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## Diverse slate of candidates vying for city council seats

by Emma Palova

Streets, sidewalks, equipment fund, balancing the budget and making

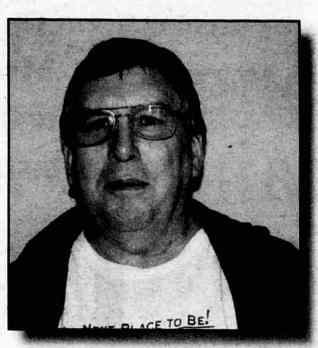
Lowell, the place to be. That is what this year's city council election set for Nov. 8 is all about.

Although
six candidates
filed for three
open seats, five
remain in a race
that lost its heat.
One newcomer, Don Green,
dropped out of
the race because
he is moving out

of town due to unforeseen circumstances (see Letter to the editor). Another, Jim Valentine, former Lowell police chief and current Ionia County Central Dispatch director, could not be reached at the time of publication.

The rest is a mix of incumbents, including mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, councilmembers, Jeff Altoft, Maryalene LaPonsie and a newcomer, Jim Hall.

Ellison is running for



Jim Hall

her second term to see the Riverwalk project completed and the city budget balanced.

"We've made great progress on the streets," she said. "We have yet to figure out what to do with the sidewalks."

Ellison said she feels she has more experience now. She originally ran because of the North Washington property, to have it preserved as a city park.

"If we want to be current, we want to make Lowell the place to be," she said. "There is so much potential here."

A community center with a pool remains on her wish list, as well as a fully walkable town.

Ellison said she is willing to take a look at possible cost savings in the police department, that takes up one third of the city budget.

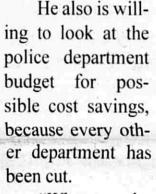
"It might be time to look at that," she said. "It

has been an honor to serve on the council. I would like to see more women serve."

Incumbent
Jeff Altoft is
running for his
second term on
the city council to continue
work started on
the streets.

Altoft was the major driving force behind the one mill appropriation equaling \$90,000 for the

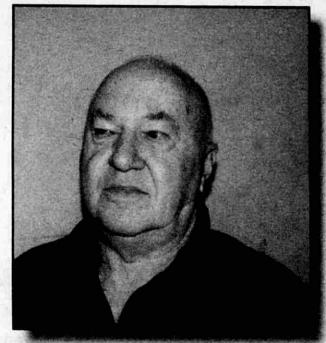
> street repair.



"When the economy was good, it was great to have such a po-

lice force in a small town," he said.

Altoft said he doesn't



**Jeff Altoft** 

believe in making new ordinances, such as the time when the council, for two years, worked on regulating temporary garages.

"We have a deficit budget by \$150,000 to \$200,000," he said.

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Sharon Ellison

## Fifth graders take learning outside

Learning life and job skills starts early

The team huddles to discuss the challenge before them and decide how to achieve the goal. This could be just another conference room in another business. The difference is that this team is in the woods and it's comprised of fifth-grade students. The challenge is to build a shelter in the woods, just like the main character in the book Hatchet that is being read in class.

Learning skills that can be used in future careers begins at the elementary level in Lowell Area Schools. "If you start early, you can help students develop strong habits that will serve them throughout their lives," said teacher Cindy Young. "Fifth grade is a great age to shift their thinking from centered on their own needs to how they fit in the larger world and society. By moving them out of the classroom and surrounding them in nature, it adjusts their perspective and opens their minds."

Life in a pond is investi-

gated under the microscope with the help of a retired high school biology teacher. Nature study, conservation and recycling are introduced by naturalists employed by the Ebersole Center in Wayland. These concepts are driven home throughout the experience reminding students to compost after each meal and leave only footprints in the forest.

If you ask the children, canoeing may be selected as the favorite activity. Even that type of fun includes teamwork to get where you intend to go. Communication, negotiation and cooperation are required to win the challenges for your team in all activities. The skills gained at fifth grade camp help prepare students for the school year and begin building job skills for the future.

The program began more than twenty years ago and has survived budget cuts by becoming self-funding. Students begin preparing for camp in the spring by conducting fundraisers to cover the costs. Parents pay for any shortfall for their child and grants are available for those in need.

Teachers hope that fifth grade camp can continue. The Ebersole Center is operated by the Lansing School

District and funding cuts make the program's future uncertain.



The entire team fit inside the shelter they built together.

## Candidates, continued

Altoft is concerned about the equipment fund Lowell to change the city, running for her second full planning ahead for them." for the replacement of De- not the city council," he term partment of Public Works said. "I have no agenda, I vehicles.

"We should have been munity." doing that a long time ago," he said. "I've worked hard to establish that."

that the city did not have to of water into the sewer sys- she said. "We're not ignorlay off any employees, even tem. in dire economic times.

"It's up to the people of just want to serve the com-

Altoft said he will continue to pursue the equipment fund, funding for the On the other hand, Al- streets and sidewalks and toft is content with the fact the prevention of infiltration the roads and sidewalks,"

Maryalene LaPonsie is

ment," she said. LaPonsie believes the city council needs younger representation.

be engaged in the govern-

"I am proud of fixing

ing them anymore, we're

LaPonsie said she is "I feel it is important to very happy where Lowell is going and that people want to come and stay.

> She views the budget as the major challenge and how to pinpoint the priorities. But on the issue of the police department budget,

LaPonsie said she is resistant to touch the funding.

"The town has to be said. safe for people to come here," she said. "We have to be creative in cutting back."

Newcomer Jim Hall is running because he believes in competition and that no one should be running unopposed. He has served both on the city council and the planning commission previ-

"It takes three people to vote to build a quorum," he

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Hall believes in the enhancement of the downtown area through the Downtown Development Authority

He is concerned about the budget and would like to have a survey to determine necessary downtown improvements and possible cost savings.



### PINK ARROW PRIDE ON TODAY SHOW

Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride event segment is scheduled to air on NBC's Today Show Friday, Oct. 28. Barring anything in the national news that could bump the story, local organizers say they are excited about the coverage. "We don't know what to expect, but we are happy to share what we do here with the nation," said one volunteer

### LHS FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF TICKETS

Pre-District football play-off tickets for the Lowell vs. FHC game at Lowell on Oct. 28 will be on sale for \$5 in the athletic office on Friday from 7:30 - 3:00 pm. Game time is 7:00 pm and the gates will open at 5:30 pm. Since this is a tournament game, no passes will be accepted and no reserved seating will be honored.

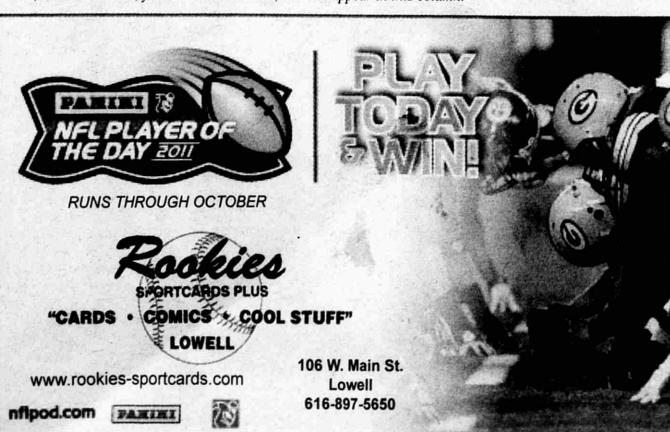
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The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present "Gulf War Veterans Tell Their Stories," moderated by Mark Weber, a panel discussion with Rob Stevens, Dan Pipe II and Breyound Haywood. Come hear the stories of Desert Storm to the current War on Terror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

### **ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT**

Dinner theatre production at Larkin's Other Place. Downtown Lowell. Nov. 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19: dinner at 6:30 pm, play begins at 7:30 pm; Sunday matinee, Nov. 6: dinner at 1:30 pm and play begins at 2:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now, advanced dinner reservations only. For information go to info@lowellartsmi.org

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The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Nov. 7 at 7:00 pm. Please come and support our athletes.

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T-shirts honoring fallen Walker police officer Trevor Bierling, who lived at Slot are being sold with proceeds given to the Slot family. Sizes are from youth small to adult 3X. Orders can be made by mailing your check (made payable to: Traffic Squad Safety and Community Action Fund, Inc.) and order to: Tim Lewis, PO Box 478, Rockford, MI 49341. For additional information, Tim Lewis, 616-262-0567 or Timothyilewis@ sbcglobal.net

### COAT DRIVE

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

### LOWELL SCHOOL EVENT RESOURCES

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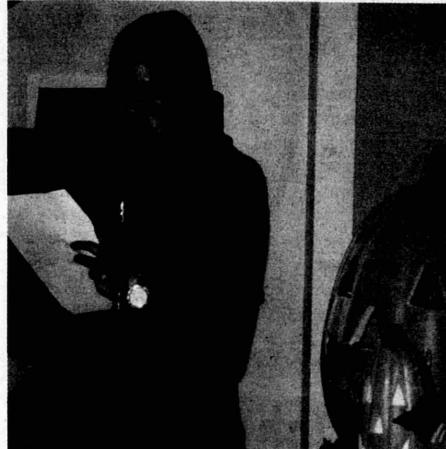
## Ghost Story night at Wittenbach/Wege Center tests writers' skills

The annual Ghost Sto- their full attire to enhance day at the Wittenbach Cen- third place: "The Legend of vear at the Wittenbach/Wege with glowing pumpkins. Center last Friday. The Thebes Players dressed up in

ries night took place this the scary night atmosphere ter," said Lowell Arts' direc-

"We had a great crowd

at Ghost Stories last Satur-



Kaitlin Jansen from Greenville reading her story.

tor Lorain Smalligan. "We filled every chair."

There was a campfire outside and hay bales to accommodate the overflow crowd wishing to hear the

recital of the stories.

After listening to the stories, the visitors went on an hourlong night hike in the woods with flashlights Kathy Doyle led the night hike. Following are the

### youth category winners:

Youth category, 5th through 8th grade:

First place: "The Light' by Abigail Kastanek, sixth-grade student; second place: "My Ghost Story' by Madyson Ziomkowski a fifth-grade student at Murray Lake Elementary; and

"The Chipper Rattler" by Ryne Clark, a seventh-grade School. student at Lowell Middle School.

Youth category, ninth through 12th grade:

Janzen, Greenville High Adult category

Cemetery" by David Kistler; second place: "River

First place: Kaitlin Ghosts" by Ray Wolfe; and third place: "The Phantom Cat" by Dave Wallace.

The first-place stories, First place: "Old Woods starting with the youngest winners, start on this page.



Bonnie Grooters, Kaitlin Janzen, Sue Bradford, Matt Tawney, Martha Hayden, Dave Wallace.

## The Light

by Abigail Kastanek First-place winner, youth category, 5th - 9th-grade

I've always wanted to be popular in school. You have your football players and soccer players, but ers and dancers. I wouldn't have complained if I knew

Raymond John Top-

ping, 50, of Ada, died from

fatal injuries that occurred

on Sunday, Oct. 23, while

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mal night. I was sitting in er did. This is what it said

that I would find something ing slowly across the trees. I scientists came back they

Ada man dies in accident

the scene, while Timmer re-

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that would change my life didn't have any explanation for it so I went over to my It started off like a nor- laptop to see if the computmy room just finishing my 'Many people have sighted homework when I happened a strange green object floatto look out my window. I ing across a hill in Michigan they never wanted to hang was surprised at what I saw over the past year. Many out with girls like me, girls because there was a green people have reported it as a that got all As on their report light which appeared to be UFO sighting. Some sciencard and loved to read. No, floating across a hill. I had tists have investigated this they liked the cheerlead- never seen anything like it to see if they could find any before. It was so bright that evidence to this strange ocit looked like a comet shoot- currence of lights. When the

explanation of why this happens. One of the scientists. were looking for the light light. They were ten yards were ready to leave. away before the light disapwhat the light really was. I friends, Lilly and Gabriella. to tell them to plan on having a sleepover tonight.

said that they could find no

briella got to my house I us. All three of us turned and forth. Then I heard a told them of my idea. They around in horror. We were faint voice whisper, "Get were acting a lot like drama staring into the face of a Out." "Run!" I screamed. queens when I showed them barn owl! Before I could We ran as fast as we could Anyone who may have the green light outside my come to my senses, Lilly to get out of the woods. window. When they finally burst out laughing. Pretty Suddenly I heard someone got calmed down about the soon we were all laughing trip behind me. I looked and whole thing, I grabbed my about it. When we calmed there was Gabriella on the knapsack and we started to down, we started head- ground. I ran back to help pack for the trip ahead of us. ing toward the light again. her because the light was

corder, a map of the woods, it. One of the bottles had the

dog treats, cell phone, walk- light of a streetlight hitting ie-talkies, first-aid kits, bat- it just so that it appeared to teries and a camera. When be glowing green. We were Bill Joe, says that when they we finished packing, I called to my beagle, Scooter, who was finally over, or so we they heard a strange sound came in a rush, and hooked a right before they saw the leash on his collar. Now we peared.' I shut my laptop and mysterious path leading to light moving across the hill.

That's when I decided that I stepping into another world horror. We grouped up and would be the one to find out where your greatest night- pressed our backs together mares come true. Every- forming a tight circle. Evcalled up two of my closest thing around us was dead erything seemed to be holdsilent as we walked closer ing its breath while it waitto the light. We just got into ed for the light to reappear. the woods when we heard Then Gabriella pointed out When Lilly and Ga- something rustling behind a green light swaying back We packed lots of When we broke through the getting closer, but when I things: five health bars, trees we found out what the bent down to help her up, three full water bottles, three light was. It was a tree with she told me to save myself. I flashlights and a sound re- tons of glass bottles hung on

all thankful that the mystery thought. A few seconds later I remembered that the streetlight explains the glowing, We walked down a but it doesn't explain the looked outside. Sure enough the hill. Everything seemed When I told Lilly and Gathe light was still there. eerie late at night. It's like briella that, they froze in

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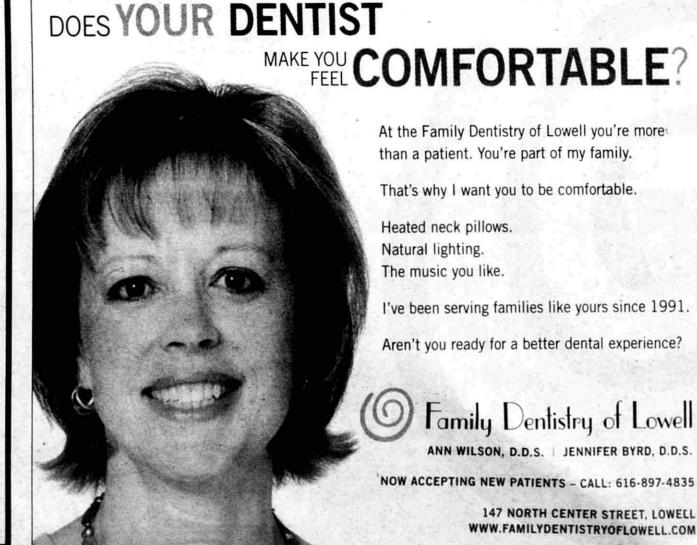
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## One Halloween Night

by Kaitlin Janzen First-place winner, youth category, 9th - 12th-grade

"I can't believe Steve didn't want to come out with us just because of some rumors of a wolf." Sam said as they made their way across the grassy turf.

They crept along the grass, the full moon casting four oblong shadows across the turf. It was Halloween night and no trick-or-treaters were in sight. A slight wind picked up, seeming to alienate them even more from the rest of the world. Derek nodded. "I know.

I don't believe those rumors anyway. I say, 'We just came back from college. Let's go have a great time. Relive the old days." He grinned and held up his sack.

They each carried sacks filled with rolls of toilet paper and wore dark clothing. Their destination soon came into sight. An old farm house stood on level ground, a red barn sitting just ten feet to the right of it. They made their way around the per every which way and by the end it looked like a giant spiderweb. But just as the final piece was set; the porch light switched on and the yard flooded with light. They froze in place. The back door swung open and a grey-haired man limped out, raising his finger at them.

"What are you doing on my property? You little trou- away. blemakers are up to something, aren't you?" The old man looked up and could see the paper floating in the breeze like small banners. "How dare you? When I get my hands on-" He stopped mid-sentence, staring wideeyed behind them. He paled and ran back into the house, slamming the door behind

around and realized why he run!" had made his quick escape. outline of its mane and tail,

ed to say, slowly backing beyond the surface.

sentence for her. "-wolf?"

wolf. It's something worse. tion. Much worse. Run!" Derek cried, already starting to run

other quick snarl and started loping their way, its great stride covering five feet in iust a couple of seconds.

Sam ran for the house and started banging on the door. "Help! Let us in!"

The old man in the gory mess. house started yelling for him to go away.

The group turned and yelled, "It's no use! Just presence. He tossed away

On the hill behind them was ten and kept banging on fours toward them. a dark figure, silhouetted by the door. The great beast the moon. It was crouching was closing in on him now, ing!" Derek cried. and they could see the bushy Sam turned around with the beast. It growled, then nose, the look of pure ha- of the beast behind them, out a blood-curdling tred in its eyes. Then he saw each ragged breath.

"Is that a-" Laura start- something else, something

But it was too late. He But Sam finished the could feel the creature's teeth rip into his flesh, pain "No, it's too big to be a becoming his only sensa-

Laura, Megan and Derek were running as fast as they could towards the corn-The great beast gave an- field just beyond the barn. They stopped and turned back at the edge of the field and they were each filled with the wish that they hadn't. Megan let out a short cry of dismay and they all

Just then the monster paused and looked up, Derek turned around seeming to remember their

had to turn away from the

what was left of the carcass But Sam didn't lis- and started running on all

They rushed into the eyes wide, his face ghostly cornfield, the stalks whipthe reflected light off of its white. He could now hear ping past. Derek took the great sharp teeth. Even from its labored breathing, each lead, followed by Laura, and their distance they could see short breath. He could see finally, Megan. They could the great, massive paws of the long muzzle, the black hear the labored breathing

for us," Derek said, and Then suddenly they grabbed a nearby stick. were out of the field, yet the beast was nowhere to

Laura grabbed a stick too, then they walked slowly into the cornfield. They that the beast was not the could soon hear the growl of only thing missing. Megan the giant beast, and followed it to a small clearing. They "Where's Megan?" peeked through the stalks and saw Megan lying on her back, propped up by her elbows. The beast stood over leaning over with his hands her, baring its great white, milky teeth. The beast lowered its frame over her and "Should we go after growled. Megan whim-Just then they heard pered. It opened its mouth

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scream from amidst the and lowered it to her arm.

"Come on! Keep gowere just about to head to

ents sent out a rescue party. be so lucky.

## turned around and ran out of They never found her. About

be seen. Then Laura noticed

had disappeared too.

her?" Laura asked.

Laura asked breathlessly.

have gotten left behind,'

Derek said between breaths.

"I don't know. She must

"She would do the same

the woods. Lilly and I wait- a week later I happened to ed for Gabriella to come out look out my window again. but she never did. When we There was a green light out there again. But there wasn't my house we heard a sick- just one now. There were ening scream and then ev- two. If you ever see two erything was silent. We ran green lights floating across a back just in time to see a fig- hill, don't go out to investiure disappear into the trees. gate it because even though The next day her par- I got out alive, you may not

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open letter to all Lowell city residents

On November 8, 2011, This precludes me from opportunity to exercise your right to vote in our city election. You will find six names election with any desire listed as candidates for city council. Unfortunately and unavoidably, I need to ask ell again. Unforeseen cirvou to not vote for one of those names, Donald L. Green (me).

a Lowell Township resident sided in the city limits all of have. my life. That will change school district and will still have the same phone num-

will not be printed.

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you will once again have an serving as a city councilmember.

I did not go into this other than being elected to serve the citizens of Lowcumstances have led to this Dear Editor. move and while saddened by missing out on this op-Except for two years as portunity to serve you in the city. I still intend to serve in (until I was two), I have re- the community as I always

I will not be offering a off. soon. I will remain in the public endorsement of any candidate(s), but I will say istrations, local business dothat there is one main criteber and a Lowell address. ria that I use when selecting teers and hundreds of chili

grammar. Thank you letters, advertising or personal attacks left side of the page.

who I will vote for. Do they love Lowell? Put another way, will they put Lowell first before any personal gain or glory, before any single issue and before any personal vendettas against the city or its employees?

Chili Madness Chili Cook-

encouraged me to run, for those who have been supportive of my campaign.

Donald L. Green Lowell

Thank you to those who

chili cook-off raises funds

post Harvest Celebration article, any mention of the money that was raised during Larkin's 10th Annual

Through cook-off regnations and sponsors, volun-

tasting fanatics, this event I did not see in your raised just over \$2,000 to support the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

We're a small, tight-knit community and I thought the locals might want to know! I'm looking forward to next year's cook-off!

Nancy Stroosnyder Lowell Township and plant life. Spending

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50 Years Ago

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October 26, 1961

Wm. Perry of Grand Rapids, who became lost just

A search was instituted and the police dog from the

Ionia post was just being set to go in after the lost boy

when he walked back out on Montcalm Avenue about

25 Years Ago

The Grand Valley Ledger

October 22, 1986

In a report on the West Main Street traffic problem

city manager Ray Quada indicated that a review of

police records shows that the Main and West Street

intersection to be more of a problem than Valley Vista

and Main. Quada theorized that the West St. problem

is caused by the funneling of four lanes of traffic down

to two lanes because of parked cars at Cheyne's Pub.

Quada also noted the reduced speed limit at that point and the curve in the road as other contributors to the

numerous accidents in that area - Quada has asked

the state to begin conducting studies in the area.

8:30 pm.

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Trails located within Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. Also, our website, www. lowellbuyersguide.com has a link to submit emails on the walking distance are enjoyed by large numbers of people because easy access makes for more consistent use. Trails located farther from home provide unique destinations for the adven-People along Main St. experienced a genuine turous traveler. More effort thrill last Friday afternoon when Lowell's high school marching band, in gay red and white uniforms, these trails. A book of trail marched along to the tune of stirring music. It was the maps is handy and comprefirst appearance upon our streets of the Lowell high hensive, or go on-line. Parks school band in uniform. The band also played at the football game between Lowell and Lee at Recreation have a pocket map of nearby trails. When in unfamiliar places, we locate the loheadquarters to get trail locations as well as valuable Police from Lowell and Ionia State Police post ly staffed by longtime resi- Happy trails. and the Kent County Sherriff's Department searched

ting off the beaten path.

outdoors Dave Stegehuis

Outdoor recreational dents who know all the neat activities often require a se-places. rious commitment of time The North Country and equipment. One excep- Trail extends from New

happy trails

expanding walking and hik-

state. Trails can be found in

the deep woods as well as in

and about for much needed

exercise. Many trails pass

through areas of natural hab-

suburbs and cities.

tion is to take advantage of York to North Dakota running through Michigan with ing trail systems across the headquarters in Lowell, Michigan. Although I have not set out to intentionally hike the trail anywhere, Trails draw people out I have walked many trail segments in the southern and northern Lower Peninsula and several sections in itat and scenic beauty which the Upper Peninsula. Local afford the opportunity to ob- trails sometimes connect to serve wild birds, animals, the North Country Trail so I occasionally stumble across time in quiet solitude in a it when exploring the backnatural setting can also have country.

a positive influence on one's Most trails are well perspective on life. Visitors marked, but always use can get a more realistic imcommon sense and be prepared for emergencies in more remote areas. Weather can change quickly and mistakes can be made.

A pair of comfortable walking shoes is all the equipment required for most cal chamber of commerce ways the most difficult step

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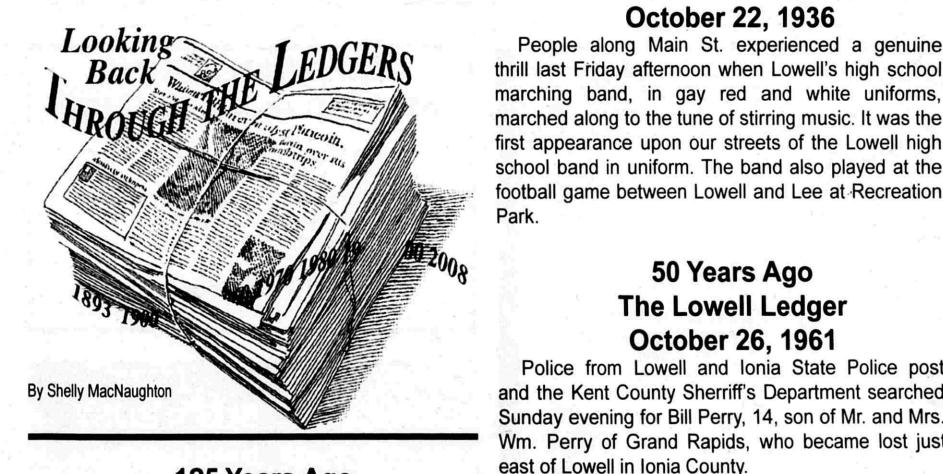
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125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal Entry missing from files

> 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger October 26, 1911

Cannonsburg Miss Mabel Bookey made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Friday.

School closed last Friday for two weeks vacation. Truman Jackson, principal, will spend the time at his home in Kent City. Miss Maggie McCormack will visit friends in Grand Rapids and her sister, Miss Kate, who is attending school at Ypsilanti

Mrs. George Inwood has been in Parnell sewing.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo

## In The Service

Navy Seaman Recruit boot camp is "Battle Sta-Seth T. Fliearman, son of tions." This exercise gives Renee S. Reiffer of Pierson recruits the skills and confiand Todd R. Fliearman of dence they need to succeed Lowell, recently completed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" U.S. Navy basic training at is designed to galvanize the 2007. Recruit Training Command, basic warrior attributes of Great Lakes, IL.

program, Fliearman com- recruit through the practical pleted a variety of training application of basic Navy 2, 6:30 pm. which included classroom skills and the core values of study and practical instruc- honor, courage and committion on naval customs, first ment. Its distinctly "Navy" aid, firefighting, water safe- flavor was designed to take ty and survival, and ship- into account what it means board and aircraft safety. An to be a sailor. Fliearman is a emphasis was also placed on 2011 graduate of Tri-Counphysical fitness.

The capstone event of City.

sacrifice, dedication, team-During the eight-week work and endurance in each ty High School of Howard

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO.

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TAKE NOTICE: A Daniel R. Fagan hearing will be held on 11/8/2011 at 9:00 am at **Kent County Probate** Court before Judge following purpose(s):

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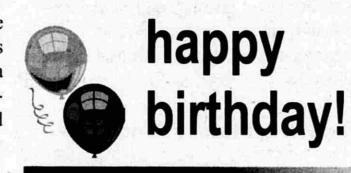
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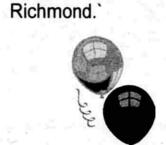
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Jeremiah Russo Joseph Russo.

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Patricia VanSickle.

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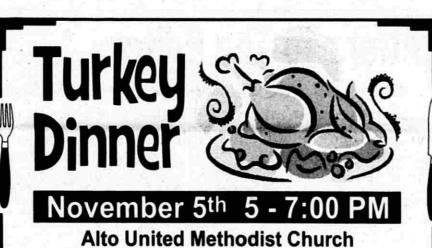
If your child has any of these is functioning properly.

A urinary tract infec- symptoms you should take tion, or UTI, is an infec- him or her to your doctor.

Your doctor will obtain which includes the kidneys, a urine sample from your bladder and urethra. UTI's child (there are ways to do are more common in girls this in younger children) and than boys. They are usually examine it for signs of baccaused by bacteria that live terial infection. If it appears that there is a UTI, an antibi-Symptoms of UTI usu- otic will be prescribed. If the ally depend on your child's infection is bad - high fever, age. Older children usually vomiting or poor feeding, may have pain with urina- your child may need antibition or feel like they need to otics through an IV. If your urinate more often. Younger child has recurrent UTIs, children may have a fever, special x-rays or an ultravomiting, strong smelling sound may be ordered to urine, or blood in the urine. make sure the urinary tract

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~ Chinese Proverb



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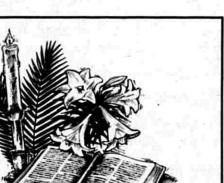
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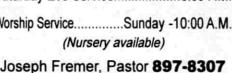
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### Try to avoid these scary investment moves

even if you don't - you're your long-term goals. probably aware that Halloween is fast approaching. — If your portfolio mostly Of course, you may find the consists of the same type of ghouls, witches and creepy investment, and a downturn impersonations of celebrities to be more amusing than alarming, but, as you go through life, you will find some things that are gener- vestments you can reduce ally frightening - such as the effects of volatility on investment moves that are your overall holdings. Keep misdirected or go awry.

tentially scary investment profit or protect against loss. moves to avoid:

you can potentially achieve risk tolerance. greater returns. But if you can, quite simply, get burned and lose your principal

you can find investments tion of principal in exchange for little or no growth po- penses, the lower your real tential. But if your portfo- rate of return. Plus, by allio is full of these vehicles, ways adding and subtracting you may never achieve the investments to your portfo-

If you have kids - or growth you need to reach

 Failing to diversify hurts that particular class of assets, you'll take a big hit. But by spreading your dollars among an array of inin mind, though, that diver-Here are some po- sification\can't guarantee a

· Chasing "hot" in- Investing too ag- vestments — By the time gressively — In the invest- you hear about a "hot" inment world, here's one of vestment, it will probably the fundamental truths: The already be cooling off. And greater the risk, the great- whether it's hot or not, it er the potential reward. So, might not be appropriate for by investing aggressively, your individual needs and

Trading too fre-

invest too aggressively, you quently - If you're constantly buying and selling investments to maximize Investing too con- your profits, you may end servatively - You can't in- up actually minimizing your vest with no risk. However, success. Frequent trading will run up commissions that offer a higher preserva- and other investment costs — and the greater your ex-

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on Veterans Day

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lio, you'll find it difficult to follow the type of long-term, consistent, comprehensive strategy that's necessary to help you attain your objectives, such as saving for re-

· Starting too late As an investor, you'll find that time is one of your greatest allies. The earlier you start saving and investing for your goals, the better your chances of attaining them. "Save early and save often" may sound like a cliché, but it's good advice.

Taking a "time out"

from investing - Whether it's a market slump, a political trauma, a natural disaster or some other event, you can always find a reason to head to the investment sidelines for a while until things cool off, straighten out or return to what seems like "normal." Depending on your goals, not participating in the market may cause you to miss out on any opportunities that the market can present. At times, it can be tough to stay invested, but over the long run, a steady, disciplined approach can be a good strategy.

Halloween comes and goes in a single day. But by steering clear of these menacing investment moves, the fear out of investing and you. make it a more productive

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## **SOS closed Veterans Day**

es to close for Veterans Day

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of

driver's license or license ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without

Motorists renewing license plates can do business by mail or, if eligible, online at www.ExpressSOS. com. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days. License plate tabs can

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## JESUSITA STAUFFER CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Lifelong resident of Lowell Jesusita "Hezzie" Stauffer celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family at the Monterrey Grill in Caledonia on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Hezzie celebrated her 90th birthday surprise with son Lee and wife Gladys Stauffer of DeWitt, granddaughter Jill Fletcher of Smyrna, grandson John Stauffer of DeWitt, daughter Arva Stauffer of Lowell, daughter Ardelle Klein of Albuquerque, New Mexico, granddaughter Andrea Klein of Chicago IIlinois, daughter Karen Torres of Austin, Texas, grandson Adam Martinez of Austin, Texas, son Roger Stauffer of Lowell, close family friends Judy Hakala and Karen Knapp and many other family and friends.

Hezzie was born October 15, 1921, on a ranch in the Davis Mountains of West Texas to Carlos and Angelita Herrera. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School and was raised in Marfa, Texas where she worked at the local drugstore soda fountain. Marfa is where Hezzie met Lester Stauffer of Lowell, Michigan who was stationed there during WWII. She married Lester Stauffer on January 7, 1944 and they were happily married for 50 years until his death on December 7,



Hezzie committed her life as a homemaker and raised 9 children; she has 19 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren. Memberships include St. Mary Catholic Church of Lowell, Ladies VFW of Lowell, Lowell Royal Squares Dancing Club and the Mid Michigan Bird Association.

Cards may be sent to: 1365 Montcalm Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331

## Witches and princesses enjoy a rainy Girls' Night Out



ticipating stores decked out the event is Springrove Vafor the event with scary dec- riety, that has been on the orations, like Dovetail An- event from the very begin-

Most merchants offered

Girls' Night Out had treats, cookies, wine and good participation in spite mixed drinks. There was ap- es," said owner Mike could be seen with shopping of cold and rainy weather proximately the same num- Sprenger. "And they were bags. Chrissy Willis and Joy last Thursday. The theme ber of participants as in the shopping. It was an excel- Wolbers from Family Den-Witches and Princesses previous years. The event lent night; we had a great tistry of Lowell enjoyed the brought forth some great started as a customer appre-time." costumes, including enor- ciation day approximately

One of the mainstays of may have been up compared the crew at Eja Salon.

"We had a lot of witch- to previous years. Women night out, much like McK-The sales, according to enzie Ross-Baker, Marilyn chamber director Liz Baker, Hersdorf, Dawn Woods and



### CITY OF **LOWELL FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM**

For the months of October and November. yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be on Thursday, the same day as your trash.

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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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## - Volleyball Red Arrow CD DD BTC

## Momentum from 6-1 week carries volleyball one step closer to districts

nals against Forest Hills I know the girls were re-Eastern in a tournament ally disappointed with how last Saturday, the Red Ar- they'd played at Greenrow volleyball team finished ville," Peal said. "They unwith a strong 6-1 record for derestimated their oppothe week.

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Though she is happy Gigi Peal would have liked 25-19. to see a win against Eastern.

Peal said, "I just think we've never really played our best volleyball against them. I really wanted us to play better against them."

The Red Arrows played Creston on Tuesday and faced Northview in North-Greenville on Thursday, winning both matches in

Greenville had given Low- conference with or without ell a run for their money.

Losing in the semi-fi- us really tough out there.

The girls did not repeat with her girls' performance their mistake on Thursday, throughout the week, coach winning 25-16, 25-11 and

"They really took con-They have accounted for trol against Greenville in four of Lowell's losses this three really easy sets," Peal

> Whether it was senior night, the last home game of the season, or just the need to win, Peal said her girls played great volleyball.

Yesterday, the girls view's last home match of the season and Lowell's last conference match. Though Earlier in the season, they will get second in the the win against the Wildcats,

Peal said Lowell should play," Peal said of North- obviously bigger. We defibe motivated to come out She added. "We will

"I assume their girls play them in the second

will be pretty excited to round of district, which is Red Arrows play in a quad

mentum on our end.' Then, on Thursday, the Central.

they will face Calvin, Forest nitely want to keep the mo-Hills Northern and Catholic



- Soccer

## **Forest Hills Northern dashes** hopes for Red Arrow district title

by Casey Cheney

The 1-2 loss to Forest Hills Northern ended the Red Arrow soccer team's season one game shy of a district title.

A goal by Spencer over the Huskies than any team had done the preced-

After a Forest Hills' goal off a penalty kick early in the game, Lyon's goal tied it back up midway through the first half.

A few minutes later, goal and they would hold sounded at the end of the

something had to give.

Certainly, the Red Arthe Huskies scored another rows were happy to get that goal, but it would have been onto the lead until the horn much sweeter paired with a

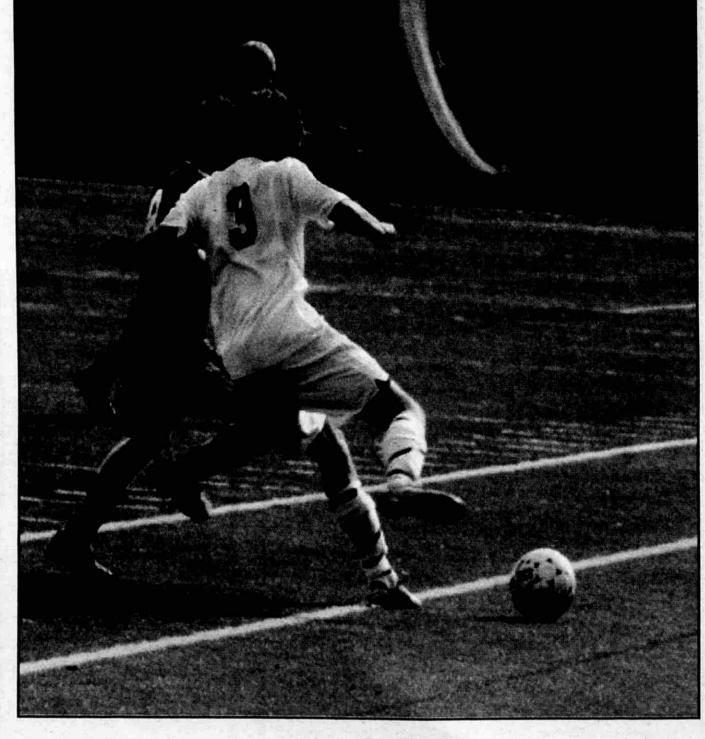
The Red Arrows had

not been shut out this season

and Forest Hills had not al-

lowed a goal in 11 games, so





Above, Jeremy Woderak fights for possession of the ball against Forest Hills Northern.

At left, Aaron Morris heads for the Northern goal in the district finals

## Remembering Wayne Dowling

passing of Wayne Maynard Dowling, Jr. on Oct. 21, ing contests held on the 2011, at the age of 73, we Kerekes' property along recall a kind, fun-loving, the Grand River, put on by caring man who so loved his stepfather, Carl Kerekes and enjoyed his family and and uncle, Paul Kerekes.

Lowell and attended grade ten called "The Knights of school here before his fam- the Crooked Hook." ily moved to Cascade. His high school days were spent ateur ham radio operator, at Lowell with the class of call letters K8WMD (mem-

After three years in the July 1963.

business and some time with idays. Westdale Realty, Wayne worked for Amway until his retirement.

In the meantime, he was also a member of the Lowell school board from 1976- a great deal of love for his

looked forward to the fish-The contest included a large As a child, he lived in group of locals and were of-

Wayne was an avid amber of MARA).

He enjoyed being part U.S. Army he opened Low- of special events for Grand ell Automotive (NAPA) in Rapids Veterans Home and volunteering time at rest After several years in area coffee stops during hol-

Wayne enjoyed all sporting events and watching his grandchildren's

He always expressed



Pictured, left to right: Carl Kerekes, Dave Miller, Wayne Dowling, Paul Kerekes, Rex Dowling, Bill Kerekes, Ed Stormzand, Bob Ellis and Paul Gessner.

Very little is known of the Canadian country since it is rarely visited by anyone but the Queen and illiterate sport fishermen.

- P. J. O'Rourke (1947 - )

### **NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on October 17, 2011, Ordinance No. 04-2011 - Mineral Mining, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted, a summary of which follows:

Ordinance No. 04-2011 - An amendment to Section 22.02 to define mineral mining, provide exemptions for certain small mining activities, to allow the Zoning Administrator to approve mining operations which remove 5,000 to 10,000 cubic yard if completed within one year, and specify the application, operational and renewal requirements among other require-

Ordinance No. 05-2011, Mineral Mining Licensing Ordinance was also adopted, a summary of which follows:

Ordinance No. 05-2011, An ordinance to establish Operational, Maintenance, Performance, and Reclamation Standards for mines and mining sites; to provide for approvals and licensing thereof; and to establish penalties for violations of this ordinance.

These Ordinances shall become effective November 2, 2011. A copy of the complete text of the ordinances can be obtained at the Lowel Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township



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Tap into your creative side and craft holiday gifts for friends and family. Visit the kitchen and the garden to concoct gifts for bath and body with herb expert Connie Hanson. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Registration is required and participation is limited. For ages 14 and up. Sat., Nov. 5, 11:00 am.

### NOTICE **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

A Public Hearing will be held regarding a re quested amendment to a special use permit for Ryan Peel at a special meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 9, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Peel of 9769 Vergennes St., Lowell, 49331, has a special use permit for construction of a communication tower to be located at 9777 Vergennes, Lowell. The approved location of the tower is problematic, and Peel is requesting a different location on the same property. The height of the tower will remain at 120 feet, and will meet all required setbacks. The Vergennes Township Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance. 201.432, regulates the placement of these structures.

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

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

## Lowell Middle **School Students** of the Month

Month award.

For the month of Octo- McVey, sixth grade.

Every month Low- ber the following students ell Middle School (LMS) were chosen for LMS Stuteachers nominate students dents of the Month: Matt who demonstrate good lead- Cooper and Greta Gusership, good citizenship and tafson, eighth grade; Ausgood academics in each tin Branagan and Skylar grade for the Student of the Moore, seventh grade; and Riley Conlan and Blake



Pictured, back row, left to right: Matt Cooper, Austin Branagan and Greta Gustafson; front row, left to right: Riley Conlan, Blake McVey and Skylar

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## **Arrows prepare for play-offs against Forest Hills Central after defeating Creston** to Creston's record, improving Lowell's regular season record over last year.

quarter in Friday's away 30-yard pass at 7:37 in the two rushing touchdowns and J.P. North received a Lyman each had an

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- Football Red Arrow

game against Creston. The third quarter, followed by and 131 yards on the ground team tacked on another loss second quarter, they scored two more to Creston's one, a 67-yard pass to the endzone, making the score 35-6

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the two point conversion, to

reduce their deficit to 21.

Josh Addington had two rushing touchdowns. to score yet another touch- Collins received a 60-yard down for Lowell. Dean had pass from Dean for a score

and passed for 107 yards

and two touchdowns.

earlier this season 35-6.

four-yard touchdown pass.

off the scoring for the Red

Arrows, scoring on a three

yard run with five minutes

Titan Anderson capped

ception to give Lowell pos-

Lowell faces Forest Hills Central this Friday at Bob Perry field for the first round of the play-offs. The Red Arrows beat Central

## Boys' cross country places last in conference jamboree

by Casey Cheney

through mud and slipped

tions and even worse condi-

tions," coach Clay Vander- ished two spots behind in

Senior Ben Partridge "It was a nasty day for finished first for the Red Ar- mond finished more than a ished last behind racing, but the guys ran the row boys, 24th overall and minute later, 60th overall Rapids Creston in fifth, last Wednesday. Driving rain best they could given the a time of 19:13.80. Fresh- with a time of 20:21.50. Se- Greenville in fourth, Northand a biting breeze made for wet, cold and windy condi- man Nick MacDonald fin- nior Ben Hart was two spots view in third, East Grand

Freshman Zac Dia-

The Red Arrows fin-

Rapids in second, and Grand Rapids Christian in first.

Lowell was only three points off from finishing one place better.

> The team now awaits results from the regional meet in Allendale last Sat-

LUNCH MENU

**MENU** 

Week of

Oct. 31, 2011

MON: Tony's flatbread

cheese pizza (Rib BQ on

wheat bun also offered at

Alto, Cherry Creek &

Murray Lake), tossed

dressing, pineapple, Rice

Krispy treat, milk.

romaine salad w/lite

TUES: Egg, cheese &

sausage on wheat English muffin (sloppy jo Tostito

scoops also offered at Alto,

Cherry Creek & Murray

Lake), southwest corn &

WED: Pasta marinara w/

black bean salad, pears,

## **Graves, Walters finish in top** ten, Lowell finishes fourth

Coach Sarah Ellis had and Walters finished just a handily beating Greenher expectations met in the few seconds behind in ninth. said sophomores, Jessica 20:58.40. Graves and Rachael Walters, have stepped up this next for the Red Arrows, season and she'd like to see 32nd overall with a time of them finish in the top ten 22:15.30.

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Lowell placed fourth Graves finished eighth overall out of five teams,

Karis Dilly finished ond.

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ville and falling just behind OK White conference jam- Graves ran the 5,000 meter Northview. East Grand boree last Wednesday. She in 20:55.00. Walters ran it in Rapids took first and Grand Rapids Christian took sec-

The team now awaits the results of their regional meet last Saturday.

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Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc. you wish to keep by

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk





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

(Chicken patty also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), crispy potato wedges, orange smiles, wheat roll, milk.

### obituaries

### CALDWELL

Marcia "Mit" L. Caldwell, age 75, of Cadillac, died October 24, 2011. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1953 and lived in Lowell, Michigan, from 1968 to 1992. She is survived by her sons, Tom (Carolyn) Caldwell of Fishers, Indiana, and Greg (Anna) Caldwell of California; six grandchildren; and sisters, Judy (Mike) Watkins of Denton, Texas, and Barbara Ervin of Mason. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leland and Ruth Matthews of Holt; brother, Greg (Jan) Matthews of Vicksburg; and by her husband of 56 years, Keith Caldwell. Mit worked for Michigan State University in East Lansing when she was first married, and while living in Lowell she worked for Root-Lowell Manufacturing and Michigan Wire Processing. She taught ceramic artwork and ran her own ceramic art studio from her home in Lowell. Mit was an avid golfer and had four holes-in-one. She loved embroidery and planted and enjoyed flower gardens wherever she lived. Cremation has occurred. A memorial service in honor of Mit will be held at a later date. Any memorial contributions on behalf of Mit may be made to the Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby Street, SE & Harrison Avenue, SE, Alto, MI 49302

### DOWLING

Wayne M. Dowling Jr., age 73, of Kentwood, formerly of Lowell, passed away Friday, October 21, 2011. Wayne was predeceased by his mother, Helen (Gowlaski) Kerekes; father, Wayne M. Dowling Sr.; and stepfather,

Carl Kerekes. He survived his wife and best friend of 49 years, Marian: children. Charles (Chris) Schram. Pat Dietz. (Steven) Mathews. (Janet Garner) Michelle (Mike) Ergang: grandchildren (Matt) Cody Schram **Brittany** 

Crystal Dietz, Taylor and Brayden Ergang; step-mother, Irene Kerekes; brother, Rex (Connie) Dowling; sisters, Gwen Zanella. Carla (Ron) Kerekes-Martin; brother-in-law, Walter (Pat) Whittier; brothers, Dennis and David Dowling: and several nieces, nephews and cousins, Wayne owned and operated Lowell Automotive (NAPA) from 1963 to 1983. In the meantime he was a member of the school board for Lowell Area Schools from 1976 to 1988. Funeral service will be Thursday 11:00 am at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Wayne Dowling Jr., Lowell High School Scholarship Fund, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331

### **PETHERS**

Lynda Pethers, age 61, of Ada, passed away in her Florida home on Mon., October 17, 2011, following a short battle with cancer. She was preceded in death

by her son, Tony McQueen. She her sons Pethers. Pethers and McQueen: Kendra McQueen, Shelly McQueen (Robert) Northrup; stepchildren. (Bob) had

were held in Florida and a special service will be held in Michigan at a later date

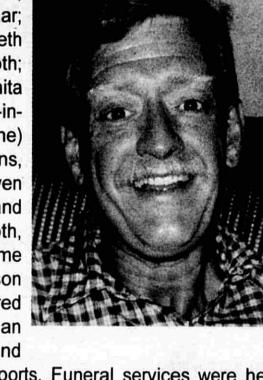
### PRINS

On October 16, 2011, as Alto Baptist Church bells rang, Dewey C. Prins Sr., age 78, was moving into his Lord Wednesday, October 19, 2011. She was preceded heavenly home. He was a much sought after ceramic in death by her father, Boyd Noviskey. She is survived by tile, marble installer. He loved his Lord with all his heart. He was a husband, dad, granddad, and greatgrandfather. He always had a smile and a kind word. Noviskey; A memorial was held at his much loved church. The and Point Church. Caledonia. on October 18 with Pastor Loren Nofsinger. Thanks to his children for their loving, helpful care at Metro Hospital, home, back to Metro, and was held Sunday home again since September 16, 2011, and Hospice of Spectrum Health. Now he has a new address - Heaven - probably laying tile on the streets of gold. Thanks to all for everything. Wife, Dottie, 56 years; Dewey Jr., Linda, Patty, Richard, Robert, (Chuck was waiting in Heaven). grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### ROTH

Larry Allen Roth, age 60, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents. Allen and Doris Roth; and father-in-law, Donald Huizenga, He is survived by his wife of 37 years. Mary: children.

Christopher (Megan) Roth. Matthew Roth. (Adam) Baar: brother, Kenneth Roth: (Georgie) mother-in-law. Anita Huizenga; brother-inlaw, Donald (Jane) Huizenga; grandsons. Tyler Roth and Owen Baar: nieces and nephews, Emily Roth, David Roth, Huizenga, and Jason Huizenga. Larry retired from Amway as executive driver and



worked at Delta Imports. Funeral services were held Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Lowell Rev. Rick Blunt and Rev. Matt Stoll officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Project, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331 or Trillium Woods - Hospice Care Unit, 8214 Pfeiffer Farm Drive S.E., Byron Center, MI 49315.

### SCOTT

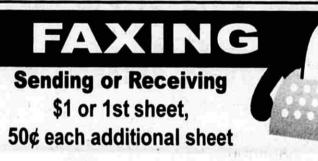
Linda Kay Scott, age 56, of Lowell, went to be with her her daughter. Danielle Scott: mother. Marion Noviskey;

Grand Church. Rapids. Rev. Bishop Doug officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Michigan St. NE. Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



### YEITER

Nancy S. Yeiter, age 80, of Lowell, entered her Lord's arms Sunday, October 2, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Vernon; daughter, Debra Ann Yeiter-Baer; grandchildren, Melissa Smith, Scott Baer, Christopher Baer; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Nancy was a member of American Legion Post 528 - Alto, past department historian, as well as a member of American Legion Auxilary 258. Memorial services with Military Honors were held Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at First Assembly of God, Wyoming.



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that this petition has

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are true to the best

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Daniel R. Fagan -

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429 Turner Ave. NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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information.

Tamara Lynne

5309 Fox Rd.

231-349-9599

VanDette-Bonham

Mears, MI 49436

10/18/11

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

**PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT** OF GUARDIAN OF INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL FILE NO.

In the matter of RALPH JAMES VANDETTE JR. Date of birth: 05/05/1941. Race: Caucasian, Sex: needs a quardian are: My Rd., Mears. MI 49436. M. Address of alleged incapacitated individual now found:

Tamara VanDette-Bonham, am interested in this matter and make this petition as daughter.

The adult is a resident of Sparta, Kent County, a home address of Meadowlark Retirement Village.

The adult has a patient advocate/power Wheeler, 282 Indian Retirement Village, 65 I declare under the

Lakes Rd. NW. Sparta. MI 49345.

Theadultlackssufficient understanding capacity to make or communicate informed The decisions of mental illness and has adult mental deficiency Specific facts about the

adult's recent condition or conduct that lead me to believe the adult father sent to Spectrum Daughter; Rapids, Ml. on Aug. 30, MI having hallucinations. 49431, Daughter;

I witnessed my father Son; doing many unusual Brian Keith VanDette. things, such as feeding unknown address, Son. himself food that did I request that the court not exist. He was not cognizant of where he is was, and told the PA-C individual and appoint that he was in Lakeview Tamara Lynne VanDette-

in Mecosta. The name, address, and Rd., Mears, MI 49436. telephone number of 231-349-9599, who has the person/agency (if priority as Daughter, of any) who currently has full quardian with all attorney for health care. care and custody of the powers provided by Lois Ann VanDette- adult are: Meadowlark statute.

Ida Red Ave., Sparta, MI The adult is not entitled

or to receive Veterans Administration benefits. alleged because incapacitated individual child(ren) whose name(s) and address(es) are listed Tamara Lynne Van Dette-

Bonham, 5309 W. Fox

in Grand Tracy Lee VanDette-Kenney, Pine Lake 2011, because he was Ave., Cedar Springs, MI

My sister, Tracy Lee Ralph James VanDette Lynne VanDette-Kenney, and III, unknown address.

NOMINATION **ALLEGED** INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL In the event the court finds that determine the adult require a quardian. an incapacitated nominate: Tamara VanDette-Bonham, 5309 W. Fox Bonham, 5309 W. Fox Rd., Mears. MI 49436. 10/09/11 Signature of alleged

incapacitated individual:

related, retro furniture, iewelry, sports related. books, awards, knives. games, models, coins, any

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## 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

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n the lodge room of the temple

building, 211 E. Main St., Belding

Dinner will precede the meeting

at 6:30 p.m. All members of the

Order of the Eastern Star may

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR

HAVE HAD - sons/daughters

meeting on the 3rd Wednesday

of every month. For more info

NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 5:30

children kindergarten or younger.

Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse,

8600. www.gildasclubgr.org

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-

ELLIS POST 152 - meets the

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION

the Alto American Legion Post.

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Alden Nash S.E.

Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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call Sally 616-761-2042.

attend.

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LOWELL AREA PRAYER & ADULT CANCER SUPPORT 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 re-

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 emell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 ployees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. DORIC CHAPTER#75 - of the otluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting Order of the Eastern Star, servbegins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore or time, 616-784-6716. Lyons-Muir & Saranac areas will conduct its regular meeting QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS on Tues., Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m., 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

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the Lowell Area Chamber of Com-

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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.

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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.

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lowellcalvarycrc@yahoo.com TRICK OR TREAT - Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. Stop in for a treat. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St. Saranac. 616-642-9146.

events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings etc., can be downloaded for viewing from the www.wlhstv.org website. Many athletic contests & concerts can also be heard 'live' from the www.wlhsradio

LOWELL - Varsity sporting

VETERANS COAT DRIVE Months of Oct. & Nov. The VFW & American Legion are holding a coat drive for veterans at the Grand Rapids home for the veterans & working in conjunction with Curtis Cleaners. Curtis Cleaners will be one of the drop-

TOTS LOVE AND LOGIC **CLASSES** - Positive discipline strategies for families with children birth-5 yrs. Nov. 1, 6:30 7:45. Bushnell Elementary, Rm. 116, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. Free chilldcare. Registration required Call Lori, 987-2532.

ANNUAL PUBLIC SIGHT-IN Sat., Nov. 5 & Sun., Nov. 6. Rifle range will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free to public. Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman Club, 8731 Riverside Dr., Saranac.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR PEO PLE OVER 50 - Meets Monday & Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. United Methodist Church, 621 E Main, Lowell. Call Peggy w/any questions, 897-7948.

**BELDING-IONIA MASONIC** LODGE #355 - serving the Beld ing, Ionia, Lowell, Lyons-Muir 8 Saranac areas, will conduct its regular communication Mon. Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the temple building, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. New carvers welcome.

REE ADDICTIONS PRO-GRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. a Bible Believers Church, 404 N Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385.

## One Halloween Night, continued

"Now!" Derek cried, running toward the beast. brandishing his stick.

giving a short war cry. Megan gave a scream and the beast whirled around, its mouth dripping blood. Me-

charged on to beat the beast with their sticks. It swatted at them with its claws. coming within inches of their skin several times, her. Then Derek gave it a glancing blow on the temple. The beast cowered away, cradling its head.

"Come on!" Derek cried, dragging Megan to her feet.

Megan cradled her arm the field. They made it out Laura soon followed, and kept running. Then they spotted the old mining shack just over the next hill. They

> But halfway Megan gave an ear-splitting scream and fell to the ground. She started writhing on the ground and baring her teeth. Derek and Laura stopped and hovered over

"It hurts. It burns!"

"What's wrong?" Laura

"Can you keep going?"

tween gritted teeth.

"I'll carry you," Derek as they ran blindly out of said, as he whipped her up

> the shack, but Megan began to change. Her body grew steadily hotter. Her body started growing thick, red hair. Her nails grew into long, black claws.

and slipped inside. There stand to full height, her once was one window, its glass petite framing now reaching broken and light streamed seven feet in height. She had through to illuminate a spot to stoop to fit inside the little in the middle of the floor. shack Derek set Megan down and they watched as she made toward them, claws scrapthe transformation.

"No," Megan said be- sible-?" Laura started to ask, room around them, but

Megan was screaming. They could see her nose slowly grow bigger as it They started to run for took shape into a snout.

and the beast from the field "I don't know," Derek filled the doorway. Megan and the beast Megan's screaming crept in unison toward the

was empty. Then just be-

hind, they heard a snarl and

they looked to each other in

fright. They whirled around

pair. Step by step they came

the old man heard two

blood-curdling screams.

soon turned into a snarl, her eyes clouding over, the innocence all but leaving her They reached the shack eyes. She lifted herself up to

He shivered and picked up his cane, then peeked out the front door in that direc-Megan started to step tion. He saw the stalks of corn in the field shift and out ing against the wooden stepped four hairy beasts. "Do you think it's pos- floor. They searched the They stopped and leaned up

toward the sky in unison. Then they each gave a long howl up at the full moon.

The old man gasped and struggled to get the door closed again, but his cane kept on getting caught on the frame of the door. The beasts took a charge and started loping toward him. Not too far away, from Five minutes later all that could be seen was a blood covered door and a cane lying on the front steps.

So when next you venture out on a Halloween night, pay heed to the signs of wolves, for you never know when it might come back to bite you.

## Old Woods Cemetery

by David Kistler First-place winner,

by their parents from the eteries where many of the tery. The land, headstones opment, the developer real- were forgotten, mistreat-

This danger is ever-present Woods family donated their lation growth resulted in the kets, bones, skeletons, headin the presence of children. etery. It was appropriately ment of what was once Old side of the woods. It is the legend of the Old named, Old Woods Cem- Woods Cemetery. When ex-Woods Cemetery.

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land in a number of towns the townspeople complete- moved to create a parking awakened from their heavtownspeople were buried. and cemetery markers were ized that he had disturbed ed and left alone angered

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Many years ago, farm- etery. As time passed on, cavation began and dirt was ied individuals were rudely ing a beckoning call. To an

deathly things on this earth. This particular cemetery not maintained, disregarded the resting souls within the each and every one of them. overlooked a forest of ma- and became overgrown with cemetery. In the name of Their souls were lost, withture pine, oak, maple and plants, weeds and grass. As profit and progress, he did out the confines of their caselm trees. It was a serene lo- this small farming commu- not stop the development. ket, without a home, forcing them with the branches from never fall asleep or venture cation where those who had nity continued to grow and He continued with his con- them to inhabit the earth as the trees, squeezing their litpassed on, could rest peace- prosper, so did the demands struction project. He did not ghosts. These ghouls ap- tle arms and legs until the There lies an inexplica- fully. Here, in a small farm- placed on the surrounding respect the sleep of these peared as skeletons, with children fall asleep and then ble horror that is whispered ing community near the out- land. No one seemed to real- dearly departed souls. In- gray skin hanging off their the ghouls entomb them foronly amongst the adults. skirts of Grand Rapids, the ize that the continued popu- stead, he moved their cas- weary bones, hair matted, ever into their homes, the with wild, crazy eyes and tree trunks. Only one child and never ever mentioned excess farmland for a cem- sale of the land and develop- stones and grave sites to the smelling of dirt, mold and rotted body parts. Their only escape the grasp of ghosts The souls of these bur- refuge was in the hollows and their trees. That child of the nearest living crea- was the writer of this story. tures, which happened to I have witnessed the capture be the trees within the for- and slow and painful death est. The ghosts of the Old of a number of my child-Woods Cemetery could re- hood friends. The excrucimain hidden in the trees of ating screams of the sufferthe forests in the town, but ing children can be heard even then, their souls ached as a howl on many windy for their much needed rest. nights, the imprisoned chil-Without rest, the ghouls be- dren calling out to their parcame angrier. These ghosts ents for help, only to go uncould communicate with answered, a virtually silent one another via the wind as the breeze carried their nearly silent words, heard only by the children as a petite for the children. Until whisper. The ghosts devised the ghosts' souls find a new a plan to seek their revenge resting place, every child is upon the townspeople that at risk and in grave danger. had forgotten them and had destroyed their burial plots of the vivid memories of the for the purpose of "devel- fright and pain in my friends' opment." They would strike eyes as they were held capthe townspeople where it tive by the ghouls. This sto-

was converted into cem- ly forgot about the ceme- lot for a large retail devel- enly sleep. The way they like a gentle breeze. Yet, to the children, it is an invitation that lures them in. When the children wander into the forest, the ghosts quickly grab the children, entangle has been lucky enough to

> The ghosts within the trees have an unending ap-

I tell this story because would be most painful, by ry is merely a warning for capturing and never re- you to be cautious. Every leasing their children. The adult knows that "kids will ghosts had learned that they be kids" and they will be uncould grow taller and stron- deterred in their efforts to ger by devouring the souls play in the forest. All moms of these innocent children. and dads can say to their The children had to be pure kids is "Be careful, stay on of heart and under the age the path, don't get lost and of ten years old. Almost all beware the trees. Do not lischildren met these require- ten to the whispers. If you ments. The children of the hear something, run. If you town were naturally drawn feel a stick brush up against to the forest as it remained a you, scream. Remain on the place to play hide and seek, lookout. The forests contain search for wildlife, have scary things, particularly on treasure hunts and hikes walks through the forest, through the woods. Legend particularly at night, partichas it, that the ghosts hide ularly if you are in the Old behind their trees, whisper- Woods Cemetery..."

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Dear EarthTalk: Some drycleaners I've seen offer "wet cleaning" as opposed to dry cleaning. What's the difference? Is it better for the environment? -- Elizabeth Connelly, Tampa, FL

The dry-cleaning industry has come under attack in recent years for its use of perchloroethylene ("perc"), a noxious chemical solvent that does a good job cleaning and not damaging sensitive fabrics but which is also considered a hazardous air contaminant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and a probable human carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Also, exposure to perc can irritate the skin and has been associated with central nervous system disorders. Drycleaners are required to reuse what perc they can and dispose of the rest as hazardous waste, but there are still concerns



about contamination at and around sites that don't follow best practices. California has banned the use of perc by drycleaners beginning in 2023, and several other states may follow suit.

Given the issues with perc — and the fact that most of the nation's 34,000 commercial drycleaners still use it many consumers are demanding greener ways to get their fine clothes and fabrics clean. So-called wet cleaning whereby cleaning professionals use small amounts of water, non-toxic detergents and conditioners (instead of perc and other harsh detergents) inside specially designed machines to get fine garments and other fabrics clean — is one of the most promising alternatives.

"The garments are agitated in the computerized wet cleaning machine just enough to extract the dirt and grime, but not enough to alter the structure, size or color," reports the website Earth911.com. "The garments are then transferred to a high-tech drying unit that [that] automatically stops once the prescribed level of moisture is reached." Earth911.com adds that after drying, wet cleaned garments are pressed, hung up and bagged for pick-up by or delivery to customers — just like at the drycleaners.

The EPA is encouraging drycleaners to make the switch to greener solvents through a cooperative partnership with the professional garment and textile care industry. The agency's Design for the Environment Garment and Textile Care Partnership recognizes the wet cleaning process as "an environmentally preferable technology that is effective at cleaning garments."

Another green alternative to perc is also starting to catch on: using pressurized carbon dioxide (CO2) to get fabrics clean. CO2 exists as a gas at low pressure but turns to liquid at higher pressure and can serve as a solvent in tan-

dem with non-toxic soap to get materials clean. "Clothes are placed in the dry cleaning machine drum and cool CO2 is pumped in until, at high pressure, [it] becomes a liquid," reports Corry's, a leading drycleaner in the Seattle area. "After the wash cycle is complete the CO2 is filtered, and the pressure is released spontaneously converting the CO2 back to a gas from a liquid. The CO2 then goes back into the holding tank. The clothes are left clean, smelling fresh, cool and perfectly dry."

There are other greener processes out there as well. If a new cleaner opens up in your neighborhood, chances are they are using something cleaner than perc. Or they should be. So make sure to go in and ask.

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Dear Earth Talk: What are the greenest light bulbs to use? I hear there has been a lot of backlash against compact fluorescents because they contain mercury. -- Peter Roscoe, Hershey, PA

Just a decade ago, incandescent bulbs were just about the only game in town, despite their inefficient use of electricity to generate light and their primitive technology that had not changed since being invented some 125 years ago.

But now that is all changing fast, with phase-outs of incandescents going on in Australia, Brazil, Venezuela, Switzerland and the Euro-Russia, Canada and the U.S. following suit shortly. The U.S. passed legislation in 2007 to increase the efficiency of light bulbs sold in the U.S. by 25 percent or more by 2014, and then by as much as 60 percent more by 2020.

For decades, those concerned with energy savings have been touting the benefits of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) over incandescents. CFLs use only onefifth of the electricity of incandescents to generate the

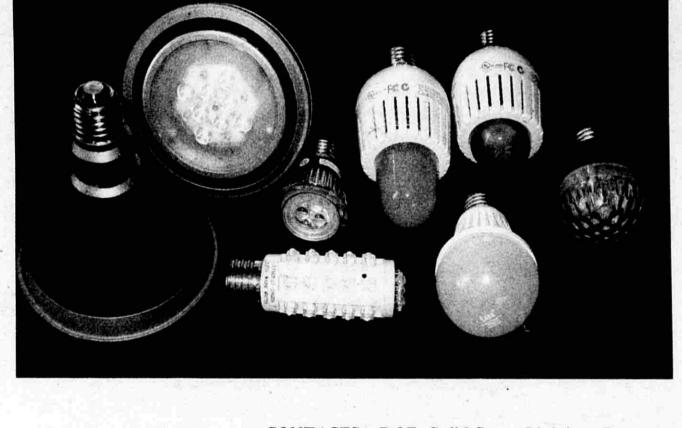
same amount of light, and they can last six to 10 times longer. But CFLs' cooler color and inability to be dimmed have made them less desirable. Another hindrance to the widespread adoption of CFLs has been their higher cost (though most consumers would save plenty in energy costs over the life of a bulb). Also, CFLs contain mercury, a dangerous neurotoxin that is released when the bulbs break. And once CFLs do burn out they must be disposed of properly to avoid releasing mercury into the environment.

Given the issues with CFLs, LEDs (short for light emitting diodes) are beginning to come on strong. These highly efficient bulbs don't generate heat like incandescents (which helps to keep air conditioning costs down as well) and can last five times longer than CFLs and 40 times longer than incandescents. Tiny LED bulbs have been around for years in specialized applications (such as stadium scoreboards), but lighting engineers got the idea to cluster them and use reflective casings to harness and concentrate their light for residential use. In recognition of the LED's potential, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) set up a special "solidstate" (LED) lighting R&D program to hasten the advance of the technology.

In comparing the total cost to run three different types of 60-watt equivalent bulbs for 50,000 hours (factoring in the cost of the both bulbs and electricity), the EarthEasy website found that LEDs would cost \$95.95, CFLs \$159.75 and incandescents \$652.50. The 42 incandescent bulbs tested used up to 3,000 kilowatt hours of electricity compared to 700 and 300 for CFLs and LEDs respectively. However, despite the savings most consumers are loath to spend \$35 and up for an LED bulb (even though it will save more than \$500 in the long run) when a traditional incandescent bulb right next to it on the shelf costs \$1.

There are other newer technologies in the works. Se-

attle-based Vul now sells highly efficient bulbs based on its Electron Stimulated Luminescence (ESL) technology, whereby accelerated electrons stimulate a phosphor coating on the inside of the bulb, making the surface glow. One of Vul's 65-watt equivalent bulbs retails for under \$20 and uses a similar amount of energy as an equivalent CFL. And incandescents aren't out of the efficient lighting race altogether just yet. Top bulb makers recently released new versions that use as much as a third less electricity to operate (complying with 2012's new federal standards) and are promising newer models still that will run on even less en-



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Our "Lowell Area" Museum is funded with \$20,000+ from the Lowell city taxpayers and a much smaller donation from Lowell and Vergennes Townships. Why are the city taxpayers asked to carry the bulk of the burden? It seems unfair.



### Storm preparation

Consumers Energy reminds its customers of what to do before, during and after a storm. The utility is making preparations and staffing additional personnel to respond to any electric service interruptions that may result from the stormy and windy forecast.

"As we move into the fall storm season, it's important that we take time to plan for severe weather activity," said Daniel J. Malone, senior vice president of distribution and customer operations for the utility. "Being prepared can minimize the impact of a storm and help you and your family to stay safe."

Consumers Energy offers the following tips to help its customers weather storm-related outages:

### Be Prepared

 Keep flashlights and a portable radio handy. Make sure you have fresh batteries. Lanterns and battery-operated lights are a safe alternative to candles.

- Keep a list of emergency numbers near your phone. Most hard-wired and cell phones should still work.
- cordless Some phones operate only with electricity. Keep a cell phone or other phone that works without electricity.
- Become familiar with where your electric circuit box is located and know how to turn your power on and off.
- If you have electrically powered life-support equipment, before a power outage occurs, ask your physician, nurse or equipment supplier about emergency backup.
- If you have a generator, you must have a transfer switch installed in your fuse box by a licensed

electrician, for the safety and protection of our line workers.

- Keep a supply of canned food and, if you have an infant, baby formula. Make sure you have a manual can opener.
- Keep a complete first-aid kit and a sufficient supply of prescription medications on hand at all times. During A Storm
- Stay clear downed and sagging wires. Treat all downed wires as if they are energized and keep a safe distance. Also make sure children and pets maintain a safe distance. Immediately report downed wires to Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or the local law enforcement agency.
- Don't attempt to repair or remove limbs from lines.
- Please don't interfere with utility crews while they are working.
- Unplug or turn off all appliances that run continually or operate automatically. This includes your furnace, refrigerator, computer, stove, water heater, TV, VCR, DVD and microwave. This can prevent them from being damaged if a voltage surge occurs when power is restored.

- Keep one light "on" so you'll know when your electricity has been restored.
- · If you are leaving the house, turn the main breaker off. This will reduce the chance of appliance damage and safety problems if power is restored while you're away.
- Before removing damaged trees or branches, check closely to make sure no lines are touching them.
- · Draw blinds and shades over your windows. That will prevent glass from shattering into your home if the window should break due to blown objects or large hail.
- Unplug and avoid using electrical appliances. Avoid using the telephone. If lightning strikes, telephone lines and other wires conduct electricity. Leaving lights on, however, does not increase the chance of your home being struck by lightning.
- Avoid taking a bath or shower. In fact, avoid running water for any reason. Metal pipes and plumbing will conduct electricity in the event of a lightning strike.
- · Turn off and unplug your air conditioner.

Power surges from lightning can overload the compressor and cause costly damage. What To Do After The

### Storm Passes Continue listening

- to local radio or television stations or monitoring the local newspaper for updated information and instructions.
- Avoid traveling to or through storm-damaged areas if possible. You may be putting yourself at risk or hampering restoration ef-
- Stay away from fallen power lines and anything a line may be touching. Report downed power lines immediately to 1-800-477-5050 or the local law enforcement agency.
- Be cautious around storm-damaged brush, branches and trees where wires may be entangled.
- Survey your property for any visible damage and possible lingering effects of the storm, such as hanging branches or sagging lines.
- potential Report hazards and keep others especially children - away from fallen trees and power lines.

- Offer to help neighbors who may need special assistance: infants, the elderly or people with disabilities.
- Arrange for clean up on your property of any debris. Consumers Energy will take care of pole or wire replacement and clean up, but tree and other debris can pose a hazard and should be removed promptly by the homeowner.
- Restoration information can be obtained by calling 1-800-477-5050.

In some cases, the mast that holds the electric service wires to your home or business may have been damaged or torn away from the home. Utility crews will reconnect the wires to your home, but only a licensed electrician can repair or replace a mast or cable.

For more information on storm safety, visit the Consumers Energy website at: www.consumersenergy. com.

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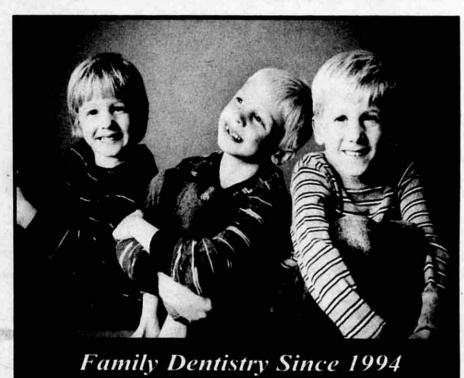


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### Autumn offers lessons for retirement

In autumn, animals know winter is coming and take the steps to prepare. Bears grow thicker fur and settle in for peaceful hibernation. Squirrels collect and store acorns and other nuts. Birds, favoring warmer weather and having the means to make it possible, fly south for the winter.

When it comes to preparing for retirement, we can learn from the animals -- making sure the transition into the later years of our lives is as smooth and com-

fortable as possible. The best place to start is a visit to www.socialsecurity.gov.

You can get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

If you decide you're going to be a "snowbird" when retirement comes, and go to warmer climates during winter weather, make sure that your Social Security payment goes with you. The best way to do that is to use direct deposit. You never

have to worry about where your monthly payment will be delivered — it will show up in your bank account whether you're in the Dakotas or the Florida Keys. Learn all about electronic payments at www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit.

Whether you're in the spring, summer, or entering the autumn of your life, the best time to start preparing for retirement is always the present. A good place to start is at www.socialsecurity.gov. Even the animals

know they can't wait until the last minute to prepare for a comfortable winter. Take a lesson from our furry and feathered friends and prepare for your own comfortable retirement.

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