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## Speech centered on economic restructuring in Iraq

By Dan Schneider

In a speech given last Wednesday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, M. Peter McPherson gave an update on U.S. efforts to rebuild the economy in Iraq.

Iraq has been given the "building blocks" of a renewed economy, McPherson said, and is at several advantages for economic development compared to developing countries. Before the country can take lasting steps toward financial growth and a strong job market, however, it must achieve security and political stability.

McPherson spent five months last year in Iraq following the U.S.-led war against that country. He served under the title of financial coordinator for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance in Iraq. This position made him the chief advisor to Ambassador Paul Bremer in financial matters.

After President Bush declared an end to major hostilities in Iraq, McPherson said, the first step for rebuilding the country's economy was to get some money circulating there. Toward that end, the U.S. found Iraqi government employees and began paying

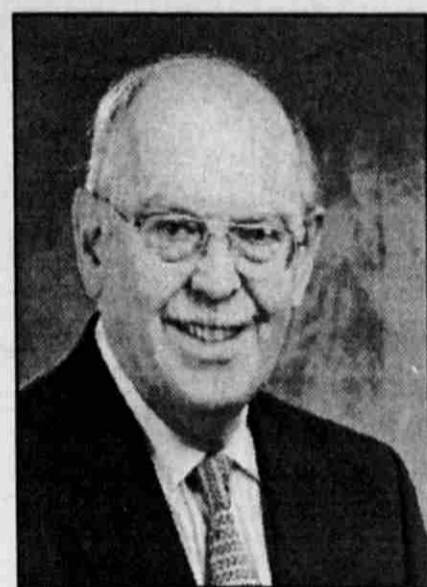
them. At the time Bush declared the war ended, Iraqi farmers were harvesting their wheat and barley crops. The U.S. bought those crops in order to get more money into the Iraqi economy.

"We worked almost in the WPA Depression style because that is really what it felt like," McPherson said.

He said the crops will be sold in Iraq for food and, in the case of the barley, for livestock feed.

One of the factors that stood in the way of rebuilding Iraq's economy, McPherson said, was the lack of a good currency. The currency in use

in Iraq, the Saddam Dinar, was problematic. It came in only two denominations. The situation was roughly equivalent



M. Peter McPherson

to conducting commerce only in dimes and five-dollar bills. That currency was easy to counterfeit and bore the image of Saddam Hussein.

Establishing a new currency without a freely-elected government in place was a controversial step. However, it was one that needed to be taken, McPherson said, for

progress to occur in Iraq's economy.

The currency exchange began last Oct. 15. The deadline for exchanging currency in Iraq is tomorrow, Jan. 15.

The imagery on the new currency is based on pictures of Babylon found on pre-Saddam Iraqi currency. It has six denominations.

"The new currency has been extremely well received," McPherson said.

When the rebuilding process began, all of Iraq's banks were closed.

"To make an economy go, you have to have banks," McPherson said. "Banks are at the core of every major country in the world."

To make sure the banks remain stable, McPherson said, the branches are being re-opened gradually.

Part of McPherson's role in Iraq was to establish rules for commerce there. This in-

cluded setting maximum tax and tariff rates, as well as for foreign investment.

"As they are, they make Iraq the most open economy in the Middle East, including Israel," McPherson said of the business policies.

In his time in Iraq, McPherson saw evidence of economic recovery in the form of commerce in the markets of Baghdad.

"If you go down the main street in Baghdad . . . it is an explosion of activity," he said.

However, most of the products being sold in the markets came from Jordan. McPherson reported that oil production in the country, for the last three months, has been back at pre-war levels. The oil is among the chief assets giving Iraq an advantage in its economic development.

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### Doyle awarded meritorious service citation



Charles Doyle receiving citation from NARFE chapter president, Sam Densmore.

Charles R. Doyle was presented a meritorious service citation in special recognition and appreciation of service rendered retired federal employees. Doyle has been a member of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees (NARFE) since 1991 and has been active with the Grand Rapids chapter.

During this time he has served in membership and legislation, and was chapter president during 1996 and 1997. He has also served as federation state vice president from 1994-2001. He is currently serving as sergeant-at-arms for the Grand Rapids chapter and public relations for the state federation. Doyle was Lowell's postmaster from 1965 until 1990.

## Amended budget increases deficit spending; future cuts likely for Lowell Area Schools

By Dan Schneider

At its meeting Monday, the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved an amended budget for the 2003-2004 school year. The amended budget shows excess expenditures of \$794,570.

In her budget update at the meeting, Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for

finance and personnel, explained how the financial picture has changed for LAS since the original budget was adopted. That budget was prepared, Gillette said, before July 1, 2003.

District revenues are up in the amended budget despite adjustments for state foundation grant cuts. Cuts to the state school aid budget should amount to \$84 per student. This has a negative im-

pact of about \$350,000 on LAS. That number should be more clear following today's Revenue Consensus Conference in Lansing.

The loss in state revenue is offset in the amended budget, however, by revenue gains from property taxes, federal sources and other local revenue.

The amended budget  
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### City manager provides year in review report

Furniture was moved, a building reopened, a park named, and a wellhead protection program instituted ... 2003 was a busy year for the city of Lowell.

City manager, David Pasquale gave his final report of the city's activities at the first meeting of 2004 on Jan. 5. Pasquale said the city had accomplished quite a bit during the year. "The biggest one is the one we are all sitting in right now," Pasquale said. "And by that, I mean the City Hall/police station, which was

completed on time and on budget." The City Hall opened in the summer followed by a Masonic ceremony for the cornerstone, conducted during the annual Riverwalk Festival.

But the City Hall/police station project wasn't the only achievement for 2003. The city has moved forward on the wellhead protection program for the Water Treatment Plant; a sidewalk project for North Hudson and Foreman Road was completed along with engineering work started for the Foreman-Gee and S.

Center streets improvements; the city put in place a new open space ordinance preservation act; a new entrance sign for the Lowell Airport was installed after the old one was run over; and the Barton property was purchased for the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

Pasquale said the city continues to work on its relationship with business owners, having collaborated with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in developing information packets that will be available at City Hall and

the chamber offices. And there was the naming of the city's newest park located on the east side of Division Street Bridge. The name chosen from a contest is Clara Blazo's selection, Upper Bridge Park.

The city is already busy in 2004 as it watches the state during an economic decline that is taking place. As state funds become less, the city will have to work harder to stretch the dollar. The city, half way through its fiscal year, will be working on its budget for 2004-2005 soon.

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# OBITUARIES

**BERAN** - Dee Ann Beran, aged 35, of Lowell, died Saturday, January 10, 2004. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Jeffrey; daughter Tara; parents Harvey and Sharon Johnson of Oakville, Ind.; brother Ronald (Michelle) Johnson of Eaton, Ind.; nephews Reilly, Mason and Aden; dog Snickers. She was active in Cheer America, 4-H, softball and track at Cowan High School (Class of '87). Cowan, Ind. She also loved to play bingo and had a love for Nascar. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 in Muncie, Interment Millers Cemetery, Middletown, Ind.

**GRACY (GRACZYK)** - Edward M., aged 91, passed away January 6, 2004. He was the beloved husband of Henrietta "Dolly" for 64 years; loving father of Mary Margaret (Anil) Chaudhuri, Ruth (Tom) McCartney, Paul, David (Barbara), Kathy Salerno, Barbara (Joe) Vezino, Ann Marie, Judy (Bob) Schanta, James (Diane) and extended family Maria (John) Worsham and Theresa Rocklin; proud grandfather of 24 and great-grandfather of 18; dear brother of Stanley. The Mass of Resurrection was offered Friday, January 9 at St. Blaise Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.

**HERBLET** - Thomas H. Herblet, aged 55, passed away January 9, 2004. He was pre-

ceded in death by his mother Theda Grace and a brother Jerry Herblet. Surviving are his father Glen Herblet of Lowell; son Tommy Herblet of Lake Odessa; sister Pennie (Dennis) Martin of Pensacola, Fla.; brothers Michael (Sherrie) Herblet of Newaygo, James (Susan) Herblet of Canadian Lakes, Patrick (Patty) Herblet of Lakeview; sister Kim Childs of Lowell; sister-in-law Janet Herblet of Ovid; many nieces and nephews. Private graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Owosso. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Thom's name to Shepherd of Independent Living, 1400 Morgan NW Grand Rapids, Mich.

**MAC DONALD** - Scott M. MacDonald, aged 51, of Lowell, died Sunday, January 4, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill MacDonald. He is survived by his spouse Susan; son Adam MacDonald; step-daughters Kimberly (Mike) Barnes of Lowell, Michelle (Gary) Thebo of Oregon; three brothers; one sister; 89-year-old cousin William Anderson; several dozen nieces and nephews. Scott was owner of Realty Professional, Inc. There will be no funeral services. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

**OSBURN** - Mark L. (Punky) Osburn, aged 45, of Lowell, passed away January 4, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents Mark and Freda and brother Clare (Nubby). He is survived by his wife Susan; daughter Erin Lynn; brothers James Wert, David (Marilyn K) Wert; sisters Francis M. Osburn, Roseanna M. Raney all of Lowell; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held January 7 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, with Dr. Michael Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

**STINCHCOMB** - Mrs. Wanda Stinchcomb, aged 78, of Lowell, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2004 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Mrs. Stinchcomb was born on March 25, 1925 in Spokane, Wash., to Earl and Zilpha Showalter. She was a member of Lowell VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Fallsburg Park Historical Society, former member of the Scottish Society and a substitute teacher for the Grand Rapids School System. At the time her parents moved to Lowell from Acme, Mich, Mrs. Stinchcomb joined the U.S. Navy, serving during WWII in the Waves. Being a determined woman, it took her eight years to get enough credits to graduate from Aquinas College, but she did it! One of her goals in life was to travel abroad to places she had read about in books. She was a supporter of the Arts, and encouraged her children to get involved in many cultural experiences. Preceding her in death was her husband James

F. Stinchcomb in 1987, her daughter Suzanne, her son Warren Bradley Stinchcomb, her granddaughter Jennifer Stinchcomb and her brother Leonard Showalter. Mrs. Stinchcomb is survived by her children William and Joyce Stinchcomb of Lawrence, Mich., Patricia and Cliff Terpstra of Comstock Park, Bruce Stinchcomb of Walker, Wendy Stinchcomb of Redford, Mich., Mark Stinchcomb of Grand Rapids, Craig Stinchcomb of Lowell; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Mrs. Stinchcomb will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 1

p.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Chapel with Chaplain John Poston officiating. Military honors will be under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Inurnment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell. Friends may visit with the Stinchcomb family from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the GRHV chapel.

**THOMET** - Nathan Michael Thomet, aged 6 weeks, darling infant son of Travis Thomet and Catherine Rivera, passed away January 3, 2004. He is also survived by his sisters Angelina, Gloria, Olivia Rivera, Brianna Thomet;

grandparents Jack (Gail) Thomet, Bill Rasmussen, Sandy Schipper; great-grandparents Duke (Marylyn) Thomet, Robert (Lucy) Rasmussen, Del Millering; also many aunts and uncles. Nathan was preceded in death by his grandmother Gloria Rasmussen and great-grandmother Beulah Millering. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel, Dr. Michael Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to The DeVos Children's Hospital.

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## Kindergarten class exhibits true spirit of giving

Bailey Stormzand, pictured third from left, with her kindergarten class at Bushnell Elementary, is annually confronted with the dilemma of receiving too many toys at Christmas time. Her birthday falls near the holidays.

So she asked classmates who came to her roller skating party on Dec. 21, 2003 to bring toys for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Angel Trees. Her parents suggested the idea, and Stormzand thought it was a good one.

"That's what we want to teach her about Christmas," said her mother, Heather Stormzand. "Kids get so much and they don't need it all."

Bailey Stormzand sought outside advice on the matter, asking Santa Claus' opinion in a letter. Claus encouraged her to proceed with the plan. She delivered the toys to the angel tree at Huntington Bank in Lowell. "She wouldn't even let me carry the box inside," Heather Stormzand said. "She was like, 'I want to do it all myself.'"



## Gospel quartet to perform Jan. 18



The Gospelmen - formerly the Gospelmen Quartet - will minister at First Baptist Church of Lowell on Sunday, Jan. 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The community is invited to enjoy their ministry of gospel music during the morning worship service.

The group originated in Genesee, Mich. As the name indicates, The Gospelmen are just that - a Gospel Quartet with a Southern and Traditional Gospel flavor.

While there have been a few personnel changes since the beginning, they are proud to say the core of their ministry has not. While there are several denominations represented in the group, each member proclaims Jesus Christ as their Lord. They want to see lives changed.

The Gospelmen have had the pleasure to share the stage with some of the very finest in

Gospel music such as The Martins, The Bishops, Brian Free & Assurance, Ivan Parker, Janet Paschal, Jeff and Sheri Easter and Won By One.

The Gospelmen members are Tim Herbert (tenor), Brian Wright (lead), Gregg Martin (baritone), and R. W. Hammond (bass). Jeff Groat lends his expertise as the sound engineer for the group.

The group has ministered at churches and performed at concerts and fairs as well as many other events all across Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. They remain a favorite group at First Baptist and have been invited back repeatedly. They are local favorites and often sing to a near-capacity congregation when in the Lowell community.

The concert is free to all. For more information call the First Baptist Church at 897-7168.

## 'HARDT HAPPENINGS



Thomas the Tank Engine will visit several KDL branches this winter. Kids, ages six and under, are invited to the "Shining Time Station" for train stories, games, crafts and songs.

for the program at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. Call 647-3920.

Have you still not figured out how to use that digital camera you got for Christmas last year? Photographer Bruce Doll, of Lowell, will demonstrate various cameras, media, formats and software at a program on digital photography at several Kent District Library branches this winter. Registration is required and participation is limited.

The Alto branch offers the program on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Call 647-3820.

# The Gospelmen

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# ALL ARE WELCOME

## LACC annual meeting Jan. 22

This year's meeting of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce membership will take place Thursday, Jan. 22. The event will be held at the Deer Run Golf Course beginning with social time at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. followed by chamber business. Wendell Christoff will be presented an award recognizing Litehouse Inc.'s contributions to the community.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**DECEMBER 15, 2003**

**7:30 P.M.**

Motions Approved:

Minutes of the November regular board meeting were approved. List of invoices were also approved.

Motion to approve hourly increase requested by township attorney.

Motion to appoint Gary Meyers to Bowne Township Construction Board of Appeals.

Motion to renew contract with Professional Code Inspections of Michigan for one year.

Motion to accept bid for repairs to historic township museum.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the township office at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

The next regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

January 16, 1957 - December 26, 2003

**WAYNE EUGENE JOHNSON**

*Written by Peggy L. Butler*

*W is for the wonderful person that you were.*

*A is for the answers that you gave and received.*

*Y is for the youth that you were.*

*N is for the noble person you could be.*

*E is for the end that came way too soon.*

*E is for the edge you had by being you.*

*U is for the unique person that you were.*

*G is for the great person you were.*

*E is for the enchanting person that you could be.*

*N is for the natural talents that you had.*

*E is for the example you set for others.*

*J is for the joy that you brought to others.*

*O is for the open way you had about you.*

*H is for the help you give to others*

*N is for the nice person that you were.*

*S is for the special person you were.*

*O is for the opinions that you had and gave.*

*N is for the notice that people took of you.*

Wayne, you were on this earth for too short of a time and will be sorely missed by many people. You were a father, brother and last but not least a son. You were a friend to many people. You were there to lend a helping hand to a friend in need. Although your passing will sadden many people, with time they will look back and be able to think of you and smile. *God Bless...*

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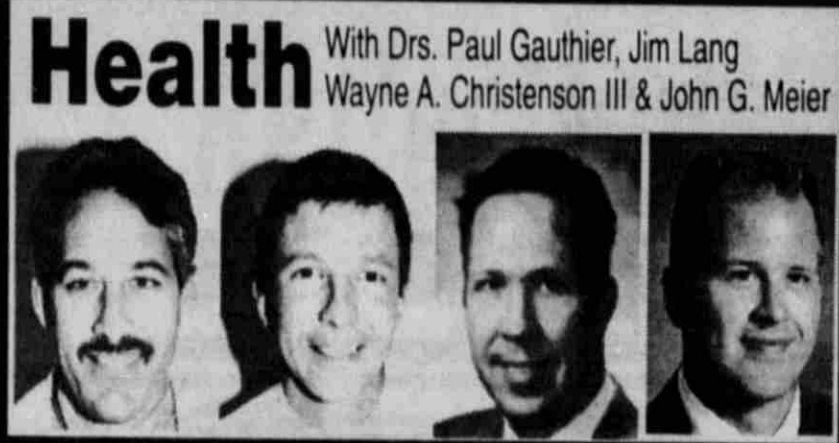
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**HEART ATTACK**  
Despite all of the important advances in medicine, heart attack is still a common cause of premature death in the U.S. A heart attack occurs when the heart muscle is damaged due to a lack of blood flow in the affected region. Oxygen is carried to the heart muscle by the coronary arteries. The coronary arteries can become narrowed by a build-up of fatty deposits within the walls of the artery. This process is called atherosclerosis. A blood clot can form or get stuck in the narrow part of the artery, shutting off flow to the muscle.

Symptoms of a heart attack include a pressure sensation in the middle of the chest. The pain may feel like bad heartburn. Sometimes nausea or sweating may accompany the pressure sensation. Occasionally, pain will radiate to the jaw, left arm or shoulder. You may also experience tightness in the chest or shortness of breath.

If you think you are experiencing symptoms of a heart attack, you should get help right away. The sooner you get

help, the better chance you have of preventing further damage to the heart. Call 911 for an ambulance to take you to the hospital. While waiting, chew one regular aspirin tablet and sit or lie down.

Once the ambulance arrives, you will be placed on a heart monitor, given oxygen, have an IV started and possibly be given cardiac medications. After arriving in the emergency room you may be given clot dissolving medication to reopen clogged arteries within the heart or possibly be taken to the

cardiac lab where doctors can perform an emergency angioplasty, a procedure which involves opening up narrowed arteries with a catheter.

It is important to prevent heart attacks and you should be aware of the risk factors that increase your chances of having one. They include smoking, diabetes, obesity, elevated cholesterol, a family history of heart attack, high blood pressure and a lack of exercise. Talk to your family physician so you can decrease or modify your risk factors.

**To The Editor, continued...From Page 5**

We find starved, beaten and attention-starved animals all the time, and the last thing we want to do is return them to their owners, but legally we have to. It makes you wonder if the right thing to do is really the right thing to do. All pets are perfect; they just need to find the perfect home. In fact, maybe the owner of the white and caramel Aussie would be better fit with an older, less active dog. His dog was still perfect, just not for him.

It sure would be great to have a media animal lover in the Lowell area. Safe Haven is currently raising money to renovate our new building we purchased this summer after leaving the Ionia County Animal Shelter. We adopted over 1,400 animals in 2003! We are a small group, but truly dedicated to finding life-long loving homes for all of our pets. We screen all

prospective adopters through an application process and reference calls, and we always take the animal back if something does not work out. We are also in desperate need of dog fosters if you are interested (see what you got yourself into!). We would fit a dog with your home and you would be a temporary provider of a home and plenty of love until they find a perfect home. We provide the food and pay for all medical expenses.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping Safe Haven and our quest towards ending pet overpopulation and finding loving, appropriate life-long homes for our pets. We would love to have you.

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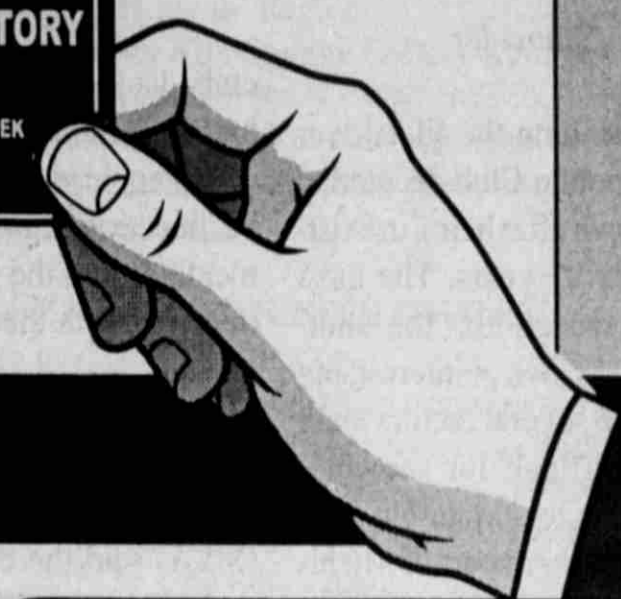
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# Apathy, financial concerns make the trail rough for snowmobile clubs

By Dan Schneider

Last June the Flat River Snowmobile Club decided to shut down after being in existence for 21 years. The most direct reason for the shut-down was lack of interest, but there are several factors making it difficult for snowmobile clubs to stay in business in the southern part of Michigan.

The Flat River Snowmobile Club reached its peak membership in the years immediately following its opening in 1971. Club treasurer, Brad Potter said the membership included more than 160 snowmobilers. At the time the

club decided to dissolve, it had 25 official members.

"People just don't want to be tied down going to club meetings and the work that's involved with the club," Potter said.

Brad Manson, executive director of the Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) said the difficulty of maintaining local trail systems has led to a decline in club membership.

"What holds a lot of clubs together is the availability of a trail system and a clubhouse, and the ability to snowmobile on trails right in the area," Manson said.

Snowmobile clubs build and maintain their own trail systems. This has become difficult in the southern part of the lower peninsula where large areas of farmland are being split into suburban developments.

Of the approximately 6,500 miles of trails in the whole state, Manson said half are on private property. In the past, snowmobile clubs have been able to gain access to large areas of property by arranging leases with farmers. When developers buy property and split it up for housing, it is no longer possible to get the leases.

The West Michigan Snowmobile Trail used to run from the Indiana border up to just south of Grand Rapids where it cut eastward. Near Lowell it turned northward and ran up to Cadillac.

That trail used to run through the Flat River Snowmobile Club's 15 acres out on Potters Road, but is now cut off to the north and south.

"The number one (development) that really cut it off was Sundry's development between 36th and 28th streets," Potter said. "That really put the nail in the coffin."

Now the West Michigan

Snowmobile Trail ends in Middleville. The carbide-tipped runners on snowmobiles are hard on pavement, so they are not allowed on the Middleville streets. This eliminates snowmobile use of the bridge over the Thornapple River at Middleville.

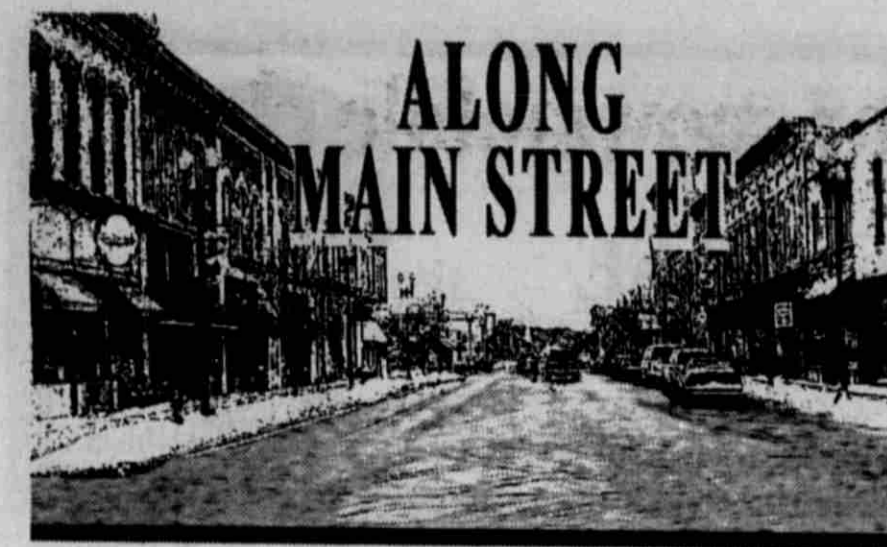
Manson said most snowmobilers now travel north where there is state land available for snowmobiling.

"They don't have any problem with putting their sleds on a trailer," Manson said. "Everybody's heading up north. A lot of the strong clubs are planning trips now

rather than building trails."

The executive director said the MSA is now putting its efforts into purchasing property and easements on property in order to rebuild the trail. But financial constraints are making this a slow process at present.

The Flat River Snowmobile Club sold its property last November. Because it was formed as a not-for-profit corporation, the club has been donating its assets to local organizations. These include the Lowell Area Fire Department and the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



## LOCAL FOOD BANK NEEDS ...

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, crackers and boxed potatoes. Any help with this is greatly appreciated.

## MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

There will be a Lowell Music Boosters meeting in the middle school band room on Monday, Jan. 19 from 7-8 p.m.

## HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT

A charity drive for area Humane Societies will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17 at Cherry Creek Elementary's front lobby from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Items needed: dog/cat food, cat litter, laundry soap, bleach, old towels, blankets.

## GIRLS SOCCER TEAM GARAGE SALE

The Red Arrow varsity girls soccer team will have a garage sale on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the freshman center at Lowell High School. Proceeds go to spring break trip to Mexico for training. Call Lori at 897-8457 with questions or to donate items.

## DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Metro Health Lowell Plaza at 2550 W. Main St. will be holding a lecture series beginning Wednesday, Jan. 21 titled "Intensive diabetes management" from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Michael Valitutto, D.O. will speak on Diabetes 101. The series is free and no registration is required.

## NEEDED: USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Gently used sports equipment is being collected to distribute to needy kids as an 8th grade class project. Any kind of equipment will be accepted. Drop off location: Lowell YMCA Fitness Center. Call Ethan Drain at 897-5640 or Ken Hayes at 897-2699 with any questions.

## MURRAY LAKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The community is 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.

## PARENT NIGHT W/SPECIAL ED. DIRECTOR

Pam Thomas, director of Special Education, and Shari Miller, superintendent of Lowell Schools, will share information on the school budget and special ed. issues on Monday, Jan. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. No RSVP is necessary. Location: Administration office, board of education conference room, 300 High St., Lowell. Call Carol Briggs 897-8415 with questions or email cbriggs@lowellschools.com.

## FRIENDS OF ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY BOOK SALE

There will be a mid-winter book sale in the community room of the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St., on Jan. 26, noon - 8 p.m. & Jan. 27, noon - 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit Englehardt branch.

## CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for "Snow Queen and the Goblin." Production: April 22-25. Auditions: March 6 and March 8 at Englehardt Library. Call 897-8545 for information or to borrow a script for review.

## ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS AT LAAC

A wide variety of arts classes will be available for all ages at the Lowell Area Arts Council this winter. For information call 897-8545, visit their website at www.lowellartscouncil.org or stop by at 149 S. Hudson.

## LAAC - THEBES PLAYERS

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" by Jeff Daniels will be presented by the Thebes Players on Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 at Larkin's Other Place. Also Sunday matinee, Feb. 8 & 15. Reservations are required. Prices - dinner & theater: \$21 - \$26; theater only: \$8-\$10. For tickets or info., call 897-8545 or visit the arts council at 149 S. Hudson.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for

the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

The 18th West Michigan Regional Competition will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery from Feb. 15 - March 20. Drop off dates for entry forms are Feb. 5-7; each artist may submit up to two entries. Non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for LAAC members & students/\$25 for nonmembers. Call 897-8545 for more info.

## SEEKING COMMUNITY PHOTOS

Photos are needed of "volunteers in action" to showcase the Spirit of our Community at service organization events and meetings. Digital photos on a CD or prints may be dropped off at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson or emailed to George Hommowun at ghommowun@lowell.k12.mi.us. Deadline April 1. Call 897-8545 or 897-9161 with questions.

# Budget cuts, continued... From Page 1

includes expenditures that are higher than those anticipated last July. Gillette cited costs associated with new staff, staff degree advancements and non-union wage increases as contributors to the increased spending. Operation, maintenance and transportation costs are also contributing factors.

The increased expenses will leave the school district with a 10 percent fund balance by June 30, Gillette estimated. She said this is not enough to cover two months' worth of operating expenses for the school.

Uncertainty remains in the 2003-2004 budget picture. The state funding is still not concrete and there are several months left for the district to incur unexpected expenses.

"Whatever we settle for in a contract settlement will also affect that (expenses)," Gillette said.

Last Wednesday's contract mediation was cancelled, Lowell Education Association president, Doranne Truax said, because state-appointed mediator, Lou Emmons was involved in a car accident and couldn't make it. At the last

mediation on Dec. 17, 2003, uncertainty about state funding precluded discussion of matters at the heart of the contract dispute. These are insurance copays and wage increases.

Gillette said she hopes the Revenue Consensus Conference will clear up state funding in time for the next mediation session. That meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

At Monday's meeting, Gillette said the district is already planning cuts in the face of an almost \$2 million deficit projected for the 2004-2005 school year. Gillette included the projections in Monday's budget update.

The projections assume a foundation allowance from the state of \$6,700 per pupil. This may be unrealistic, Gillette said, as state budget cuts may

result in a smaller number. The projections also anticipate increased expenses for opening the new Murray Lake Elementary; flat enrollment figures for September and a 20-student decrease in February 2004; no wage increase for all employees; a 17 percent increase in health insurance costs and insurance copay for non-union staff.

## Spirit of Community Celebration looking for pictures of volunteers

Organizers of the fourth annual Spirit of Community Celebration are requesting pictures of Lowell volunteers in action. The pictures will be used in a slide show during the awards portion of the event.

Photos may be dropped off at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson or e-mailed to George Hommowun at ghommowun@lowell.k12.mi.us. CDs containing digital photos can also be submitted. Include your name, names of the people in the photo, and a contact number. The deadline for submissions is April 1.

The Spirit of Community Celebration will take place Friday, April 30. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the social hour featuring food from area restaurants. The awards presentation, which includes the slide show, begins at 7:45. Awards include Character in Action, the Tribute Tree, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, the Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.

All awards recognize individuals for their contributions as volunteers in the Lowell area. The celebration was inspired by the life of Ray Quada.

For more information about photo submissions, contact Lorain Smalligan at the arts council (897-8545) or Liz Baker at the chamber of commerce (897-9161).

## Third graders help support our servicemen and women



Carol Mandle's third grade class at Cherry Creek Elementary. Katie Ahrens, pictured center front with the penny jar. The class has been filling the jar to buy candy and other items for overseas troops. The class will send the items to Sgt. James Vezino, Ahrens' stepfather, for his unit and another unit of the 125th infantry. Vezino's unit was shipped out Tuesday, Jan. 13 for duty in the Middle East. The care packages, which also include word searches, crayons, and coloring books, will be sent in time for Valentine's Day. The class will continue to collect pennies throughout the year and send letters to the servicemen and women.

## Students collecting for Humane Society

Lowell Middle School students Meghan Majestic and Gabby Trembly have organized a charity drive to benefit area humane societies. The drive will take place Saturday, Jan. 17 at the front lobby of Cherry Creek Elementary. Area animal shelters are in need of the following items: dog food, cat food,

scoopable cat litter, laundry detergent, bleach, old towels and blankets.

The drive begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, February 2, 2004 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 2 Definitions, Section 201.202**

The proposed amendments will add a new definition as follows:  
*Ground Floor:* That floor of a dwelling whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement. For a split-level dwelling, the ground floor shall be that floor whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement; plus any upper or lower extension of such floor accessed by an internal stairway and located at an elevation that is not more than three (3) feet above or below the grade of the site.

**Chapter 3 Zoning Districts**

Amend R-2, Section 201.306 (C) (E), to add 2 family dwellings as a special use with a minimum lot area and width. Section (G) amends the minimum floor area for dwellings in all districts from currently 900 square feet on the first floor to requiring a minimum total of 1150 square feet with a minimum of 750 square feet on the ground floor (for a 2 story house, etc).

Amend R-3, Section 201.306A (E) (d) and (G), to add a maximum of 6 dwelling units for each multiple family building and to add minimum square footages for 1, 2, 3, or more bedroom units.

Amend Section 201.311, the Bulk Table, to reflect the above changes.

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](http://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](mailto:zoning@vergennestwp.org).

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## Cherry Creek students collect over \$1,500 for Angel Tree donations



Pictured are the staff from Lowell Family Dentistry and fourth graders from Cherry Creek Elementary around the office's Salvation Army Angel Tree before Christmas. At Cherry Creek, 225 fourth graders collected more than \$1,500 to buy toys for the Angel Tree. This is the fifth year they've bought toys for the Angel Tree. Lowell Area Schools bus drivers donated their time to drive the kids and some parents to Meijer to buy the toys.

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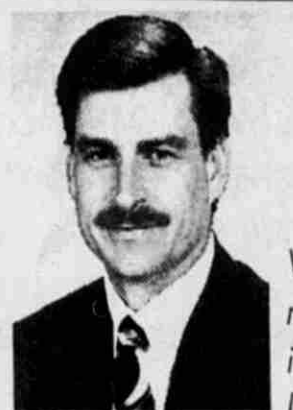
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## LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** After my mother died, I was told by her lawyer that I had to file her original will with the county 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 will?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** Because Michigan law requires it. Even when there is no probate estate, Michigan law requires 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.

**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 estate. I remember the lawyer at that time telling us that if my 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 is no probate estate, that that notice would not be necessary. Could you please explain?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** Sure. There was a law change in 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 2000, Michigan's Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC) took effect, and that law requires that a notice to creditors be published in those cases where there is no probate estate, but there is a revocable living trust.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** Isn't there a rule that allows motor vehicles to be transferred through the Secretary of State's office when the owner dies?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** Yes. So long as there are other assets that need to be probated, a decedent's vehicle(s), which have a total value of no more than \$60,000, can be transferred through the Secretary of State's office without the necessity of opening a probate estate. In other words, if the decedent died with no assets in his or her name alone, other than his or her motor vehicles, then the titles to those motor vehicles can be transferred through the Secretary of State's office. However, if there are any other assets that need to go through probate, i.e., a bank account, then the vehicle or vehicles need to be probated as well.

There is a similar law for watercraft, so long as the total value of the watercraft in the decedent's name does not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

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### HOW SHOULD YOU GET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS?

You can invest for at least two key reasons: *growth* and *income*. If you're looking for growth, you'll need to invest in stocks that have the potential for capital appreciation. But if you also want to get *income* from your investments, you've got some choices to make.

You can, of course, invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. Bonds typically pay regular interest payments, and, as long as the bond is held until maturity, the principal amount is returned, provided the issuer doesn't default—a risk you can greatly reduce by purchasing only those bonds that have received the highest grades from independent rating agencies. However, you can also get income by investing in stocks

that have a history of paying dividends—and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive.

In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increased their annual dividends—which means you have the potential for *rising income*.

That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they will still carry more investment risk—at least in terms of potential loss of principal—than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for growth and income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals.

#### Income strategies during retirement

You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your *retirement* years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should you tap first?

To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main sources: tax-deferred accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or

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other employer-sponsored plan; taxable savings and investments; and Social Security.

The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your individual needs and circumstances. However, it may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings before you touch your tax-deferred plans. By following this strategy, you can keep these account earnings potentially growing on a tax-deferred basis until you must start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2.

How about Social Security? When should you start taking these payments? Again, there's no one right answer for everyone; you'll have to weigh a variety of factors, including your other sources of income, your age at retirement and your expected life span. Keep in mind that, although you can start taking Social Security at age 62, your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach age 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get.

Your financial professional can help you determine the appropriate strategies for drawing on your investment income and retirement plans. Maintaining a sufficient level of income is obviously essential to your financial well-being—so you'll want to make all the right moves.

## AAA Skiing tips

Whether you're a youngster new to the sport or a dedicated downhiller looking for another way to enjoy Michigan in winter, cross-country skiing is an inexpensive and healthy sport that's becoming easier to learn than ever, says AAA.

The popularity of shorter skis that take less effort to maneuver, and lightweight, warm and stylish skiwear are helping to lure skiers back to Michigan's 3,100 kilometers of trails this season. No matter where you are in the

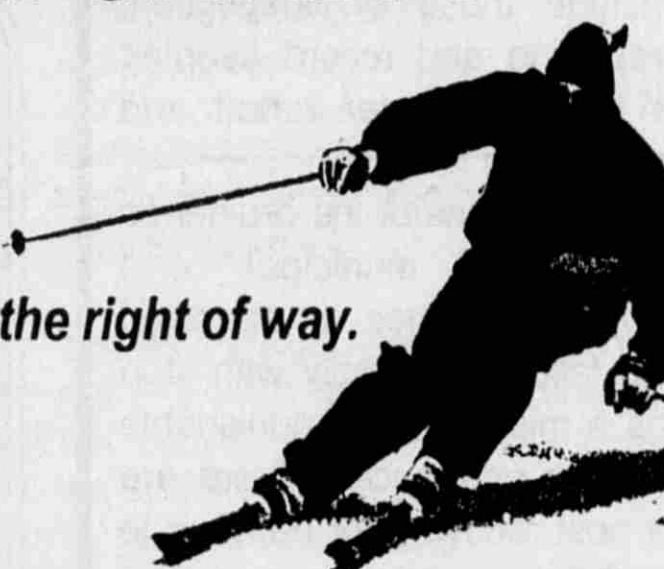
state, you're only a few minutes drive from cross-country trails, and family-friendly ski events.

The Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council, comprised of Michigan and Ohio resorts, helps sponsor a series of events throughout the season for veterans and novices alike.

To check out some of these events taking place in January and February, go to [www.skicrosscountry.org](http://www.skicrosscountry.org), or [www.garlandusa.com](http://www.garlandusa.com).

## TIPS FOR SKI SAFETY

- \* Ski in control.
- \* Look uphill when merging and do not obstruct trails.
- \* People ahead of you have the right of way.
- \* Obey area boundaries.
- \* Know signs of frostbite.
- \* Avoid alcohol; it promotes hypothermia.



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# McPherson speech, continued...From Page 1

"Going in, we knew Iraq had certain advantages, it had the petroleum."

McPherson said. "It was not a developing country." McPherson also cited

Iraq's specialized and educated work force as assets for its economy. For the country to create jobs for some of those workers, however, it will need to build up its manufacturing.

That kind of development will not happen overnight.

"It takes a couple of years for an economy to recover after a war," McPherson said.

It will also require security and political stability, which may be difficult to attain in a divided country like Iraq. McPherson explained that when the British and the French created Iraq following World War I, they put it together out of three separate regions. Those regions have now intermixed to an extent that precludes dividing the country again into three. Tensions remain strong among the three groups in Iraq, the Suni muslims, the Shiite muslims, and the Kurds. This is the stumbling block to political stability.

Security remains an issue in Iraq as well, with daily reports of attacks on U.S. soldiers. This had little impact on McPherson's daily life in Iraq: "I put on my flak jacket and helmet and honestly I didn't think about security all the time."

But security will be essential to Iraq's recovery. The key to achieving security, McPherson said, is to reduce the visibility of the U.S. in the country.

"The Iraqis were mostly happy. I would say elated, to see Saddam gone,"

McPherson said. "But that's different than having a foreign tank on your street.

"The direct engagement with the Iraqi people needs to more and more be done by Iraqis."

In the end, the Iraqi people must create their own government and institutions, a country with its own identity.

"This society will not be oursociety," McPherson said. "It will have something of an Islamic tone to it."

In a telephone interview after the speech, McPherson said people in Lowell should read about the Middle East region and about Islam to gain a better understanding of the culture in that region. He also encouraged travel to all parts of the world for a better cultural perspective.

The night of the speech was McPherson's first time back in his hometown since leaving for Iraq last May. He is president of Michigan State University. The sponsors of the event—the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Rotary, the Lowell Women's Club and Lowell Area Schools—sold 161 tickets for the speech. Including a \$50 donation from an attendee, the event raised \$855 for the Lowell Education Foundation.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

### KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 2003, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted the Grattan Township Storm Water Ordinance. The principal provisions of the ordinance are the following:

- Storm Water Regulation.** The ordinance establishes minimum storm water management requirements and controls in order to accomplish a variety of public purposes, including minimizing storm water runoff rates and volumes; preventing non-point source pollution; preventing erosion from development projects; preserving and protecting water resources; and in general, reducing the adverse impact of changing land uses on water bodies in the Township. The ordinance establishes minimum standards for the protection of water bodies.
- Applicability.** The ordinance applies to all development sites which require approval of a site development plan, building permit, plat or other permit for work which will alter storm water drainage characteristics, but the permit provisions of the ordinance do not apply to the construction or modification of individual single-family detached dwellings or individual two-family detached dwellings. A storm water permit is not required for such individual dwellings. Further, the ordinance does not apply to farm operations and farm buildings, the installation or removal of individual mobile homes within a mobile home park, plats that have received preliminary plat approval and other developments that have received final land use approval as of the effective date of the ordinance.
- Storm Water Permit.** Under the terms of the ordinance, land development regulated by the ordinance may not take place unless a storm water permit is issued by the Township for the development. The storm water permit requires that development proceed only in accordance with a drainage plan prepared by the developer and filed with the Township.
- Drainage Plan.** A drainage plan submitted for approval by the Township must provide for permanent on-site detention or on-site retention of storm water runoff for a 25-year storm event and a direct connection for storm water runoff to be discharged from and through a development site in a 100-year storm event; alternatively, the drainage plan must provide for a permanent on-site storm water system with restricted outlet so as to result in no net increase in storm water runoff volume or rate onto adjacent property for a 100-year storm event. The ordinance provides for the required contents of the drainage plan, including identification of affected water bodies; topographic information; calculations of peak discharge rates; drawings of storm water runoff facilities; an implementation plan; plans for the effective control of storm water runoff during construction; a storm water facilities

maintenance agreement; and other information necessary for the Township to verify that the drainage plan complies with requirements of the ordinance. Other provisions pertain to the payment of storm water permit review fees, financial guarantees and the imposing of additional terms and conditions in storm water permits.

**5. Storm Water Systems; Flood Plain Standards, Etc.** The ordinance authorizes the Township to establish minimum design standards for storm water discharge release rates. All storm water runoff facilities are to be constructed and maintained in accordance with local and other requirements. Standards relating to the filing or alteration of floodways are included. There are provisions on the control of soil erosion and sedimentation during and following any regulated earth change. Requirements are included as to the elevation of building openings at appropriate levels so as to avoid risk of flooding.

**6. Other Regulatory Provisions.** The ordinance includes provisions regarding certain types of exempt non-storm water discharges; prohibited discharges; interference with natural or artificial drains and the storage of hazardous or toxic materials in drainageways. Other provisions include those on inspection, monitoring, reporting and record keeping with respect to storm water runoff and storm water monitoring facilities.

**7. Enforcement.** Violations of the ordinance are punishable as municipal civil infractions, subject to fines in specified amounts. The failure to comply with stop work orders is a misdemeanor punishable as provided in the ordinance. There are provisions for cost recovery for damage to storm drain systems, and the imposition of liens for the recovery of costs incurred by the Township and the County Drain Commissioner.

**8. Appeal Provisions.** The ordinance includes provisions whereby actions or decisions taken under the terms of the ordinance may be appealed to the Township Board. The Board is also authorized to grant variances from the terms of the ordinance, under certain conditions and if specified standards are complied with.

**9. Performance and Design Standards.** The ordinance authorizes the Township to establish storm water management zones within the Township, each of such zones having specified storm water management standards and characteristics. The Township Board is also authorized to adopt by resolution more detailed design and performance standards for storm water runoff facilities, consistent with the terms of the ordinance.

**10. Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective on February 13, 2003.

A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: 1/09/04

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

*As a public service, The Lowell Ledger will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the Ledger office by phone, 897-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

**THE FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. (FROM)**

- Located at 519 E. Main St., Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is a Christian non-profit organization consisting of the food bank, emergency services, and the thrift store, and is made up of 20 area churches.
- FROM is governed by a board made up of representatives from the participating churches and from each segment of the ministry. All staff is volunteer as are all board members.
- If a family is in need of food, they may call the food pantry, 897-4189, for help; for financial problems, such as utilities being shut off or other temporary set-backs, 656-9979 for information. Vouchers may be obtained for help with clothing and housewares. Call 897-2037 for information.
- The thrift store, which sells merchandise donated by a generous community, strives to make as much money as possible (but offers very low prices) to support the food pantry and emergency services. Everyone is encouraged to shop there! Store hours are: Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 12 - 6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- If you would like to become a volunteer, please call 897-2037 or 897-4189 for information.

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY WED.:** "Peppers" Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. Pat 897-7842.

**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, Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

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

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. 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.

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

**SECOND SATURDAY:** Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 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.

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

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.:** 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

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

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY 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. 897-8565.

**MON. & TUES., JAN. 26 & 27:** Friends of the Englehardt Library mid-winter book sale. Great selection of winter reads. Call 647-3920 for hours.

**WED., FEB. 11:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. will sponsor a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

**FEB. 15 - MARCH 20:** West Michigan Regional Competition. Call for artists - juried competition. Deadline for two entries: Feb. 5-7. Call LAAC at 897-8545 or email info@lowellarts council.org.

**TUES., FEB. 17:** Lowell Historical Museum program on American Civil War in conjunction with Lowell Middle School Benjamin Morse Society. Public welcome to Lowell Township Hall, 7 p.m. Share your stories about family history of Civil War involvement.

**MON., JAN. 19:** Music Boosters meeting at Lowell Middle School band room 7-8 p.m.

**THURS., JAN. 22:** Know-

**SECOND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Sandy, 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, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

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

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

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

**EVERY THIRD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments 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 group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

**1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Boves Rd.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ...because mothering mat-

**SUNDAYS:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

**EVERY MON.:** LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

**THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. 897-7161 for info.

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

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

**THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

**MON. OR TUES.:** Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

**FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30.

**EVERY WED.:** Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

**WEDNESDAYS:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington 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.

**THURS.:** Saranac Area 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 5 p.m.

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

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	
<b>LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949</b>	
<b>MON.:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	<b>THURS.:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
<b>TUES.:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	<b>FRI.:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
<b>WED., JAN. 14:</b> 8:30 p.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie.	p.m. Cafe in the Woods & Shop at Wal-Mart.
<b>THURS., JAN. 15:</b> 5:00 p.m. Dinner at Far East.	<b>FRI., JAN. 23:</b> 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
<b>FRI., JAN. 16:</b> 12:00 p.m. Birthday & Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.	<b>MON., JAN. 26:</b> 12:45 p.m. Sly Mosier
<b>MON., JAN. 19:</b> 12:45 p.m. Mystery Trip.	<b>TUES., JAN. 27:</b> 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Luncheon.
<b>TUES., JAN. 20:</b> 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Deer Run Golf Course.	<b>WED., JAN. 28:</b> 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.
<b>WED., JAN. 21:</b> 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.	<b>THURS., JAN. 29:</b> 11:30 a.m. Metro Hospital Physical Therapy.
<b>THURS., JAN. 22:</b> 12:45	<b>FRI., JAN. 30:</b> 12:45 p.m. Bingo.





REGISTERED OWNER:

Michigan Municipal Bond Authority  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: February 18, 2004

The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, County of Kent, State of Michigan (the "Township"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the Township's Water Supply System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on said principal installments from the Date of Original Issue show above, until paid, at the Interest Rate(s) per annum set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Interest is first payable on November 1, 2004, and semiannually thereafter, and principal is payable on the first day of May commencing May 1, 2005 and annually thereafter.

[This bond may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the Township only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority].

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, as long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the corporate trust office of National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Township by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Township agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this bond shall be given by the Township and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

**Additional Interest**

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Township's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Township shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Township's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Township has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water Supply System of the Township, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "Water Supply System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 01-2004, duly adopted by the Township Board of the Township (the "Ordinance"), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of refunding certain outstanding revenue bonds of the Township.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this

bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinance.

This bond is primarily a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, primarily from the Net Revenues of the Water Supply System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned. As additional security, the Township has pledged its limited tax full faith and credit for payment of the principal of and interest on this bond, which includes the Township's obligation to levy taxes, if necessary, within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax limitations.

The Township has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the Water Supply System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Water Supply System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the principal of and interest on this bond, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption account therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the Water Supply System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water Supply System as are required by the Ordinance.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Township by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be executed with the manual signatures of its Supervisor and its Township Clerk and the corporate seal of the Township to be impressed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

By \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

(Seal)  
Countersigned:

Township Clerk

**Section 17. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver.** The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty per cent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Series 2004 Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Series 2004 Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Series 2004 Bonds and the security therefor.

**Section 18. Covenants.** The Issuer covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid as to either principal or interest:

(a) The Issuer will maintain the System in good repair and working order and will operate the same efficiently and will faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan,

and this Ordinance.

(b) The Issuer will keep proper books of record and account separate from all other records and accounts of the Issuer, in which shall be made full and correct entries of all transactions relating to the System. The Issuer shall have an annual audit of the books of record and account of the System for the preceding operating year made each year by an independent certified public accountant, and a copy of the audit shall be mailed to the manager of each syndicate or account originally purchasing any issue of the Bonds. The auditor shall comment on the manner in which the Issuer is complying with the requirements of the Ordinance with respect to setting aside and investing moneys and meeting the requirements for acquiring and maintaining insurance. The audit shall be completed and so made available not later than six (6) months after the close of each operating year.

(c) The Issuer will maintain and carry, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds, insurance on all physical properties of the System and liability insurance, of the kinds and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of water supply systems, including self-insurance. All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies shall be applied solely to the replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed, and to the extent not so used, shall be used for the purpose of redeeming or purchasing Bonds.

(d) The Issuer will not sell, lease or dispose of the System, or any substantial part, until all of the Bonds have been paid in full, both as to principal and interest or provision made thereof as herein provided. The Issuer will operate the System as economically as possible, will make all repairs and replacements necessary to keep the System in good repair and working order, and will not do or suffer to be done any act which would affect the System in such a way as to have a material adverse effect on the security for the Bonds.

(e) The Issuer will not grant any franchise or other rights to any person, firm or corporation to operate a System that will compete with the System and the Issuer will not operate a system that will compete with the System.

**Section 19. Additional Bonds.** Except as hereinafter provided, the Issuer shall not issue additional Bonds of equal or prior standing with the Series 2004 Bonds.

The right is reserved in accordance with the provisions of Act 94, to issue additional Bonds payable from the Revenues of the System which shall be of equal standing and priority of lien on the Net Revenues of the System with the Series 2004 Bonds but only for the following purposes and under the following terms and conditions:

(a) For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for the purpose of refunding part of any Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (a) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the preceding twelve-month operating year shall be equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum amount of principal and interest therefor maturing in any operating year on the then outstanding Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (a) the Issuer may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds. Determination by the Issuer as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Redemption Account.

(b) For refunding a part of the outstanding Bonds and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. No additional Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding

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# Fire safety for kids

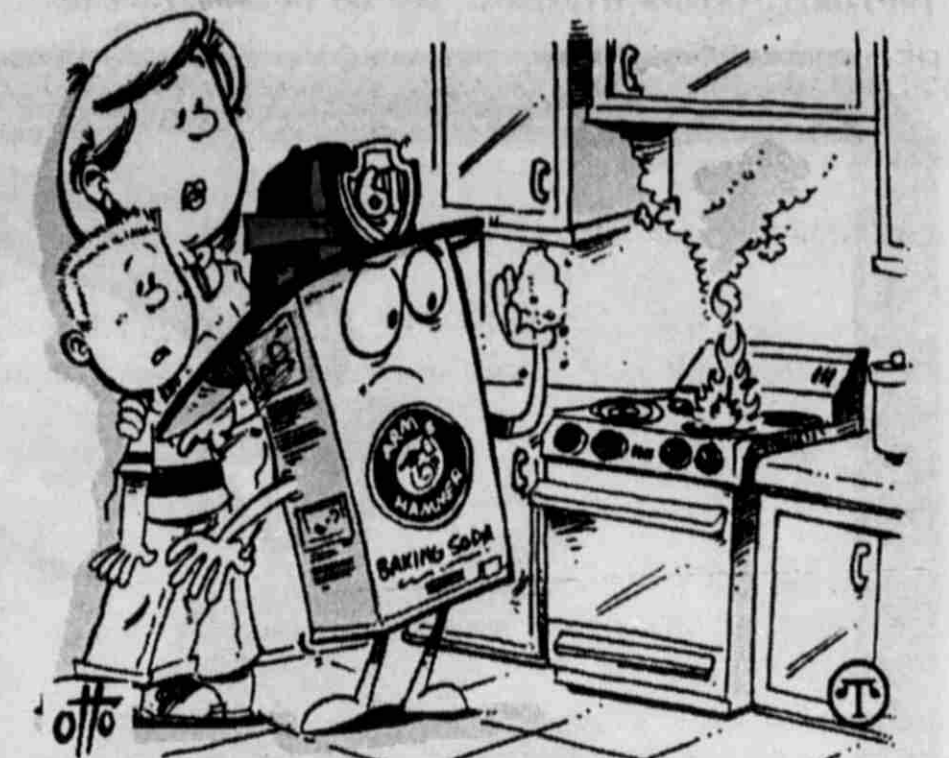
Do your kids know what to do in the event of a fire? Do they know who to call or what to say? How much have you taught them about fire safety? According to the United States Fire Administration, more than 80 percent of fire deaths occur in residences and cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries! To keep your family protected, it is the responsibility of every member of the family to know what to do in the event of a fire. By teaching children a few essential safety

guidelines, parents can help protect the whole family.

- Here are a few simple tips to keep you out of danger:
- Install smoke detectors on all floors of your home (see manufacturers' directions for proper placement) and remember to change the batteries twice a year.
- Practice a family fire drill monthly.
- Explain the importance of getting out of a burning house safely. Instruct children to take nothing with them-no toys, etc.

- Plan two escape routes to the outside from each room.
- Practice dialing 911 with young children.
- Rehearse what they should say in an emergency.
- Remember, if there is a big fire going out of control, leave the house immediately and dial 911 and do not go back into the house for anything.
- If hair or clothing catch fire Stop, Drop and Roll! to put out the flames.
- For initial handling of small kitchen or electrical fires, quickly turn off gas or elec-

- tricity while standing back and tossing handfuls of the baking soda at base of flames. If the fire continues to burn, leave the house immediately and dial 911.
- Apply cold water and ice immediately.
- Apply a soothing baking soda paste (3 parts baking soda to 1 part cold water) to the burned area and cover with a cool damp cloth.
- If the burn is serious (more than a superficial skin burn), call your doctor or 911. It is never too soon to teach your



family how to be safe. Taking a few small preventative measures now is certainly a lot easier than dealing with the damaging effects of a fire in your home.

Signed John R. Timpson, Supervisor  
Signed Linda S. Regan,  
Township Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, Michigan, at a special meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: J.Timpson, A. Fletcher, R. Huver, C. Blough, P. Blumm, L. Regan and that the following Members were absent: J. Huver.

I further certify that Member Fletcher moved for adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Blough.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: A. Fletcher, C. Blough, R. Huver, J. Timpson, P. Blumm, L. Regan and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

Linda S. Regan,  
Township Clerk

shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

**Section 20. Sale of Bonds.** Any of the Authorized Officers is authorized to approve the sale of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance. Any of the Authorized Officers is authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as may be necessary to complete the sale and delivery of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority, including a Purchase Contract, Issuer's Certificate and Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement. In the event of a sale of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of Series 2004 Bond contained in this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to, changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

**Section 21. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds.** The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2004 Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2004 Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Series 2004 Bond proceeds.

**Section 22. Approval of Bond Counsel.** The representation of the Issuer by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, p.l.c. ("Miller Canfield"), as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding the representation by Miller Canfield of the Authority with respect to this borrowing.

**Section 23. Approval of Bond Details.** Any of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including, but not limited to, determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2004 Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2004 Bonds shall not exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum, and the Series 2004 Bonds shall mature not later than May 1, 2014.

**Section 24. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

**Section 25. Publication and Recordation.** This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Lowell Ledger a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

**Section 26. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 8th day of January, 2004.

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## Volleyball girls improve game in Portland win

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity volleyball team raised expectations last week, recovering from a loss at East Grand Rapids to take first place at the Portland Invitational.

The Red Arrows lost to the Pioneers 15-3 and 15-3 last Thursday, but showed improvement on the court.

"The score really didn't reflect how good the volleyball game was," coach Gigi Peal said. "I think it's hard to know when you've played your best."

East Grand Rapids is probably the toughest opponent the Arrows will face this year. The team was third in

the state rankings released last Friday.

"I can't take anything away from East," Peal said. "We played the best volleyball we could have played and they played their best volleyball and they came out on top."

The Pioneers have two division-one players, one of whom is ranked among the top 100 players nationally.

Lowell didn't lose a single game last Saturday at the Portland Invitational. The Red Arrows took first place in their pool, defeating Saranac, Ionia and Bath. They played Fowlerville in the semifinals, defeating the Gladiators 15-4 and 15-9. They faced the Portland Raiders in the finals and



Lowell Varsity Volleyball team sports a winning attitude with coach Gigi Peal.

won the first game 15-10 and the second 15-7.

Amy Oberlin had 24 kills and four blocks on the day. Heather Becker had 21 kills, eight blocks and six aces. Kristin Johnson had 18 kills, 7 aces. Samantha Mol had 17 kills.

Setter Taylor Verdin had 76 assists on the day and eight kills.

"Obviously a lot of people had to step up and get it done, and that was a good thing to see," Peal said. "This was the first big offense weekend we've had."

Peal also credited Stephanie Wagner, Lowell's senior defensive specialist, with Saturday's victory.

"We are definitely winning games because of our defense and court coverage and she is a part of that," Peal said.

The Lowell coach looks at the team's recent performance, both at East Grand Rapids and at Portland, as evidence of the team's potential.

"They've laid the expectations now," Peal said. "Once you see them have it out on the court, it starts a whole new set of expectations."

The team faced Creston and Godwin in a tri-meet at home on Monday. They play at home again Thursday against Kenowa Hills.

## Bowlers split match against the Fighting Scots

By Dan Schneider

Both Red Arrow bowling teams opened their season against the Fighting Scots of Caledonia Monday, Jan. 5.

The boys team won their match. Juniors Jim Denney and Jon Eickhoff bowled two games each against the Scots. Denney scored a 204 and a 185. Eickhoff rolled 177 and 174. Head coach, Rocky Eickhoff is looking to the two juniors to provide momentum and leadership for the team this season.

"They'll probably be doing a lot of bowling this year because they are my two strongest bowlers," coach Eickhoff said.

Anthony Everitt rolled a 172 against the Scots, Eric Horsford a 167 and Wes Patnode a 153.

Rachel Nawrocki was the high scorer for the Red Arrow girls in their loss to the Scots. She bowled 197 and 140 in her two games. It was the first competitive bowling for several of the girls on the team.

"We've got a new team," coach Eickhoff said of the girls. "It's a building year for us."

Both teams bowled Monday against Comstock Park and Tuesday against Middleville. The Ledger will print those results next week.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PRIVATE ROAD ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held on **Monday, January 19, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall**, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Private Road Ordinance. A synopsis of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- 1) It is proposed that driveways for lots located on the corner of a public and a private road shall be required to use access from the private road unless topography prohibits, there are existing homes, or the Kent County Road Commission prohibits.
- 2) Regardless of whether they are paved or not, private roads are currently separated by two standards; a 16 foot wide road / 2 foot shoulders for 3 and 4 lots and 22 foot wide road / 4 foot shoulders for 5-19 lots. In order to eliminate the many problems associated with these separate standards, it is being proposed to combine the lot numbers from 3-19 and to set a standard of an 18 foot wide road with 3 foot shoulders. The first 100 feet of the road must be 22 feet for vehicle turning and stacking. The cul de sac standard will remain at an 80 foot diameter.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments is on file in the offices of the Township Clerk at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331; Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices, or by e-mailing the Clerk at [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

Mari Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## Lowell gymnastics wins conference opener, takes 7th at Rockford Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow gymnastics team won its first conference meet last Wednesday at home against the Sailors of Mona Shores High School. Coach Michele DeHaan credited strong scores in the floor exercise in a close 126.35-124.3 Lowell victory. "Floor is always our best event," DeHaan said. "Home meets are always nice because we get to finish on floor."

Lowell had four of the top six scores for floor that night. Jenna Dickerman scored an 8.75. "I think Jenna Dickerman did very well, too, overall," DeHaan said. "She's a very strong all-arounder." The other scorers on floor for Lowell were Rebecca Underwood (8.5), Amanda Rau (8.4) and LynnAnn Bell (8.0). Those scores were all regional-qualifying scores. To

qualify individually for regional competition, girls must get four qualifying scores on any event. The following are regional-qualifying scores: floor-7.9, vault-7.7, beam-7.4 and bars-7.0.

Lowell scorers on vault were Dickerman (8.8), Rau (8.3), Underwood (8.15) and Bell (8.0). On bars: Dickerman

(7.95), Bell (7.3), Underwood (6.85) and Rau (6.7). On beam: Underwood (8.3), Dickerman (7.7), Bell (7.4) and Rau (7.25). The Red Arrows are now 1-0 in their conference. The conference, different from the OK White, also includes Holland, Forest Hills, East Kentwood, Kenowa Hills,

East Grand Rapids and Rockford. The Arrows took seventh place last Saturday at the Rockford Invitational. Their 125.55 team points put them ahead of Traverse City (124.55) and behind Holland (128.525). Forest Hills took first place at the invitational with a team score of 137.2.

Dickerman placed eighth overall in division two vault with a score of 8.4. She placed seventh on beam (8.4) and tied with Underwood for seventh on floor (8.6). The next meet for the gymnastics team is Wednesday (tonight) at East Kentwood.

## Lowell basketball defeats Kenowa Hills

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's defense won the basketball game last Friday against the Kenowa Hills Knights. The 48-40 victory was not an offensive spectacle but it improved the Red Arrows' record to 2-1 in conference play. "Offensively we struggled a little but it was our first game in 21 days," Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald said.

McDonald said the team focused on defense during practices over the holiday break. "We had our best Christmas ever in terms of focus and intensity and things like that," he said. "Even though we didn't play a game, I think we made some good strides." Andrew Min was the top scorer for the Red Arrows with 12 points on the night. Sam Oberlin put in nine. Kyler Krieg came off the bench to

shoot three for three, two three-pointers and a two-point field goal. Mike Koster had eight points and 11 rebounds in the game. Lowell's game last Tuesday against East Grand Rapids

was cancelled due to weather. Look for coverage of yesterday's game against Thornapple Kellogg and Friday's game at Northview in next week's Ledger.

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**Sound Off**

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

The Ledger reserves the right to edit and/or reject submissions if vulgar or slanderous.

- Burger King has a playroom for the little kids but only one high chair in the whole building! Where are the kids supposed to sit? On the floor?
- Addressing religion and the pledge of allegiance in our schools-why do people who are so against religion have no trouble using our money (In God We Trust)?
- When are we going to get a new grocery store in town so we don't have to walk a mile for cereal and stand in line for 1/2 an hour?
- I think people that offer a reward for the return of their little dog should pay up. It takes a pretty small person not to.
- I recently moved to Lowell and I was wondering if there was any way we could get a med center or some kind of emergency facility. There is no hospital or med center within a 1/2 hour of any direction.
- I hope that Electrolux plans on selling their products in Mexico if they move there. I for one will never buy anything made by them if they do move.

**NOTICE  
LOWELL  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE CHANGE**

In observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day on  
Monday, January 19,  
the Lowell City Council  
meeting will be held  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004**  
The City Hall, however, will be open  
during regular hours,  
8 am - 5 pm on January 19, 2004

## Wrestlers dominate tri-meet, take 7th at duals

By Dan Schneider

A short was part of the downfall of the East Grand Rapids wrestling team during their trip to Lowell last Thursday.

The Pioneers forfeited seven weights, losing to the Red Arrows 72-9 in the first match of the night's tri-meet with Lowell and Grand Rapids Union.

"It's six matches, it's kind of disappointing, but there's nothing we can do about that," Lowell varsity coach, Dave Strejc said. "We're going to get plenty of wrestling this weekend so I'm not worried about that."

Strejc was referring to the Michigan Duals held in Bay City last Saturday, which brought together most of the perennial tough teams in the state.

Mach Mach scored the only victory for East in the match, winning a 9-3 decision at 140 against Lowell's Andy Oesch. East also won a match by forfeit as Lowell's Ryan

Dykhouse, recovering from an injury, sat out his match at 171.

Lowell's Rob Karasiewicz (112), Joe Mendez (130) and Jason Nearing (160) won their matches by pin. Matt Gillhespy (189) and Chris Jones (135) pinned their opponents for their first varsity wins.

Lowell's Kevin Frasier tallied his 100th career win for Lowell by a void at 145. Later that night he earned his 101st, winning a 13-4 major decision against Union's Justin Slagel.

Lowell won the match against Union 46-33. "Lowell's got a great team," Union varsity coach, Tom Barker said. "I'm glad Dave didn't throw the house at us."

Strejc said the match against Union was a good chance to wrestle a team it usually doesn't encounter during the season.

"We don't usually see teams that are as aggressive

and as physical as this Union team is and it was good for the kids to experience this type of wrestling," he said.

Union has a 2-0 record in the Grand Rapids City League and expects to win the rest of its league matches.

"Our team needs to wrestle Davison," Strejc said prior to the Michigan Duals. "That will be a good thing."

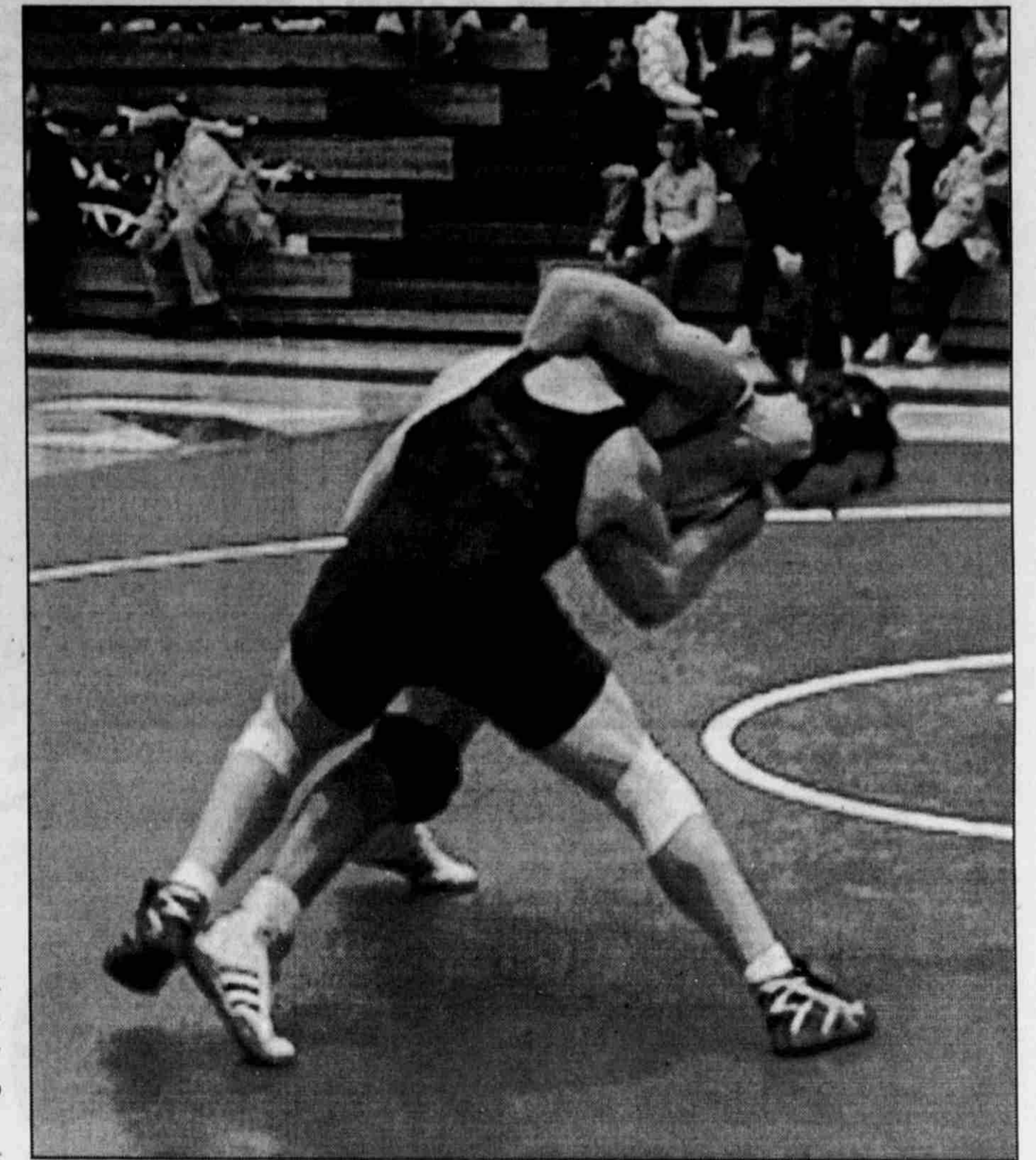
Lowell beat the Allegan Tigersharks 34-29 in their first match at the Duals.

"I thought we wrestled well for that," Strejc said. "And then we got demolished by Davison in the next match."

Davison beat Lowell 58-11. The Cardinals are the number-one-ranked team in Michigan and most polls put them in the top ten nationally.

"We learned a lot of things in that match, we needed that one," Strejc said. "Unfortunately, we didn't recover very well. We ended up losing to Gaylord 42-21."

That put Lowell against



Josh Vaught attempts a takedown against his Union High School opponent in the 189-pound contest last Thursday. Vaught lost by decision despite an impressive reversal in the third round.

Clarkston in a match for second place. Lowell won that match 39-33.

"It was a meat grinder but we have to get through that level of competition in order to get where we want to go," Strejc said. "That's why we went, we want to get tested early in the season."

Joe Mendez was undefeated Saturday, winning all his matches by decision.

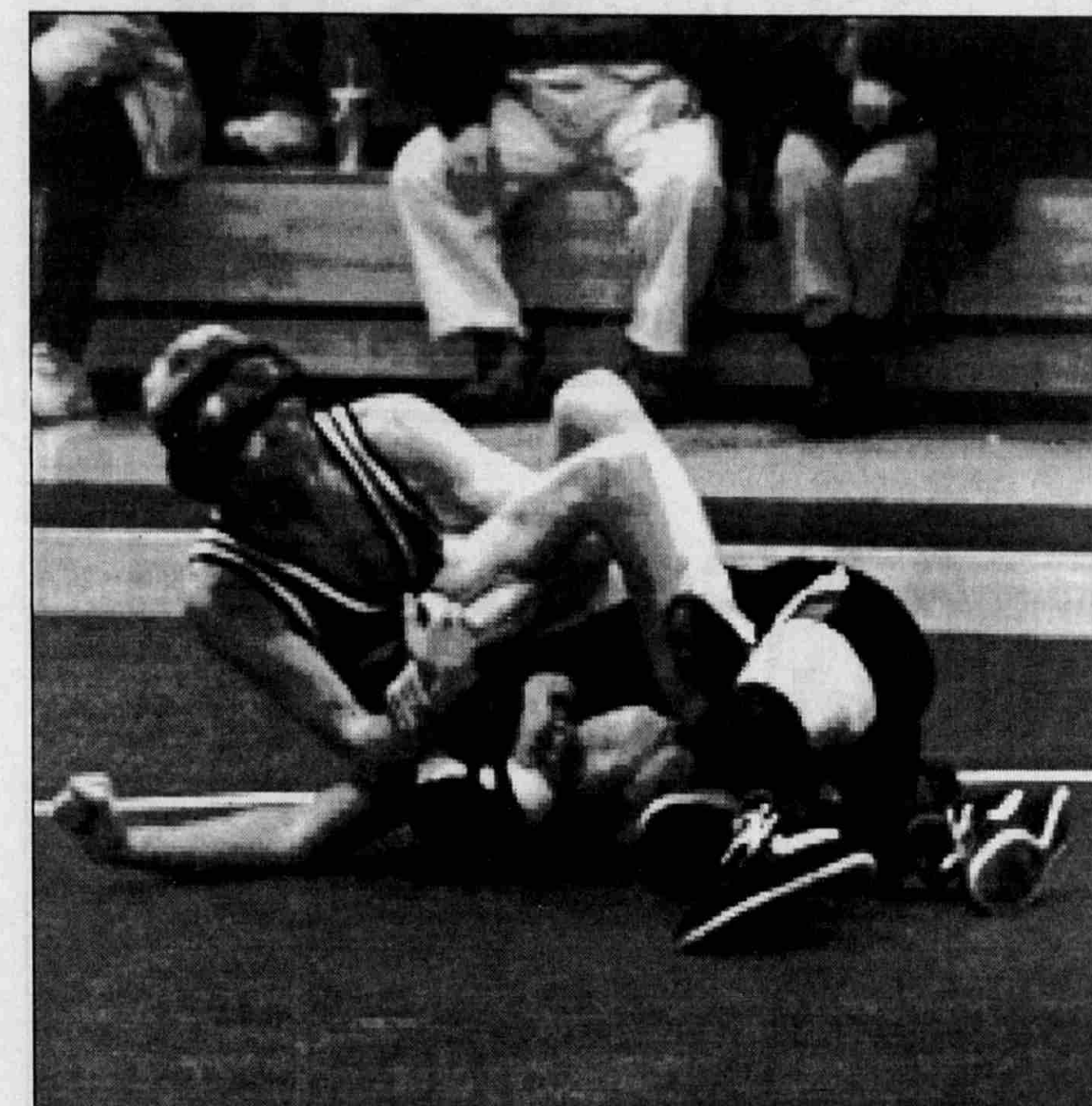
Davison won the Duals, with Lakewood and Dundee taking second and third.

This Saturday is the Gary Rivers Invitational at Lowell High School. Matches start at 9 a.m. The first Lowell match is the Lowell B team against Belding in match number eight. The Lowell A team starts the day against Coldwater in match number 10.

"If we win our pool (Saturday), we'll probably face Allegan again," Strejc said.

"They didn't like losing to us."

Other tough teams coming to Lowell Saturday include Hastings and Middleville.



Mike Nearing (119) works to turn over a Union opponent. Nearing won the match by pin.

### COLLEGE NEWS

The Central Michigan University football team played six members of its 2003 recruiting class. One of them was walk-on freshman Matt Foster, a 2003 Lowell High School graduate.

He was a place-kicker who displayed a strong leg in handling most of the kick-offs. Foster will return as kickoff man for the Chippewas in the 2004 season.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED  
USE OF 2004-2005 KENT COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on TUESDAY, January 20, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- Foreman Road (south side) Gee Drive to Creekside Park entrance sidewalk improvements CDBG \$43,199.00
- North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders. CDBG \$4,000.00
- Rockford Ambulance - Automatic Vehicle Locators. CDBG #2,000.00

The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$49,199.00 of its 2004-2005 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: Benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VERGENNES  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
December 15, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the November 17, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved. A list of invoices was also approved. Lowell community resident Dave Hildenbrand, a Republican candidate for the 86th District of the Michigan House of Representatives, addressed the Board and asked for consideration of support.

Motions approved:

- Motion to approve grant application to Lowell Area Community Fund for Alden Nash Corridor Study
- Motions to appoint Bill Schreur, Jr. and Keith Rittenger to three year terms on the ZBA ending in 2006
- Motion to appoint Rick Gillette to a three year term on the Planning Commission ending in 2006
- Motion to approve collection of millage on the Summer 2004 tax bills for Lowell Area Schools, Grand Rapids Community College, and Kent Intermediate School District

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is January 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

**LOWELL  
CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET HEARING NOTICE**

Please take notice that there will be a budget hearing on Monday, January 19, 2004 followed by a regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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In memory of my loving husband **Wayne Perry Thomas** who passed away one year ago, January 14, 2003.

He is sadly missed and loved by his wife Kathleen Thomas, & his daughters Debra Andrews, Teresa Cowley, Stephanie Birman, & Marjorie Hannon; his mother Jennie Thomas; his brother Richard & his sister Dorothy

**IN MEMORIAM**

In memory of **Larry Ray Bencker** April 17, 1957 - January 16, 1997

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# Hat tricks galore: Lowell-Caledonia pair up for hockey shot fests

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia Red Arrows took control of their league last Friday with a dramatic come-from-behind victory against Wayland. They followed it Saturday with another high-offense game.

"It was kind of a wild shootout weekend," coach Mike Ballard said. "We won

them both but it was kind of wild."

Going into the third period, Lowell-Caledonia was down 5-2.

"The first two periods they had us outnumbered," Ballard said. "They really came at us and played strong defense."

The Wayland coach had warned his players to stay on top of Ted McCoy from

Caledonia. They shut him out of the first two periods but he shot in three goals in the third for his fifth hat trick of the season. Cory Kelly had two goals. Brandon John and Will Holland had one apiece.

Lowell-Caledonia won the game despite getting outshot 31-22. The team now has a 3-0 record in league play. McCoy earned his sixth

hat trick of the season last Saturday against the Holt Rams. McCoy had five goals on the night.

Lowell had a three-point lead on a few occasions during the game, but the Rams managed to make it a one-point contest by the end. Lowell-Caledonia won 9-8.

"The whole weekend, both games, our goaltending

had problems," Ballard said. "David (Maylone) struggled all week."

Adding to the defensive problems for the Arrows was the separated shoulder Holland suffered in the Wayland game. Ballard had to move Pat McMahon back to defense, a position he hadn't played in a few years.

Cory Kelly scored three goals in the Holt game to earn his second hat trick of the season. Brandon John also had a goal in Saturday's game.

The Red Arrows take the ice again Friday against East Lansing followed by a Saturday game at West Ottawa. They play at Grand Rapids Central next Monday.

## Council meeting on Tuesday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

He was a man who inspired many, and in honor of his work, the Lowell City Council will not be meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The day, a national holiday, has been set aside to celebrate the teachings of the civil rights activist.

Those planning to attend the city council meeting should come to City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 20. "The council has traditionally recognized that day by holding its meeting the following day," said city manager, David Pasquale. Actually the council broke from tradition two

years ago, but decided last year to schedule its meeting around the day because of events honoring King.

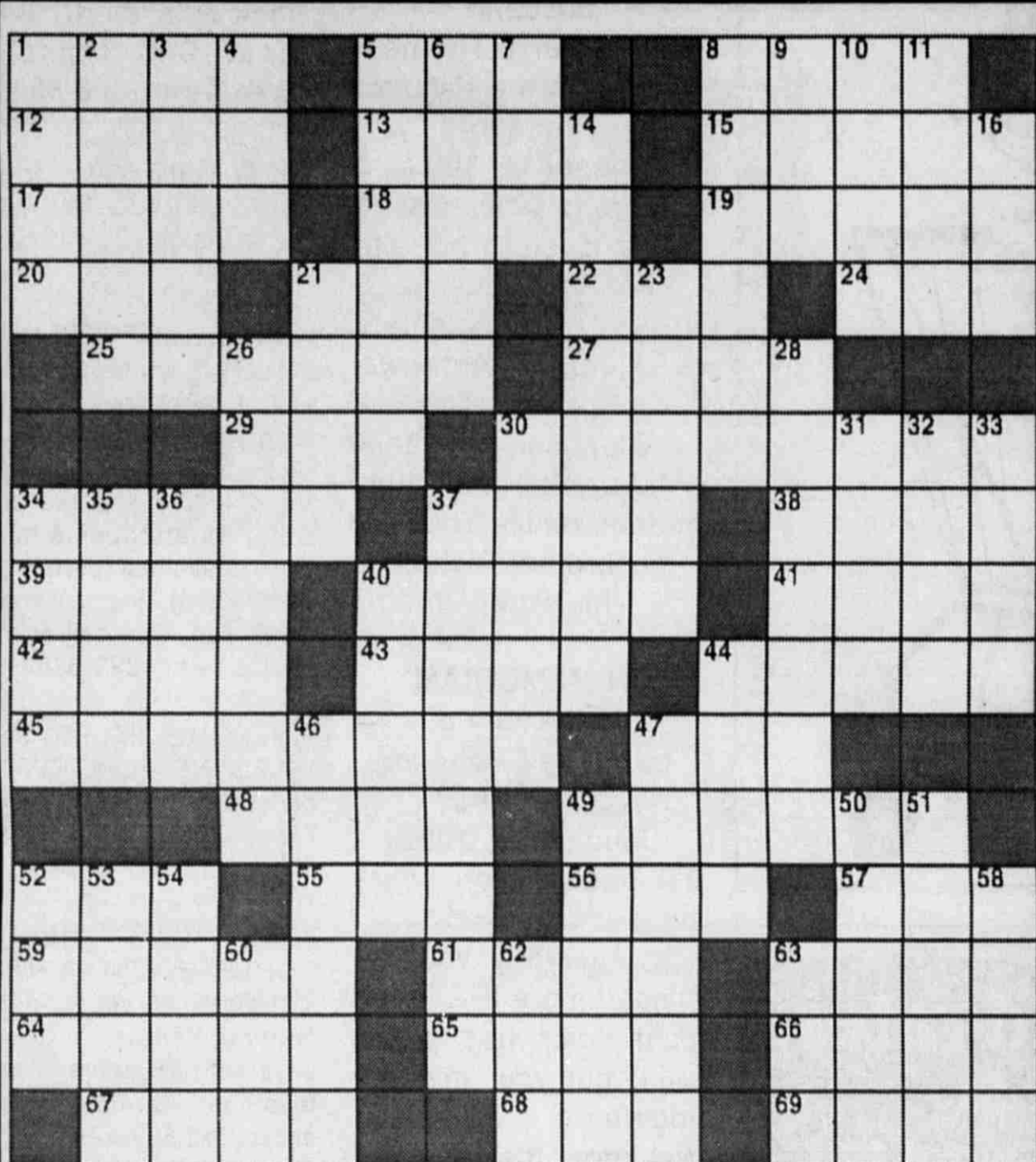
The change in the date is one of several which will occur this year. The council usually meets on the first and third Mondays of the month, except for certain holidays. Besides Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the council will meet on Feb. 17 in honor of President's Day (Feb. 16) and on July 6 in observance of Independence Day, July 4. Also, the council meets Sept. 7 to avoid conflict with Labor Day, which is Sept. 6. The council also tries to

avoid conflict with spring break, this year meeting on the fifth Monday in March, the 29th, rather than the first week of April, when the break is scheduled.

The council has a total of 24 regular meetings scheduled, which were unanimously approved at the first meeting of the year on Jan. 5.

The Lowell Planning Commission also alters its schedule for holidays. The commission meets on the fourth Monday of the month, except in December when there is no regular meeting scheduled due to Christmas.

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### ACROSS

1. Freight boat
5. Parent Teacher Association; abbr.
8. Reminded
12. Large burrowing rodent of S. and C. America
13. Aboriginal race
15. Advanced Sonar Data Indication Commission; abbr.
17. Newts
18. Restrain or constrain
19. Civil rights group
20. After B
21. Soviet Socialist Republic; abbr.
22. A digital tape recording of sound
24. Japanese ornamental tree with fragrant white or pink blossoms and small yellow fruit
25. Small bone of the inner ear
27. Freudian selfs
29. Vacation; shortened form
30. 13th-century holy wars
34. Insert mark
37. Foundation
38. Murre
39. Paul Bunyan's pets
40. "Who \_\_\_ to cross my path?"
41. Frock
42. The scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid; abbr.
44. A confusion of voices and other sounds

45. Peacefulness, calmness
47. The "teeth" on rotating gears (sing.)
48. Sound unit
49. Stroke
52. After Fri.
55. \_\_\_ and Peace
56. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
57. Sound of understanding
59. A citizen of Iran
61. Icelandic poems
63. Outer garments
64. Concerns
65. "Gosh \_\_\_ it!"
66. Small deer of Japan with slightly forked antlers
67. Sweet edible fruit with a single large woody seed
68. The cry made by sheep
69. Door handle

### DOWN

1. Specification; shortened form
2. Restaurants
3. Group of eight
4. No longer is
5. Astronomy unit
6. Ranks
7. Black tropical American cuckoo
8. Poem divisions
9. United States of America; abbr.
10. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
11. Andrew \_\_\_ Clay, comedian
14. Where submarines travel
16. Consumer Product Index; abbr.

21. Small fight, usually between couples
23. A chill or fit of shivering
26. Takes vengeance on behalf of
28. Highly seasoned minced meat stuffed in casings
30. A person who works with a carnival
31. Uninteresting
32. Irish Republic
33. Take a trip on a boat
34. An Indian unit of length having different values in different localities
35. A shaft on which a wheel rotates
36. Back side
37. Bargained; traded
40. Yugoslavian River
44. Cold wind
46. Not at all
47. Copa \_\_\_
49. Arthropod genus
50. Absorption unit
51. A stiff, cylindrical military dress hat with a metal plate in front, a short visor and a plume
52. Meaning intentionally misspelled or miswritten, used after a printed word or phrase
53. Rumanian city
54. Scarlett's home
58. As fast as can be done; abbr.
60. Used to capture birds, fish, butterflies, etc.
62. To apply with short, poking strokes
- 63.

## Girls' Soccer team to hold garage sale

The Red Arrow varsity girls' soccer team will hold a garage sale this weekend in the freshman center of Lowell High School. The sale will feature donated items such as clothing and housewares. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. The 16 girls on the team are raising money to take a spring break trip to Mexico for training. It will be the first time the girls team makes such a trip. The team is still accepting donated items for the sale. For information call Lori Gerard at City Hall. Items left unsold after the sale will be donated to Flat River Outreach ministries.

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