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# Landman may appeal planning commission's approval of Bowes Road wireless communication tower

#### By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Impact on the surrounding area was the final determination on which a wireless communication tower would be the first in the city of Lowell.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission denied a special use request for the property at 2401 W. Main, owned by Todd Landman in a 6-2 vote. The planning commission approved a special use request for a wireless communication tower at 2051 Bowes Road, where Fuller Septic is located. The vote again was 6-2, with planning commission chairman James Hall and commissioner Clark Jahnke being the minority votes on both issues.

"We need to find the very best answer for the city and the residents," Hall said to Landman after Landman asked if there was any way he could appeal the decision.

Landman can go before the Zoning Board of Appeals and request that the group review his proposal and the planning commission's decision.

If Landman should decide to do this, he would appear on

Feb. 5 before the Lowell City Council, which acts as the ZBA.

Lowell city manager, David Pasquale said the ZBA could set a public hearing at its next meeting on Feb. 20.

"Personally I am not satisfied with either site," Hall said during the discussion of the two proposals. "I am sorry to hear that the water treatment site was not available, because it is an out of the way location."

Stephen Childers, who represented American Towers, took a look at the water treatment site. He submitted for the record a letter from his construction manager stating the site was unsuitable for such a project because of the water tables on the property.

"I believe when they put a fence up, they only went a few feet and hit water," Childers said, adding that the foundation of a tower goes down in the ground a ways making it difficult to put one in that location.

American Towers is the company proposing to construct a 250-foot monopole tower on the Fuller Septic site. The company meets all of the requirements which include being located in an industrial zone, meeting the minimum requirements of lot size (20,000 square feet), having an eight-foot barbed wire fence, and being one-half the tower height from the property setbacks. AT&T, which was proposing a tower on the Landman property, also meets all of those requirements. It had changed its pole from a latch structure to a monopole and would be able to carry five communication carriers as would American Towers' pole. The issue of whether the pole would affect construction of a new landing strip at the airport had also been resolved. concerns over the lighting of the tower and the fact that it would be greeting people as they came into the city.

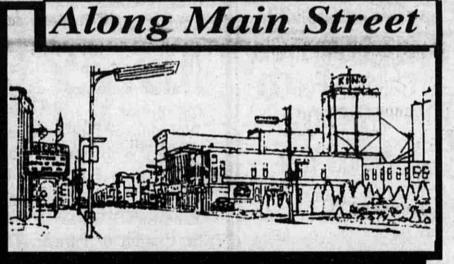
The planning commission determined that both towers would be about 600 feet from Main Street and in view of anyone driving up and down the street.

However, a big factor in their decision was the residents' comments.

Chris Wendt, manager of Valley Vista Park. a manufactured home park located near the American Towers' site, said she had discussed the tower with her residents and admitted at first there was some concern.

"Once they learned it was going to be monopole. people seemed to get really excited about it." she said. "I have not received any opposition since."

Because of the citizens' comments and concerns that the Landman site would have a greater impact on its surrounding area, commissioner Jim Pfaller proposed that the special use permit be denied for the Landman site. Because the American Towers' site would have less of an impact on its surrounding area and because of the comments from Valley Vista. the commission approved that special use permit.



#### **COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

The Lowell Recreation Building at 1320 E. Main will distribute commodities on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; also on Friday, Jan. 26 from noon to 3 p.m. Commodities include apricots - cans, black eyed peas, corn syrup, cranapple juice, milk- instant, rice and tomato soup.

#### **ATHLETIC POLICY REVIEW MEETING**

An athletic policy review meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in room A202 to look at current policies and practices. Topics to be discussed include athletic code, title IX, fundraising, academic eligibility & character expectations. All persons with a concern or interest are welcome to attend.

#### **HOMAGE - TRIBUTE TO LORETTA SAILORS**

The Lowell Area Arts Council will present a student exhibition as a tribute to watercolor instructor, Loretta Sailors. The display is at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. thru Feb. 6 during business hours.

#### PARENT WORKSHOP

A parent workshop will be held on Monday, Feb. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Lowell Board of Education meeting room at the administration offices, 300 High St. Randy Flood, a clinical psychologist from Grand Rapids, will be speaking on "Emotional Intelligence in Children: K-8th." To register, call 897-8415, ext. 214 or ext. 216. This workshop will help parents better understand that having a high emotional quotient is a better predictor of success than having a high intelligent quotient.

#### **USED PHONE BOOK DROP-OFF CENTER**

Lowell First United Methodist Church is collecting used phone books for production of insulation for Habitat For Humanity. The trailer is located in the parking lot behind the church at Division and E. Main. Deadline is Feb. 15. Only phone books please. "My opinion is that I don't want it there," said Sharon Potter, who indicated she lived near the proposed tower. "That is it. I just don't want it there."

Potter said the landscaping proposed would not block her view of the tower since she lives on a hill. She also cited It's not quite over yet. The planning commission did have a preliminary view of the site plan for the American Towers' proposal. The company will be back at the Feb. 26 planning commission meeting for final site plan approval. The city is in contact with attorney, Richard Wendt looking for the proper course of appeal.

Childers said his company did at one time consider the Landman site.

In the original proposal of the wireless communication towers, however, it was suggested that the setback would be the entire length of the tower, making the Landman site unsuitable for American Towers' proposal, he said.

During the review process, it was decided setbacks would be one-half of the tower height.

### **Confession reveals conspiracy in Subway robbery**

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Matthew Brown, 20, who was arraigned on armed robbery charges in connection with the Dec. 25 Subway robbery, talked to authorities prior to his preliminary hearing on Jan. 16.

What Brown had to say changed things. According to Lowell Police Department investigator Chris Hurst, Brown told officials he did not work alone. In fact, Brown confessed that he and three friends conspired to steal money from Subway.

### City receives clean bill from auditor

#### By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell received a clean bill of health from its auditors for its financial year of 1999-2000.

Joe Tunes, from the auditing firm of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, presented the firm's findings to the city at the council's Tuesday night meeting.

"We found the city's financial records to be in fair condition," Tunes said, adding that Sue Olin, city treasurer, and Char McNab, assistant financial director/in-

vestment officer should be commended for their work in keeping the financial statements.

"The city switched to a new CMI software program and even with that change, we didn't see any problems," Tunes said. Normally, when an institution switches software, it can be a difficult time for the auditors.

The 87-page report reviewed the city's financial records for the 1999-2000 period, which started on July 1, 1999 and ended June 30, 2000. The auditing firm ac-

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Two of Brown's friends were working at Subway and the fourth drove the getaway vehicle.

Brandon Pinney. 20. and Jennifer Pinney. 19. have been charged with conspiring to embezzle and making a false felony police report.

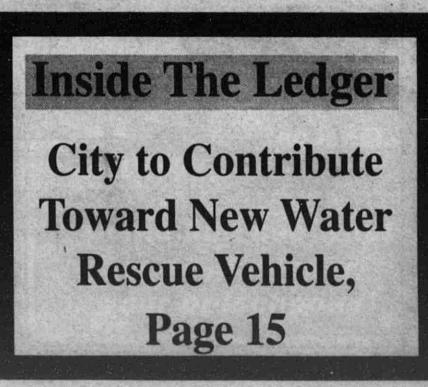
Pinneys' preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 30. They were arraigned on Jan. 19.

Josh Young, 19, the driver, has been charged with a misdemeanor conspiring to embezzle.

Brown is expected to be charged with a felony. As to what felony, that is currently being negotiated with his attorney. according to Hurst.

Brown, Pinneys and Young conspired to take \$286.25 from Subway.

Through Pinneys' description. the Subway's surveillance cameras, and a subsequent investigation which turned up the knife not far from the Subway building, authorities were able to arrest Brown roughly seven hours after he fled the restaurant.



### **OBITUARIES**

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**BENEDICT** - Charles Earl Benedict, aged 39, of Saranac, passed away January 21, 2001 in Greenville. He was born October 17, 1961, the son of Earl R. and Carolyn (Warner) Benedict. He attended Shiloh Community Church and graduated from Saranac High School in 1980 where he was

parents Earl and Carolyn Benedict of Saranac; grandparents R.C. and Catherine Warner of Ionia: sister Connie (Joe) Orlowski of Saranac; special uncle Roger and Karoline Benedict of Saranac; several uncles, aunts and cousins; niece Ashley and nephew Josh. Funeral seron football and wrestling vices will be held Wednesteams. He was also active in day, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. at 4-H. He is survived by his Berlin Center Methodist

Church with Rev. David Flagel and Rev. Ken Harger officiating. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Berlin Center Methodist Church. Envelopes available at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

LENTZ - George E. Lentz, aged 93, formerly of Alto, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2001 in Hillman, MI, after an extended illness. George was born to John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lentz in Irving Township, Barry County, MI on Feb. 24, 1907. He spent his working years as a farmer in the Alto area. George was an active member of Jesus the Good Shepherd Church of Atlanta,MI. since retiring to Atlanta 13 years ago. Mr. Lentz was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Will, Harry, Carl, Luther; two sisters Clara

Merriman Cemetery. Rosary will be recited Wednesday at 7 p.m. Visitation Wed. 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Church, 9669 Kraft Ave., Caledonia, MI 49316-9723.

**PINCKNEY** - Michalle Maureen Pinckney, aged 41, passed away January 22, 2001. She is survived by her husband Tildon Pinckney; children Jessica Cadwallader, Brian Wolfe, Raychael Wolfe; parents Thomas and Helen Stanley of Zeeland; brothers Ed White of Wichita, KS, Eric Stanley of Whitter, CA; sister Kim Koltak of Howard City; granddaughter Alyssia. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

RANGER - Howard L. Ranger, aged 72, of Lyons, passed away January 19, 2001 in Carson City. He was born August 12, 1928 in Lyons, Mich., the son of Howard C. Ranger. He went on to marry Ann Burns on Feb. 15, 1955 in Boston. He is a member of Ann Ranger of Lyons; sons

Daniel Ranger of Lyons and Howard B. Ranger of CO; daughters Mary and Chris White of Muir, Patricia and Charlie Parker of New York, Kathleen and Brent Cross of CO and Margaret Swift of Portland; brother Francis and Betty Joe Ranger of MO; sister Betty and Richard Walsh of OH; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren and one brother. Funeral Services were held January 23 at Lake Funeral Home with Father Charles Mason officiating.

**REICHELT** - Violet N. (Hanes) Reichelt, aged 75, of Cedar Springs, passed away after a lengthy illness. Violet is survived by her husband of 41 years, Lawrence D. Reichelt; three children Aaron Reichelt of Cedar Springs, Joann (Kevin) Parker of Sand Lake and Rita (Gary) Chambers of Coral; seven grandchildren; three sisters Margaret (Henry) Scholten of Hudsonville, Dot (Al) Lacic of Lowell and Edith Kloe of Cedar Springs; two brothers Jack (Shirley) Hanes and Grant (Pride) Hanes all of Sand Lake; many nieces and nephews. Three

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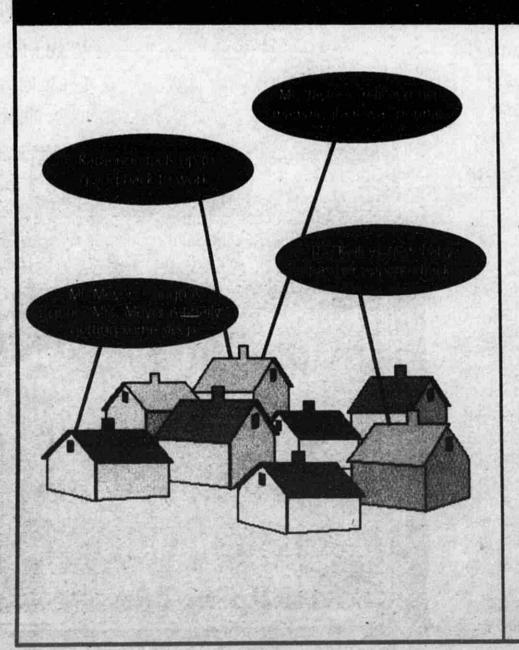
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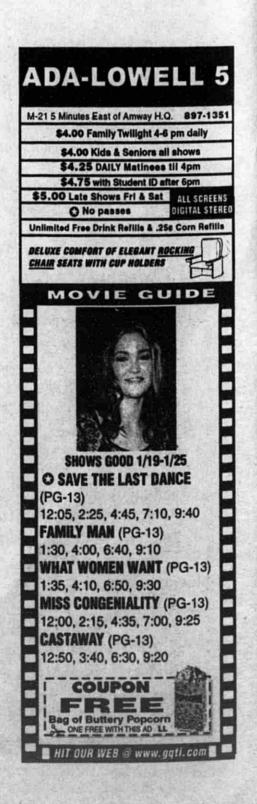
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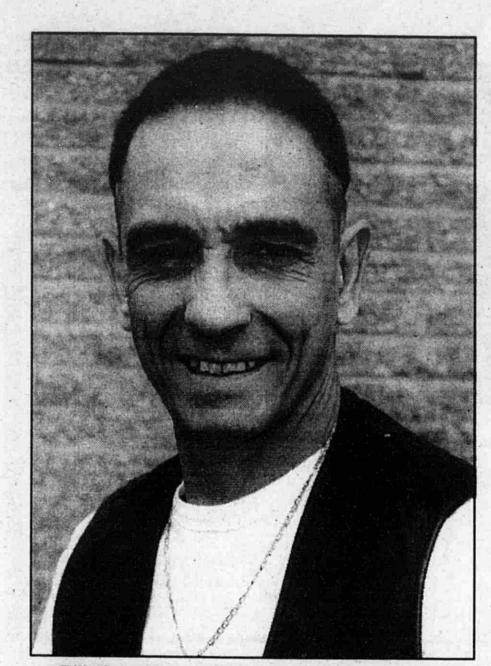


brothers and one sister preceded her in death. Funeral services were held Friday. January 19, 2001, at South Ensley United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Fairbrother officiating. Interment Solon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association have been suggested.

SCOTT - Joseph H. Scott, aged 63, of Middleville, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at home. Survived by his wife of 43 years, Virginia M. Scott; one son Dale R. Scott of Alaska MI; two daughters, Deborah (Brad) Sigler of Middleville, Cynthia L (Dan) Sheeran of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters Kathleen (Jack) VandyBogurt of Marshall Dorothy (Andy) DeVenney of Texas; mother-in-law Lillian Wert of Alto; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service was held at the family home on Sunday.

WOLSCHLAGER - Mary Jane Wolschlager passed away January 21, 2001. Born Feb. 25, 1935, she was preceded in death by her son Timothy, grandson Jasen, sister Wilma and brother Eugene. Mrs. Wolschlager is survived by her husband Elgin; daughters Eljean (David) Kizer, Susan (Rex) Hart; sons Ted and Andy (Andrew) Wolschlager; seven grandchildren; sisters JoAnn (John) Stout, Sharon (Tim) Harder; brothers Gerald and Kenneth Karolinski; daughter-in-law Amy Wolschlager; brother-in-law Charles Wolschlager. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Jan. 26 at St. Patrick's Catho lic Church of Parnell. The family has requested no flowers. Memorials may be made to the family of Mary Jane c/ o Elgin Wolschlager, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331.



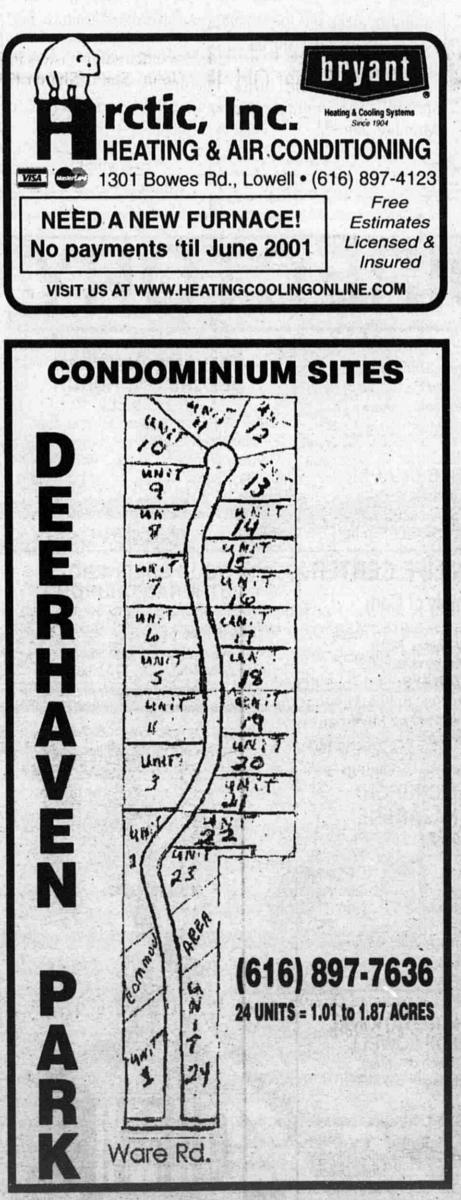


Billy Schneider is scheduled to speak to LHS students and staff on Monday, Jan. 29.

### Literacy council in search of volunteers

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an the practicing psychologist. information session on Wednesday, Jan. 31 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one by Metro Health, has an ofhour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training

The information session will be held at the Cascade Library - 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE. To register, call 245-7962. The Kent County Literary Council is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community.



## Schneider to share ills of alcohol, drug abuse and sex with Lowell youth

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Billy Schneider made a number of bad choices as a youth; today he lives and suf- of 12 and quit school by the fers from the consequences seventh-grade of those choices.

The New York City na- caine and heroin, he climbed tive now spends much of his New York's George Washtime traveling the country talking to students about his errant ways.

He discusses the ills of teen suicide, alcohol, sex and drug abuse. He does not want be shipped to the Bellevue students to suffer similar con- Psychiatric unit. Three days sequences he himself faces - later he was released ... to the AIDS, cancer, a missing son, and the death of his child-

hood sweetheart and wife from drug abuse.

Schneider started experimenting with drugs at the age In 1977, addicted to co-

ington Bridge in a dramatic attempt to be heard, stalling rush hour traffic. Five hours later. Schneider was convinced to come down, only to same lifestyle and no help.

Schneider will speak to

### Den Houter, psychologist, has office at Metro Health Lowell Plaza

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell ledger Editor

Kathryn Den Houter, the resident, has resided in Low ell for roughly 21 years. Now, so does Den Houter.

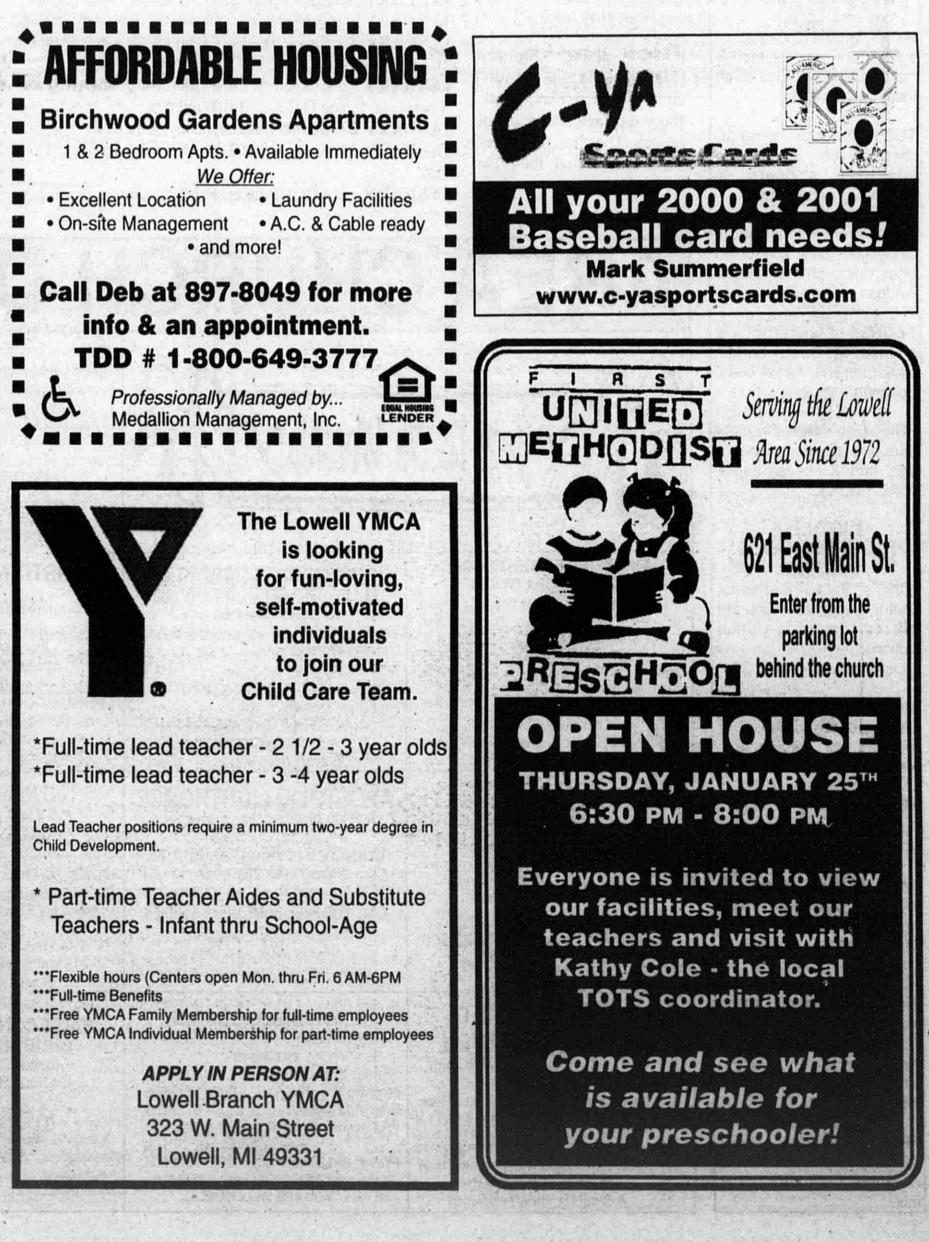
Den Houter, employed

fice at the new Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main. Counselors Donna Warber and Robert Baird also

work from the same office. The three offer treatmen in the areas of individual



Kathryn Den Houter



and staff at 9:15 and 10:26 on Monday (Jan. 29). He will also speak to classes of Unity High School students at 1:30 p.m.

Schneider will return to Lowell High School on Monday evening to share the rest of his story in an event not sponsored by the school. Joining him will be the Epiphany Band and Silent Light.

Schneider will give testimony on how God's power has changed him from a hopeless drug addict to a productive citizen.

Jayne Mathews, a mem-

an assembly of LHS students ber of the Alton Bible Church and the program's host, said students will have an opportunity to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

> Schneider's travels around the country are an effort to create a trend of positive choices, responsible actions, unimpaired decisions. moral behavior and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pop and pizza will be served at the evening event which begins at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend any of the assemblies and the evening event.

therapy, family and marital therapy, cognitive therapy. treatment for anxiety and depression, parenting issues. and psychoeducational and neuropsychological assess-

have found Lowell to be a good choice for a place to ive," Den Houter said.

Den Houters have four children; two have graduated from Lowell Area Schools. Den Houter taught for 20

years prior to becoming a therapist, and has practiced psychology for 12 years.

Her office hours are Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling the main of-"My husband Len and I fice in Grand Rapids at 458-0692

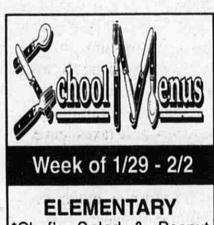
> Warber (M.A. LLP) is in the Lowell office on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Baird's (M.Div. M.S.W.) hours are Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Rev. Dominic A. Tommy Pastor Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

Book of Romans I read these words, "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first be- has always been. Micah 5:2 lieved" (13:11).

I don't know about you, but I do recall many times lasting." people stop me to ask, "What time is it?" All they want to know is whether they are there



\*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch \* Lunch: \$1.35 \* Milk: 30¢

MON: Chicken nuggets or baked ham, sweet bread 8 margarine, crinkly oven fries, fresh grapes.

TUES: Nachos w/meat cheese, roll or chicken sandwich, apricots 8 cherries, green beans.

WED: French toast sticks or cereal choice, scrambled eggs, juice choice, potato wedges.

THURS: Macaroni & cheese or Beefy burrito, cinnamon roll, sweet peas, peaches.

FRI: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese bagel, corn, fruit mix.

### **MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS**

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**TUES:** 2 turkey & cheese on buns or cook's choice, pears, baked beans.

WED: Chicken nuggets or macaroni & cheese, sweet bread, whipped potatoes, green beans, apricots & cherries.

THURS: French toast sticks or pancake dippers scrambled eggs, potato wedges, juice, warn cinnamon apples, cherry topping & syrup.

FRI: Pizza wedge or swee & sour chicken over rice w/dinner roll, corn, fruit

at the right time, or need to hurry up to get somewhere. The world, with technological advancement in communications and transportations, This morning from the is in a fast pace. We are busy always trying to get caughtup with 24 hours of daily portion God has entrusted to us. That's not too bad, because God Himself is busy and He says His "goings forth have been from of old, from ever-

> What's God doing today? Do we know what time it is on God's calendar? Consider with me three things in God's timetable and what God wants his people to do: First it is. grace time. "For the son of Man is come to seek and to save which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Christ's mission was to bring salvation and grace, and that is exactly what He did wl on the rose th timeo vided you to beginr and fa God's

and ground of the truth (I Timothy 3:15). God's plan is that people will see His love for the world through the church. At the church, you can find love, fellowship and support. You can also find healing, restoration to torn lives and reconciliation with your enemies. Have you visited church lately? Why not include it in your resolution for 2001

Third, it is apostasy time. Jesus prophesied that during the "Jet Age" many false teachers would arise (Matt. 7 and 24). The Bible warns us that as the age progresses, turning away from God will increase, God's plan for families will diminish, and children will stand against parents (2 Tim.3; 2 Peter. 2-3, and Jude). This is the age of apostasy. And where can we find that "old time revival" of soul, body and spirit? It is time to come back to God. It's time to restore families and bring hope to the next generation. It's grace time from God. It's time for the church to be found in the midst of doing God's business: proclaiming God's grace and love to a desperate world. Would you join me in this Millennium?



### **AREA BIRTHS**

Jeff and Kristin Parsons of Ada are proud to announce the birth of their son. Andrew Clark.

Andrew was born on Friday, January 5, 2001 at 8:11 p.m. at Spectrum Health East. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 21 1/2" long.

and that is exactly what He Mille did when He shed his blood on the cross, was buried, and rose the third day. This is the	nnium? Proud grar ell, Paul Luca Lakeview.	ndparents are Clark and Greta Parsons on as of Comstock Park and Janet Newb	f Low- erry of	
time of salvation. Having pro- vided this grace, God invites you to come and have a new beginning through repentance and faith in Christ. This is God's time of grace. Second, <i>it is church time</i> . Jesus promised He would build His church (Matt. 16:18), and the dis- ciples, in their church work, show the importance of the church. The church is called the house of God, the pillar	HAPPY BIRTH UARY 25: Dave Harding, Molly Doyle, UARY 26: Victor Weeks, Steven Uzarsk UARY 27: Jacqueline Bay, Brittani And es, Lori Smith, Andrea Dewey, Nancy R UARY 28: Ryan White, Cher Maste nouse, Renee DeBold, Bill Wierenga. UARY 29: Brenda Baker-Kinsley, Kim ( UARY 30: Susan Roudabush, Nicholas UARY 31: Rick Fonger, Brian Rasch.	Dean Olin. i, Kitty Brenk. lerson, Dianna toth. enbrook, Amy Call. Kinsley, Tyler It was brought to out on Ashley Rd., (grandmother) and J 15. Not just a robin sprung!!! Sue Simme Monday, Jan. 22.	o our atte north c oe Wisn n, but a onds on S	
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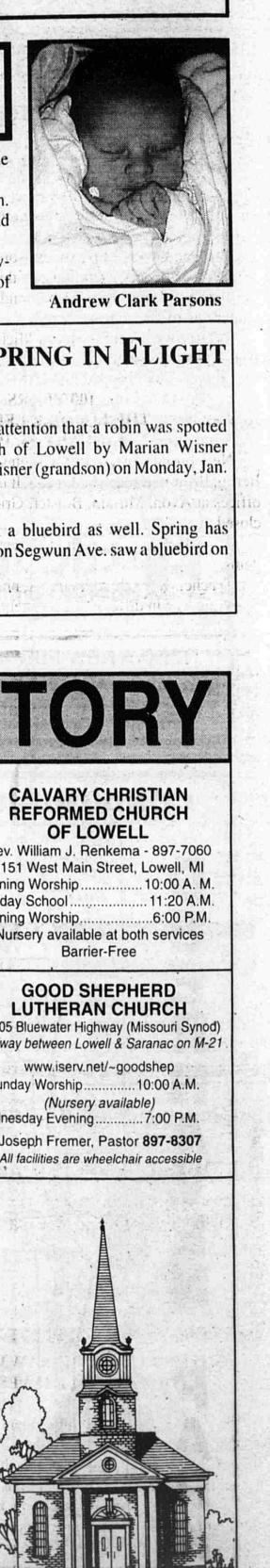
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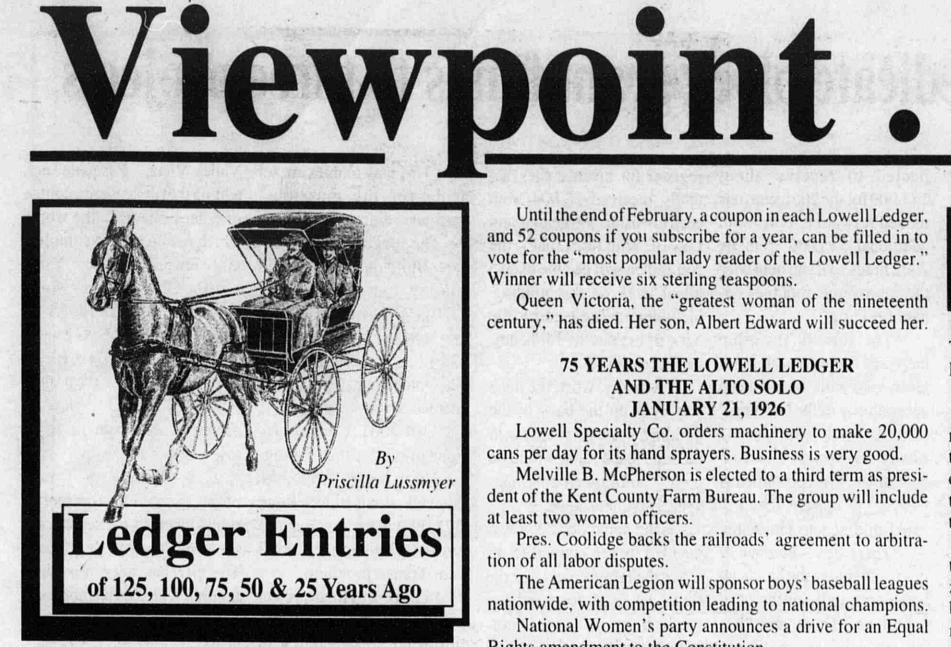
Betsy Madison and Jason Tart became engaged on Christmas Eve, 2000.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vance M. Dimmick Jr. of Lowell. She is employed as an order service coordinator at Kawasaki Motors Corp. USA in Grand Rap-

The future groom is employed as a corrugator at Tenneco Packaging Corporation in Grandville. He is the son of Virginia Taylor of Cedar Springs.

The couple will be married on June 9, 2001 at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.





**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 26, 1876** 

"About the only thing that isn't changing is G. Washington's birthday. That comes on Feb. 22, this year as formerly.'

The Greenville Democrat reports nearly a hundred million feet of logs run on the Flat River the past year, to Gowen, Greenville, Belding, Smyrna, Lowell and Grand Rapids, the largest run in one season ever.

The county Board of Supervisors votes down spending \$100,000 for a new court house at this time.

Barbin's blacksmith, wagon and pallet shop, plus machinery, is for sale cheap.

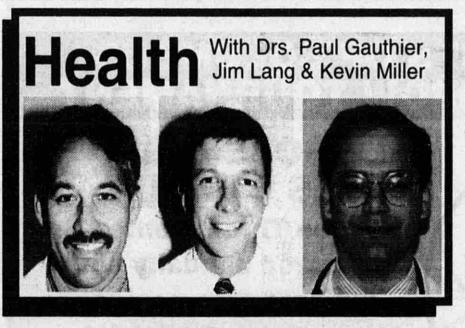
"Thirty-nine years ago today Michigan became one of the United States."

#### **100 YEARS** THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 24, 1901**

New postal Free Delivery routes have been laid out in readings and lots of snow. Berlin, Boston, Keene and Easton. It is expected that the post offices at Avon, Miriam, Bolster, Gridley and Doris will be closed.

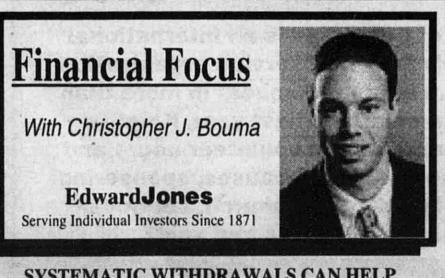
A catch phrase, "It's All Off" occurs frequently between Derby

Teachers and school board members act to stop a rash of 304 attending. petty thievery in different departments of the schools.



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terized by several symptoms. The most common symptom is Another common symptom is when the eyes "matter" or term consequences.



SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS CAN HELP YOU PRESERVE INVESTMENTS

Why do you purchase investments designed to provide capital appreciation, such as growth-oriented mutual funds? The answer is quite simple: You want them to potentially grow as much as possible, for as long as possible.

To help achieve that goal, you need to make regular contributions and avoid taking out money. But there may come a time when you need to tap into your funds. Does this mean you have to sell them outright and cash out all your money? Not if you use a systematic withdrawal technique, which will allow

Until the end of February, a coupon in each Lowell Ledger, and 52 coupons if you subscribe for a year, can be filled in to vote for the "most popular lady reader of the Lowell Ledger." Winner will receive six sterling teaspoons. Queen Victoria, the "greatest woman of the nineteenth

century," has died. Her son, Albert Edward will succeed her.

#### **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** AND THE ALTO SOLO **JANUARY 21, 1926**

Lowell Specialty Co. orders machinery to make 20,000 cans per day for its hand sprayers. Business is very good. Melville B. McPherson is elected to a third term as presi-

dent of the Kent County Farm Bureau. The group will include at least two women officers.

Pres. Coolidge backs the railroads' agreement to arbitration of all labor disputes.

The American Legion will sponsor boys' baseball leagues nationwide, with competition leading to national champions. National Women's party announces a drive for an Equal Rights amendment to the Constitution.

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**

**JANUARY 25, 1951** Carl Kyser was named the nightwatch this week.

Every state police post is now equipped with a camera, complete with a flash device. Lynn H. Clark embarks on this 5th four-year term as

county Superintendent of Schools. M-21 and US-16 between Grand Rapids and Lowell are

the most hazardous roads in the area and will receive extra police patrolling.

The family party, sponsored by Wittenbach Sales & Service at City Hall, draws nearly 800 persons.

#### **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 22, 1976**

The Monroe-High Street intersection receives attention as a hazardous crossing for school children. We've had about two weeks of near-zero thermometer

The post office reminds rural residents that mail carriers don't have to service obstructed mail boxes.

The local Boy Scouts host 15 other troops for the Klondike

Bushnell's "Grandparents Day" is a huge success, with

collect thick yellow fluid in the corners or on the eye lashes. Itching of the eyes can also be experienced as conjunctivitis irritates the surface of the eyes or eyelids

Infection is the cause of most cases of conjunctivitis, but is more commonly a viral infection rather than bacterial. The difference is that there is no specific treatment for a strictly viral infection other than to use a moist wash cloth to wipe away the collections of fluid. Time will heal the viral conjunctivitis, but there are instances where the infection has a bacterial source. Treatment for these infections is to either use an oral antibiotic or more commonly apply antibiotic drops to the affected eye for a week or so.

The reputation of pinkeye is that it is easily transmitted between people. To some degree this is true, but is usually because of close contact without adequate precautions of hand washing after exposure. Children pass this infection around Conjunctivitis or "pinkeye" is a condition which is charac- because they are less discriminate in their contact with each other. While the infection does need to be treated if it is caused a reddened or bloodshot appearance to the whites of the eyes. by a bacteria, most times the infection is mild and has no long-

> you to get the money you need for your living expenses while still keeping your investment growing.

> As a mutual fund owner, it's not hard to make this type of arrangement. You just need to write to your fund or fill out a form establishing a systematic withdrawal plan. (If your fund is in a brokerage account, you will need to consult with your account manager to set up systematic withdrawals.) You will need to tell the mutual fund company how much money you want deducted from your fund, and how often.

While it's easy to set up this type of withdrawal plan, it's harder to determine just how much money you should take out. To keep your fund alive, you will obviously need to withdraw less than the fund earns. So, for example, if you have a mutual fund that has returned an average of eight percent a year, you might want to withdraw six percent. That way, you won't drain your fund.

Of course, to establish this plan, you'd have to be able to count on your fund earning eight percent. No fund can guarantee its performance, so you can never know with 100 percent assurance that your fund will return eight percent, or whatever figure you're shooting for. That's why you may be better off choosing a "balanced" fund that contains a diversiThe Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, January 24, 2001 - Page 5

### **TO THE EDITOR**

To the Editor and Lowell Cable TV Board and subscribers.

After a pleasant enough conversation with the marketing manager, I still have some concerns with the board's decision to replace Classic Arts Showcase with QVC, a home shopping opportunity. I appreciated the recent survey as the proper way to conduct public business but am disappointed that neither of these two channels were mentioned in that survey.

With another recent programming change, the board chose to evaluate their offering of elective channels that some citizens objected to. The policy of a survey and citizens review board were formed to reflect community values: a recognized right

Classic Arts Showcase: a nonprofit entity offering freely a mix of short videos revealing a cross-section of our cultural and natural heritage. It is excellence in music, dance, drama and the visual arts spanning over 100 years. This vehicle allows children, the elderly, the mentally or physically challenged, and those with curiosity access to what makes us human. The arts and nature entertain, console, refresh and inspire the spirit while fostering creativity and giving.

QVC, ideally, would provide those unable with the ability to procure the things they need. Excuse me. Providing this is akin to the state offering a system for wholesale gamblinglotteries. Not only do resources and uncollectible taxes leave the area, those with addictive shopping habits fall further from themselves and family. In a society credit debt ridden, driven by interest makers; "well-being" depends on how much we have. We have a right and hope, for different values.

Considering our community's past judgment about discretionary, paid for channels, QVC is more insidious being part of our basic subscription. Foresight created this rare and fortunate community ability to control such great TV: two PBS stations. A&E, History, DSC, TLC, Animal Planet, Classic Arts and more. It is great because it is public, and a public response is necessary here, please.

> Thank you. Gary Dietzel

#### To the Editor and the residents of Lowell:

It is with much regret and sadness that we announce the closing of the Shorebird Gallery & Gifts. After 3 1/2 years serving this wonderful little community we find it financially impossible to continue. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our regular loyal customers and even those who only visited us once or twice.

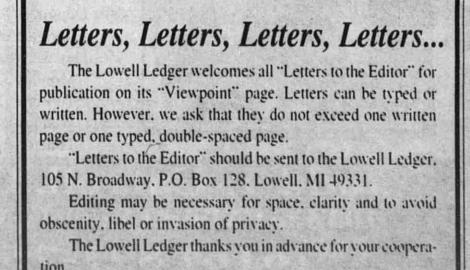
We truly enjoyed the friendliness and courtesy you afforded us, and we hope that we served your needs appropriately. We have already received many comments implying that we just can't close, that we are an important asset to the community and, believe me, that makes us feel appreciated and gives us satisfaction that maybe we did do most things right.

But it all comes down to money and time. A person will devote the time necessary to something that gives back but when it becomes a "hobby business." we have decided that our time with family and friends is more important. We hope you all understand.

Our other store in Grand Haven (under the same name) will continue to operate for the present time, and we hope that you can visit it from time to time.

Again, thank you all for allowing us to serve you. It has been an enriching learning experience for us. We would like to invite you to our close-out sales and remember. for the sake of all the other small businesses like ours, when in doubt, please consider shopping Lowell first. Thank you again. And special thanks to Jody Haybarker and Lisa Settle who were always there for us.

Mike and Carolyn Stahl



# Council decides to dedicate block grant funds to three projects

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer** 

Road, the North Kent Transit (CDBG).

program, and the Graham

money from the Community Sidewalk along Bowes Development Block Grant

The city, which is ex-

### **Area Students receive** awards in regional art competition

More than 160 middle, junior high and senior high school students from 37 West Michigan schools were honored at the 2001 Scholastic Art Awards ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 21 at Kendall College of Art and Design.

Student award winners from Lowell High School were Travis Gillan for mixed media and Jake Schulte for drawing. Both received honorable mention.

The Scholastic Art Awards are an annual juried competition open to students from grades seven through twelve in the U.S., Canada and the U.S. Territories. The awards provide recognition for young artists in their own communities at regional competitions.

"We are thrilled to once again sponsor the regional Scholastic Art Awards competition and are very impressed with the quality of work submitted by these many talented students," said Oliver Evans, president of Kendall College of Art and Design. "The level of talent and skill demonstrated over these past 10 years certainly speaks well for the students and their teachers."

More than 800 entries were submitted to this year's competition.

Kendall College of Art & Design was founded in 1928. An accredited four-year institution, it offers bachelor of fine arts degrees in six areas: fine arts, furniture design, illustration, industrial design, interior design, and visual communications as well as a bachelor of science degree in art history.

ham Building.

has come forward with mon- cap accessibility. ies to help with the handicap accessibility of the building," working to convert the Gra- ager, David Pasquale. ham Building into a museum.

The Graham Building, building.

which is listed on the national

Building will be recipients of pected to receive about register for historic sites, ac-\$25,000 for the 2001 year, has tually received \$8,000 from moved forward to borrow an each township, Vergennes and additional \$15,000 from its Lowell. With that money, the 2002 funds so it can help with committee will be able to do a the improvements of the Gra- lot of work on the building, including adding a ramp to the "The Lowell Township back of the facility for handi-

> "Actually, when the dock was built on the back of the said Jim Doyle, who is on the building, it was originally with Lowell Historical Museum the idea that a ramp would be committee. The committee is built," said Lowell city man-

> After some debate, it was "There are a number of decided by the council to reitems other than the handicap move the requirement that the bathrooms and ramp that need funds be used for handicap to be done," Doyle said. "It is accessibility, so that the comour hope that we could use mittee could put the money this funding for other items." toward other projects for the

aside for the museum," Pasquale said.

ham Building is actually the sidewalk as well. coming out of the 2002 decided to do.

Development Block monies sidewalks' budget. have been designated for the Kent Transit program.

The city has been providing "The Bowes Road project funding with CDBG monies to would complete sidewalk run- the program for a number of ning from South Hudson to years

### Financial Focus, continued...From Page 5

fied mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and cash. This type of fund has historically offered a better chance of achieving stable returns. If you make systematic withdrawals from a stock fund, you may have to deal with returns that fluctuate strongly from year to year. And a bond fund may not provide the level of growth you need.

There's no rule that you have to take systematic withdrawals from just one fund, either. You could decide to take smaller withdrawals from several different funds. Because you're not taking large withdrawals from any of the funds, they all still have the potential for significant growth.

As with all other income, your mutual fund withdrawals will generate taxes. However, some of it should be in the form of capital gains, which are typically taxed at lower levels than earned income. As long as you've held your mutual fund shares for at least one year, you'll get the most favorable capital gains rate, currently 20 percent for most tax brackets.

So, that's the story on systematic withdrawals. Keep in mind that this strategy is not appropriate for everyone. But if you use it wisely, it can give you some of the income you may need for now-and some of the growth you may need for the future.

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We have several immediate openings available in the following positions:

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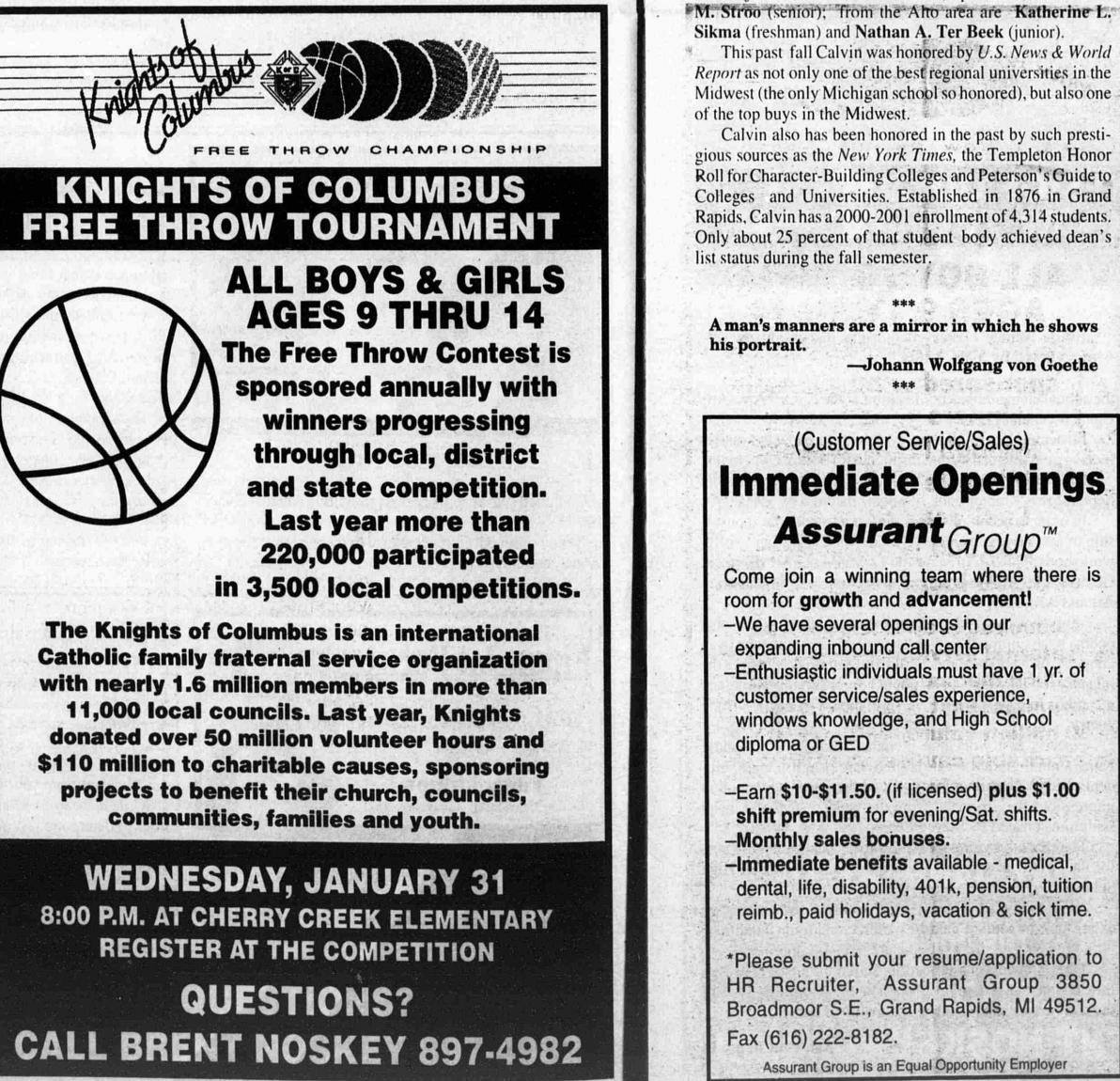


616/559-4092, attn: Human Resources, and start out the New Year

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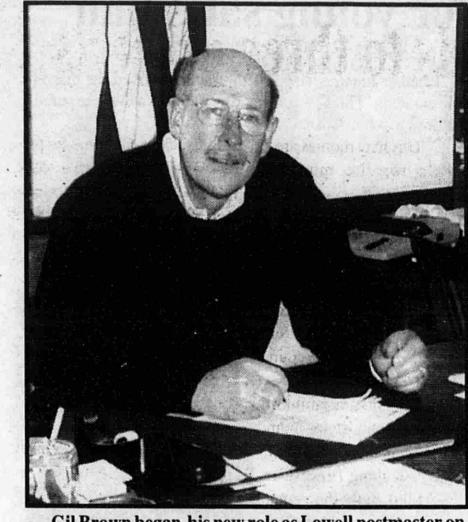




"This way monies are set Valley Vista," Pasquale said, adding that there were a couple of other projects in the works The money for the Gra- which would help to complete

The CDBG monies would CDBG requests. Pasquale be used to specifically comsaid he was told the city could plete 1,180 lineal feet of sideborrow against future fund- walk from S. Hudson to Pleasing, which is what the council ant. The total cost of the project is \$24,750 with \$3,750 having The 2001 Community been allocated from the city's

The North Kent Transit sidewalk along Bowes Road program provides transporta-(\$21,000) with the remain- tion assistance for senior citider, \$4,000, given to the North zen- and handicapped riders.



Gil Brown began his new role as Lowell postmaster on Jan. 13.

### **COLLEGE NEWS**

Meghan L. Geer and Tyler J. Southwell, both of Lowell, were named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2000-01 school year at Hope College. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College is a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts college in Holland with an enrollment of 3,015 men and women and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America

Calvin College has announced its fall 2000 dean's list. To earn a spot on the dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

Those students from the Lowell area include Michael E. Befus (junior); Seth D. Renkema (sophomore); and Helen

and an and the second strategic of the

### **Brown replaces Taylor as Postmaster**

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Gil Brown requested that he be transferred to a smaller community.

"A smaller community enables me to be more involved with the customers," Brown explained. Brown got what he wished for when he was named the

new Lowell postmaster. He entered his request upon hearing the Lowell postmaster position was available. It opened up when former Lowell postmaster, Sylvia Taylor was named Grand Rapids' Postal Service operations manager.

Prior to joining the Lowell branch on Jan. 13, Brown They have three children: Richard, Erin and Samuel. served as the Grand Rapids Postal Service customer service

accompanied by Tim Heldt on saxophones. Mike Hyde on Roger MacNaughton and friends will perform a tasteful guitar and Bob Thompson on drums. blend of adult contemporary jazz, pop and new age music at MacNaughton, a native of Lowell, is a full-time musician. the Lowell Performing Arts Center (located at Lowell High School) on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. MacNaughton will be composer and producer. He enjoys the creativity involved in

### **Franciscans offer Winter Day Camp**

The Franciscan Life Process Center is offering its annual Winter Day Camp on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children 7-12 years old.

The day is designed to offer children a closer look at the beauty and mystery of the winter season. Cooking, art, nature and music experiences will be incorporated into the day. For more information and a registration form, please contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

### February book discussions at Englehardt

Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at the library for a friendly, informal discussion of some great books, as several KDL branches hold book discussions in February. Copies of the featured title are available at each ibrary's checkout desk.

The book discussions are scheduled for the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. The God of Small Things by Roy Arundhati will be discussed.

-For more information or other locations and times, please call Kent District Library at 336-3250.

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Permit Application will be held at a special scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on Monday, January 29, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331 (616-897-5671) for the purpose of receiving comment form the public. Great Lakes Paving, to be located in the O.E.

Bieri Industrial Park, unit #5, 830 O.E. Bieri Industrial Drive, Lowell, Michigan in the SW 1/4 of Section 34, is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to construct an office and vehicle shop/storage building. The business uses equipment for paving, but does not process or store asphalt.

The complete application and site plan is available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township Clerk or Planning Coordinator before 3:00 p.m. on January 29, 2001. Written comments can be mailed to the Vergennes Township offices, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or dropped in the mail slot in the door or faxed to 616-897-5674

Vergennes Township Board

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manager for seven years and as a city letter carrier for 13 years "The role of postmaster will allow me to be more involved with the actual issuing of stamps and responsive to the financial aspect." Brown explained.

Prior to working for the postal service in 1981. Brown worked two years for the department of agriculture as a soil conservationist.

He has a bachelor's of science degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree in management from Aquinas College. Brown also spent two years in the Army and one year in

Vietnam, a combat infantryman in Cambodia. He and his wife Shirley have been married for 20 years.

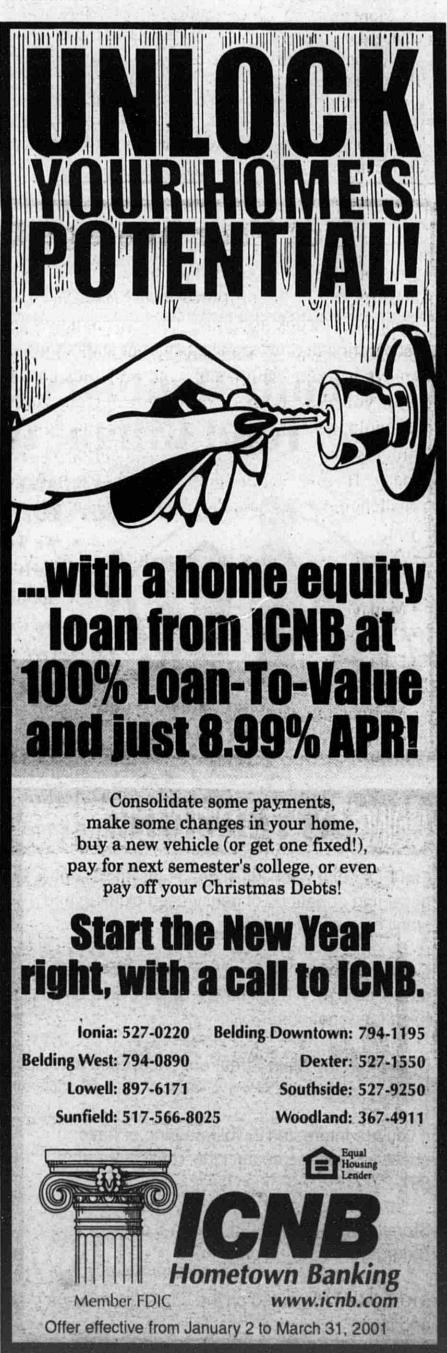
His hobbies include golf. fishing and hunting.

MacNaughton to perform at LPAC, Feb. 17

being a musical artist. He is currently employed as creative director at River City Studios in Grand Rapids. His responsibilities include writing, arranging, scoring, sequencing and performing on the variety of original musical projects for broadcast, film and video that River City produces

As a pianist with a passion for jazz and adult contemporary music, MacNaughton has released his first CD. Summer Dance. The disc is a collection of 13 tunes that MacNaughton describes as contemporary jazz/pop. His CD will be available for sale at the concert.

Tickets are \$5 for LAAC members, seniors, and students: \$6 general admission. Call the LAAC at 897-8545 for ticket information.



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Alto Elementary students who sold 15 or more items for the Alto PTO fall fundraiser were treated to a limousine ride and lunch at McDonald's.



### Assurant Group is an Equal Opportunity Employer

"Squishy Seat" a perk for young salesman

•••• Alto Elementary students raised approximately \$8,000 for use toward field trips, assemblies camps and other student activities. By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Alto Elementary School's annual PTO fall fundraiser

turned into a January feast for 51 students. The K-5 students at Alto, through the sale of candy and

gift wrap, raised approximately \$8,000 over a 10-day period. Students sold roughly \$17,000 worth of merchandise from the Morley Candy Makers Company out of Clinton Township. The revenues from the fundraiser are used for field trips,

assemblies, fifth-grade camp and other student activities which are not covered in the school budget.

All students who sold 15 items or more had their name put in a drawing - 54 names were then pulled out. Those students (three were absent) were treated to a limousine ride to McDonald's for lunch, which was covered by the restaurant.

The student with the highest number of sales was secondgrader Amanda Smit. She sold 49 items. "My mom took it to work," Smit replied when asked about her sales success. "I also sold to my family and friends."

Second to Smit was kindergartner, Zach Huver. He sold 43 items. Huver, like his peers, enjoyed the limousine ride. "I liked the seats. They were squishy." He ordered a cheesebur-

It was fifth grader, Elizabeth Schlosser's first ride in a imousine. "I saw one pass me on the expressway," Schlosser

**Elementary** art exhibit takes "Y" tots on magical ride

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The excitement for the art work created by students at Bushnell, Cherry Creek, and Alto elementaries as well as St. Patrick's for the Lowell Area Schools Elementary Student Art

That's just an oral reflection from YMCA

Linda Nemec Foster spent 45 min utes with 15 YMC preschoolers recording the oral reflection of what they thought of the artwork.

As a way to complete fabric art, a number of students' art pieces were woven mats. "One young preschooler looked at the work and said he saw a magic carpet which flies everywhere," Foster said.

Approximately 500 people from all over the district attended the reception for

Linda Nemec Foster encourages discussion on artworks viewed by YMCA tots.

Council gallery.

Foster was one of 10 poets/writers throughout the state to receive a creative artist grant through ART SERVE Michigan. One of two major jobs Foster must complete before September is a major book of poems inspired by visual arts. In order to accomplish this, Foster garnered the sponsorship of four art organizations which would allow her to offer workshops. Those four were the Lowell Area Arts Council, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Urban Institute for Contemporary

Art and Artworks.

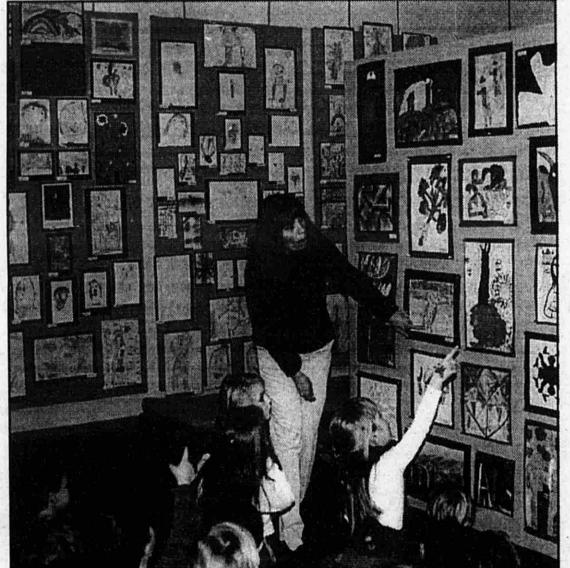
Workshops will include participants' drafting personal poems by assuming the voice of something or someone in an art piece, using texture and color from paintings to inspire the imagery of language in a poem, or observing form and metaphor in a visual art as a springboard to begin writing poetry.

Foster's first workshop included students from Laurie Kuna's ninth-grade Lowell High School English class. Students wrote poems that incorporated the visual and emotion impressions they received from the welded steel and metal sculptures created by Steven Peters. The elementary student exhibit at the local gallery is a way for the LAAC to support the art programs at Lowell High School.

"Supporting student art exhibitions is the reason we exist," said the council's executive director, Lorain Smalligan. "It's fun watching the excitement of the young artists." The following is a reflection shared by Foster. "I had a little boy who said nothing throughout my workshop. Toward

the end he was just staring at a drawing of a tree.

519 E. Main (Located on the corner of Jackson and Main)



the limo trip for Jousma.

Morley Candy Company.

to the students.

McDonald's on Wednesday.

Heather Jousma, also a fifth grader, enjoyed the disposable cameras. The T.V. and candy were also a favorite part of The limo drivers also handed out suckers and blow pops The 51 students were taken in three runs. Lowell's John Krebill was the sales representative for the



Alto Elementary students arrive in a limousine at

the annual elementary school exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts

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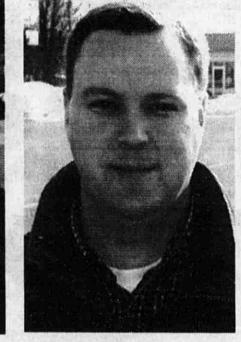
The presidential inaugural was Saturday - did you watch? President George W. Bush's campaign theme was "I'm a uniter, not a divider." Do you think he will be successful in bringing the two parties together to work toward the common good of the people? Also, how long of a honeymoon do you think the new **President will be allotted?** 



George VanOeveren No. I did not watch it. Yes. based on what he did in Texas, I think he can bring the parties together. I think the honeymoon will last a month.



Yes, I watched the inauguration. I think President Bush will do as well as any-Kennedy, the honeymoon would already be over. I think President Bush's honeymoon will be longer.



Andy Ball All I watched was President Bush's speech. If he does what he said, he will be suche will be pretty good. The won't let it happen. The longer than a week. honeymoon will last about a month or until he starts trying to push things through.



Kerry Tap No. I did not watch the Democrats are still smarting from the election. They will be on his every move from square one.

**Mary Long** No, I didn't watch it. I don't think there will be much of a difference in the way the two parties work together. It will be a short honeymoon.

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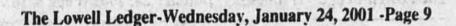
In last week's Town Talk, The Lowell Ledger asked kids and adults what they thought of the YMCA's teen center and fitness center. Tara Ormiston's answer was inadvertently switched with Brenda Nobis.

**Brenda** Nobis days. It's also convenient - five minutes from home.



**Tara Ormiston** I was invited to come with quieter and a better environ-









Kathi Neitzel Yes, I watched the inauguinauguration. I don't think ration. Hopefully, he will be President Bush will do more able to bring people together. one else could. If it was a cessful. If he does half of that, than talk. The other party The honeymoon won't be any They will start right in on



**Angie Blough** I saw part of the inaugu ration. I sure hope he can. There won't be a honeymoon.

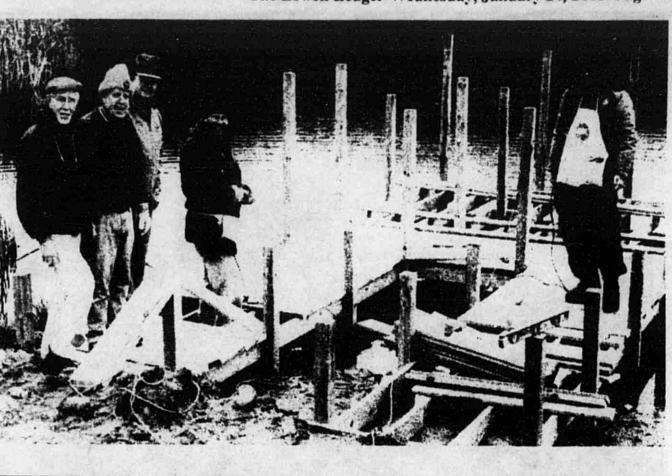
Jim Abram Yes, I watched the inauguration. I sure hope he can bring people together. I wish he would have taken Gov. John Engler with him. He got that other guy out of here. We'd all be better off had he taken Engler too.

**Brenda Schaefer** Yes, I watched the inauguration. His success depends on how close a relationship he has with God. The honeymoon is already over.



### **DOCK BUILDING**

Volunteers from the Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 built a 12' by 24' handicapped accessible floating dock designed so that all students can use it and have the opportunity to collect water and ecological samplings at the Cherry Creek pond. Construction of the dock was made possible through a NEST award given to Cherry Creek Elementary by the Department of Natural Resources. Pictured, left to right, are: Roger Roberts, Bob Perry, Ralph Roth, Dave Caswell and Fred Cahoon.



#### BOWNE TOWNSHIP **ORDINANCE NO. 2000-4**

#### NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO SECURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GEN-ERAL WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND PROP-ERTY OWNERS OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN BY REGULATION OF NOISE WITHIN SAID TOWNSHIP, TO DEFINE PROHIB-ITED CONDUCT AND EXCEPTIONS; TO PRE-SCRIBE CIVIL FINES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EF-FECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1.0 Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Noise Control Ordinance."

Section 2.0 Unlawful Noise Prohibited. It shall be automobiles or vehicles of any kind or nature in any of unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other the Township where the noise emanating therefrom legal entity to create, assist in creating, permit, con- would be unreasonably disturbing and upsetting to tinue, or permit the continuance of any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, or any noise which either annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or injuries, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the Township. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, injurious, and unnecessary and unlawful noises in violation of this Section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive. Each such act which either continues or is repeated more than one-half (1/2) hour beyond its inception shall be considered and may be prosecuted as a separate violation.

2.1 Horns and Signal Devices. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, train, or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal or to give warning of intent to get into motion, or, if in motion, only as a signal response to an imminent danger and implemented as an immediate safety measure; the creation by means of such signal devices of any unreasonably loud or harsh sounds; and the sounding of any signal device for any unreasonable or unnecessary period of time:

2.2 Radio, Phonograph, Musical Instruments. The playing of any radio, phonograph, television set, amplified or unamplified musical instrument, loudspeaker, tape recorder, compact disc player, or other such electronic sound-producing devices, in such a manner or with volume, at any time or place, so as to annoy or disturb the guiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel, hospital, or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity:

The operation of any such musical instrument or electronic sound producing device in such a manner as to be plainly audible on a property or in a dwelling unit other than that in which it is located, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section;

(b) The operation of any such electronic sound producing device in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section;

2.3 Shouting and Whistling. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing, or the making of any other loud noises on the public streets, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., or the making of any such noise

at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, hospital, or other type of residence, or in any office or of any persons in the vicinity:

2.4 Loud Vehicles. The operation of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other unreasonable noise, including the noise resulting from exhaust, which is clearly audible from nearby properties and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification or elimination of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this Section:

> 2.5 Race Track; etc. The operation or use of any race track, proving ground, testing area, or obstacle course for motor vehicles, motorcycles, boats, racers, other persons in the vicinity. Under no circumstances shall any racetrack, proving ground, testing area, or obstacle course operate after 10:00 p.m.:

2.6 Hawking The hawking of goods, merchan dises, or services in a loud or disturbing manner;

2.7 Whistle or Siren. The blowing of any whistles or sirens, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire, or danger:

2.8 Engine Exhaust. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, or stationary internal combustion engine, except through a muffler or other device, which effective prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom:

2.9 Construction Noises. The construction (including excavation therefor), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building and the excavation of streets and highways on Sundays, and other days, except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., unless a permit therefor be first obtained from the Township Supervisor.

2.10 Devices to Attract Attention. The use of any drum, loud speaker, amplifier, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention for any purpose.

Exceptions. None of the terms or pro-Section 3.0 hibitions of Section 2.0 shall apply or be enforced against:

3.1 Emergency Vehicles. Any police, fire, or emergency medical vehicle while engaged upon necessary emergency activities;

3.2 Highways and Utility Maintenance and Construction. Necessary excavations in or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways, or any public utility installation by or on behalf of the Township, County Road Commission, or any public utility or any agency of the State of Michigan, during the night or on Sunday, when the public safety, welfare, and convenience necessi tates the performance of the work at such time;

3.3 Public Address. The reasonable use of stationary amplifiers or loud speakers for public addresses which are noncommercial in character, or for business or commercial purposes so long as they do not unreasonably disturb persons on adjacent noncommercial property;

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3.4 Agricultural Operations. Noise created by agricultural operations which is permitted by the Right to Farm Act, being Public Act 1981, No. 93 as amended:

3.5 Township Approved Activities. Township approved or sponsored parades, festivals, fairs, or events.

### Section 4. Violations; Municipal Civil Infractions.

4.1 Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who violates any provision of this Ordinance or who uses or permits the use of any property in violation of this Ordinance, is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and is subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation, as authorized by Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-2 (as may be amended from time to time) and other applicable laws.

4.2 Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased civil fines. For purposes of this Ordinance, "repeat offenses" means a second (or subsequent) violation of this Ordinance committed by a person within any six (6) month period and for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a repeat offense under this Ordinance shall be as follows:

(a) The civil fine for a violation that is a first repeat offense shall be not less than \$250, plus costs.

(b) The civil fine for a violation that is a second repeat offense or a subsequent repeat offense shall be not less than \$500, plus costs.

4.3 Each day on which a violation of this Ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to civil fines and sanctions as a separate violation.

Section 5.0 Validity. The several provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separate and if a court of competent jurisdiction shall hold that any section or provisions thereof is invalid, such holding shall not affect or impair the validity of any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

Section 6.0 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication in a newspaper in general circulation within the Township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN ) ) SS COUNTY OF KENT )

I, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of

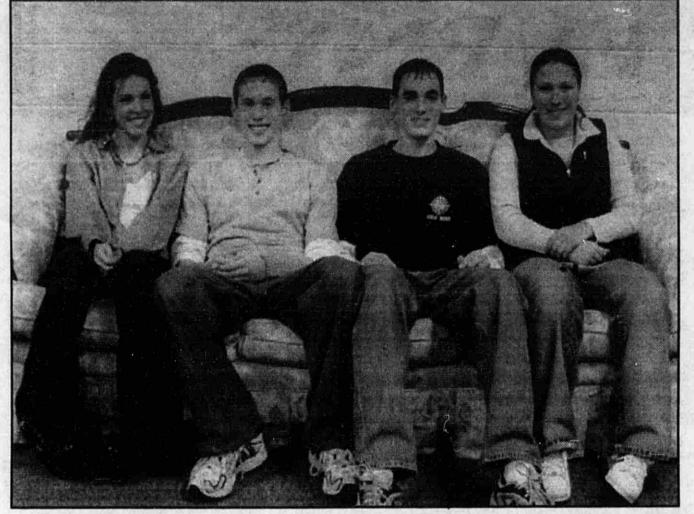
Bowne of said County of Kent, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-4 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 15th day of January, 2001, and becoming effective 30 days as of the 23rd day of February 2001. The ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 24th day of January, 2001. Said ordinance was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Bowne Township on the 15th day of January, 2001.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said County, this 17th day of January, 2001.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk

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Lowell High School January Students of the Month, pictured left to right, are: Abby Vos. Mike Gustafson, James Bosserd and Katie Moore.

### LHS recognizes students of the month

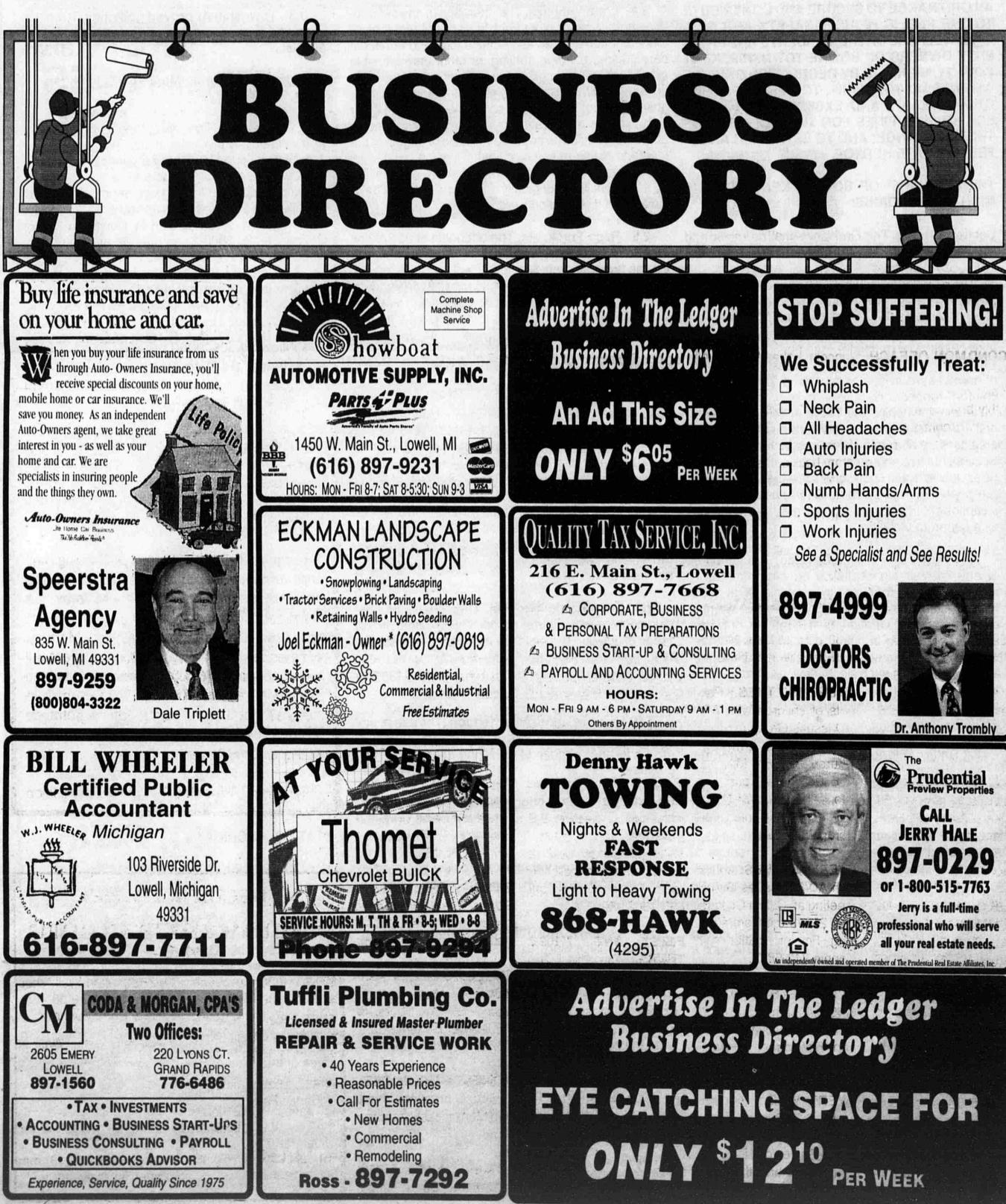
the Month have been selected at Lowell High School. The students being honored during the first month of 2001 are as follows:

Pete and Ginny Gustafson of Lowell, is a senior and was chosen by the English Department. His extracurricular activities include varsity swim team captain, class vice president and National Honor Society. Mike's teacher nominator described him as hard working, a perfectionist and an excellent writer. Gustafson plans to attend college next year, but has not decided where as of yet.

James Bosserd, son of Jim and Jane Bosserd of Lowell,

the Math Department. Bosserd plays varsity basketball, soccer and tennis and is president of the F.F.A. In addition, he is vice president of Mike Gustafson, son of the Y.M.C.A. Leaders Club as well as a member of the Vergennes United Methodist youth group. His teacher nominator said he has maintained the highest grade in AP Calculus and is proof that a student can be an athlete and an academic standout. Bosserd will attend M.S.U. next year to study biosystems engineering.

Abby Vos, daughter of Emily and James Schoen, is a sophomore and was chosen by the Physical Education Department. Her extracur-



The January Students of is a senior and was chosen by ricular activities include varsity cross country, varsity track, S.A.D.D., P.A.L.S., Student Council and F.F.A. Abby's teacher nominator said that Abby is a hard worker, never complains and always has a great attitude. Katie Moore, daughter of

Jim and Kathy Moore of sen by the Business Departthe Business Professionals of America and has been a member of National Honor Society during her junior and senator said that Moore is a great role model, an outstandson. Katie plans to attend G.R.C.C. next year.

Ada, is a senior and was choment. She is the historian for nior years. Her teacher nomiing student and a nice perCOMINGEVENTS

ing Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer infor call Terry Cavanaugh, EVERY WED .: Rotary such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail. but will accept notices by TUES .: Take Off Pounds phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat bile Home Park Community River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at p.m. 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check TUES .: Flat River meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

SECOND SUN. EACH 1ST TUES .: Adults with from Lowell in many differ-MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. Laurels of Kent Nursing For info. call Gary Engle at Home. This is a volunteer 897-6325 or 248-2423. group formed to enhance the quality of life for all resi- 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- the Franciscan Child Dedents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room, 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in 897-7842. Wing "C."

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7- parents. 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high 676-1355 for details.

MONTH: Fallasburg His- Masons are welcome. torical Society holds its monthly board meeting in EVERY TUES .: Women's the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets from Burger King. For in- are invited to join at any at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

Township Historical Socimeetings at the Historical Nash, 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th Contact Terry Amidon at Sarah 281-6588. 897-8751 for more information.

at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 Connie 942-6887. E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

Post #8303 meets at Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Nash) at 7 p.m. V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. tian Reformed Church. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

& up or completing the 5th- green Missionary Church, 2700 E. Fulton. grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end Call 897-5894 for details. THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues.

activities like hiking and that can last a lifetime. For 868-6481

Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45

Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome

AD/HD at Calvin College,7-

ent Group meetings from Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are EVERY WED .: Overeaters on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested

EVERY SECOND TUES.: regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. SECOND MON. OF EACH Lincoln Lake, Lowell, All

> Free nursery and preschool 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women Chr.Ref.Church across 897-7555.

ety holds its regular EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- lescents at the school. ents of children with AD/ From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on Museum at 84th and Alden HD Issues Group meeting Mondays from 5:30 - 8 at St. Luke's Lutheran p.m. Phone 897-9393.-Church, 32156 4 Mile NE MON. OR TUES .: Cub (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For FIRSTTHURS .: 4-H drama info., call Linda at 874-5662. grades, in Alto or in Lowell. For teen group info., call lated topics, creative and

EVERY 1STTUES: Adults Lowell.Middle School choir FOURTH MONDAY OF meeting at Calvin College 897-1502 after 5 p.m. EACH MONTH: American Rm. 206 of the Commons

10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- of N. Washington St. Enjoy WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Auxiliary #8303 meets at Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; corn syrup, cranapple juice, meets at Lowell Congre-

> meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

Sensibly Tops MI#372 EVERY SECOND WED .: Franciscan Life Process meets at Key Heights Mo- G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

> EVERY FOURTH WED .: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the with school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, ent seasonal activities Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS.: to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at velopment Center.

> Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian in Ada. Please call 752-Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

Community Bible study. THURS .: Weight Watch- Christian Athletes (FCA) ers meets at Lowellstory hour/crafts time from Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-SECOND MON. OF EACH only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary istration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members formation call 897-7060 or time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY 1ST& 3RDTUES .: EVERY THURS. - St. Lowell Lions Club meets at Mary's Pregnancy Crisis SECOND MON. OF EACH 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Center, 402 Amity St., non-MONTH: The Bowne rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. denominational help for pregnant women and ado-

> club examines theater-repersonal development skills. Meetings held at with AD/HD Issues Group room. For information call

Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 bldg. For information call FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Cen-EVERY OTHER WED .: ter Fellowship Hall, corner EVERY1STMON .: V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. of 84th & M-50 (Alden

EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY WED .: Pioneer N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Troop 10210, for boys 11 Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- at Trinity Lutheran Church,

EVERY THIRD THURS .: Used phone book drop-Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cen-Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

> LaLeche League of Ada. Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing: meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church 7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada school cafeteria or call Lowell Masonic Lodge 'EVERYTHURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Mu at the Masonic Center, 119 No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

> THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURS. OF **EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers' dining room for light breakfast. For information, call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

EVERY SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY** HOURS: Mon. - Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS .: WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat.,

NOW THRU FEB. 15: p.m. off center at 1st United Methodist Church: trailer in parking lot at Division & E. Main. Please phone books only; for Habitat for Humanity.

THURS., JAN. 25: Commodities will be distributed

milk- instant, rice, tomato camping and learn skills gational Church basement. Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. soup. Distributed again on Fri., Jan. 26 from noon - 3

> THURS., JAN. 25 & FRI., JAN. 26 : During all 4 lunch periods, a sign-up sheet is available to seniors for the overnighter; also a \$25 payment is needed for those who have signed up.

SAT., FEB. 3 - Franciscan EVERY THIRD THURS .: from 8 a.m - 3 p.m. at Life Process Center's Win-Recreation Bldg. Com- ter Day Camp (10 a.m. - 2 modities include apricots p.m.) for ages 7-12. Con-- cans, black eved peas, tact 897-7842 to register.



Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday February 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331, concerning the application by Jim and Berdie Cook to amend the zoning ordinance map to rezone the following described property from Special Residential (R-3) to Commercial (C). The property consists of 3 parcels totaling 42.32 acres at the NW corner of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake, parcel #'s 41-16-27-400-051 and 052 and 053. The 3 parcels being considered are east of the railroad tracks and west and north of the two presently zoned commercial parcels at the corner of this intersection in the SE 1/4 of section 27.

The application for the proposed zoning map ordinance amendment is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Public comment will be accepted at the public hearing and written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received prior to 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2001.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission



# Anglers need to prepare for safe, enjoyable fishing trip

The best conditions in at least four winters is more reason than ever to keep safety in the forefront of planning for your next ice fishing trip.

"The cold may have created early ice on most of Michigan's lakes and Great Lake bays, but the heavy snowfall has also contributed to potentially dangerous ice conditions on many of those lakes," states Richard Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Anglers need to prepare for a safe, enjoyable trip."

Snowfall on top of ice is an excellent insulator, Miller warns. It often causes rapid melting or uneven thicknesses underneath. Water can also be pushed up on top of ice by its weight, causing further weakening.

"That is why an experienced ice fisherman approaches a frozen lake heavily laden with snow with extreme caution," he says.

A safety tool that should be part of any ice fisherman's tackle is an ice spud to test thickness. Also handy is a set of ice picks attached to a rope through the sleeves used to help pull yourself to safety after falling in.

Ice creepers strapped over boots not only help on slick ice, and also may help get you out if you fall in. Ski goggles protect against snowblindness and guard against frostbite.

"Dressing properly for conditions is the first key for a successful fishing trip," he said. Be sure everyone in your group dresses in layers of protective clothing for the best protection against the cold. Well-insulated boots, battery heated socks, waterproof mittens, plus masks and fleece or wool balaclavas that pull down to cover the face, all help prevent frostbite.

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tually tests a sample of transactions to assure that the records meet all Government Auditing Standards as issued by the comptroller general of the United States. Those standards require that the firm plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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work, Tunes said his firm was change in the government able to determine that the auditing standards in 2003 and city's records were in good the city should start to pre-

that we have ever seen and again Sue and Char should be ments are presented to the city, patted on the back for their Tunes said, adding that staff hard work." he said The firm did have one iar with the change before it is

From the company's suggestion: There will be a pare for that change. This "There are about the best change will have an impact on how the financial stateshould be trained and famil-

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On behalf of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, Tunes said he was presenting the general fund and other city funds, except the Light and Power and Cable funds. He said the firm would be presenting that later this winter.

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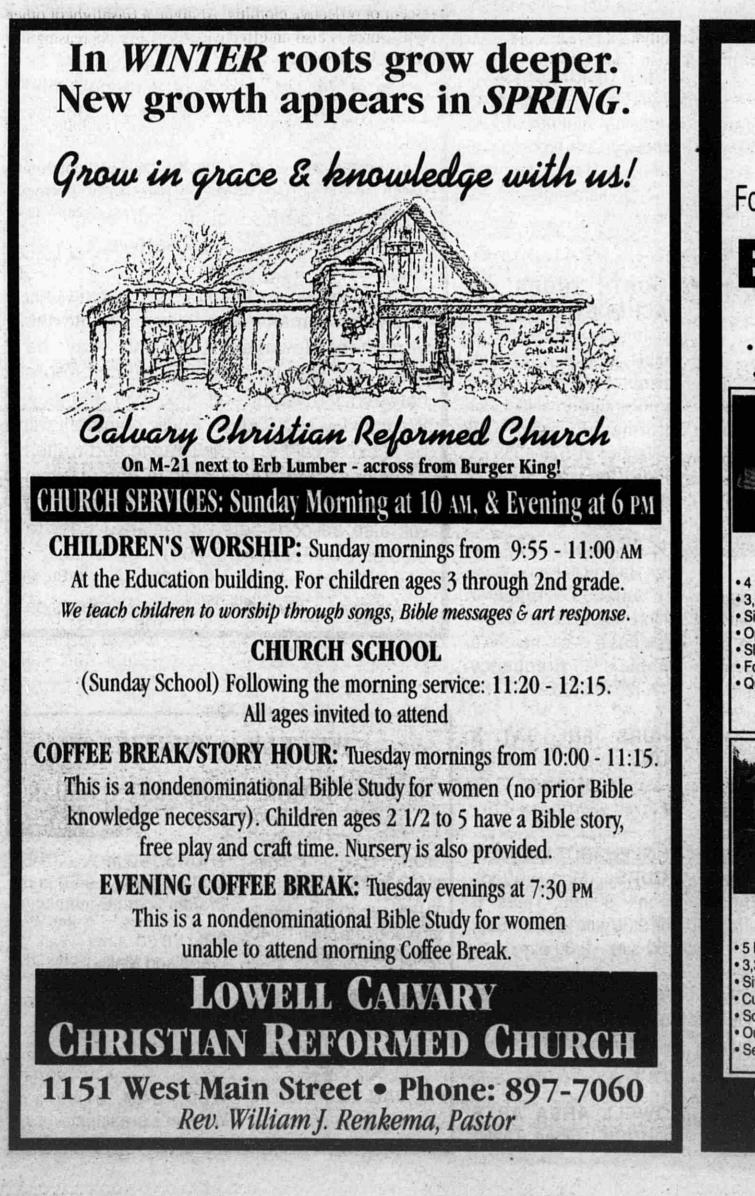


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When asked what he was staring at, he said that was his brother's drawing. "He was so proud of his brother," Foster said.

Another preschooler saw a drawing of a fish which was multi-colored. There were a group of smaller individual shapes below the big fish. One student said she thought they were baby fish because they were not all colors - just part of the colors on the mama fish.

The elementary art exhibit runs through Jan. 25. The middle school art exhibit begins Jan. 30.



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7 Acres bedrooms, 3 baths, 3-stall garage, with a pond otal finished sq. ft., walkout basement uated on 7 private acres, formal dining room stom red oak cabinets, oak floors, central air Screened porch, great room with fireplace Outbuilding 72x36 with water and electric Set-up for horses, home is only, 5 years old

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"Also becoming more popular among anglers is a life jacket, or Personal Floatation Device (PFD)," Miller said. PFDs will help keep you afloat in an emergency despite your bulky clothing, and act as an insulator against cold.' Types include those normally used in summer, inflatable PFDs, or PFDs built into ice fishing jackets. Two other pieces Anglers, cont'd. pg. 15

Country on an Acre 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 21/2 stall garage 3,300 total finished sq. ft., walkout basement Situated on almost an acre Prestigious 2-story home in Austin Ridge Estates · Marble tile, cherry cabinets, soaring ceilings · Brick fireplace, wooden pillars, MFU, office · Great room with fireplace, formal dining room

# City agrees to contribute to new fire vehicle; starts process of looking at replacing tanker

By J.N. Boorsma **Contributing Writer** 

Every so often a vehicle simply has to be replaced Such is the case of the Lowell Fire Department's water rescue vehicle.

Fire chief, Frank Martin came before the Lowell City Council Tuesday evening to request that the city help purchase a new water rescue vehicle. The cost of the vehicle. which is a 1993 Ford that was used as an ambulance, is \$6,500.

"I had Tom (Hartman),

and flares.

for ice conditions.

the city's mechanic, crawl all over the thing which had a foot of snow on it," Martin said. "He said he felt it was a good buy and that we could end up putting that much or more into fixing up the vehicle that we have.'

Martin said he put out the word that the department needed a new vehicle after determining the 1981 "has become unreliable and unsafe to operate." Michigan First Response contacted Martin about its 1993 Ford vehicle, which the company was plan-

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ning to sell to a dealer.

"In the magazines, this vehicle goes for \$16,000-\$18,000." Martin said. "They were planning to sell it to a dealer for \$6,500, who would have placed it in one of those magazines for the other

price." Martin said the department has put a down payment on the vehicle and has made application for \$4,000 from the Look Memorial Fund. The city would be responsible for one-third of the remaining

cost or \$833.33, with Lowell and Vergennes townships each picking up a third.

Councilmember Jeanne Shores made the motion that if the grant from the Look Memorial Fund did not go through, the department could still purchase the truck. "I don't think this should

ment, lowers body temperature, and increases the risk of ice anglers are a cell phone and a hand-held GPS unit that uses hypothermia.

> ·Be especially wary on ice-covered rivers, where currents can undermine ice, particularly near river mouths. • Follow safe paths used by others. Be aware of frozen-over

· Never drive your vehicle onto the ice. Each season. fishing holes that could break. Avoid soft or discolored ice. · Watch the weather. Storms causing dangerous wind snowmobiles and vehicles fall through. Insurance may cover chills or white out conditions, winds that create pressure damage but you may be ticketed and, most importantly, lives cracks and ice floes, and late-winter fog cause emergency can be lost. rescues each winter. • Fish shanties must be removed daily after Feb. 20. March

• At your fishing site, your group should spread out to distribute weight. If ice starts cracking, lie down and crawl to the thickest ice, usually in the direction you came.

• If you fall in, call for help. Turn toward the direction you came and after kicking, use ice picks and ice creepers to pull

# Winter weather may bring perils to pedestrians

The robust winter of 2000 - 2001 has repeatedly challenged motorists and homeowners across the state with the perils of snow and cold. AAA Michigan is adding another group to that list - pedestrians.

of equipment that supplement the simple compass for die-hard

satellites to pinpoint location and the shortest way to shore in

fog or storms. Other items to bring include a flashlight, rope

• Treat all ice as potentially unsafe. Currents on lakes,

especially around points, and snow buildup can quickly weaken

ice. Be especially wary when ice is weak near shore or is

slushy. Use your spud to check thicknesses even on familiar

waters. Check with local bait shops and media fishing reports

and when you'll return. Avoid alcohol, which impairs judg-

• Always fish with a buddy. Tell someone where you'll be

When on the ice, AAA suggests these rules:

"An abundance of snow and ice this season has created conditions that are extremely dangerous for pedestrians," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "For a variety of reasons, foot traffic increases significantly after a snow or ice storm. Sidewalks may not be cleared, forcing pedestrians to use a street or roadway."

In addition, said Miller, high snow drifts or mounds of shoveled snow can cover signs and landmarks, block corners and crosswalks and limit visibility for vehicles merging into traffic. The shorter daylight hours of winter also play a major role. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), most pedestrian fatalities in 1999 occurred at night (65 percent) and in urban areas (69 percent). Alcohol involvement - either for the driver or the stop.

pedestrian - was reported in nearly half of all pedestrian fatalities.

Unusually harsh winter conditions this year could further increase the number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries in Michigan, which are already up 1.3 percent between 1998 and 1999. In 1999, according to the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), there were 3,677 pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes, with 182 killed and 3,350 injured.

### WINTER WALKING TIPS:

To help pedestrians more safely navigate this year's treacherous terrain, AAA Michigan offers the following winter walking tips:

• Due to slick road conditions, motorists may not be able If you can, shop before a major storm hits. If you must to stop quickly at traffic signals or slow in time for pedestrians shop, don't buy more than you can safely carry. Streets will who have the right of way. Before stepping off the curb into the be slippery. • To help prevent slip-and-fall accidents, always use street, make sure approaching vehicles come to a complete slip-resistant footwear.

### FHC/Lowell swimmers overpower undermanned Union

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Against an undermanned Union squad, the goal of the Forest Hills/Lowell swim team was to relax and swim Baker, Trierweiler and Corey

The Rangers did just that in garnering 10 firsts against the Red Hawks.

"The boys concentrated on execution - good starts and good turns were the main objective," said Forest Hills/ Lowell boys swim coach, Heather Heritage.

The Rangers took firsts in the medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays.

Klipa, Mark Kwast and Brett Goldberg won the medley relay in a time of 1:52.85.

Chris Rozman, Matt Trierweiler, Eric Cherba and Luke Baker stopped the clock in 2:09.68, finishing second.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Goldberg, Kwast, Mike Gustafson and Klipa came home in a winning time of 1:36.93. Luke Baker, Jacob Scudder were second at 1:53.15.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Gustafson, Billingsley, Cherba and Jacob Baker stopped the clock in a winning time of 4:02.84. The team of Scudder, Mike Deters, Dirk Timmer and Elija Vadjon finished third with a time of 4:45.56.

Klipa (2:03.89) and Kwast (2:20.43) finished first Jake Billingsley, Andrew and third respectively in the 200 freestyle.

In the 200 IM, Goldberg took top honors with a time of 2:23.33. Billingsley was third at 2:47.96.

Gustafson won the 50 freestyle, coming home in

22.87. Cherba was second at Mac Russell was second, tal-

35.86. Kwast stopped the clock in 1:06.89 to win the 100 Gustafson finishing ahead of butterfly. Luke Baker was second with a time of 1:16.77. Jacob Baker won the div- 7:29.00. ing event with 188.30 points.

the field in a time of 5:00.61. Dirk Timmer was third in

**Red Arrow junior varsity hockey team** edges Northern; loses to Holland

Dustin Hofert scored Lowell's JV hockey team's only goal in a 2 - 1 loss at the Edge Arena in Holland on Saturday. Lowell skated past Forest Hills Northern on Sunday. The Red Arrows won 4-3.

Northern scored first, and Dustin Hofert scored on the ensuing faceoff on a blue line slapshot to even things up in the first period.

David Maylone scored for Lowell in the second period. The third period saw two goals from Brandon John. The first goal was assisted by brother Josh, as well as the second; Ben Olsen also recorded an assist on the last goal.

Rob Latva was in goal to record the win. The puck drops at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 28 at Michigan National Ice Center when the J.V. Red Arrows take on the Muskegon Fury.

be passed by," Shores said. The new vehicle is a drop in the bucket compared to the next piece of equipment the Lowell Fire Department has to replace, which is a tanker.

The tanker was purchased in 1979 for about \$50,000. Martin said. The same tanker now runs between \$230,000 and \$270,000.

hicle and it has met its useful life," Martin said, adding that when a department is rated on its equipment, nothing over 16 years of age is counted

At the meeting, Martin said he was only looking for permission to go ahead and start getting prices for the new

tanker so as to determine how it could be financed. Finance options include budgeting extra money for the equipment to levying a spe-"It is a 21-year-old ve- cial millage.

> By getting an idea of what the department needed and determining a price. Martin said he would be able to give the city of Lowell and the two townships a better idea of cost. Again, the city of Lowell and Lowell and Vergennes townships would each cover a third of the cost for the tanker.

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in the 100 backstroke with a In the 500 freestyle, it was time of 1:11.85. Luke Baker of 1:24. was third at 1:17.78.

Billingsley finished first the clock in 1:15.37 Trierweiler was third in a time

Forest Hills/Lowell Cherba beat the field in swims at home on Thursday the 100 breaststroke, stopping against Forest Hills North



### Lowell topples Northview; wins Gary Rivers' tournament

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

En route to a 44-12 defeat to Lowell, the second ranked team in Division II, and losing 11 of 14 matches, Northview coach, B.J. Schroder was far from disappointed.

"We did exactly what we wanted to do except we lost matches we thought we could win," Schroder excplained. "We had a nice effort. We're not that far away. I think conditioning caught up with us tonight, but that's something we can control."

The key matches Schroder thought his club could win were at 145, 152 and 160. But Lowell's J.J. Wilder, Pete VanLaan and Matt Oesch had other ideas.

Wilder (145) rallied from a 5-1 deficit to defeat Brad VanderMolen 8-5. VanLaan (152) rallied from a 3-0 deficit to upend Brad Schoonmaker 4-3 in overtime. Oesch (160) rallied from a 5-3 deficit to post a 7-5 decision.

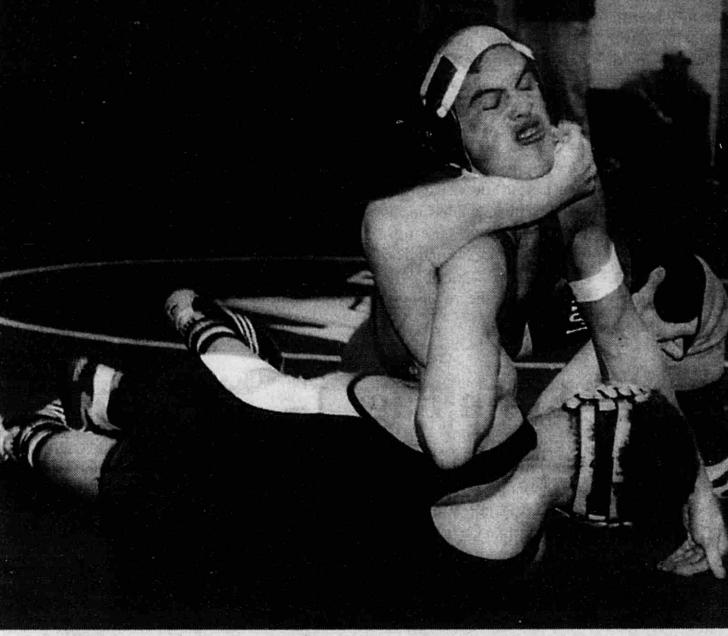
"I thought our upper weight wrestlers really showed some hustle tonight," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said. "VanLaan hung in there and pulled out a victory."

Facing what Schroder labeled "murderers' row," the Wildcats lost four decisions to the Red Arrows at 112, 119, 125 and 130.

"Northview did a good job with the basic skills, They kept our place." our tough kids locked up," Strejc said. "I think our kids at the lower weights could have wrestled better. We didn't get the Northview. Mike Forward (171) major decisioned Marvin pins I thought we should."

Trailing 6-0 following Kevin Garvin's pin at 47 seconds of the first period against David Kropf, Lowell rallied behind Brandon Kinney's 12-5 decision over James McGovern (112 pounds); Ian DeGrath's 12-4 major decision against Troy Nelson (119); John McKay's 11-9 decision against Troy Pitsch (125); and John Mendez' 21-6 technical fall against Zach Sneider (130)

"We have faced Rockford and Lowell now and have lost three or four matches by one-three points each," Schroder



John Mendez had the upper hand throughout his match against Otsego.

said. "We will get one more shot at Lowell in the districts at

Lowell won three of the final four matches against Hayes 12-2; B.J. Frasier (189) won on a technical fall (15-0) against Nick Petrovich. Ben Vaught, HWT, pinned Jake Francis at 4:15 of the third period.

Red Arrow Ben Fleet (215) lost an 8-3 decision to Northview's Adam Pitsch.

Lowell travels to Forest Hills on Thursday.

**Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament** 

Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc was elated to see his club wrestle with such intensity and focus.

## **Red** Arrow skaters lose to more experienced Northern squad

### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A solid experienced Forest Hills Northern hockey rows' poor positioning with on the goal by Matt Horan. team controlled a young in- goals experienced Lowell squad en route to a 6-2 win.

The Huskies outshot the Red Arrows 52-15. They sandwiched a scoreless second period with three goals in the first and third periods.

"They are a good, solid hockey team," Lowell hockey began." coach Paul Jacobus said.

The Huskies took advan-

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tage of Lowell's inexperience, game came in the first period. to go through," Jacobus exdefensive zone. Northern the Husky net at 9:20 of the and played well." capitalized on the Red Ar-

perienced and that's something you learn through experience," Jacobus said. "We're improving though. and while it may not always seem like it, we're a better team than when the season

Lowell's first goal of the

first period. Rau was assisted

"We're young and inex- goal of the contest did not tough game. They move the come until the third period. puck very well. We're just not This time, it was Eric Austin at their caliber yet," Jacobus with an assist from Josh concluded.

> Baker. Jay Blair had another with a record of 4-11-1. good game in the net. "To have that many shots come your way, something is going

most noticeable in Lowell's Red Arrow Chad Rau creased plained. "Jay held his own Earlier in the week Low-

ell lost to Rockford 13-0. "We The Red Arrows' second knew it was going to be a

Lowell ended the week

Caring."

Lowell residents are being asked to put a donation in soup buckets displayed in their church sanctuary and business exits.

The national event raised \$3.1 million last year. Locally, 89 families were helped by this event in the

year 2000.

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John Stuckey		167	213	572
Nate Clark		235	193	615
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Shawna Austin	X	136	145	281
Tara Kuipers	125	X	173	298
Eva Geldersma		151	167	548
Jamie Roth	174	155	175	504
Rachel Nawrocki	169	141	X	310
TOTAL SCORE		.778	826	2440



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a budget hearing on Thursday, February 2001 followed by a Special Meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and · estimated revenues of the township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

After Saturday's 63-7 loss, in the semifinal match at the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament, to the Red Arrows, the idea of meeting Lowell again is probably being met by the Eskymos with an icy reception.

"Our boys wrestled with a little something extra. They performed at an exceptional level," Strejc said. "We did well the rest of the day, but I was really pleased with our match against Escanaba."

wrestlers are going to do." Red Arrow David Kropf, 103 pounds was 5-0 on the day.

In the finals against Otsego, Lowell opened with seven consecutive wins, five by way of pin. Recording pins were Kropf, Brandon Kinney (112), Ian DeRath (119),

Bobby Gingerich (135) and Caleb O'Boyle (140). Mixed in with those pins were decisions by John McKay (125) and John Mendez (130). Also posting decisions were Matt Oesch (160) 9-4 in

215, 13-6.

Lowell will try to remove the proverbial monkey off its back when it travels to Forest Hills Central Thursday. "Our seniors haven't beat Central in a dual meet," Streic said. Lowell travels to Lake Odessa for Lakewood Invitational

on Saturday.

Escanaba was sorry the Red Arrows displayed it against them.

"The boys knew that Escanaba was one of the stronger teams in the U.P. and that if we advance to the state tournament we may face them again," Strejc explained

Lowell carried the momentum from that match into the finals where they dismantled Otsego 48-21.

"I was pleased with the way some of our inexperienced wrestlers stepped up," Strejc said. "You know what the all-state

Mike Forward, 171, was 4-1; Ben Fleet, 215, was 5-0 and Ben Vaught, HWT, was 4-1.

O.T.; B.J. Frasier, 189, 15-0 technical fall; and Ben Fleet,

Lowell's "B" squad was 2-3 Saturday. Its wins came a against Coldwater (47-28); and Grand Rapids Christian (62-

### "Souper Bowl," Sunday

For the eighth consecutive year, Super Bowl Sunday (Jan. 28) will include more than taking in a football game. The Flat River Outreach Ministries, through its Emergency Financial Services, will collect money Super Bowl Sunday to help families in Lowell, Ada, Alto, Saranac and Ionia with gas, rent, fue oil, and emergency housing.

Nationwide, roughly 11,200 churches, schools and businesses will participate in the eighth annual "Souper Bowl of

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### **Rangers upend Red Arrow gymnasts**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Both Lowell and Forest Hills Central gymnastics teams were full strength Wednesday night and undefeated in O-K Rainbow competition.

Both squads performed liked that in the Rangers 137.65-131.50 win over the Red Arrows.

"This is by far our bestperformance of the year. We knew we'd have to be at full strength tonight," said Ranger



Katie Blough handed in a personal best performance on the balance beam in Lowell's meet against Forest Hills

coach Tracy Hoebeke. "Low- second with an 8.85 followed ell always has a high energy by Erin Lockrow's 8.4 and at home and it has great fan Melissa Hanson's 8.2. support."

match averaging roughly 129 Rashewsky tallied an 8.85 points per meet; it improved while Lockrow finished at on that by nearly three points. 8.45. Keller and Hanson re-On many nights that would be corded an 8.35 and 7.8 regood enough.

Not this time, however, roughly 132 per meet. It im- 7.55. proved on that by nearly six points.

"I'm very proud of our score of 8.6, followed by girls. They had a great night, especially in the floor exer- Carmen Datema 8.05. cise and on the balance beam," Hoebeke explained.

rows posted season highs in all four rotations, leaving both praise for their squads.

they did well, especially on 8.1 beam," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "Central obviously had a very 8.9's for Lowell while good night."

On the vault, Central outscored Lowell 34.55-33. Katie Blough and Krystal White led Lowell with marks ell in the floor exercise 35.20of 8.45. April Telman and 34.20. Lockrow led the way Melissa Neubecker finished with a mark of 9.2. Keller with scores of 8.1 and 8.0 finished with an 8.9, followed respectively.

For the Rangers, Christy Keller led the way with a 9.1. Stephanie Rashewsky was Shores on Wednesday.

FHC held a 33.45-31.05 Lowell came into the advantage on the uneven bars. spectively.

White led Lowell with a as Central came into the meet 7.95 followed by Neubecker averaging a team score of 7.8; Plattner 7.75 and Blough

On the beam, Neubecker led the Red Arrows with a White 8.5; Plattner 8.1; and

"It was a really good beam night, our best of the year. The Rangers and Red Ar- Katie Blough had a personal best (8.0)," DeHaan said. For Central, Lockrow coaches with nothing but came off the beam with a 9.15. followed by Keller 9.0, "I'm proud of the girls; Rashewsky 8.2 and Hanson In the floor exercise White

and Plattner both recorded Neubecker and and Sayer finished with an 8.3 and 8.1

respectively. Central outscored Lowby Rashewsky 8.75 and Krista

Maki 8.35. Lowell hosts Mona

### Central. Red Arrows unable to 'net' win at Zeeland

### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell, completing stretch of games where eight of its first 10 were on the road, was hopeful of a win at Zeeland.

The Red Arrow basketball team did everything necessary for that to happen except score.

"I thought we played good defense and rebounded well, but could not make a shot," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush explained.

cent for the game and was just one-of-13 from the threepoint arc in a 40-29 loss to Zeeland. "We also missed some easy shots underneath; I'm sure that Zeeland's size

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may have caused us to rush a few shots."

The Chix didn't exactly light it up. A four-point third quarter enabled Lowell to recover from a 21-12 deficit, cutting Zeeland's advantage to four at 25-21 to start the fourth quarter.

the Chix with three minutes to play, but was unable to score over the final three min-

"We had good looks, but just couldn't knock them

played, but we couldn't score. Brad Koetsier led all

The Red Arrow also pulled

down 11 rebounds. "He's becoming a dominant force in the middle." Bush'said.

After sitting out threefour weeks with a knee injury, Landon Trierweiler returned to the hardwood. He netted four points.

The loss dropped Lowell was within six of Lowell's record to 1-8 overall and 0-5 in the O-K White.

### **Greenville** 79 Lowell 53

Andy Curtis paced the Red Arrows with a team-high 17 points in Lowell's 26-point loss to Greenville.

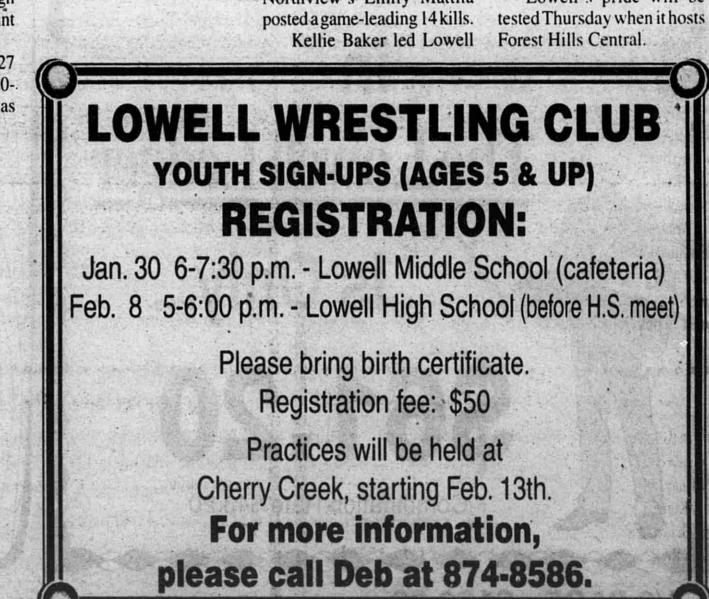
Led by Zach Ingles' 27 points, Greenville built a 20-10 first quarter lead and was never challenged.

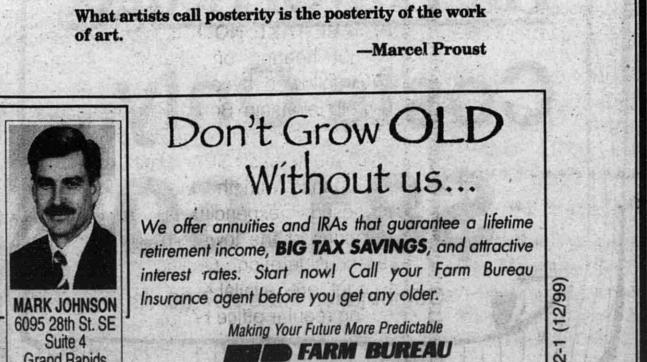
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The Yellowjackets took a 33-21 lead into halftime; it built on that lead throughout the second half as it outscored Lowell 46-32 over the final 16 minutes of play.

Sam Oberlin was the only other Red Arrow to score in double figures; he finished with 10 points. Troy Gillan chipped in with nine "I don't know alot about

Greenville, but we did not play very well. We haven't played that poorly all season," Bush





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Lowell shot under 30 per- down," Bush explained. "It's

probably the best game we've It's frustrating."

Lowell scorers with 11 points.

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Carisa Sayer touches her toes the most difficult way.

### **Red Arrows lose** three-setter to 'Cats

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's been a slow process. but one that is beginning to yield progress.

That was never more evident than in Lowell's three set loss (15-6, 15-17, 9-15) to . is beginning to take shape. Northview.

"The girls are coming around. They are learning how to win," said Lowell volleyball coach Connie Black. "In their hearts they know this is one they could have won."

Focus and fewer errors aided the Red-Arrow spikers in playing their best volleyball of the season. "Physically and athletically we're there. We still need to refine other parts of our game," said Black. Lowell's Amanda Stoutjesdyk led all Red Arrows in kills with 10. Northview's Emily Mattila

in aces with three and assists with 25.

"The girls are calming down and making fewer errors," Black explained. "We've played with some quality teams. The girls' pride

Their play hasn't gone unnoticed either. "Both Northern and Northview's coaches commented on how our play has come along." Black said. "It's one step at a time and keeping the focus."

Black is working toward maintaining and building on the team's attitude in preparation for conference time.

"The girls are beginning to take pride in their play. I they want to make a change. they have to be responsible for what they do on the court. said Lowell's coach.

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