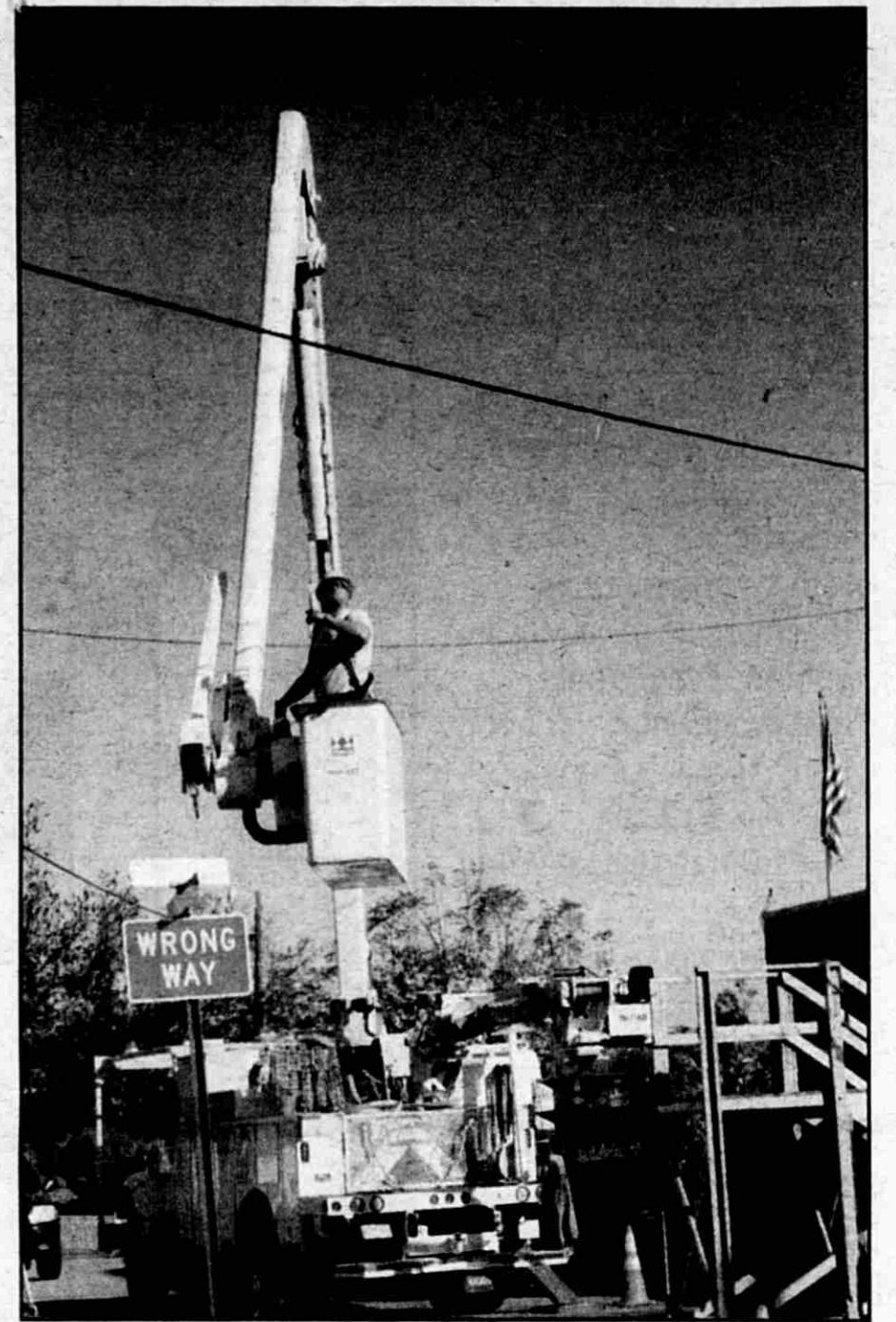
Portable anti-aircraft missiles may have already been smuggled outside Libya's borders. House intelligence committee reports that Al-Qaeda planned on getting its hands on the weapons. Missiles like these have been used in 40 attacks causing 800 deaths since 1975. Under Gadhafi, Libya had stockpiled about 20,000 of the missiles called man portable air defense.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney and American heiress Nancy Shevell are married on Sunday.

Harvest Celebration, continued



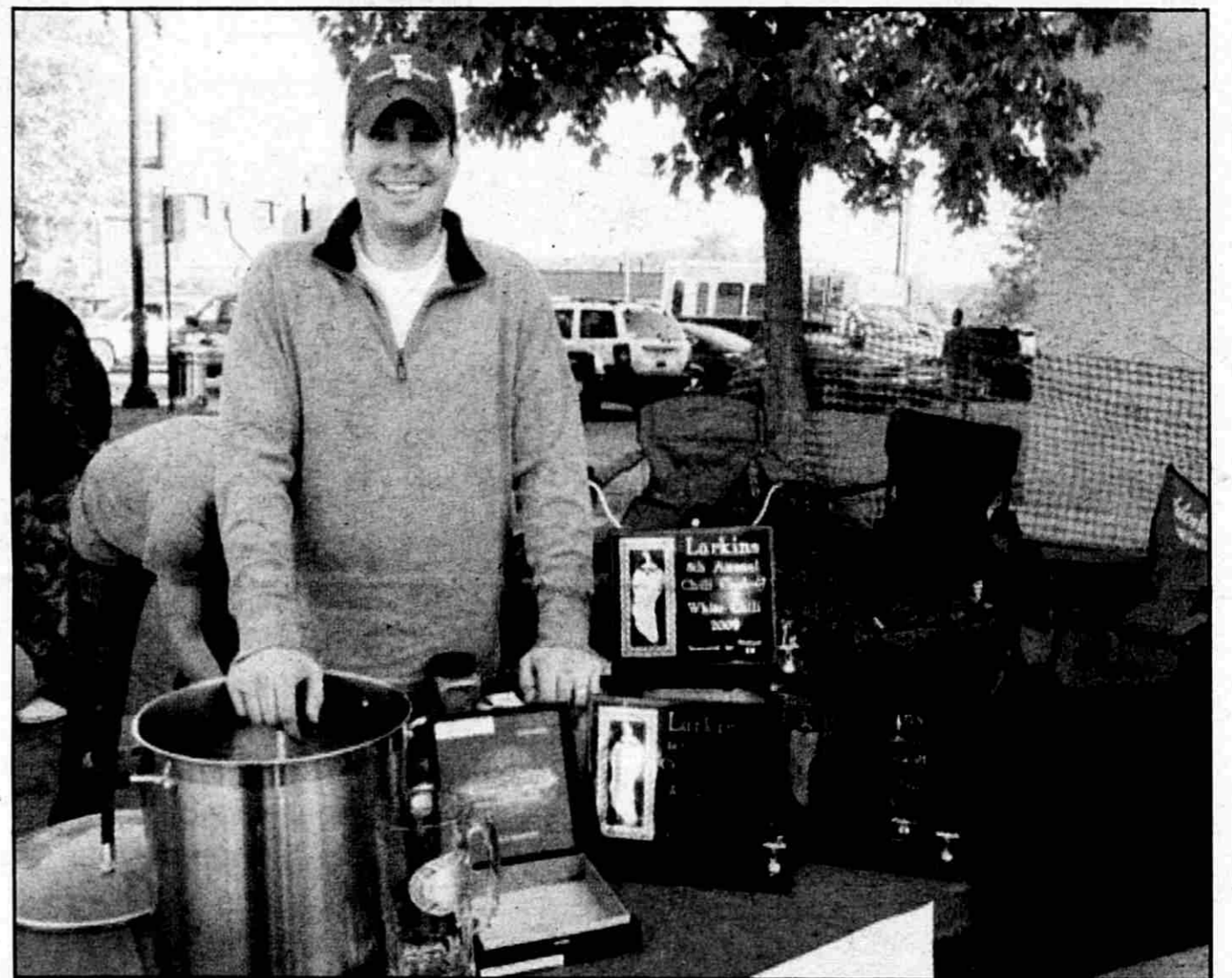
Betsy Davidson and Elle Bennett prepare materials for building scarecrows.



Adam McGregor rides a bucket in front of the Lowell Light and Power.



Dale Lynn Thompson of Lou Spun Creations was one of many merchants at the show.



Ryan Odell, fifth year participant in the Chili Cook-off.

ART FOR ALL AGES

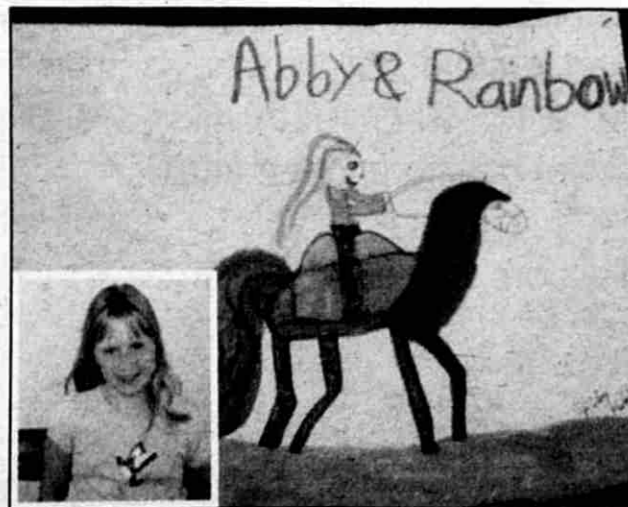
Local Artists Show Talent — Winners announced at Emerald Meadows' annual Fall Fest

ART SHOW The September 24 Fall Fest at Emerald Meadows included an art contest with submissions in three categories: Residents, Family and Staff, and Children 17 and younger. A total of 65 works of art were displayed in the dining room, library, lounge, and hallways.

Winners were chosen by vote, using paper ballots available from Emerald Meadows staff, or Facebook "likes" at Emerald Meadows' Facebook page. "There were so many beautiful entries!" says Kathy Higgins, Community Manager. "It's clear there's a lot of artistic talent in this community." All the entries — including first, second, and third place in each category — can be viewed at Emerald Meadows' Facebook page.

Emerald Meadows is located at 6117 Charlevoix Woods Court in Grand Rapids.

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The winning entries in all three categories (Children, Residents, and Family/Staff) have been posted on Emerald Meadows' Facebook page.



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