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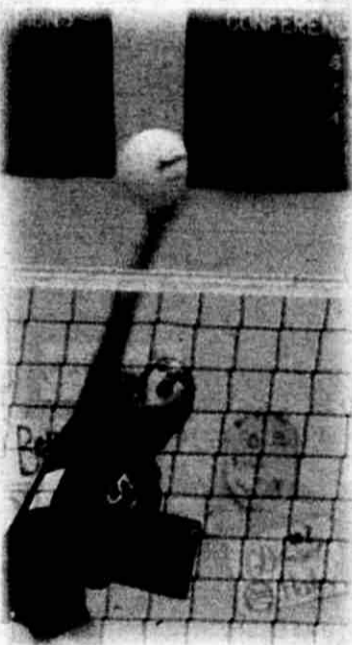


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## Crowd fills Lowell's City Hall for town meeting with Justin Amash

by Emma Palova

An enthusiastic crowd packed the Lowell City Hall Monday night, as Rep. Justin Amash for the 3rd District of Michigan discussed issues facing the United States. There was standing room only and district director Jordan Bush had to ask the crowd to squish church style, so more people could get in.

Senator Dave Hildenbrand for the 29th District introduced Amash, who was elected to his first term in the U.S. Congress on Nov. 2, 2010.

Amash, who has degrees from the University of Michigan, has worked as a business lawyer and Michigan state representative prior to his election.

"Justin has been a leader in the incorporation of facebook and other social media into his work as a public official," said Hildenbrand. "He also set new standards for transparency and accountability in the Michigan State House."



Justin Amash, Dave Hildenbrand and Jordan Bush wait as the seats fill for the town meeting Monday night at Lowell City Hall.

In October 2010, Time magazine named Amash one of its "40 under 40-Rising Stars of U.S. Politics."

"Without further ado,

I present Representative Justin Amash," said Hildenbrand.

As Amash took the stage, his major concern

was a bill to pass a balanced budget constitutional amendment known as H.J. Res. 1 to be phased in over the next 10 years.

"There is not a prohibition on a freshman amending the constitution,"

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## "Seeds of Inspiration" exhibit open at LAHM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum's (LAHM) newest traveling exhibit "Seeds of Inspiration" opened Oct. 8 at the Foreman building. This four-panel exhibit was designed to showcase the vision and spirit of the community.

Each panel displays a unique vision that was brought to life by the spirit of individuals. Panel one showcases the vision and history behind the Showboat; panel two tells the story behind the famous Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament; panel three reveals how Pink Arrow Pride started and why it has become the newest icon of Lowell; and panel four highlights LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Both organizations began with small groups of

people who had the vision and passion for enriching our lives with art and history.

The vision and spirit of our community can be seen in many additional orga-

nizations, but space would only allow the museum to include these five. Their goal is to recall the vision

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## Former Lowell officer remembered for dedication to department and community

by Emma Palova

As the greater Grand Rapids area mourns the loss of life of officer Trevor Slot, 41, last Thursday in a freeway chase, former Lowell police chief Jim Valentine remembers Slot's dedicated service to the Lowell community.

The Lowell Police Department hired Slot in 1998,

as an accomplished officer with great people skills who could talk people through difficult situations.

"He had the knack to interact with anyone regardless of circumstance or life situations," said Valentine.

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he said. "I am the most independent Republican freshman."

This bill would prohibit fiscal outlays except for repayment of debt principal. In case of a war appropriation, it could be overridden by two thirds of a vote.

"I opposed the debt ceiling deal," he said.

Amash also sponsored legislation directing the President to remove troops from Afghanistan.

"It's time to bring troops home," he said. "Number one, troops should defend the country and shouldn't go to Libya."

Amash sits on the Common Ground Caucus that aims to bring Democrats and Republicans together.

"It's amazing to me that Republicans and Democrats are not meeting," he said.

Following were the issues under discussion:

### ON campaign financing:

Amash proposes to lift the caps, but to require transparency.

"I prefer a high cap or no cap," he said.

### ON taxpayer's protection:

Amash opposes tax breaks as forms of subsidies, even in case of subsidizing green energy.

"We should fix the tax code and get rid of all tax breaks and reduce regulatory burdens on all businesses," he said.

### ON budget and finances:

Amash is a strong proponent of the balanced budget constitutional amendment.

On sustainable energy and environmental issues: Amash maintains that the Environmental Agency (EPA) is out of control,

and needs more oversight. He doesn't favor energy subsidies.

### ON postal issues pertaining to bill 1351:

Amash supports the bill that would eliminate 220,000 postal jobs and cluster mail boxes at the end of streets. In the case of a handicapped resident, mail would be delivered to the house.

### ON the issue of jobs and the President's jobs bill:

Amash does not favor increasing taxes for programs and projects that would create more jobs.

"It's a short term stimulus plan," he said.

As a solution, Amash proposes reducing regulations, and fixing the tax code.

### ON Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid:

Amash admits there is a serious problem.

"It needs to move into a different system," he said. "But I would not touch it for the older generation."

### ON health care:

Repealing passed health care legislation:

### ON bipolarization in Washington D.C.:

Amash blames term limits.

### ON the issues of posting legal notices in local papers and building a bridge to Canada:

Amash does not comment on state issues.



Rep. Justin Amash answers questions during the town meeting.



### GHOST STORIES & NIGHT HIKE

Combining LowellArts! annual youth/adult writing challenge with the Wittenbach/Wege Night Hike makes a grand evening of family-friendly Halloween fun! Gather around and listen to spooky or funny tales with host Bonnie Grooters. Afterwards, everyone is invited for a family-friendly "Night Hike" where they will learn interesting facts about our Michigan woodlands and its nocturnal residents. Oct. 22, Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience & Environmental Education Center, 11715 Vergennes, 987-2565. Story-reading begins at 5:30 pm, Night Hike begins at 7:00 pm.

### COAT DRIVE

The VFW and the American Legion, in conjunction with Curtis Cleaners, are holding a coat drive for veterans at the Grand Rapids home for veterans. Coats can be dropped off at Curtis Cleaners, 1410 W. Main St., through November.

### 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.wlhrsradio.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.

### LAHM PRESENTS VETERANS STORIES

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present "Gulf War Veterans Tell Their Stories," moderated by Mark Weber, a panel discussion with Rob Stevenson, Dan Pipe II and Breyound Haywood. Come hear the stories of Desert Storm to the current War on Terror from these brave soldiers at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School on Thurs., Nov. 3 at 7:00 pm.

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## City approves the execution of airport grant

by Emma Palova

The city council approved the execution of a \$56,000 grant, to remove the trees at the Lowell City Airport surrounding the runways, on Monday night.

City manager Mark Howe will now execute agreements with property owners for tree clearing near the airport.

"We have to go through and execute this," said Howe. "It seemed prudent to put on the agenda."

Howe reported that documents are being prepared in consultation with the city attorney, Dick Wendt.

In related business, the council approved dumpster container bid for \$4,642 to Flat River Waste, a local bidder. The dumpster container providers are separate from the waste haulers, according to Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden.

A \$3,080 bid was awarded to Layne Christensen for altitude valve repair at the water tank on Gee Drive.

The city's water system is comprised of water tanks on Shepard and Gee Drives.

The Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan is up for amendment in several Kent County municipalities, including Lowell. The council is expected to vote on it at the Nov. 7 meeting.

Following are the pending city projects:

The city is in the process of inspecting all sidewalks, as it lifted the moratorium on sidewalk improvements at the March 21 meeting.

Door-to-door surveys will be conducted to determine the location of sump pumps. New pumps may need to be installed in the Valley Vista area due to high water tables.

The city has received a preliminary scoring from DNR for a grant application for the East Riverbank renovations.

The council will discuss the issue of separation of the Zoning Board of Appeals from the council body.

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## Former Lowell officer, continued

"When he worked here, he did his part to try to make Lowell an excellent place to live and visit."

Valentine said he was sure he did the same in Walker.

Slot was known for his great sense of humor and his dedication to the department and the community.

"He was very well-liked and respected by his co-workers and members of the community," said Valentine. "He never complained about the shifts he was assigned and would work extra shifts."

Slot would agree to schedule changes without questioning them. He served the community for five-and-a-half years before leaving for Walker.

When Valentine found out about Slot's death, while working at Ionia County Central Dispatch last week, he was devastated.

"Broadcasts of the pursuit with shots came over the dispatch radio and we found out the chase ended in some type of crash and an officer was down, but we didn't have a name," said Valentine.

A co-worker informed Valentine about Slot's death.

"Needless to say, I was devastated," he said. "I will also remember his good sense of humor and his outgoing, friendly and calm demeanor."

A photo of Slot was tagged on Facebook with the following inscription: "A hero remembered... never dies."

A vigil for Slot was held Saturday and full honors public funeral is planned at Resurrection Life Church, 5100 Ivanrest Ave. SW in Grandville, Friday at 11 pm.

A funeral procession through downtown Walker to the Rosedale Cemetery on Lake Michigan Drive will follow.

A memorial fund for the Slot family has been set up through Lake Michigan Credit Union. Contributions can be made at any branch.

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**LUNCH MENU**

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
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**MON:** Hamburger on wheat bun (Danimals yogurt w/American cheese & saltine crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, orange smiles, milk.

**TUES:** French toast sticks or cereal w/Graham crackers each w/cheese omelet, banana, mini carrots, milk.

**WED:** Baked chicken nuggets w/wheat dinner roll (Jr. turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, peaches, milk.

**THURS:** Tony's pepperoni pizza (chicken patty on wheat bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, fruit goop w/vanilla pudding, milk.

**FRI:** Macaroni & cheese (burrito w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), green beans, apple slices, warm soft pretzel, milk.

**financial focus**



Christopher C. Godbold

While not everyone agrees with the notion that men and women might as well be from different planets, most of us would probably concur that the two genders frequently behave differently — and this divergence in behavior may also show up in the way that we invest.

**Do women and men invest differently?**

Several years ago, a book titled *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* was quite popular. As the title suggests, the book argues that men and women are vastly different from each other, particularly in their emotional needs and in the way they communicate.

In fact, various studies and anecdotal evidence suggests these differences in the way that men and women invest:

- Men tend to trade more often than women. Men seem to buy and sell investments more frequently than women. This difference could result in an advantage for women investors.

For one thing, if women do trade less, they may incur fewer commission charges, fees and other expenses, all of which can eat into investment returns. Also, by holding investments longer, women may be able to take better advantage of market rallies. During the 2008-2009 financial crisis, for example, men were more likely than women to sell shares of stock at market lows, which led to bigger losses among male traders — and fewer gains when some of the stock values began to rise again — according to a study by Vanguard, a mutual fund company.

Men tend to invest more aggressively than women. Perhaps not surprisingly, men seem to be more willing to take risks with their investments. This trait can be both positive and negative. On the positive side, risk is associated with reward, so the more aggressive the investment, the greater the potential for growth. On the negative side, taking too much risk pretty much speaks for itself. Ideally, all investors — men, and women — should stick with investments that fit their individual risk tolerance.

Women are more likely to look at the “big picture.” Although both men and women investors want information, women seem to take a more “holistic” approach — that is, instead of focusing strictly on performance statistics, they tend to delve deeper into their investments’ background, competitive environment and other factors. This quest for additional knowledge may help explain why all-female investment clubs have achieved greater returns than all-male clubs, according to a study by the National Association of Investors Corp., which represents thousands of investment clubs across the country.

Neither men nor women have a monopoly on positive investment behaviors; each gender can probably learn something from the other. Ultimately, of course, it’s your decision-making, not your x- or y-chromosomes, that will determine your ability to make progress toward your long-term goals — so educate yourself about your choices, and get the help you need from a financial professional, as you invest through the years.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### reviewing township meetings

Dear Editor,

Reflecting on the Lowell Township Planning Commission meeting of the 10th, one sees why Ronald W. Reagan will always be more loved than I am. Whereas he made an art of telling Americans how worthy they were, I have Jesuit's approach: not cutting the mustard, are we. (Does anyone use that nowadays?)

the Wall Street Journal. Another question was medical marijuana. Notice the Michigan Attorney General with his sabre held high? Lowelltownshippians view these matters with an ill-concealed yawn.

### Tax holiday for big companies failed before



Sen. Carl Levin

As Americans continue to worry about jobs and the economy, some lobbyists in Washington are pushing for what they claim is the perfect solution — allowing multinational corporations to bring money from offshore subsidiaries back to the United States at an extraordinarily low tax rate. They call it a “repatriation” tax break.

Proponents claim the lower tax rate will unleash jobs and investment, but when Congress actually tried it in 2004, the result was just the opposite. Congress allowed them to bring home offshore cash at a one-time-only tax rate of just 5.25 percent — a fraction of what most Americans pay and of the top corporate tax rate of 35 percent. Proponents promised this special tax break would create jobs.

The legislation was even called the American Jobs Creation Act.

But a two-year study by the staff that of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, just found that the companies that took that tax break failed to create new jobs and instead boosted executive paychecks. It was a complete bust.

My subcommittee surveyed 20 major multinational corporations, including the 15 companies that repatriated the most under the 2004 law, and found that the billions in offshore funds weren't used to hire workers. Instead:

- Despite repatriating more than \$150 billion at a reduced tax rate, the 15 multinationals with the biggest repatriation totals eliminated more than 20,000 U.S. jobs.
- Those corporations also reduced their spending on research and development, despite arguments that the tax break would help U.S. companies spend more on developing competitive products.
- While payrolls shrank, these corporations spent more money on repurchasing their stock (to increase the stock price) and on increasing executive pay. Stock repurchases at the top 15 repatriation companies went up by 16 percent the first year after the tax break and 38 percent the second year. Executive pay went up 27 percent the first year after the tax break and 30 percent the next.
- The nine out of 10 U.S. corporations that don't move jobs overseas and don't have big stashes of overseas cash got no benefit from the tax break we gave to their competitors. Quite the opposite; they were put at an unfair disadvantage.
- Much of the money these corporations brought back came from offshore tax havens — countries with secrecy laws and a history of facilitating tax dodging.
- In the years since the 2004 repatriation, the corporations went at it again and actually increased the amount of money they keep offshore to avoid paying taxes.

The meeting, advertised for three - count 'em - three public hearings, had only two civilians in the audience. One was a consultant/salesman for outdoor advertising.

Someone moving into said zone is also advised to think about it a bit because, although not his words, “No, Toto, you're not in Cascade anymore.”

G. M. Ross  
Lowell

### support the museum

To The Editor,

Have you churned butter? Were you ever able to wash clothes and wring them out with a hand roller? Have you sipped maple syrup and eaten donuts that were freshly made over the campfire? Our second graders in Lowell have been treated to these hands-on activities, as well as tours of our Lowell Historical Museum by volunteer docents.

churn butter, roll out dough, wash clothing and play with old-time toys.

In the spring at our trip to Wittenbach/Wege Nature Center, students learn about the process of tapping maple trees and boiling the syrup. The Kaeb family makes fresh donuts over the campfire. Delicious!

These firsthand experiences are remembered much better than a simple read through the pages of a text book. Please support the millage renewal in November!

“Grandma's Trunk” program is presented to all our second-grade students as a wonderful complement to our social studies curriculum about our history of Lowell. Students are able to

Respectfully,  
Martha Hayden  
Lowell

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By Shelly MacNaughton

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo October 15, 1936

P. H. Schneider is operating a used care and repair business on East Main Street at the location recently occupied by Mr. Hoolsema.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 19, 1961

The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education announces that the home formerly belonging to Virgil Daniels will be sold at their next board meeting, November 6, to the highest bidder.

This home, including the outbuildings, is located at the site of the new Alto Elementary School. The buildings are to be removed from the site by January 1, 1962.

### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal

Entry missing from files.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 19, 1911

A fire discovered about 9:30 last Friday evening destroyed two of the smaller buildings of the Lowell Cutter company and a lumber shed containing a large amount of lumber entailing a loss of about \$8000, with \$4000 insurance.

The burned buildings were what was formerly the Kropf planning mill and the warehouse just south of it, both containing a considerable amount of stock.

The fire is believed to have been caused by tramps or local loafers smoking around the factory buildings, as the buildings had been in little or no use for several days and no fire in them of late.

### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger October 15, 1986

The Lowell Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, October 13, 1986.

Following the payment of bills, curriculum director Jim White reviewed the new district-wide grading policy. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that students receiving a particular percentage grade in one school will receive the same corresponding letter grade in any of the other buildings. A discussion followed regarding the sending of progress reports home to parents, with the Board and administration to study the issue further at a workshop in January.

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# In The Service

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Raphael D. Paclibar, son of Rosemarie and Christopher Paclibar of Ada, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

During the five-week course, Paclibar received instruction in the fundamentals of engineering

support for combat units, including the procedures for building and repairing bridges, roads and field fortifications. Paclibar also received training on demolition concepts, land mine warfare and camouflage techniques.

Paclibar is a 2010 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School of Grand Rapids and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in May 2010.

# health

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

## febrile seizures in children

Febrile "fever" seizures are the most common type of seizure in children. They most commonly occur in children under the age of five. While they may appear very frightening to the observer or parent, they generally are harmless to the child. They do not cause brain damage or put the child at risk of swallowing their tongue. Febrile seizures usually last only a couple minutes, then go away on their own. Having a febrile seizure does not mean the child necessarily needs to be hospitalized, but they should be seen by their doctor the same day to determine the need for further testing or treatment.

A fever is the body's natural defense mechanism to fight off an infection. By raising its internal temperature, the body creates an inhospitable environment for the virus or bacteria infecting it. Having a fever less than 101 degrees Fahrenheit is probably beneficial and

may not necessarily need to be aggressively treated with fever-reducing medicines. Fevers above 101 should be treated with Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and/or Ibuprofen (Motrin). If a fever ever gets above 104 degrees, or will not get below 101 degrees with medicines, then you should contact your doctor. There is no set temperature that will trigger a seizure in children, but in general, the higher the temperature, the greater the risk.

If you happen to witness a child having a seizure you should:

- Put the child on their side so that they won't choke on their saliva.
- Do not put anything in their mouth.
- Do not restrain their movements.
- Remain clam and monitor a clock (most seizures last only a minute or two).
- Call 911 if the seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes.
- Contact their doctor for further instructions.

## Successful first hunt

Kyle J. Smith, age 13, bagged a five-point buck on opening morning while on his first youth hunt. He was hunting with his grandfather, Jim Smith, in Irons, MI.



# Transportation, continued

Drive/M-45 connecting the Grand Valley State University Allendale campus, the Standale/downtown Walker area, the GVSU Pew Campus, and downtown Grand Rapids. This study will build upon the Great Transit, Grand Tomorrows (GT2) systems planning study of transit options in ten project corridors, in which the Allendale corridor was identified as one of the top three priority corridors. The primary strength of this corridor is the current robust transit ridership, with peak weekday service reaching 9,600. The Allendale corridor project will be a major step in advancing the Transit Master Plan vision of creating, convenient, high-quality mobility options for the residents of Kent County. Recipient: Harbor Transit/

City of Grand Haven Project: Service Expansion and Improved Efficiencies City: Grand Haven Grant Amount: \$607,200 Project Description: This project was selected on a competitive basis through the FY 2011 Bus Livability Program. In order to meet increasing demand for transit service, Harbor Transit will use these funds to purchase additional vehicles to allow the expansion of service into a nearby township not currently served by transit. This project also includes additional equipment aimed at improving operating efficiencies. Mobile data terminals will streamline operations by automatically tracking ridership statistics and conserve fuel by allowing for real-time locations of the fleet.

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When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.

- Albert Einstein



# happy birthday!

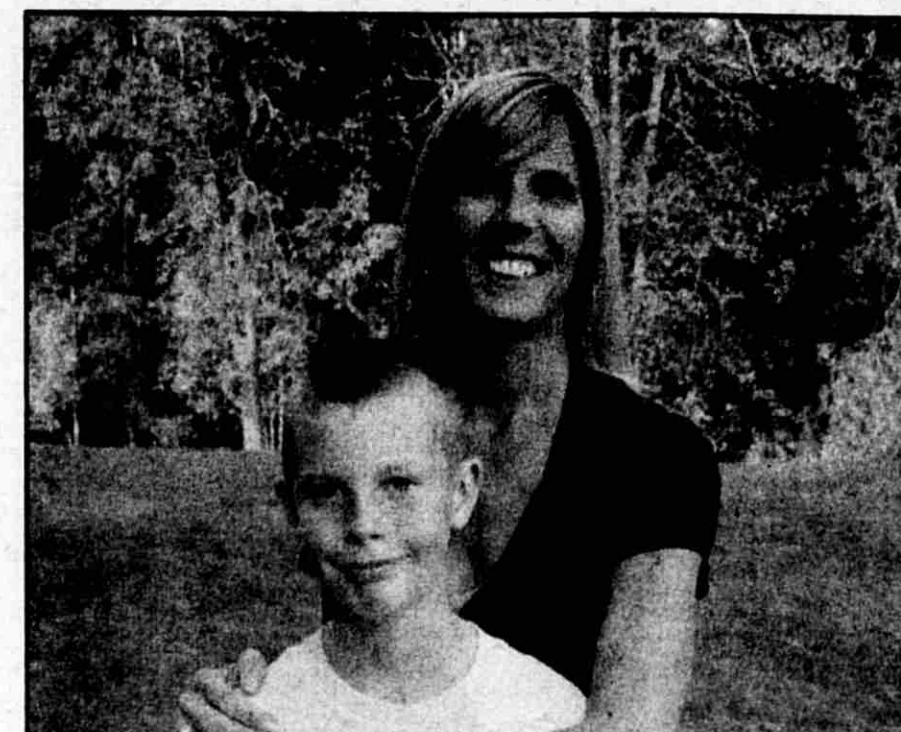
# Russell named staff member of the month at Murray Lake

First-grade teacher Nancy Russell was named Staff Member of the Month for September at Murray

Russell grew up in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School. She received her teaching degree

flexible. This year she completely flip-flopped the order she is teaching her subjects to accommodate our reading intervention schedule. She is a wonderful teacher," commented fellow MLE staff member Sue Gordon.

Russell says, "I love teaching at MLE because of the 'family' feel we have out here. Our staff and our families that attend this school care for and support each other through all of our lives' struggles and victories. I am proud to be a Murray Lake Mustang!" When Russell is not busy teaching, she enjoys spending time with her family. She also enjoys many outdoor activities, including running. She loves to travel around the US and run half marathons with friends.



Lake Elementary (MLE). Russell has been a Lowell teacher for almost 25 years. She has spent the last eight years as a first- and second-grade teacher at Murray

from Central Michigan University. She has three boys: David (24), Scott (23), and Andy (a fourth grader at MLE).

"Nancy is always so

# Class of 1976 holds reunion

The Lowell High School Class of 1976 had their 35th class reunion at The Grand Volute. Their host was classmate Kent McKay, owner of The Grand Volute.



Pictured, first row: Barb Cook, Deb Thomas, Karen Eldridge, Dave Frazer, Cathy Yurkinas, Judy (Porritt) Punt, Julie Fish, and Deb VanOverbeek; second row: Don Irwin, Greg Eldridge, Pat Eickhoff, Patty (Jackson) Reed, Jim Reagan, and Kent McKay; third row: Patty (Musick) Alchin, Pat (VanSlyke) Vezino, Barry Venzino, Linda (Flanagan) Brooks, Brenda (Clark) Slater, and Cathy (Stuart) Ritzema; fourth row: Sue (Jousma) Jastifer, Brian Doyle, Cheryl (Parsons) Doyle, Paula (Kirby) Fonger, Maureen Doyle, and Dion Ritzema; fifth row: Gary Lotterman, Roger Graham, and Cindy (Tichelaar) Osga; sixth row: Gary Ayres, Rick Huver, Randy Wilcox, Mark Armstrong, and Robin (Guthrie) Barnes.

# Levin, continued

That growing stash of offshore money is the biggest problem with repeating this failed tax policy. Clearly, in the years since 2004, companies have pushed more money offshore in hopes of another tax windfall. If we provide that windfall, we will give even more encouragement to U.S. companies to move jobs, operations, and investments offshore, in hopes of another future tax break. Rather than encouraging investment in America, we would be encouraging U.S. companies to send their money elsewhere, making our economic crisis even worse.

Think about it this way: If someone could invest \$100 in Canada, and pay only five percent in taxes, or invest in the United States and pay up to 35 percent, wouldn't they invest in Canada? The result would give the U.S. economy and companies that don't move jobs overseas a kick in the teeth.

The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, which evaluates tax proposals for Congress, has estimated that a new

repatriation tax break would cost the treasury \$80 billion over ten years, a cost that would have to be paid for through more spending cuts or tax increases.

In addition to costing Uncle Sam a bundle and hurting investment in America, a tax break that rewards multinational corporations for stashing money offshore to avoid U.S. taxes would be a slap to honest taxpayers and to the domestic firms that choose to do business and create jobs right here at home. It would reward the few at the expense of the many, making the U.S. tax code even less fair for average taxpayers.

An army of lobbyists hopes Congress and the American people won't look at those facts. They are

wagering that, in this time of economic distress, Congress will fall for the same argument as before. But facts are stubborn things, and I hope the facts can break through the lobbying frenzy for a tax giveaway that helps a few companies but would actually damage our economic recovery.

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# Students of the Month for September

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School has announced that Kanon Dean, 10th grade; and Kelsey Wittenbach, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student

must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1205 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Dean and Wittenbach. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Dean was nominated by the world language department and they wrote, "Kanon fully and actively participates in Spanish 3. He isn't afraid to sing along and to volunteer; he is often the example that others follow. Kanon completes all required assignments and

makes sure to ask questions, in the target language as well. Kanon also shows much respect for his fellow classmates through his actions, words and behavior. Last year as well as the year before, in Mrs. Klomparen's class Kanon was a standout student who exhibited these

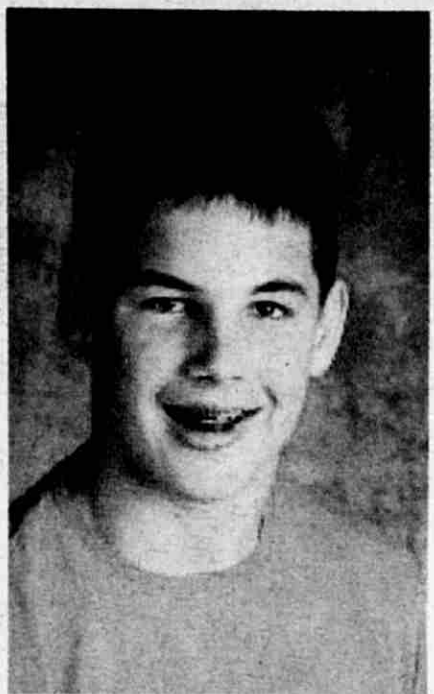
same qualities that I have seen just in the past two weeks."

The art department nominated Wittenbach and they wrote, "Kelsey Wittenbach has a high standard of work in school, but also an extremely strong commitment to the school and the Lowell community. At the onset of the Lowell Pink Arrow Project this past summer, we needed to find students to work from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm at Gil-

da's Club in a face painting booth. Kelsey willingly and graciously volunteered for the whole day! She stepped up and acted as leader for this event, calling friends to assist at times throughout the day. Her leadership and strong sense of community made this event very successful. While most teenagers would rather hang out during a hot summer day, Kelsey gave her time willingly to an important cause

without hesitation. She is an outstanding person to teach in school, but her commitment far extends past her classes and the school day."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.



Kanon Dean



Kelsey Wittenbach

## National School Bus Safety Week

Motorists are reminded to treat school bus lights like traffic signals during National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-21.

When a school bus' overhead lights are flashing yellow, motorists should prepare to stop.

When its overhead lights are flashing red, motorists must stop.

When a bus' hazard lights are flashing, motorists should proceed with caution.

Failure to obey these rules could result in costly fines and fees. In July, Public Acts 59 and 60 of 2011 took effect, increasing the penalties for motorists who fail to exercise caution in school bus safety zones. The new laws double the fines for moving violations committed in a school bus safety zone and make it a misdemeanor for injuring and a felony for killing a child getting on or off a school bus.

Motorists should also slow down in or near school and residential areas and watch for children emerging from between parked cars and other objects.

"School buses are considered the safest form of transportation to and from school," said Michael L. Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning director. "However, getting on and off the bus poses a great risk to students."

In 2010, Michigan school buses were involved in 882 crashes that resulted in 273 injuries, according to Michigan Traffic Crash Facts. A majority of those injured were drivers and passengers in motor vehicles involved in crashes with buses. Two people died in school bus-involved crashes, a passenger vehicle occupant and a student who was struck by a tree branch while leaning out the bus window.



During National School Bus Safety Week, parents are also encouraged to remind children about safety while waiting for the bus and walking to school.

When entering and exiting a school bus, children should walk 10 feet away from the bus before turning. Children crossing in front of the bus should move forward, away from the bus until they can make eye contact with the driver and should never cross without the driver's permission.

## Tips to keep teen drivers safe

Submitted by Deborah Wilks

Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death for adolescents. Teen drivers (ages 16 to 19) are involved in fatal crashes at four times the rate of adult drivers (ages 25 to 69).

Many teen driver-related injuries and deaths are preventable. In the National Young Driver Survey, 5,665 students shared their views of teen driving. Evidence from this survey supports the important role parents play in raising safe teen drivers.

According to the research, teens who say their parents set rules and pay attention to their activities in a helpful, supportive way are half as likely to be in a crash.

Here are some tips from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia:

- Set clear rules, boundaries and expectations. Rather than stating, "You'll do as I say," explain your reasoning.
- It's about safety, not control. Make sure they understand rules are in place for their safety, not to control them. As their skills develop and they become more responsible, introduce new privileges.
- Be responsive. Listen to their concerns and, when appropriate, modify expectations to fit circumstances.
- Recognize their need to become independent. Reward responsible behavior with greater privileges.

- Let them know you can be counted on for help and support. How a parent shows support may be different from family to family, but it's important teens know you can be relied on.
- Pay attention. To help teens make good safety decisions, keep the lines of communication open. Know where they are going and why, and discuss how they will get there and when they will be home. Provide alternatives to allow them to avoid unsafe driving situations.
- Lead by example. Follow the rules of the road. Always wear a seat belt. Don't talk on a cell phone while driving. Don't speed.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell pushes match to five sets, comes up short against East Grand Rapids

by Casey Cheney

The Lowell Red Arrow volleyball team played the two toughest teams in their conference last week. An impressive five-set win against Grand Rapids Christian on Tuesday sent them into Thursday's match, against undefeated East Grand Rapids, with confidence.

A win against East would have tied their conference records. The Red Arrow girls played to do just that.

"It was a great night. I'm really proud of the girls. I couldn't be more proud," coach Gigi Peal said. "Would it have been nice to have walked away with the win? Absolutely."

Lowell took the first set against East 25-27. Already, they had accomplished what they had been proud to do

against the Pioneers earlier in the season - take a set from East. But the Red Arrows weren't done.

Tying the game five different times in the second set, Lowell looked to be in good shape. The Pioneers went on a 6-1 run to put them up 16-23.

Some nice blocking and a kill by Hanna Tawney closed the gap to four, but the Pioneers pressed on for a 20-25 victory over the Red Arrows.

Lowell came out hot in the third set, establishing an early 10-3 lead. The biggest margin of the game was 17-8.

Ball control, Peal said, was one of their greatest triumphs in the match.

"They usually serve us off the court and we're usually scrambling around the

court because of their offense," she said, adding that their serve receive was excellent until the final set.

The Red Arrows put up a solid block once again and with kills from Kim Stevens and Abby Petroelje, they took the third set 25-22.

"We blocked well. I complimented my middles," Peal said. "The one thing East does do is run a lot of combinations. [The middles are usually] disorganized and slow against East just with the combinations and tempo."

She added, "[The middles] played the best match against East I've ever seen as coach here."

Now leading the match 2-1, Lowell needed to take one more set to win the match and tie with East for a conference title.



Arielle Nausieda passes off an East Grand Rapids' serve.

The fourth set was as close as it could get. Neither team held more than a two-point margin over the other at any point.

A ferocious Pioneer kill tied the game at 24 apiece. Lowell regained the serve and the lead after an East player spiked the ball into the net. The Red Arrows couldn't capitalize, however.

East scored three straight points to win the set 25-27. For the second time that week, Lowell entered a fifth set against a tough opponent.

"They both had different feels to the match. In our match against Christian, they were physically drained but not emotionally drained," Peal said, adding that against East, they were drained both physically and emotionally.

The Red Arrows had already taken two sets against East, no small feat against the nationally ranked, number one team in the state.

However, for the Red Arrow girls, only a victory would satisfy them.

While it's always good to avoid a fifth set and especially good to avoid against a team as strong as the Pioneers, Peal said she was confident in her girls.

"The only thing that made me confident going into the fifth set is we were in control of all four sets," she said.

Even in the sets they won, Peal said East was constantly digging back, trying to climb back into the game.

That changed in the

fifth set. Lowell found themselves down 0-4.

Peal explained, "Our serve received got a little unnerved... [Before,] we served really aggressively. Then we tightened up. We went from serving aggressively to just making sure we got it in, something you can't do against a team like that."

Some errors on the Pioneers' side of the net and a block by Jordan Timmer, who led the team with 38 assists, tied the game 5-5. Petroelje's kill tied it again 6-6.

Lowell would never lead in this match, nor tie it again after this point.

Still in the game at 10-12, the Red Arrows couldn't stop the powerful Pioneer hitters. East won the set 10-15, giving them a 3-2 victory over Lowell.

Peal said, "They're number one in the state for a reason. They're nationally ranked for a reason. When it

comes down to it, they didn't play their best night of volleyball."

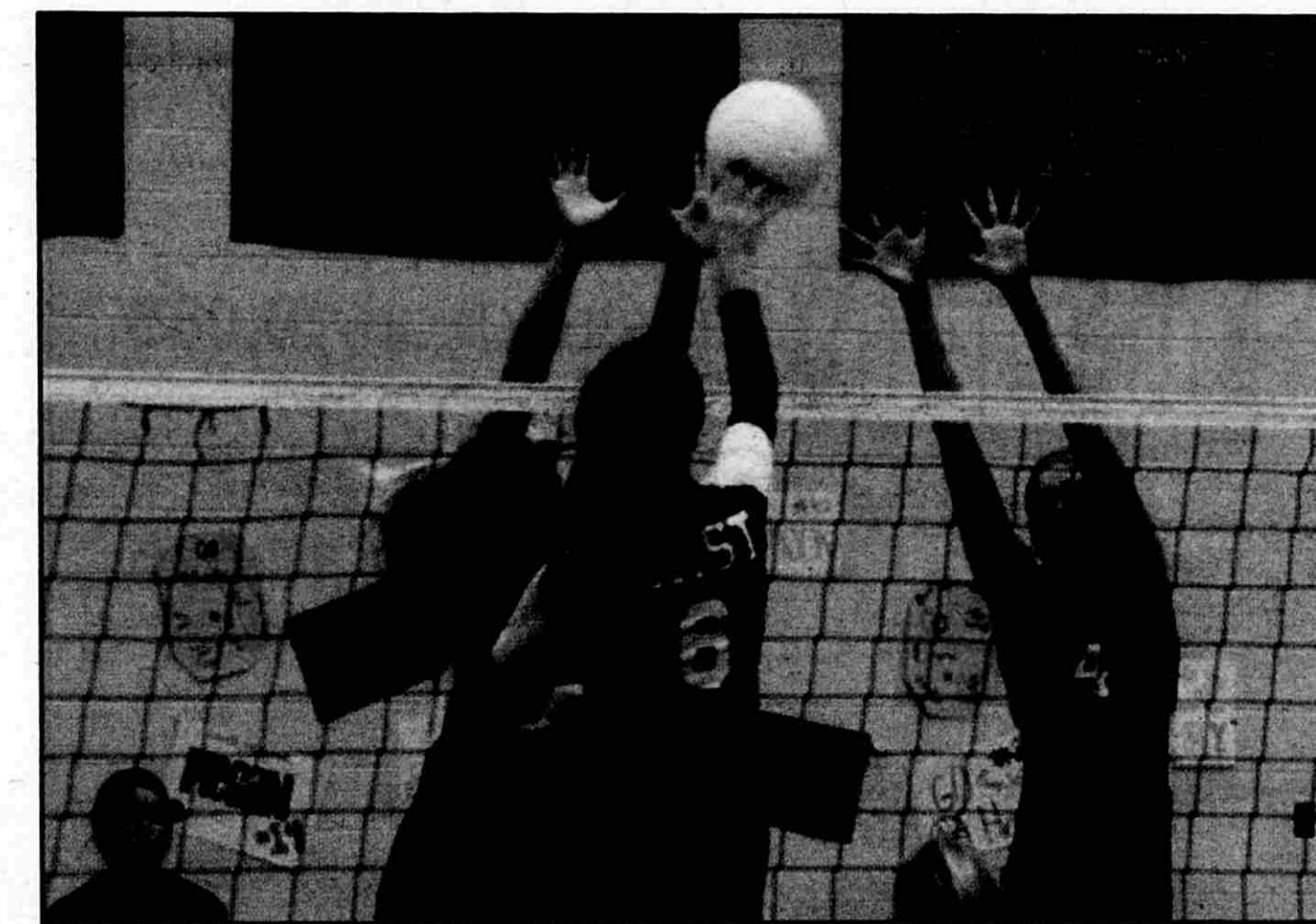
Lowell, however, played a major part in throwing East off their game, Peal said.

Arielle Nausieda finished the game with 36 digs. Petroelje had 19 kills. Tawney finished with three aces and seven blocks.

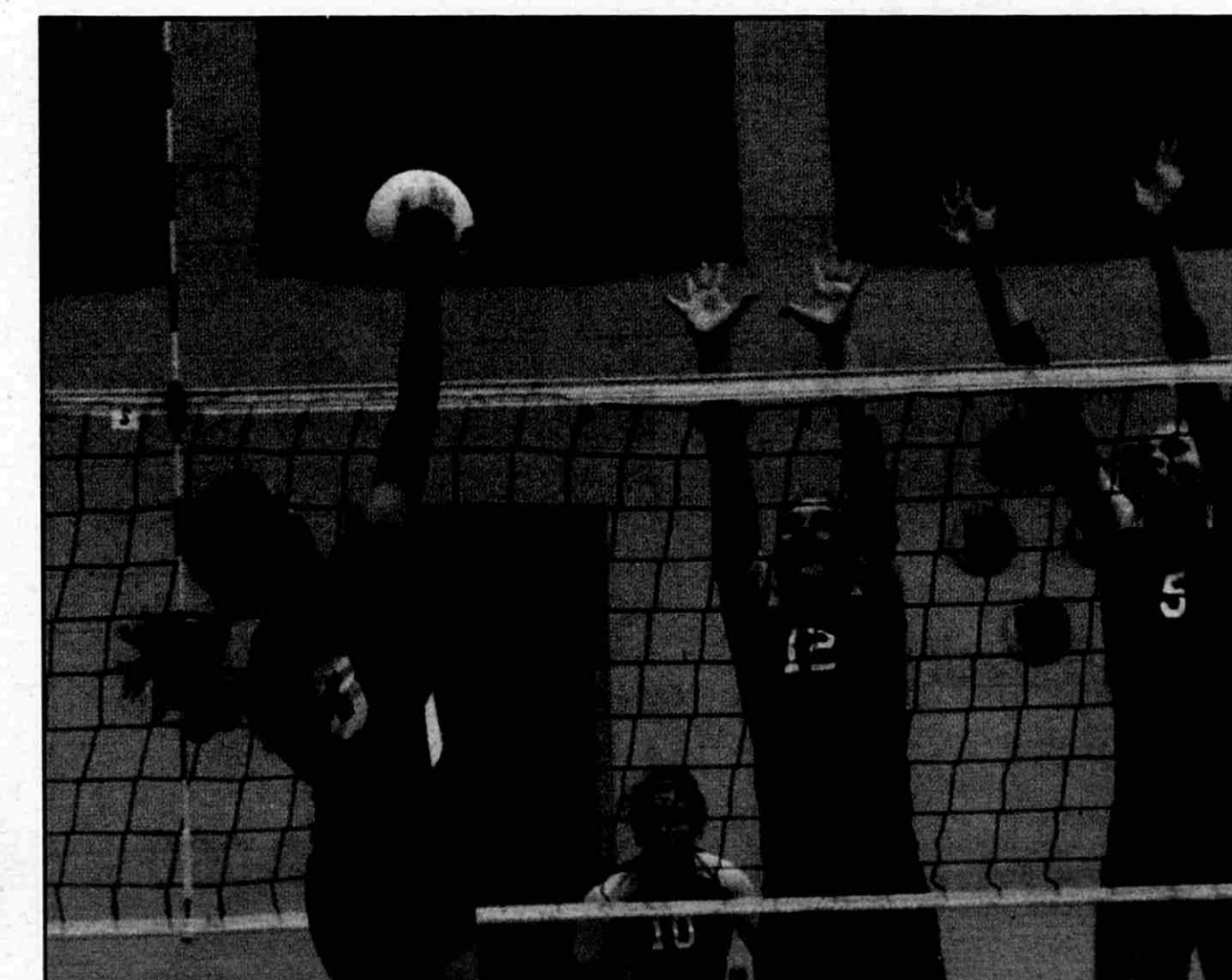
The heavy-hitter, Betsy Ronda, had 24 kills for the Pioneers. Overall, Peal said she was pleased with their performance against her, "limiting her when she was in the front row and going after her when she was in the back row."

This was only Lowell's second loss in the conference this year. However, Lowell can no longer tie with East for a regional title. Peal said she's been asked, "Do they give up now that they can't fight for a date on that banner?"

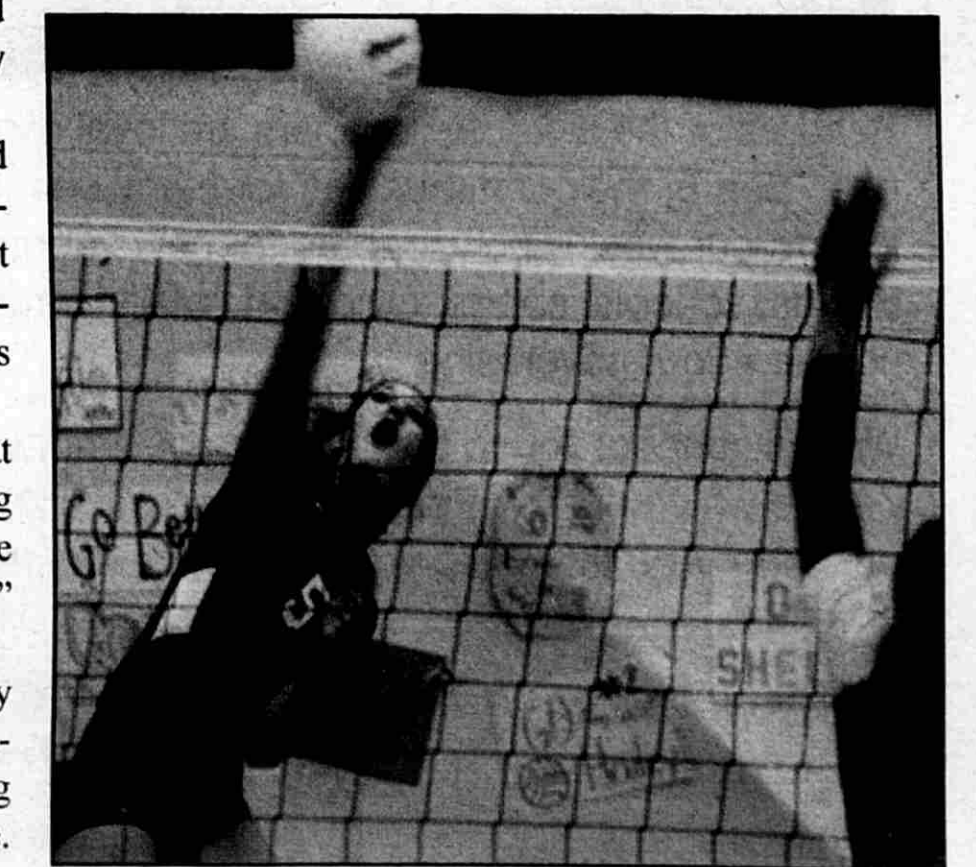
Her response: "No, I don't think so."



Jordan Timmer and Hannah Tawney block an East attack.

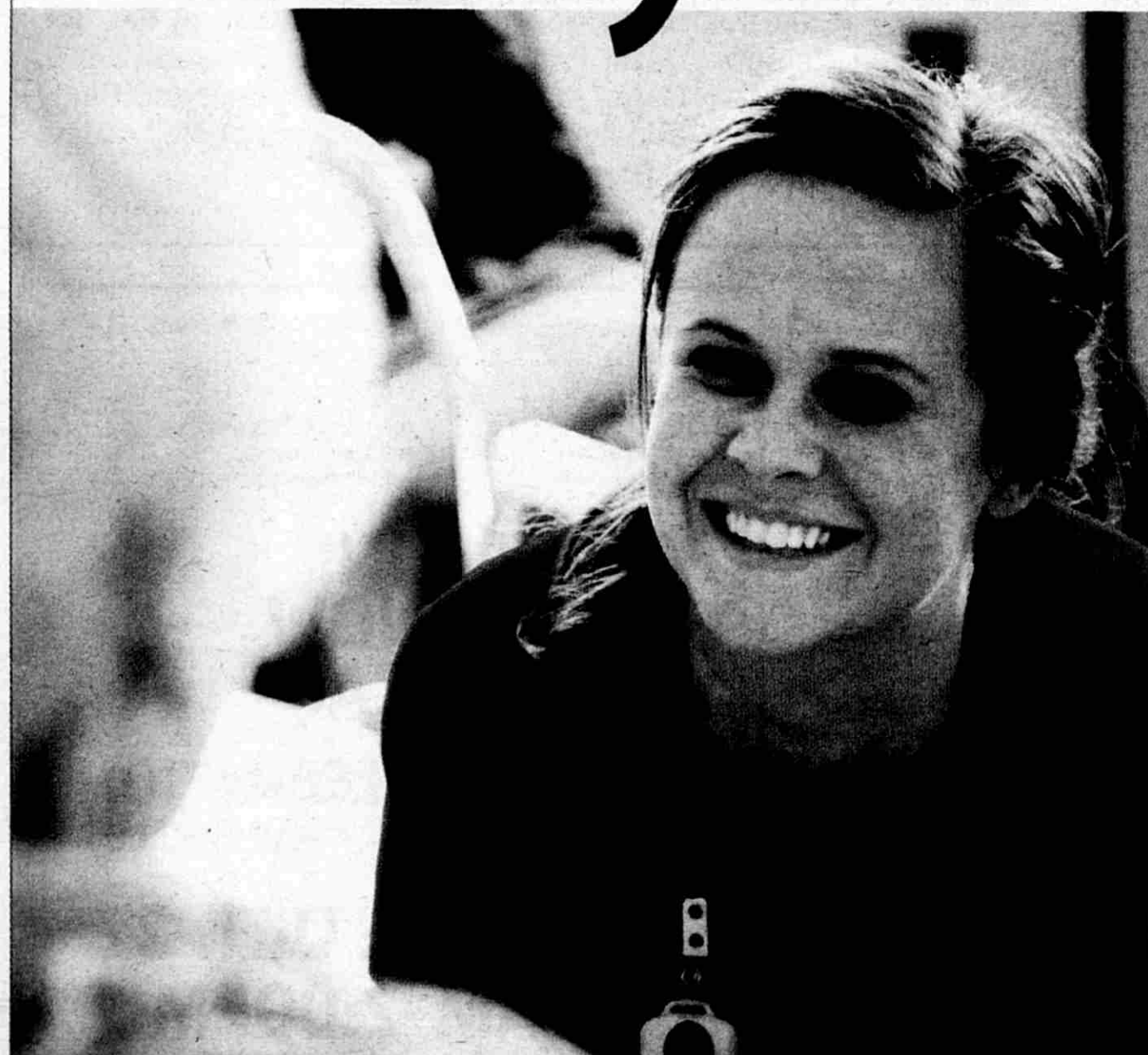


Stephanie Stevens goes in for the kill.



Abby Petroelje gets one of her 19 kills.

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# Military service and Social Security

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as they make their future financial plans.

Like most of the civilian workforce, all current military personnel pay Social Security taxes and earn Social Security coverage. Earnings for active duty military service or active duty training have been covered under Social Security since 1957. Also, earnings for inactive duty service in the reserves (such as weekend drills) have had Social Security coverage since 1988.

In addition to regular

military pay, Social Security adds special earnings credits to an individual's Social Security record when he or she serves in the military. The extra earnings are for periods of active duty or active duty training. If, for example, a person served in the military between 1957 and 1977, he or she has been credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which active duty basic pay was earned. These extra earnings may help someone qualify

for Social Security or increase the amount of the Social Security benefit.

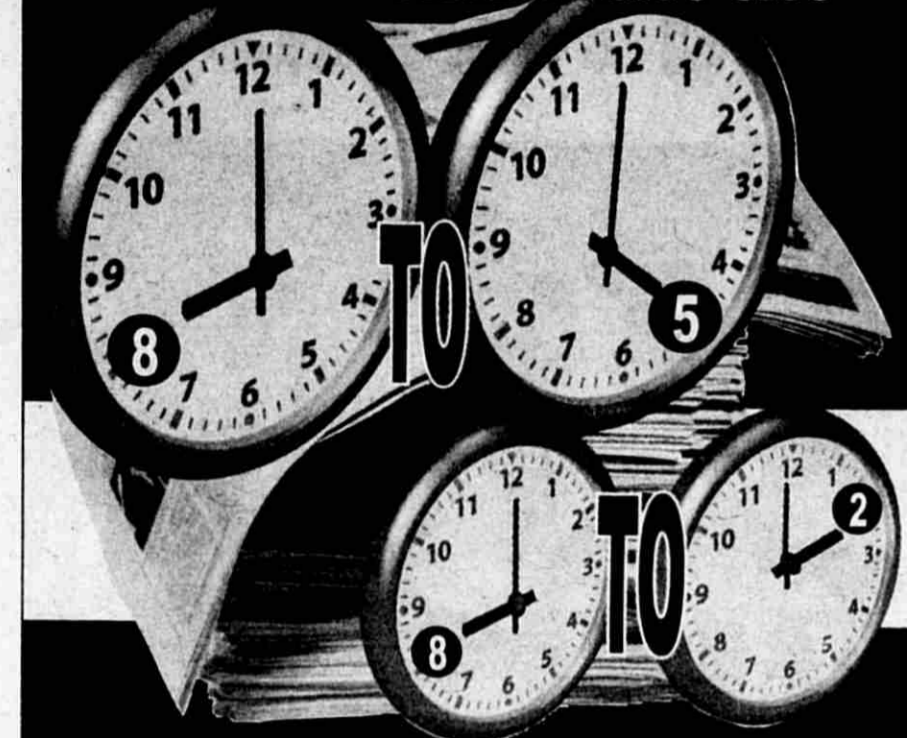
The number of credits an individual needs to qualify for Social Security depends on his or her age and the type of benefit. Any future Social Security benefit payment depends on a person's earnings, averaged over a working lifetime.

Veterans and others who are within 10 years of retirement age should begin planning for retirement. A good place to start is with Social Security's Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

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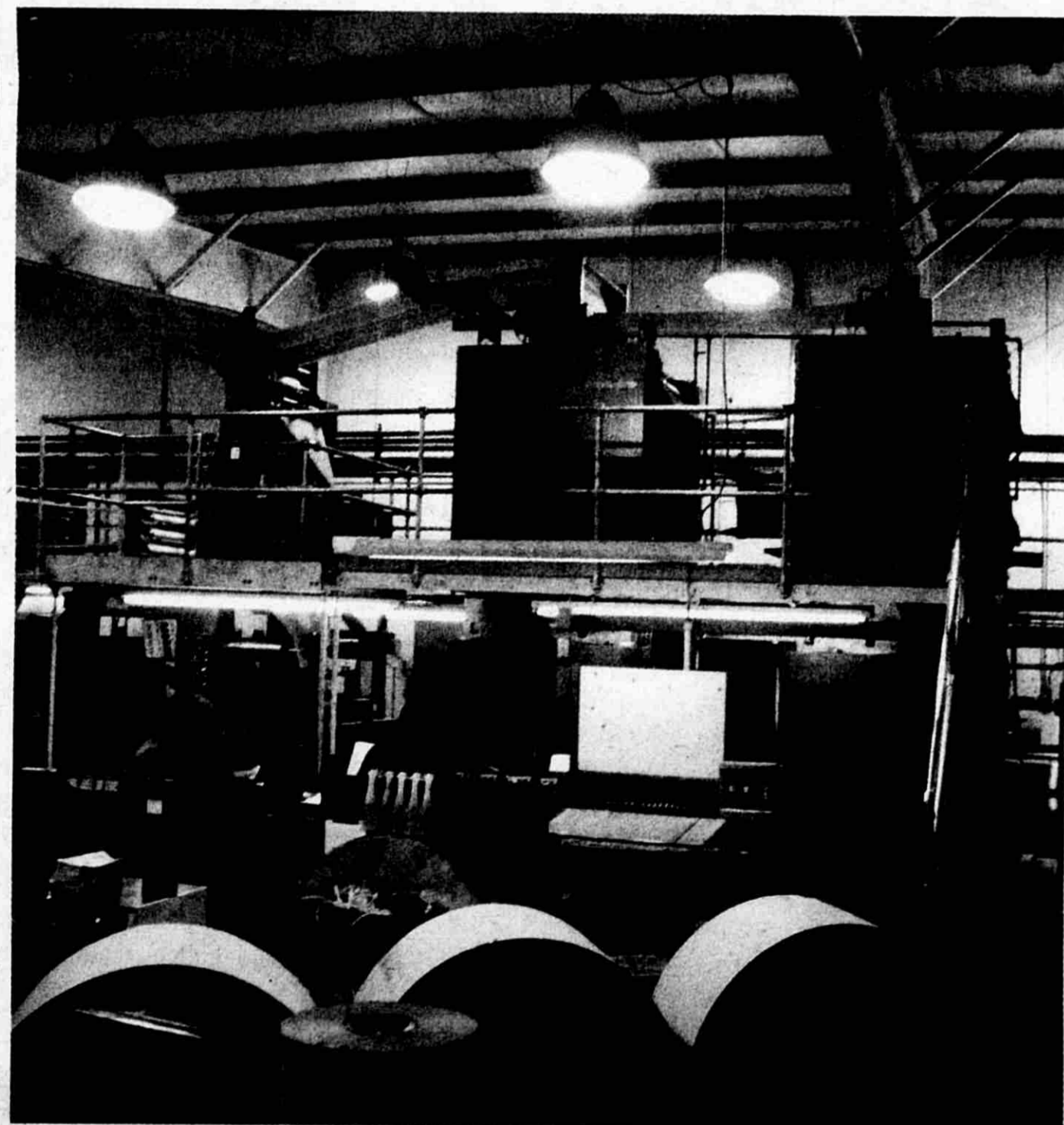
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# Soccer Red Arrow SPORTS

## Soccer gets district win against Greenville

by Casey Cheney

After beating the Greenville Yellow Jackets, 5-0, near the end of the season,

the Lowell Red Arrow soccer team pulled out another win against Greenville in the district tournament, 5-1.

Coach Rich O'Keefe said, "It was good for us to get back on track to do the things we need to do

move forward as a team. Our finishing was much improved as well." Matt Kyllonen scored

the first goal of the game, assisted by Will Attham. Then came a header from Joe Sweet off a cross from Alex Ligman, giving Lowell a 2-0 first-half lead.

Sweet and Kyllonen struck again in the second half, assisted respectively

by Kyllonen and Attham. A cross by Spencer Lyon led to the final goal, scored by Jake Kohdl.

The Red Arrows face nemesis Northview today at Forest Hills Northern. A win would send them to the district finals on Saturday.

- Golf

The Lowell Red Arrow golf team earned all-Academic all-State honors this year. Check the Ledger next week for interviews with Morgan Groom and Alexis Nofkee, all-Academic all-State and Honorable Mention respectively.

- Football

## Lowell dominates Greenville after first-half scoring drought

by Casey Cheney

Anyone leaving the Lowell Red Arrow football game against Greenville at halftime would not have expected the dominating 35-7 victory for the Red Arrows. Anyone leaving even a few seconds before half would have been more surprised.

The Greenville Yellow Jackets played tough defense to maintain a small lead and, even more impressive, hold the Red Arrow

scoring aficionado without a touchdown. That is, until Gabe Dean connected with Blake Lyman in the end zone for a 22-yard touchdown.

No time remained on the clock.

Heading to the locker room all tied up, Lowell's momentum from that last-second score fueled an offensive surge in the second half.

Dean punched in a score from the one yard line ten minutes into the second half to give Lowell the lead. Early in the fourth, Dean scored again from the one. Then, a few minutes later, Josh Addington found the end zone on a hand-off from three yards out.

With three minutes left in the game, Addington again ran in a touchdown, this time from 14 yards out.

The Red Arrows finished the game with 186 yards on 54 carries and 163 passing yards. Addington accounted for 104 of those rushing yards.

The Yellow Jackets finished with 62 yards on the ground and 69 through the air.

Lowell's last game of the regular season is this Friday against Creston.

## Cross country has a chance to win third in conference

by Casey Cheney

Their rankings now reflect the improvement the Lowell Red Arrow girls' cross country team has made this year. Before the conference jamboree a week and a half ago, the girls had been ranked fifth.

They finished third.

Coach Sarah Ellis said with another third place finish today, they should finish third overall in the conference.

Third. They actually came out and performed, beating Greenville and Northview. They had some hard practices. They ran in

the heat. They got through that area and they pushed through so they could be more mentally tough. This past meet was hot so they needed to be more mentally tough. They prepared for that.

"I'd definitely like to see them finish again in third place," Ellis said. "East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian are always going to be really tough teams. That's going to take a bit of time [to beat them]. I obviously don't expect that to happen."

Despite finishing third last year and being an improved team this year, Ellis

said Greenville and Northview have also gotten better. But Lowell was able to outlast them in their last meet.

"If we beat Greenville and Northview before, I definitely expect that to happen again," Ellis said.

The Red Arrows host the conference jamboree today. This race counts 40 percent toward their rankings, while previous races had only counted for 20 percent.

Ellis said, "Our course is pretty slow. They ran it a few times and last week they had a practice where they divided up to a 1,000 meters. So they had to run it at race pace or maybe a little fast-

er, so there should be no excuses."

In the four years Ellis has been coaching, the team progressed from not having enough girls for a full team to finishing third last year.

"Now, this year [third place] is going to mean a lot more," Ellis said. "Greenville and Northview have been getting a lot better recently too. It will mean that our girls will have had to step up and meet the challenge."

The girls' more recent success, she said, may be due to her girls peaking late in the season.

"That can be good, because then they peak at the opportune time," she said.

She said the runners to watch today are Jessica Graves and Rachel Walters. Both she would like to see finish in the top ten.

"Jess has potential to make it to the state meet," Ellis said. "To make it to state in our region would be incredibly awesome. We have some of the toughest teams in the state. In West Michigan, cross country is really strong for girls."

The regional meet is Saturday, Oct. 29.



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# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** What's the latest in regard to putting limits on greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.? Is there any hope that Obama can get something done? -- Bradley Johnson, Helena, MT

Our best hope to date was 2009's American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), a bill that called for the implementation of a "cap-and-trade" system to limit carbon dioxide emissions by capping overall emissions and allowing polluters to buy or sell greenhouse gas pollution credits — similar to what the European Union has been doing since

Then, in May 2010 Senators John Kerry and Joe Lieberman unveiled their own cap-and-trade climate bill for the Senate. Dubbed the American Power Act, it aimed to reduce overall U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by similar amounts as ACES. But with the nation still reeling from the effects of BP's Gulf oil spill — the American Power Act include provisions for offshore drilling — and Senate Republicans leery of any climate legislation, the bill failed to make it to a floor vote. Some point the finger at a handful of Democratic Senators from coal-producing states for not supporting their party colleagues. Others say Obama wasn't advocating strongly enough despite his campaign rhetoric on the topic.

"The best one could plausibly hope for in the next Congress, assuming only modest Republican gains, is some sort of weak cap on utility emissions, possibly with some weak oil saving measures, though that would still require Obama to do what he refused to do under more favorable political circumstances — push hard for a bill," writes commentator Joe Romm of Think Progress, a liberal political blog. Romm adds that it's inconceivable to think the next Congress would even contemplate strong climate or clean energy legislation "without Obama undergoing a major strategy change and taking a very strong leadership role in crafting the bill and lobbying for the bill and selling it to the public."

CONTACTS: ACES, [www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2454/show](http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2454/show); Think Progress, [www.thinkprogress.org](http://www.thinkprogress.org).

sure to BPA, a known "endocrine disruptor" that can mimic the body's natural hormones, can lead to neurological and reproductive problems. As a result, public health advocates recommend not using containers marked with #7 for storing, heating or serving food/drinks so as to minimize the amount of BPA in our bloodstreams. Keeping BPA out of our bodies is an uphill battle: A recent study found that 96 percent of pregnant women in the U.S. have at least trace amounts of BPA in their systems already (and probably the rest of us do as well).

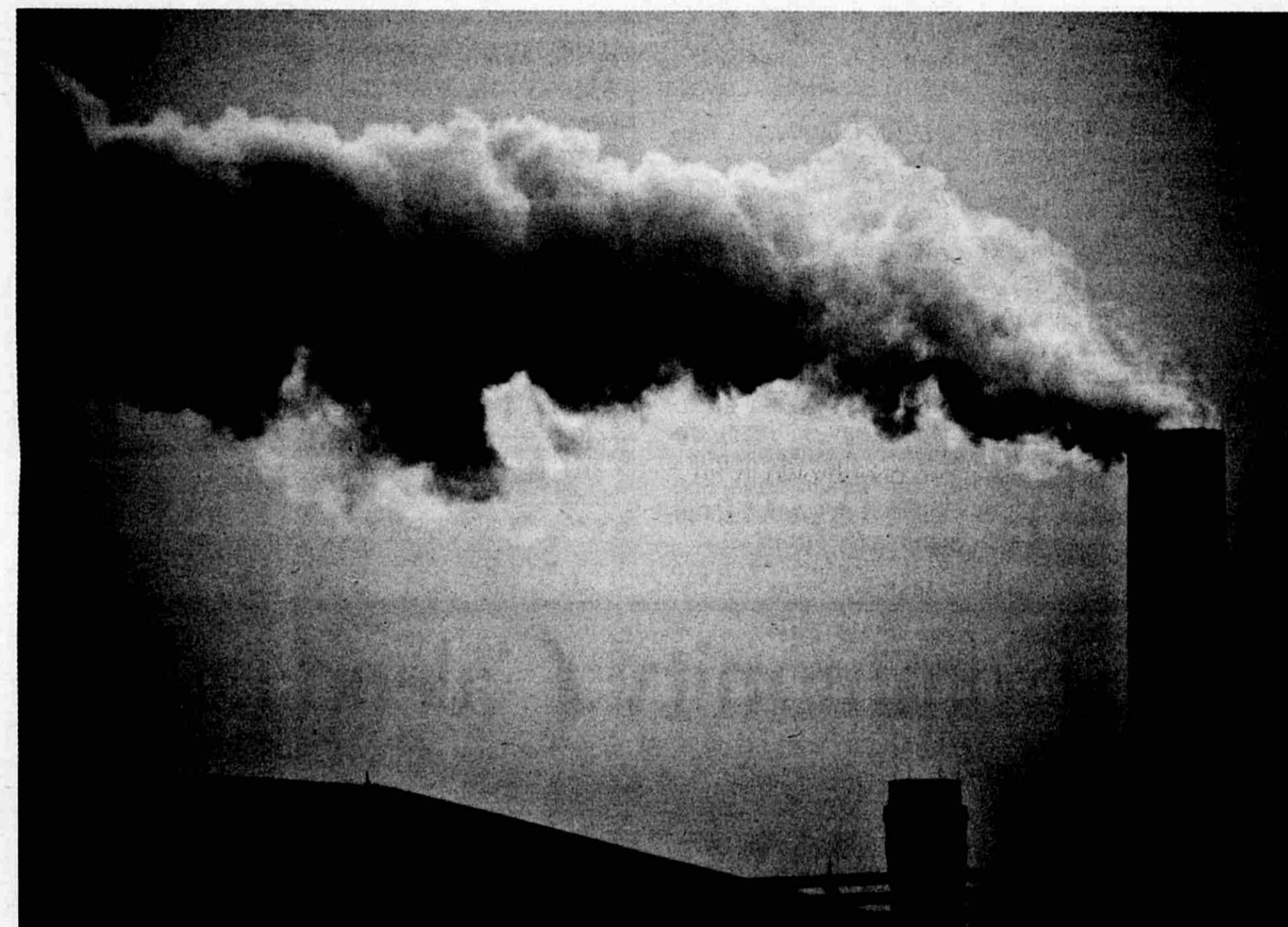
In response to increased consumer awareness about the potential risks of exposure to BPA, many bottle and container makers are now marketing versions of their plastic products that are BPA-free — and the trend has extended to food steamers, with several now available in BPA-free versions, including Oster's 5712, Black & Decker's HS1050, and Big & Fast's Plastic Electric Food Steamer. Buyers beware: Even some BPA-free steamers have non-stick surface made from PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene, better known as Teflon), another hazardous chemical that health advocates recommend avoiding.

But to complicate matters further, a July 2011 study by a group of Texas-based researchers and published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal Environmental Health Perspectives found that just because a plastic product is marked "BPA-free" doesn't guarantee that it won't leach other endocrine disrupting chemicals — what the study refers to as "estrogenic activity" or "EA" — into food or drinks: "Almost all commercially available plastic products we sampled — independent of the type of resin, product or retail source — leached chemicals having reliably detectable EA, including those advertised as BPA free," the researchers reported. In some cases, BPA-free products released greater amounts of estrogenic chemicals than even products known to contain BPA.

In light of all this, consumers might want to just opt for food steamers (and food storage and preparation items) made of tried and true plastic-free materials like glass or stainless steel. Some highly rated non-plastic, non-Teflon food steamers include Secura's 3-Tier Stainless Steel Food Steamer (\$90), Miracle Exclusives' Stainless Steel Rice Cooker and Vegetable Steamer ME81 (\$70), and World Cuisine's 4-quart Red Enamel Cast-Iron Steamer with a tempered glass colander and a tempered glass lid (\$220). And don't forget: You can save yourself some money and kitchen storage space by just getting an inexpensive metal steamer basket, collapsible insert or bamboo steamer, available at any cookware store for less than \$20.

CONTACT: Environmental Health Perspectives, [ehp03.niehs.nih.gov](http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov).

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2005 to successfully reduce its own emissions — depending upon whether they were exceeding established limits or had succeeded in coming in below them.

According to the bill, U.S. businesses needing to pollute more could buy emissions credits on the open market; those able to reduce emissions could sell their pollution credits on the same trading floor. Thus there is a built-in incentive to reduce emissions: If you exceed pollution limits you have to keep buying costly credits; and if you can get below limits you can profit from the sale of credits for the difference.

Among the bill's key provisions was a 17 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels by 2020, with a mid-century goal of an 80 percent reduction. Also, billions of dollars would have gone to initiatives bolstering green transportation, energy efficiency and related research and development. The bill was approved by the House in June 2009 by a narrow 219-212 vote. But Senate Democrats decided they didn't have enough votes to get a version of the bill passed, and tabled the discussion.

While ACES may not have made it into the law books, its passage by the House was significant as it represented the first time the legislative branch called for sweeping climate legislation. Also, the bill's provisions served as a guideline for U.S. negotiators heading to Denmark later in 2009 for the COP15 international climate talks (although in the end nothing binding was agreed upon there).

**Dear EarthTalk:** Are the plastic tiers on food steamers safe for food and for re-heating? Some indicate they are made from #7 plastic. I am very interested in buying a steamer, but not if they are unsafe. What's the best way to go? -- Jim Lichlyter, Jr., Valley Center, KS

While you may never know for sure whether the plastic parts in a food steamer will contribute to health problems down the road, why gamble? Plastic marked with a #7 recycling symbol — signifying mixed sources (polycarbonate) or otherwise hard-to-classify plastics (such as acrylonitrile styrene or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene) — is considered one of the riskiest in terms of chemical exposure. Polycarbonates are the most common types of plastic in items marked #7. And any of these three "feedstocks" just mentioned could contain Bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical in widespread use since the 1930s to harden plastic.

Researchers have found that expo-



## THEME: THE EIGHTIES

### ACROSS

- 1. In the air
- 6. Detective
- 9. \*Not cool
- 13. Rattlings heard with stethoscope in respiratory disorder
- 14. \*Lennon's survivor
- 15. Troubled
- 16. Altogether
- 17. Cleopatra's cause of death
- 18. Drench
- 19. \*Famine relief concert
- 21. \*Hoffman/Cruise Oscar-winner
- 23. \*\*"It's the \_\_\_ of the World as We Know It"
- 24. Weedy annual grass
- 25. \*Type of punch thrown by Mike Tyson
- 28. Virginia \_\_\_ Hokies
- 30. First M in MoMA
- 35. Makes mistakes
- 37. Attention grabber
- 39. Vigorous fight
- 40. Indian nursemaid
- 41. Baited
- 43. \*\_\_\_ Simms, NY Giants great
- 44. Like Annapolis Academy
- 46. \*He married Gilda Radner in 1984
- 47. \_\_\_ it like it is
- 48. Bamboozled
- 50. Tulip's early stage
- 52. Grazing land
- 53. Like some neighbors?
- 55. Habitual twitching
- 57. \*Unlikely bobsled competitor

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- 61. \*\*"Like a Virgin" songstress
- 65. Not active
- 66. "Don't \_\_\_ this at home!"
- 68. Not your grandmother's mail?
- 69. 1970s disco band "\_\_\_ M."
- 70. In a distant place
- 71. Alloy of lead and tin
- 72. In same place as odds?
- 73. DNA transmitter
- 74. Eye infections
- 2. Hindu princess
- 3. Patron saint of Norway
- 4. Big fight
- 5. Obliquely
- 6. Frog's friend, according to Lobel
- 7. Half the width of ems
- 8. Dried coconut meat
- 9. King?
- 10. Obama to Harvard Law School, e.g.
- 11. \_\_\_ Verde National Park
- 12. Spot of original sin?
- 15. Farewells in Paris
- 20. Like utopia
- 22. Some things cost this and a leg?
- 24. Because of that
- 25. \*Often acid-washed
- 26. Like Hitler's ideal
- 27. Approval at the end of show
- 29. Chihuahua-Pug hybrid
- 31. Labor Day mo.
- 32. \_\_\_ Merman
- 33. Useful
- 34. \*She looked "Pretty in Pink"
- 36. George Bernard \_\_\_
- 38. List of dishes
- 42. \*\_\_\_ Burke of "Designing Women"
- 45. Clemency
- 49. \*"Baby \_\_\_" Duvalier, overthrown in '86
- 51. Once common in bathrooms of French palaces
- 54. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
- 56. Halley's \_\_\_
- 57. Aggressive remark
- 58. Shakespeare's "at another time"
- 59. Be on the \_\_\_, or heal
- 60. Greek god of war
- 61. Asian starling
- 62. "Not a" or "never a"
- 63. \*1982 Tony Award winner
- 64. Kind of beer, pl.
- 67. \*"Cocoon" and "Parenthood" director

### DOWN

- 1. Seed cover

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Are you planning on getting involved in any of the protests precipitated by the Wall Street sit-ins?

- YES ..... 33%
- NO ..... 67%
- WHAT PROTESTS? ..... 0%



## OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 18

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon dies after his car becomes ensnared in a fiery 15 care pile-up, flies over another vehicle and hits the catch fence just outside the turn two in a season-ending race at Las Vegas Speedway.

During House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing regarding Solyndra LLC, top treasury department officials state energy department ignored repeated warnings. Solyndra received half-billion federal loan, before ending up bankrupt.

Home improvement retailer Lowe's says it will close 20 underperforming stores in 15 states and cut 1,950 jobs. In August, Lowe's stated that worries of economy hurt demand and that the company lowered its yearly sales forecast.

Mexico's newest export to US: WATER. Western states are looking south of the border for water to fill drinking glasses, flush toilets and sprinkle lawns.



The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.


**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2011**

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| <b>REVENUES</b>                   |                     |
| Investment Earnings               | \$ 2,850,192        |
| Contributions                     | \$ 1,735            |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>             | <b>\$ 2,851,927</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                   |                     |
| Grants and Scholarships           | \$ 666,741          |
| Investment Manager Fee            | \$ 79,639           |
| Support Services                  | \$ 66,022           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>             | <b>\$ 812,403</b>   |
| Change in Net Assets              | \$ 2,039,524        |
| Net Assets, Beginning of the Year | \$ 12,962,008       |
| <b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>    | <b>\$15,001,532</b> |

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**Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

| Program Name  | Description  | Organization  | Grant Amount |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| Reroofing of Parks Restrooms                        | To reroof badly deteriorated restroom roofs at Stoney Lakeside and Creekside Parks.  | City of Lowell  | \$ 7,460     |
| Creekside Park Baseball Field Improvements          | Provide improvements to the Creekside Park ballfields.   | City of Lowell  | \$ 7,848     |
| Englehardt Public Library                           | To provide facility improvements in the library, community room and public bathrooms.  | City of Lowell  | \$ 53,402    |
| Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Authority            | To replace the Jaws of Life (extrication tool) with new state of the art equipment.  | City of Lowell  | \$ 18,250    |
| Phase One Lowell Amphitheater Restoration           | To upgrade and restore the Lowell Amphitheater, which is in disrepair.   | City of Lowell  | \$ 50,000    |
| City Trees Program                                  | To provide added trees along Main Street, the parking lot by the Shell Station and the Skateboard Park.                          | City of Lowell  | \$ 12,500    |
| Orlin Douglass/Tower Farm Restoration Project       | Replacement of the Orlin Douglass/Tower Farmhouse roof, a State of Michigan registered Historic Building.                        | Fallasburg Historical Society                                 | \$ 4,700     |
| Critical Needs through Financial Assistance Program | To meet the critical needs of the residents of greater Lowell.   | Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.                          | \$ 40,000    |
| Gilda's Club Lowell Program                         | To continue the development of a cancer and grief support program.   | Gilda's Club Grand Rapids                                     | \$ 25,000    |
| 2011 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts       | To provide support funding for the 2011 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.  | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation                             | \$ 13,300    |
| 2011 Kaleidoscope                                   | To publish the Kaleidoscope insert and community-based online calendar.  | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation                             | \$ 16,680    |
| 2011 Community Wide Marketing                       | To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.                            | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation                             | \$ 21,000    |
| Technology Upgrade                                  | To upgrade existing computer hardware and software.  | Kent County Youth Agricultural Association                    | \$ 3,344     |
| Capital Improvements                                | To replace three showcase picture windows in the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery.   | Lowell Area Arts Council                                      | \$ 2,511     |
| Arts Alive Everyday in 2011                         | To support the financial cost to provide its programs and services for calendar year 2011.                                       | Lowell Area Arts Council                                      | \$ 20,000    |
| Data entry and artifact information clerk           | To enter artifact/donor information into the Museum's Permanent Collection Database.   | Lowell Area Historical Museum                                 | \$ 10,000    |
| Lowell-Seeds of Innovation                          | For a traveling exhibit that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history, spirit and character of the Lowell area. | Lowell Area Historical Museum                                 | \$ 2,500     |
| Phase I Completion                                  | To complete Phase I of the Lowell Area Trailway.   | Lowell Area Recreation Authority                              | \$ 50,000    |
| Community Public Access Channel Upgrades            | To deliver video programming and other important content to all citizens.  | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 16,847    |
| Wireless Mics at Lowell High School                 | To comply with FCC regulations regarding radio frequency usage.  | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 27,672    |
| Grand Rapids Community College Pilot Project        | To create a community college course offering during the evening hours for the winter of 2011.                                   | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 18,000    |
| Alto Area Early Childhood Education Initiative      | To identify the needs for early childhood education and develop necessary programs.  | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 8,000     |
| Computer Aided Drafting Lab Upgrade                 | Upgrading the CAD Lab at the High School with new hardware and software.   | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 50,549    |
| Tots on Track/PreSchool                             | To help families prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.                                    | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 64,000    |
| Mobile Technology                                   | To purchase mobile computer labs to deliver project-based learning.  | Lowell Area Schools   | \$ 25,000    |
| LEF 2011 Request                                    | For innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.   | Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation                      | \$ 20,000    |
| Englehardt Library Computer Lab and Furniture       | To create a laptop computer lab and to offer free computer courses to residents.   | Lowell Friends of the Library                                 | \$ 12,000    |
| Wheelchair Ambulance                                | To purchase specialized transportation van for wheelchair services in the Lowell area.   | Rockford Ambulance  | \$ 15,000    |
| Cooperative Literacy Project                        | To buy books and supplies for Lowell Area Schools' libraries.  | Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation                    | \$ 4,950     |
| Alto Before and After School Program                | To implement a before and after school child care program.   | The Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Grand Rapids | \$ 7,000     |
| Scholarships  | College scholarship awards to Lowell Area Residents.   |   | \$ 59,000    |

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