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## Featured crafter is a regular on Christmas through Lowell tour

by Emma Palova

Jodi Socall of All in the Family crafts has been on the Christmas through Lowell tour since 1998 turning the event into a family affair. This year the tour is set for Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

Mom, aunts, cousins and daughter Makayla, 7, all participate in creating crafts for the tour. Socall has done crafts since high school and her daughter has been doing crafts for the last four years. Makayla makes bracelets and magnets.

When Socall received a phone call from the chamber of commerce that she will be the featured artist

on the tour, Socall was surprised. Usually, artists such as woodcarvers or painters are featured, not typical crafters.

But, Socall's crafts are popular and inexpensive with everything under \$20.

And the hottest sellers? Well that varies from year to year, according to Socall. But all-time favorites remain various snowmen and gingerbread ornaments, floral arrangements and little family cookbooks. Overall, definitely items under \$2.

The cookbooks for \$1 feature family recipes with

a different theme each year. This year's theme is "Chocolate Lovers."

And All in the Family members also make Snuggle Buddies, animals stuffed with rice that can be warmed in the microwave to alleviate aches and pains or just to snuggle up on a cold winter night.

The atmosphere at All in the Family located at 11756 Bluewater Highway just east of Lowell is welcoming. People enter through the basement and mingle around and have fun.

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Jodi Socall from All in the Family crafts on the 20th Annual Christmas through Lowell tour.

## Escanaba in da Moonlight opens this week

by Emma Palova

Just in time for the opening of the firearm hunting season, comes the dinner theatre production "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a sequel to last year's "Escanaba in Love," which opens this Saturday.

And the play presented by Thebes Players is all about bagging a deer in the Soady family in a camp deep in Michigan's Upper



Peninsula staged at Larkin's Other Place.

The main character Reuben Soady, played by Matt Tawney, is already 35 and he hasn't shot his first deer yet.

**Pictured during dress rehearsal, left to right, are: Matt Tawney, Ken Parrish, Casey Berg, Peter Huschilt, and John Foley.**

"He has yet to bag his first buck," said director Ric Davenport. "He's a source of shame for the entire family and he doesn't want to be the oldest to bag his first buck."

The entire play is centered on deer hunting and as the youngest brother Remnar Soady puts it: "It's like Christmas with guns."

On a scale of one to 10 rating the comedy, Davenport gives it a 10.

"It's hilarious," he said.

Davenport has played in the comedy previously, so he feels familiar with it.

"The cast is very experienced," he said. "They take direction well. I like molding each character. I am looking forward to the play."

Davenport, who has played several roles for Flat River Community Players productions in Greenville, likes the creative end of directing, in spite of the challenges.

He couldn't fill two parts and Davenport still has no one to run the lights and the sound.

"I might have to do it myself," he said.

The cast from Thebes Players started rehearsing two months ago and they

## Let there be cost-effective light



Jay Rickert, works to replace light bulbs around town with eco-friendly bulbs. The bulbs are "night sky compliant," meaning they have a cap on top preventing light pollution. On their second day of bulb changing, they've changed 34 of the 136 bulbs and expect to finish in approximately a week.

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## Shop students lend a hand to help elementary bikers

In the eight years Murray Lake Elementary has been open, students rarely rode their bikes to school. Consequently, a bike rack was never needed. This fall several different students began coming to school on bikes.

Murray Lake principal, Brent Noskey, found that the cheapest bike rack available was over \$500. He decided to contact Tony Ellis, an industrial arts teacher at Lowell High School.

Within three weeks, Noskey received an email from Ellis asking when did he want to pick up his new

bike rack. The cost to Murray Lake, said Ellis, "A box of doughnuts."

"I was truly surprised with Tony's e-mail. I had no idea he could even accomplish the project and in no way did I think he would have it done already," said Noskey.

"The bike rack looks better than the commercially sold bike racks. His kids did a great job with it and I greatly appreciate it. I think it is really fantastic when kids from another building in our district can come together and help students," he added.

The students pictured built the bike rack for Murray Lake, left to right: Nick Burton, Josh Zalis, Nick Weaver and Kevin DeKraker. Lane Garcia is missing from the picture.



**DISTRICT FINALS FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF TICKETS**  
The Lowell vs. Muskegon game at Lowell on Fri., Nov. 4, will be on sale for \$5 in the athletic office on Thurs. and Fri., from 7:30 am - 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.

**COFFEE WITH COUNCIL**  
Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month 8:00-10:00 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

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**GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE**  
Cancer - New Member Meeting, Tuesdays, Nov. 8 and 22, 2:30-3:30 pm and Nov. 8 7:15-8:00 pm; "Look Good, Feel Better," Tues., Nov. 8, 1:00-3:00 pm, this program is to help women in treatment for cancer with appearance-related side-effects; Book Club, Tues., Nov. 15, 4:30-5:30 pm, this month's book is "Half Broke Horses;" Paper Birds & Feathers Workshop, Tues., Nov. 15, 3:30-5:30 pm; Reiki Night, Tues., Nov. 29, 6:30-8:00 pm; Wood Carving, Tues., Nov. 29, 4:00-5:00 pm. 314 S. Hudson, 897-8600.

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**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 November.

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.

## Donor registry shows 28 percent increase; on record pace

Six months after Secretary of State Ruth Johnson launched her new campaign to sign up more organ donors, including a new policy directing branch office employees to ask customers if they would like to join the state's organ donor registry, the number of sign-ups is soaring, said Johnson.

From April 20, the day after Johnson directed the change, through Oct. 19, there were 220,201 new organ donor registrations. That represents an increase of 28 percent over the same period last year, when there were 171,764 sign-ups.

"We are encouraged by these improving numbers, which will save lives," Johnson said. "Those awaiting a transplant can rest assured our office, along with our partners Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank, will continue promoting this cause in every county of our state."

More than 2.3 million residents are on the state's organ donor registry, according to Gift of Life Michigan, but Michigan still ranks 44th nationally in organ donor registrations, so more work needs to be done, Johnson said.

Last year, there were 289 organ donors and 1,067 tissue donors in Michigan.

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## Lowell High School Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School has announced that Lindsey Crawford, 12th grade, and Seth Dee, 9th grade, are the Lowell High School October 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 1200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Crawford and Dee. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Crawford was nominated by the World Language department and they write, "Lindsey is working tremendously hard in AP Spanish. Her summer work was to complete a certain number of activities each month and she accomplished all tasks

within the stated time frame. She just rocked a ten minute speech in which she used a plethora of new vocabulary from this year and from her ongoing Thesaurus she started last year. The biggest bonus about Lindsey is she always does everything with a great attitude and sense of humor."

The English department nominated Dee and they write, "Seth Dee is a passionate young man. Whether he's discussing his role on the football or wrestling

teams, his relationships at church, or his achievements in school, it's obvious that Seth gives 100 percent effort. His introductory shield presentation was colorful, creative and constructive. He volunteered to go first

and he set the bar high. He shared his goals and his hobbies openly, without fear. This ethic continued as he completed his Good Deed project early and exceeded basic expectations. During a group project for a novel, Seth volunteered to edit a movie for the group. No one else in the group had experience and they were overwhelmed. Seth, not having any experience himself, knew that he would stick with the task regardless of frustration. He sacrificed three of his lunch periods to work in my room researching file conversion programs and downloading files to get his scenes in the proper program for editing. He stuck with the task and found a solution that other groups were able to follow. While many would have put the solution or blame on others, Seth seized the opportunity to learn from the adversity and humbly made a difference for others."



Seth Dee



Lindsey Crawford

## Donor registry, continued

Each organ donor can save up to eight lives. Each tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people.

"We are thrilled by the number of people making this life-saving decision to join the donor registry," said Richard Pietroski, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue recovery organization. "It's so important to the 3,000 people in Michigan in need

of an organ transplant and the many thousands more who need tissue or corneal transplants. Secretary Johnson and her staff are the new front line of the 'transplant team.'"

Other efforts include an extensive promotional effort that includes putting organ donor reminders on the most widely used forms at Secretary of State branch offices and an advisory task force

comprised of organ donor leaders, recipients and lawmakers. Additionally, her office is using social media to urge Michigan residents to sign up as organ donors.

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by visiting www.Michigan.gov/sos or any Secretary of State branch office. Those who sign up receive a heart logo sticker to place on a driver's license

that indicates their wish to be an organ donor. A new card with a permanent heart emblem is issued at renewal time.

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## Crafter, continued

Tables are set up outside for those who want to relax.

"Just come and have fun," Soccia said.

The best selling days are Friday and Saturday with average sales of \$900.

"Sunday is a bonus day," Soccia said. "People come back to get their card punched."

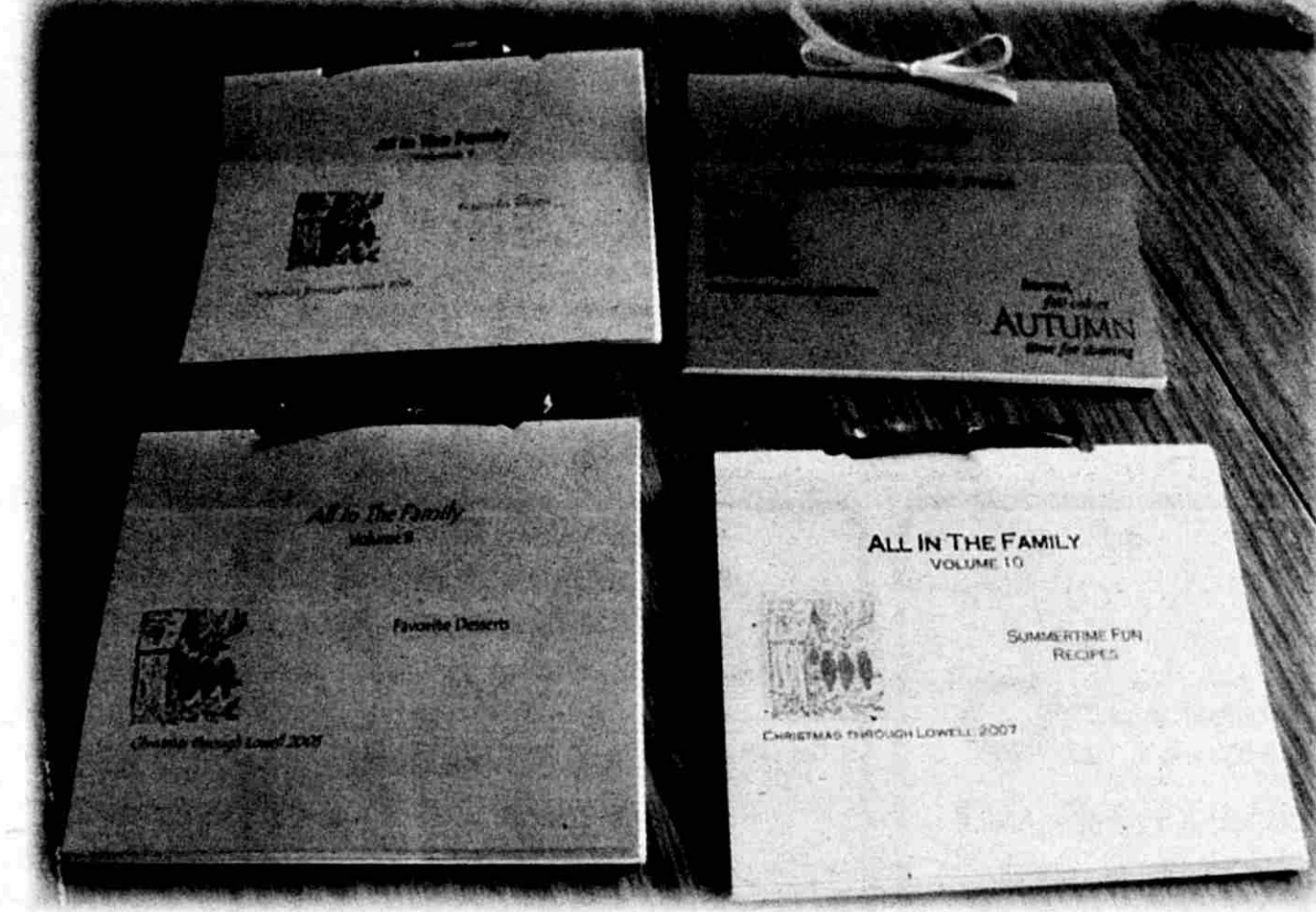
The family gets the ideas for the crafts from shows, stores and magazines.

"We have a little bit of everything," she said.

This may include dishcloths, scarves and hats.

Surprisingly enough, women are not the only ones to frequent the tour stops.

"We get a lot of guys shopping for themselves," Soccia said.



And as long as people keep coming, Soccia wants to stay on the tour in the future with new crafts. Watch for story Christmas through Lowell coming up in next week's issue of the Lowell Ledger.

**Dr. Reagan had patients vote for the best costume on Halloween**  
The winners were: 1st, Pumpkin (Gail); 2nd, Queen Bumble Bee (Becky); and 3rd, Sarah Palin (Julie).

Thank you for voting!  
Look at our website for color photos of the costumes - www.jamesreagandds.com

Cara (Flower), Carrie (Ceiling Fan), Lorie (Bunny); Becky (Queen Bee); Gail (Pumpkin), Julie (Sarah Palin), Dr. Jim (60's Hippie).

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**Want to cut the deficit? End offshore tax abuses**



Sen. Carl Levin

The vast majority of Americans fulfill their legal and civic obligations to pay the taxes they owe, and rightly expect others to do the same. But too often, corporations and wealthy individuals use overseas tax havens to dodge their duty, passing their tax burden off onto others and increasing the federal budget deficit.

That's why I have introduced the Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act, legislation geared to stop offshore tax abuses that constitute a huge drain on U.S. taxpayers. This bill offers powerful tools to combat offshore tax abuses and eliminate tax incentives that encourage corporations to move jobs and profits overseas. And at a time when budget deficits are everyone's concern, this bill offers a reasonable way to reduce the deficit by billions of dollars. I have recommended to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction – the so called "super-committee" – that they consider the Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act as they work on a bipartisan agreement to reduce the deficit.

The bill is a product of the investigative work of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair. For more than ten years, the subcommittee has exposed billions of dollars in offshore abuses, including the use of offshore corporations and trusts to hide assets; the use of tax haven banks to set up secret accounts; and the use of U.S. bankers, lawyers, accountants and other professionals to devise abusive tax shelters. A small office building in the Cayman Islands, called the Uglad House, is listed as the headquarters for more than 19,000 shell corporations that in too many cases are being used to dodge their taxes. In addition,

over the past two years, 30,000 Americans have come clean to the IRS about hiding funds in offshore bank accounts.

Why is this so important? Because the stakes for taxpayers and our budget problem are enormous.

Our subcommittee has estimated that offshore tax abuses cost taxpayers about \$100 billion a year. The loss of that money means two things happen: the tax burden on law-abiding, middle-class taxpayers goes up to cover the obligations of those who fail to pay what they owe; and our budget deficit deepens.

The Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act would help put a halt to offshore tax dodging in several ways. It would authorize the Treasury secretary to take special measures against foreign jurisdictions or financial institutions that impede U.S. tax enforcement. It would give law enforcement new tools to establish who owns and controls offshore entities. And it would stop corporations that are run from the United States from avoiding taxes by claiming status as foreign corporations.

I have introduced similar legislation in the past, and some important provisions from those bills have become law. But much more can and should be done. Cracking down on offshore tax abuse would not only combat rising budget deficits, but also make our tax system fairer to middle-class families.

No one enjoys paying taxes. But almost all of us do. Some pay their taxes simply to avoid trouble, but for most of us, there is something else going on: a sense of civic duty. We understand that, as Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes put it, when we pay taxes, we buy civilization.

We know that for our country to remain safe, secure and prosperous, paying our fair share is necessary. It's wrong that so many use offshore shelters to avoid their obligations, and we can and should do more to put an end to the tax cheating that robs our Treasury, honest taxpayers, and our children's future.

**health**



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

**hives**

Hives are raised bumps caused by irritation in the upper layers of skin. They can be pale or red in color and are usually very itchy. The bumps are often oval or round, but can also be other shapes. They are usually about the size of a quarter, but can be larger. Hives sometimes occur with inflammation in deeper layers of skin, which causes more swelling and even pain.

Hives show up quickly (within minutes) and fade within hours. Once faded, they leave no marks other than scratches from the itching. However, new hives may show up after the original hives have gone away. Hives can be caused by many things, including:

- allergies to food, particles in the air, or things that touch your skin
- insect stings or bites
- medicines
- heat, cold, or pressure

In many cases, no specific cause is found. Your doctor will diagnose hives by examining your skin, asking questions and doing a physical examination. If no cause is obvious and you have recurrent hives, more testing or consultation with an allergist may be in order. Hives are generally treated with antihistamines, many of which are available without a prescription. Other prescription medications are available if you have persistent or more significant hives.

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**viewpoint**

**to the editor**

**museum has grown**

Dear Editor,

I have recently read articles and letters published in this local paper recapping the first years of the Lowell Area Historical Museum and how it has grown during that time. Yes, how proud we all can be of those living in Lowell now, former residents and those from nearby areas who have opened their hearts, their purses and their memories to share with all of us. Their interest in and dedication to the well-being of the fledgling museum ensured the growth and the respect that the museum has earned.

When Larry Wittenbach was putting together his written memories of the Swiss families that settled

in the Lowell area, he spoke with members of each and every one of those families. Today, we of Swiss heritage feel that there is a very personal part of our life in the words that make up his wonderful book. When he agreed to speak to members of the museum and recap his efforts in putting the material together, those of Swiss background turned out to fill the Lowell Township meeting hall. What a wonderful evening we all had!

Nick Blough and his history classes spent hours filming the men and women who remember how Lowell was years ago, before we had what we now feel we must have. It was an intimate place, close knit and everyone knew everyone. Almost like today, but set in a different time frame. No,

probably we would hesitate to stop back into that era, but it was interesting and worth our time to remember.

Please accept the Lowell Area Historical Museum as a wonderful, living creation well worth your time to explore. I have been selfish and have writing only about my own memories, but there are so many gifts there to be enjoyed by all. Don't look upon it as a receptacle for that which is dead and gone, but as a living story of what was, what we honor and appreciate today and on which we can build for tomorrow.

See you soon at the Lowell Area Historical Museum!

Submitted by  
Donna Jean Ford

**scoffing protest**

To the Editor,

I have often read in our local "free press" that our fellow Americans who are trying to right some of the injustices in America have not been able to articulate their grievances very well. I would like to help them by sharing my thoughts which they are free to use or rephrase to suit their grievance.

I try very hard to make wood and stained glass objects that are of value. However, they haven't captured the public's fancy and I am not able to sell them for enough money to sustain my family in the same style as my successful artist friends.

Therefore I propose that we all gather in front of city hall at one o'clock next Thursday to begin a protest against this inequity.

I propose that we unite behind a demand that the government require successful artists to contribute some of their time to me to bring my skills up to their level. If they don't see the reason-

ableness of this request, then my government should tax them to provide me some of their money to help me attain for myself what is only fair. This is America, you know.

Further, if local police officers restrict my right to peaceful protest, the state police should protect my rights under the first amendment.

I believe that using the neighboring lawns as rest room facilities and making a garbage dump out of our local parks, if I am being peaceful, is protected. If I want to throw objects at the police, I should not be subject to police brutality but only be restrained gently and encouraged to please sit down or go home.

I hope you will be able to join me at one o'clock next Thursday in front of city hall. This may take days, so please bring sleeping bags, food and portable shelters.

Jim Sowle  
Lowell

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**proud of museum**

To the Editor:

I would like to remind the residents of Lowell that you have free admission to the Lowell Area Historical Museum the first Thursday of every month. In November that falls on Thursday, November 3 from 1:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

As a boardmember and volunteer of the museum, I

would encourage you to visit (or revisit) and enjoy the work and dedication that has gone into this treasure. We are so proud of the building and displays and also the programs, traveling exhibits and educational opportunities through the schools and for the community.

Marj Harding

**lahm a source of education**

Dear Editor

and Lowell Community,

The past informs the present and the present informs the future. This is the philosophy that runs through much of what takes place at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Whether it's a children's workshop, a military veteran's oral history or a special exhibit displaying a facet of our local history, we believe these connections to the past are important.

I will always remember how Ivan Blough thought it so important that young people in our community know their local history. Ivan was a builder and he knew that part of building citizenship lay in understanding your community's history. Ro-

tary, Lions, FROM, LAAC, the chamber and many other local organizations are driven forward by people who understand and care about Lowell. The museum is a touchstone for all of these, reminding us from where we have come and inspiring us to an even better future.

The museum is the keeper of Lowell history, entrusted with preserving thousands of artifacts, photographs, maps and community records. We not only preserve them but more importantly make them available to the community for education and research. Phone calls come into the museum every week from

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By Shelly MacNaughton

**100 Years Ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
November 2, 1911**

The Lowell Cutter company has the foundation laid for a new lumber shed, 22x100 feet. It is at the south end of its property, further removed from the main buildings and lumber piles than the one recently burned.

Addie Sinclair of A lot visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton a few days last week.

Farmers of this vicinity are busy hauling their produce to market.

Earl Jakeway spent Wednesday evening in Lowell.

**75 Years Ago  
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo  
October 29, 1936**

The Lowell Board of Trade and the local American

Legion Post are sponsoring a Halloween party for the children of Lowell, Saturday night, Oct. 31, at Recreation Park at 7:30. There will be a program of contests and refreshment of cider, doughnuts and apples.

The next president will be the First president to take office under the 20th or "anti-lame duck" amendment. Although ballots will be cast by voters on Nov. 3, the president will not actually be elected until January 6 when the Senate and the House, in joint session, count the electoral votes.

**50 Years Ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
November 2, 1961**

Work was started Monday by the Kent County Road Commission under contract from the State Highway Department to repair the washed away area of the Lowell Main Street bridge.

This area which washed away into the river after the Main St. fire of 1958 is being filled in with stone and gravel clay mix extending out into the old foundations. Five feet out from the sidewalk will be sodded and the slope into the backwater of the river covered with riprap of broken cement.

**25 Years Ago  
The Grand Valley Ledger  
October 29, 1986**

Lowell Middle School admitted eleven new personalities to the attendance rolls this fall. Students in Karen Lambert's after-school Art Club created some colorful characters in the form of "scarecrows." Their original purpose was to decorate the grounds of the Fallasburg Fall Festival, but they have also welcomed visitors to the middle school and helped set the state for a festive Halloween.

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## Who says Halloween fun and dental health don't mix?

Although their local dentists joined in profession at first the fun and sent Todd Gillan's staff and and right, Dr. James glance would appear Ledger photos of their incognito staff at office to be the antithesis of Halloween, two Monday. Below Dr. of



In back, left to right, Donna, Dr. Gillan, Kristina and Lisa; in front, left to right: Kristie, Joanne and Melanie.

## Saluting Our Soldiers on Veterans Day

Remember to submit a picture of a Veteran or Serviceman or woman that you would like to honor. Please include their name, branch of service, years served and a military photo.

They will be published in the Nov. 9, 2011 edition of The Ledger.

All photos will be returned if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope or they may be picked up at The Ledger office.

**Deadline is Friday, November 4, 2011**  
For more information call **The Ledger 616.897.9261**



Cara (Flower); Carrie (Ceiling Fan); Lorie (Bunny); Becky (Queen Bee); Gail (Pumpkin); Julie (Sarah Palin); Dr. Jim (60's Hippie).

## Escanaba, continued

have been steadily at it, working two to three times a week.

"I have a good cast, it makes it easier," he said. "We'll do a bang up job."

The play will be at Larkin's Other Place, who will also cater the dinner.

Mike Larkin said he expects a good turnout based on last year's production and the fact that people have seen the movie.

The food served will have a Yooper theme, pasties, vegetable chili, salad bar, dessert, coffee and tea and cash bar.

The play will run on the following dates: Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19, with dinner starting at 6:30 pm and the play beginning at 7:30 pm.

A matinee is scheduled for Nov. 6 at 1:30 pm for

dinner and 2:30 pm for the play.

The tickets with reserved seating are \$23.

Following is the cast: Ken Parrish as Albert Soady, Matt Tawney as Reuben Soady, Peter Huschilt as Remnar Soady, John Foley as Jimmer Negamane, Casey Berg as Ranger Tom and Amanda Horner as Wolf Moon Dance Soady.



Pictured, left to right, back row: Peter Huschilt as Remnar Soady, Casey Berg as Ranger Tom, Ken Parrish as Albert Soady, Matt Tawney as Reuben Soady; and, in front, John Foley as Jimmer Negamane.

## Voters, continued

gan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them can still vote. They may sign a brief

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## Local dog breeders featured on Animal Planet's Dogs 101

by Emma Palova

A local couple was featured on Animal Planet Dogs 101 show last week with their French rabbit hound breed the PBGV.

Hobby breeders Delberta and Joe Gogulski, aka Jodell Hounds, have been breeding dogs for the last 30 years starting out with Afghan hounds in the late 70s.

Later they focused on the Petit Basset Griffon

Vendeen (PBGV) breed for its easy adaptability to families.

They were among featured breeders on the Animal Planet network "Dogs 101" show last Saturday. The PBGV breed is known for its searching rescue capabilities.

They bred a champion dog, "Ella," 5, and her sister

Jodell Boogie Back to Texas. Ella was featured in the segment on Animal Planet.

The filming took place at the end of April during the heavy rains.

"It was busy and difficult," said Delberta.

The couple got smitten by the PBGV breed when they saw it at another breeder's home. So, they bought

the first one, Feebe, who won sweepstakes at the National Specialty show featuring PBGVs and a Reserve Winner in her six to nine months class.

"She was the number one producing female in the country," said Joe.

The production crew spent six hours shooting video and chasing the puppies.

The PBGV breed originates in France and its purpose is to hunt small game in the region of its birth, Vendeen, France. They are a sturdy, average size dog with a disposition and a cuteness factor of 110 percent.

This year a Lowell bred PBGV is the top female of the breed in competition, with several best in shows, winning both the Eukanuba Invitational show with a hound group #3 awarded and the Best of Breed at the National Specialty dog show.

Another Jodell PBGV girl was the top producer of champions for 2010 and several more are now competing at the top level of dog show competitions.

"The Ledger has played an important contributing roll with Jodell PBGVs and we appreciate, so much, the end rolls they make available for us," said Delberta.

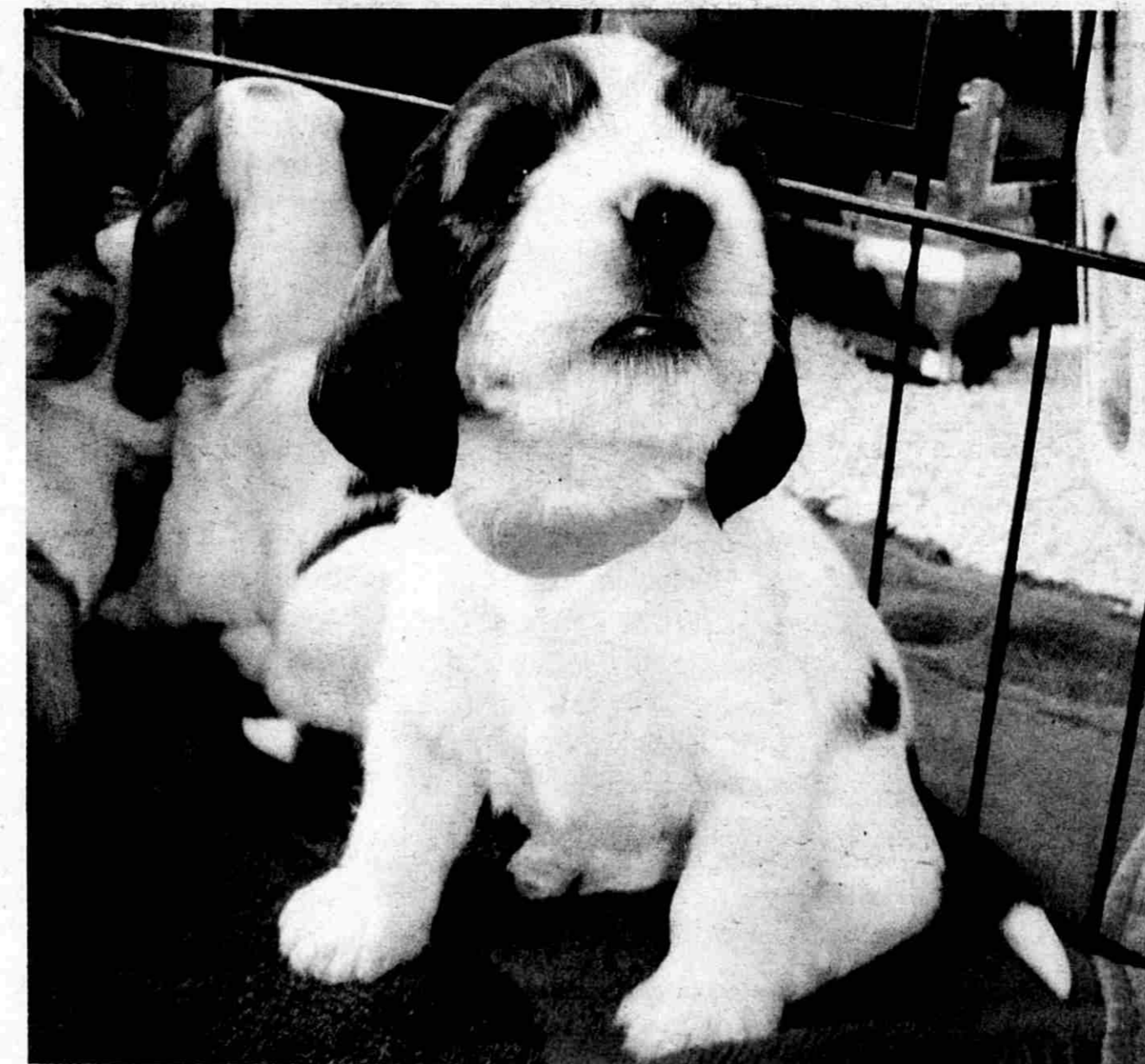
The Gogulskis are AKC breeders of merit. Delberta is a judge for the United Kennel Club and approved to judge both Afghans and PBGVs for the American Kennel Club. She is currently the vice president of the Grand Rapids kennel club.

The program aired Saturday the 29th of October and will be repeated throughout the fall/winter season on the Animal Planet network.

Joe and Delberta Gogulski are life members of the Grand Rapids kennel club, members of the Afghan Hound Club of America and members of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America.



A videographer from Animal Planet tries to get puppies on film.



All puppies are cute but the Gogulskis say this breed is something special and wished the variety had been around years ago when they started breeding dogs.

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~ Ben Williams

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PBGV pup Ella, shown with breeder, owner and handler Delberta Gogulski, was used in the filming of Animal Planet.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - CROSS COUNTRY

### Runners finish season competitive in the 2011 Allendale mega regional meet

by Casey Cheney

The Lowell Red Arrow boys' and girls' cross country teams finished their seasons at the Allendale mega regional meet on Saturday. Competing against 15 teams, the boys finished eleventh and the girls thirteenth.

"Considering the competition we had to run against, I thought the guys did a great job," boys' coach Clay VanderWarf said. "We had many finish the season with their personal best times."

First across the line for the Lowell boys' was junior

John Mark. He finished fiftieth and ran in at 18:11.30. As always, Nick MacDonald was close behind. The freshman finished in 18:33.80, eight places behind Mark. Senior Ben Partridge finished one place - and less than two seconds - behind

MacDonald with a time of 18:35.20.

Lowell's average time was 18:50.66. They placed higher than Jenison, Muskegon, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and Grand Rapids Union.

VanderWarf said, "I have enjoyed working with the guys this year and I think they have established a pretty good foundation to build on for next year."

Jessica Graves and Ra-chael Walters once again

led the Red Arrow girls' pack across the finish line, though not in the top ten this time. Graves finished 26th at 19:59.00. Walters finished three places behind her at 20:10.70.

Senior Karis Dilly finished next for Lowell, running a 21:59.20.

The girls averaged 21:28.62. They beat Holland West Ottawa and Grand Rapids Union.

## - VOLLEYBALL

### Arrows takes down Northview

In their last game of the regular season, the Red Arrows faced Northview in Northview's gym. Coach Gigi Peal wasn't anticipating an easy game.

The Wildcats had given them trouble earlier in the season and this time they

would be even more eager to defeat the Red Arrows in their last home game.

Lowell took control in the first two sets of the match, winning 25-21 and 25-17, but the Wildcats came back in the third to win 25-22.

But Lowell refused to go down again, taking the fourth set 25-19, winning the match.

The girls went on to the OK-White, OK-Black tournament in East Grand Rapids on Saturday, where

Grand Rapids Christian defeated them in the semi-finals. Christian went on to win the tournament, defeating Mona Shores.

Lowell did have the privilege of ousting East Grand Rapids, the Achilles'

heel of the Red Arrows this season, in the first round.

For full coverage of the Red Arrow volleyball play-off action, check the Lowell Ledger in print and online.

## LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
Week of  
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**MON:** Hotdog on wheat bun (burrito w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), sweet potato tater tots, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

**TUES:** Ham & cheese on wheat bagel (saucy meatball sub w/mozarella cheese also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli florets w/ ranch, banana, milk.

**WED:** Belgian waffle sticks or cereal w/graham crackers, each w/ scrambled eggs, fresh mini carrots, orange juice, milk.

**THURS:** Chicken nugget mashed potato bowl & wheat roll (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, peaches, milk.

**FRI:** Nachos w/meat & shredded cheese (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/ romaine, red beans w/ brown rice, grapes, milk.

### Cut energy costs

With cuts in energy assistance programs, MPSC encourages utility customers to "Be WinterWise" to avoid utility shut-offs

With the start of the heating season approaching, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) encourages utility customers to "Be WinterWise" by taking actions now to reduce bills and getting on avail-

able payment plans to avoid shut-offs.

"With a reduction in both state and federally-funded energy assistance programs, it is important that utility customers who think they will have difficulty paying their winter energy bills contact their utility now to get on a payment plan and find out about energy assistance programs that

may be available to them," said MPSC Chairman John D. Quackenbush. "The Be WinterWise website is a useful resource that covers a variety of programs that can help keep the heat on this winter. Getting on a payment program now can help avoid utility shut-offs."

The Be WinterWise website includes information on:

Low-cost ways to reduce energy usage and energy assistance programs designed to prevent shut-offs, including:

- Winter Protection Plans for senior citizens and low-income customers
- State Emergency Relief
- Medical emergency shut-off protection
- Shut-off protection for active duty military personnel or their spouse
- Home Heating Credit
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Lifeline and Link-Up discount telephone service program for low-income customers
- Earned income credit

The Be WinterWise website also includes the Energy Assistance Directory, developed by the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm. It provides information on public and pri-

ivate programs, listing utility companies, programs, and resources by county.

The Michigan Public Service Commission is an agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

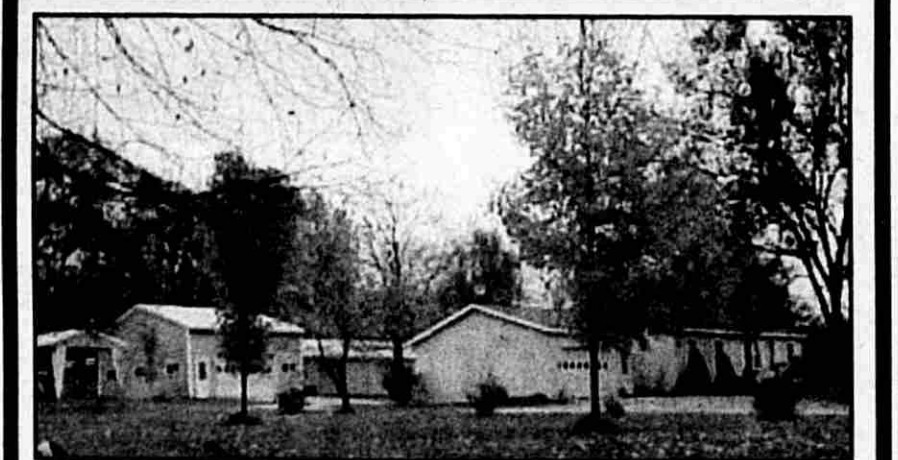
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

### Red Arrows eek out first play-off win

by Casey Cheney

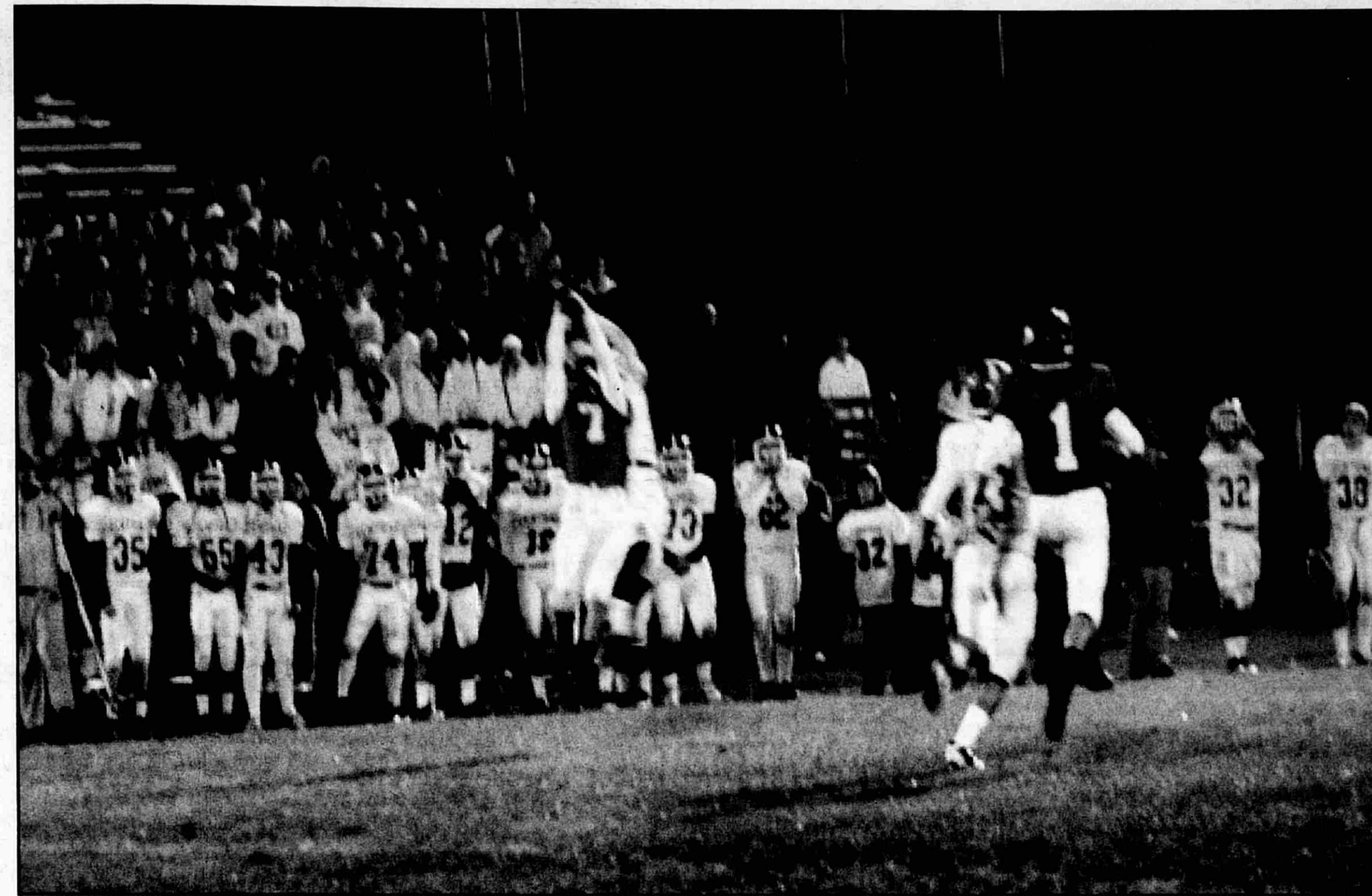
Forest Hills Central and Lowell were tied for offensive points at seven apiece in the first round of play-offs Friday night. Fortunately for the Red Arrows, defensive lineman Ryan Woodhead blocked a Ranger punt, recovered it and ran it into the end-zone to give Lowell a 13-0 lead with 10 seconds in the first half.

The Red Arrows had just scored on a Gabe Dean scramble sixty seconds earlier.

The scoreboard didn't light up again until the fourth quarter, but this time it was for the Rangers. Quarterback Spencer Nehls ran in an 11-yard touchdown with 9:20 left in the game to bring them within six points of Lowell. A touchdown and extra point would give them the lead.

With less than five minutes left in the game, Forest Hills had its last drive starting on their own ten yard line. A pass interference call against the Red Arrows on Forest Hills' 3-11 gave the drive new life.

The clock now reading



Gabe Dean dodges the Ranger defense to find an open receiver.

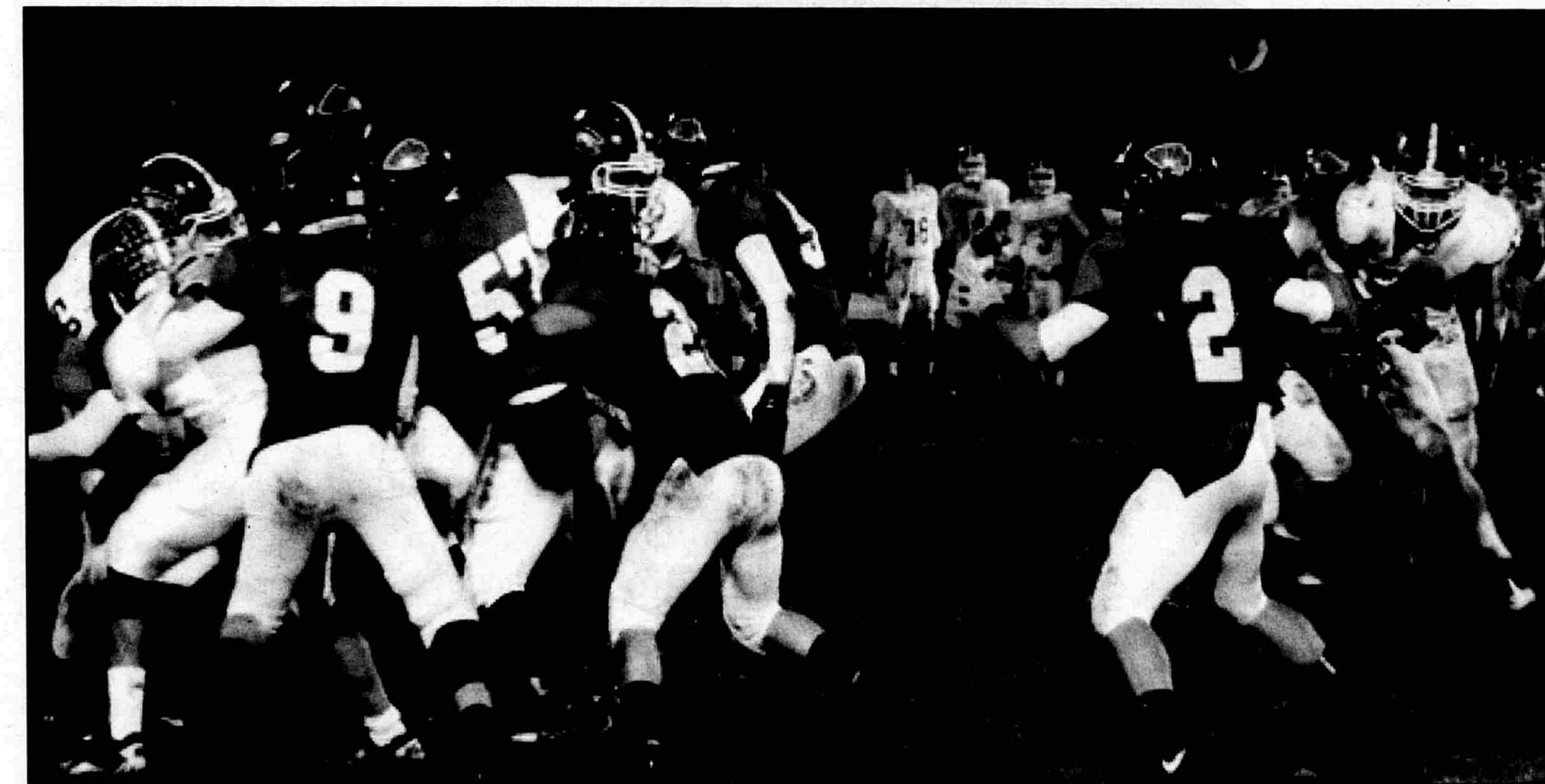
4:09, the Rangers had first and ten, the ball at their own 25. However, Lowell's defense came through again,

dropping the Rangers for a loss on second down. Then the Red Arrows effectively ended their drive and chances

of a comeback with an interception by Jeff Houston. Narrowly winning this

game, after defeating the Rangers 35-7 earlier this season, Lowell moves on to

play Muskegon (8-1). Muskegon beat Mattawan on Friday 40-19.



GO ARROWS!



Blake Lyman tries for the interception on one of Forest Hills' longest throws.

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obituaries

CARROLL

Rebecca E. "Betty" Carroll, age 84 of Coral, passed away unexpectedly Monday, October 31, 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harris and Anna Challenger; infant son, Eugene A. Carroll; grandsons, David and Sean Carroll. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Wesley; children, Wesley (Sharille) Carroll, Donald (Marie) Carroll, Rebecca (Edward) Bibbler; sisters, Dorothy (Leo) Coney, Lila (Conrad) Woods, Bessie Reed, Lucille Coons, Anna Jean Challenger; seven grandchildren; many great grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Funeral services will be held Friday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Pastors Ken Ford and Conrad Woods officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 5-7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Humane Society.



ONAN

Jason Lamont Onan, age 94, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, October 26, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wives, Mercie and Josephine "Jo." He is survived by his children, Everett (Jackie), Ted (Marina), Connie (Don) Bart, Darryl (Kathy), Bea (Randy) Smith, Shelley (Patrick) Bailey, Lori (Scott) Gage, Mike (Linda) Willard; sister-in-law, Winifred Onan; 23 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Ministers Bob Onan and Kathy Onan presiding. Interment River Ridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Senior Neighbors Center, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 or Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, 1806 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-4921.



POTTER

Marjorie Jean Potter, age 90, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, October 27, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, Michael Potter; and infant son, Larry Potter. She is survived by her daughters, Jane (Charles) Brown, Donna Potter; daughter-in-law, Roxanne Beauchamp; sister-in-law, Eleanor Potter; grandchildren, Anthony (Marsha) Brown, Nicole Brown; great-grandchildren, Alexis and Alyssa Brown; also nieces and nephews. Marjorie was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Lowell, where upon her death, she was the oldest member. With her husband John, she owned and operated Potter's Pebble Palace in Lowell. Funeral services were held Monday at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Lowell. Rev. Rick Blunt officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation was at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell or Friends of the Dearborn Animal Shelter, 2661 Greenfield, Dearborn, MI 48120.



STERZICK

Adrian L. Sterzick, age 82, of Lowell, died Friday, October 28, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; son, Chris; brothers, Clifford, Clark, and Boyce Evans. He is survived by his sons, Steven (Karen) Sterzick of Alto, Kirk Sterzick of Lowell, Robert Sterzick of Lowell; grandchildren, Anthony, Amanda, Jacob, Kimberly, and Marissa Sterzick; brothers-in-law, Fred Hull, George Schultz, Ford Warner; sisters-in-law, Leila Evans, Mary Hull; many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, 11:00 am, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Visitation was held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Rev. Neal Stockeland officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alto United Methodist Church, Harrison and Kirby S.E., Alto, MI 49302.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

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Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post. VFW POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. ADULT CANCELLATION SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tues., 6-7:15 p.m. for adults diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. 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. FREE SENIOR COFFEE - Every fourth Friday, 8-9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St. ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER - 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Providing support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393. KENT COUNTY NARFEGROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716. ALTO LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen. COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available. Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://m1222.miwg-cap.org AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m. KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected. TOTS PLAYGROUP - Meets every Tues., Wed. & Thurs. at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell, 8:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. Meeting at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto on Thursdays at 10 a.m. For more info contact Lori at 897-2532. MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042. NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarow

# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## Improve your financial picture during "open enrollment"

Later fall marks the beginning of the holiday season, which probably means that you'll have a lot going on over the next couple of months. However, busy as you are, you'll want to take the time to review your employee benefits package, since November also is a popular month for employers to offer open enrollment. And the decisions you make

now could have a big impact on your financial outlook for years to come. So, if you are in an open enrollment period, here are some steps you may want to take:

- Boost your 401(k) contributions. It's almost always a good idea to put in as much as you can, up to the contribution limit, in your 401(k) or similar re-

irement plan. After all, you typically contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Also, your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it has the potential to grow faster than an investment for which you paid taxes every year. At the very least, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. For example, if you work for an organization that will match 50 percent of everything you put in up to, say, six percent of your salary, then you should contribute six percent of your salary — which is like getting a three percent raise.

- Rebalance your 401(k) portfolio. You may have a dozen or more in-

vestment options in your 401(k). Ideally, you'll want to spread your money among these options in a way that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. But over time, your 401(k) portfolio can become "unbalanced," even if you made no changes. For example, if you've invested in a couple of aggressive-growth accounts, and these accounts have gained significantly in value, they may now be taking up a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had originally intended, exposing you to more risk than you'd like. Consequently, if your plan doesn't offer an automatic rebalance option, you may need to rebalance your portfolio by moving

some of your assets into less aggressive vehicles. You'll probably want to take all that's offered. However, this amount may still be less than what you really need to fully protect your family, so you may well need to purchase an individual policy to supplement your employer's coverage. And always be aware if your employer reduces or eliminates the insurance that's offered as an employee benefit, because you'll then need to adjust the policy that you've bought outside work.

You can review and improve your financial picture during open enrollment — so take advantage of this opportunity.

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# sharing the vision



Superintendent Greg Pratt

## Together for Educational Excellence

What a beautiful autumn it has been filled with fantastic weather, colorful scenery, and a wonderful start to the 2011/2012 school year. Along with the unusual warm fall temperatures in Michigan came an uncharacteristically demanding fall. Needless to say, our staff is doing much

more, with much less horsepower as we work through the State budget. I have to say that I could not be more proud of our staff members who keep pressing on and dedicating themselves to deliver the level of excellence that Lowell Area Schools has provided to families for decades. As difficult as the

reductions have been, it is their upbeat energy, focus, and passion that drives them to do the rewarding work of serving kids and families. As our staff nurtures students' intellectual needs, guides their emotional health, promotes healthy living, and shapes their ability to embrace self-worth, I would ask our community to be mindful of their meaningful work. I am thankful that in Lowell, we have always enjoyed a very supportive school community. However this fall as we navigate the exceptionally demanding challenge of "doing more with less," I respectfully request your extra help.

If you happen to encounter one of our staff members, please take a moment to tell them "thanks for encouraging, motivating, and caring about our children." I would also ask that, if you are a parent with a school-related issue that needs our assistance to resolve, please keep in mind that we are on the same team, working toward the same goal of assuring that your child receives the very best. Whether you are working through an issue with an administrative assistant, disagree with a coaching decision, or debating a grade with a teacher, please do so in a manner that

would model respect, dignity, and patience. It's a natural first response to express frustration when it comes to working on behalf of our child, but respectful tones and proactive problem-solving behavior is the best way to help children become the sort of person you want them to become. Strengthening a home/school partnership that is based on mutual respect, and working to provide a successful educational experience for your family, is a powerful gift we can give to our young people today. That common purpose helps us to accomplish

so much for kids and, as we approach the end of the first trimester, we can already say that we've completed an awesome week of MEAP testing; our teachers have worked to receive innovation grants from the Lowell Education Foundation that will ultimately enhance your student's academic experience; many athletic and performing arts events have taken place; and, of course, Pink Arrow once again was beyond incredible. It is truly a privilege to lead a district where parents, staff, and a caring community works "together for educational excellence!"

# EARTH TALK

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** Why don't more states mandate deposits on beverage bottles as incentives for people to return them? Most bottles I've seen only list a few states on them. - Alan Wu, Cary, NC

So-called bottle bills, otherwise known as container recycling laws, mandate that certain types of beverage containers require a small deposit (usually five or ten cents) at checkout beyond the price of the beverage itself. Customers can return the empty containers later and reclaim their nickels and dimes. The idea is to provide a financial incentive for consumers to recycle and to force industry to re-use the raw materials.

According to the Container Recycling Institute (CRI), a California-based non-profit which encourages the collection and recycling of packaging materials (and runs the website BottleBill.org), the benefits of bottle bills include: supplying recyclable materials for a high-demand market; conserving energy, natural resources and landfill space; creating new businesses and green jobs; and reducing waste disposal costs and litter. The 10 U.S. states that currently

have container recycling laws recycle at least 70 percent of their bottles and cans; this amounts to a recycling rate 2.5 times higher than in states without bottle bills.

Beverage containers make up a whopping 5.6 percent of the overall U.S. waste stream, so every bottle and can that gets recycled counts toward freeing up landfill space. And CRI reports that beverage containers account for some 20 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from landfilling municipal solid waste and replacing the wasted products with new ones made from virgin feedstock. So by



promoting more recycling, bottle bills indirectly reduce our carbon footprints.

The 10 U.S. states with bottle bills are California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Oregon and Vermont. Delaware's legislature repealed its bottle bill after almost three decades on the books

last year as the state's bottle recycling rate had dropped to just 12 percent due to more and more retailers refusing to deal with the hassle of accepting returned containers. In place of its bottle bill, Delaware enacted a \$0.04/bottle recycling fee that will help defray the costs of starting up a curbside recycling pickup system to service the entire state.

"We are extremely disappointed they chose to repeal their law, rather than enforce it," reported CRI's Susan Collins, adding that the new fee places a burden on consumers only. "Consumers will be subsidizing the producers and that is unfair." CRI supports "extended producer responsibility" where producers and consumers together pay for the life cycle costs of product packaging.

Beyond Delaware, the main reason bottle bills haven't caught on is because of opposition to them by the beverage industry, which doesn't want to bear the costs of recycling and claims that the extra nickel or dime on the initial cost of the beverage is enough to turn potential customers away. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG) found that the beverage industry and its representatives spent about \$14 million in campaign contributions aimed at defeating a national bottle bill between 1989 and 1994. Meanwhile, members of a Senate committee who voted against national bottle bill legislation in 1992 received some 75 times more in beverage-industry PAC money than those who voted in favor of the bill.

**CONTACTS:** Container Recycling Institute, [www.container-recycling.org](http://www.container-recycling.org); USPIRG, [www.uspirg.org](http://www.uspirg.org).

## THEME: HALLOWEEN

### ACROSS

1. Poles and Serbs, e.g.
6. Popular '60s drug
9. Chunk
13. One who was owned by feudal lord
14. "I Like \_\_\_" campaign slogan
15. Single-cell protozoan
16. Broadcasting sign
17. Zip or zilch
18. Brother of a certain secret order
19. \*Male witch
21. \*Full of ghosts, adj.
23. Sitcom classic "\_\_\_ in the Family"
24. \*What Freddy and Jason do, e.g.
25. \*Famous macabre poet
28. Seductive woman
30. Make numb
35. Invitation request
37. \*They trail behind trick-or-treaters
39. On bottom of ledger?
40. On the sea
41. Angry outburst
43. "Will be," according to Doris Day
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Wooer
47. \_\_\_ Cartman, "South Park"
48. Buckwheat dish, pl.
50. Please do not delay
52. Signature substance
53. Judicial document
55. "\_\_\_ the season"

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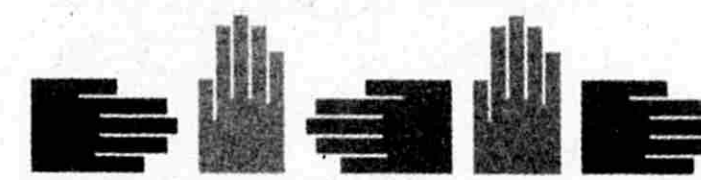
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65. Habituate
66. \*The trick-or-treaters \_\_\_ the candy
68. Drank too much
69. More odd
70. Clinton \_\_\_ Rodham
71. Egg-shaped object
72. Unwelcome quality in neighbor
73. European Nuclear Society
74. Squiggly's pal on TV
2. River in Siberia
3. Axillary
4. There you are!
5. It is often leisurely
6. Clickable connection
7. Type of resort
8. New \_\_\_\_, India
9. FBI agent
10. "\_\_\_ we forget"
11. Bassoon cousin
12. Paul McCartney's "\_\_\_ on the Run"
15. \*Protection against evil?
20. Cluster
22. Priestly vestment
24. Looks like a tiny orange
25. Joke or trick
26. "Or else" in music
27. Not odds
29. Fictional Lane
31. \*Witch masks often have a big one
32. Wombs
33. San Francisco's neighboring county
34. \*Popular Halloween color
36. "Off the beaten \_\_\_"
38. Files suit
42. Muse of love poetry
45. One who hawks
49. \_\_\_ Lanka
51. As opposed to revolver
54. Mindless
56. A Ben Franklin invention
57. Pi-meson
58. Backward arrow command
59. Clays or mucks
60. \*Freddie's victims, e.g.
61. Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, acr.
62. Second word in many fairytales
63. Chow \_\_\_
64. Whirlpool
67. \*Number of "Halloween" movies

### DOWN

1. It must go on!

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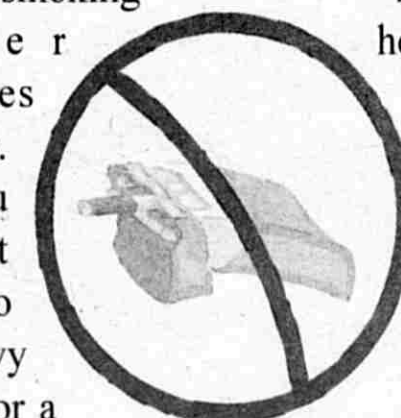
## Are you still smoking?

(SPM Wire) If you are still a smoker, you may be feeling a bit lonely.

New research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that fewer Americans are smoking cigarettes and daily users are smoking

long-time smoker to get a smoking-related disease or have a heart attack or asthma attack," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D. M.P.H. "The sooner you quit smoking, the sooner your body can begin to heal."

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- NO ..... 79%



## OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1

- More than 2.3 million people in five states are without electricity after an unusual October snowstorm hit the northeast. At least five deaths are blamed on the storm.
- World population hits 7 billion, babies celebrated worldwide.
- NBA cancels season until December after talks stall between owners and players.
- The 2011 World Series manager Tony La Russa announces that he is retiring.
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<p><b>Dearborn Heights*</b> Caroline Kennedy Library 24590 George Street Nov. 21, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Lansing*</b> Westside Lansing YMCA 3700 Old Lansing Road Nov. 22, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Saline*</b> Saline District Library 555 N. Maple Road Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.; Nov. 22, 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 1, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Greenville*</b> Flat River Community Library 200 W. Judd Street Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Livonia*</b> Livonia Civic Center Library – Auditorium 32777 Five Mile Road Nov. 15, Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Southgate*</b> Veterans Memorial Library 14680 Dix-Toledo Road Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Hamburg*</b> Hamburg Library 10411 Merrill Road Nov. 14, 10 a.m.; Nov. 30, 2 p.m.; Dec. 3, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Macomb County – Clinton Township*</b> Clinton Macomb Public Library – Main Branch 40900 Romeo Plank Road Nov. 14, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Troy*</b> Troy Community Center 3179 Livemois Road Nov. 16, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Jackson*</b> Jackson District Library Carnegie Branch Auditorium 244 W. Michigan Avenue Nov. 17, 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Muskegon*</b> Tanglewood Park 560 Seminole Road Nov. 15, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Waterford*</b> Waterford Library 5168 Civic Center Drive Nov. 10, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m.; Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Kalamazoo*</b> Kalamazoo Library, Oshtemo Branch, 7265 W. Main Street Nov. 10, Nov. 14, Nov. 28, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Niles**</b> Niles District Library 620 E. Main Street Nov. 11, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Wyoming*</b> Wyoming Public Library 3350 Michael S.W. Nov. 17, 4 p.m.; Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.</p>

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