The Lowell Ledger

Merchant Group offers incentive to shop locally

By Dan Schneider

he Lowell Area Chamber Commerce Merchant Group has printed some yellow cards which are now available at various shops and eating establishments in Lowell.

They're the size of business cards and have a row of 12 ducks along the bottom. A purchase at any of the 12 participating businesses earns a punch. When all the ducks are punched, the card is worth 10 percent off at any of the establishments.

Springrove Variety, owned by Mike Sprenger, is one of the businesses participating. "They can punch it if they come in here all the time and then they can use it at any of the places," Sprenger said. "It's a win-win because one of the things we wanted to do is share customers. And it's Lowell, it's all Lowell."

The Merchant Group came up with the idea at a meeting about two weeks ago.

"One thing led to another and a half-hour later we had an idea; usually we don't flow that smoothly," Cliff Yankovich said. Yankovich is co-owner of Chimera Design, which is also participat-

Michelle Tava, owner of the Touch of Country furniture store, used a similar promotion when she opened her store. She handed out punchcards worth \$100 off for every \$1,000 spent at her store.

"It was just a promotion I did myself to get my business moving 10 years ago," Tava Away Family Fun Center, said.

her business comes from Ionia and Portland and other towns surrounding Lowell. She said she believes the cards will help stimulate business in Lowell, and not just in her store.

"I really think it's going to add an increase in sales over the year and the volume of traffic that's going to be downtown," Tava said.

Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, said the cooperative discount represents a strong commitment among Lowell businesses.

"These businesses that started it should be proud because they believe in it and they're passionate about it and that's why they chose Lowell," Baker said.

The other participating businesses are Cousin's Hallmark, Daisy's Floral, Dream Pieces, Flat River Grill, Larkin's Restaurant, Roll SandCastle Riverside, Sneak-Now, Tava said, a lot of ers and Touch of Country.

> In addition to the 10 percent discount, a full punchcard is entered in a drawing to win \$1,200 worth of gift certificates. The drawing will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4, after the Santa Parade. The winner receives gift certificates worth \$100 from each of the 12 businesses.



Cliff Yankovich, co-owner of Chimera Design, punches a yellow Shop Lowell card for Angie Carlson.

Lowell post office added to growing list of targets

- Recent break-ins across the state include several smaller towns

By Dan Schneider

he drop box in front of the Lowell post office was broken into last Wednesday night.

A postal employee discovered the break-in and mail theft early Thursday morning.

"Essentially, we went out early this morning and the lock was cut and, actually, the lock itself was gone," Lowell postmaster Gil Brown said last Thursday.

Collection boxes at the post offices in Ada and Ionia were also hit that night, according to Lowell police detective James Hinton. These are the most recent incidents in a string of postal drop box break-ins in small towns across Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

"It's run from all the way over near Grand Rapids, kind of a diagonal line across the state right on into the Saginaw Bay area," U.S. postal inspector Fred Van De Putte

Van De Putte said mail thieves typically have one of two motives. They look for cash, pre-approved credit

cards, and checks. The other motive is a crime that has risen to prominence more recently; the thieves can per-



Mail thieves cut the lock that secures the door of the drop box in order to steal the mail. This lock has replaced the one that was cut.

form identity theft using personal information gleaned from mail.

Brown said the Lowell post office collects about 400 pieces of mail during morning drop box collection. He encourages customers to drop off all mail before the last collection of the day which, in Lowell, is at 6 p.m. Hinton advises people to take quick action if mailed checks do not make it to their destination.

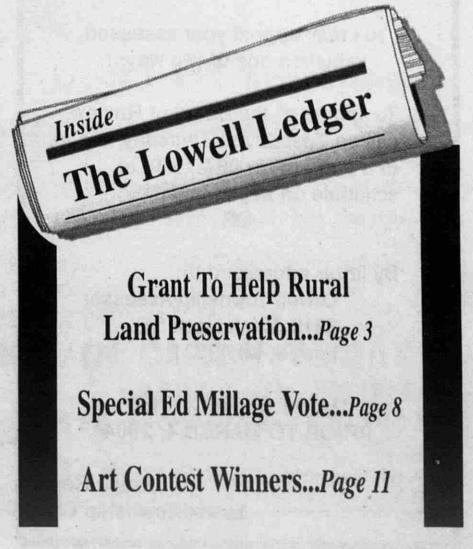
The break-ins have been occurring on a weekly basis since late January, Van De Putte said. There are typically three to five towns hit on each night of break-ins. Van De Putte said the break-ins occur around midnight. Small towns are targeted, he said, because they have less likelihood of witnesses.

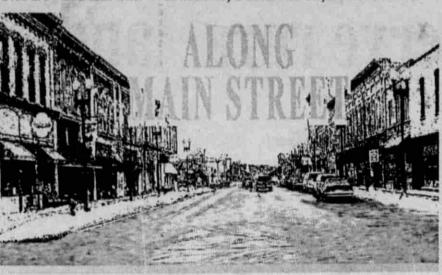
"In the middle of the night in a small town, there are not a lot of people around and perhaps not a lot of streetlights," Van De Putte said.

So far, there are no sus-

pects in the investigation. The Postal Inspection Service out of Detroit is offering a cash reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the break-ins. Witness accounts identify a teal Pontiac Grand Am or Grand Prix, with goldor bronze-trimmed wheels, as possibly being involved in the thefts.

Anyone with information should call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at (313) 226-8184. That line can be called 24 hours a day.





NEEDED: ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY

The Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry is in need of: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper pastas, etc. (not canned vegetables).

LAAC PLAY

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" by Thebes Players, Feb. 20 & 21 at Larkin's Other Place. Dinner & theater: \$21 -\$26; theater:\$8-\$10. For reservations call 897-8545.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

TOWNSHIP

The board of review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall on:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- To appear at the Board of Review, call on Tuesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (616) 897-7600, to schedule an appointment.
- By letter addressed to: Lowell Township/Assessor 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331

*MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO MARCH 4, 2004

> Linda Regan **Lowell Township Clerk**

WIGGLES & GIGGLES FAMILY NIGHT

TOTS Wiggles and Giggles Preschool family night will be Thursday, Feb. 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. \$1 per family; older

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Families with Multiples Support Group meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. Free childcare and refreshments. Call 897-1232 to register.

LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

The annual Lowell day buffet will be held Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club. Call Carmen (863) 683-9071 or Mary (863) 683-6336 for more information.

REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL

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NOTICE TOCREDITORS

The ERNEST J. SMUK TRUST, dated February 29, 2000

SSN: 380-01-4468

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the Trust may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, ERNEST J. SMUK, whose last known address was 1103 Eastwood Ave., S.E., East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, died on January 18, 2004.

The decedent was the Grantor of the ERNEST J. SMUK Trust. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004

AT 9:00 A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

FROM

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall

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Two fundraisers during the evening Lowell Middle School conferences will be held to assist with costs for the 8th grade East Coast trip. Monday, March 1 at Burger King, 4-7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 9 at McDonalds, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All proceeds go directly to help fund the students' trip.

The trailer for newspapers and phone books is at the Lowell High School by the loading dock for your convenience. Sponsored by the Lowell softball team.

against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting Trustee of the Trust, John Smuk, 1409 S. Bridge St., Belding, MI 48809, within four (4) months of the date of the

Notice is further given

publication of this Notice.

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FILE NO. 04-174-030-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS:** The decedent, ROGER

12-13-03.

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Community fund grant will help preserve rural land

By Dan Schneider

A \$50,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF) will help the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board get started preserving farmland. The county will preserve the land through its new Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. The grant funds will be used to preserve land in ship. Lowell and Vergennes town-

Land preservation has been a hot topic in the Lowell area for a while now, particularly in Vergennes Township, The township started its Open able." Space Citizens Committee in

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

It's enough to raise the

hair on the back of your neck,

grit your teeth, and just hope

that nothing tragic happens ...

ing the traffic during peak

times at the corner of Fore-

backed up to allow an east-

Northern Michigan Uni-

Brian J. Cowart, of Alto,

versity announced its dean's

list for the fall semester.

which ended December 2003.

qualified for this honor by

Northern Michigan Uni-

Hillary A. Smith, of

Lowell, has been named on

the dean's list for the 2003

fall semester at Grand Rap-

ids Community College. En-

earning a straight GPA of 4.0.

versity is located in

Marquette, Mich.

Whole lanes of cars are

man and Hudson.

that's the feeling when watch- of Wade-Trim.

COLLEGE NEWS

2000. This was in response to community interest in land LACF could give the land culation is based on the state- rights. preservation.

master plan, a survey was sent munity fund, a benefactor livout to the township's citi- ing in Vergennes has donated zens," committee member \$500,000 toward the preser- buying easements on farm- 30 application deadline. Two Marsha Wilcox said. "The vation of three farms in Ver- ers' property. The easements farms, with 101 total acres, citizens overwhelmingly said gennes and a farm in Grattan function like deed restrictions applied in Lowell Township. they would like to keep the Township. rural character of the town-

the county finally got the Pur-

preservation movement trac- average price of land devel-"When Vergennes did its tion. Independent of the com-

serve about 550 acres of land around for four years and then Wills said.

oncoming traffic just to make "Besides moving the problem the traffic flow really isn't

a turn. Planning commission to another corner, there is a lot going to solve the problem,

"What about moving the hicle street, which means the ternative to the Foreman/

traffic to Lincoln Lake and city would need to re-educate Hudson intersection, but the

making Foreman a no-left all the truck traffic to take that reality of that happening any-

turn?" Berry asked at the last route. Then there is just the time soon is slim, he said."It

planning commission meet- everyday vehicle traffic which is a difficult corner, especially

From the Alto area are

Evan Chamberlin, Dustin

Gless, Mark Hofmann,

Valerie Kunde, Molly

list, a full-time student must

have a grade point average of

12 hours or more of graded

Rogers did everything

that Fred Astaire did, but

she did it backwards and

-Faith Whittlesey

credit in any semester.

Remember,

in high heels.

To qualify for the dean's

Pickard and Jamie Toth.

member Garland Berry has of educating that would have Valentine said.

watched it for years. The city to take place," Valentine ex-

bound Foreman Street truck ing. A solution that Lowell would have to be redirected at peak traffic times," Valen-

Aquinas College has just 3.5 or above in a minimum of

has done traffic studies on plained.

to make a left onto Hudson. chief of police Jim Valentine and educated on other options. tine said.

rolled in the Culinary Arts

program, she is the daughter

announced its dean's list for

clude Sara Briggs, Jessica

Eimer, Megan Fleet, Am-

ber Graham, Sarah Happie,

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Lowell area residents in-

the summer/fall semester

of Rudy and Lori Smith.

the corner using Ed Swanson

gram works is by the county PDR program before the Jan. and stipulate that the land must to purchase the easements.

What would really help is

The city will continue to

review the situation at the

Foreman/Hudson intersec-

tion. Valentine is considering

having the department's

RSVP officers check counts

at various times in an infor-

mal study to help determine

what the city might do to help

alleviate the situation. "Inever

say never," Valentine said in

regards to the Lincoln Lake

option, but for now the resi-

dents along Foreman will have

to put up with the bottleneck

at the Hudson intersection.

the development of Ridgeview

For years, Lincoln Lake Drive as a through-street to

has been a no commercial ve- Gee Drive, offering a nice al-

The funding from the Preservation Board. Her cal-million worth of development

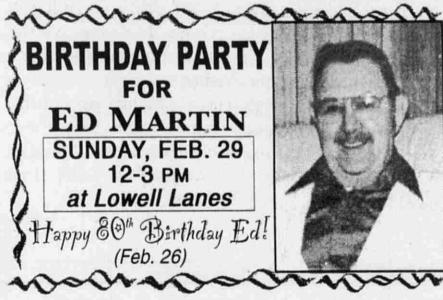
opment rights, \$2,000 per acre. seven farmers, owning a total The way the PDR pro- of 626 acres, applied for the

Farmland being consid-"We could potentially pre- always remain in agriculture. ered for preservation under The county uses federal funds PDR is evaluated based on its "There's been a lot of talk in the Lowell area," Kendra matched at the township level viability as farmland. It makes more sense to preserve the Wills works at the Kent With federal matching, the most profitable land. Factors chase of Development Rights County MSU Extension of- funds from the LACF grant taken into consideration inprogram in place but there fice and is the staff person for and Vergennes' benefactor clude soil quality and proximwasn't a lot of funding avail- the Kent County Agricultural will be able to purchase \$1.1 ity to other farms-large blocks of agricultural land are more structure such as water and get it started." Other trucks drive right into said probably wouldn't work. But in all honesty, changing

PDR is a new program. In Vergennes Township, and success in the Lowell area could be important to its fu-

> "We have the opportunity to be real trend setters in terms of putting our money where our mouth is on this," LACF advisory committee chair Kate Dernocoeur said. "Part of the discussion around this particular grant was that a lot of places are going to be watching. If this program gets launched and goes, it will go elsewhere."

"The whole credibility of the program . . . is really probably going to weigh on this valuable to farming than iso- first year," Wills said. "We're lated farms. The criteria also not going to keep coming back values municipal investment, to these funders year after year Intersection still problem area for city giving lower priority to land situated near existing infrawe're just looking for help to

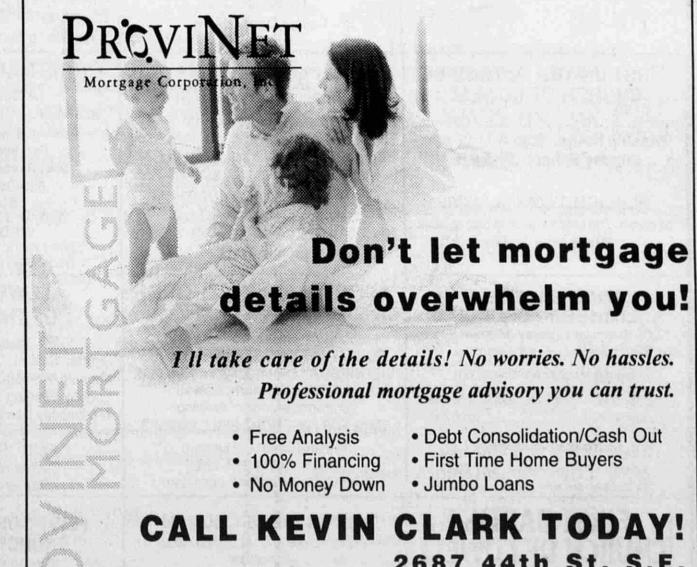


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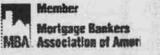


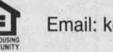
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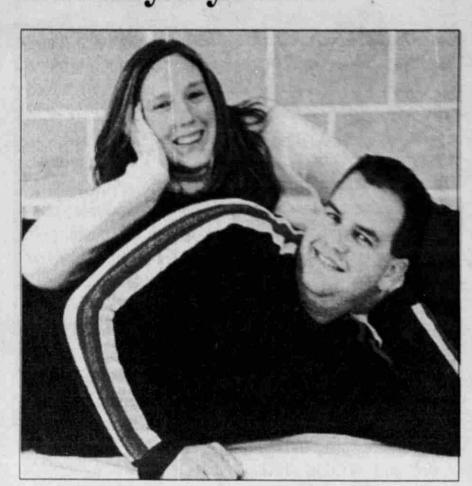
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Tousley/Bykerk



Kara Tousley and Garry Bykerk.

ding are Kara Tousley and Garry Bykerk.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jackie Tousley of Lowell and the late Paul Tousley. She is a graduate of Covenant Christian High Lowell High School and cur- School.

Announcing their plans rently attends Grand Rapids for a September 25, 2004 wed- Community College. She will graduate spring 2004 with a degree in nursing.

The future groom is the son of Linda and Garry Bykerk of Jenison. He is a graduate of



Bellomy/Karp

Tabora Mechelle Bellomy and Thomas Joseph Karp.

Tabora Mechelle Bellomy daughter of Carol and Leroy and Thomas Joseph Karp, both Carlson. The groom-elect is of Lowell, will marry in a the son of Thomas and body. June 19, 2004 ceremony.

The future bride is the

Marilyn Karp.

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Of Faith

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A few places of business in West Michigan have adopted an unusual way of calling attention to themselves: they have a sign out front, but it's installed upside down. You can still read what it says, but it grabs your attention because it's so out of the ordinary. At least, I think that's why they do it. I can't believe it's simply an oversight. And no, I don't have the nerve to call them up and say, "Excuse me, but did you know your sign is upside down?"

In a sense, that might serve as a reminder to us who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. His values are certainly upside down. Well, no, really, they are right side up. It's the rest of the world that has its head on wrong. But the world's way of thinking is so pervasive that when someone comes along and challenges it, he is accused of being a sandwich or two short of a full picnic. (Even his own family thought this about Jesus. See Mark 3:20-21.)

Jesus told us that winning is losing, that the first shall be last, that greatness is about making yourself a servant to others. He commanded His followers to bless their enemies instead of cursing them, to get revenge by heaping kindness on their persecutors. He told grown men to look up to a child, as an example of great faith. He didn't just say upside down things, either. His greatest victory, His crowning achievement, was when He hung on the Cross, an apparent failure; "He saved others, but he can't save himself!" was the shameful mock His enemies made before His wracked and dying

One would expect that the followers of this topsy-turvy Messiah would be more than "a bubble off level" too. He has saved us by His sacrifice, and gratefully we follow. But the more we come to know Him, the more we yield to His control, the more our lives will look crazy. Our choices will reflect His values. We aren't perfect, we're still under construction; but our prayer as Christians should be, "God, teach me which end is up! Don't let me settle for the orientation dictated by the

Some will laugh us to scorn. Some will say, "Excuse me, did you know you're upside down?" And some might just get their curiosity piqued to take a closer look—and then you can point them to the Savior.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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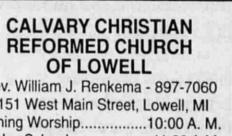
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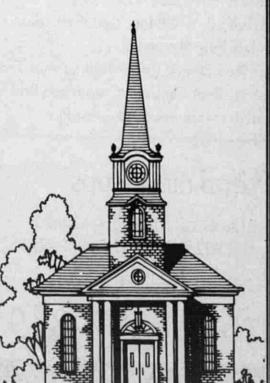
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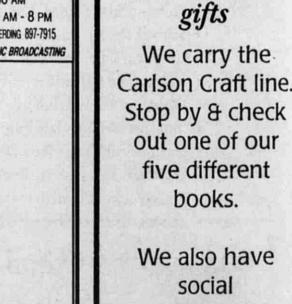


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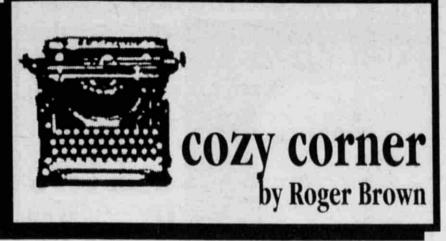
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snakes. Oh, and heights are a bit of a problem as well. For her not to come. Through the sobs Boog exclaimed, "But I others it can be spiders, flying, confined spaces, the dark, public speaking, etc.

community has assigned Latin based names. Arachnophobia, the fear of spiders, is the only one I can remember, and that's only because there was a popular movie with that mouthful as its title. Latin is not my strong suit, and that is one reason I'm the money was on the coffee table. not a doctor. That, and a lack of tuition money, brains, desire and a bedside manner.

Aside from the more common fears, there are some pretty weird ones. One of the Ledger staff is afraid of clowns. I always thought that was pretty strange, until recently. I was watching an old "Seinfeld" re-run in which Kramer confessed to a fear of clowns. Now I'm wondering if this fear of clowns is a more common phobia than I imagined. Maybe it needs a name. How about Bozophobia or Clarabellephobia?

Possibly the strangest phobia I've ever heard of came to my attention just recently. And wouldn't you know, it is a family member who is stricken with it. There are some pretty weird genes in the Brown DNA.

At about that age a few things begin to happen. You start school. You try riding on two wheels. You begin losing your Sometimes I'm glad they live in China.

actual shedding of enamel that is the problem. It is the night to keep the sign on his bedroom door, Boog screamed, time visit from the Tooth Fairy that has the poor little guy "FOREVER!" The money was on the coffee table the next petrified.

Nobody can figure out what this paranoia stems from. Boog's older sister, Jim, has been going through the process of losing teeth and collecting cash from under her pillow for a couple of years. They sleep in the same bedroom. It seems like Boog would be okay with the process. Apparently not when it comes to his teeth and his pillow.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear taxpayer, they all want your money. Based upon

On Feb. 24, the Kent Intermediate School District wants to

recent newspaper articles, many different school/governmen-

tal units are going to request additional millage (property tax)

add 1 mill to the existing 3.79 mills that you already pay. This

will cost you an extra \$50 per year for every \$100,000 of your

property's taxable value. This extra mill may be perpetual.

System wants to renew an existing .88 mills. This will cost you

\$42 per year for every \$100,000 of your property's taxable

value. They are also seriously considering asking for an extra

millage amount, and to make the library system millage

Letters, Letters, Letters...

perpetual. You will get to pay it forever.

In August and/or November, the Kent District Library

To The Editor,

from you in 2004.

You get to pay it forever.

daughter walked him through the procedure. You put the tooth under your pillow, the Tooth Fairy comes while you are sleeping, takes the tooth and leaves money. At this, Boog, who is a typical all-boy, no-fear, full-speed-ahead, who cares, tough little boy ... broke down into sobs and cried that he didn't want the Tooth Fairy in his bedroom. Go figure?

After my daughter consoled him and got him settled down, she tried to coerce Boog into going along with the tradition. He would have nothing of it and broke down every time the subject was broached. When dad came home from work, they tried again, with the same terrified results. The We all have our demons. For me it's pretty normal ... parents finallysaid they would call the Tooth Fairy and tell want my money!"

A workable plan was devised in which an elaborate sign These, and others, are fairly common phobias the medical was placed on Boog's bedroom door. It read something like, "Dear Tooth Fairy, Boog's tooth is downstairs on the coffee table. Please take it and leave the money there. Don't come in the bedroom." The next morning the tooth was gone and

A week or so later, Boog had another loose tooth. His dad tried and tried to convince Boog to let him pull it. Nothing doing. His dad tried allsorts of bribery, such as a new toy or a special trip to the restaurant for ice cream. No way. Finally, his dad said he'd do jumping jacks in the street wearing just his underwear. No, those aren't my genes, but I guess he's a pretty good fit with the family.

At this suggestion, Boog dashed off to the bathroom and began wildly brushing his teeth, which is how he lost the first tooth. When that didn'twork, the parents heard him in there grunting and groaning for several minutes. Finally, he rushed out proudly holding the tooth. Dad stripped down and dutifully went out in the street for his calisthentics. It just so My grandson, Boog, just turned five a month or so ago. happened that friends had toilet-papered their house the night before, so neighbors and passersby got an extra eyeful.

Again the Tooth Fairy issue was broached. Again came Losing his teeth is the basis of Boog's phobia. It's not the the same terrified response. When asked how long they had

I have seen kids scared to death by department store Santa's, but this Tooth Fairy thing is a first for me. I guess when you think about some stranger creeping into your bedroom at night and messing around with things right under your pillow as you sleep, Boog's fears may not be totally unfounded. Still, a kid afraid of the Tooth Fairy has to be a Boog lost his first tooth a couple of weeks ago. My little weird. His grandpa wouldn't want him any other way.

In August and /or November, Kent County wants to add a

Sometime in 2004, Kent County is planning to ask for a

new .50 mill tax to pay for a new 911 dispatch system. This

will cost you \$25 per year for every \$100,000 of your property's

taxable value. This new millage is planned for 25 years.

millage issues for your local city, township, schools, etc.

All of the above will say that they are a worthy cause.

If you are a property owner and taxpayer, you might want

D. B. Simmonds

to make sure that you are involved and that you vote on these

Maybe they are, but when will it end? How many more

requests for your money are coming? What is the impact on

This new millage is planned for 25 years.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 19, 1879**

A Senate bill that would weaken insurance sold by secret societies to their members has been defeated.

The West Lowell and Segwun debating clubs will meet to argue Resolved, that the male sex exercises greater control over the destinies of mankind than the female.

The coal mine at Corunna increases production to 80 tons

The University of Michigan has 1,372 students, more than any other American university.

Pres. Hayes appoints a commission to check uniformity of U.S. coins at the various mints.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 18, 1904**

Right-of-way is completed for the Ionia, Grand Rapids and Owosso Railway. Construction bids will be let within 10

The Lowell State Bank will be closed on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22.

The plate glass front of Weyrick's new building was too large to ship by boxcar, so was sent on a flat car.

The cold weather has killed thousands of quail in Michi-

Scarlet fever and German measles are going around.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **FEBRUARY 21, 1929**

Prospects of a contest for village offices draw 127 to the

Subscribers who still send \$1.50 for the six-page "local edition," an offer which expired last year, will receive credit

for nine months. Correspondents are reminded to just give the names of those visited, rather than saying "at the home of ...

new .55 mill tax to pay for a new zoo. This will cost you \$27 The present law of life sentences for fourth-time liquor per year for every \$100,000 of your property's taxable value. offenders is in process of change to a lesser penalty. Standard Oil Co. doubles its advertising contract with the

Ledger, to 10,000 lines in 1929.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 18, 1954**

Lylia Johnson, Orval McKay and Douglas Oatley are the Of course, you may also be asked to support additional new trustees, nosing out veteran incumbents Wm. Christiansen and L.W. Rutherford. There were 275 voters.

Superior Furniture Co. again reports a year of no losttime accidents Sylvester Bibbler and Henry Geldersma report seeing 17

deer in a herd. Lowell Light and Power brings welcome lighting to the

new Boy Scout cabin. Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. of Michigan pioneers in

providing group life insurance to members of Farm Bureau

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 21, 1979**

James B. and Berdie Cook are named the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple by the Michigan Milk Producers Asso-

February was cold. For the first time in history, four of the five great lakes are frozen over.

TV weatherman Buck Matthews will also host a new weekly show featuring West Michigan. The Vergennes Cooperative Club starts its 65th anniver-

Township Board of Review notices fill most of a page.

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PLAN AHEAD

It is the middle of winter in Michigan and this year actually looks and feels like it. That is why it might seem a bit early to be concerned about spring, summer and fall activities at this time. But, as an example, spring turkey hunting applications were due on Feb. 1. I almost missed that one because of some unusual distractions.

game in many western states are due before the snow melts here. Contact the respective state fish and wildlife manage- interest. ment departments to get details.

travel shows take place around the state. Watch for dates and locations through the media.

Grand Rapids on Feb. 20, 21 and 22 features outfitters from around the world. Hunts can be booked on the internet, by mail, or over the phone, but meeting the outfitter or representative in person allows an opportunity to size-up personalities. It also provides a chance to chat with old friends if an outfitter you hunted with in the past attends the

Several boat and fishing shows present new gear and often have seminars to offer new techniques and tackle as well as providing basic information to newcomers. Every year I come away with at least one new idea to try the next

One show that probably comes close to having something for everybody is the Outdoorama Family Sport and Travel Show at the Novi Expo Center Feb. 25 - 29. I plan to get to that one for the first time this year.

Recreational vehicle shows take over civic centers as well as shopping malls in the area. I have found, however, Special unit hunts and non-resident applications for big that shows specifically for recreational vehicles or boats tend to feature mostly high-end units, which is okay if that is your

In any case, these shows provide an opportunity to get February and March are when most hunting, fishing and out and research warm weather activities and talk with industry people and others about common interests. Outdoor type people are generally eager to share their experiences and The Huntin' Time Expo West at the Delta Plex Arena in offer advice about their favorite pastimes.

Plan ahead, make some decisions, and you can hit the ground running when the sun shines again.





If you see this wonderful lady, be sure to wish her a Нарру 75⁴

Birthday on February 22, 2004.

SHARI MILLER

Lowell Schools Superintendent



The Freshman Center at the high school has provided an extra boost for many freshmen. In a recent survey, parents indicated that their students felt safe in the Center and are comfortable contacting their teachers.

A high percentage of parents and students are pleased with the block scheduling. Parents feel that block scheduling gives students more quality time with teachers. Parents also indicated that the Freshman Center is a great way for students to make the transition from middle school to high school.

The survey also provided helpful feedback for staff members. The Freshman Center is staffed by two teams of teachers that meet together regularly to review student needs and to discuss curriculum and opportunities for joint projects that incorporate the same theme in the different content areas. Parents also expressed an interest in providing students with test taking skills and more computer classes. Overall, parent comments were very positive.

Freshmen are also seeing academic gains with 65 percent

earning a 3.0 or better. The staff members in the Freshman Center continue to work toward their goals for this year: to establish a safe and caring environment for freshman students with a rigorous academic standard.

Thanks to our staff, students, and parents for their efforts in making the Lowell High School Freshman Center a suc-

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@remc8.k12.mi.us. (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)

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Freshmen students of the month, front row, left to right: Brittany Balyeat, Stephanie Kempker and Kelsey Koewers; back row are: Rachel Brinks, C.J. Huisman, Colin Rich, Mike McElroy. Not pictured is Shay Hacker.

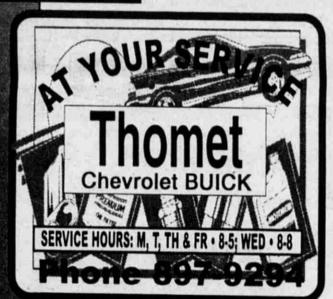
Freshman Students of the Month, from left to right, are: Justin Harden, Austyn Foster and Jordan Blanchard.

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Special ed millage vote to be held next week

By Dan Schneider

ate School District (KISD) special education millage proposal. If passed, the proposal funding.

A special election will be amount to about \$400,000 for the district expenditures on ery thousand dollars of tax set the difference between the million actual cost of special educaone mill to compensate for money allotted. Connie care of the excess spending on raised by property owners in shortfalls in special education Gillette, Lowell Area Schools special ed," Gillette said.

The increase would personnel and finance, said amounts to one dollar for ev Lowell Area Schools. The required special education able property value. The money would go into the programming exceed state and owner of a \$100,000 house district's general fund to off- federal reimbursement by \$1.4 would have to pay \$50 more

"We are currently using tion, and federal and state general fund dollars to take assistant superintendent for A one mill increase trict would go to LAS. The

the Lowell Area School Dis-

rest would go to Grand Rapids Public Schools and KISD. Grand Rapids Public Schools receives this portion because it provides several special education services to all of the If the proposal passes, 80 districts in Kent County, inpercent of the millage money cluding Lowell.

"If we had to bring these programs into our district, it would be very, very expensive," Gillette said.

KISD provides transportation and some administrative services to special education throughout the county.

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, ETHEL W. SYTSMA, also known as WINIFRED SYTSMA, who lived at 7955 Byron Center Ave. S.W., Byron Center, Michigan, died August 3, 2003. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the ETHEL W. SYTSMA Living Trust originally dated December 27, 1991, as amended, will be forever

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LEGAL NOTICES Countywide cable access program encourages children to read

By Dan Schneider

Area Schools are participating in a countywide effort to get kids interested in read- Hernandez, an elementary

Shari Miller read "Donde the Wild Things Are" in En-Los Monstruos Viven" in glish. the BCTV studio at Byron

Giving Tree." Readings by all walks of life read.

Miller and Kasmer will air this Friday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. Officials from Lowell on Lowell Cable channel 20 and on Comcast channel 24. Before Miller's reading, Jesus principal from Wyoming Pub-LAS superintendent lic Schools, will read "Where

Broadcast of the half-hour tion. Center High School. The television segments, collecstory is a Spanish transla- tively called "Read Today, tion of the children's book Lead Tomorrow," began sistant superintendent for Grand Rapids Griffins and fort. curriculum and instruction, Rampage players. The idea is read Shel Silverstein's "The to show kids that people from

"From an individual-student perspective, there is nothing more important than reading to leading an educated, said. Napp, superintendent of Byron Center Public Schools, is co-chair of the literacy committee of the Kent Intermediate Superintendent's Associa- ity of life issue."

intendent of Lowell Area Schools and current superin-"Where the Wild Things Monday. Readers include tendent of Grand Rapids Pub- ducing themselves, then read Are" by Maurice Sendak. community leaders, media lic Schools, is also a strong their books. The camera fo-Mark Kasmer, LAS as- people, school leaders and proponent of the literacy ef- cuses on the books to enable

"I see it as a wonderful collaborative effort between a rural (school) system and an urban system and a lot of other fulfilled life," Howard Napp systems," Bleke said. "The message is you have to do a good job of reading if you want to be successful and also reading is an important qual-

The programs will air ev-Burt Bleke, former super- ery weekday at 4 p.m. through March, which is reading month. Readers start by introchildren to read along.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of February 9, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Hansen reported that this is a very busy time for students with many groups such as Model UN, Business Professionals of America, and FFA involved in competition events. The high school musical will take place at the end of March. Student Council members recently participated in a leadership conference held at the high

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the Middle School Character Award Winner - Luke Thompson,

Cherry Creek Character Award Winner - Sawyer Buck - 3rd

Cherry Creek Character in Action Winners - Connor Swift, Jordan VandenHout, Spencer Plattner, Ian Larson, Nick DeVito, Samantha Deiss, Bryleigh Loughlin, Meghan Plutschouw, Madelynn Willemstein, Kendra Whittemore, Justin Castro, Reece Fox, Laura Christiansen, Lexie Bocskey, Hannah Churches, Tyler Organek, Brianne Warren, Kacie Foster, Kate Olgren, Megan Montgomery, Katie Church, Kortney Beachler, Max Ligman, Ethan Sutton, Hannah Green, Heather Dimmick, Charlotte Hayden, and Cody Clark.

Alto Spelling Bee Winner - Max Forton, 5th grader

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Brent Noskey recognized Carmon Reynolds as Cherry Creek's Staff Member of the month.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION -

Community Wellness Program - Community Wellness Director, Jessica Johnston, and Patty Siegel from the YMCA gave a brief presentation of the Get Moving, Get Healthy program that the YMCA is offering to the community. Reagan also announced that February is Children's Dental Health

Strings Program - Carol Drenth and Marti DeYoung gave a brief update on the Strings Program being offered to 6th graders this year. The students performed for audience members prior to the Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following Gifts:

- Anthony Ellis donation of equipment valued at \$3270 to be used by the sheet metal technology program at Lowell High
- Brenda Buck donation of Mary Kay products valued at \$200 to be use by the Drama Department. L&A Rent-All donation of a 1/2 day free rental and drop-off
- of a woodchipper valued at \$200 to be used by the Environmental Club Community Christmas tree shredding.

fundamentally correct swing valued at \$500 to be used by the \$74 per student will be cut from the per pupil foundation

stuffed animals, and plastic train set valued at \$50 to be used CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted/awarded were:

* Minutes of January 12, 2004 Special and Closed Meeting, and January 12, 2004 Regular and Closed Meeting

* The following payment of bills for January 2004: GENERAL FUND SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund B. Athletic Fund 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

Scholarship Fund

- * Personnel New Hires: Angela Harder Alto Kindergarten Teacher (1/2 time)
- Brent Noskey Murray Lake Elementary Principal * Election workers for February 24, 2004 special election * Call for regular election to be held on June 14, 2004
- * Schools of Choice Resolution * Common Calendar Resolution
- * Tax Sheltered Annuity program
- * Commodity Consortium Resolution

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION UPDATE Larry Mikulski reported that transportation services provided by Dean Transportation for special education students this year are

Committee established that will be conducting a community forum on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room to discuss potential walk zones and additional

transportation cost-cutting measures for next year.

EDUCATION YES! REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the building report card grades the State released for the district. The composite grades are as follows: Alto (B), Bushnell - no grade, Cherry Creek (C), Middle School (B), and High School (B). Unity did not have the "required" number of students taking the test to receive a complete report card and Bushnell has

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Jim White reported that about 500 people attended the open house at Murray Lake Elementary on Saturday, January 17. The building is progressing on schedule. A playground committee has been meeting to establish needs for the new elementary building.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie * Judy Moleski donation of a golf training aid to help develop a Gillette reported that the latest information from Lansing is that

allowance for the 2003-04 school year as opposed to the \$84 per Becky, Jake, and Tess Reagan donation of Beanie Babies, student that was included in the budget amendment in January. Natural gas, water, and electric prices will be increasing and the district will keep a close watch on these added expenses. The last mediation session was held on January 15. The union's bargaining representative, Mike Stephens, has asked that the mediation session scheduled for this week be postponed.

> PUBLIC COMMENTS - Susan Dues asked for information \$ 1,118,820.09 regarding custodial staffing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller presented a resolution announcing February 8-14 as Principals' Week to Scott Vashaw, Marlene Heemstra, Linda Warren, Mary Anr Schramm, Maureen Dorough, and Karen Burd and expressed her appreciation to these administrators. Shari thanked the 6th grade Strings students who performed before the Board meeting. There was an article in the Grand Rapids Press on the Ooey Gooey Greetings, a student business started by teacher, Deb Greenhoe. Congratulations to the FFA teams in the district competition. The district telephone system will be updated to include voice mail with funding through the bond. The district has met with the LESPA leadership and custodians to discuss the cost-cutting measure of outsourcing night custodial positions. This could be accomplished through attrition with all current custodians keeping their jobs. The savings from this measure is \$40,000. Shari is very impressed with the new Freshman Center and the work of the staff members to support students. Congratulations to Brent Noskey who was the best candidate going very well. Larry also reported that there is a Transportation for the new Murray Lake Elementary Principal. Mark Kasmer will continue to monitor the ED YES! grades, and the district will work on improved student achievement.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop Monday, February 23, 2004 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 8, 2004 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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Serviceman deployed to Arabian Gulf Region

1996 Lowell High School graduate, will be deploying with the USS McFaul (DDG-74) this month. LTJG Uzarski has served as the Training and Readiness officer aboard the Norfolk, Virginia-based naval destroyer since May 2003. This will be his second deployment to the Arabian Gulf Region (Iraq/Iran/Saudi Arabia) in the last two years.

USS McFaul will be deploying with the WASP Expeditionary Strike Group supporting the War on Terrorism and Iraqi Freedom. USS McFaul is expected to be deployed for 7-8 months. While

tative of McFaul's captain while on McFaul's bridge (locontrolled). He will also stand watch as the Air Warfare coordinator, directing and monitoring the ship's weapons and made radar while protecting it from enemy planes and missiles.

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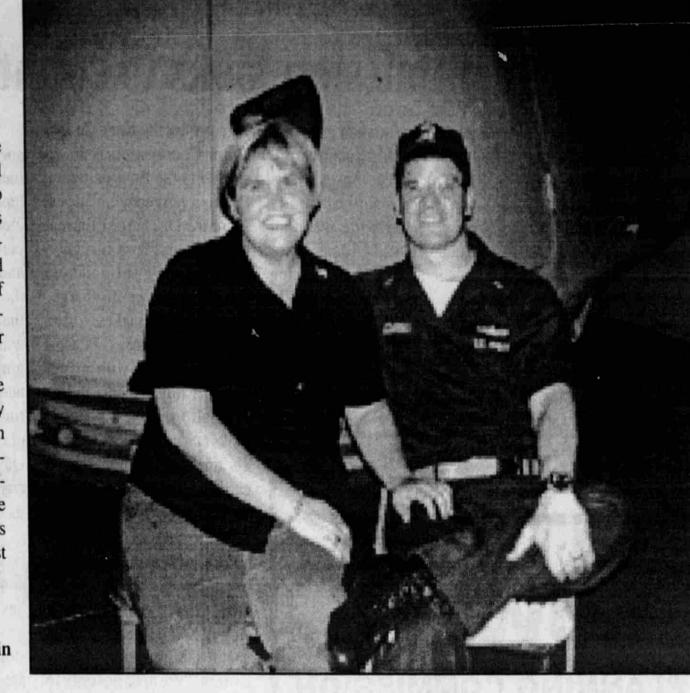
ter on a typical day.

LTJG Joel S. Uzarski, a deployed, LTJG Uzarski will people from all over the stand Officer of The Deck United States and several watch as the direct represen- other countries, she has a top speed of 30+ knots and is equipped with both Tomacation from where the ship is hawk and Anti-Air Standard missiles, making her one of the most armed and techni-

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At right, LTJG Uzarski and his wife of four years, Heather. They currently live in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their two dogs, Buddy and Holly.

> a box of Good & Plenty, produced by Hershey Foods. At lunch time, you quickly eat a sandwich and wash it

down with a soft drink produced by PepsiCo. Then, you're off to run an errand. First, you stop at a cash machine operated by Bank of America. Next, you call your spouse on your Nokia cell phone to find out what type of school supplies you are supposed to pick up for your child, after which you zip off to the nearest Walgreen's.

Back at work, you return some calls, relying on technology provided by SBC Communications. Before you know it, the day is over, and you're headed home. On the way, you stop for gas at your neighborhood Mobil, part of Exxon Mobil. Then, you remember that you need to pick up your window blinds, so you drive to Home Depot.

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Furthermore, an investment professional can help you look beyond the internal characteristics of a stock to determine if it fits in with your overall portfolio. Will it add to your diversification? How will it affect your risk level? Can it actually help you meet your long-term objectives? In short, does it meet your needs?

When you invest, keep this rule in mind: Buy what you know-and know what you're buying. By following this basic guideline, you'll help yourself avoid a lot of "wrong turns" in

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE on

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 -**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 8 -12 NOON TO 4 P.M. 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M. (EVENING HRS BY APPT. ONLY)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004 -12 NOON TO 5 P.M.

For the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of (2) ways: By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 5, or

by appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets. The tentative real property assessment ratios

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Planning commission looks to county model stormwater ordinance

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

not sure how to do it yet.

quality. The group has been Lowell City Hall. discussing the issue since July

and last month had a presentogether by the Kent County tation from Jim Smalligan, of Drain Commission is in re- specifically details require-

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr sponse to the Environmental and Huber. Smalligan's com- Protection Agency's National It is something the city of pany helped write the Kent Pollution Discharge Elimina- cluding the development of a Lowell needs to address, ad- County Model Ordinance for tion System Phase II regulamitted planning commission storm water. The planning tions. It is designed to address and recovery for damages to chair Clark Jahnke ... he's just commission is expected to the storm water discharges the system. These are items into the nation's lakes, rivers, that Williams and Works, The issue is stormwater storm water at its upcoming streams and oceans. Phase I run off and ultimately water Monday night meeting at the of the plan dealt with waste- gineer, said the city would water treatment plants and in- need to address before put-The model ordinance put dustrial discharges; phase II ting such an ordinance in looks at such items as fertiliz- place. Williams and Works ers and soil erosion that is Dave Austin suggested the carried into waterways like city try to fit the ordinance to the Flat River via stormwater its own needs.

> "Water quality is some- is to break areas into specific thing we all need to think zones: Zone A are areas that about as our population grows have had little development and grows," said planning or changes to the natural commission member Sherry stormwater system; Zone B Grimm. "We need not only to are areas which have had think about it here, but all some development; and Zone

ments for storm water maintenance and enforcement in- ways. permit for developers, fees

which serves as the city's en-

Most of the city of Lowell ing directly connected imperceed the capacity of the down-suit stream system.

Another aspect of the plan pointed out that a plethora of ment. people from engineers to bi-

The 36-page document C are highly urbanized areas ologists to lawyers had extenthat have had significant sively reviewed the document modification of the drainage in committee and subcommit-

> But what to take and how would fall into the Zone C to fit it is the question. The area with suggestions for city of Lowell is actually the storm water management be- recipient to much of what ing the use of sediment ba- comes into the Flat River sins, maintaining and enhanc- which winds its ways through ing buffer strips, and reduc- surrounding communities.

Smalligan suggested the vious areas. Also bank ero- city could make a statement sion and flood control mea- by incorporating policies on sures would be that storm stormwaterrun-offthat would water runoff should not ex- encourage others to follow

The planning commission The Lowell Planning opted to study the model ordi-Commission didn't feel com- nance more and determine fortable with just adopting the what direction the city should model ordinance outright, take in regards to standards, even though Smalligan permits, fees and enforce-

CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Section 4.07 of Chapter 4, "Fences and walls" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk 616-897-8457

Public hearing set on new fence and paved driveway regulations

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

and months later, the Lowell Planning Commission will

Monday at 7 p.m at the Low- picket fence across her front to the top of the fence with the ell City Hall, the commission yard. The current ordinance posts not counting unless the is scheduled to review two didn't allow for it and after zoning enforcement officer It started out as a request ordinance changes. One deals reading it, Fleszar-Smith determines the post obstructs to put in a white picket fence. with fences and walls; the found several items a bit convision. Several meetings, revisions, other with driveways being fusing, i.e., how the fence is

Resident Candice planning commission last At its upcoming planning spring in regards to a variance commission meeting set for to allow her to install a white

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for February.

measured.

Under the proposed changes, fences 50 percent mission will review the solid or less could not be more change that will require the than four feet in height in the construction of a hard surface front yard or six feet in height driveway to any new primary in any other area. Fences accessory building or addigreater than 50 percent solid tion to an existing one. Drivecannot exceed a height of three ways would be required to be feet. Fences would be mea- a minimum of 10 feet in width

Also up will be revisions on paved driveway require-Working with the plan- ments. The commission has present its new ordinance for Fleszar-Smith approached the ning commission and build- spent several months discussing inspector Doug Hopkins, ing hard surface driveways. Fleszar-Smith worked on a The concern was to create a proposed ordinance change dustless surface which would which the commission has reduce the amount of debris been reviewing for several coming into the streets and months. At its special work minimize maintenance. The session meeting in Decem- commission decided that ber, the group made some fi- hard-surface driveways nal changes and at its January should be required to all primeeting set a public hearing mary garages, attached or unattached.

At the meeting, the comsured from the finished grade and 12 feet for a new curb cut.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **NOTICE OF BID**

Lowell Charter Township is seeking bid applications for mowing the Township Hall, Township Cemeteries, and the Grand River Riverfront Park for the 2004 season. Bid specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All bids must be received by Monday, march 8, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Please call 897-7600 for more information.

> John R. Timpson, Supervisor **Lowell Charter Township**

Llama "Best of Show" at art competition

By Dan Schneider

The Best of Show award sonality of the particular anifor this year's West Michigan mal as well." Regional Competition at the casein painting titled and wolves and the like. Be- Colorado and New England "Alaina."

This is the first time Hall has submitted work to the competition, now in its 18th year. The painting is of a regal llama, white with black spots. standing in the grass with the sky and clouds behind her.

"We live on an 80-acre farm," Hall said. "We have llamas and donkeys and goats and, of course, dogs and cats.'

Hall is a veterinarian. which explains the frequency of animals as subjects in his nine years of painting.

"I'd say 50 percent of my paintings are wildlife and the proach a painting,

I know the animal, the per- said.

To achieve the llama's

First place in the contest sky with clouds. went to Lynn Strough, an artist born and raised in Grand Lowell Area Arts Council stance, Hall relied on the Rapids. She's painted went to Alec Hall for his llama's natural fear of dogs throughout Michigan, in



Linda Harwood's "Greyhound" won second place.

sketched studies of the llama, England. A train ride in Enown," he said. "When I ap- his wife brought a dog into gland inspired her entry. The I try to capture the char-soon as the llama saw the dog, by Train." The oil on canvas acter of the species and when she struck that pose," Hall depicts a yellow field with a

other half are domestic, and fore he took photos and as well as in Italy and old the next pasture over. "As painting is called "England

are fixated on the flowers. In jurying the show, Marianne Menger tried to choose the best work that reflected the diversity of art going on currently in West Michigan. "The submissions really were fairly balanced and diverse," she said, which made it easier to create a dynamic show. Menger has lived

"The scenery on the train the whole way was just this kind of fields with trees," Strough said. "It was a fairly simple landscape but there was something kind of peaceful ... the cloud formations were beautiful so when I got back I painted it."

Strough had submitted work to the competition before. This is the first time a piece of hers has made it up onto the wall for the show. She's been an artist for about 25 years and has been painting for the last nine since a her out of graphic design Linda Harwood of Ionia

won second place in the show for her dyed-wool rug hooking titled "Greyhound." Kathleen Ford of Grand Rapids took third place for "3 AM," a watercolor collage on canvas. Lisa Orr of Grand Rapids received honorable few scattered trees and blue mention for "Obsessive Love." This is a series of honeycombs composed of soldered copper and filled with translucent rubber and flowers and bees. Suspended in the golden rubber, the bees

in Lowell for about two and a



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"Alaina" a painting by Alec Hall took Best of Show.

for the competition took place art. a week ago Sunday at the Arts

half years. She came here from Council. The show will be on distaste for computers drove Fitchburg, Mass., where she display through March 20. For curated shows at the local art anyone who seldom goes to the Arts Council gallery, now The Awards presentation is the time to see some cool



"3 A.M." by Kathleen Ford was awarded third place.

Too often the strong, silent man is silent only because he does not know what to say, and is reputed strong only because he has remained silent. -Winston Churchill

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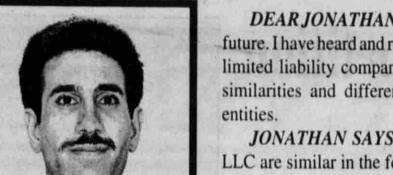
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Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am starting a business in the near future. I have heard and read a lot about "S" corporations and limited liability companies. Can you explain some of the similarities and differences between these two types of

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. An "S" corporation and an LLC are similar in the following ways:

• They are both legal entities created by filing a document (articles of incorporation for an "S" corporation and

articles of organization for an LLC) with the state and the of a franchise (\$60 for a corporation and \$50 for an LLC.)

· Both entities are pass-through tax entities which means that the income and losses generated by the business are reflected on the owner's personal income tax returns.

· Both entities offer limited liability protection. The differences between an "S" corporation and an LLC

• There are no restrictions as to who can be a member of

how many shareholders there can be (75) but who can be

· A corporation is required to comply with certain formalities such as maintaining a corporate minute book, and

maintaining a minute book or holding meetings - although it is a good idea to have meetings and document major decisions made by members on behalf of the LLC.

suits your purposes.

DEAR JONATHAN: Can one person create a limited liability company?

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal represen-

KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL **ELECTION**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF **LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2004**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education, pursuant to a directive from the Intermediate School Board of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, has called a special intermediate school district election to be held in the district on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

> THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special ntermediate school district election:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors. All or a portion of the revenues will be distributed to local school districts in the intermediate school district to reimburse costs for special education programs and services.

Shall the original millage limitation on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, which has been reduced by the "Headlee" amendment, Michigan constitution of 1963, to 2.7099 mills (\$2.7099 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation), without limitation as to number of years, commencing in 2004; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$17,650,000 from local property taxes authorized herein?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the city of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2 Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3

Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Voting Place: Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan.

> Pat Nugent Secretary, Board of Education

· An "S" corporation has several restrictions as to not only

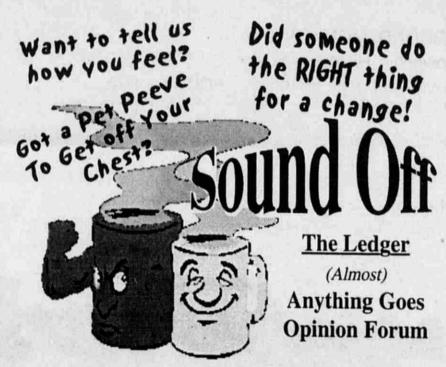
shareholders.

holding annual meetings of the shareholders and directors. · LLC's are not required to comply with the formalities of

Since I do not know what type of business you are planning to start and the information provided in this answer is a general summary, I recommend that you meet with both legal and tax professionals to review this issue in more depth and to make a determination as to what type of legal entity best

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. This is known as a single member limited liability company and it is disregarded for federal income tax purposes - it is treated just like a sole proprietorship in this regard, but has the benefit of limited liability protection that a sole proprietorship does not have.

tation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



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I wish someone at Vergennes Township building would take down the wreath and save us taxpayers some money.

Marge Potter was missing from the picture of the box top. Thank you Marge for all the work you did sorting and cutting.

Am I the only one, or are you, too, tired of Roger Brown examining the lint in his navel? It seems to me that there are plenty of events and ideas in the Lowell and greater Flat River area worthy of well reasoned editorial comment...or even humorous comment.

To the person in the area of Jefferson & High streets, would you please keep your cats home? They kill our birds and leave their scent behind. P.S. There is an ordinance

on cats running loose.

Concerning the Highland Hills project. I don't believe anyone is policing what is going on. They are already trying to change from what they originally planned to do. It is very misleading. Does anybody have any idea what they are doing?

COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- SECOND TUES .: G.R. Caravan children's proing Events" are free of charge Chapter of the American to any nonprofit organization Sewing Guild, D.W. in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Richardson Center, 5255 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.

Pounds Sensibly Tops SUNDAYS: Tri-town Con-MI#372 meets Key Heights servation Club trap & skeet Mobile Home Park Comleague, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12munity Bldg. Weigh-ins 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.: Fallasburg 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle Historical Society board at 897-6325 or 248-2423. meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. SECOND & FOURTH All invited.897-7161 for

SECOND MON.:Lowell Health Wellness Center in Board of Education meets 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High tact Bev or Melissa, Street.

SECOND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Soci- EVERY SECOND & 651-6000. ety meeting at Historical FOURTH TUES .: Knights Museum, 84th and Alden of Columbus #7719 meets Nash, 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON .: Lowell EVERY SECOND TUES .: Showboat Garden Club, 7 Lowell Masonic Lodge p.m. in Fellowship Hall of meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ma-Nazarene Church. Call Dave. 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST & 3RD Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

FOURTH MON .: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. Saranac Scrappers, at 7:30.

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ Troop 102, 11 & up or com- E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call pleting 5th-grade, meets Linda: 874-5662; teen 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481

1ST TUES.: Grattan His- 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. torical Society meets in Girls Club - Calvary Chris-O'Brien Room of Grattan tian Reformed Church. Township Hall, 12050 Old Ages 8-13. 897-8694. Belding Rd. Public invited.

Call 897-8304 for details.

EVERY WED .: 8 p.m. 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Dia- ALANON meets at Lowell betic Support group, 9:30 Congregational Church Schneider Manor Commuupstairs. nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY WED.: Rotary 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS meets at noon at Lowell - Mothers of Preschoolers Masonic Temple, 119 Lin-.. because mothering mat- coln Lake Ave. ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at

Impact, a Wesleyan EVERY WED.: Lowell Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Church of the Nazarene Dawn 862-8841.

gram at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 vears. Call 897-8800. Grand River Dr. 6:30 so-

cial time; 7 p.m. meeting &

program. Olga, 975-9977.

EVERY TUES.: Take Off

EVERY TUES.: Flat River

TUES .: Saranac Needlers,

needleart/quilting bee

meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4

Saranac. For all or part

time: all are invited. Con-

642-6466 for info. A light

St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

sonic Center, 119 Lincoln

EVERY THIRD TUES.:

scrapbooking/journaling

group meets at 4 Health

Wellness Center, Saranac,

5:30-8:30 p.m. Light re-

freshments will be served.

Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

EVERY 3RD TUES.:

Parents of children w/AD/

HD at St. Luke's Lutheran

group: Sarah 281-6588.

Lake.

Hudson St.

dinner will be provided.

5:45 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

EVERY WED.: 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.

Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon, community room, 1ST TUES.: Adults with Schneider Manor, 725 AD/HD at Calvin College, Bowes Rd.

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

> **EVERY 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-

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.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H. S. Band TUES.: Lowell Lions Club. Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./ 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman Fire Station, 315 S. 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.

drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after EVERY OTHER WED.: 5 p.m.

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group. Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call

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.

Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 St. \$1 per family. 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 .: Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club. Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT.: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

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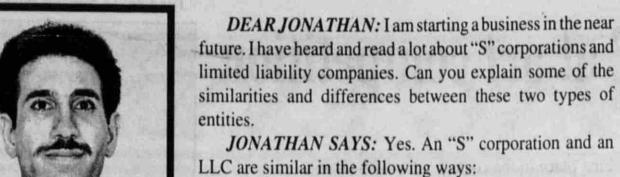
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LEGAL EASE Jonathan David



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• They are both legal entities created by filing a document (articles of incorporation for an "S" corporation and

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• There are no restrictions as to who can be a member of

how many shareholders there can be (75) but who can be shareholders

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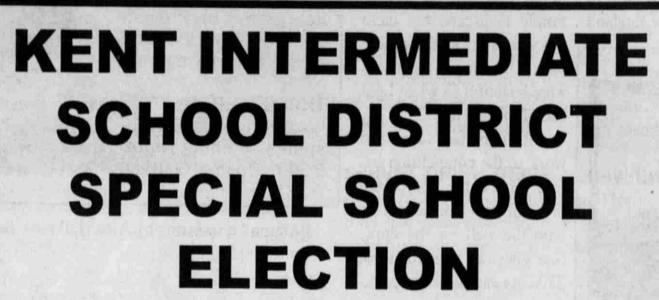
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Since I do not know what type of business you are planning to start and the information provided in this answer is a general summary, I recommend that you meet with both legal and tax professionals to review this issue in more depth and to make a determination as to what type of legal entity best suits your purposes.

DEAR JONATHAN: Can one person create a limited liability company?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. This is known as a single member limited liability company and it is disregarded for federal income tax purposes - it is treated just like a sole proprietorship in this regard, but has the benefit of limited

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special intermediate school district election:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors. All or a portion of the revenues will be distributed to local school districts in the intermediate school district to reimburse costs for special education programs and services.

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All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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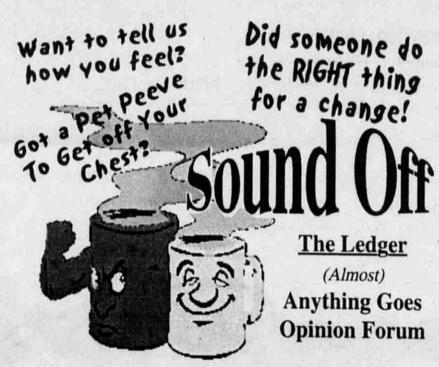
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897-0787 or

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I wish someone at Vergennes Township building would take down the wreath and save us taxpayers some money.

Marge Potter was missing from the picture of the box top. Thank you Marge for all the work you did sorting and cutting.

Am I the only one, or are you, too, tired of Roger Brown examining the lint in his navel? It seems to me that there are plenty of events and ideas in the Lowell and greater Flat River area worthy of well reasoned editorial comment...or even humorous comment.

To the person in the area of Jefferson & High streets, would you please keep your cats home? They kill our birds and leave their scent behind. P.S. There is an ordinance

on cats running loose.

Concerning the Highland Hills project. I don't believe anyone is policing what is going on. They are already trying to change from what they originally planned to do. It is very misleading. Does anybody have any idea what they are doing?

COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- SECOND TUES .: G.R. Caravan children's proing Events" are free of charge Chapter of the American gram at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 to any nonprofit organization Sewing Guild, D.W. years. Call 897-8800. in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 sosuch notices to be kept brief cial time; 7 p.m. meeting & and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SUNDAYS: Tri-town Con-MI#372 meets Key Heights servation 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.: Fallasburg 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle Historical Society board at 897-6325 or 248-2423. meetings at chamber of-All invited.897-7161 for

SECOND MON.:Lowell Health Wellness Center in Board of Education meets 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High tact Bev or Melissa, Street.

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Lake.

Hudson St.

Wellness Center, Saranac,

5:30-8:30 p.m. Light re-

freshments will be served.

Bey or Melissa, 642-6466.

Parents of children w/AD/

HD at St. Luke's Lutheran

group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY WED.: 8 p.m.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST & 3RD Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ Troop 102, 11 & up or com- E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call pleting 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

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Call 897-8304 for details.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Dia-ALANON meets at Lowell betic Support group, 9:30 Congregational Church Schneider Manor Commuupstairs. nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

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program. Olga, 975-9977.

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5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Support group for Periphfice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. SECOND & FOURTH eral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at TUES .: Saranac Needlers, St. Paul's Anglican Cathoneedleart/quilting bee lic Church, Grand Rapids. meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Dorothy 897-9794. Saranac. For all or part

EVERY THURS.: Weight

Watchers at Lowell time; all are invited. Con-Nazarene Church, 201 N. 642-6466 for info. A light Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the dinner will be provided. meeting. For info., 800-

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

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H. S. Band Room, Choir: 6-7 p.m. 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial band:7-8. Kathy Maatman Fire Station, 315 S. 897-5981.

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drama club meeting, Low-Linda: 874-5662; teen room. Call 897-1502 after EVERY OTHER WED.: 5 p.m.

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summary of the insecticide products and application techniques tested, including the 2003. advantages and disadvantages ucts and techniques. The study evaluated the ability of insecticides to control EAB adults and larvae and assessed the web

The report provides a overtime. The insecticide research occurred in Washtenaw

Borer Adults and Larvae" is ornamental trees. available in hard copy at MSU

associated with specific prod- cides to Control Emerald Ash to control EAB in shade and antined, restricting the move-

at Forest Service and the USDA persistence of the insecticides www.emeraldashborer.info. Animal and Plant Health Inties surrounding the initial products and collect the data.

The adult EAB beetle is EAB, a wood-boring dark metallic green, 1/2 inch

Several products used to beetle, was first discovered long and 1/16 inch wide. The control similar borers in other in several southeastern Michi- larvae tunnel under the ash tree and Livingston counties in trees were evaluated and fac- gan counties in May 2000. To bark and create S-shaped galtors were identified to con- minimize the spread of this leries as they feed. This pest "Evaluation of Insecti- sider when selecting a method pest, the counties were quar- appears to have a life cycle of ment of ash trees, branches, ing from the ash trees begin-MSU researchers worked logs and firewood. In August ning in late May and peak Extension offices and on the with scientists from the USDA 2003, the quarantine area ex- emergence occurring in midpanded to include seven coun- June.

> For more information, spection Service to test the core of quarantined counties. check the website at http:// www.emeraldashborer.info.

"Snow" in love

Eric Gruber, 21, of Alto, built this snow sculpture for

his girlfriend, Sara Schoen, for Valentine's Day. The

heart stands approximately seven feet tall. Schoen, who

grew up in Lowell, was reportedly surprised and im-

pressed. "She came over a day early before she was

supposed to see it and some weird way she didn't see it,'

Kathryn Gruber, Eric's mom, said. "On Valentine's Day

he pulled up to the house and then pulled up to where the

heart was sitting. She just thought it was the best. She

lawn. "When everyone pulls up, it makes everyone smile,"

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Deadline for early

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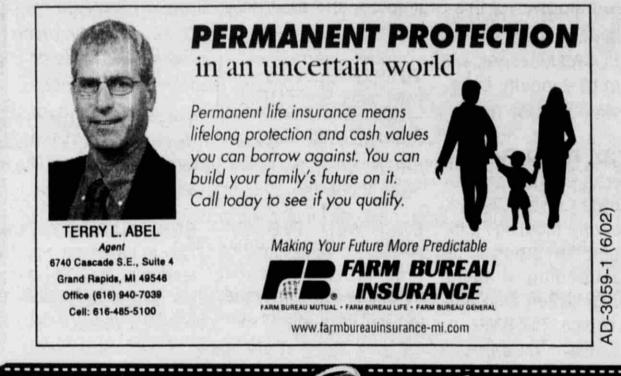
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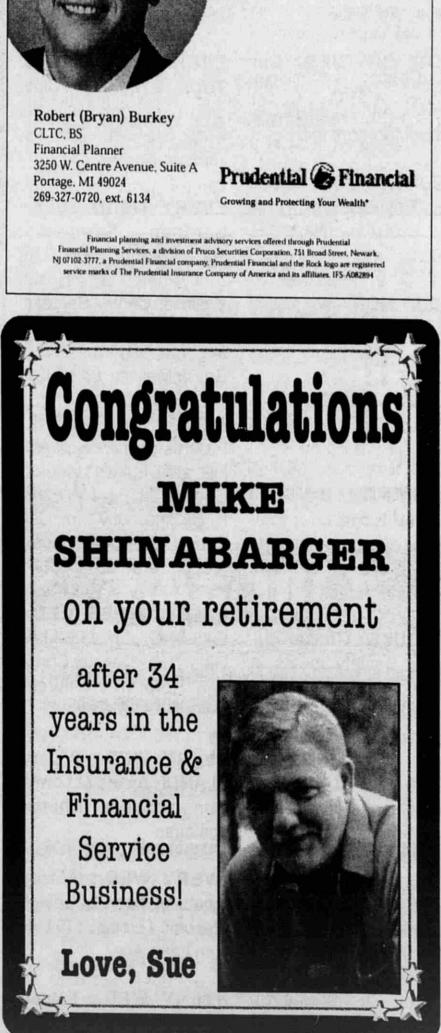
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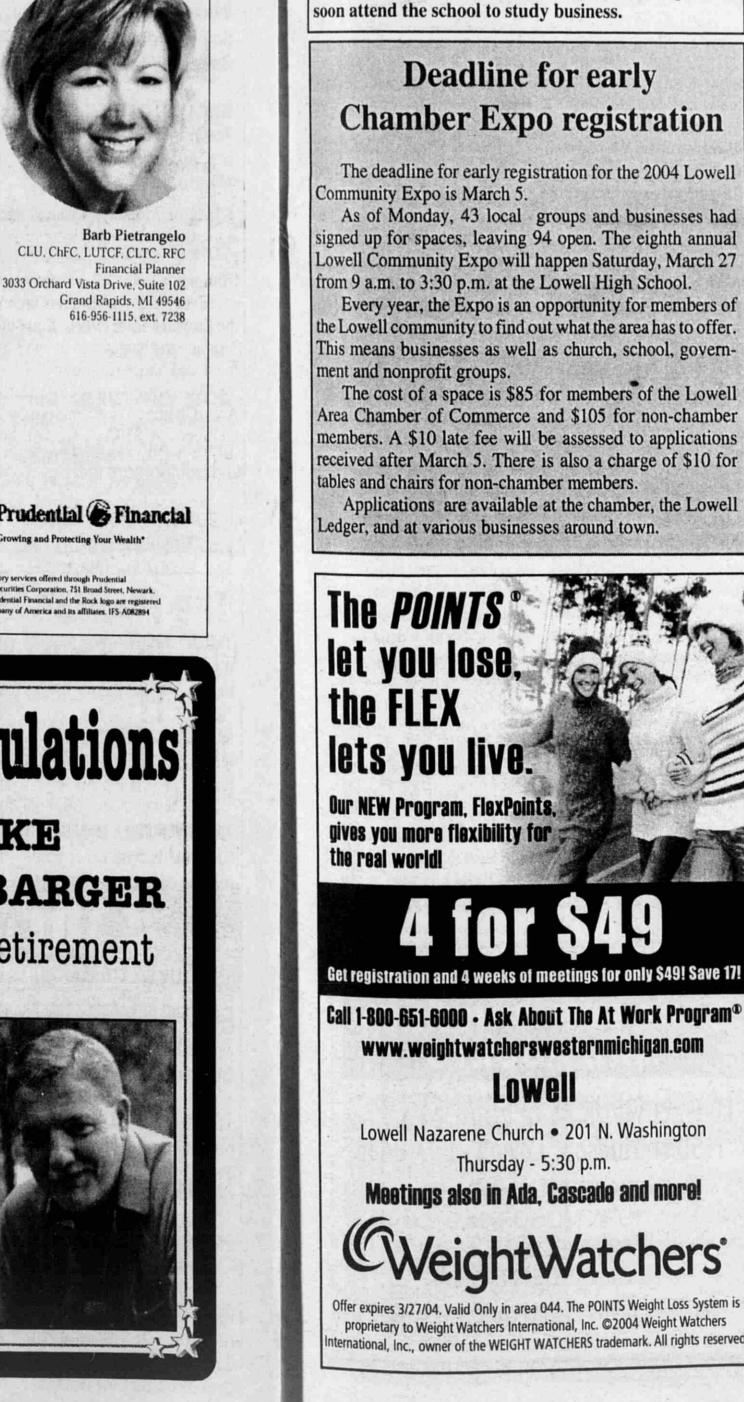
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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 5.4.1 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would provide new regulations for an Adult Entertainment business. The proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance ordains that certain regulatory provisions governing adult entertainment businesses shall be added as Section 5.4.1 (P) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the Adult Entertainment Ordinance requires certain amendments to the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance as hereinafter described.

The Adult Entertainment Ordinance regulates all adult entertainment businesses located in Lowell Charter Township. For purposes of this ordinance, an "adult entertainment business" is defined as any store, establishment, tavern, club, or theater having more than twenty five percent (25%) of its stock in trade, books, peep booths, magazines, or other periodicals or video movies, films, photographs, novelties, sexual aids, live appearances, or performances which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matters depicting, describing, or related to specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities, as further defined in the ordinance. Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance amendment, an adult entertainment business may only be located in a general commercial zone and only by special use permit granted by the Township Planning Commission. Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance, an adult entertainment business shall not be located:

- (1) Within 500 feet of the property line of any single-family, two-family or multiple-family residential use. For purposes of this section, the term "multiple-family residential use" shall specifically include, but not by way of limitation, any retirement convalescent or nursing home or facility or other housing for the elderly.
- (2) Within 500 feet of the property line of any public or private school, college or university, or of any nursery school, day nursery or child care center.
- (3) Within 500 feet of the property line of any church or other religious facility or institution.
- (4) Within 500 feet of any public park.
- (5) Within 500 feet of any other adult entertainment business.

The Adult Entertainment Ordinance further regulates and restricts signage and other exterior elements of the building in which the adult entertainment business is located. For example, the merchandise or activities of the adult entertainment business shall not be visible from any point outside the business and the number and type of signs is restricted by the ordinance.

Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance, adult materials may be held for sale, rent, or view in the township only in accordance with specified regulations set forth in the ordinance. All adult materials shall be maintained in a separate area of the premises. The area shall be completely enclosed by opaque walls or partitions which are at least seven feet in height. The area shall have no windows, and shall have an opaque door which shall enclose the area from the floor to at least seven feet in height. The door shall be kept closed during all hours of operation. An employee of the business shall monitor the enclosed area either in person or by video camera at all times. In addition, no adult materials may be sold or made available to any person who is not at least 18 years of age, including employees of the adult entertainment business.

Any person who violates the Adult Entertainment Ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction. In addition, the Township shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief for the purpose of enjoining any activity which violates the ordinance.

In addition to the provisions to be added to the Zoning Ordinance as Section 5.4.1 (P), the Adult Entertainment Ordinance further amends the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.1.1 of the Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (a) The reference in Column 2 (Uses Permitted by Right), pertaining to the General Commercial District, to "Retail shops where no assembling, treatment or manufacturing is. required" shall be changed to "Retail shops, other than adult entertainment businesses, and where no assembling, treatment or manufacturing is required."
- The following shall be added as item number 3 to Column 3 (Special Use by Planning Commission), pertaining to the General Commercial District: "Adult Entertainment Businesses.'
- The reference in Column 3 (Special Use by Planning Commission), pertaining to the Light Industry District to "Any use permitted in the General Commercial District" shall be amended to state as follows: "Any use permitted in the General Commercial District, except an Adult Entertainment Business.'

The hearing shall be held as follows:

Monday, February 23, 2004 7:00 P.M **Lowell Charter Township Hall** 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, Michigan 49331

The above notice only contains a summary of various provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance Amendment. A complete copy of the proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance Amendment can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township Hall or on the Township's website at http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Varsity basketball wins two more games

By Dan Schneider

ketball team racked up two McDonald said. "I'm just

road game last Wednesday down kind of stuff." against East Grand Rapids by a score of 64 to 50. The Pio- Lowell was on top, 42-37. The East Grand Rapids.

out defensively and did a great a last-second three. job with a lot of deflections."

closely-contested game last the free throw line started to ellagainst Kenowa Hills. He Friday against the Kenowa make the difference for Low-Hills Knights. It was a slow- ell. The Red Arrows shot 70 paced, physical game

were good defensively and free throws. Lowell was excellent defen-

the way coach Johnston's McDonald said. teams play because they play

The Lowell varsity bas- very disciplined defensively."

At the end of the night, neers had beaten the Red Ar-score was tied at 18 near the ing to their place and win- Lowell to the locker room in host Northview on Friday. ning." Lowell coach Jeff theleadif Kenowa's Matt Van McDonald said. "We came Gessel hadn't countered with

The score was tied at 21 to The Arrows won a begin the second half. Trips to shoots a free throw for Lowpercent from the line on the that depended heavily on "I thought it was a battle night, Kenowa might have free-throw performance. of two very defensive-minded done more damage from the Mike Koster led the team teams." Kenowa coach Todd line if they had more chances; from the line shooting four Johnston said. "I think we the Knights were 13 for 14 on for six.

"Our free throws saved us because we missed some lay-"I have a lot of respect for ups that should have fallen,"

The Knights out-revery disciplined offensively bounded the Arrows, 34-24.

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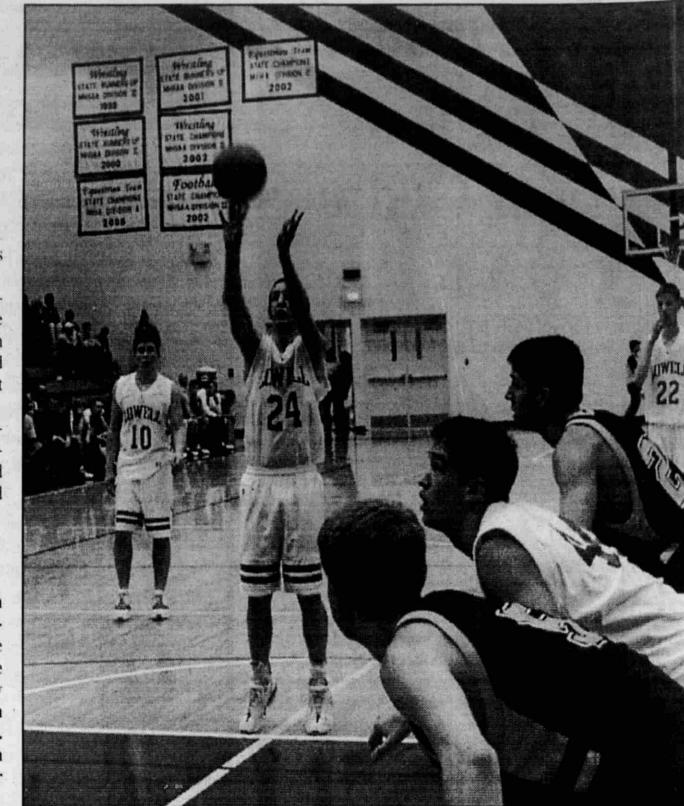
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and that requires us to play Koster had the most rebounds for the Arrows with six.

Leading scorers for Lowimpressive victories last week. proud of our guys for playing ell against Kenowa were through that physical slow- Koster and Sam Oberlin, each with nine points. The two had combined for 36 points against

The wins make Lowell 9rows in a close game earlier in end of the second quarter. 5 overall with a 7-4 confer-Mike Koster sunk a three encerecord. The Arrows faced "We felt great about go- pointer that would have sent St. Johns away last night and

> Right: Sam Oberlin was three of four from the line in a Red Arrow victory



Good team score for Lowell gymnasts

By Dan Schneider

tics team put up its second- land and East Kentwood.

good enough for second place team score was 130.2; East The Red Arrow gymnas- in the tri-meet against Hol- Kentwood, 122.1.

highest team score last Holland had the top score

SYNOPSIS BOWNE

TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19, 2004 7:30 P.M.

Motions Approved:

- Minutes of December regular board meeting approved.
- List of invoices were approved.
- Motion to accept well bid from Buer Well Drilling for Township Fire Department.
- Motion to appoint Bernie Boelema to fill term of Mike Timmers on the DDA.
- Motion to approve M-50 Corridor Overlay Ordinance.
- Motion to sell township building located at 6059 Linfield.
- Motion to sign waiver/consent regarding 1999 delinquent taxes.
- Motion to schedule public hearing for CDBG program.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the Township Office at 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35, Alto MI or at the Website clerk@bownetwp.cc.

Next meeting - February 16, 2004 7:30 p.m. -Township Hall 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

Amanda Rau scored an an 8.95. Underwood scored

8.9 on vault for the Arrows. 8.9; Rau, 8.8; and Kowalski, Wednesday in Holland. It was that night with 134.1. Lowell's She plans to practice a more 8.4. difficult vault with higher pos-

"For just learning it (her Underwood (31.8) and current vault) a couple of Kowalski (31.75). weeks ago, it's coming so natural that we'll probably add day night, the team lost to the another half-twist," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele

DeHaan said. ell are as follows: Other top scorers for Lowwere Jenna Dickerman (8.6),

LynnAnn Bell (8.05) and Rebecca Underwood (8.0). Dickerman added new tricks on bars, scoring an 8.3. The other top scorers for Low-

ell on bars were Rau (7.4), scored 8.2, Underwood and Bell (7.3), and Kelli Kowalski Tiffanie Curtis scored 7.8. Kowalski had the top highest score of the year on score for Lowell on the beam, beam even with a fall,

an 8.35 with no falls. "Kelli had a good night really nice performance and all around," DeHaan said. "As stayed calm." a freshman, she's getting right up there with the sophomores 7.45 on beam for Lowell.

and juniors." ers on beam were Dickerman Underwood (8.75), Rau (8.65) (7.9), Underwood (7.8) and and Bell (8.1). Bell (7.4).

Dickerman had the best score for Lowell on floor with

Top all-around scorers for sible points for upcoming Lowell were Dickerman (33.75), Rau (32.15),

At Kenowa Hills on Mon-Knights 137.95-128.575. Top vault scores for Low-

Rau (8.9), Dickerman ell on vault last Wednesday (8.35), Bell (8.1) and Kaylee Yonker (7.9).

> Dickerman performed best on bars for Lowell (7.95) followed by Rau (7.45), Bell (7.2) and Underwood (7.15). On beam, Dickerman

"Tiffanie Curtis had her DeHaan said. "She just had a

Amanda Vezino scored

On floor, Dickerman The other top Lowell scor- scored 8.825 followed by

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Red Arrow volleyball wins tight match against Cedar Springs

Lowell varsity squad in second place in OK White standings after beating the Redhawks in three games By Dan Schneider

last Thursday as the Red Ar- cheering, it was very intense at home and won.

Lowell scored the first two make it 14-13 Lowell. points but that was all they

ended up winning the second with Taylor Verdon serving match, 15-10.

block got the serve back for to matches going to three Thursday. Cedar Springs, up 9-8, and games. kept it until the score was 12- For Lowell, Thursday once more, the Redhawks go- home. ing up 13-8.

sideout, and this time Kristin Peal said. "(The girls) wanted Johnson served for three a big win in our school, we

It got down to the wire the game. With the crowd gether a big win at home. "They had some adverrow varsity volleyball squad as the serve switched hands sity to fight through. It's great went up against Cedar Springs again. Lowell got it back and they kept their composure." Julie Halbeisen served

8. The teams traded sideouts night was about winning at

"We came out with some Lowell got another jitters," Lowell coach Gigi

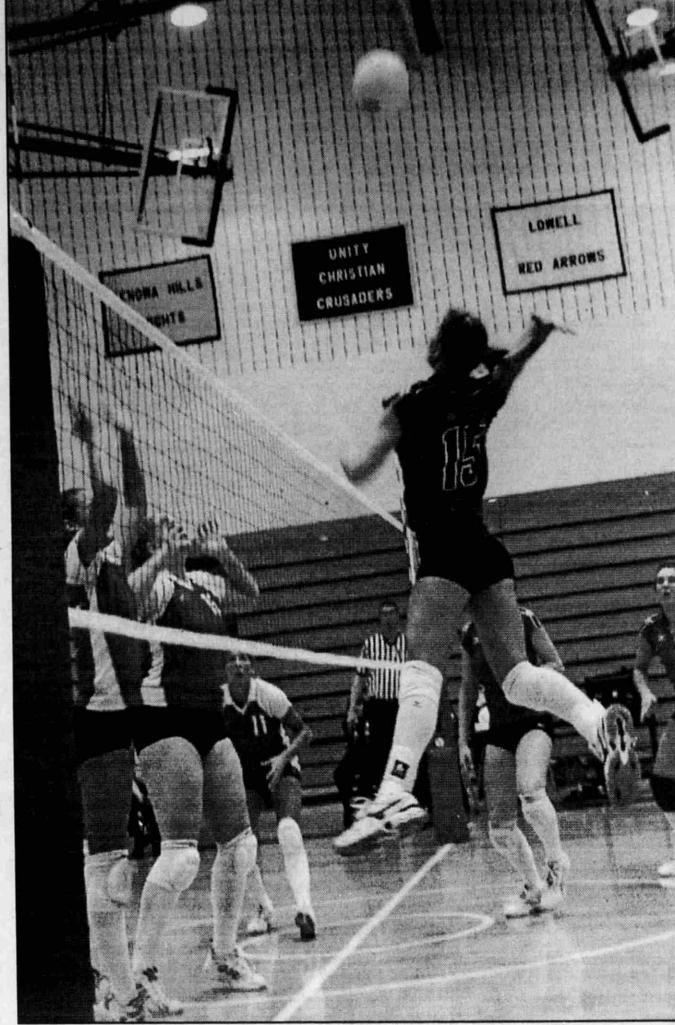
points to get Lowell back in haven't been able to put to-

Heather Becker and Amy

The Redhawks coasted to through three points and one Oberlin had eight kills and awin in game one of the match. replay over a contested call to three blocks each for the Arrows. Johnson had four kills A second contested call, and Katie Baker had three. involving blocking away from Verdon, Becker and Johnson Lowell led 11-4 in game the net and a double hit, ended each had two aces. Verdon two before Cedar Springs up giving the serve to Cedar had 23 assists on the night and came back to within two. Low- Springs. But Lowell finally Peal credits Halbeisen with ell regrouped in a timeout and got the serve back for good, leading the team defensively.

The win puts Lowell by Lowell to a 16-14 victory. itself in second place in the In game three, the teams "We've had a lot of these OK White volleyball standtraded sideouts and built up lately," Cedar Springs coach ing behind East Grand Rapthe score very gradually. A Jill MacLaren said, referring ids. They face Sparta away on

> Right: Lowell's Kristin Johnson gets ready to spike the ball last Thursday against Cedar Springs. Johnson had four kills in the three-game match.



Lowell-Caledonia hockey guaranteed share of league title

By Dan Schneider

Wednesday against the Grand Haven Buccaneers, the Lowell-Caledonia hockey team will at least share the top spot a 6-2 conference record to end in tier three of the OK hockey conference play. conference.

The Red Arrows handed the Buccaneers a 5-1 loss. This was the second time Lowell-Caledonia beat Grand Haven.

"It was the best team play and best disciplined play that we've had all year," Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard

Ted McCoy shot the first goal for the Arrows late in the first period on a power play. The teams spent some of the second period rushing up and down the ice, then Josh John put a goal in off an assist from Kyle Austin. Brandon John assisted another McCoy goal to put Lowell-Caledonia up by three.

Grand Haven scored their only goal of the game shortly thereafter. Josh John got his second goal of the night on a power play off an assist from his brother, Brandon, to end the scoring for the second period with Lowell-Caledonia up 4 to 1.

four minutes to play.

The Buccaneers have no ell-Caledonia has one non-

With a road win last nal goal of the game for the season. They play a make-up est Hills Northern. Red Arrows with just over game tonight (Wed.) against The win gave the Arrows saders can win it, Lowell- ment, Rockford, in round one

Dave Blair scored the fi- other conference losses this league game left against For-

They face the toughest Unity Christian. If the Cru- team in their regional tourna-Caledonia will have the con- of that tournament in Lansing ference title all to itself. Low- on March 1.

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MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

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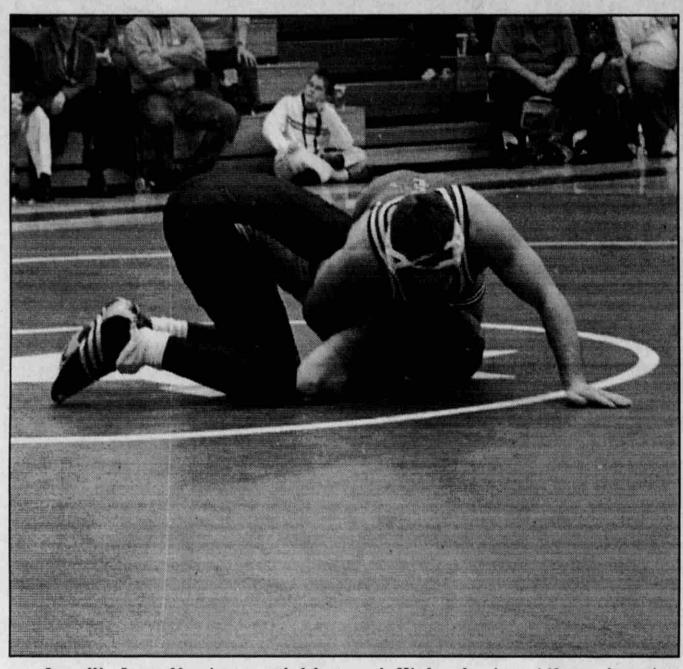
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> **Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk**

Lowell wrestlers ready for road ahead

Red Arrows clinch OK White title and look ready to peak heading into team districts



Lowell's Jason Nearing wrestled last week Wednesday in a 160 match against Middleville. After losing to the Saxons earlier in the season, Lowell got revenge, 47-16. match last Wednesday at Lowell. Dykhouse narrowly lost the match in double overtime. By Dan Schneider

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The Lowell wrestling a crossover tri-match against two of the biggest matches to ous times since junior high came out tremendously Greenville came in third with squad, in the past week, Middleville's Thornapple- happen in the area last week. and they've usually been one- against Hastings," Lowell 173. proved what they can do when Kellogg Trojans and the Middleville beat Lowell or two-point matches." they show up to wrestle. The Hastings Saxons from the OK by a 35-25 margin. It was a It was that kind of match

> Trojans on top. Tom Lehman. "We always say the match went to Reeder. if you want to beat good teams,

ited Mike McKeown's 9-5 the post season. decision over Joe Mendez at beat Lowell's Ryan Dykhouse

seven years," Lehman said. "I the locker room after that team score of 232. Second-

opponents last Wednesday in the first and won the second of think they've wrestled numer- match, we got it together and place Sparta added up 192.

Red Arrows wrestled two top Gold conference. Lowell lost few close matches that put the through all three rounds, with how far they've come since "There's usually about 6-6 in the final seconds of the Rivers Memorial Tournament Saladin of Greenville in an 8half a dozen matches in the regular match. In the second a month ago. middle that either team could overtime, Dykhouse was un-

> you have to win close more shot at Reeder. If both come out and wrestle with inteams perform up to potential, tensity every time." Lehman especially cred- they will likely meet again in

> > Lowell immediately Hastings took second.

in double overtime. It was a bounced back against Lowell won its conference "I think Dykhouse has Saxons 47-16, handing them ing its hold on the OK White probably beat Andrew Reeder their first loss of the season. championship. The Red Ar- beat Greenville's Ryan Ritter

coach Dave Streic said.

"And furthermore it's win," said Middleville coach able to escape in under 30 and very clear to them what we championship in 130, beating need to do," Strejc said. "The Nate Basel of Northview 19-Dykhouse might get one main thing is they have to 6.

Hastings narrowly defeated "I hope we get to wrestle Sparta, 37-35. Middleville Kenowa Hills' Luke Boersma 125 as having an impact. The them again because if we wontheir match against Sparta in 1:12 to win at 140. 171 match had an effect as wrestle them again it will be 45-12. Last Saturday, well. In that match, in the semifinals of the state Middleville won the OK Gold ference championship at 189,

> Hastings. They pounded the tournament Saturday, clinch- wontheir third-place matches. "Once we went back into rows put together a combined 6-4.

beat Matt Racalla of Kenowa

Christian, 19-6.

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"Things are turning out to be about how they should be at this point," he said. "We're peaking at the right time."

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Lowell's Ryan Dykhouse worked against Middleville's Andrew Reeder in the 171

Five Red Arrows won The win showed the team conference championships. David Kropf won a cham-Dykhouse tying the score at losing to Hastings at the Gary pionship match against Chad

> 5 decision at 125. Joe Mendez took the

Matt Kilmartin beat Greenville's Jordan Garner. Before facing Lowell, 16-7 to win at 135.

> Ryan Karasiewicz pinned Josh Vaught took the con-

Middleville's Andrew Reeder tournament," Lehman said. conference tournament; beating Zacharay Ridgeway of Sparta, 9-7. Three Lowell wrestlers

At 152, Jayme DeLiefde

At 112, Rob Karasiewicz

Hills, 5-2. At 171, Ryan Dykhouse beat Peter Dekizit of Unity

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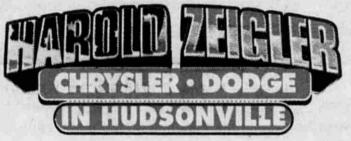
Pricing may be below the posted settlement amount.

REGISTRATION

You must be 18 years or older and possess a valid driver's license. Vehicles are sold on a first come, first served basis. In the event of multiple offers, vehicles will sell to the buyer whose purchase order is approved.



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Seized & Prior Bank Assets To Be Sold To The Public

Vehicles as low as \$89 mo. and Up*

West Michigan Auto Liquidators to Dispose of Over 200 Vehicles by Feb. 23

LOWELL, MI - Seized and bank repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload seized and repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart. This week, West Michigan Auto Liquidators is going to change that.

This Wednesday, February 18th through Monday, February 23rd, West Michigan Auto Liquidators will offer over 200 seized, repossessed and other preowned vehicles for up to thousands below normal values, pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks, auctions and other sources," West Michigan Auto Liquidators said. "We will sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of

profit. And if that means selling these vehicles for up to thousands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

Every seized, repossessed and other used vehicle will be available for as low as \$89 down payment* then start making payments. "It's that simple."

"To make bargains even easier, vehicles will be clearly marked. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a good deal on a used vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our preowned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," said Charlie Jeffrey.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to

assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Jeffrey said, "We'll have over \$2.3 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

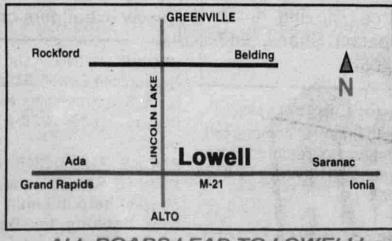
Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers are encouraged to bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery. "The opportunity Michigan bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Monday only at Harold Zeigler in Lowell. Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Jeffrey.

After the \$89 Super Sale ends at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 23rd, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Questions can be directed toll free to 1-888-612-8400.

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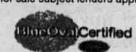


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