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Election draws steady turnout in the city

by Emma Palova

A crowded ballot for city council seats and the Lowell area historical renewal millage brought voters out to the polls on Tuesday.

Clerk Betty Morlock said she expects a higher turnout than usual due to the contested race for the city council.

"It has been steady,"

she said. "I have a good absentee vote."

Out of 152 absentee applications, Morlock got 140 in.

For election workers like Anne Pasquale, Tuesday was a long, but busy day.

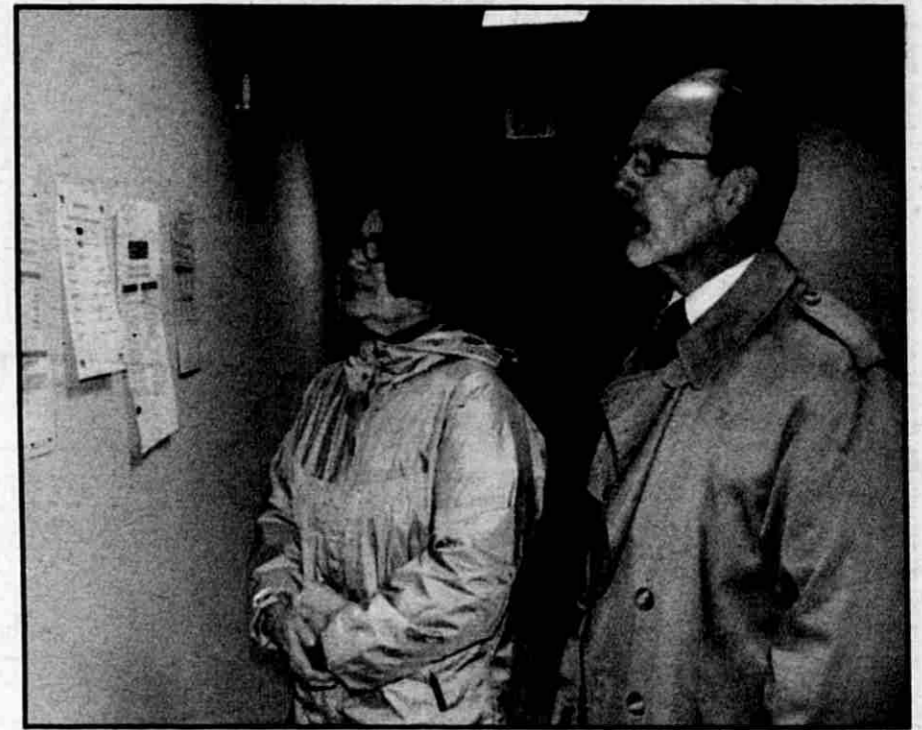
"The day goes by so fast," she said.

Most election workers in the city have more than 20 years of experience and they enjoy city politics.

"It keeps you current with politics and I like the people," said election inspector Rose Lawrence.

Resident Ray Zandstra said he always votes because it is his privilege.

"I like my small voice to be heard," he said.



Jane and Roger Gillespie check out the ballots posted on the wall.

Jane and Roger Gillespie are also regular voters.

"I know everybody on the ballot," Jane said.

Jane was interested in the historical millage vote.

"We live in a historic city," she said. "We need to keep track of history."



Jan Johnson with Rose Lawrence.

Christmas through Lowell, a longstanding tradition

by Emma Palova

The 20th annual Christmas through Lowell has more stops this year, including newcomers such as Witt's Inn & Cafe, Lil' Red Barn, Art Chicks in Ada, Senior Neighbors, Lowell Floral and "Home is Where You Find It."

The tour that started with a few homes to set the mood for Christmas shopping is set this year for Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

"It was fun for the crafters to get together and draw attention to their crafts," said Jody Haybarker, who spearheaded the tour, "It just snowballed."

It started on purpose during the hunting season, when men head out into the woods leaving their wives behind. So, the wives got together and crafted and opened their homes to visitors.

People are attracted to the tour for the quality of crafts and the in-house concept, according to Haybarker.

"I would recommend it to anyone," she said.

In 2004, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce took it over as the event continued to grow.

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Veggie Van coming to town

The YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids has broken new ground with its new Farm 2U Veggie Van. The veritable portable farmer's market brings locally-raised, affordable produce to some of our city's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

The Veggie Van will be making an appearance at the Wittenbach/Wege Center for the Lowell YMCA 5k Turkey Trot Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8 -11 am.

The van is an extremely innovative, yet practical,

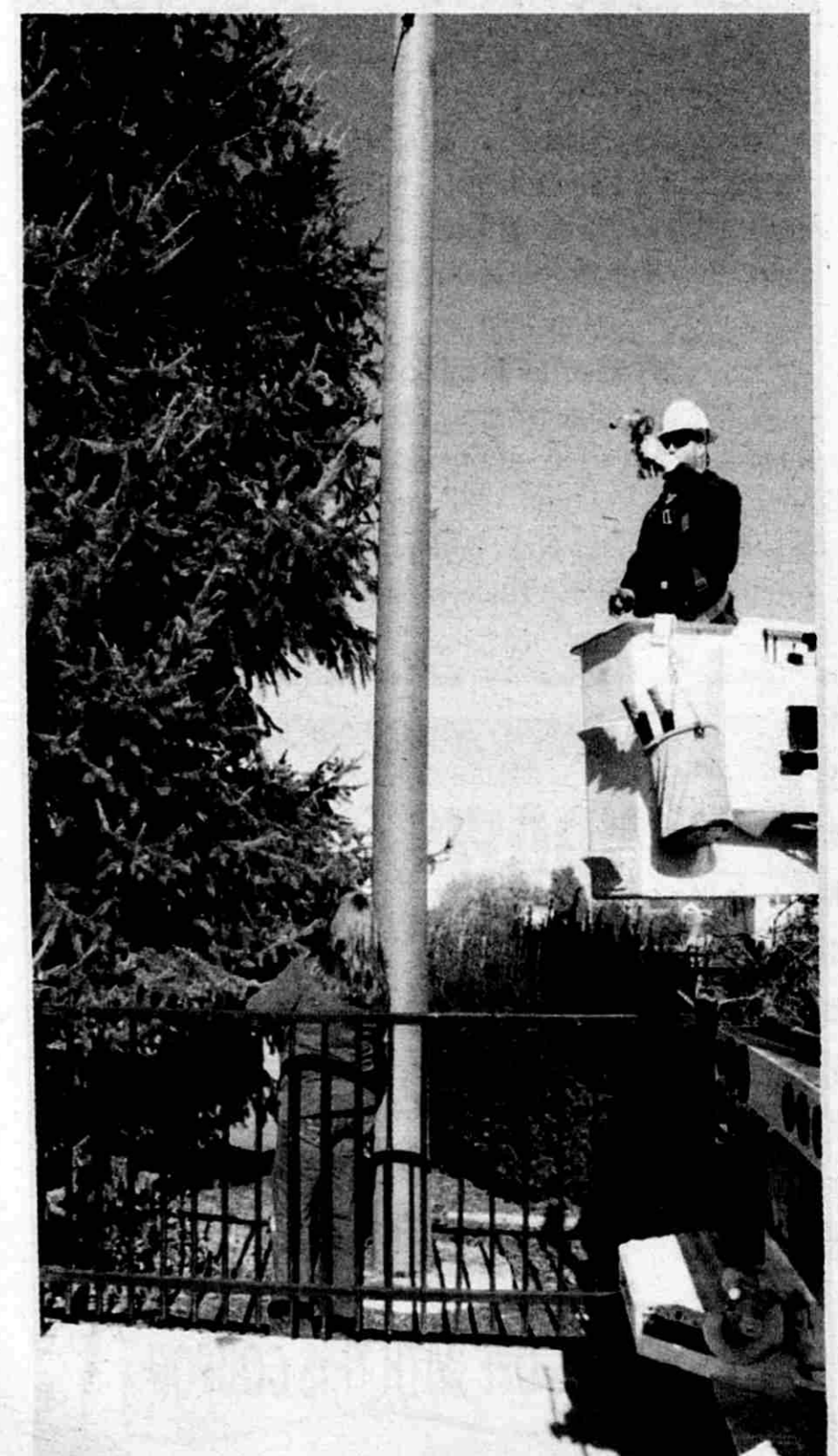
idea that is making a solid impact on providing healthier foods to those living in the central city.

Many of the areas are fresh fruit and vegetable deserts in our community and the Veggie Van fills that void. Y staff also provide fun activities for kids and have samples of various seasonal food to help expose families to new things. The combination of having access and provide usage is a highly successful approach.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the Turkey Trot, please call 897-8445.



LL&P decorates the town Christmas tree



The crew of Lowell Light and Power decorated the town Christmas tree on Main Street last Friday.

It will shine in all its beauty for the upcoming Christmas through Lowell and the Christmas parade scheduled for Dec. 3.

Pictured in the photo are Adam McGregor and April McClure.

Pantry bare as FROM serves record number of families

In September, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) set a record, serving over 300 families in the food pantry.

Families coming to FROM this week will face a very different picture - bare shelves. The need contin-

ues to increase and the food reserves at Flat River Outreach Ministries have dwindled. "I was surprised when

I walked into the pantry this weekend and saw the empty shelves," said executive director Tamela Spicer.

With the holiday season fast approaching, FROM is preparing for their annual Christmas distribution scheduled for December 17. "This year we expect to serve over 450 families for Christmas," said Spicer.

Not only does FROM provide families with all the ingredients for a Christmas meal, they also provide parents the opportunity to se-

lect gifts for their children in the toy shop. "With the increased need, this time of year is certainly stretching our budget," said Spicer. "But we are blessed with a supportive community," she added.

Part of that support includes the Simply Give program at Meijer. Shoppers can purchase a Simply Give gift card at the Lowell Meijer to help FROM purchase groceries for the pantry and their gift will be matched by Meijer, Inc. Shoppers can

help stock the FROM pantry and make their dollars go even further by purchasing the Simply Give card. They can also donate nonperishable items like pasta, peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, canned tomatoes and other vegetables directly to the food pantry.

Flat River Outreach Ministries is a nonprofit organization whose mission is serving the people of Lowell in their time of hardship. You can find more information at www.fromlowell.org



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Christmas through Lowell, continued

Chamber director Liz Baker said last year was the best year ever for most participating crafters and artists.

"My hope is that we exceed last year's success," said Baker. "Our participants are serious crafters."

And people are willing to spend money kicking-off their Christmas shopping and decorating.

For crafters, the event takes a lot of planning and preparations. Quite often more crafters gather in one location for greater variety.

And the crafts range in prices from \$5 to \$1,000. Each house has a door prize

valued at \$15 and an optional preferred customer prize, such as an ornament, for the chamber punch card drawings.

Participants also provide recipes. This year's theme is "Crock Pot."

The event draws visitors from all over the state. Local businesses and nonprofits are also on the tour featuring various specials.

Shoppers eat at the local restaurants and then head out and visit houses. Participating homes are marked with Christmas trees in front of them with a number corresponding with the map.

WWII veteran was a devoted family man

by Emma Palova

At 94, Jason Onan, known as "Jake," was a tough old bird as his daughter-in-law Jackie put it. Onan passed away on October 26 from natural causes.

He served in Germany during World War II in the Corps of Engineers and in the Philippines in 1944 to 1945.

"He finished the war in Europe and went for training in welding in Ionia," said oldest son Everett.

Onan worked for Mitchell Bentley and retired from A.O. Smith when he was 55. Longevity runs in the Onan family, according to Jackie.

"He was a hard worker," said Jackie.

Onan worked on the family farm and helped his father Ray, who was 102. He

got three hours of sleep and would never quit working.

Onan relentlessly delivered "Meals on Wheels" until two years ago, when he got leukemia. However, the disease went into remission and Onan just died of old age.

Onan had two wives, Mercie and Josephine and seven children, who range in ages from the oldest, Everett, 70 and Jackie's husband, to the second to the youngest, Shelly Bailey and youngest Lori Gates. The children will remember "Jake" for his dedication to the family.

"He was devoted to the family and set a great example in front of you throughout the years," said Jackie. "Most veterans are devoted to their families."



Jason "Jake" Onan

For Jackie, what stands out about Onan was his way with the family. Every day, Onan would go to the nursing home to visit with grandpa Ray.

Onan loved to play euchre, canasta and dominoes and drink green tea.

"He would always beat you," said Jackie. "He had a way of winning and didn't give up."

Bailey will remember her dad as a hardworking farmer who worked on the farm all day and then went into the factory to work the second shift.

Daughter Bea Smith recalled some favorite stories about dad with his dog named Trampy.

"You could tell he really loved that dog, even when he told us he hated him," she said.

Smith remembers that Onan used to cut grandpa Ray's hair and in turn grandpa would cut Onan's hair.

Also, the family watched Miss America Pageant and guessed who

would win while playing cards.

Onan was playful, teasing his wife by putting his foot on the table.

"Jason Lamont get your foot off my table," mom would say. "You wonder why the kids do that. You are teaching them."

Smith remembers riding on a tractor with Onan, when he saved her as she fell between the fender and the cultivators.

"Scary," she said. "He stopped the tractor just in time."

Local woman exchanges memories, encouragement with renowned veteran

by Casey Cheney

Judy Rosenberger spreads her uncle's history across a small table in the break room of her work. Cracked, sepia-toned photos depict smiling men in full uniform, her uncle - who entered World War II at 22 years old - and his buddies.

Rosenberger said her dad was 13 years old when his brothers went to war.

Another paper shows him smiling yet again, but the words that surround tell a sad, but common, story. It tells of Sgt. Harry Brooks returning from the war to be buried. He was 23 years old when he died.

A book also rests on the table, "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. It tells of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who entered the war and returned a hero. Zam-

perini also fought alongside Brooks.

Hillenbrand describes Brooks as "a good-looking, ebullient radioman and

waist gunner from Michigan."

A woman Brooks had known once told Rosenberger, "He dated me a cou-

ple times, but he lost my phone number."

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Rosenberger's uncle is pictured, with fellow soldiers.

FIRST NATIONWIDE TEST OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

On Wed., Nov. 9, at 2:00 pm eastern standard time, the federal government will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The test will last up to three and a half minutes. During this period, regularly scheduled television, radio, cable, and satellite shows will be interrupted as the system is being tested.

SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY

A gallery of fine art and gifts will have almost 40 artists selling a wide variety of fine arts and gifts. Sneak preview Thurs., Nov. 10, 6:00-8:00 pm. Extended gallery hours, Tues. through Sat., Nov. 10-Dec. 23, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson. For information, call 897-8545.

FOOTBALL REGIONALS VS. FENTON

The football regionals' game with Fenton High School will be held at Red Arrow Stadium on Sat., Nov. 12, at 1:00 pm. Gates will open at 11:30. Tickets are \$5 for everyone, no passes, and will be sold Thurs. and Fri. in the Lowell High School athletic office from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.

REP. LYONS HOSTS IN-DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

State Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons, R-Alto, will host in-district office hours for residents to meet with her locally. Lyons will be at the Englehardt Public Library in Lowell on Monday, Nov. 14, from 1-2:30 pm. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to meet Lyons during the in-district hours may contact her Lansing office by calling toll-free (855) 596-6786 or by emailing her at lisal Lyons@house.mi.gov

FREE REIKI NIGHT

Learn about Reiki and experience this healing art on Tues., Nov. 29, at Gilda's Club of Lowell, 314 S. Hudson St., from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For more information call Katie Ray or Brittany Rose at 616-987-3010.

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.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education is seeking applications from those persons interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board of Education. The person appointed to this position will serve through certification of the annual Board election in May, 2012. Applicants must be registered voters in the Lowell Area School District.

Interested persons are requested to submit a letter of interest and a resume that describes the applicant's background and qualifications. Letters should be addressed to:

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VFW holds annual Veterans Day dinner

by Casey Cheney
The Clark-Ellis VFW Post 152 hosted their annual Veterans Day dinner Monday night. Dave Thompson kept the mood light with cue cards to guide the reactions of the audience during the night's events.

The post received an award for being the only VFW post in their district with a renewed membership rate of more than 100 percent. Then, the audience heard about hand-knit flags

available for parents; siblings and children of soldiers to hang in their windows. Three different styles represent and honor current soldiers, those wounded in action and those killed in action.

The evening concluded with a presentation from Mark Hoffman, the marketing and outreach division chief for the Department of Natural Resources. Hoffman talked about the Michigan engineers in the Civil

War, a topic upon which he has written a book, "My Brave Mechanics, the Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War."

These engineers and mechanics were often civilians rather than trained soldiers.

"They came together to put their talents to use," Hoffman said. "It was very much a Michigan group."

The group, Hoffman said, had strong connections to Grand Rapids, the origins of the officers of that corps. Of the two million Union soldiers, 25,000 were engineers and mechanics. Often, the success of the Union army depended on their innovations. They held the vital duty of keeping supply lines moving and the quick transportation of troops and artillery.

Hoffman has read through approximately a thousand letters and thirty

diaries of these Michigan engineers and cited many of them Monday night.

"You have such a rich record of these primary resources to work with," he said.

One of the last stories he shared had nothing to do with the contraptions these engineers created under maddening pressure, but of the humanity one must face in war.

Allen Campbell, who was three years into the Union's occupation of Atlanta. Charged with setting fire to Confederate buildings, Campbell was confronted by a 10 year-old girl. She asked him if he would burn down their house, then asked, "Where will we live?"

Campbell wrote, "I didn't have the heart to fire the place. So I put down the torch and walked away."

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

When investing, "face to face" beats fingers on keyboard

These days, you can purchase just about anything you want on the Internet. However, you can still benefit from a human, face-to-face experience for some purchases — such as your investments. And that's why you may want to work with a financial professional.

Unlike a computer interface, a financial professional will take the time to truly know your situation today — and then help you make adjustments tomorrow.

Let's first look at two key areas a financial professional will consider today:

- Your risk tolerance — By asking the right questions, a financial professional can help you determine if you're a moderate, conservative or aggressive investor

and then recommend those investments that are suitable for your risk tolerance.

- Your time horizon — If you're saving for a down payment on a new home you expect to purchase within two or three years, you may want an investment that offers significant preservation of principal. But if you're saving for retirement, and you're three decades away from it, you'll likely need investments that offer the potential for growth. Your financial advisor can help you choose the mix of short- and long-term investments that can help you make progress toward all your goals.

Now, let's look at the types of milestones that a financial professional can help you with as your life progresses:

- New child — When you bring a new child into your life, you also add new responsibilities. Do you have sufficient life insurance? Do you plan on helping the child pay for college? If so, what college funding vehicles should you consider? A financial professional can help you answer these questions.
- New spouse — Whether you're getting

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viewpoint

to the editor

first deer contest better than buck

Dear Editor,

I want to commend the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide for continuing the effort to encourage hunters with their First Deer Contest. With the deer population and deer-car accidents such a problem, it really is time for hunters and these contests to become more conservation and deer-management oriented.

I realize the "buck" is such a tradition it's hard to break. This tradition, however, came about when the deer population was so small the does needed to be protected in order to grow the population. Since almost every doe has twins and often even triplets it's won-

der the population has exploded.

I know the thinking of many hunters has changed with the times. That is very encouraging. Please let's continue this tradition of thinning the herd of does. It will be great when we see the hunters brave enough to bring in their doe for this First Deer Contest.

Please consider even an additional doe and sharing with families who may be struggling financially or donating the meat to such organizations as Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger. All can benefit. Best of luck to all in the doe hunt.

Thank you, Peggy Covert

outdoors

deer season

Dave Stegehuis

Wall calendars for the month of November identify some dates as special like Thanksgiving Day. Calendars distributed in Michigan should include one more — November 15. The 15th, of course, has been opening day for firearm deer season for as long as anyone can remember. Nearly three quarters of a million deer hunters will take to the fields, swamps, and woods from the shores of Lake Superior to the state line in the south.

Factories, offices, and schools will be short of personnel when dawn breaks over the Michigan landscape on opening day. Deer hunting was once a tradition reserved for fathers and

sons, but due to a number of factors hunter numbers are dropping off as old hunters leave the woods for the last time. Fortunately, mothers and daughters have picked up the slack, and deer hunting remains a strong Michigan tradition.

Deer hunting is enjoyed most by people who relish getting outdoors to engage directly with the natural environment and the creatures that live there. Hunting is different from hiking or touring because the hunter assumes the role of a predator in the natural circle of life which helps maintain a balance between habitat and wildlife populations.

Equipment has been

checked out, firearms sighted in, range practice completed, hunting areas scouted, and blinds established in preparation for the hunt. It's like the night before Christmas for a child. If the hunter was able to sleep at all, the alarm-clock will sound well before daylight. Opening day has finally arrived.

A cold November morning has put a nip of frost in the air, and a dusting of new snow heightens enthusiasm for the hunt. The hunter's world is confined to the beam of a headlamp. An abandoned logging road makes walking easy, but after stepping off the road and dropping down into the swamp, blow-downs and boot sucking muck present more of a challenge. Care is taken to avoid a fall or missing landmarks leading to the stand. After settling into the blind and turning off the light, it is still too dark to see anything. Eventually a faint glow illuminates the eastern horizon. Slowly daylight

creeps into the swamp. First a nearby rock and fallen tree become visible, then distant tree trunks begin to take shape in the shadows. Finally tree tops catch the first rays of the rising sun.

A shot rings out in the distance. Another Michigan deer season is underway. After hours of watching and listening, quick footsteps of what surely must be an approaching deer break the silence of the swamp. A patch of gray materializes in the alder thicket next to the creek. The heart rate jumps and breathing becomes a conscious effort. Cold hands grip the stock of the rifle lying across the knees. Could this be the long anticipated moment?

Deer or no deer take time to appreciate the privilege to live in a country where we have the opportunity to connect with the earth and become a participant in and not just an observer of nature. Be Safe. Good hunting!

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Financial Focus, continued

Voting citizens of America - not far from forty-five million of them - marched to the polls Tuesday in the exercise of their sovereign right of citizenship and as a result of their trek, Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected president of the United States by the largest popular vote ever given in this country. Roosevelt carried 46 of the 48 states.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
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25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
November 5, 1986

The Lowell Area Schools, fourth, seventh, and tenth grade classes, demonstrated excellent results on the 1986 MEAP.

The faculty at Lowell High School has selected the October Students-of-the-Month. This program recognizes those students who have shown through their classroom work, their extra-curricular activities and their general behavior that they uphold the school's motto "Pride and Respect." The faculty is asked to nominate students who they feel show these qualities in their work regardless of grades or whether honors are earned.

Selected as Students-of-the-Month for October 1986 are freshman Patsy Deans, daughter of David and Betty Deans of Lowell; sophomore Jamie Cook, daughter of Berdie and Jim Cook, Jr. of Lowell; junior Ken Mulder, son of Allen and Ann Mulder of Lowell; and senior Becky Dine, daughter of Bob and Judy Dine of Alto.

Once you retire, you'll have several issues to consider: How much can you withdraw from your investments each year? From which accounts? Should you rebalance your portfolio to provide more potential sources of income? What about the transfer of your wealth? A financial professional who is familiar with your situation can help you make the right moves to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

So, when you really want to invest, leave the "virtual" world behind and connect with a financial professional — someone who has gained insight into your individual needs and who has the experience and expertise to help you build, maintain and adjust a portfolio that can help you move toward your goals.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
November 9, 1911

The Woodmen will give a progressive pedro party to members and their ladies at their hall next Monday evening, Nov. 13. Arrangements are being made to give everyone a good time. The program will begin at 8 o'clock and will close with a supper fit for a king.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
November 5, 1936

Chris Leonard, popular citizen and photographer, is having the interior of his studio redecorated and otherwise improved. Mr. Leonard will move the equipment here from Ionia within a few days, after which the Lowell studio will be operated on a full-time basis.

I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask, "Mother, what was war?"

~ Eve Merriam



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Attwood cook-off winners

Attwood held the third annual Soup/Stew/Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 27 to help raise money for the food pantry of the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). Twenty-four slow cookers were filled with delicious soups/stews/chili for everyone to taste.

The judges for this year were Tamela Spicer, executive director of FROM; Dave Emmette, AIC Insurance Service and board member of FROM; Mark Howe, Lowell city manager; Kim Hunter, Fifth Third financial manager; and Liz Baker, executive director, Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

The winners were Top Soups – Marsha Sylvester (Portugese Bean Soup) and Art Jernstadt (Chicken Tortilla); Top Stews – Don Olsen (Uncle John's Biloxi Gumbo Stew) and Jeff Jones (Chicken and Shrimp Gum-



bo); Top Chili – Brian Chan ("Hot" Chicken Chili) and Ben Curtis (White Chicken Chili); and People's Choice – Brian Chan ("Hot" Chicken Chili) and David Scott (DS Chili).

The overall winner was the Flat River Outreach Food Pantry with Attwood and Attwood employees raising \$1,300.

★ In The Service

Army Pvt. Dylan G. Lake has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and army history, core values and traditions. Additional

training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Lake is the son of Penny Rust and Bob Lake, both of Saranac.

He is a 2010 graduate of Saranac High School.

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sinus infections

A sinus infection or sinusitis is a swelling of the lining in the sinuses. Acute sinusitis lasts for less than four weeks. Chronic sinusitis lasts for more than 12 weeks.

The most common cause for sinusitis is a virus, such as the common cold. When you catch a cold, your mucus becomes thicker and doesn't drain well. Bacteria can grow in the mucus trapped in your sinus. This can lead to a bacterial sinus infection.

Symptoms of sinus infection include:

- headache
- pain or pressure in the forehead, cheeks, nose,

- or between the eyes
- fever
- nasal congestion and runny nose
- cough
- sore throat

Sinus infections are usually viral in origin and as such require only symptomatic treatment with over-the-counter decongestant, nasal saline irrigations, cool mist vaporizer at the bedside to loosen the thickness of the mucus and Tylenol or ibuprofen for any fever or headache. If your doctor suspects that the infection is bacterial in origin, however, then an appropriate antibiotic will be prescribed to treat your sinus infection.

happy birthday!

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Honors conferred upon local priest

Bishop Walter A. Hurley announced that Pope Benedict XVI has conferred papal honors upon Fr. Edward Hankiewicz, parish priest of St. Mary Church. His new title is Reverend Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz, Chaplain to His Holiness.

"I am grateful that our Holy Father has conferred papal honors on Msgr. Hankiewicz," said Bishop Hurley. "He has served the church and the community

faithfully and with a spirit of commitment and dedication. I am thankful for his service as I am for the service of all our priests and people."

Bishop Hurley will present medals and docu-

ments of these distinguished honors during a prayer service at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on December 5, 2011, at 7:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

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1969-1973



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1982-1985



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1969-1971



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2006-present



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U.S. Air Force
1944-1946



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1967-1969



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1963-1967



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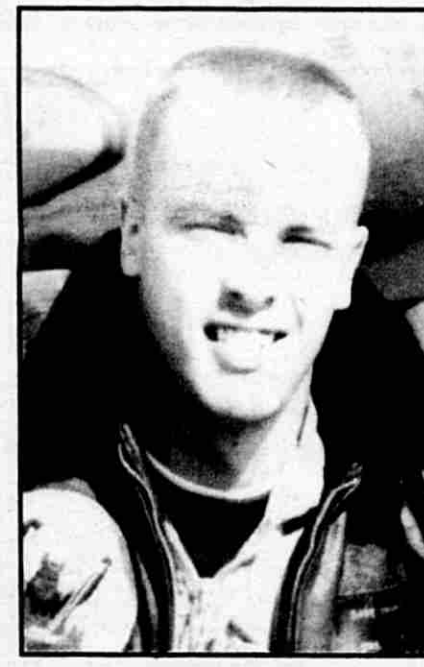
Donald Gerard
U.S. Army
1951-1953



Dave Harding
U.S. Army
1956-1962



Alfred Roth
Army Air Corps
1942-1946



David L. Thompson
U.S. Navy
1956-1978



David Tichelaar
U.S. Army
1966-1970



Ernest Blanchard
U.S. Army
1982-1988



Gil Brown
U.S. Army
1969-1970



Glenn Marks
U.S. Army
1944-1946



George Pfaller
U.S. Navy
2007-present



Gilbert H. VanWeelden
U.S. Naval Reserve
1948-1953



Glen Waid
U.S. Army
1947-1949



Herb Rice
U.S. Navy
24 years of service



Herman Weststrate Jr.
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1966-1969



Herman Weststrate Sr.
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1942-1946



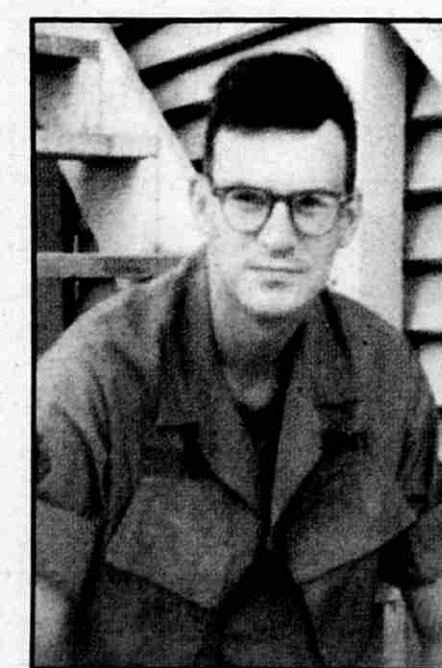
Gregory Hiser
U.S. Air Force
19 years of service



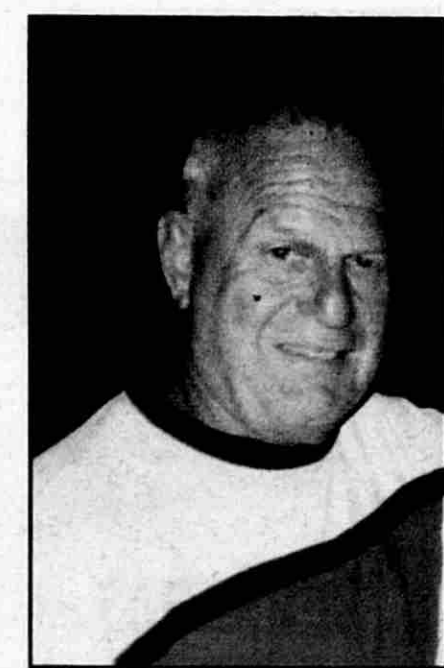
Jordan Blanchard
U.S. Army Reserves
2008-present



John Erickson
U.S. Army
1948-1953



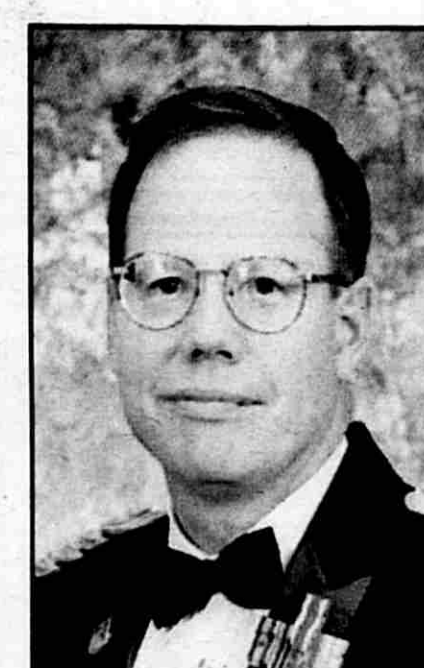
John Homan
U.S. Army
1969-1971



James A. Marvin
Air Force/Coast Guard
Retired 1981



John Robert Timpson
U.S. Navy
1951-1954



Jay W. Carlson
U.S. Army Medical Corps
24 years of service

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Larry Mikulski
U.S. Navy
1964-1968



Kyle Neubecker
U.S. Marine Corps
2006 - 2011



Jon Lyons
Army
2002 - Present



Keith Neubecker
U.S. Marine Corps
2009 - Present



Levi Blanchard
U.S. Army
2010



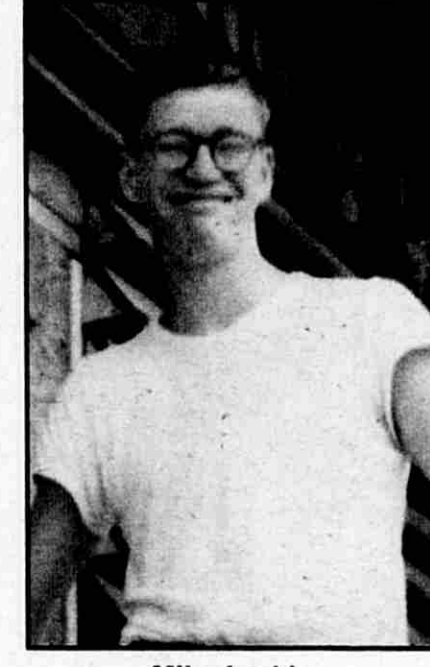
Louis Dudeck
U.S. Marine Corps
1963-1967



James C. Lilley Sr.
U.S. Army Air Force
1941-1946



Brad Janowiak
U.S. Army
1980-1983



Mike Larkin
U.S. Marine Corps
1969-1970



John T. Jones
U.S. Army
1941 - 1945



Patrick Adams
U.S. Army
4 years of service



Ron Ayers
U.S. Army
1968-1970



Richard E. Bewell
U.S. Navy
1943-1946



Francis King Doyle
U.S. Navy
1942-1945



Ronald Janowski
U.S. Army
1976-1998



Robert L. Steward
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Richard Tichelaar
Army National Guard
1967-1971



Richard M. Vorase
U.S. Navy
1943-1947



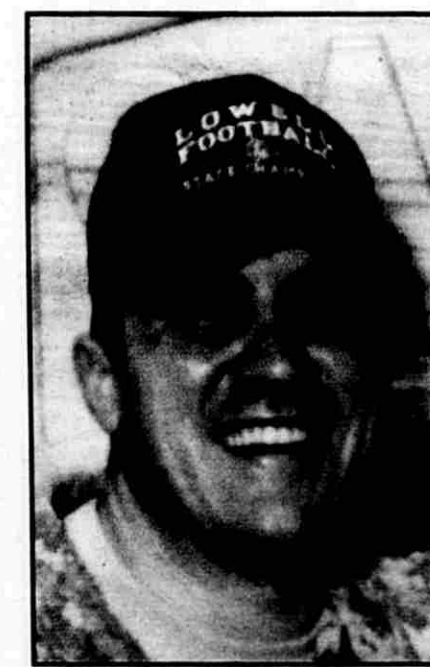
Robert B. Bibbler
U.S. Army
1966-1969



Karen Waid
U.S. Army
1975-1978 and 1981-1989



Steve Larkin
U.S. Marine Corps
1966-1967



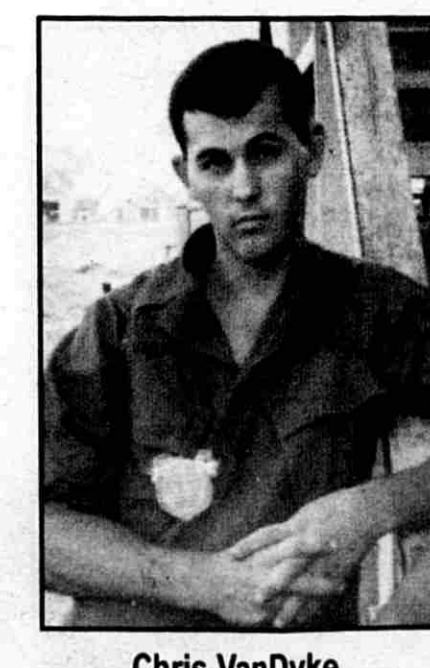
Shane Scherer
U.S. Army/Purple Heart
2008-2010



Gerald "Sam" Yeiter
U.S. Army
1939-1978



(Brothers) Ken, Don and Mike Welch
(2) U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps
1972-1976



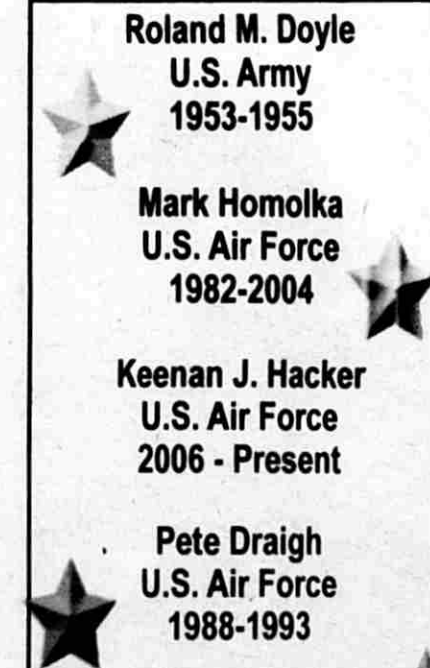
Chris VanDyke
U.S. Army
1967-1969



Dennis Stauffer
U.S. Army
1967-1969



Tim Tichelaar
U.S. Navy
1970-1974



Roland M. Doyle
U.S. Army
1953-1955

Mark Homolka
U.S. Air Force
1982-2004

Keenan J. Hacker
U.S. Air Force
2006 - Present

Pete Draigh
U.S. Air Force
1988-1993

Lynn Draigh
U.S. Air Force
1991-1997



1943 -clockwise: Willard Hunter, Chief Specialist,
Mr. McConnell, Victor (Don) Souser, William Hawk,
Walter Gumser, and William Myers.

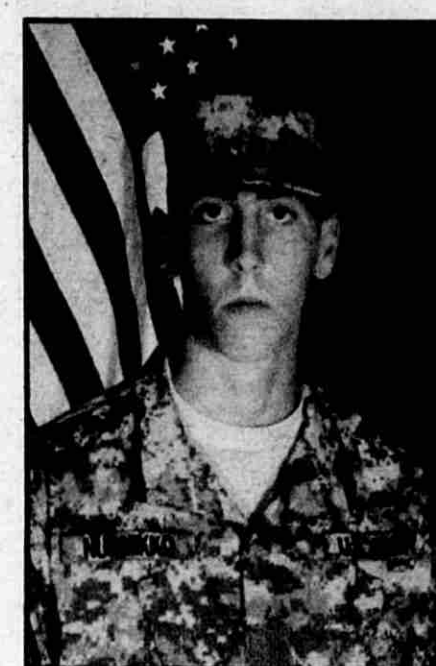
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Robert Nurmikko
U.S. Air Force
1977-1981



Charles Jabour
U.S. Marine Corps
1943 - 1947



Alexander Nurmikko
MI Army National Guard
2011



Douglas Kelly
U.S. Air Force
1988 - 1995



V Don Souser
Sub-Service WWII
1943 - 1946

Max Souser
WWI - WWII
1909 - 1944



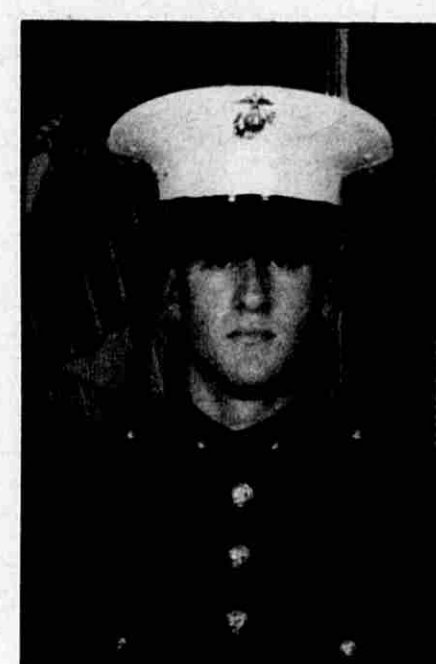
Phil VanDuinen
U.S. Army
21 mo. 1 yr. in Vietnam



Philip J. Schreur
U.S. Army & Army Reserves
1981 - 1992



Travis Rauch
U.S. Navy
March 2011 - Present



Kevin E. Reeser
U.S. Marines Corps
1 year of service



Peter Lombardo
U.S. Navy
1982 - 2002



Richard C. Bieri
U.S. Army
1950 - 1952 Korea



Jack R. Stiles
U.S. Army Air Force
1941 - 1944



John Wierenga
U.S. Army
1959 - 1962



Tony Heykoop
U.S. Air Force
2006 Retired



Ronald W. Collins
U.S. Army
1952 - 1954 Korea



Joseph Daniel Schreur
U.S. Coast Guard
April 2011 - Present



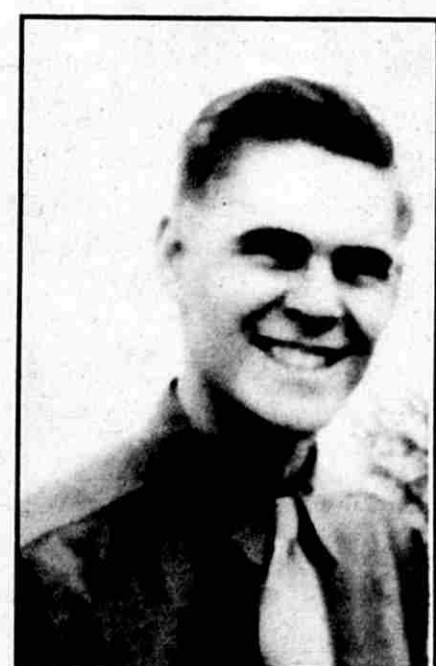
Robert Alan Schreur
U.S. Coast Guard
June 2011 - Present



Brenden John Kettner
U.S. Coast Guard
2010 - 2011 Iraq



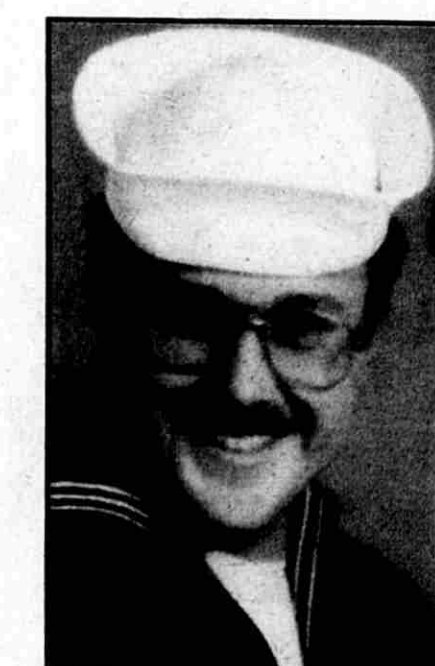
Benjamin Blasius
U.S. Marine Corps
2009 - Present



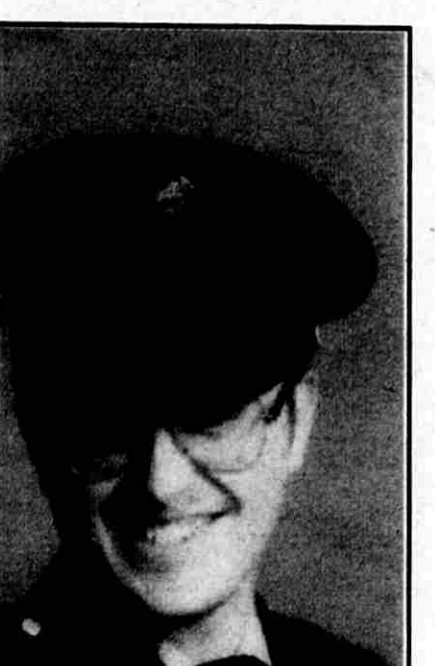
Jacob V. Hoover
U.S. Army Air Corps
1943 - 1946



George C. Hoover
U.S. Army
1942 - 1943



Paul Tichelaar
U.S. Navy
1984 - 2004



William Tichelaar
U.S. Army
1988 - 1991



Henry J Hoover
U.S. Navy
1943 - 1946



William A. Schmidt
U.S. Army
Present



Maurice L. Hannah
U.S. Army
1943 - 1945



Michael C. Hoover
U.S. Army Air Corps
1941 - 1945



Orlie L. Grindle
U.S. Army
1957 - 1959



Andrew N. Hoover
U.S. Army
1942 - 1945

It Is The Veteran Memories, continued

submitted by Herb Rice

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn, Round a makeshift stage they charged on. Fifteen hundred or more they say, Had come to burn the Flag that day.

A boy held up the folded Flag, Cursed it and called it a dirty rag. A man pushed through the angry crowd, With an old gun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight, He had polished each button, shiny and bright. He crossed the stage with military grace, Until he and the boy stood face to face.

Then the old man broke the silence.

"Freedom of speech, is worth dying for, Good men are gone, they live no more. All so you can stand on this courthouse lawn, And ramble on from dusk to dawn.

But before the Flag gets burned today, This old veteran is going to have his say.

My father died on a foreign shore, In a war they said would end all wars. Tommy and I weren't even full grown, Before we fought in a war of our own. Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach, In the shadow of a hill he couldn't reach.

I got this bum leg that I still drag, Fighting for this same old Flag.

There's but one shot in this old gun, So now it's time to decide which one. Which one of you will follow our lead, To stand and die for what you believe?"

The boy who had called it a dirty rag, Handed the veteran the folded Flag. The crowd got quiet as they walked away, To talk about what they heard that day.

So the battle for the Flag this day was won, By a loyal veteran with a single gun. Who for one last time, had to show to some, That these colors will never, never run.

It is the veteran, not the preacher, Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter, Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet, Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer, Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag, Who serves under the Flag, Whose coffin is draped by the Flag.



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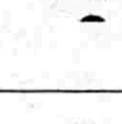
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Brooks and Zamperini were on a mission to the Pacific island Nauru. On their way back from the air strike, the Japanese spotted them. Brooks was killed in the attack that left Zamperini stranded in the ocean for 47 days. Miraculously, he lived to tell the tale.

Rosenberger and Zamperini write each other occasionally, connected with the help of Billy Graham's daughter and local Christian radio station WCSG. Inspired by Graham, Zamperini became a motivational speaker as documented in the video "Still Carrying the Torch."

"He sent me a couple of pictures of my uncle," Rosenberg said. "He hadn't looked at them in a number of years because it was too difficult."

Zamperini's notes were short but meaningful. He told Rosenberg he would be returning to the place

where he once was a prisoner of war. The people there wanted to honor him with a ceremony. He told Rosenberg, "It looks like the place I once hated, I am going to love."

He last wrote her on February 25 of this year. He passed along his condolences at the loss of her son, who

died the same age as her uncle had in the war.

Zamperini encouraged her, "He is better off to be in the presence of God than this chaotic world."

Now, Rosenberg takes comfort in the gift of her son's son, Braden Matthew. She also finds strength

in the example of strength her grandmother displayed after the loss of Harry.

"You learn to move on. You have to," Rosenberg said. "It all comes down to forgiveness. Louis with forgiving the Japanese and us with seeing this little guy [Braden]."



One man dedicates days to preserving the memory and honor of Civil War vets

by Casey Cheney

Hundreds of graves scattered across the state bear maybe just initials. Sometimes even who's buried there is a mystery, much less what their past is. Alan Teelander intends to find out. And in many of those cases, he has.

Teelander is a member of Sons of the Union Veterans and The Sons of the Revolution and he uses these connections to help people find their ancestors who fought in the Civil War. Often, the journey he undertakes and the people he's helping proves unpredictable.

Teelander had been contacted about a Civil War veteran, Miron B. Evans, buried somewhere in Findlay Cemetery.

Teelander said, "That wasn't good enough."

In order for a veteran to receive a marker - for which the government pays and delivers - the actual burial site must be identified. Teelander was able to find the site, as well as discover that Evans served in the Army with the 16th Michigan Infantry.

During the ceremony for Evans - a tradition Teelander holds each time a grave is marked - he saw a familiar face. Dr. Donald Gerard, a family friend, had heard about the ceremony and attended saying, "He was also my grandpa."

Teelander said this has been a continual event to connect families, no matter how distant the relation.

"It's just pulling people together," he said. "What I love to do is help."

Each person has a unique story they should

discover, Teelander says. His own ancestry is pretty interesting. It ranges from one of the midwives at Abraham Lincoln's birth, to a man who tried to wrest the gun from John Wilkes Booth's hands.

Teelander said, "Everyone has a story." Learning the story of one's ancestors, he said, can influence the decisions we make.

"I really think life is determined by small decisions," he said. "Every decision is based on who you think you are."

Knowing one's past, then, "leads to a better small decision-making process."

Since beginning this project four years ago, Tee-

lander has sent in 164 names and locations of veterans to his commander with Sons of the Union Veterans. His records, along with photographs, are available on his website, fadedfootsteps.net.

"It's something I volunteer to do and something I really enjoy because I learn so much," he said. "With the economy the way it is, we need to touch as many people as we can."

And the window of opportunity for preserving these memories is closing, he added.

"While we have a modicum of a chance, we need to do it, or the next generation is going to be pretty helpless."

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obituaries

BIRMAN

Nellie Birman, age 92, of Cascade, passed away Friday, November 4, 2011. Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, Russell and son, Franklin. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Susan Birman; and grandsons, Kyle and Jason Birman; all of Lowell. At the request of Nellie, cremation will take place and burial will be at Cascade Cemetery.



INTRAIN

Mary Alice Intrain, age 78 of Lowell, MI passed away Sunday, November 6, 2011 on her 49th wedding anniversary. She is survived by her husband Richard Intrain, her son Gregg Intrain, and daughter-in-law Emily Intrain. Mary is preceded in death by her parents Joe and Treva Speerstra, her sister Pauline Carey, and her brother Clinton Christoff. Mary was an exceptional cook and loved cooking for her family and friends. She was an active member in the Baptist Church of Lowell and First Presbyterian Church of Silver Springs, FL. In addition to cooking she was an animal lover and cherished her two cats Missy and Katie. Memorial service to be held at 4pm on November 11, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Lowell; 2275 West Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Pastor Lee Taylor will be officiating. Visitation and snacks will be served after the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Rest Home; 1000 Edison NW, Grand Rapids,



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NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 8

Penn State says two officials accused of lying to a grand jury, hearing child sex abuse allegations against ex-assistant coach Jerry Sandusky, have stepped down. One of the individuals is A.D. of Penn State. By Tuesday, head coach, Joe Paterno announced he was stepping down.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Filing of revised electrical rates from Light and Power was accepted.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on November 21, 2011 on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

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Please note if a holiday falls during the week, Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

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- U.S. wealth gap between young and old is widest ever. The typical U.S. household headed by a person age 65 or older has a net worth 47 times greater than households headed by someone under 35.
- Keystone oil pipeline decision could be delayed until after election. The project has left President Obama trapped between environmentalists who oppose it and unions who support it because it would create jobs.
- Forty-nine state of Michigan retirees collect pensions that top 100k. Michigan spent roughly \$925 million on retirement costs last year, about two percent of the state's 45.7 billion dollar budget. For example, former Gov. John Engler collects \$122,136 annually.
- Heavyweight boxing great, 'Smokin' Joe Frazier, dies at the age of 67 of liver cancer.
- An asteroid the size of a city block will zoom by Earth inside the orbit of the moon today (Nov. 8), but it poses no danger of smashing into our planet, scientists say.

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So basically, submit anything but not everything will make it to print.

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Wonderful true story of the shop students building a bike rack. My son (an Eagle Scout) was in Mr. Ellis's shop class and was disappointed he would miss shop class on a snow day.

Lowell has the nicest mail lady. Went out of her way to deliver the mail Thursday.

Were any Lowell dentists collecting "candy for troops"? I would donate but only saw dentists in Grand Rapids and Grandville collecting.

I, for one, have had enough of the Christians making me feel like a second-class citizen. Just because I am not a Christian, does not mean that I am horrible person! I have raised my children to be productive members of society and they know right from wrong! So all you non-Christians out there - and I know you are out there - it is time to stand up and let them know that this country was founded on the right to choose or not choose your religion! Stop shoving your religion down my throat!

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<p>in memoriam</p> <p>SCOTT KETCHUM 1963-2007 Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Love you & miss you, your family</p>	<p>misc.</p> <p>SNOW UNIT - ED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing Dinner on Wed., Nov. 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, Children 6-12 are \$3, and children 5 & under are free. Takeout dinners also available.</p>	<p>for rent</p> <p>INDOOR BOAT & RV STORAGE - In Alto area. Call 616-293-2237.</p> <p>HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Also for those interested in dance classes at the post. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.</p> <p>FOR RENT - Nice house & garage in Lowell on a large lot with a creek running through. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 217 Brook St. 897-9081.</p>	<p>sales</p> <p>ESTATE SALE - 390 Riverplace (N. of Lowell off Vergennes). Fri. & Sat., Nov. 11 & 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's clothing, furniture, electronics & household.</p>		

Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385.

MOMS IN TOUCH GROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 9:30-10:30 a.m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering, 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Stecker, 897-6380.

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.

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/adolosecents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

SHOTGUN & ARCHERY SHOOTING LEAGUES - at Caledonia Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport). Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@csc.us.com

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.

BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388. Open to the public.

EVERY THURSDAY - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms & grandmas come pray for our kids & schools. Contact Missy at 308-7920 or missykooistra@gmail.com with any questions.

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Red Arrow - Volleyball SPORTS

District title evades volleyball in three set loss to Rockford

by Casey Cheney

The gym at Rockford High School is intimidating, big with booming acoustics and, this particular Saturday morning, dozens of students painted orange and black, cheering and jeering.

The Red Arrows faced an enthusiastic home crowd for the volleyball district finals. They also faced the formidable Rockford Rams — only the District A champions five years running.

This would be their sixth.

The Arrows had their moments, but struggled to keep up with the Rams. They lost the first set 25-10. Though Lowell lost the next two as well, they competed play after play.

One volley in the second set symbolized the match as a whole. Down 9-10, they chased down the

ball for an unlikely return to keep the volley going. Rockford made more hustle

plays to send the ball over. After several more hits over the net, Lowell going blow-

for-blow against their dominant opponent, the play ended with a double hit against

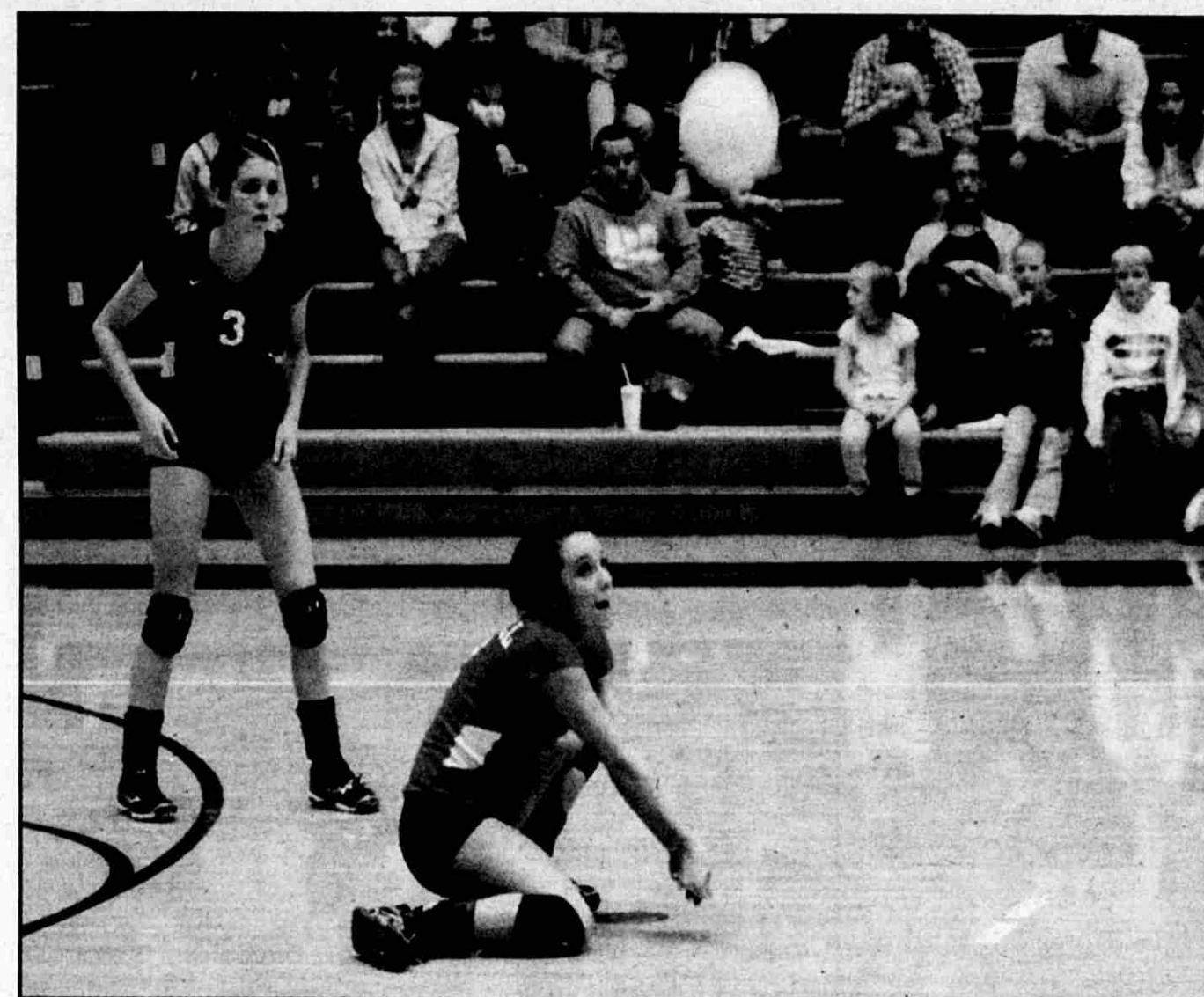
Lowell. The Rams got the point.

The Red Arrows lost the second and third matches, 23-25 and 24-26.

Lowell's season ended after falling just short of winning the third set. The

girls lost their 23-21 lead — two more points would have kept their hopes alive.

Jordan Timmer had 28 assists and six blocks. Arielle Nausieda had 25 kills. Stephanie Stevens made her presence felt with 14 kills.




Arielle Nausieda serve receives in the district finals against Rockford. At right, The Red Arrows regroup as they try to take a set from the Rams.



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Nov. 14, 2011



MON: Chicken patty on wheat bun (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), sweet potato later tots, pears, milk.

TUES: Wheat bagel & string cheese w/Danimals yogurt (cheese quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), baby peas, banana, milk.

WED: Tony's pepperoni pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli florets w/low fat ranch dipping sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

THURS: Hotdog on wheat bun (Jr. turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), 2 hashbrown patties, fresh orange smiles, milk.

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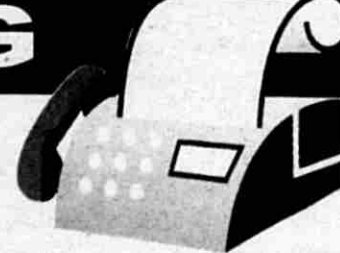
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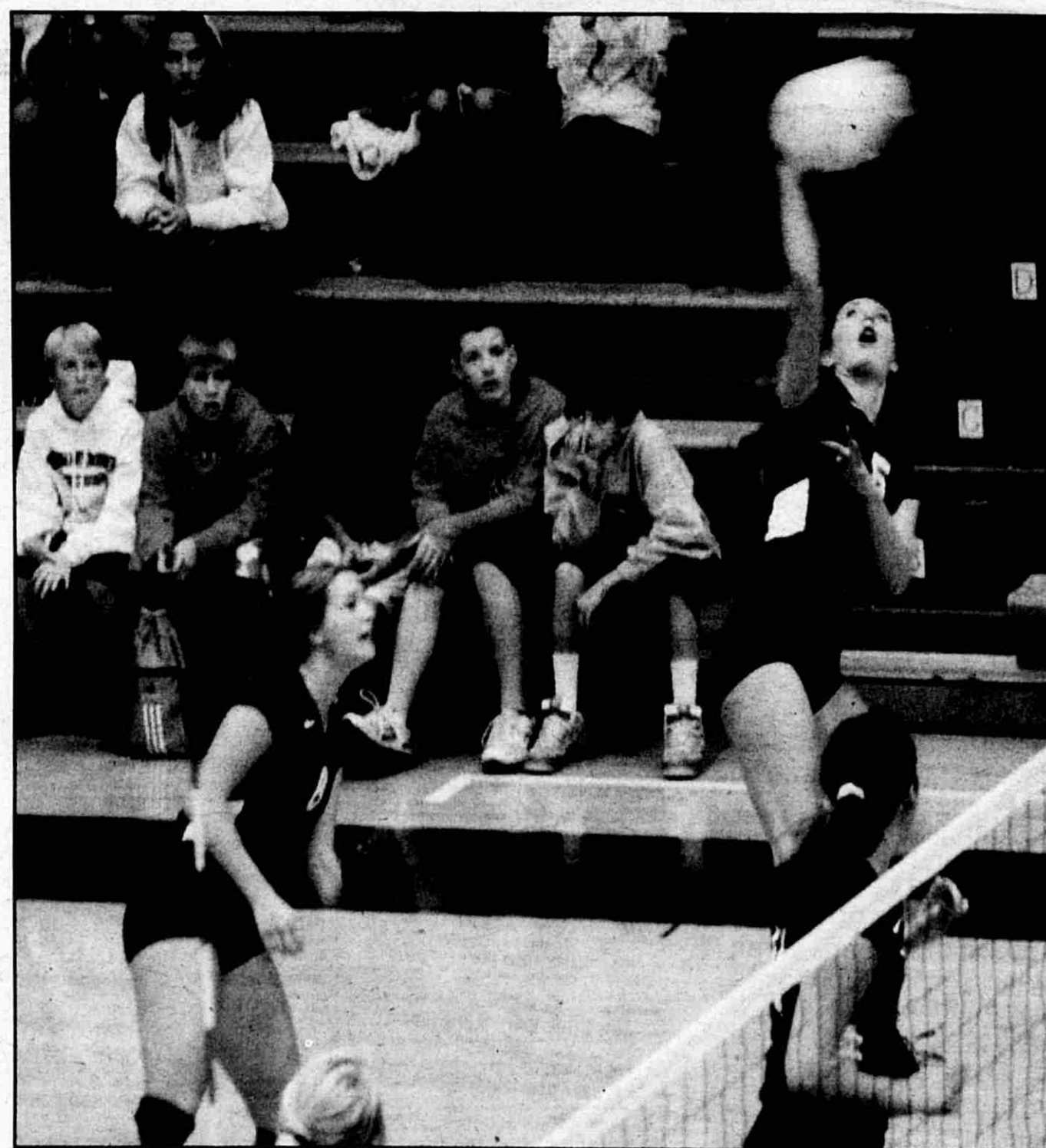
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Red Arrow SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Lowell reignites offense with big win over Muskegon Big Reds

by Casey Cheney

An effective passing and running game led to the 36-7 onslaught against the Muskegon Big Reds. After squeezing out a one-possession victory over Forest Hills Central last week, the Red Arrows made a statement on Friday while taking the district championship.

Lowell held Muskegon without two first downs until the third quarter, when they scored their first and only touchdown.

Quarterback Gabe

Dean led the offensive surge from the very beginning, surprising the Big Reds with a pass on the first play of their first possession. It was a 48-yard gain. Dean ran the ball in from the one yard line to put the Red Arrows up 7-0 less than three minutes into the game.

Dean ran another score in from the five to make it 14-0, still in the first quarter.

Dean followed with another touchdown early in the second quarter to make it 21-0.

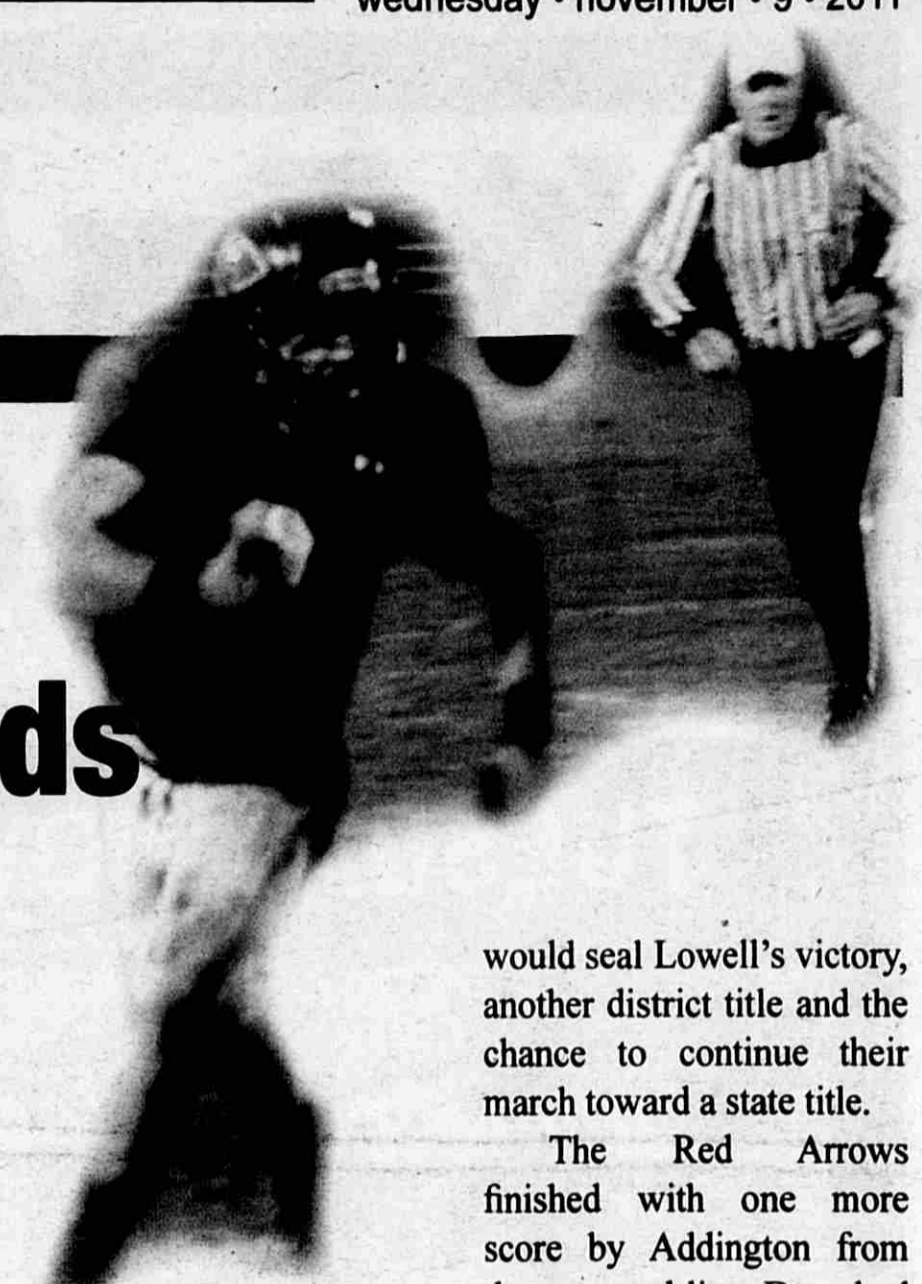
The Arrows punted the ball for the first time with four minutes remaining in the first half. Muskegon, however, could not capitalize, fumbling the ball away. This time, Josh Addington ran in a seven-yard score with less than two minutes left in the half.

Muskegon's first score of the game came on the first possession of the third quarter, though it took them four-and-a-half minutes to get there. That would be their last.

Muskegon fumbled the ball away again in the third quarter, Lowell again recovering. The Red Arrows would turn the ball over on downs.

Early in the fourth quarter, Jordan Drake had the punt of his life, a perfect bounce landing the ball at the one yard line. This would lead to another Lowell score.

On the Big Reds' third and ten from the one yard line, Jake Stehley gave the



would seal Lowell's victory, another district title and the chance to continue their march toward a state title.

The Red Arrows finished with one more score by Addington from the one yard line. Dean had 139 yards on 33 carries and threw 6-13 for 157 yards. Lyman had three receptions for 88 yards and Addington had 69 yards on 19 carries. Muskegon had 70 yards on the ground and 50 yards through the air.

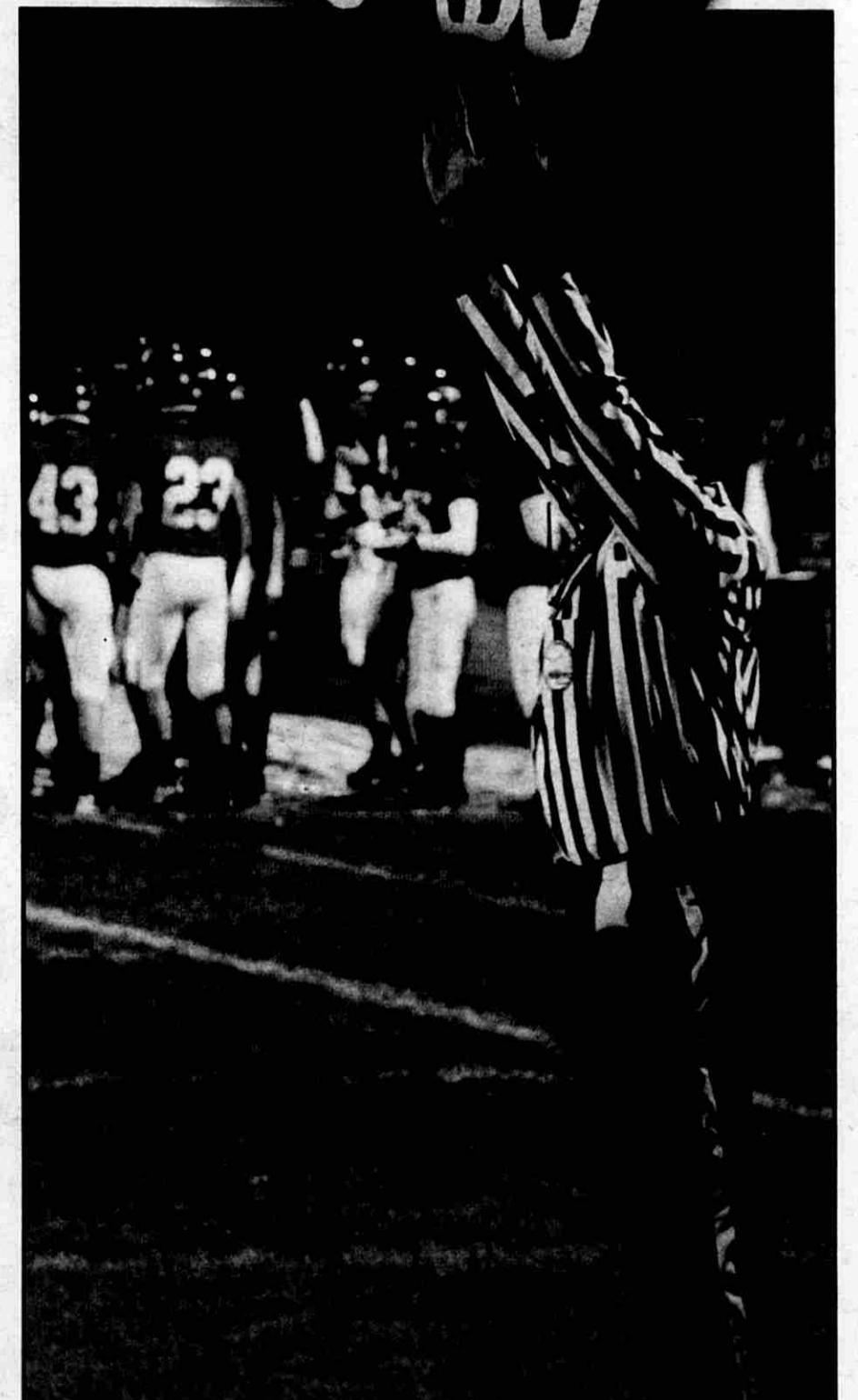
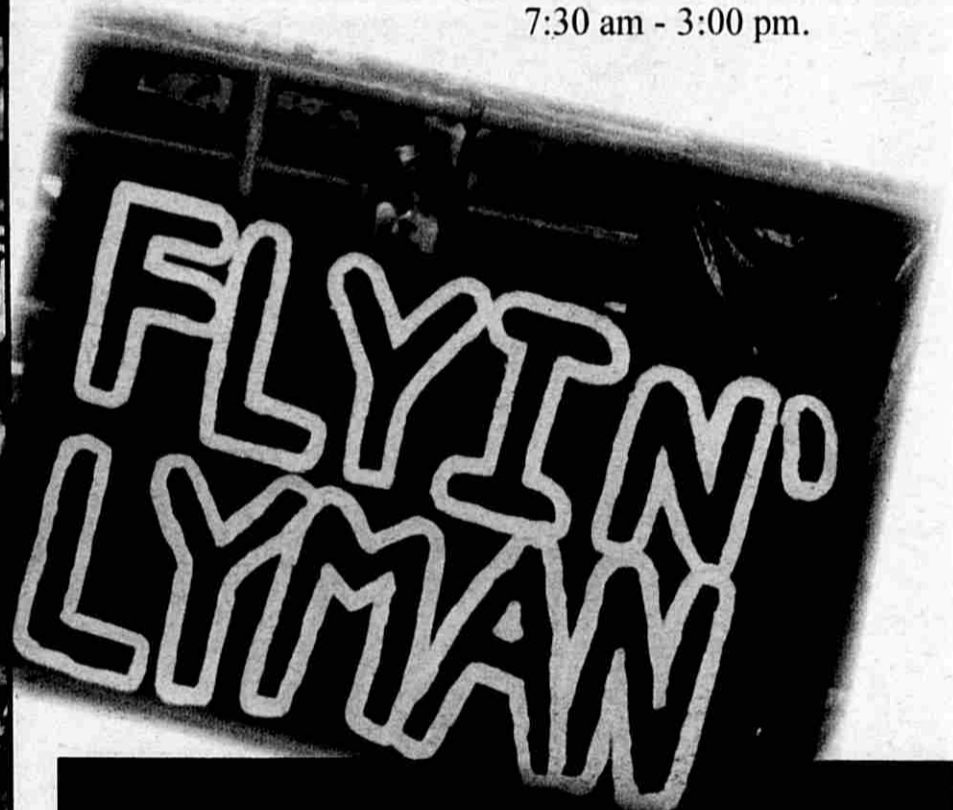
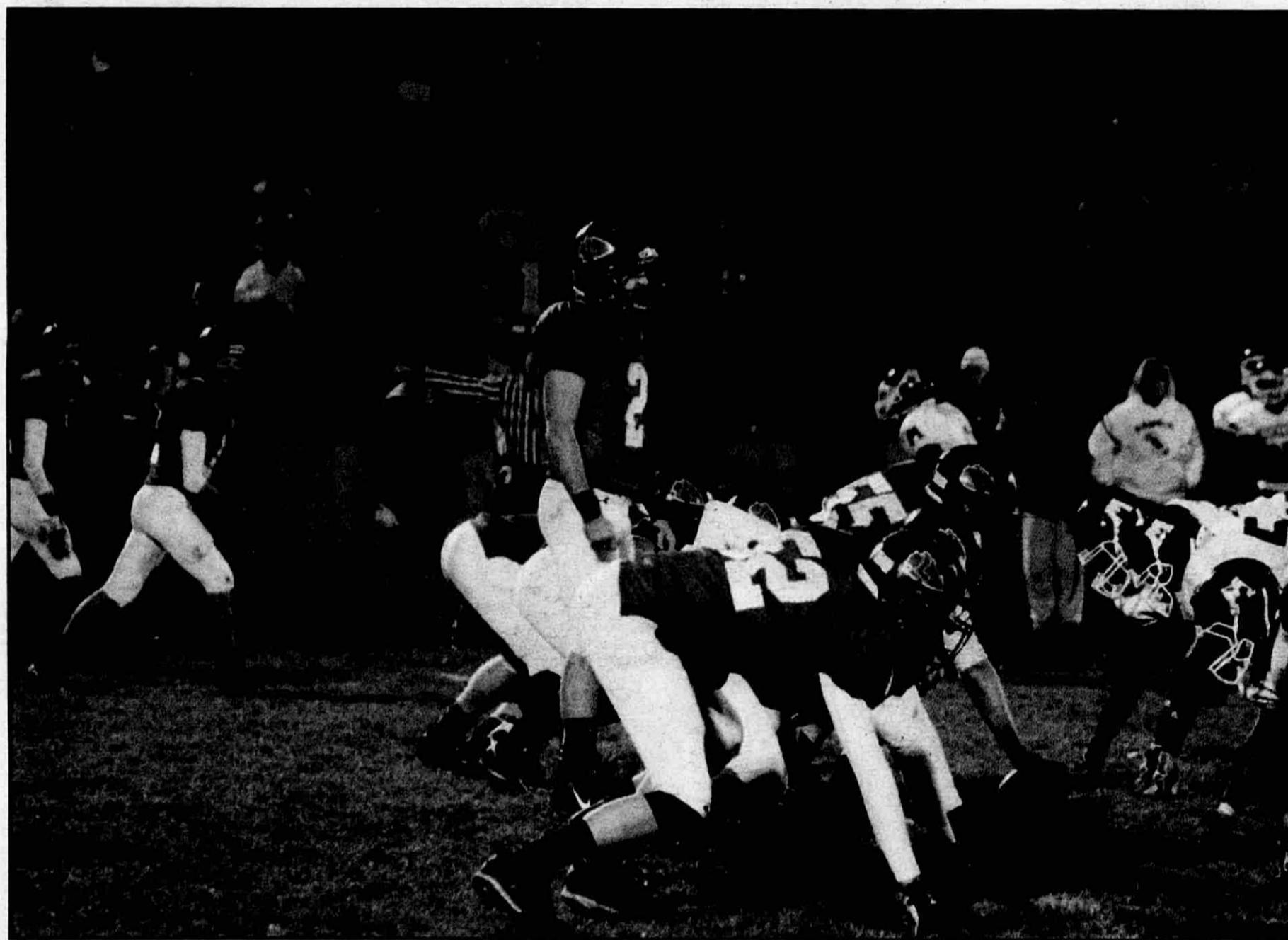
Red Arrows a 30-7 lead by sacking the Muskegon quarterback in the end zone.

As is the rule with a safety, Lowell got the ball back. A crushing hit from the Big Reds knocked the ball from Dean's hands on second and one yard to go.

Once again, Muskegon could not make good. The Red Arrows threw four consecutive incomplete passes to turn the ball over with just a few minutes remaining in the game. This

The game against Fenton High School will be held at Lowell's Red Arrow Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1:00 pm.

Gates will open at 11:30. Tickets are \$5 for everyone, no passes, and will be sold Thursday and Fridays in the Lowell High School athletic office from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.



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