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## Amendment will be needed before fence can be erected

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Her arguments were compelling and change will probably occur, just not in the form of a variance.

Candice Fleszar-Smith went before the Zoning Board of Appeals anticipating asking for a variance so she and her husband, Chris could erect a four-and-a-half foot high front yard fence at 417 Howard.

Under Section 4.07 B, fences in the required front yard are limited to three feet in height.

Smith's request for a recommendation from the planning commission for a variance fell through when the commissioners recommended against granting the variance.

The planning commission noted that there were no unusual circumstances nor undue hardship demonstrated.

However, the planning commission noted that it wished to amend the ordinance, allowing greater latitude for front yard fence height.

Lowell's City Council unanimously agreed with the commission's ruling, stating that it preferred to give the commission time to work out an amendment rather than approve a variance.

Planning commission chairman, Clark Jahnke said it would be April before the commissioners could have something written in ordinance form.

Fleszar-Smith said with

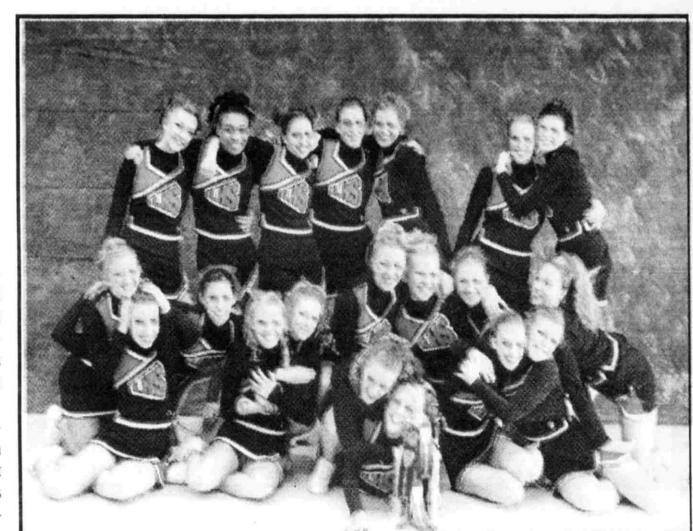
two small children (4 and 19 months) the sooner the better.

"We have no backyard and two sideyards," she explained.

The Lowell residents are proposing putting in scalloped picket fencing. "It will add some continuity to the neighborhood and I think it goes with Lowell's historical look," Fleszar-Smith said.

She also asked that materials be considered when amending the ordinance. "Not always are the right materials selected for the city's historicallook," Fleszar-Smith said.

The council tabled the request for a variance so that the planning commission could look at possible amendments to the ordinance.



Lowell girls varsity sideline cheer team claimed the first-place trophy Saturday as Lowell High School hosted its first-ever sideline cheer competition. Story, page 14.

## City sets two public hearings for Feb. 18

In an effort to allow greater flexibility to develop housing in the SR and R-1 districts, the Lowell City Council will consider an ordinance amendment revising several regulations in these districts.

Proposed revisions to regulations in the SR District in-

- reducing the front yard setback from 40 to 30 feet
- · increasing the rear yard setback from 25 to 35 feet
- decreasing the minimum lot size from 35,000 to 23,000 square feet
  - decreasing the minimum lot width from 165 to 125 feet
- · adjusting the minimum dwelling unit floor area previously 1,500 square feet UFA to single level - ranch 1,200 square feet main floor with attached garage; multi level - 780 square feet main floor with 1,400 total square feet.

In the R-1 District:

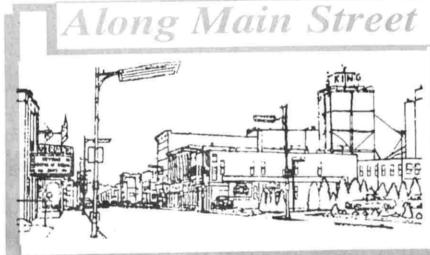
 adjusting the minimum dwelling unit floor area previously 1,500 square feet UFA to the proposed single level -1,200 square feet main floor living area; multi level - 780 square feet main floor 1,400 total square feet.

The council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Lowell City Council will also hold a public hearing on adopting an open space preservation provision.

State legislature passed an open space preservation statute under Public Act 179 of 2001.

The statute requires Michigan cities which have adopted zoning ordinances with a population of 1,800 or more and with undeveloped land for residential development at a certain density to adopt open space preservation provisions at the option of the land owner.



#### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS ...

"The Murder of Charlie Knapp" by Michael Tummino on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. The free program is open to the public; light refreshments served.

#### KDL BRANCHES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE

The 18 branches of Kent District Library and the KDL Service Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 so staff may attend an in-service training day. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

#### FREE KINDERMUSIK STORYTIME

Englehardt Library will offer a free Kindermusik storytime on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Newborn to 18 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver as well as siblings are welcome. Call 897-8545 to register. Sponsored by Lowell Area Arts Council and Kindermusik by RiverSong Music.

#### STAFF/STUDENT VARIETY SHOW

The annual Lowell High School staff/student variety show will be held in the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$4 at the high school office or by calling 897-9904. \$5 at the door.

#### BLOOD DRIVE AT LOOK FIRE STATION

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

#### VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE AT LHS

Senior guys vs. junior guys volleyball challenge on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School main gym. \$3 at the door. All profits go to the senior class.

#### LOWELL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Join the chamber on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to see what is happening to ethics in the workplace and in our organizations. For registration form call 897-9161.

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### AG-1 special use permit could be considered by township

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A wholesale lumber operation on the corner of Alden Nash and 60th St. will require rezoning.

It will require rezoning AG-1-property to commercial/ industrial which does not conform to the Master Plan and could be considered spot zoning.

An alternative for the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission would be to consider a use allowed by Special Use Permit in AG-1 — "Specialized Collection and Storage Facilities for agricultural products not grown on premises." Such a permit would require 300 feet of road frontage.

For this to be established, the planning commission would have to assume that lumber is an agricultural product.

With this as a possibility, the planning commission gave Steve Traetz the sections of the zoning ordinance related to special use permits/site plans, etc.

Traetz's proposal calls for a 300x80 storage building, and will include 800-1000 square feet of office space.

The site picked by Traetz is wet and not prime for farming. He plans to leave most of the area undeveloped other than the building, and parking lot area

Traetz would start with five employees and could expand up to eight in the future.

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## **OBITUARIES**

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ASHLEY - Herbert Thomas Rapids, Jamie Danielson of Ashley, aged 72, formerly of Lowell; one great-grandchild Muskegon and Ventura, CA. Anheles Coronado of Colo-2003 in Lowell, following a his brothers and sisters John cancer. He will be sadly and Mary Ashley; one sistermissed by his loving wife of in-law Beth (Al) Cousins; nu-46 years, Leona, his child merous nieces, nephews and Vicki (Jim) Danielson of Low-cousins. Herb retired in 1989 ell; three grandchildren Karrn from a successful career as a quest, cremation has taken Interment Chapel Hill Memo-Middleman of Colorado, quality control engineer. He

Deanna MacKenzie of Grand made a number of important be held in May.

passed away on January 20, rado. He is also survived by BARNOSKI - Donald E. Boggs; 36 grandchildren; 38 courageous battle with brain (Jean) Ashley, Jane Van Wyck passed after a lingering ill- great-great-grandchild. Fu-

place. A memorial service will rial Gardens. Memorial con-BOGGS - I. Shirlene Boggs,

of FL, Joann (Dale) Walsworth II, Beverly and

contributions to our country's Park, Chuck Boggs of Sadefense and NASA programs. ranac; daughter-in-law Teddy Herb enjoyed his retirement, Boggs of OH, sisters Delta Rebekah and Ryan ber of the Davenport Foundatraveling the globe with his Phillips of OH, Mary Shields wife and golfing every chance of OH. Pauline Shields of OH. he got. Herb requested crema- Juanita Miller of FL; sisterstion with no funeral or memo- in-law Christine (Ed) Lutz, Helen Boggs; brothers-in-law Paul (Rosie) Boggs, Royce Barnoski, aged 77, of Alto, great-grandchildren; one ness on February 4, 2003. Sur- neral services were held Satson Mark (Malita) Barnoski; Dimmick at the First United two grandsons. At Don's re- Methodist Church of Lowell.

Vandenberg of Comstock Matt Soave, Walter and Amy

tributions may be made to the

American Heart Association.

Pokorzynski, Amanda Gillis, tion and an advisor to the Dav-Paul Gillis, Alex Gillis, Joe enport/Sneden family. He is Teunessen and Josh survived by his children Teunessen; 15 great-grand- Gretchen J. Friberg of children, plus the much an- Hudsonville, Tyrus R. (Kathy) ticipated arrival of twins; and Wessell, Jr. of Rockford. nieces and nephews. Mrs. David B. (Charmaine) Teunessen was preceded in Wessell of Bradenton, FL. death by her husband William Steven J. (Tana) Wessell of 1992, and a granddaughter grandchildren

Sarah and Eric Cavalli, Dr. he served as an officer of Dav-

Molly and Brian O'Kane, enport Schools, a board mem-

Teunessen in 1976; a daugh- Grand Rapids and Kimberly viving are his wife Jean; his urday by Pastor Vance ter Mary Ann Walsworth in S. Wessell of Golden, CO: Rachel in 1976. The mass of (Demetria) Friberg, Lori Christian burial was offered (Steven) Hoezee, Kelly Tuesday at Our Lady of Con- Wessell, Shawn (Beth) solation Catholic Church with Wessell, Ryan Wessell, Jackie the Rev. Anton Tran presid- (Joel) Bouwman, David ing. Interment in Resurrec- (Dawn) Wessell, Jr., Chrisaged 78, of Saranac, passed TEUNESSEN-Mrs. Frances tion Cemetery. Those plantine (Glenn) Huett, Andrew great-grandchildren Natalie, Brooke and Mitchell. He is also survived by close family Phyllis (Dean) Parsons of OH, her in death. She is survived WESSELL - Tyrus R. friends, Donna Burns and Janice (Mike) Schuff of TN, by her children Agnes Bolt of Wessell, aged 90, of Grand Linda Wessell and by thou-John J. (Roxanne) Boggs of Tecumseh, Elizabeth and Rapids, died on February 5, sands of former students. In Grand Rapids, Jim (Katie) Gary Gillis of Rockford and 2003, after nearly seven de- lieu of flowers, the family Boggs of Ada, Vanessa (Russ) William Joseph and Nancy cades of service to the stu-would appreciate the support dents and members of the staff of his many friends, former (Jim) Chernoby of Lowell, law Terry (Jan) Walsworth of Of Davenport University. His students and colleagues in the Kathy (Kevin) Smith of Low- Gowen; 17 grandchildren association with Davenport effort to continue his work began in 1931 when he en- with a memorial contribution Lowell, Bob (Janice) Boggs William Walsworth, Terry rolled as a student at Davento the Tyrus R. Wessell Stuport-McLachlan Institute foldent Aid Fund, Davenport lowing graduation from Grand University, 415 E. Fulton St. Bolt, Christopher Bolt, Gary Rapids Central High School. Grand Rapids, MI 49503. A Gillis II, Amy and George Following his formal retire- memorial service was held at Fotis, David and Jane Gillis, ment from Davenport in 1978, Davenport University on Sun-

away Wednesday, February Teunessen, aged 92, of Rock-ning an expression of sympa- J.B. Wessell, Tia Klug-5, 2003. She was preceded in ford and formerly of Byron thy are asked to consider the Wessell and Ann Wessell; death by her husband John; Center, passed away on Fri- Carmelite Sisters or the Buildson Kelley Boggs and daugh- day, February 7, 2003. She ing Fund at Our Lady of Con- Nicholas, Alec, Kayla, Hailey, ter Patricia Glass. Mrs. Boggs was one of seven children and solation Catholic Church. is survived by her children all her siblings have preceded

Palmitier of Saranac, Ellen Teunessen of Lowell; son-inell, Teresa (Russ) Phillips of Cindy and Dr. James Daily,

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## **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI on:

> Wednesday, February 19, 2003 At 7:00 p.m.

Richard Simkins, of 3930 Murray View N.E., Lowell, MI (PP# 41 12 33 302 018) has made an Application for Variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 3, sub-section 3.01B (1) to construct a second accessory building (gazebo) in addition to an existing accessory building (storage building) on a lake front lot.

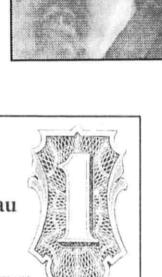
Article 3, Section 3.01, I to construct an accessory building in the front yard in the R-L District, cannot exceed 150 square feet in size and not exceed 8'-0" in height.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.



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## **Balloonattics Delivers**

••• Jan McLeod's new business, at 220 W. Main, offers balloons, baskets and gifts for all special occasions.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jan McLeod floated around the idea of starting her own business for a year. On Monday (Feb. 3), she did something about it as she opened the doors to Lowell's newest business, Balloonattics at 220 W. Main St.- located in the same building as D&L Tax Service.

"Opening my own business is something I've always wanted to do," McLeod said. "I've been looking for a building right along, but within the last few months I really began to get serious about it."

McLeod actually started the business concept out of her home last year. The need to expand in the Lowell community started the process of finding a building. Balloonattics offers balloons for all occasions along with baskets, stuffed animals.

Beanie Babies and gifts. McLeod also delivers, a feature she believes sets her apart from competitors. Deliveries are also available after hours by appointment

"We have great competitive prices," McLeod explained.

Balloonattics' store hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"We're starting out slow, focusing on getting our name and location out to people," McLeod said.



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MacNaughton will perform on the piano joined by Charlie Hoats (bass), Steve Anzivino (drums) and Michael Hyde (guitar). Special guest vocalist is Edye Evans Hyde.

The evening includes light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$12.50 general admission and \$10 LAAC members, seniors and

MacNaughton, a native of Lowell, is a full-time musician, composer and producer. He and his wife Megan are owners of "Acoustic Arts Custom Music Production L.L.C."

MacNaughton has released a CD, Summer Dance, a collection of 13 contemporary jazz/pop tunes, and is working on a new CD of classic jazz standards and original songs which will be released at the concert.

For tickets, contact LAAC at 897-8545.

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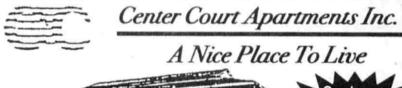
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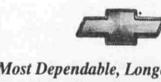


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Believe it or not, this isn't the only pet peeve I have. I did an inventory last year and



Week of 2/17 - 2/21

**ELEMENTARY** 

MON: Pepperoni pizza wedge or chicken on bun, carrot coins, berry applesauce.

TUES: Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic toast or submarine sandwich, pears. sweet peas.

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#### Church's proposed construction addresses ministry and service leavin'." Our holy and righ-

wannabes, "This universe isn't By Thaddeus J. Kraus big enough for more than one Lowell Ledger Editor

eyed stranger and growls, "This town ain't big enough

for the both of us, and I ain't

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God, and I ain't leavin." In-

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The root of the problem is helping me, but the great thing

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when and how it will affect Merriman, Deanne Newell, Laura Walling

Marcus Kline.

The old-time Westerns FEBRUARY 16: George Foss, Bruce Baird, Betty

and they sent me to school, same for you!

least figure out how to control Van Dyke,

the sheriff scowls at the snake- Tracey Main.

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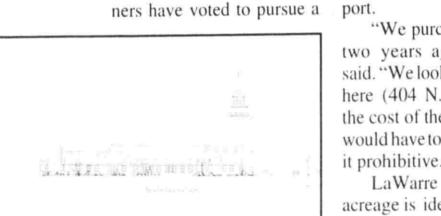
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in order to get my way; but all

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veneer over the basic problem

of who I am: a God wannabe.



Pictured above are some sketches of what a future

building the First Congregational Church of Lowell has occurred on three occasions in its rich history

Congregational Church may look like.

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In the early 1930's the and my wishes. My parents He can work this miracle in church's congregation a new church... it's about tried to teach me different; my life, I bet He can do the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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"This is about more than

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Roughly 70 years later on the west side of Lincoln (2002), the church parishio- Lake Road south of the air-

> "We purchased the land two years ago," LaWarre said. "We looked at building here (404 N. Hudson), but the cost of the properties we would have to purchase made it prohibitive."

LaWarre added that the acreage is ideal because the church needs property close to or in the city limits if it is going to be good neighbors to the people within the com-

"Much of the land (19.2 acres) will be kept natural; however, it could be improved eventually with trails," LaWarre said.

The current church sits Talk of moving and re- new beginning - one that cel- on land donated in 1856 by Dr. Arba Richards. He left one contingency: that the building always remain for religious services.

> Therefore, the church will be sold to a beginning

The First Congregational munity and church," said First Church of Lowell is in the

On March 16, it will rewhat we're called to do - ser- ceive into the church pledges of support from its 227 fami-

> Two weeks later (March 30), the church will celebrate "Victory Sunday," with pa-

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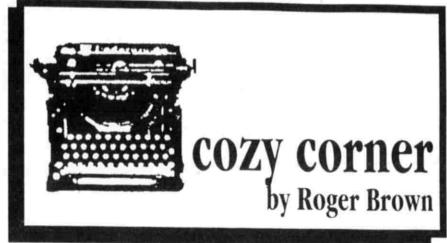
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As the clerk points to the sign she says, "Yo," a big city expression that can have various meanings. In this case the word means, "Read the sign stupid." Yao responds with, "No, Yao," and points to his name embroidered on his jacket. The George: The guy in China. Condi: Hu. George: The new leader Good idea. And a couple of egg rolls too. Maybe we should clerk points again to the sign and repeats, "Yo." Yao says, "Yao!" A store manager comes on the scene and the same "Yo leading China. George: Now whaddaya' asking me for? Condi: get Chinese food in the Middle East? My compliments to the

it's trying to sell.

from my daughter that I squirreled away for use on a Tuesday need to know the name of the new leader of China. Get me the morning when writer's block has settled in. For me, writer's Secretary General of the U.N. on the phone. Condi: Kofi? block occurs when I haven't done something really stupid, like George: No thanks. Condi: You want Kofi? George: No. falling off a ladder in the past week. So, without further ado, Condi: You don't want Kofi. George: No. But now that you here is a little plagiarism ... The following is a conversation mention it, I could use a glass of milk. And then get me the between President George W. Bush and his National Security U.N. Condi: Yes sir. George: Not Yassir... the guy at the U.N.! Advisor overheard in the Oval Office. George: Condi! Nice to Condi: Kofi? George: Milk! Will you please make the call? see you. What's happening? Condi: Sir, I have a report here—Condi: And call who? George: Who is the guy at the U.N.? about the new leader of China. George: Great ... lay it on me. Condi: Hu is the guy in China. George: Will you stay out of Condi: Hu is the new leader of China. George: That's what I China?! Condi: Yes sir. George: And stay out of the Middle want to know. Condi: That's what I'm telling you. George: East! Just get me the guy at the U.N. Condi: Kofi? George: All That's what I'm asking you. Who is the new leader of China? right ... with cream and two sugars! Now get on the phone. Condi: Yes. George: I mean the fellow's name. Condi: Hu. (Condi picks up the phone.) Condi: Rice, here. George: Rice? of China. Condi: Hu. George: The Chinaman! Condi: Hu is send some to the guy in China. And the Middle East. Can you I'm telling you, Hu is leading China. George: Well, I'm asking author. Pretty funny stuff.

and Yao" conversation continues. Yao finally puts the Statue you. Who is leading China? Condi: That's the man's name. George: That's whose name? Condi: Yes. George: Will you, Yogi Berra steps up to the counter with a souvenir or will you not tell me the name of the new leader of China? baseball. His question to the clerk is answered with another Condi: Yes sir. George: Yassir? Yassir Arafat is in China? I "Yo." Of course, Yogi corrects her with, "Gi...it's Yo-gi!" It's thought he was in the Middle East. Condi: That's correct. a pretty funny ad, but for the life of me, I can't remember what George: Then who is in China? Condi: Yes sir. George: Yassir is in China? Condi: No sir. George: Then who is? Condi: Yes The "Yo ... Yao" commercial reminded me of an e-mail sir, George: Yassir? Condi: No sir, George: Look, Condi ... I

# Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 13, 1878**

The new maple syrup and sugar crop is appearing in stores

The red ribbon clubs have resulted in closure of 11 saloons in Lansing, it is reported. Sen. Ferry proposes a bill for \$350,000 to explore a

possible canal route between Lakes Michigan and Erie. Now that big tree stories are in order, a Cadillac maple is

said to have yielded 18 cords of stove wood. The Muskegon Booming Company reports a 20 percent dividend on its handling of 315,754,149 feet of lumber passing

through the boom; the Flint & Pere Marquette RR is 20 million feet down from last year.

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

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 12, 1903**

The second monthly meeting of the Pedro Club names everyone who attended, as well as winners.

The Lowell Canning Co. plans to contract for 100 acres of tomatoes next summer.

the newspapers say nothing about it. Stay away from that city. The east side hotel building, now empty, would make a fine factory and is for sale, cheap.

Rockefeller has been telegraphing members of Congress with his opposition to antitrust legislation, but Theodore basketball fundraiser against Hi-Y/FFA team. Roosevelt is likely to win the argument.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO

**FEBRUARY 16, 1928** There are 200 inmates of Ionia Reformatory being trans-

red to Jackson Prison. The Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring a free conservation

will show several reels of "Wild Wings. Road commissioners are attending Road School at Ann

Arbor this week. Lowell leaders form a Fire Committee. Subscribers pay a

one-time fee of \$25 per set of farm buildings. Apparently the proposed township system will cost more for less coverage.

Michigan Bell's ad this week gives \$1.40 as the rate for three minutes after 8:30 p.m. to call New York, Atlanta or

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 12, 1953

Lowell's first local primary will choose either Wesley A. Roth (Citizens Party) or Elmer G. Schaefer (Peoples Party).

Herb Elzinga, Jack Fonger, Bernard Kropf and Carl Munroe compete for three Trustee positions on the Citizens Smallpox is said to be prevalent in Grand Rapids, though ticket, with Richard Court, John Troy, Frank Newell and Bruce Walter on Peoples.

Three burglaries in three hours Saturday evening had the police hopping

"Coach" W. W. Gumser's faculty Hotshots will play a

Howard Rittenger's two-year-old Lowell Loan Company opens its new office with an open house.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 15, 1978**

Ada may hook on to Grand Rapids' Lake Michigan water supply by November.

Somebody poured rock salt on the ice skating rink, but it program at City Hall next week. County Ag agent K.K. Vining is repaired and ready to receive skaters again. The very cold weather has helped.

The school board strongly protests Michigan's suggestion of centralized (state) purchase of school buses.

The coach's team beat the Detroit Lions in their basketball

Another offshoot of the Big Storm two weeks ago: many estimated power statements, and mailed payments not arriv-

## TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern, including residents and travelers along Grand River between Alden Nash:

My name is Michael Nichols, and I'm 14 years old. I am a student at Lowell Middle School, but I also play soccer. My team meets two to three times a week for practice at Riverside Park. While riding there and back, I have observed, many times, excessive amounts of garbage on the side of the road. Some of it is the typical fast-food trash, that you see everywhere. However, after seeing four bottles of "Tide" and other household trash, I became concerned. It seems apparent that this stretch of Grand River serves as some people's regular trash disposal.

A few years back, if anyone found a name on a piece of trash or observed someone littering, they could call a toll free number to report it. That number was removed due to budget I am working with Nancy Roth, a concerned resident of

the area, and the primary volunteer for Adopt-A-Road, on conducting a letter campaign to our representatives in the state legislature to urge them to restore funding for the number so that concerned residents can report names. If you would like to help with this effort, we can provide you with an example letter and addresses.

Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering to pick up litter on this stretch of road one or two times a year, please

Sincerely, Michael Nichols 897-1539 slohcin3@aol.com

Ingrown toenails are a common occurrence. Typically, one side of your toe will become painful to touch, then redness develops, followed by a white or yellow discharge. Although antibiotics will cure the infection, reinfection will continue to occur until the ingrown nail is removed.

INGROWN TOENAILS

Ingrown nails may develop because of tight fitting shoes or secondary to a fungal nail infection, which causes the nail to become deformed. You can help prevent ingrown nails by always trimming the nail straight across. In some mild cases, a small piece of cotton can be placed under the corner of the nail to lift it up over the course of several weeks. However, most of the time the nail must be removed by a doctor. A local anesthetic is used to numb the toe and part (or all) of the nail is removed. There are methods to permanently destroy the nail if this becomes a chronic condition.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

## Franciscan Center program a positive experience for LHS students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

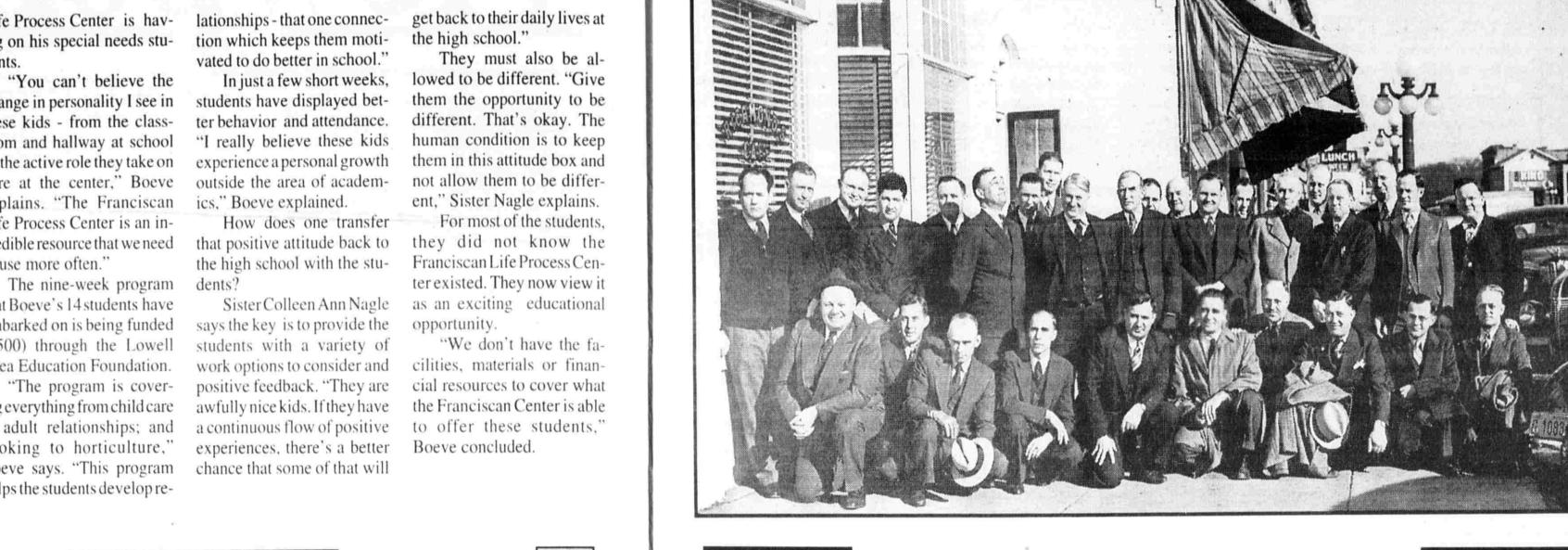
Keith Boeve, Lowell and smiles when discussing Life Process Center is hav-High School Life Skills in- the immediate impact the part- ing on his special needs stustructor, just shakes his head nership with the Franciscan dents.

"You can't believe the change in personality I see in these kids - from the classroom and hallway at school to the active role they take on explains. "The Franciscan Life Process Center is an incredible resource that we need to use more often."

that Boeve's 14 students have embarked on is being funded (\$500) through the Lowell Area Education Foundation.

cooking to horticulture," Boeve says. "This program helps the students develop re-





## ROTARIAN RECOGNITION

The picture shows members of the Lowell Rotary Club between the years of 1935-1940. The picture was taken in front of Richmonds' Cafe (Larkin's) where Rotary met for lunch and meetings. The Lowell Area Historical Museum is having a contest to see who in the area can name all of the members shown in the picture. The person who names the most will receive dinner for two at the newly opened Flat River Grill. The restaurant has graciously donated this prize to the winner. The contest will run until Feb. 15. In case of ties, the earliest postmark on the entry will be the winner. All entries should be sent to: Lowell Area Historical Museum, P.O. Box 81, Lowell,



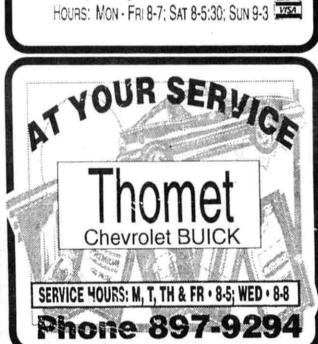
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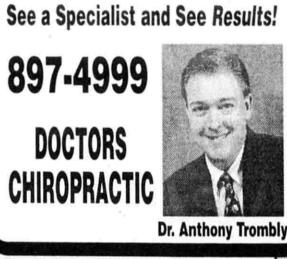
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#### LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

Join the Lowell seniors in Lakeland, Fla., on Sunday, March 2 at Huntington Hills Country Club, Duff Rd. Invite all chamber or at the Lowell Leadership booth at the Expo on your Lowell friends to the 1 p.m. buffet. Call Mary Peckham March 22. Call Marcia at 897-5205 with any questions.

The Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series, beginning at 863-683-6336, Carmen Roudabush at 863-604-9093 or

#### FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CENTER

The Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence is sponsor ing a fundraiser for St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. Needed are diapers, wipes and formula; they may be dropped off at the

## Wittenbach Center to host 2nd annual Maple Sugar Festival

The second annual Maple Sugar Festival will be held at Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1.

The event will offer unique learning and interactive opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Patrons will be taken on a maple sugaring demonstration tour that will show how the Native Americans, settlers and pioneers used and processed maple syrup, as well as how current technology aids in the maple syrup processes

the Wittenbach Agri-Science and Environmental Center on demonstration tours for students from within the district as well as outlying areas.

> There will be tours and activities for special needs with disability students as well as interactive mentoring of special education students.

> "We will be providing visits focusing on the science and maple syruping," said Wittenbach Center director, Tammy DeBaar. "Students will participate in helping build a Native

Friday will be geared toward student involvement and American lean-to and pioneer wall tent as well as experience the tapping of trees and the science that goes into this

> Saturday's activities will include a community pancake breakfast (donation) and maple sugar demonstration tours (\$2) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be a gift shop and local maple sugaring items for sale along with live music from Hawks and Owls old time string band (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)



## COLLEGE NEWS

Beth Hoag, a senior graduate curriculum and instruction major at Bradley University, recently was chosen for inclusion in the 2003 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The students were selected by campus nominating committees and editors based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed. coeducational institution located in Peoria, Ill., with an enrollment of approximately 6,000 students.

Hoag is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoag of

Ashley Rickert, a sophomore at Northwood University in Midland, along with 21 other Northwood students, had the



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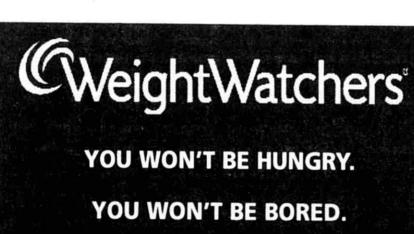
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**PUBLIC HEARING** THURSDAY, **FEBRUARY 27, 2003** 7:30 P.M. HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL 8240 ALDEN NASH SE **ALTO, MI 49302** 

868-6846 REQUEST #1 - Kenneth & Marian Adamy 11470 74th Street S.E., PP#41-24-09-300-011- Are asking for a variance to Article 3.02 Accessory Structures & Uses-location and square footage of an accessory building variance.

REQUEST #2 - Kenneth & Cathy Garnaat 9750 84th St SE - PP#41-24-18-351-023 - Are asking for a variance to Article 7.05 Height, Area and Dimension regulations in the Low Density Residential zoned area so that they may place an addition into the required setback area.

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opportunity to participate in the North American International Auto Show during the week of Jan. 4.

The students, invited by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, spent the week with various jobs such as media kit distribution, ticket sales and networking with manufacturers to establish contacts for the Northwood Auto Show

Rickert is a Lowell High School graduate and the daughter of Jeffery and Julie Rickert of Lowell.

## Area dairy farmers receive awards

The Kent/Muskegon counties Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) recently held their annual meeting at the Swan Inn Restaurant in Grand Rapids to recognize 2002

Board president, John Finkbeiner presented Mr. Shepard of Shepard Farms with the Outstanding Dairy Producers award. Shepard's, of Sparta, also received the High Lifetime Cow award for cow No. 90 with production of 268,014 pounds of milk in 3,405 days in nine lactations.

The High Cow award was presented to the Oesch family of Swisslane Farms, Alto. Their top cow produced 38,940 pounds of milk with 1,572 pounds of butterfat for a value of \$4,413. Mark Vanderhyde, of Sparta, received the High Protein Production Cow and the High Herd awards. Their herd of 298 holstein cows produced 26,471 pounds of milk, 985 pounds of butterfat and 812 pounds of protein.

Also receiving an award for a one-year increase for milk included Terry Nugent of Lowell.

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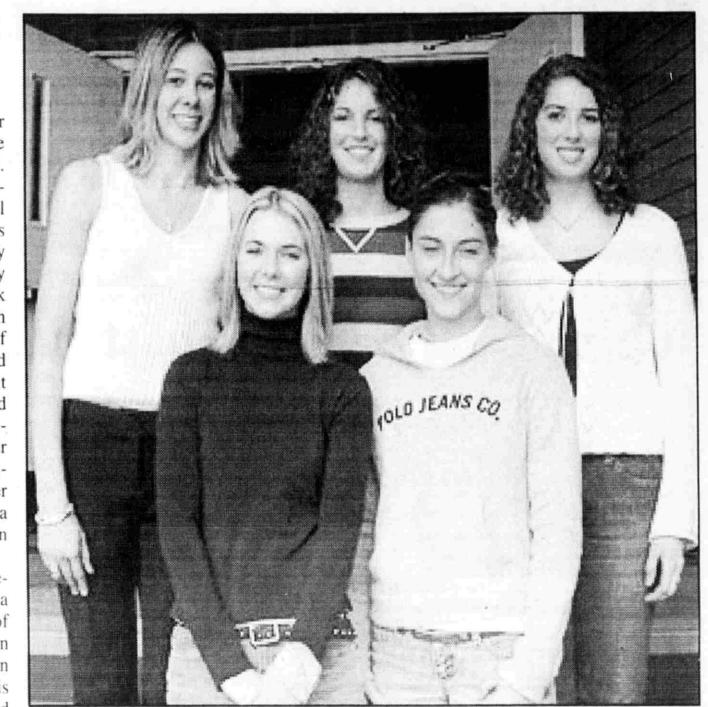
Each month several de- Kim Nyson. Megan is active a senior. She is the daughter partments at Lowell High in FFA as an officer, Women's of Dennis Kent and Rose sen and are as follows:

cer, Pals, All-school play, tic values. Lady Arrows Varsity Club, an impressive student with a pates in tennis, gymnastics the lab. bright future ahead of her: and Art Club at LHS. Next

School select a student to be Club, Rotary Club, Ski and Lawrence, both of Lowell. honored for expertise and Snowboarding Club, Choir, Natalie's extracurricular accontributions in a particular All-school play and musical, tivities include National area. The February Students cheerleading, cross country, Honor Society, Women's of the Month have been cho- Leader's Club, Drama Club Club, annual, band, secretary and Youth Ambassadors. Af- of the Lady Arrows Varsity The English Department ter graduation, Nyson plans Club and captain of the track chose Helen Crimmins, a se- to attend Grand Valley State and cross country teams. In nior. She is the daughter of University and study business addition, Kent is president of Ed and Sue Crimmins of Low- and theatre. Her teacher nomi- her 4-H Club and is employed ell. Helen's extracurricular nator says she adheres to a at Rollaway Fun Center. Next activities include varsity soc- code of moral as well as artis- year her plans are to attend The Art Department se- med or biology. Her teacher

Aquinas College to study pre-Model UN, powderpuff foot- lected Melissa Neubecker, a nominator says she has conball, National Honor Society senior. She is the daughter of sistently been at the top of her and Youth Ambassadors. Her Mark and Denise Neubecker physics class and is always a teacher nominator says she is of Lowell. Melissa particileader in the classroom and in

The Math Department seshe is confident, intelligent year Neubecker plans to at- lected Shannon Levingston, a and hardworking. In addition tend Grand Rapids Commusenior. She is the daughter of to all of these admirable quali- nity College with the goal of Steve and Shirley Levingston ties she is a wonderful human becoming an art teacher. Her of Lowell. Shannon has been teacher nominator says she a member of the LHS tennis The Music Department is does excellent work and is a team. She plans to attend honoring Megan Nyson, a se- pleasant person to work with. Grand Valley State Univer-The Science Department sity next year. Her teacher Lowell residents, Tod and chose to honor Natalie Kent, nominator says she is always



The students, pictured bottom row, left to right, are: Megan Nyson and Melissa Neubecker; top row are: Natalie Kent, Shannon Levingston and Helen Crimmins. positive and always willing to model and her excitement for help. She is a positive role math is appreciated.

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday March 3, 2003 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.430 Home Occupations, 201.431 Home Based Businesses, 201.431A Rental Storage

The proposed amendments for all of the sections are to clarify language and amend the effective date for existing businesses. Section 201.431 Home Based Business is amending the application procedure by requiring a zoning permit issued by the zoning administrator instead of a special use permit and amending the application procedure section. Section 201.431A Rental Storage is a section being removed from Chapter 3 as a special use permit and added to Chapter 4 as a type of home occupation permitted in the RA District in existing farm buildings upon application for a zoning permit issued by the zoning administrator. Section 201.430 is a home occupation section with and without an accessory building and is being amended for clarification of procedures and language. The current requirement for a zoning permit is still in effect.

#### Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The definitions of home occupations and home based businesses are being amended to clarify the meanings.

#### Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Various portions of sections 201.304, 201.305, 201.306, 201.306A. 201.3075 are amended to coordinate with the above amendments to change rental storage and home based businesses from special use permits to zoning permits and to add home occupations and home based businesses to the Lake Residential District.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

### THE FAMILY

Bob and Lanie Rice are members of the Lowell Schools and the Lowell community

The Rices moved to Lowell in the 1973-74 school year when Bob was accepted as high School Band Director and is now in his 30th year in that role. Lanie was finishing her college studies to be a

teacher. She then taught for 12 years in an elementary Catholic school before moving to first grade at Bushnell (where she has been ever since). Bob and Lanie have two kids. Both went through our schools. Robert graduated in 1988 and is now working on his doctorate degree. Dianna graduated in 1996 and is preparing to enter the teaching profession in early childhood development.

The Rices see the school employees as a family that reaches out to the community. For Bob and Lanie that means working with middle and high school band parents, community parades, football games, their church, the Lowell Area Arts Council and more. They love the caring attitude of the schools and community. Their 30-year commitment is evidence of that caring.

Bob and Lanie are concerned about the possible loss of part of that family - the school custodians. The district may fire our custodians and replace them with a cheaper unknown workforce. They see the custodians as caring community members who help the kids, the community, and help the teachers do their jobs. For example, Lanie works with custodian Larry Wenger at Bushnell. In addition to his regular duties, Larry has changed flat tires for parents, teachers and others. He helps unload cars and has repaired a broken rocking chair for the school. Larry made the wooden pillars for the "Character Counts" display. And when he has a spare moment, he is on the playground with the kids. Bob Rice cites the time at high school when the band needed to practice for the state finals at the Silver Dome. The football field was covered with snow. Custodial groundsman, Tim Bergy, volunteered to help. He used the leaf blower to clear the field for the band. Bob regards the custodians in the high school and middle school as co-workers and friends but most of all as part of the school family and community.

Bob and Lanie believe we should keep our custodians. Does the school district believe that our people can be replaced by lower paid outsiders without harming the family?

Tell the central office not to jeopardize our school family. All of us make it a caring family.



## THEN & Now

Valentine's Day will mark the golden anniversary of Bob and Carol (Callan) Reagan of Lowell. A party with family and friends is planned for a later date.

The Reagans are the parents of Steven and Jane Arzberger, Karen Myers, Jim and Kathy Ormiston, Jim and Becky Reagan, Bill and Peggy LaPenna, Steve and Ruth Thomet, Rich and Patty Wade, Don and Michelle Reagan and Ed Reagan.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct public

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p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library

Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street,

The purpose of said hearings would be to

An Ordinance to amend Section 5.02 of

Chapter 5, "SR-Suburban Residential

District, "section 15.04.A.2. Chapter 15,

"PUD@Planned Unit Development

District," of, and to Add Chapter 23,

"Open Space Preservation" to the

Zoning Ordinance of the Code of

An Ordinance to amend Section 5.04

"District Regulations" of Chapter 5 "SR

- Suburban Residential District" and

Section 6.04 "District Regulations" of

Chapter 6 "R-1 Residential District" of

the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are

available for public inspection during normal

business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday) at City Hall (414 East Main

Street - Huntington Bank Building) and at the

Englehardt Public Library during scheduled

Interested persons may submit written

comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main

Street prior to the meeting or appear in

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616-897-8457

City Clerk

hours Monday through Saturday.

person at Englehardt Public Library.

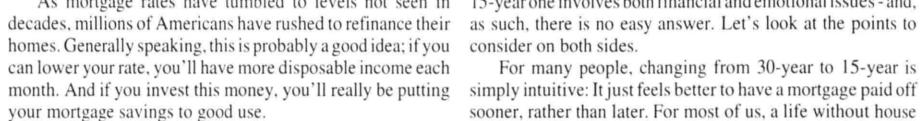
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receive comments on the following:

Lowell, Michigan.



mortgage? What if you want to replace your 30-year loan with one carrying a shorter term, such as 15 years? Is this a good your mortage paid off as you enter your retirement years.

CITY OF LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Lowell City Hall Offices, Police Offices and

Department of Public Works will be closed on

Monday, February 17, 2003 in observance of

Due to Presidents Day, the Lowell City

Council meeting date will be Tuesday,

February 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the

Presidents Day.

Englehardt Public Library.

As mortgage rates have tumbled to levels not seen in 15-year one involves both financial and emotional issues - and,

For many people, changing from 30-year to 15-year is sooner, rather than later. For most of us, a life without house But what if you don't want to simply refinance a 30-year payments sounds pretty good. And if you're already in your mid forties to mid fifties, you may be especially keen on having

Furthermore, you can save many thousands of dollars in It might be - but not necessarily from a financial point of interest by paying off your mortgage early. Clearly, you've got view. The question of switching from a 30-year mortgage to a some intriguing reasons to go from a 30-year mortgage to a 15year one. However, you can find some equally compelling factors for not making the switch. For example, it may be great to save all those thousands of dollars in interest payments - but, at the same time, all that interest was tax deductible. In fact, mortgage interest payments are the single biggest deduction that most people will ever have. So, once you've paid off your mortgage, you may need to find new ways to save money on taxes. Also, every extra dollar you devote to paying off a mortgage early is a dollar you won't be able to invest.

> Of course, there's no guarantee on what type of investment return you might get from the money you might have put toward a mortgage. And yet, if you put these funds into a welldiversified portfolio containing high-quality investments, you could speed up your progress toward some of your important long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

> Building up your investments also may provide you with more financial protection than paying off your mortgage early. If you encounter a severe setback - disability, job loss, etc. - you can always fall back on your investments until you regain your financial footing. But if the bulk of your assets are tied to your house, you might be forced to refinance or look at other options, such as a home equity loan or line of credit. These aren't necessarily bad choices - your home equity loan or credit line may be tax-deductible, and the interest rate may well be quite competitive. On the other hand, you have to be sure you can afford the payments on these types of loans, because you're essentially using your house as collateral.

> So, there you have it: some sound reasons to pay off a mortgage early, and some sound reasons to keep paying on a longer-term mortgage and invest the difference. There's no one "right" decision - but there's a decision that's right for you. Take the time to find it.

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City Clerk

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Copies of the Draft plan can be viewed at the Grattan Township Offices at 12050 Old Belding Road., Belding, MI., 48809, during normal

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## Catlin chooses GVSU as his home for college football

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The pride of Lowell football signed on the dotted line to play four years with the pride of West Michigan football.

Lowell fans, make that West Michigan high school football fans, received good news last Thursday when Mark Catlin signed to play football with Grand Valley State University.

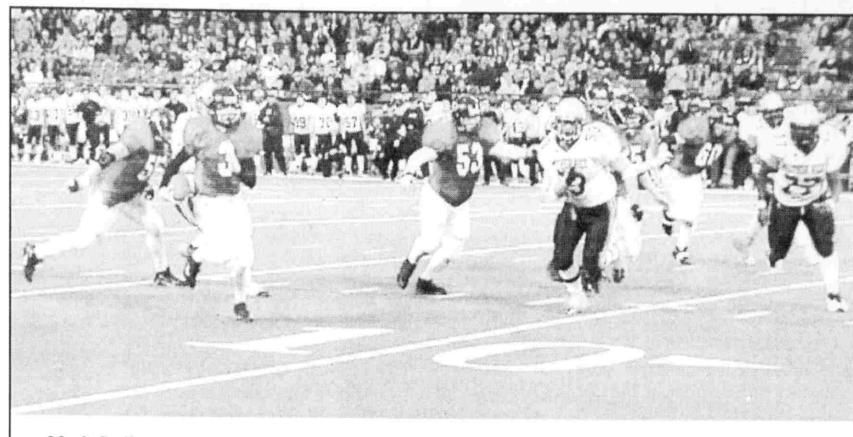
The sensational Red Arrow QB who led Lowell to its first ever football state championship (Division II) will stay close to home to play at the next level, making it easy for area fans to follow his post high school football

Catlin, who shattered the state record for most all-purpose yards in a championship game, chose Grand Valley after being courted by Mid American Conference teams and Northwood University. The senior actually began hearing from Big 10 schools and MAC schools in his junior year. As that tapered off, the choice was narrowed to Northwood and Grand Valley.

"After I visited Grand Valley I knew that was the school for me. Their facilities are Division I-like," Catlin said.

Where does Catlin see himself in three years? "They are going to start me off in the slot back and then work me into the quarterback position. I'll be happy if they decide to keep me as a receiver... wherever I can help out.'

You can talk about his performance against Birmingham Brother Rice, you can talk about his 2,500 passing yards in his senior season, his 1,100-plus rushing yards, but for Lowell back and quarterback," Catlin recalls. High School football coach, Noel Dean, that all pales in comparison to the fact that in four years Catlin never missed a practice and never missed a game.



Mark Catlin signed last Thursday to play football at Grand Valley State University in the fall.

school football for over five seasons."

His youth football playing days started in the second grade. Catlin recalls that first week when he assumed the position of a lineman. After a week, it became clear the little guy didn't belong on the line. "They switched me to running

Grand Valley State football coach, Jeff Kelly, was ecstatic

"Mark never took a day off. That's what is remarkable to me. We couldn't work him hard enough in his eyes," Dean said. "Counting all the playoff games, Mark played high

to sign not only Catlin the football player but Catlin the

## Red Arrow hockey team skates past West Ottawa

Ottawa 6-2 in what can only be described as a total team effort work. Corey Kelly made a great move to get the puck to with every player on the 18-man roster contributing to the Brandon John, who found McCoy alone behind the Panther

Things did not start out smoothly for the home team however, as the Panthers struck first with an opening period goal just two minutes into the game. But on this night, Lowell's checking, passing, shooting,

and overall hustle paid dividends midway through the first period. Senior Jordan Schaefer tied the game up on a perfectly

placed shot, after receiving a pass from defenseman Josh Baker.

The blue line tandem of Brian Posthumus and Brandon Gillikin scored the go ahead goal. Posthumus slid a pass over to Gillikin at the blue line, who then uncorked a blast that cleanly beat the Panther goaltender. With two minutes to go, there was a face off to the right

of the West Ottawa goal. Red Arrow center, Brandon John won the face off and neatly fired a wrist shot past the stunned Panther goalie. The opening period ended with the Arrows leading 3-1. The entire second period was filled with end to end action.

Red Arrow goalie, Dave Maylone came up with timely saves. The lone goal in the second period came off the stick of Ted McCoy.

After receiving a pass from sophomore Ramsey Charrouf, McCoy skated over the blue line, and ripped a shot into the upper corner of the net to put Lowell up 4 -1 at the second period intermission.

The Red Arrow skaters started fast in the final period. With

The Lowell-Caledonia varsity hockey team bested West the Panthers serving a penalty, the Lowell power play went to goal. McCoy promptly took John's pass and wrapped the puck around to the front of the goal, giving the Red Arrows a 5-1

> Lowell closed out its scoring with five minutes to go in the third period on a power play goal. McCoy again ended up with the puck behind the Panther goal; he fed a pass out in front to Eric Austin who wasted no time in slamming a hard shot past the sprawling goaltender for a 6-1 lead.

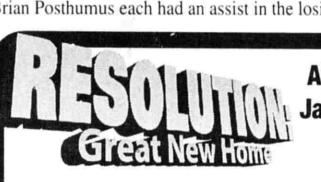
West Ottawa scored their final goal of the night on a power play of their own just 40 seconds later.

Holt 6 Lowell 4

In Friday night's hockey action the Lowell-Caledonia team lost to Holt

The Red Arrows were ahead at the end of the first period 2-0, but could not maintain the lead.

Josh John, Lowell freshman, had his best performance of the season scoring three of Lowell's four goals. Brandon John contributed with one goal and one assist. Ted McCoy and Brian Posthumus each had an assist in the losing effort.



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spectful and numble, and I'm confident that he will speak about and represent our program in a positive light," Kelly

He also is well aware of what the Lowell senior brings to the table in terms of football ability.

"Mark's skill, in terms of playing the ball. is as good as anybody we've recruited," Kelly said. "He has a great awareness

and understanding of the game. You talk to coaches who've coached against him, you watch film, and you talk to fans, and you understand that he's the real deal.'

The GVSU coach said what separates Catlin from the rest is, in bigger games when the game was on the line, the senior elevated his play.

"Mark loves to play and compete... that goes for any competitive game," Kelly said. "He has a confidence in his ability to make plays. He's also always in control... he never gets outside of himself, is not overconfident and does not get

Catlin's theory is he can't be good the next play if he's worrying about the last play.

"It's all mental. You've got to believe you can do it. If you don't believe, you probably can't do it," Catlin says. Coach Kelly calls Catlin an impact player.

"Twelve years ago I said I would recruit anywhere if the student-athlete was right for our program," Kelly explained Thus, it seems right that the pride of Lowell football and the pride of West Michigan football are now one.



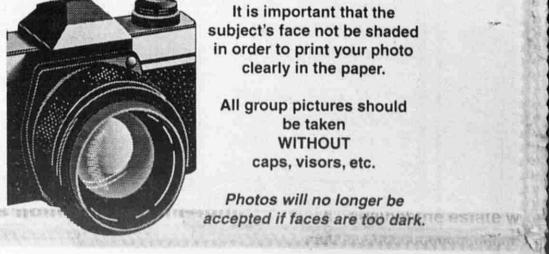
Pictured are the Lowell champions from each respective age level: front row: Zach Noskey (10), Jordan Drake (9), Chris Barlow (13), Brett McMahon (12), Cole Wade (11), Kate Scudder (9), Samantha Braman (10); back row: Krista Foster (11), Breanna Bueche (12), Chelsea Harrison (13), Brittany Lyman (14), Drew Happie (14) and Brent Noskey (Free-throw chairman).

## Knights crown 8 district winners

The Lowell Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship was held on Jan. 7. Winners of the Lowell competition moved on to the district level competition, held on Feb. 1.

Winners at the district level include: Breanna Bueche. Brittany Lyman, Chelsea Harrison, Brett McMahon, Zach Noskey, Grant Noskey, Krista Foster and Drew Happie. They will advance to the regional competition on Feb. 22.

**Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...** 



It is important that the ubject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

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## Lowell wrestlers roll to third consecutive White title

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell wrestlers stayed the course en route to their third consecutive O-K White conference championship Saturday at Forest Hills Northern.

The Red Arrows, a perfect 6-0 in dual meets during the regular season, dominated the O-K White field one final time. Lowell totaled 201 points to easily outdistance Hudsonville with 166.5. The Eagles were followed by Northview 151.5; Zeeland 124.5; Forest Hills Northern 133; Forest Hills Central 68.5; and East Grand Rapids 48.5.

While the score may indicate dominance, Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc knows there have been plenty of Broekhuis 8-7 in the finals of the 145 pound class. "He bumps along the way.

"There have been a number of uncontrollable factors we've had to deal with this year." Strejc explained. "But when Michael O'Toole at 3:39 of the second period.

the chips are down, you must stay the course with what has been successful for you. Most importantly, no one must outwork you.

Five Red Arrow wrestlers claimed conference championships on Saturday

against Hudsonville's Tom Grimm.

David Kropf pinned Zeeland's Nick Sojourner in 4:35 of the third period to earn his first conference title at 119 pounds Kevin Frazier (135) pinned Forest Hills Northern's Kurt

Jayme "Sneaky D" DeLiefde decisioned Zeeland's Kyle wrestles with so much heart," Strejc said.

J.J. Wilder, 160 pounds, pinned East Grand Rapids'

"Both Frazier and J.J. were dominant today," Strejc ex-

Red Arrows who placed second in their weight classes were Matt Kilmartin (130), losing to Northview's Troy Pitsch 6-0: Beau Wilder (135), pinned by Hudsonville's Cody Joe Mendez (112 pounds) won by technical fall (23-8) Crossman in 2:46 of the second period; and Bobby Gingerich, 152, in his first loss of the season, decisioned by Zeeland's Kyle Samuels 7-6.

"You never like to lose, but this helps reveal some leaks in Bobby's technique, things he can seal up before the tournament starts," Strejc said. "His sights are set higher than a conference championship.'

John Rasch (HWT) finished third while Josh Vaught (171) and Pieter Serne (189) placed fourth.

Lowell wrestles Creston on Thursday in district wrestling action. The winner will battle East Grand Rapids in the district

## Rangers rock short-handed Red Arrows

By Thaddues J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeff McDonald expected his undermanned Red Arrow basketball team to play well enough to have a chance. come the fourth quarter against the highly touted Rangers of Forest Hills Cen-

That didn't happen as Forest Hills roughed up Lowell 70-33.

When asked if he was pleased with his club's effort McDonald replied, "We're trying to get away from the moral victory stuff," he said. "Tonight we lost to a better these guys, we had a chance to win. I expected the same

tonight." However, the 6-11 frame of Kyle Visser changed that and the projectory of every Red Arrow shot in the paint.

"He's a tough matchup for us. He changed our shots and they made most of their shots," McDonald said.

the shot of sophomore Kevin Gillman, who was brought up from the junior varsity to fill a roster spot of one of three starters (Andy

belonged out there. I was proud of his play tonight. He has the potential to be a player for us," McDonald said.

Central led 13-8 after one ever, created all the space they tory of the season. would need with an 11-1 run Lowell and Lakeview ing a 32-15 halftime lead.

"I thought James' Lowell being within 12-14 57-45 victory. points, we're up 17," said

third quarter and nearly Mark Catlin added 12. battled point for point with

Lowell gymnasts stung

The Lowell coach didlike just three in the period.

Rand at 4:51 of the third period.

"You have to give Jeff's team credit - they came out and really battled in that third quarter. Lowell was really playing without a number of McQueen, Sam Oberlin and key players tonight," George Shane Stokes) either injured said. "This was a good road victory for us. I was pleased "Kevin played like he with our defensive effort."

#### Lowell 57 Lakeview 45

It took three quarters bequarter of play and 21-14 with fore the Red Arrows could four minutes to play in the shake the visiting Wildcats first half. The Rangers, how- en route to their seventh vic-

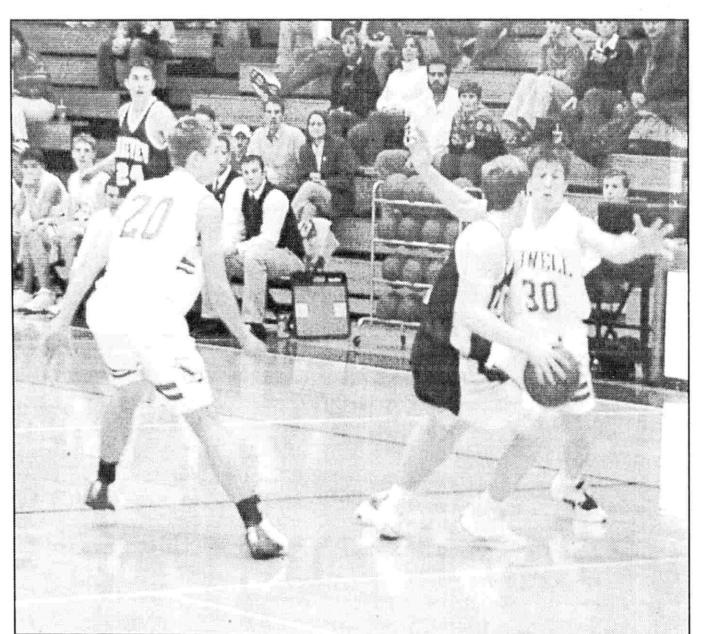
to end the second quarter, tak- were tied at 37-37 entering the final eight minutes of play.

The Red Arrows (Telman) three to end the half outscored the Wildcats 21-9 was big for us. Instead of in the fourth quarter to earn a

Mike Koster led all Low-Ranger coach, Ken George. ell scorers with 15 points. Lowell came out in the Shane Stokes netted 14 and

Keith Rice led all Central, being outscored by Lakeview players with 11

Andrew Minn works down on the blocks during second half action against Forest Hills Central.



Craig Carpenter (#20) and Shane Stokes (#30) pressure Lakeview's guards.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

coach, Michele DeHaan was that at a loss for words

club's performance; disap- 134.7 Wednesday night in an

by loss to Holland

She was ecstatic about her narrowest of losers, 135.1-

Kim Seaman works on the uneven bars in competition ery week and she just misses control," DeHaan said. against the Dutch.

pointed that Lowell's team important O-K Rainbow meet Lowell gymnastics score did not fully reflect against Holland. "It's very disappointing The Red Arrows were the It's difficult to lose after the

girls gave what I thought was their strongest performance of the year," DeHaan explained. On the vault, Holly

Plattner's 9.05 was the teamleading score. Melissa Neubecker scored an 8.65 with Krystal White and Carmen Datema following with an 8.3 and 8.0 respectively.

Lowell's scores in the floor exercise and balance DeHaan explained. beam were not quite at the level they've enjoyed.

enced just one fall in seven Neubecker and White 8.55 routines on the beam, yet and Jenna Dickerman 8.5. their scores were average compared to previous weeks. An 8.5 is a good score for her.

with an 8.8 followed by steps," DeHaan said. Plattner 8.6, White 8.35 and Rebecca Underwood 8.2.

that elusive mark of 9.0," Improvement was notice-

ing was similar. Plattner tal-

"Jenna had a nice routine. Neubecker led the way She didn't have any extra

"We'll just keep practicing and work on what we want. "Melissa does so well ev- know we can improve and

able in Lowell's uneven bar Neubecker and Plattner each In the floor exercise, scor- routines as all four Red Arrows scored eight or above The Red Arrows experilied an 8.75 followed by for the first time this year. Dickerman, White,

recorded an 8.1. Lowell hosts Kenowa Hills Wednesday.

The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you

Ben Stein

## COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief ington St. Call Terry and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261

**EVERY MONTH:** Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at Gallagher at 897-9222. clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

EVERY OTHER SUN: ?'s call 897-2760. Single adults, ages 25-50 vears, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at Public invited. 897-7161.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON, OF EACH MONTH: Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meeting at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave: 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

1ST MON. OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m.(at Schneider Manor until further notice.)

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout **EVERY 1ST TUES:** Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, College #206 of the Com-Scout Cabin on N. Washmons. Connie 942-6887.

EVERY TUES .: Scrapbook Club at LMS after school. Contact Chris

868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at Plainfield Senior Center. 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at 285-0621.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at members welcome.

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 EVERY SECOND WED.: p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meets noon in community meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

EVERY SECOND & EVERY FOURTH WED .: FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln

SECOND TUES .: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more information.

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Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-

Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13, 897-8694.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

**EVERY WED.:** "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 897-7842.

**EVERY WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's pro-LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New gram, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

> EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

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EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washing-1/2 hr. before meetings

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac EVERY 3RD TUES .: Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -Church, 32156 4 Mile NE 8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981.

> **EVERY THURS.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life

- 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., nondenominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. -3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5. FIRST AND THIRD

THURS.: Alto Lions Club St. 647-3920. meets at a new location: Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping group at p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice)

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.**: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

752-8300.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**EVERY FRI. & SAT.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 Process Center from 6:30 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

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**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** 

Woods; Shop 1 hr. at

MON., FEB. 17: 12:34 p.m. Syl Mosier Discussion.

p.m. Bible Study.

Advisory Council.

Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: WED., FEB. 19: Lowell Fire Dept. blood drive for Grand 5-17 \$1.50; members free. Valley Blood program, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire

SHOP HOURS: Wed.- WED., FEB. 19: Annual Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 LHS staff/student variety a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main show at LPAC (7:30 p.m.) Pre-sale tickets \$4: call 897-9904. \$5 at the door.

HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 - THURS., FEB. 27: Ethics and diversity Lowell Leadership workshop at the chamber: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-9161 to register.

LOWELL AREA ARTS THURS., FEB. 27: LHS **COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Sr. vs. Jr. guys volleyball Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; challenge in Lowell High Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., School main gym, 7:30 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. p.m. \$3 at the door. Profits go to senior class.

WED. FEB.. 12: Lowell FRI., FEB. 28: Dallas Area Historical Museum Children's Theater produc-Christian Life Center 6-9 presents "The Murder of tion of "African Tales of Charlie Knapp" by Michael Earth & Sky," 1 hr. musical Tummino at Lowell Twp. at LPAC at 7 p.m. Tickets Hall (7 p.m.). Free; public at LAAC 897-8545.

> THURS., FEB. 13: Lowell Women's Retreat at Freestyle sign-ups at Franciscan Life Process Cherry Creek Elem. 6-8 Center. Call 897-7842 for p.m. Copy of birth certifi- a brochure on this spiritual enrichment experience.

> > THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

MON., FEB. 24: 12:45

p.m. Video "Songs That

TUES., FEB. 25: 12:30

p.m. Senior lunch at Alto

Elementary.; 12:45 p.m.

WED., FEB. 26: 8:30

THURS., FEB. 27: 12:45

p.m. Shop Greenville K-

Mart & Dollar Store.

a.m. Women's Breakfast.

cate required. Cost: \$65.

Day at Lakeland, Fla. Huntington Hills Country Club, Duff Rd. Buffet at 1 p.m. TUES., FEB. 18: Free Call Mary Peckham 863-Englehardt Library from 10- Roudabush at 863-604-10:30 a.m. for newborn - 9093 or Barb Curtis at

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 9a.m. Walk/Shop

TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Noodland Mall. 12:45

THURS., FEB. 13: 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the

FRI., FEB. 14: 12:45 p.m.

WED., FEB. 19: 10 a.m.

Bingo.

at Woodland Mall.

Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop p.m. Bible Study. at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., FEB. 12: 8:30 a.m. FRI., FEB. 21: Noon Co-ed Breakfast; 12:00 Birthday/Anniversary Movie, \$2. celebration; 12:45 Bingo.

singers.

Bible Study.

Won WW II" by famous Woodland Mall.

Valentine Party.

TUES., FEB. 18: 12:45

FRI., FEB. 28: 12:45 p.m. THURS., FEB. 20: Noon



Lowell edged Holt to win the first-ever Lowell sideline cheer competition.

## Red Arrow girls win their sideline cheer competition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

been better for Lowell's var- cheer round sity sideline cheer squad.

bined precision, degree of dif- 255 in the creative cheer. provement in winning the sideline cheer competition. first-ever Lowell Sideline Gobles edged Fowler 444-Cheer Competition.

Competing in the Class with 386 points. Wayland 415.

The Red Arrows scored

The Red Arrows com- in the clean cheer round and In the Class C-D varsity

462, Pinckney 419 and Amanita Fahrni. "They had today." their timing and precision

The timing could not have and tallied 260 in the creative

pointed to stunt difficulty, fa-Holt recorded 207 points cials, timing and precision as reasons for her club's winning effort.

"The difficulty level these girls are performing at is amazing compared to just 435. Maple Valley was third a few short years ago," Fahrni explained. "There has been "The girls really wanted such a big improvement. points, outdistancing Holt this one," said Lowell coach, They looked sharp out there

## Times keep changing as Ranger swimmers continue to make vast improvements

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

First-year Forest Hills-Lowell swim coach, Andrew Klipa is trying to find an even balance between hard work and hav-

That's not just for his Ranger swim eam... that's for himself as well.

"I know as a swimmer there was a fine line between working hard and working too hard that we didn't want to be there," Klipa explains. "The important thing is that they have fun while also working hard."

Klipa is enjoying his initiation into the varsity coaching ranks. "It's been great and am happy to be coaching," he explains. T've had a lot of help along the way from FHC's athletic director, Rob Stepanowski as well as from former coaches and coaches from opposing teams. That has made my irst year much easier."

Being just a year removed from the role of a high school swimmer, Klipa said estabishing a coach/player relationship has not peen a problem

"Most of the swimmers were sophonores when I was a senior captain. I think having held that leadership position as a swimmer has made the transition easier." Klipa said.

His young Ranger squad, made up of 4 swimmers from Lowell and five from Forest Hills Central, has shown steady improvement throughout the year.

"It's been a good year thus far, the team is working hard and individual times keep dropping," Klipa said. "They have pretty much met or exceeded my expecta-

Klipa and his Ranger squad have enjoved the strong effort of Forest Hills' Jeff Porth. The freshman has been a force in the 100 meter breaststroke. His best time to date has been 1:05.

Lowell's Luke Baker has been strong in the 50-meter freestyle (24.03) and the 100-meter butterfly (1:04).

The foursome of Dirk Timmer, backstroke; Porth, breaststroke; Baker, butterfly; and Mac Russell, freestyle have formed a strong medley relay team. Their best time so far this season is 1:51.

In the Rangers' 110-63 loss to Forest Hills Northern, they got standout performances from Porth, Baker, Russell and

Porth won the 100 breaststroke while Russell broke the school record in diving with 273 points. Teft, a junior, has given the Rangers a strong one-two combination

Baker clocked his best time in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:04.

Lowell, 2-5, travels to Hudsonville on Thursday looking for its first league win.

## 208 in the clean cheer event and tallied 260 in the creative The Lowell coach The Lowell coach The Lowell coach

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were instrumental in Lowell's capitalize straight set volleyball loss to

The Pioneers edged Low- of execution. ell in game one 17-15 and

and get that first game," said Booth led the Pioneers in kills Lowell volleyball coach, with 11 while Alex Ankney Untimely hitting errors Connie Black. "We had a great had a team-high 17 assists and offensive inconsistency opportunity but could not and Katelin McCahill re-

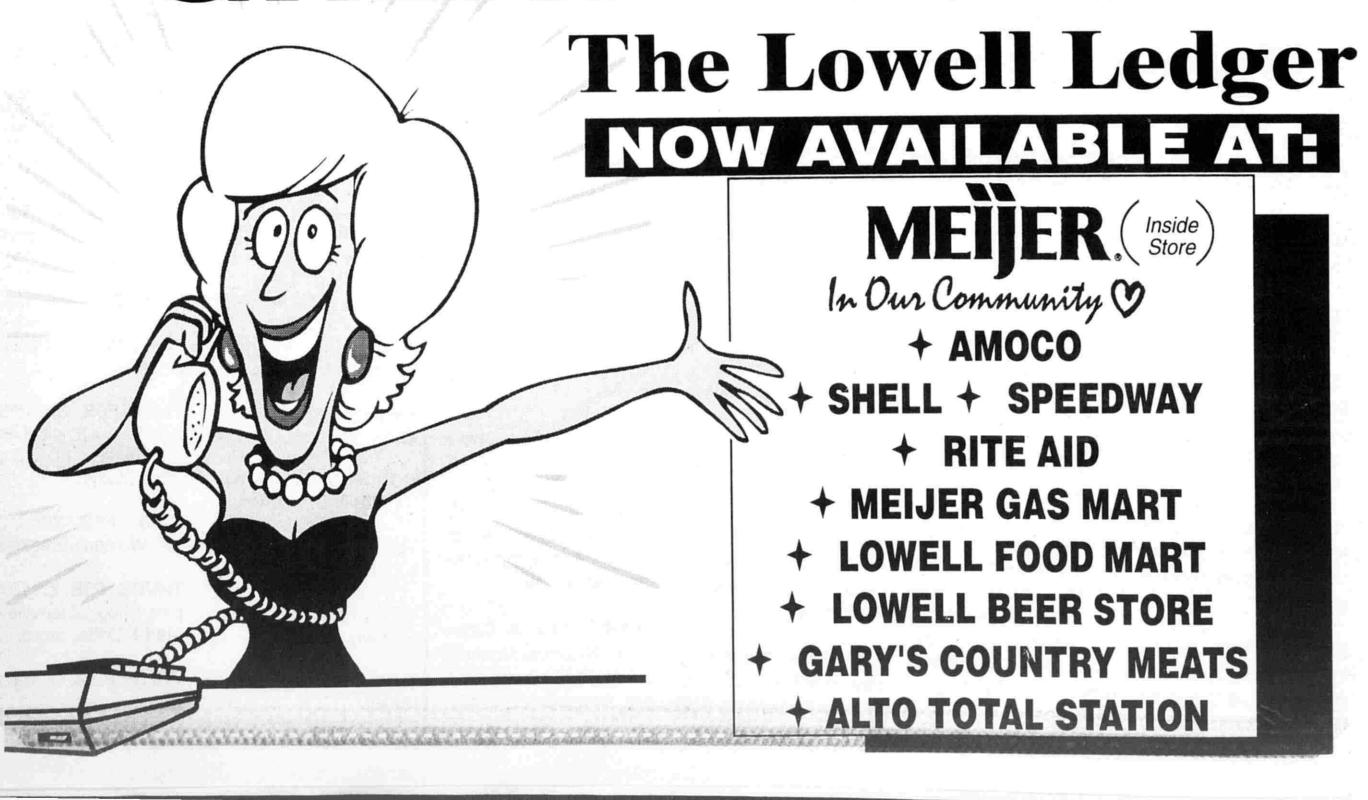
The Red Arrow coach East Grand Rapids Thursday pointed to untimely hitting Red Arrows split with games

then waltzed to a 15-2 win in that first game, but then did Ionia in three sets 11-15, 15not execute and were flat in 10, 15-7. "We wanted to come out game two," Black said. Alex

Earlier in the week, the errors, poor serving and lack against Middleville and Ionia.

Lowell lost to Middleville "The girls played well in 15-13, 15-10 but defeated

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## Gardeners look ahead to 2003 gardening season

are looking ahead to the next gardening season as well as ing topics back at the previous one, and

Gardening questions time to ponder often gener- knot in my plum trees? aren't as rare in winter as some ates questions for Michigan folks might think! Gardeners State University Extension

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A. You can spray with

fungicides in the spring, but specialists on various garden- the primary means of control is pruning in the winter, when Q. How do I control black trees are dormant. Remove all shoots or branches with visible swellings, making cuts 2 to 3 inches below each knot. Remove and dispose of infected wood, by burning, if possible. If it's left near the trees, it will continue to be a source of infection. Nearby wild cherry or plum trees and abandoned orchards can be a source of infection, so it may take a cooperative effort by neighbors to control the dis-

Q. My new place has a coldframe attached to an outbuilding. I've never had one before. What can I do with it?

A. The general purpose of a coldframe is to provide a sheltered spot with good light for plants. You can use it to start seeds in spring, force bulbs, get greenhouse-grown plants used to being outdoors, grow salad crops early in spring and late into fall, store root vegetables over the winter or start cuttings of woody plants in the summer.

Q. Must fruit trees be

A. Pruning is a necessary part of fruit tree care. Young trees need pruning to develop a strong but open branch struc-

control materials. Mature trees need pruning to stay healthy

Q. I am not one of those houseplants and kill them with

ronments that are adapted to him. A gift certificate from a survive long periods without local greenhouse or garden water. The term for this sort of center is another option. Then plant is "succulent", and doz- your friend can examine are available as plants, tools and other items houseplants. They tend to firsthand before taking them slowly, but they also home need little care and do well in much water, but it sounds as if walnuts from seed? that won't be a problem in not only cacti but also living

tail (Sedum morganianum); makes for easier cracking. kalanchoe; wax plants (Hoya

(Graptopetalum Where are they coming from? paraguayense); pony tail palm

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and fruits to sunlight and pest Forget them for weeks on end -- they'll do fine. Q. I need a gift for a gar-

dening friend -- got any ideas? A. One that's sure to please is your friend's favorite gardening catalog and a too much care. Just the oppo- gift certificate. If you don't site! I tend to forget to water know the friend's favorite, my plants, sometimes for two give him yours! If your friend three weeks at a time. What has a special interest that he can I grow besides cactus that wants to explore -- irises, for will thrive -- or at least sur- instance, or water gardening vive -- this degree of neglect? -check the national horticul-A. You need plants that ture magazines for specialty evolved in dry, hostile envi- catalogs and order those for

Q. A couple of my plant the dry air and low light con- catalogs offer named black ditions in Michigan homes and walnut varieties. What's the offices in the winter. The one advantage of planting these thing they can't tolerate is too rather than growing black

A. A grafted named variyour home. Examples include ety will usually start producing nuts sooner than a seedstones (Lithops spp.), which ling—as early as two or three need no water at all in winter; years after planting rather than jade plant (Crassula por 10 to 15. They may also be laca); hen and chicks more productive and have nuts (Sempervirens spp.); burro's with thinner shells, which

Q. Whenever we have a spp.); zebra plant (Haworthia winterwarm spell, I find large purple-black wasps house.

A. Wasps that become ac-Beaucarnea recurvata) and tive in winter are usually Aloe spp., among others. Plant mated females (queens) orms vary, but all tend to roused from their winter dorthick, mant period by unusually fleshy, water-conserving warm temperatures. If you're leaves. Indoors, they like finding them in your house, bright light, dry air and cool they are probably overwintertemperatures, especially in the ing there in an attic or wall winter, and little or no water void. If you can find out where when they're not growing. they get in in the fall and seal

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Q. Some of my houseplants are looking sort of pale and spindly, with long stems and small leaves. Do they need fertilizing?

A. Probably not. These are more likely the signs that plants aren't getting enough light, a common problem in Michigan in the winter. Supplementing natural light with light from fluorescent tubes will go a long way to prevent this legginess and poor growth. Fertilizing when plants aren't growing well can damage plant roots and form a crust of soluble salts on plant pots and soil that can injure plant tissues that come into contact with it. Too much water can be a problem in winter, drowning roots and even killing plants.

Q. Why do people grow old-time vegetable varieties when today's hybrids have so much going for them?

A. The so-called heirloom vegetables give gardeners a chance to have a literal taste traction is that they date from years ago. Preserving old-time varieties keep their genetic traits available to plant breeders. An advantage to home gardeners is that they can save seed from some of these crops from year to year. This works best with crops that tend to self-pollinate, such as snap beans, lettuce, peas and tomatoes. Crops that cross-pollinate, such as squash and pumpkins, are not as reliable because insects carry pollen from one flower to another. If you plant the seeds, the results may be interesting but unlike either of the parent

freshly cut Christmas tree indoors, we've been finding lots of insects and spiders in the house. Did they come in with

A. Probably. Like other plants that grow outdoors, Christmas trees have their share of arthropod residents. Bringing the tree indoors and warming it up warms up the bugs, too, and they become active as if it were spring. Chances are good that they pose no threat of damage to structures. fabrics, houseplants, people or their pets, or human or pet food. Keep a flyswatter or vacuum handy to collect them, and enjoy your tree.

Trust everybody, but cut -Finley Peter Dunne

## **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell to hear the following applications:

Shawn and Michelle Ford are requesting a variance on property located at 13837 Covered Bridge Rd, Lowell, MI 49331, in the NW 1/4 of Section 24, parcel # 41-16-24-100-026. The variance request is from the Vergennes Township R-A Zoning District Section 201.304 (E) lot area, (F) Setbacks, (G) Floor Area. The applicant is requesting the variance to remove an old cottage on the property and to construct a new home. The existing lot is located in the Fallasburg Village area and cannot meet current setbacks due to the shape and size of the lot.

The Vergennes United Methodist Church is requesting a variance on property located at 10411 Bailey Dr, Lowell, MI 49331, in the SW 1/4 of Section 20, parcel # 41-16-20-300-014. The variance request is from the Vergennes Township R-A Zoning District Section 201.304 (E) lot area and (F) Setbacks. The applicant is requesting the variance to construct an addition onto the rear of the church of 18 by 48 feet. The existing lot is located at the corner of Bailey and Parnell and is unable to meet current zoning setbacks due to the shape and size of the lot.

The complete applications can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. State law and zoning ordinance requires any residents or property owners within 300 feet of an applicant for a variance to be notified of the application.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2002. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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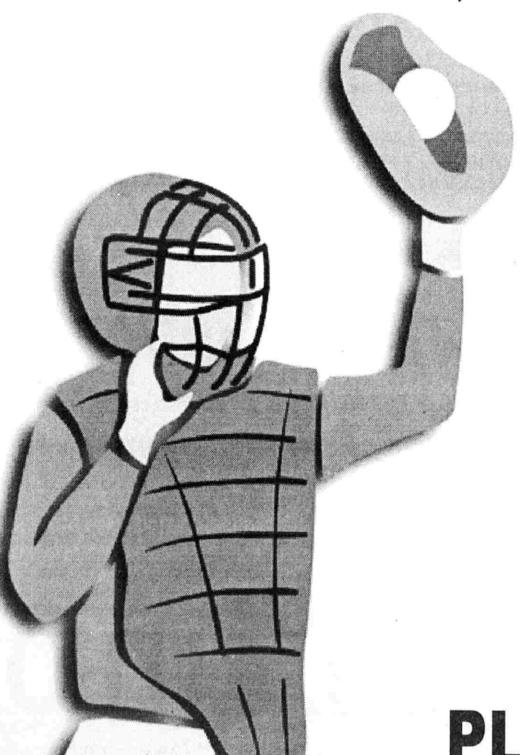


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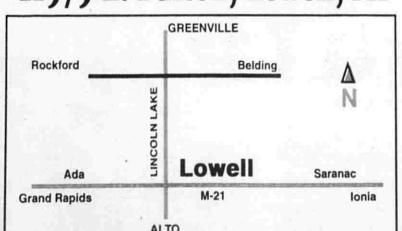
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