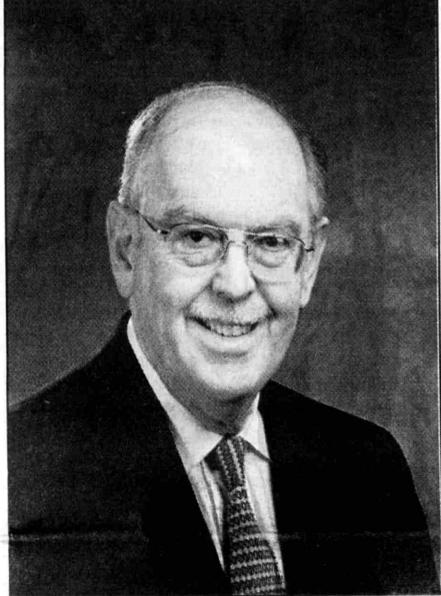
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McPherson to speak in Lowell on experiences in Iraq

The speech, to be held at Lowell Performing Arts Center, will be open to the public Jan. 7



M. Peter McPherson

By Dan Schneider

eter McPherson will return to his hometown Wednesday, Jan. 7 to give a speech about his experiences in Iraq over the summer.

McPherson, president of Michigan State University and a 1958 Lowell High School graduate, was in Iraq from May to late September of 2003. In April 2003, U.S. Treasury secretary, John Snow appointed McPherson the financial coordinator for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance in Iraq.

as the chief financial advisor international

to Ambassador Paul Bremer. administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority. The CPA is the temporary governing body in Iraq. It will remain in place until Iraq becomes stable enough to set up its own government.

The tasks involved in rebuilding the Iraqi economy included establishing a central bank and banking system in Iraq, setting up an Iraqi finance ministry, and creating a single Iraqi currency.

It is expected that McPherson will talk about how these developments have progressed and about his own experiences in Iraq. The title of his speech is "Iraq, Now and Going Forward."

McPherson has a long history of leadership and advi-In that capacity he served sory roles in United States economic

policy. He served as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury during the Ronald Reagan administration. He also served as the administrator of the Agency for International Development during the Reagan administration. He was the Executive Vice President of the Bank of America, in charge of Third World debt negotiation.

The speech will take place in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Rotary, Lowell Women's Club and Lowell Area Schools are sponsors of the event.

The idea to have McPherson speak in Lowell came from Betty Yeiter of the Lowell Women's Club. Yeiter high. She discussed the idea tion.

with McPherson's brother, Mac McPherson member of the Lowell Rotary Club.

Originally, the plan was for the speech to occur at a Women's Club or Rotary Club meeting. Mac McPherson and Yeiter decided, however, that the speech was of enough general interest to merit being open to the whole public.

The speech will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, free for K-12 students, and are available in advance at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Lowell High School, Bernard's Ace Hardware, Lowell branch Huntington Bank, Lowell branch Ionia County National Bank and Springrove Variety. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the taught McPherson in junior Lowell Education Founda-

Area outdoor maintenance partnership formed through cooperation

By J. Lobdell

leaning the parking lots is something that almost every municipality and school district eventually has to do. It was that thought which brought together three Lowell groups: the city of Lowell, Lowell Area Schools, and the Kent County Youth Fair.

The organizations began discussions about pooling their resources to help in the costs of parking lots and outdoor maintenance. A consideration of trying to get lower rental costs by coming together was one option; however, it was discovered that purchasing the equipment outright and storing it in the long run would save each organization on rental fees and time to get and bring back the equipment, said Lowell City PublicWorks director, Dan Des Jarden who, with Lowell Area Schools Grounds/Maintenance supervisor, Tim Bergy, and Kent County Youth Fair president, Ron Wenger worked on the cooperative program for outdoor maintenance.

With no one wanting to hit their individual group for money on already tight budgets, the three decided to seek a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund totaling \$49,800 to purchase the outdoor maintenance equipment. The items would be shared between the three groups.

Normally, LAAC does not grant requests that "lessen the burden of government, but it was that spirit of cooperation that caught the attention of the LAAC Board with the group approving the request, said city

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LAAC "Janus" features clay and fiber in traditional/contemporary tactile art

By Dan Schneider

he illustration for the clay and fiber art show opening Jan. 6 at the Lowell Area Arts Council pretty much sums up what the show is all about.

It's a line drawing by Calvin College art student, still creating new Erin Bryant. The drawing shows woven fiber wrapped around a clay pot with two faces on it. That's also how many faces the Roman god, Janus had? and "Janus" is the name of the show at the Arts Council. aspect," Janus was Vanderpol the same god said.

for which the month of January was named. It's the god of the new year.

One of its faces is an old face looking backward toward antiquity and tradition. The other is a young face looking forward toward the contemporary scene and the future.

The backwards-forwards theme is one of the commonalities making fiber and clay art appropriate together in an art show. Pottery is a craft that goes back far into history, yet artists are

> things with it today. The same is true of fiber weaving and spinning. This is among several similarities between the two crafts. "They both have a utilitarian and aesthetic Diane

Vanderpol is a spinner. Her work represents the traditional-contemporary dichotomy in textile art: she creates new work using a yarn

"I think it's so cool that somebody used this prior to the revolutionary war and I'm still using it today," she said.

winder from the 1600s.

Vanderpol is a member of the Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild. The guild formed more than 20 years ago. Members of the guild participating in the show will exhibit works ranging from rugs, which are utilitarian, to tapestries, which are more purely decorative.

Pottery includes functional vessels such as pots, plates, vases and the like. It also includes work that is more sculptural or figurative in intent.

Pottery works by members of the West Michigan Potters Guild will be on display at the "Janus" show. The guild has been around for about 20 years.

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BABCOCK - Erwin CHRISTOFF - Dorothy Jean Babcock, aged 74, of Lowell, Christoff, aged 86, passed over passed away December 29, to the loving arms of Jesus 2003. He was preceded in early Christmas Eve, while death by his son Steve under Hospice care in Lan-Babcock, sister Pearl Hall, tana, FL. Born and raised in step-daughter Mic and Harv Saranac, the daughter of Lee Spangler and step-son Dan and Eva Lampkin, Dorothy Larabee. He is survived by lived in Lowell for nearly 60 his wife Betty; children years where she and her hus-Shirley (Jim) Yeiter, Jeff band started the family busi-(Denise) Babcock, Paul ness of Chadalee Farms. Their (Kristine) Babcock; step-chil- winter home was in Briny dren Babe (Rocky) Mann, Breezes, FL, for many years. Nancy (Glen) Dexter, Pat She was preceded in death by (Doug) Boggs, Jeff (Barb) her first husband Clinton J. Larabee, Kim DeWitt; 25 Christoff, her second husband grandchildren; six great- John Hermistone, her grandgrandchildren; brothers son Ryan J. Christoff and her Melvin (Roberta) Babcock, nephew Timothy Lampkin. Lloyd (Wanda) Babcock. She is survived by her sons Visitation Thursday 6-9 p.m. Wendell (Helen) Christoff in at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Grand Rapids, Noel (Norma) 305 N. Hudson. Memorial Christoff in Montague; grandcontributions may be made to children Nathan, Angela, the American Cancer Soci- Erica and Stuart Christoff of

Grand Rapids; sister Helen Anderson in Houston, Texas; brothers Richard (Adelle) Lampkin in Atlanta, GA, Dr. Chad (Peg) Lampkin in Grand

great-grandchildren; one othy (Milford) Sible-Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, David Davis of Lowell, Tom Byron Center. 878-9744. 305 N. Hudson, with Dr. (Cheri) Davis of Lowell, Terry funeral home.

Fletcher of Imlay City, for- Club or to the family. merly of Lowell, passed away

and nephews. A Memorial Garden Club. That activity Zephyrhills, FL, Marcia and Kevin Pipe of Ann Arbor; Service will be held later in brought her much joy in beau- Bob Hale of Rockford, daughters Sandy Pipe of the spring. In lieu of flowers, tifying the city of Lowell and Kathleen and Lloyd Flanagan Rogers City, Leslie (Max) memorial contributions may working in her own garden. of Lowell, and Virginia and Riesenhuber of McLean, VA; be made to Hospice of Michi- She also enjoyed hand-paint- Dennis Rokicki of Beulah; 22 brothers Bob (Gerry) Pipe of gan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand ing Santa Claus cookies and grandchildren; 21 great- Byron Center, Dave (Linda) Rapids MI 49503 or Hospice art projects. She was an excel-grandchildren; sister-in-law Pipe of Gladstone, and Dick of Palm Beach Co., 5300 East lent listener and a compas- Mrs. Gerri Goldner of Grand (Lee) Pipe of Alto; sisters Su-Avenue, West Palm Beach, sionate humanitarian. Ona Rapids; nieces and nephews; san Pipe and Bette (Nelson) was preceded in death by her and special friend Delores VanHorn, both of Palmetto, parents; brother Harold and Schoen. He was preceded in FL; grandchildren; many CONVERSE - Helen Doris sister-in-law Mildred Denton; death by his wife Charlotte in nieces and nephews. Funeral Converse, aged 81, of Lowell, husband Clark D. Fletcher; 1991. The service was held service was held at St. Paul passed away December 29, cousin Mildred Stauffer; life- Tuesday at Vergennes United Lutheran Church in 2003. She was preceded in long friend Mildred Lind. She Methodist Church, 10411 Coldwater, Pastor David death by her husband Charles, leaves behind a daughter Bailey Dr. NE, Lowell, with Gruenhagen officiating. Mesons Robert and Lewis Con- Marlene (Glenn) Zaetsch of Pastor Nathaniel Johnson of- morial contributions may be verse and daughter Shirley Imlay City; grandson Kenneth ficiating. Interment in Bailey made to St. Paul Lutheran Converse. She is survived by Zaetsch of Flint; brother-in- Cemetery. Those planning an School in Coldwater. her son George (Debbie) Con- law Alyn (Gladys) Fletcher of expression of sympathy may verse; daughter Kae (Larry) Lowell; sisters-in-law Barbara consider Vergennes United Boss; six grandchildren; 12 Rivette of Lowell, and Dor- Methodist Church.

great-great-grandchild; sis- Williamson of LaBelle, FL; JOHNSON - Wayne E. away December 28, 2003. She ters Vivian (Waldo) Holiday, nieces Mary Lou (Ron) Johnson Jr., formerly of Low- was preceded in death by her Evelyn Watikunas. Helen will Goodyke of Belding, Cheryl ell, died December 26, 2003 parents Michael and Victoria be sadly missed by her dog, (Greg) Greening of Livonia, in Prattville, Ala. A memorial Maletta, her husband Wendall,

of Lowell officiating. Visita- and Doug (Shelly) Fletcher of day, December 20, 2003 at Shepard of Neb., Richard tion Friday 5-7 p.m. at the Lowell Funeral services were his home. Don was born on (Marilyn) Shepard, Wesley held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst May 26, 1935 in Grand Rap- (Vivian) Shepard of Iowa, Funeral Home. Memorials to ids to John and June (Quartel) sisters Barbara (Charles) FLETCHER - Ona Mae Lowell Showboat Garden Pipe. Dr. Pipe was a radiolo- Owens of N.C., Maryann gist at the Community Health (George) McCloskey, Patricia Center of Branch County from Roe, Iva (Lannie) Doggett, December 27, 2003 at GOLDNER - Mr. Virgil A. 1975 to 1992 and the Battle Loretta (Jack) Dykes all of Medilodge of Yale nursing Goldner, aged 91, went home Creek Health System from Iowa; brother-in-law Ron facility after a short illness. to be with his Lord on Satur- 1965 to 1975, and 1992 until Plum; sister-in-law Willadene Ona was born on October 20, day morning, December 27, his retirement in 1998. He was Hicks, both of Iowa; two 1910, in Lowell, to Cassie and 2003. He was a member of an avid hunter and fisherman grandchildren Leigh Anne James Denton. She graduated Vergennes United Methodist and enjoyed running and read- (Gary) Stadt, Christopher; from Lowell High School and Church and let everyone know ing; he was also a veteran of many nieces and nephews. married Clark D. Fletcher on he was ready to be with his the Vietnam War, serving in Mass of Christian Burial will January 23, 1937. She was a Lord. He farmed, did maintethe U.S. Army. Dr. Pipe had be offered at St. Mary's dedicated homemaker and nance, and worked for Michi- lived in the Coldwater area Church, 402 Amity St., Lowmother, answered the phone gan Bumper Co., was a mem-since 1975 and was a member ell at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday for her husband's business, ber of the Grattan Twp. Fire of St. Paul Lutheran Church. with Rev. George Fekete preand was active in the First Department and served as as- He married Patty Teachout on siding. Interment will be at St. Congregational Church as a sistant fire chief, was a 4-H December 11, 1975 in Mary's Cemetery. Visitation Sunday School teacher and leader and member of the Bronson. He was preceded in Wednesday one hour prior to Rebekkah member, Campfire Michigan Milk Association. death by his parents; his the service at church. Memo-Girls, and was a charter mem- He is survived by his children daughter Chris Stagg and his rial contributions may be made nephew Jason Pipe. Surviving to the American Cancer Sociare his wife Patty; sons Greg ety or the American Heart (Deb) Pipe of Hudsonville, Association.

Cayman Island; many nieces ber of the Lowell Showboat Daniel and Donna Goldner of Jim Pipe of Phoenix, AZ,

TATE - Faire Mae Tate, aged

68, of Lowell, formerly of

Centerville, Iowa, passed

Mattie. Helen retired from Kim (Kehl) Higgins of Low- service will be held Friday, sister Connie Sue Plum. She Root-Lowell in 1985 after 31 ell, Chris (Jerry) Lane of January 2, 2004 from 11 a.m. is survived by her children: years of service. Services will Stanford, Denise Kimmel of - 1 p.m. at Cook Funeral son Michael (Donna) Tate of be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Panama City, FL; nephews Home, 2067 84th St. SW, Wyoming; daughters Deidre, Jennifer Tate of Lowell, Sarah Tate, Linda (Bill) Timmers Roger La Warre, pastor of the (Pam) Sible of Orlando, FL, PIPE - Dr. L. Don Pipe, aged of Grand Rapids; brothers First Congregational Church Mark Fletcher of Rockford, 68, of Coldwater, died Satur- John Maletta, Jack (Ann)

Clarksville teen dies in early morning accident

By Dan Schneider

An early-morning car accident took the life of Rachel Rose Penninga of Clarksville,

eling eastbound on 52nd Street near Pratt Lake Ave. in Low- a factor. ell Township just after midnight. Her Saturn crossed the ate of Lowell High School centerline and ran off the left side of the road. The car Valley State University.

clipped a tree and rolled, crashing its top side into a tree.

Penninga was wearing a seatbelt. The factors causing the accident are still under in-The 18 year old was trav-vestigation, however, alcohol has been determined to not be

Penninga, a 2003 graduwas currently attending Grand

HOLIDAY HOURS

Open New Year's Eve til noon Closed New Year's Day but we will be open Jan. 2 from 8 a.m. - noon.

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Outdoor maintenance, continued...From Page 1

councilman, Chuck Myers, nance, repair, and storage of lot striper and parking lot Charter and Vergennes town-Board.

December meeting, who generally opposes seeking grant funds of items for which the pected from everyone. city should be responsible. said the three groups should be commended for coming mon goal.

Lowell FFA members

Local FFA students

attend ag leadership

conference in December

attended the Michigan Farm ference exposed more than

Bureau/FFA Ag Career and 170 potential agriculture

Leadership Conference in leaders to an intensive in-

Mt. Pleasant during Decem- structional progam on cur-

Participants from Low- two-day conference also pro-

ell were Dan Young, vided the students with a

Patrick Doyle, Matt comprehensive understand-

Smith, Mike Shinaberry, ing of career opportunities

Kelly Foote and Marie in the agriculture industry.

man, Mike Blough, at the last David Pasquale said agree-

There was a small catch core aerator, top dresser, 75to the grant. The three groups gallon sprayer, nail drag, and needed to define who would lawn vacuum. The city will be responsible for mainte- house the field and parking

The joint-sponsored con-

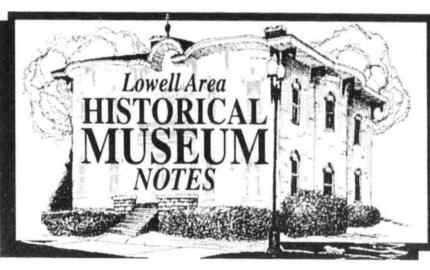
rent agricultural issues. The

who also sits on the LAAC the equipment which, in the sweeper. The fairgrounds will ships may also request the long run, everyone felt was a store the bush hog, and five-equipment; however, the mu-Even outgoing council- necessity. City manager, horsepower pressure washer, nicipality in charge will operment sets up the partnership and upkeep will be shared. operator fee.

and helps define what is ex- Damages will be taken care of by the organization respon- pected to review and approve The agreement, put to- sible, according to the agree- the agreement at its next meetgether by city attorney, Dick ment. Each group will have ing on Jan. 12, and the Kent Wendt, has the Lowell Area access to the equipment; the County Youth Fair is also extogether to work on a com- Schools storing most of the group storing it will be re- pected to approve the agreeitems including the slit seeder, sponsible for training. Lowell ment at its next meeting.

The cost of maintenance ate it and could charge an

The school board is ex-



The Lowell Historical ness, will be discussed. Fol-Museum and the Lowell lowing will be a question Middle School Benjamin and answer period. Morse Society will be presenting a program, titled knowledge of or family his-Township Hall.

The history of Lowell Civil War hero, Benjamin video taped and available Morse, winner of the Con- at the museum to be shared gressional Medal of Honor with others and for future at the Battle of the Wilder- study.

Anyone who has "Lowell, Its People, and tory in Lowell's Civil War the Civil War" on Feb. 17 involvement is asked to atat 7 p.m. in the Lowell tend and share their sto-

The program will be

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LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB ...

Entertainment Books are available at Hahn Hardware and Huntington Bank, or by calling Mari (897-8107). To benefit LHS senior girls scholarship fund.

CHRISTMAS TREE SHREDDING

The Wittenbach Center will offer a community event on Saturday, Jan. 3. Christmas tree shredding from 12-4 p.m. (pick up available in city/Eastgate, call Jay 897-1355); also a luminary walk from 4-6 p.m. (snowshoes available for rent). Live music by Lowell String Ensemble.

FAST PITCH CLINIC

The LHS softball coaches will hold a fast pitch clinic at Riverside gym: grades 6/ under at 6 p.m.; grades 7-8, 7 p.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. \$30 includes T-shirt. Applications at Lowell Middle School, Cherry Creek/ Alto/ Bushnell elementaries. Call Bob Rodenhouse at 897-4125 (school) or 245-4596.

MURRAY LAKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

All community members are invited to an open house for the new Murray Lake Elementary School (corner of Alden Nash NE & Lally) on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 1-3 p.m. Hosts include some of the future Murray Lake teachers and Family Links (Parent Club) members.

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Following a few snow shoveling safety tips may help prevent tragedy It's happened again. The storm comes and over- · Avoid stimulants (i.e., caffeine and nicotine) that

night, your driveway and sidewalk have disappeared. But before you head out to reclaim your pavement, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan corporate medical director, Dr. Tom Simmer wants you to know a few things

The average number of cardiac-related diagnoses in hospital emergency rooms per snowstorm day versus those on a non-snowstorm day increased by about 22

Who should think twice before heading out to shovel? Anyone who has:

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- high cholesterol levels
- a history of smoking a history of inactivity

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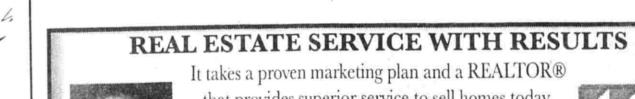
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- a history of back problems
- recently eaten a large meal.
- But, if you're healthy, active and still plan to tackle the snow, Dr. Simmer asks that you follow this important checklist:

- will raise your heart rate and cause blood vessels to constrict.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Dress in layers.
- Warm up and stretch your muscles before shovel-
- Pick the right shovel. A smaller shovel will lessen the load you have while moving snow.
- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- Push the snow like a snowplow if it is too heavy. Remove heavy snow in two stages: Skim off the
- snow from the top, then remove the bottom layer. · Try to remove snow soon after the storm. Pow-
- dery snow is easier to shovel than the wet variety. · Take it slow. Pace yourself and take breaks as
- Wear a scarf or mask. Inhaling cold air may constrict arteries, decreasing your heart's supply
- · Stop if your body feels pain or discomfort.



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Father George J. Fekete St. Mary Church

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family with readings from Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21 and Luke 2:41-52. Years ago when the Duke of York visited the United States he said with tongue in cheek, "I notice something very unusual about American parents - how well they obey their children." Another Englishman, Charles Dickens, described his age with the words, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That's a kind of summary of family life. It brings us our happiest experiences and our most sorrowful. When Jesus stayed behind in the Temple, we saw a painful experience even in the best of families, the Holy

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The above readings encourage us to make a serious reflection on family life. Let's do it under three headings: Family life and children; Family life and God; Family life and lifestyle.

First, family life and children. We know that we are called to live in a society that requires obedience to God and human authority. But many parents dislike disciplining their children, and don't train them in obedience. With gentle and firm persistence, parents must require obedience from the beginning. It's necessary for their own happiness, and to the responsibility they owe to God, to their children, and to society. Jesus obeyed His parents and God. Though Son of God, He learned obedience to those who took the place of His heavenly Father.

Next, we consider the family, and God. It's easy to get the impression that families see God as the great servant created for the sake of family life, instead of seeing families as created for the honor and glory of God. In the above readings, God's wisdom gives us norms for family life. Each family makes its choice of following His wisdom or the world's. God claims first place in every family, and family happiness is brought JAN. 1: Tory Abel, Alice Kent, Audrie Olszewski, about by respecting that claim.

Lastly, we consider family lifestyle. The Holy Family John Wenger, Amanita JAN. lived a simple lifestyle. Joseph and Mary could only give their Fahrni. baby a manger-bed. And yet, they gave Him with it such love JAN. 2: Rose Nead, Helen Johnson. and care, and such example of devotion to God that they gave Kuiper. Him all that counts most. We need many things in family life, JAN. 3: Jon Vezino, Agnes Carpenter, Pauline LaDue,

but not as much as most of us want. The desire for much money causes much tension but a simple lifestyle eases it. Jesus said, "Avoid greed in all its forms" (Luke 12:15). Avoid even the greed for action. Over-busy families have no time for love. Years ago the Wall Street Journal spoke of "Wall Street widows," who rarely see their workaholic husbands. Now the Journal should write of Wall Street Orphans - children who rarely see either their workaholic fathers or mothers.

Parents, with the New Year beginning tomorrow, recall why you married. Wasn't it for love? Then consider the priorities taught by God for they keep love alive and growing in family life. Happy New Year to all!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, Lloyd Callihan.

Nicholas

Knonenwetter. Donna JAN. 5: Ryan Sauber, Craig

Genie Southwick, Jody Ann

JAN. 6: Don Green, Mary Ellen Miller, Bob Kinsley, Bobbi Jo Young, Terri Stuckey, Norann DeLoof. JAN. 7: Lois Seese, Helga Wester, Bob Leyman, Karen

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COLLEGE NEWS

Northwood University, in cation offering two- and four-Midland, has announced its year degrees in a variety of dean's list for fall term.

From the Lowell area is Ashley S. Rickert, daughter of Jeffery and Julie Rickert. From the Alto area is Kelley M. Jackson, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Jackson.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

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Viewpoint.



It's no secret that I love dogs. In fact, I'm often heard to say, "The more I'm around people, the better I like my dogs." That line always gets a laugh, but those who know me realize there is a fair amount of truth imbedded within.

My wife and I currently have two dogs living with us. Max is a huge Australian shepherd who just turned eleven. Max weighs 85 pounds and can walk up to the table and peer at what's on your dinner plate. He's twice as big as a normal Aussie. Twice as weird too.

Then there is Tito. He is an eight-year-old chocolate Labrador. Tito is our college dog. My daughter bought him while at college. We got him "temporarily" when she moved to an apartment where she couldn't have a dog. That was over vicinity. seven years ago.

They are pretty good boys, relatively speaking. I speak from experience. I have over twenty years of history with "bad" dogs. I am, of course, talking about the mid-seventies through late nineties and the notorious Brown family yellow Labs. Both dogs were named Thor. Compared to the Thors, all dogs are good dogs. Having endured those Thor years, I have firmly established myself as a "dog lover."

OK, so what does a dog lover do when he sees a stray wandering along a busy highway? Just last week this dog lover whipped a u-turn through a median and heavy traffic to rescue a cute little caramel and white Aussie alongside the road. Having risked my neck in traffic, I parked in a gas station and THEIR dogs."

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

whistled her over to me. She came readily and I got a good grip on her collar. She seemed happy for the attention and I was happy to get us both away from the busy highway.

This little dog was so cute I immediately began to hope there wouldn't be a phone number on her collar. Max and Tito would have a new baby sister ... though I doubt they would be very enthused about sharing their realm.

At first glance I found only a rabies vaccination tag on her collar. Closer scrutiny revealed a phone number scratched into the back of the tag. I was having trouble reading the number. A passerby stopped and we collaborated on a guess at the scratched digits. He had a cell-phone and dialed. We had guessed correctly. Drats!!!

The owner said he lived nearby, and would be there in a few minutes. A few minutes dragged into fifteen, then twenty and on into my patience limits. The guy finally showed.

He seemed like an OK guy, but certainly wasn't overly enthused about his dog being rescued. He put her in his truck and proceeded to take his leave. No "thank you," no nothin'! I proceeded to make some small talk. I think I was concerned about the dog and wanted to check out this "owner." I asked about the dog and if she ran away often. He said she was two years old and if given a chance, she would take off. I wondered how she had made it to two, given the amount of traffic in the

I told him I had secretly hoped there wouldn't be a phone number on her collar. I think this was a last-ditch attempt at taking her home with me. The guy made a wisecrack about how I wouldn't want her if I knew what I was getting into. I considered making a cash offer, but pulled up short of that. I need another dog like I need another navel. He finally took off, and I reluctantly watched them go.

I've thought about that cute little Aussie numerous times since the encounter. I've also thought about her owner. The incident reenforces my conviction, "The more I'm around people, the more I like my dogs." That apparently can also be twisted to, "The more I'm around people, the more I like

WINTER VISITORS

Observing wildlife up close usually requires considerable time and effort. I have observed a few bears, coyotes, and wolves (not counting dump bears or road kill) but because I was not actively looking for them it was a matter of luck that I saw them. There is one kind of wildlife that can be easily observed without much effort or luck. They are the ones that fly—the birds.

Birds inhabit most areas and generally are not alarmed by humans. By sitting or moving slowly one can observe a variety of bird-life. Providing nesting and feeding opportunities will entice birds to come to you. The following are some things to consider, when attracting birds to your yard.

One species of bird will prefer to feed from a platform feeder or on the ground; others like hanging feeders. Setting up a variety of feeders will keep everyone happy.

There are different blends of commercial bird feed on the market. Oil sunflower seeds appeal to most birds. Suet cakes made of animal fat and seed are a favorite of woodpeckers. When the weather turns cold and natural food becomes scarce,

TO THE EDITOR

however, birds will take anything they can get to satisfy their

Finding water in the winter is a problem for birds. There are special electric heating devices that will keep a birdbath open in freezing temperatures. Birdbaths with a built-in heating element are available at shops dedicated to bird feeding. Try to look out for the bird's safety while they visit your

yard. Keep your cat inside the house and the feeder away from bushes in case the neighbor cat is out and about. House cats are skilled hunters and account for substantial losses of wild birds and animals. Locate feeders away from large glass windows and doors, or soap or tape them so the birds won't fly into the

Natural predators, especially hawks, will have more difficulty picking off one of your visitors if feeders are placed among tree branches or other cover. The hawk has to make a living too, but he can check the fields out for mice and shrews.

On a long-term basis, if your property does not have natural cover or feed, it is possible to plant trees and shrubs that can provide needed protection and extra food.

Finally, the scourge of the backyard feeder operation will be the squirrels. These creatures have involved into world class problem-solvers. If there is food anywhere they will find a way to get it. Their ingenuity and physical dexterity are amazing. Commercial devices are available to stop squirrels from reaching bird feeders, but don't be disappointed if they fail sooner or later. Providing special food for the squirrels, such as corn, will distract them away from the bird feeder.

In any case, watching our feathered visitors come and go is like watching coals glow in a campfire—it can mysteriously hold your attention for a long time.

To the Editor,

council meeting and have saying is true, if a tree which twice been misquoted by your sits within a six- to eight-foot quote people correctly, per- cause electrocution and haps she should consider downed lines, then they need thing out ... in this case, vol- with a tape recorder or ask her bringing in a portable recorder to look at the incredible num-"And if her tree had to come a far larger threat to the citi- they could insulate the single the city's side. down, the city better maintain zens' safety than the one tree the same policy for everyone," (this does not mean that I have the tree at my expense. They

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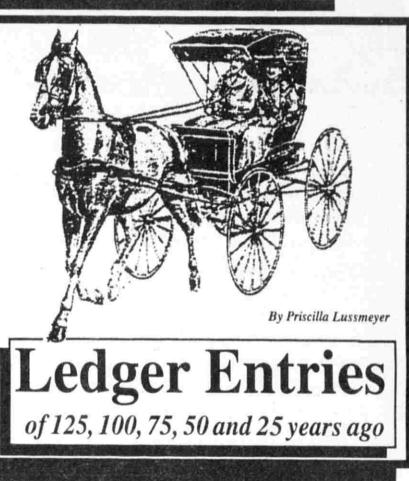
The odds of someone jump- that sit right outside of their ing my fence and climbing own power company. this tree, 30 feet, and touching think what I said was quite the wire are far less likely than the video tape and aired on I spoke at a recent city clear - that if what the city is the hundreds of trees lining every sidewalk in this city.

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locked, fenced-in back yard. of the much more critical trees

My exact quote was on local channel 2.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JANUARY 1, 1879**

Snow is about 18 inches deep on the level. Mr. J. H. Wood will keep the sidewalks on the west side north of Main Street clear this winter with his snow plow.

"The Detroit Evening News thinks that Common Council of Lowell had better give Mrs. Young the whole village to pay for that broken leg." (Sidewalk accident some time ago, \$25,000 damages asked).

Clear the snow from your awnings. Train's awning collapsed last week and damaged the glass front. Michigan's McLaughlin is the national wrestling cham-

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 31, 1903**

Daisy Odell Giles of Lowell is among the 23 killed in the worst accident in Pere Marquette Railroad history, at East Paris, a head-on collision of two passenger trains.

The editor blames the lack of safety on state and national lawmakers' traveling on free passes.

Village hardware dealers agree to close at 6:30 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. Wm. Joyce has a paid subscription until June, but his

address is unknown. The Apostle Islands, Isle Royale and rocky Lake Superior

shores should be ideal seal-breeding places, says a group trying to establish a business in northern Michigan waters.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND

THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 3, 1929 Harold J. Englehardt purchases the entire stock of the

Lowell Granite Co. from R.E. Springett. The Michigan Supreme Court upholds the "No night searches" law, and Jennie DeVries of Vergennes is acquitted of a liquor search of her home.

Michigan spent \$21,624,271 on highway construction in Gov. Green's message to the legislature is published in full

on page 3. "1929, according to statistics and prognostications, is to be

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Lila Johnson and Dr. Orval McKay file for seats on the village council.

A line of at least 60 kids was waiting for the Newell Airfire gun giveway when the Ledger opened last Thursday. Didn't take long for all 100 to go.

Lowell village hostess, Gladys Bergin welcomed 45 new families to town last year.

Michigan's entry in the Rose Parade features 1,200 tulips and thousands of other flowers for its "Water Wonderland."

MSC scientists experiment with irradiation to kill wheat weevils and beetles.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 3, 1979**

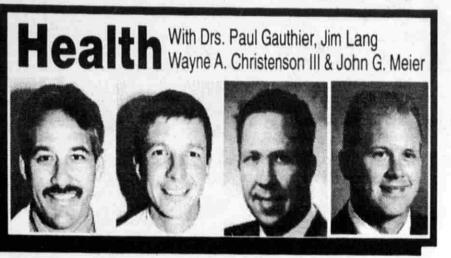
Judge Guy rules that the Michigan 21-year-old requirement for drinking alcohol is constitutional.

test is postponed due to icy roads. The YMCA's new approach to a kick-off campaign for

The Lowell-Grand Rapids West Catholic Quiz Bowl con-

new members will be a Phone-a-Thon. If you are an alien, remember to report your address to the post office near you, says Uncle Sam.

City Council approves the license request of the new Larkin's Saloon for entertainment and dancing.



CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common malady seen in the care continuing to increase and scription drugs not covered ings is easy to use and delivers www.aaa.com/prescriptions. family doctor's office. It is due to pressure on the median nerve of the wrist. People with carpal tunnel syndrome will experience numbness or tingling in the fingers of the affected hand. Prescription Savings - to help Walgreens, Rite Aid, Long's with each prescription," said from their AAA membership Some will experience an electric feeling or a pin and needle sensation in the middle fingers. Symptoms are usually worse at night. Often, symptoms will present while driving a car or using a computer keyboard.

The median nerve passes through a tunnel in the wrist surrounded by bones, tendons and ligaments. When the tendons or ligaments become inflamed, they swell and cause pressure on the median nerve resulting in symptoms.

your symptoms and an examination of the wrist. Often-times an electrical test is performed on the nerves, called a nerve

median nerve and relieve symptoms. Sometimes anti-inflammatory medicines are prescribed to reduce swelling and pain.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is usually diagnosed by review of Occasionally steroid injections into the carpal tunnel will reduce symptoms and provide significant relief.

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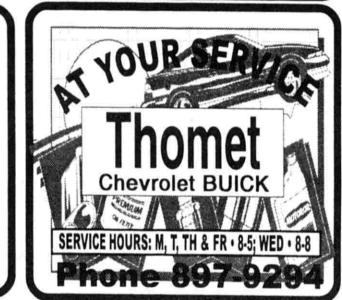
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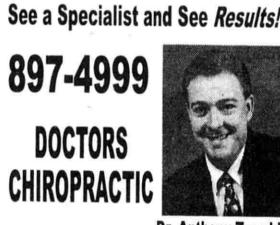


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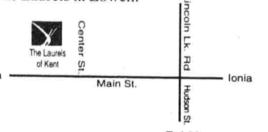
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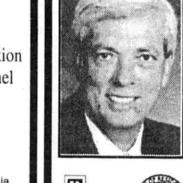
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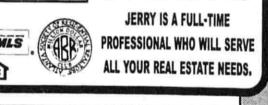
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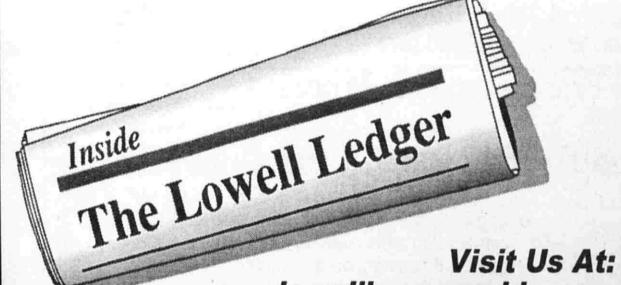


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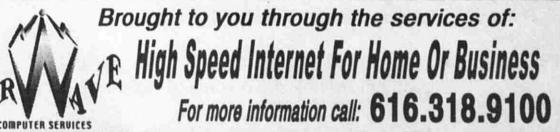
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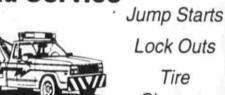
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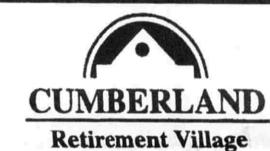


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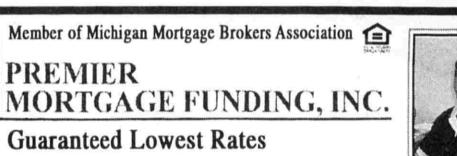


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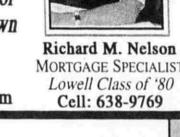
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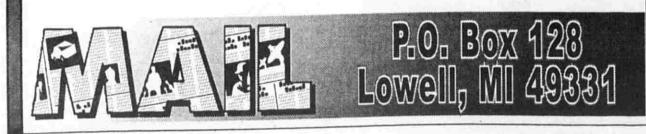
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Featured Artist

Tina Doorn

By Dan Schneider

Tina Doorn is a potter who Doezema said. lives in Lowell. She has been doing pottery for more than 30 years and for about the last seven has been pursuing it seriously as an art form.

These days, she said, she splits her time fairly evenly between more commonly known stoneware pottery and pottery fired with a Japanese process called Raku. In conventional stoneware pottery, the glazes fire into predictable colors on the pots. The Raku process yields different results.

A few years ago, Doorn modified her electric kiln so it could be fired by propane rather than electricity.

"The originators of the porary Art (UICA) in Grand technique, the Japanese, fired with wood but in the United

States, it's usually gas, either she said, for about eight years. natural gas or propane," Mary

Doezema is the director of the clay program at the pottery from me," Doezema Urban Institute for Contem-

Doorn is also Doezema's assistant at the UICA. Doezema is a founding member of the West Michigan Potters Guild, of which Doorn is also a member. When she makes a Raku-

"I got to know her be-

cause she was a student of

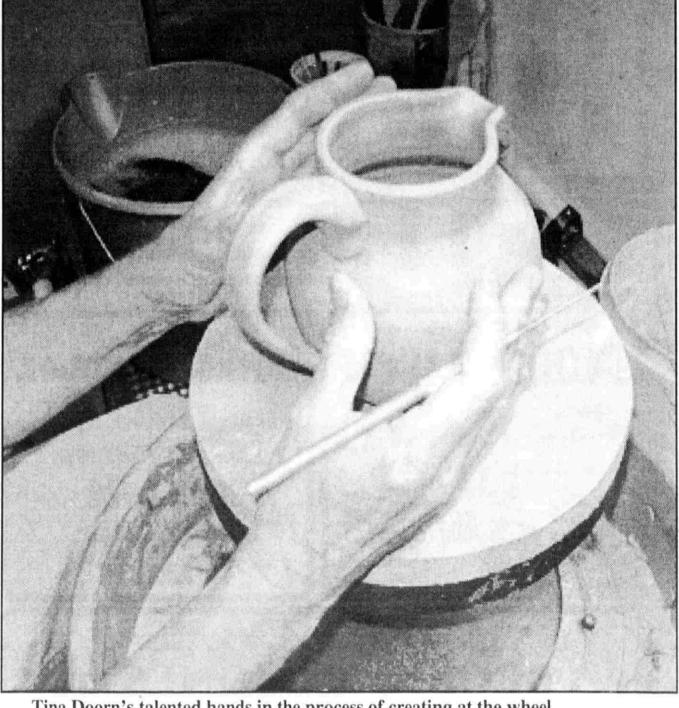
mine and learned how to do

fired pot, Doorn first glazes the piece and then fires it in the propane kiln until the glaze reaches its melting point. She grabs the pot with metal tongs and sticks it in a garbage can full of straw and white pine needles. White pine is the kind of tree she has growing in her back yard, which is where she does her Raku firing. Doorn believes the pine needles, Rapids. She has known Doorn, more specifically their resin, affect the resulting colors.

The pot with the meltingpoint-hot-glaze, once placed in the garbage can, immedi-

never know what you're go- layer of rolled clay. ing to get."

in the air little time to permeate the surface of the glaze.



Tina Doorn's talented hands in the process of creating at the wheel.

The combustion resulting cally include new shapes, new she goes to about eight shows hitting the straw and pine decorative elements. needles draws out a metallic

ately sets everything in the the wheel, which is called her aesthetic perspective on Up to now, she has done her throwing, and also hand forms pottery. "It's really kind of fun pots out of slabs of clay-slab because there's a lot of fire pots. She doesn't make coil color with a lot of texture in the UICA. and smoke and it's very unpots, however, the kind my glazes," Doorn said. predictable," she said. "You formed by wrapping layer on Doorn took her first pot- sented at the Chimera Design

Unpredictable refers to the her work grow and come into where she got her degree in display at the "Janus - Tradicolors. The key is to get the its own," Doezema said of speech therapy. It was after tional and Contemporary Fipot quickly from the kiln to Doorn. "She has grown a lot retiring from that profession ber and Clay" show opening the garbage can. Fast-action inhertechnical skills...she's that she began to get more Jan. 6 at the Lowell Area Arts pot movement gives oxygen willing to explore new tech- deeply into pottery. She said Council. niques and ideas."

New ideas in pottery typi-

cast on the surface of the glaze quently picked up stones along property to build an addition and creates some wild colors. the shores of Lake Superior. to her husband's workshop to Doorn makes her pots on These ended up influencing house her own pottery studio.

tery classes as a student at gallery in downtown Lowell. "It's been fun to watch Central Michigan University It will be among the pieces on

from the oxygen-starved glaze coloring techniques and new a year, selling enough work to support her venture. She is As a child, Doezema fre- currently clearing trees on her work, except for Raku firing, "I strive to get that stony at the Urban Clay Studio at

Doorn's work is repre-

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LAAC art show, continued...From Page 1

ists and the Arts Council feel the two crafts work well together in a show is the tactile nature of the work's creation and perception. In both crafts, the artists' hands are very ntermeshed with the materials. Texture is an important

tactually," LAAC executive however. director, Lorain Smalligan

Smalligan said. The Arts walls," Smalligan said. Council had been wanting to do a pottery show for a long ties between the two crafts, time but lacked the proper textiles seemed to fit the bill. pedestals required to display such work. A recent grant next Tuesday and runs

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"We felt that the two re- some pedestals. This left a lot ally complimented each other of open space on the walls,

"We wanted to find another medium that would Another reason for the compliment the ceramics that show is more pragmatic, we could hang up on the Given the other similari-

The "Janus" show opens

visual aspect of the resulting from the Look Memorial Fund through Jan. 31 at the LAAC allowed the LAAC to buy Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. There will be a reception to meet the artists Sunday, Jan. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

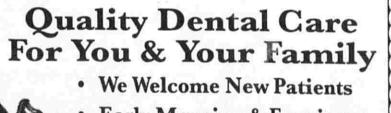
> include hands-on activities and educational displays. Margaret Jager will offer a children's class about creating felt on Jan. 10.

on display, the exhibition will

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maintain a current one. With Baker, director of the champand a business, Baker ex- few extra steps to go through, Communication is key. that in mind, the Lowell Area ber of commerce. To help with plained, adding that the pack- i.e., approval by the city's his-It's a phrase we have all grown Chamber of Commerce sat that, a committee comprised ets would be available at City toric district commission for of times. to know in the last decade and down with merchants and city of city officials, merchants Hall as well as at the chamber exterior improvements and we have all seen what hap- leaders and came up with a and Baker put together a office. The packet contains a signage. If outside of the dispens when the lines of com- way it hopes will help poten- packet that would be avail- flow chart directing a new trict, a business owner would munication are just not work- tial and existing business own- able for business owners-new business owner where to go contact the city's building iners find the information they and existing.

Volleyball teams cookin' for charity

all day Dec. 22 making pies. The girls made enough apple pies to fill the orders they took for their

fundraiser throughout December. They made an additional 200 pies which they donated to Flat

River Outreach Ministries in Lowell, and Mel Trotter Ministries and God's Kitchen in Grand

Rapids. For those still interested in buying a pie to bake or freeze, there are still some available

surrounding counties will be these goals and gain firsthand troops and provide funding cookies and don't have a Girl

selling everyone's favorite experience in handling for Girl Scout programs that Scout contact, call 784-3341

ing sales and arranging for teem, leadership, teamwork,

and community service.

-Oscar Wilde

Girl Scout cookies from Jan. money, taking orders, tally- teach girls skills in self-es- or 1-800-442-1401.

Girl Scouts to start selling those cookies Jan. 15

Girl Scouts in Kent and develop a plan for reaching ceeds go to local Girl Scout

Each box is just \$3. Pro-

After a good dinner, one can forgive anybody, even one's own relations.

The girls volleyball teams-freshman, junior varsity and varsity-are pictured after spending

have felt is lacking when try- eas was not knowing where to from the city, particularly for ing to set up a business or go or who to talk to," said Liz those who wish to start or ex- city's historic district have a is and the function of the city

"One of the frustrating ar- would provide information it.

The idea is that the packet historic district or outside of city's

for information if in the city's spector and then go to the commission. The packet also Businesses located in the contains information on what

sion, downtown historic comvelopment Authority, along of the ordinance book. with contacts for each group.

council, planning commis-

have to be updated a number

Financial incentives and maps of the area will be the last items of the packet. The maps are to give business owners an idea of where they are looking and what is around them, Baker said. Along with the packets, the information centers would have a current city ordinance book available and informamission, and Downtown De- tion on how to obtain a copy

Baker said the commit-Another benefit of the tee felt this was a way to help packet is a list of city officials encourage growth in Lowell and phone numbers, and hours and to help current business of City Hall. In this list, Baker owners find the sources they said it was decided to keep the need as well. information as basic as pos-

Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far. -Thomas Jefferson

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176,741-DE Plaintiff.

Estate of DOUGLAS E. **STROOSNYDER** Date of Birth: November 9, 1931

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DOUGLAS E. STROOSNYDER, who lived at 5420 Pratt Lake If you would like to order Ave. S.E., Lowell Township, Michigan died September 14, 2003.

> Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be (616) 774-0672, Ext. 117 forever barred unless presented to SUSAN ANDERSON PAMELA GREENE, named personal representatives, or proposed personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

DANIEL L. BLAUW PLC DANIEL L. BLAUW (P37283) 1515 Michigan St. N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503

SUSAN ANDERSON 1875 Berrywood Dr. S.E. Lowell,MI 49331 (616) 897-5163

PAMELA GREENE 960 Bellevue S.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49509 (616) 878-2406

COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 JUANA VELASQUEZ. PASCUAL LOPEZ-

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 17TH CIRCUIT

VELASQUEZ Defendant.

HONORABLE G. PATRICK HILLARY Case No. 03-07444-DM

WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES DANELLE KISTKA (P65483) Attorneys for the Plaintiff 89 Ionia Avenue, N.W., Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503

At a session of said Court held in the Courthouse, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, MI on **NOVEMBER 10, 2003.** PRESENT: G. PATRICK HILLARY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

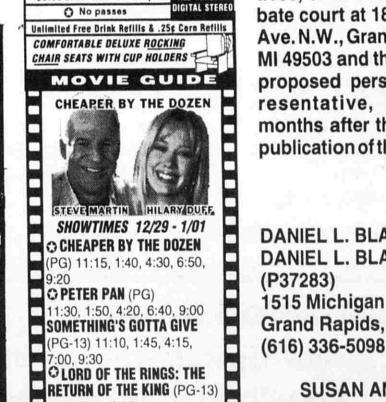
This cause having come before this Court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion for Entry of Order for Service by Publication (MCR 2. 106) and Payment of **Publication Costs**, (MCR 2.002 (F)), and the Court being fully

advised; NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Kent County pay the publication costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to MCR 2.002 (F).

G. PATRICK HILLARY **Circuit Court Judge**







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Board commits to next step in coal plant partnership

can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-spon-

sored retirement plan. These tax-advantaged accounts are

investing your bonuses and salary increases. If you don't need

the additional money to meet your basic needs, you can put it

"emergency" cash cushion of about three to six months' worth

of living expenses. Once you've established this fund, you

won't need to tap into your investments to pay for major car

repairs, new appliances or any other unexpected costs. And by

letting your investments have the opportunity to grow as long

• Diversify your portfolio - By spreading out your dollars

as possible, you can accelerate your progress toward your

over a wide range of assets - stocks, bonds government

securities, etc. - you can help cushion the impact of a downturn

that may affect just one particular area. And by owning many

evidence that fear and greed drive the market. Don't be ruled

by your emotions. If a stock is falling, you don't have to join

the selling stampede - especially if the company has good

prospects. Conversely, don't chase after "hot stocks" - they

to ensure it is sufficient to help your family meet their needs

through any significant changes in your life-divorce, remar-

riage, stepchildren, etc. -you'll want to make absolutely sure

the beneficiary designations on all your financial documents

soon to start saving for college. Consider opening a 529 plan

• Rebalance as needed - As your needs, goals and personal

situation evolve over time, you'll want to adjust your portfo-

lio. Your investment professional can help you make the

By following through on these resolutions, you can make

great strides toward improving your financial situation in

• Boost college savings - If you have a child, it's never too

Protect your family - Go over your insurance coverage

• Check your beneficiary destinations - If you've gone

may already be cooling off by the time you buy.

should something happen to you.

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appropriate changes.

• Put bonuses and salary increases to work - Consider

• Avoid tapping into your investments - Try to build an

great ways to help boost your retirement savings.

to work helping you build your investment portfolio.

By Dan Schneider

At its Monday meeting built in Manistee. the Light and Power and Cable T.V. Board decided to participate in phase two of a feasibil-Lights Project. The decision Agency pursuing a stake in a

inancial Focus

EdwardJones

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resolutions. Here are some to think about:

TIME FOR FINANCIAL

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Year's resolutions. What are yours? Lose weight? Volunteer

resolution-making frame of mind, don't forget your financial

you're not alone. At the beginning of 2003, American house-

holds owed, on average, nearly \$9,000 on all credit cards,

according to Cardweb.com, a Website that provides credit card

information to consumers. This figure is up 173 percent over

the past decade. You'll find it very hard to achieve your

financial goals if you're overburdened by debt. Set a realistic

3rd place in corn yield contest

Rudy Schutte, of Alto, sociation Corn Yield Contest.

was one of more than 3,600 Fifteen Michigan corn grow-

corn growers from 47 states ers faced this year's challenges

across the United States who head on, including extreme

planted their 2003 corn crop dryness in much of the state,

with a goal - to win the 2003 and averaged over 222 bush-

National Corn Growers As- els an acre to take the state's

top honors.

bushels an acre.

Schutte received a third

Michigan's winners will

place in the no-till/strip till

non-irrigated class with 206

be honored at the Michigan

Corn Growers Association

annual meeting in September,

MARK JOHNSON

6095-28th Street Ste.

Grand Rapids, MI

Area corn producer takes

more? Quit smoking? Spend more time with your family?

Now that it's almost 2004, it's time to make some New

All these are worthwhile goals. But, while you're in the

• Cut your debt load - If you feel overburdened by debt,

new coal power plant to be the smallest users," Lowell ity. Zeeland is next, request- at the meeting to answer ques- capacity power from a com-

The Northern Lights ager, Tom Richards said. "But double what Lowell was re- is the engineering manager for Kalkaska, Mich. That plant Project would create a coal when you can afford to make questing entering phase one the Michigan Public Power went on line in July of last power plant capable of gener- a small investment in a large, of the study. The board de- Agency. The MPPA is the year. It generates electricity ating 425 megawatts of elec- highly efficient plant like that, cided to raise the level of its bureau through which Lowell using two jet airplane engines. tricity. On Monday the board it makes a lot of sense." decided Lowell Light and other member cities of the Powershouldseek four mega- largest portion of the project Lowell area and the likely rewatts of the plant's capacity. is Holland, which is request-sulting power demands.

Light and Power general man- ing 20. Four megawatts is tions from the board. Cooper bustion-turbine plant in

"Lowell would be one of ing 100 megawatts of capac-

long-term financial goals.

purchases.

request to better match the would participate in the North- Through the eight-city power The city interested in the pace of development in the ern Lights Project. The MPPA pool of which Lowell is a

plant, with its affiliated mu- Powerhas access to 2.5 mega-Dan Cooper was present nicipalities accounting for 183 watts of power the plant genmegawatts of the plant's gen- erates during peak power congoal for whittling down the amount you owe. And avoid erating capacity. Cooper said the plant will during the summer. taking on unnecessary new debts through more credit card

be fully modern and state of • Increase your retirement savings - Put in as much as you the art. It will meet anticipated federal environmental percent of cities' power reregulations for several years sources come from base load to come, he said.

Cooper and Richards both megawatts from the Northsaid a coal plant is advanta- ern Lights Project, base load geous for long-term rate sta- would account for about 55 bility for electric utility ser- percent of its power resources. vice. Natural gas power plants have been more recently built, vested about \$12,000 in phase they said. However, the fluc- one of the feasibility study tuating and high cost of natu- for the Northern Lights ral gas as a fuel has caused Project. That phase was comseveral of these plants in pleted in November. It cov-Michigan and elsewhere to sit ered what Cooper called the

"The cost of getting fuel passed that test: there are no for this plant looks like it's major factors present that different investments, you give yourself a better chance to going to be stable . . . for the would likely prevent the foreseeable future," Richards project from passing an envi-• Keep emotions out of investing - There's plenty of said.

> Cooper is advising all of view. The cost of the project the cities considering partici- looks like it will be within pation to invest in phase two speculated parameters. of the feasibility study. Part of the reason is coal power plants the feasibility study will cover are not often built in Michi- the complete design of the

> "(The Northern Lights The cost of owning generat-Project is) the first coal plant ing capacity in the plant will planned in the last 20 years," also be clear by the end of Cooper said. "It will be the phase two. After phase two is first base load plant built in complete, cities can choose this state in ten years."

> Richards added, "In the vestment in the plant. next couple of years we might not see anything else coming initially cost \$10,954. Since along in terms of base load the cost of participation is

> The term "base load" re- amount of capacity requested, fers to power that is being the cost for Lowell increased continuously generated. Low- by about \$10,000 when the ell Light and Power currently board decided to increase its has 7 1/2 megawatts of base request. load generating capacity. This comes from its share of own- should be complete by Sepership in the Campbell coal tember 2004. Cooper estiplant in Ottawa County and mated the project would take the Bell River plant in St. 42 months to build. The Claire, Mich. It also buys project should be complete power generated in Lansing and producing power some-

> and Grand Haven. time between mid 2008 and In addition to its base load mid 2009. capacity, Lowell can get peak

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- SECOND TUES .: G.R. EVERY WED .: Lowell ing Events" are free of charge Chapter of the American to any nonprofit organization Sewing Guild, D.W. Saranac areas. We prefer Grand River Dr. 6:30 sosuch notices to be kept brief cial time; 7 p.m. program. any questions. will be the major owner of the member, Lowell Light and and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

> league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-Cooper said the MPPA 5 p.m. Call Larry at recommends that 50 to 60 754-7104. Public welcome. EVERY MON.: LHS Felpower. If Lowell gets the four lowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes.

sumption periods, usually

ronmental or air permit re-

The cost of phase two of

project and the engineering.

to commit to long-term in-

Participation in phase two

apportioned according to the

Phase two of the study

Lowell has already in-MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society board vited.897-7161 for info. "fatal flaw analysis." The plan

676-1355.

SECOND MON. OF EACH Education meets 7:00 p.m. 300 High Street.

SUNDAYS: Tri-town Con-

servation Club trap & skeet

THIRD MON. OF THE Lowell Masonic Lodge MONTH: Lowell Showboat meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ma-Garden Club, 7 p.m. in sonic Center, 119 Lincoln Fellowship Hall of Lake. Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Hudson St. Terry Amidon at 897-8751

MONTH: Clark-Ellis Ameri-Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30.

MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1STMON.: V.F.W. Post #8303. 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout group: Sarah 281-6588. Troop 102, 11 & up or com-7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Dia- Ages 8-13. 897-8694. betic Support group, 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Community Room, 725 meets at Lowell Congre-Bowes Rd.

Call 897-8304 for details.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS EVERY WED.: Rotary - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at noon at Lowell ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at coln Lake Ave. Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson.

Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's proin the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Richardson Center, 5255 gram at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 vears. Call 897-8800 with

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

TUES .: Flat River Kent County Youth Fair Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle THIRD MON. OF EACH at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Sandy, 285-0621.

meetings at chamber or TUES .: Saranac Needlers, Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All in- needleart/quilting bee EVERY FOURTH WED.: ter, 119 Lincoln Lake. MONTH: Lowell Board of time; all are invited. Con- activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. tact Bev or Melissa, in Administration Building, 642-6466 for info. A light Colleen F.S.E. 897-7842. dinner will be provided.

SECOND MON. OF EACH EVERY SECOND & MONTH: Bowne Township FOURTH TUES.: Knights Historical Society meeting of Columbus #7719 meets at Historical Museum, 84th St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. lic Church, Grand Rapids. SECOND THURS. OF

EVERY SECOND TUES.:

TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, MON. OR TUES.: Cub 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th Fire Station, 315 S

EVERY THIRD TUES.: FOURTH MON. OF EACH Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling can Legion Post 152, 3100 group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light re-THIRD MON. OF EACH freshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

> **EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen

pleting 5th-grade, meets EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

gational Church upstairs.

Masonic Temple, 119 Lin- 5 p.m.

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" at Franciscan Life Process Center:1-3:30 p.m. \$10/ wk. Call Pat at 897-7842.

COMNGEVENTS

WEDNESDAYS: Tri-town Christian Life Center 6-9 TUES.: Take Off Pounds Conservation Club trap & p.m. Create scrapbooks, skeet league, 5616 Dunn etc. Share supplies. Call Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry Dawn 862-8841 754-7104. Public welcome.

> **EVERY SECOND WED.:** Board, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050. **EVERY THIRD THURS.:**

Lowell Women's Club. noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 SECOND & FOURTH Bowes Rd.

meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Elderly volunteers needed Health Wellness Center in for Intergenerational pro-Saranac. For all or part gram w/school children in or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Sister

> **EVERY SECOND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catho-Vermuelen, reflexologist.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washing-EVERY 1ST & 3RD ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info., 800-651-6000.

> EVERY SECOND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. -? All members in good standing are invited to attend.

Musicians and Singers at Saranac H. S. Band Room. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THURS. St.Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St. non-denominational 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 meeting. Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group,

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

Parents Supporting Par-EVERY SECOND WED.: ents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

> EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Cen-Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada. Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant & breastfeeding women/ nursing children welcome Ada church. 752-8300.

EACH MONTH: Genea quest speaker Sharon ogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

> SECOND SATURDAY: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Histori cal Museum, 7144 Woodland Mall. Headley, Ada.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting, LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

THURS.: Saranac Area EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

> LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.:1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; mem-

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri.:9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe, 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m. Thurs.: 12 - 7 p.m. Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545,

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main.

SAT., JAN. 3: Christmas tree shredding at Wittenbach Center from 12-4 p.m.; drop off, or for pickup in the city or open house, 1-3 p.m. for Eastgate area, call Jay the community. See the 897-1355; 4-6 p.m. lumi-

tions: call 987-1002. SAT., JAN. 3: Lowell alumni hockey game, 7-8:30 p.m. at Standard Federal Ice Center on

Patterson Ave. in G.R.

nary walk (snowshoes to

rent); live music by Lowell

String Ensemble, Ques-

MON., JAN. 5: Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge. SAT., JAN. 17: Murray Lake Elementary School

SUN., JAN. 4: Tri-town

Conservation Club trap &

skeet league, 5616 Dunn

Rd.,12-5 p.m.; Wednes-

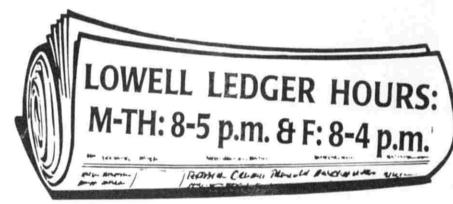
days 6-10 p.m. Call Larry

754-7104 for info. Public

welcomè.

progress, visit with future teachers and meet Family Links members. JULY 14 - 22, '04: Sum-

mer Irish Holiday,\$1,999 per person; deposit \$300. Call Mary Condon (897-7092) for info. or to sign up. Lowell Senior Neighbors Travel.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk Shop at Malls: 9:30 Crafts: 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

FRI., JAN. 16: 12:00 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversary:

MON., JAN. 19: 12:45

TUES., JAN. 20: 4:30 p.m.

WED., JAN. 21: 10 a.m.

Advisory Council;12:45

THURS., JAN. 22: 12:45

p.m. Cafe in the Woods &

FRI., JAN. 23: 12:45 p.m.

MON., JAN. 26: 12:45

TUES., JAN. 27: 12:15

p.m. Alto Senior Lun-

WED., JAN. 28: 8:30 a.m.

THURS., JAN. 29: 11:30

a.m. Metro Hospital Physi-

Traveling Breakfast.

p.m. Sly Mosier

Dinner at Deer Run.

p.m. Shop Meijer.

12:45 p.m. Bingo.

p.m. Mystery Trip.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., JAN. 1: Center Closed. Happy New Year!

FRI., JAN. 2: 12:45 p.m.

MON., JAN. 5: 12:45 p.m.

Treasured Memories. TUES., JAN. 6: 12:45 p.m.

Shop Ionia K-Mart & Sav-

WED., JAN. 7: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure & Eve Glass Adjustment; 11 a.m. Miles Home Care; 12:45 Shop at Wal-Mart. p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., JAN. 8: 4:45 Bingo. p.m. Dinner at Annalaine's

FRI., JAN. 9: 12:45 p.m.

MON., JAN. 12: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "China" Presented by Barb Briggs

TUES., JAN. 13: 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Lunch.

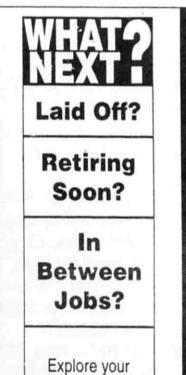
WED., JAN. 14: 8:30 p.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 .m. Movie.

THURS., JAN. 15: 5:00 Bingo. p.m. Dinner at Far East.

FRI., JAN. 30: 12:45 p.m.

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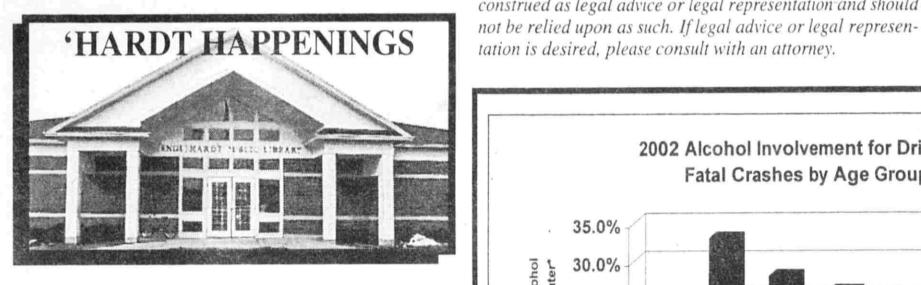
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DEAR JONATHAN: After my mother died, I was told by is no probate estate, that that notice would not be necessary. her lawyer that I had to file her original will with the county Could you please explain? probate court even though there was no probate estate. I don't understand. If there is no probate, why do I have to file the

JONATHAN SAYS: Because Michigan law requires it. Even when there is no probate estate, Michigan law requires 2000, Michigan's Estates and Protected Individuals Code that the decedent's last will and testament be filed with the court within a reasonable period of time after the decedent's death. What you should do is simply send (or hand deliver) your mother's original will to the court, advise them of her date of death and that there is no probate estate.



SNOW PEOPLE

Snowmen, those favorite "flaky" folk, will be the topic of the Kent District Library this cold season. The whole family is welcome to join in on singing silly snowmen songs, hearing snowy stories and enjoying snowman crafts.

The Englehardt branch will offer this program on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call 647-

MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the library, 200 N. Monroe at 10 a.m. Members are invited to attend and consider the year ahead. The Friends group conducts book sales and other fundraisers to help purchase books and pay for programs. It is open to adults and participation level is at one's discretion.

For more information, call 647-3920.

Free non-alcoholic drink booklet **DEAR JONATHAN:** I remember a few years ago when my father died that we had to publish notice of his death to allow creditors to have an opportunity to file claims against the Party planners face the difficult task of serving drinks estate. I remember the lawyer at that time telling us that if my that help make the occasion festive, but keep alcohol

consumption under control. The Auto Club Group has published its traditional holiday helper, The Great Pretenders Party Guide, a

booklet of nonalcoholic drink recipes from beverage

The recipe booklet is available free to anyone churches, schools, businesses and other organizations as long as they last.

"AAA offers The Great Pretenders Party Guide to help hosts monitor and moderate alcohol consumption," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety JONATHAN SAYS: Sure. There was a law change in Services for AAA Michigan.

"Pretenders Guide recipes can be tasty options for guests who prefer not to drink any alcohol. As the party begins to wind down, hosts may stop serving alcoholic drinks entirely and offer nonalcoholic substitutes from the Pretenders Guide."

The guide offers 14 drink recipes and useful information about the effect alcohol consumption.

Free copies are available at all AAA Michigan service branches or may be ordered by calling 800-AAA-MICH (222-6424) toll free.

2002 Alcohol Involvement for Drivers in Fatal Crashes by Age Group* * Per 100,000 in Population. 35.0% 30.0% 25.0% 20.0% 15.0% 16 - 20 21 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 64 OVER

Age Group

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

father had set up a trust and had moved all of his assets into that

trust prior to death, then no probate would have been required

and we could have also avoided having to publish that notice.

I followed that lawyer's advice for my mother and made sure

that she set up a trust and moved her assets into that trust so that

her estate would not have to be probated upon her death. Now

that she has died, I am told that I still have to publish a notice

to creditors. I thought that if there was a trust in effect and there

April of 2000. Prior to that time, a notice to creditors only had

to be given when there was a probate estate; if there was no

probate estate, then that notice was not necessary. In April of

(EPIC) took effect, and that law requires that a notice to

estate, but there is a revocable living trust.

creditors be published in those cases where there is no probate

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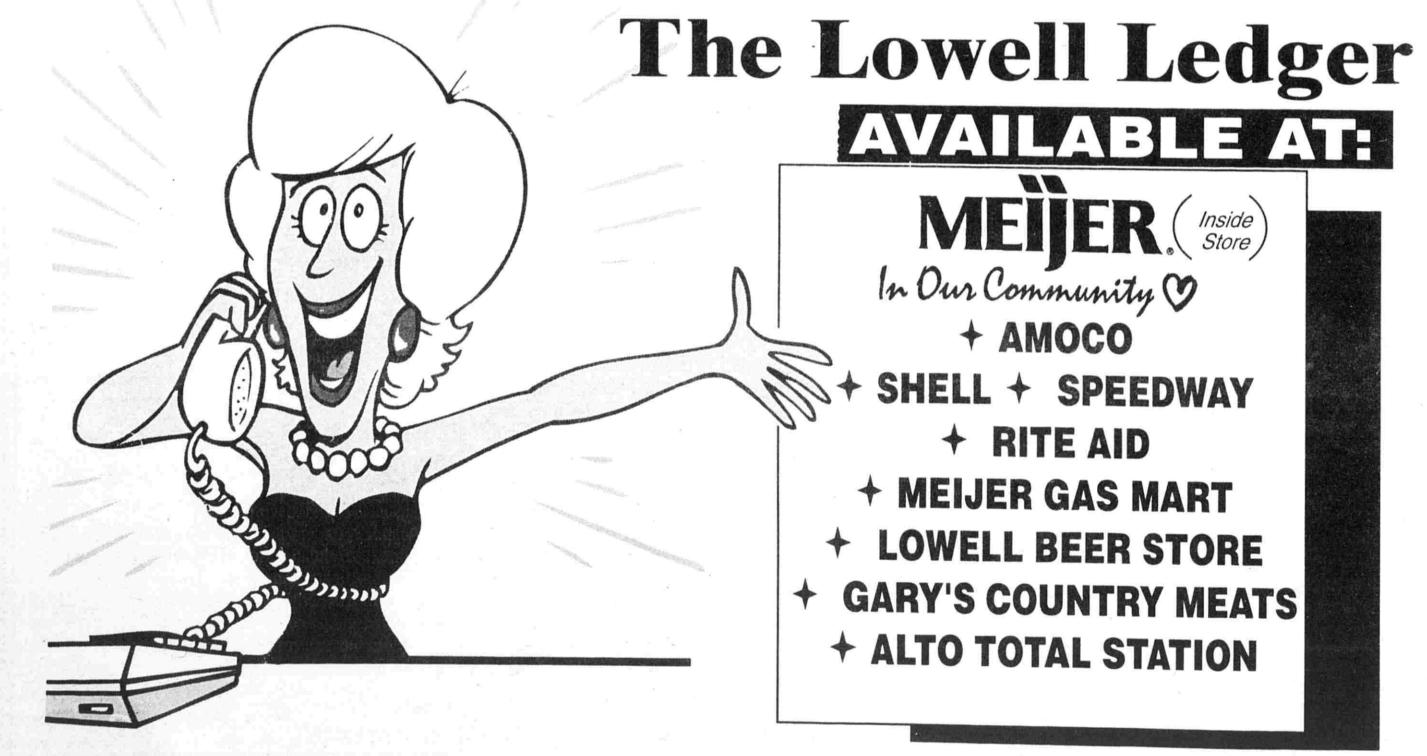
Don't rush to refill glasses.

Be alert to guests who are drinking heavily, and find ways to slow them down.

Cut off the alcohol two hours before the party ends.



GREAT NEWSIII



Season underway for all-Lowell swim and dive team

By Dan Schneider

swim team is 50-50 in several respects this year.

Coach Casey Lanser said the 14-member team has seven experienced swimmers are new.

Forest Hills Central. That has MHSAA rules allow girls to The Lowell Red Arrows Central joined with Forest season but not the other way Lanser said. Hills Northern, leaving Low- around ell to fill its roster on its own.

swimmers at Lowell High

There aren't enough Forest Hills aquatics center. Team captain Luke Baker terfly.

School for separate boys' and is among the experienced on the roster. The other seven girls' teams, so this year the swimmers on the team. The coaching a high school swim the Godwin Heights High Red Arrow swim team is senior has been on the swim team. Assistant coach Jim School Wolverines. Last year, Lowell swam mixed. There are seven boys team all four years of high Davis coaches the three girls on a cooperative team with and seven girls on the team. school.

changed this year. Forest Hills compete during boys' swim and a good spring freestyler," events.

perience swimming the but- tri-meet at Creston High

"He's a good butterflier who compete in the diving found a place to start from and

The team has been prac- said Jordan Nawrocki is the ticing since Nov. 24. They The team practices at the other team captain, with ex- recently took third place in a This is Lanser's first year against the Polar Bears and for some of the team.

we'll go from there," Lanser

He said some of the experienced swimmers on the team were sick for that meet. It was School in Grand Rapids also the first competitive meet

Their next meet will be at Union High School in Grand "We lost the meet but we Rapids on Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Positive start for varsity volleyball at Creston invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow varsity volleyball squad played its way to a second-place finish at the Creston Invitational to lost their final two matches Red Arrows took third place start the season.

team took first place in its pool, defeating Hamilton, Wayland, West Catholic and Creston. In the quarterfinals, it beat the Reeths Puffer Rockets 25-15 and 25-21.

The Arrows defeated the 25-19 in the semifinal. They Association Tournament, the division. against the Lakewood Vikings in their pool. This put them in Creston that if they show up to played with rally scoring.

cause of our defense.'

Last Saturday at the West semifinals, 15-11 and 15-9, to sideout scoring, only the servbeat the Grand Rapids Catho- a toughteam," Peal said. "Sat- up to 25 and a team does not for Lowell volleyball," Low- games, losing the first 15-8, mentally to play."

"It was an incredible step lic Central Cougars in three urday they didn't show up need the serve to score a point, through this season that the ell varsity coach, Gigi Peal but winning the next two 15- At the WMVOA Tourna- ments this year will be scored work and we're taking some said. "We definitely won be- 7 and 15-13. They lost to the ment, the games were played using rally scoring. The dual steps in the right direction to

Hamilton Hawkeyes in the with sideout scoring. In volleyball matches will con- get where we want to be,"

Verdon, are juniors or sopho-South Haven Rams 25-24 and Michigan Volleyball Officials take third place in the silver ing team can score points, and mores. Peal is looking to games are played up to 15. Verdon and middle hitter "The girls showed at The Creston Invitational was Heather Becker, a three-year On Saturday, Dec. 13, the 25-15 to take second place the silver division where they play, they have it in them to be Rally-scored games are played ership for the team.

> Peal said most tournatinue to use sideout scoring Peal said.

this year. eral of the starting players, Grand Rapids.

including setter Taylor

varsity senior, to provide lead-"I think people will see girls have put in a lot of hard

The next tournament for The 13-player volleyball the Arrows will be Saturday squad has six seniors, but Peal at Byron Center. They open says it is a young team. Sev- conference play Jan. 8 at East

Red Arrows dominate Grandville wrestling tournament

By Dan Schneider

tling squad steamrolled its way Lowell were Ray Seese at 103, bumped Matt Francisco up to focus under pressure," through the tournament at Mike Thomas at 119, Joe from 189 to take his place. Streic said, "That's when Grandville last Saturday. Mendez at 130, Matt

Bulldogs by the 145 weight Dykhouse at 171. class. The Arrows scored 40 Mike Nearing was 2-0 at Grandville got on the against Decatur. scoreboard.

Bulldogs 24.

Before facing Grandville, Karasiewicz was undethrough the Raiders from wrestled. the Byron Center Bulldogs 36- wrestling at full strength Sat-33 and the Tri County Vi- urday except for Joe Wood kings 45-22

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Strejc forfeited the 112 "We won the first eight match against Byron Center matches in a row," Lowell because Rob Karasiewicz had varsity coach, Dave Streic an asthma attack in his match said. "I've never seen any- against Decatur. That is part thing like that before, not of the reason the score was so against a tough team like tight against Byron Center.

"He would have pinned The final score in the his opponent in that match so match was Red Arrows 52, that's a 12-point swing right there," Strejc said.

the Lowell wrestlers went feated in the matches he

who was out with a dislocated

The Lowell varsity wres- Undefeated on the day for finger in the 215 class. Strejc team has a tremendous ability "He didn't get pinned in they're at their best-when it's

They clinched the final Kilmartin at 135, Kevin the Byron Center match and a high pressure situation." match against the Grandville Frasier at 145, and Ryan that was really important," said the Lowell coach.

Strejc added he was happy the East Grand Rapids Piopoints in the match before 119 and won a match at 125 with the intensity his team disneers. That match is Jan. 8 at played Saturday.

"It just shows me that this

7 p.m.

The Red Arrows' next

match will be at home against

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