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Wednesday, February 25, 2004

# Authorities apprehend mail theft suspect

By Dan Schneider

.S. postal inspectors arrested Matthew Crouthamel last Friday in Mount Pleasant in connection with the recent string of mid-Michigan postal drop box break-ins.

Crouthamel, 24, was arrested without incident and charged with theft of U.S. mail and possession of stolen mail. Crouthamel is suspected of breaking into postal drop boxes in 13 small towns since Jan. 21. That includes the Lowell post office drop box break-in on the night of Feb. 11. Drop boxes in Carson City, Ionia and Ada were also hit that night.

"This was the sole party responsible," U.S. postal inspector Cheryl Smith said.

Inspectors used eyewitness accounts describing his

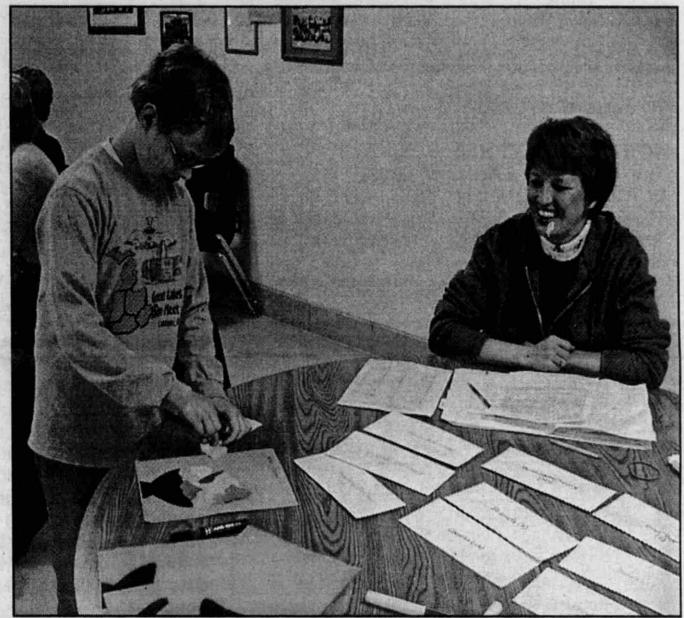
car to track him to his residence in Mount Pleasant. They found stolen mail in his house, though investigators believe much of the stolen mail was discarded.

An Inspection Service news release said postal customers will be notified as soon as possible if law enforcement was able to recover any of their mail.

"What mail they have, the case agents are still going through," Smith said.

Postal customers who believe their mail may have been stolen are advised to contact the addressees, especially in cases involving bill payments or important documents.

If convicted, the maximum penalty Crouthamel could face for each count of mail theft or possession of stolen mail is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.



# Ice cream whets an appetite for reading at middle school

By Dan Schneider

ixth graders at Lowell Middle School are well on their way to towering sundaes and probable ice-cream headaches. Last Friday concluded week five of the Battle of the Books.

Students choose books to read from a list of 32 titles. They fill out a form answering questions about each book and then have a conversation with a book expert to determine their

Nathan Baker, sixth grader, affixes a scoop of vanilla ice cream to his constructionpaper sundae. He will get to eat the real sundae on March 19, the day after the conclusion of the Battle of the Books. Baker earned the scoop by reading The Rescue of Josh Maguire by Ben Mikaelson.

understanding of the major characters and themes. They are awarded a scoop of ice cream or sundae topping for each completed book.

This has been going on at the middle school for several years now. The tactic is apparently quite successful in encouraging readers.

"I have a kid in my class who's read 800 pages and he was never really into reading, it just caught his interest," said sixth grade teacher Betty Brink, one of the organizers this year.

Brink said the variety of subject matter in the books keeps the students interested. The books range in length from 75 to 425 pages. A popular read is The Year My Parents Ruined My Life by Martha Freeman.

The scooped ice cream will be constructed and eaten on March 19 following eight weeks of regular reading and the week-long Battle of the Books. Until then, the sixth-graders keep track of the size of their sundaes by gluing together construction-paper sundaes. These are displayed on their lockers throughout the contest.

Some of the construction-paper sundaes are starting to symbolize impressively large sundaes. Brink expects several students to read all 32 books this year. As of last Friday, the sixth-graders had cumulatively read 152,000 pages.

The actual battle, set to take place March 18, pits teams of four to seven students against each other. They will attempt to answer questions, one from each book. The team members who have read the most books will have the advantage.

# YMCA -Lowell community look toward cooperative future

By Dan Schneider

ince last October, a rift has existed between the metro Grand Rapids YMCA board and the Lowell YMCA's board of managers. The problem started when YMCA administrators in Grand Rapids fired Will Welsh, then executive director of the Lowell branch, without prior communication with the Lowell board.

"Part of the problem that developed over the departure of the previous director was there was not much communication," said Barry Getzen, the Lowell board's associate chair.

Members of the Lowell YMCA board of managers felt left in the dark about the decision to let Welsh go. This is in addition to feeling the loss of someone who had con-

tributed greatly to the Lowell .YMCA and community.

Welsh has since been hired as executive director of the Paris, Illinois YMCA. It is an independent YMCA serving an area with roughly the population of the Lowell area.

In January, the metro YMCA board hired a new before and after school care director to replace Teri Sikkenga. This prompted the

resignation of Rick Seese and Dan Brubaker from the board of managers of the Lowell YMCA. They cited as reasons for their decision not only the lack of communication in the firing of Welsh and replacement of Sikkenga, but the subsequent uncertainty of the metro board's vision for the future of the Lowell YMCA.

the Lowell community met with metro YMCA representatives to make sure the Lowell board will have a say in that future. Getzen said the meeting was also productive in addressing the grievances of the last four months.

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On Feb. 11, members of

# Worker injured at King Milling

By Dan Schneider

worker was hospitalized last Wednesday after falling through a hole in the roof of the addition atop

Eric Sanderson, 23, of Middleville, sustained substantial injuries after falling nearly 20 feet and landing on equipment.

lice sgt. Steve Junewick, who responded to the incident along with Lowell Fire Rescue and a paramedic.

"He had some obvious Sanderson revealed he likely

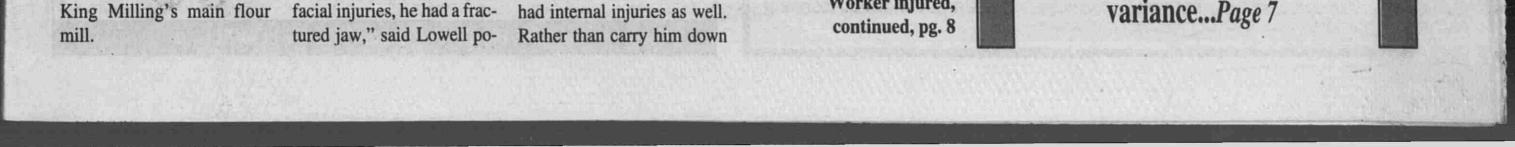
narrow flights of stairs, rescuers had the crane operator lower Sanderson to a waiting ambulance. Sanderson The initial examination of was taken to Spectrum

Worker injured,

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### **OBITUARIES**

aged 57, of Battle Creek, died Averill Jr. of Ada; mother Thursday, February 19, 2004, Janice Heiney of Mesa, Ariat home. He was born No- zona; brother Bud (Cindy) vember 11, 1946, in Ada to Averill of Traverse City; sis-Frank and Janice Averill. He ters Sue Brown of Lowell and graduated from Lowell High Sandy (Barry) Papple of Ster-School in 1964 and served ling. Services were held at two tours in Vietnam with the Shaw Funeral Home on Tues-U.S. Navy from 1965 - 1968. day, Pastor Charles Farnum Leslie lived in Lowell until he officiating. Interment Fort moved to Battle Creek in 1989 Custer National Cemetery, and was a member of the Low- Augusta. Memorials to Vetell Moose Lodge. He worked erans Affairs Medical Center. as a welder with many con- Battle Creek. struction firms in the area. He married Janet Urton on Au- HOWARD-Beatrice Bernice gust 3, 2001, she survives. (Bea), aged 92, of Roswell, Also surviving are daughter New Mexico, formerly of Debbie Stinson of Canyon Lowell, widow of Arthur Lake, Texas; son Dusty (Curly) Howard, began eter-

AVERILL-Leslie H. Averill, Averill of Ada; father Frank

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF** 

**BOARD OF REVIEW** 

various Assessment Rolls for 2004 at City Hall on:

poration. She will be missed by her bingo buddies.

MARTIN - Sally Lou Martin, aged 84, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2004. She is survived by her children Michelle (Arlan) Overholt of Ionia, W.E.

nal rest February 13, 2004. Stebens (Mary) Martin of & Hospice, 1401 Cedar NE, Woodman, Brian Woodman. She lives in the memories of Hastings; grandchildren Paul Grand Rapids, MI 49503. her children James Howard "Reg" (Brenda) Owen, Mike etery. Memorial contributions Warner, William (Christine) may be made to Visiting Nurse Woodman IV, Sarah

and Bonnie Balcerzak; her (Julie) Owen, Jason Seeley, WOODMAN - William H. grandchildren; sister-in-law grandchildren Steven Howard Eric Oesch, Arlan Overholt Woodman, aged 76, of Lake Joni Woodman Matteson and Luann Palcowski; great- Jr., Jeff (Esther) Lambert, Odessa, formerly of Lowell, William served in the Navy grandchildren Hailey and Wendy (Russ) Gleason, Julie passed away Friday, Febru- during WWII. A Mass of Morgan Duram. Predeceasing (Ed) Sanders, Jackie (Scott) ary 20, 2004. He is survived Christian Burial was offered her was a grandchild Thomas Foster, Jeanine (Bob) Hynes, by his wife of 54 years, Flo- February 23 at St. Mary's Balcerzak. Prior to her mar- Jeanette Overholt; 18 great- rence M. (Kelly) Woodman; Church, Lowell, Rev. George riage Bea worked for the U.S. grandchildren; many special children Charmaine M. Fekete officiating. Interment government in Washington, friends. Services were held (Woodman) Hoyer, William at Oakwood Cemetery, Me-D.C. After marriage she February 21 at Roth-Gerst H. (Karen) Woodman III, and morial contributions may be worked as office manager for Funeral Home, Rev. Dean Wendy M. (Steve) made to the American Cancer Drs. McKay and Gerard and Bailey of Alto United Meth- Christensen; grandchildren Society or Hospice Visiting as executive secretary to Jay odist Church officiating. In- Nicole Harvill, Douglas Nurses Services, 825 W. VanAndel of the Amway Cor- terment at Merriman Cem- (Melanie) Warner, Taniel Michigan, Lansing, MI 48912

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO. 04-177,024-DE Estate of SADIE De VOOGD.

deceased Date of birth: 11/27/1906

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: P.L.C. The decedent, SADIE (P29358) DeVOOGD, who lived at 429 Turner N.W. 1018 Arianna, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 Grand Rapids, Michigan (616) 456-5048 died 12/04/2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to KEITH KLOET, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at \*Suite 2400, 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK

are notified that all claims **KEITH KLOET** 959 Autumn, S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546-3869 (616) 676-0370

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004 AT 9:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., AND 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 5, 2004. A personal appearance is not requir

The following ratios and multipliers

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 04-176,981-DE

Estate of NANCY ANN NEUHAUS, deceased Date of birth: 1/30/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The decedent, NANCY ANN NEUHAUS, who lived at 2260 Raybrook S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 1/6/04.

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#### By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

The Lowell Police Department made 400 arrests last year. The Lowell Fire Department answered 562 calls, 221 of which were fire calls. The Lowell Public Works Department spent 201.5 hours in January plowing 2,027 miles of roadway.

The Lowell City Council receives reports from various

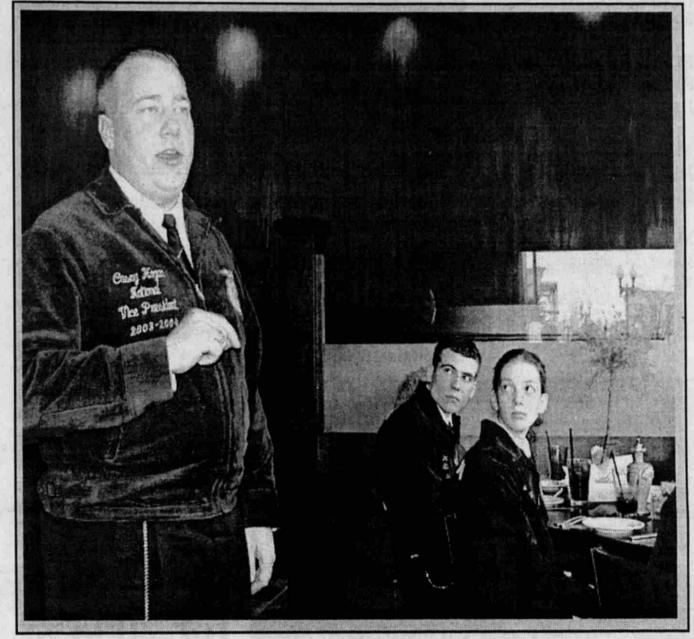
see these numbers," said Vergennes townships. It is was used four times. councilman Chuck Myers at also nice to know the city is

Myers commented on the neighbors, Myers said. reports because he wanted viewed, he said. "It is inter- helped purchase a thermal

city departments at each esting to note that less than camera for the fire department fenses such as minor in posmeeting on activities that one-third of our fire calls are so the department could keep session or open alcohol. The have taken place during the within the city limits," he said, track of its firefighters during police department had 31 armonth, and at year-end, over adding that the rest were a blaze. In January, the cam- rests for drunk driving and 37 the entire year. "It is nice to mainly in surrounding com- era was used twice - a little arrests for drug-related spenttime researching records know what is going on and to munities such as Lowell and less than last January when it charges.

last week's council meeting. providing such services to its 2004, the department re- arrests and a total of 164 traf- 10 in overtime clearing the sponded to 15 fire calls and 28 The reports also give the medical calls. Myers noted to know they are being re- something is used. The city in warnings (1,640 for last ing, treating and distributing reports show the amount of year) than actual citations about 15.42 million gallons effort it takes to keep our city (1,151). The department made of raw water. Cost per million running," Myers said. 120 warrant arrests and 58 gallons for chemicals and elecarrests for alcohol-related of- trical: \$238.30.

# National FFA vice president addresses Lowell future farmers



Casey Hogan, national vice president of Future Farmers of America, addressed representatives of the Lowell High School FFA chapter Monday at the Flat River Grill. Pictured are, from left, Ryan Peterson, FFA president for Michigan, and Missy Blough, of the Lowell FFA chapter. The Lowell FFA chapter hosted Hogan, who will tour at least 42 states in his year as a national FFA officer, to kick off FFA week. It was Hogan's first time in Lowell, or in Michigan, for that matter. "One of the things I was told is that the Lowell FFA chapter is one of the finest in the state of Michigan," Hogan said.



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, several branches of books: Green Eggs and Ham, Kent District Library are hosing a Dr. Seuss Centennial How the Grinch Stole Christ-Celebration. Hear your favor- mas are just a few. The Engleite Dr. Seuss stories, share hardt branch will offer the prosome birthday cake and make gram on Tuesday, March 2 at a hat! Children and their fami- 6:30 p.m. Call 647-3920 for es are invited.

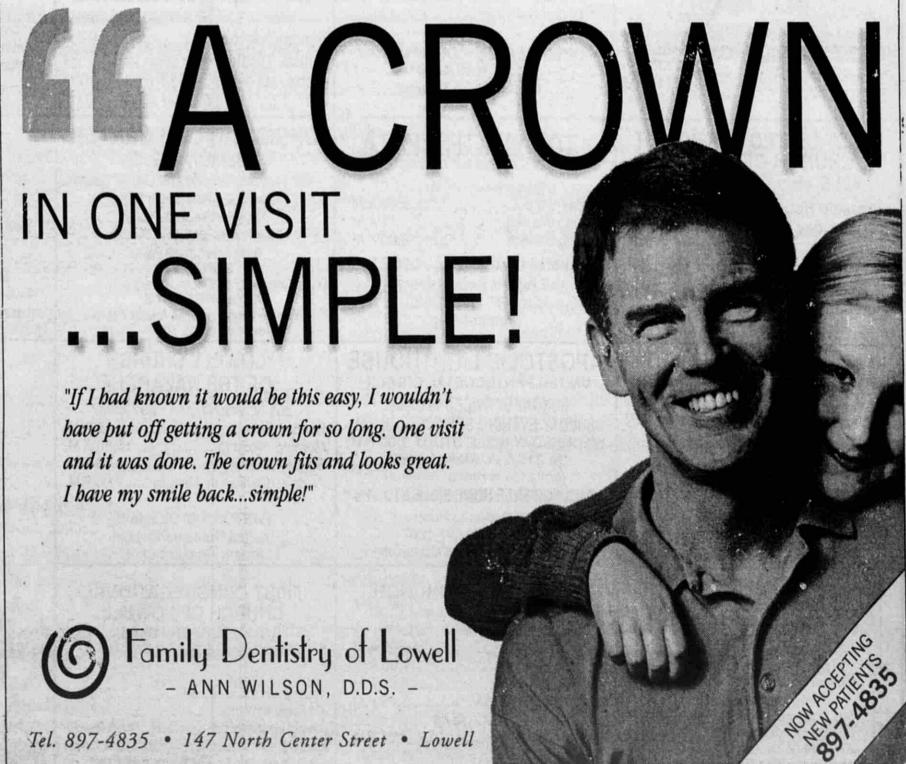
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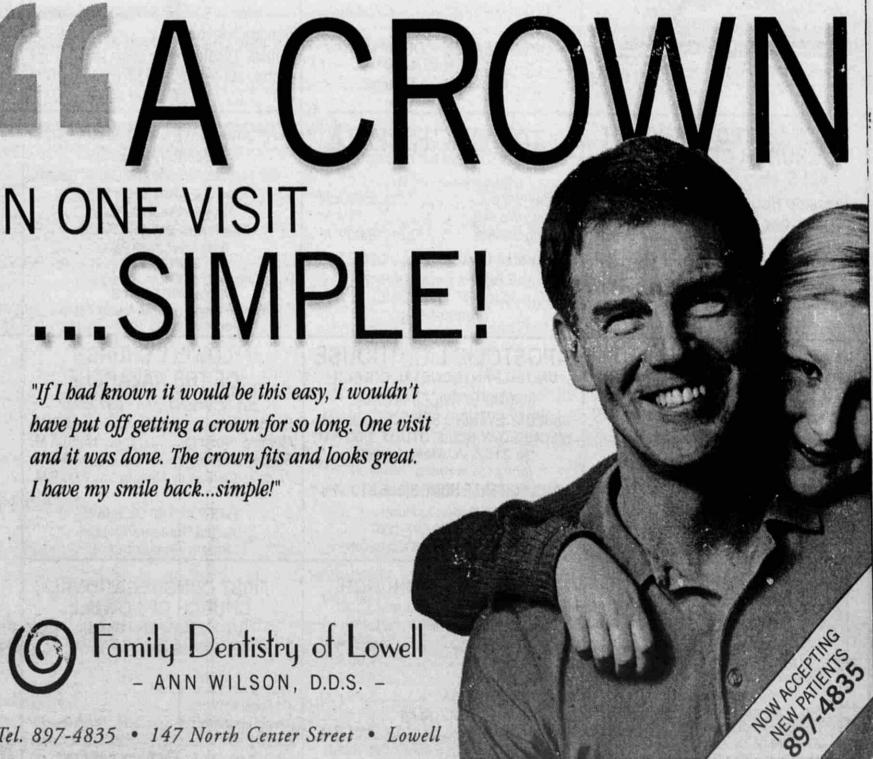


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# Numbers add up to busy city service departments

And even in the winter, the city's sexton is busy. For the month of January, Don DeJong had two burials; he for information about those In January, the Lowell buried in Oakwood Cemetery. For the month of January Police Department made 22 DeJong spent 63.5 hours plus fic stops. Also in January, the city's sidewalks along with Waste Water Treatment Plant another six hours plowing and those who put them together council an idea of how often that more traffic stops result spent 241.9 hours in pump- clearing parking lots. "These

# **'HARDT HAPPENINGS**

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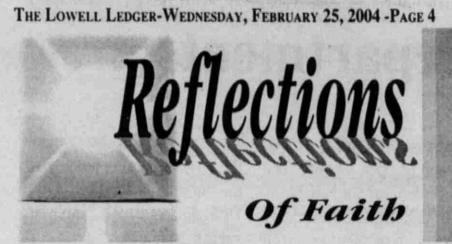
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If selected, your memory and a picture of you will be featured in a Grand Rapids Family Magazine advertisement. This contest is open to all ages. For more information call 784-2007.



Dr. Steve Brown



#### **Pastor Joe Fremer**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Did you know the word "crucial" comes from the Latin word for "cross"? I think it would be interesting to trace how an ancient instrument of execution wound up in such a word in the English language.

There are many things in this world that are considered crucial. They are so important that people cannot ignore them, or do so at their own peril. They demand decision. I suppose Jesus? that means they represent a crossroads-shall I go left, or right? Shall I marry this person, or wait? Shall I attempt a career change, or stick with what I know?

There is nothing more demanding than the cross of Christ or, more specifically, the message about that. He died, and Scripture claims that it was for your benefit. Somehow He, the innocent sacrificial Lamb of God, took your punishment, accepted your guilt, drawing it to Himself out of all your bad choices and mean moments. He traded places with you to take Vezino, Bob Ford, Leslie Rash your sin.

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What will you do with that information? Will you smile blithely, say "How nice," and go on your way unchanged? Will you say, "Oh boy, another religious pitch-I'll put it in the pile and come back to it later"? Will you say, "Aw gee, too bad, he seemed like such a nice guy," and mentally add Jesus' name to some roster of Great People in History? Or will you respond with the answer of a Christian, "That's exactly what I need: a Savior! Thank you, Jesus! You died for me; I'll live for you!" It's a crucial question: What will you do with the crucified

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Jill

Brian Baber, Youth Pastor

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WEDNESDAYS:

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ter, Jeremy Goff, Barry Soyka, Justin Soyka.



Joshua James Fizer and Shawnna Marie Dalga

MARCH 2: Mary Vezino, Roger MacNaughton, Anna Kline.

FEBRUARY 28: Mark V.

Ritzema, Connie Roth, Scott

Denton, Claresa Guastavino.

MARCH 1: Barak Brown,

MARCH 3: Sarah Newell.

Shawnna Marie Dalga and Joshua James Fizer, both of Lowell, are engaged and planning a May wedding.

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### ENGAGEMENTS

### Dalga/Fizer

Parents of the couple are Kenneth and Cyndi Dalga of Lowell, Kathy Heidtke of Lowell, James and Sandra Fizer of Lowell and Jeff and Debora Hill of Lowell. The bride-elect and the fu-

ture groom are both graduates of Lowell High School.



CALVARY CHRISTIAN **REFORMED CHURCH** 

Delaski nominated for 2004 Caregiving Award

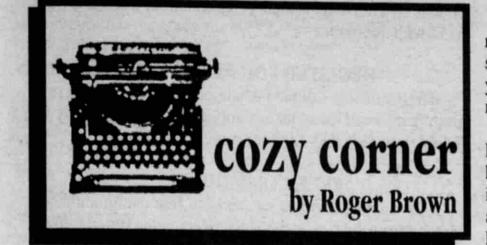
Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E., a music therapist and educator, has been nominated for the 2004 Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Award.

This honor, presented annually by the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development, is the highest honor given in the caregiving field.

As a board-certified music therapist, Sister Mary Margaret has helped, for more than 25 years, children with autism and provided support for their families. She has also educated the public about the perplexing brain disor-

She provides music therapy at the Franciscan Life Process Center as well as in schools, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers throughout the Grand Rapids' area. She also played a key role in the development of the music therapy program at St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

A member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, Sister Mary Margaret is a nationally-approved clinical training supervisor of the American Music Therapy Association for music therapy interns.



My neighbor and I have been working like common day laborers on a couple shared projects we have going. Another neighbor said we need some "hairy-backed boys" to help us with this heavy work. The term was a new one on us, but we liked it. We now refer to each other as hairy-backed boys, even problem here. though we're really gray-haired old guys.

with these projects. We're convinced we're saving big dollars. Boog as well. I tried to talk like a girl and pretend I was the The reality is, if we worked our real jobs as hard as we're dreaded Tooth Fairy. He knew it was just his old grandpa and working these projects, we'd be able to pay a contractor and be my feeble attempt at playing the Tooth Fairy got a big laugh money ahead. I guess it's a guy thing. Something we learned out of the little guy. from Bob Vila.

though I still eat like a horse, my clothes fit better. I feel better. said our good-byes, and they went to bed. I was extremely I seem to have more energy. The only problem is, about three envious of the fact they would probably sleep soundly for or four o'clock in the morning I'm wide-awake. My back about twelve hours. These days I'm lucky to string together aches, my shoulders hurt, my arms are asleep. I am definitely more than four hours of sleep. not a hairy-backed boy anymore.

About five o'clock last Saturday morning I was up ... driven from bed by my aches and pains. I was halfway through grabbed a bite for breakfast and went off to work. The daily my first cup of coffee and catching up on some reading when cycle had begun. I'd feel pretty good until the reality of my age the phone rang. Phone calls at five in the morning are almost never a good thing. I hustled (actually hobbled) to the phone, of the night. trying to get it before my wife woke up. I didn't have much time to consider what catastrophe had happened, but scenarios were racing through my mind.

Imagine my surprise when the voice on the other end was my six-year-old granddaughter. "Hi grandpa," she said in a sleepy little voice. "Hey Jim," I said, "Why are you calling your old grandpa?" I knew what was up, and it was thankfully not a catastrophe

Jim (Maddie), her brother Boog (Zach) and their parents live in Shanghai, China ... 13 time zones away. Their parents had departed earlier in the day to take care of some business in the States. The kids were left in the care of their nanny and a bevy of neighbors and friends. They both had colds and Jim had been at a sleepover the night before. They were tired and going to bed early. It was about six o'clock Saturday evening

Since their parents were in transit and not available by phone, Jim called the next best person to tell her goodnight. At least I like to think I'm number two on her list. No ego

We had a nice chat, and I was glad my aching back had me We bought some special tools and are helping each other out of bed and awake for this early morning treat. I talked to

We talked for quite awhile, and they made me promise to Working like this has been good for me. I think. Even call them in "their" morning so we could talk some more. We

After hanging up it was time to get around for my morning walk. Limbered up from the three-mile walk, I fed the dogs, caught up with me in the form of aches and pains in the middle

The end is in sight for our construction projects. When we're done, maybe I should quit behaving like a hairy-backed boy and try to get some sleep.

# **TO THE EDITOR**

#### Dear Editor:

I have been putting this off too long now, and I have to make sure this gets to you before I forget again. In this day and age, it's refreshing to point out to this community a business that went above and beyond the call of duty to help out a fellow American.

station who were desperately looking for a place that fixes flat tires. Clearly they were from out of town. The attendant at Shell was verbally trying to point them in the direction to get it fixed down M-21. (Bless her heart, she really was trying to

help them out, but the place was swamped with customers). I told them to follow me, and I would get them to the right acclamation. spot. I took them to "the garage" to find that their employee was Try Zest, the new breakfast food. A cup and saucer locking up for the night. (This is where the blessing comes in). comes in each package. After telling him about the tire, the employee eminently Attorney Springett is collecting village ordinances, scatassured me and the elderly couple that they would be taken care tered through many years' records, into one list. of. (He didn't mention he was closed ... he just turned right around and opened up the garage door for the couple to pull in). **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** I then drove away, knowing they would be getting home, AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 28, 1929 safe and sound tonight. Okay, so this wasn't a "save a life" Lowell doctors and dentists, plus county nurses, will story, but it is important to point out the good people who help give health exams to all Lowell school children on March 7 out too. I don't remember the gentleman's name from "the and 8. Vaccinations will also be given as requested by You see, I stumbled on to this older couple at the Shell gas garage" but you know who you are, and I wanted the rest of the community to know this little establishment has a great em-The next article says preschoolers accompanied by a ployee. Your stepping up and helping out was refreshing, and parent can be examined, and that high schoolers who did not bless you for doing so. bring the notice home can still be vaccinated upon request. The Ledger will give free theatre tickets to two subscrib-



CHICKENPOX

Chickenpox is a virus that is easily spread from person to person. It can affect people of all ages but tends to occur in children under 15 most often. Anyone who has contracted the virus in the past or received the vaccine will likely be immune to future exposures.

### Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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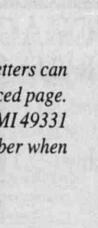
receive the varicella vaccine.

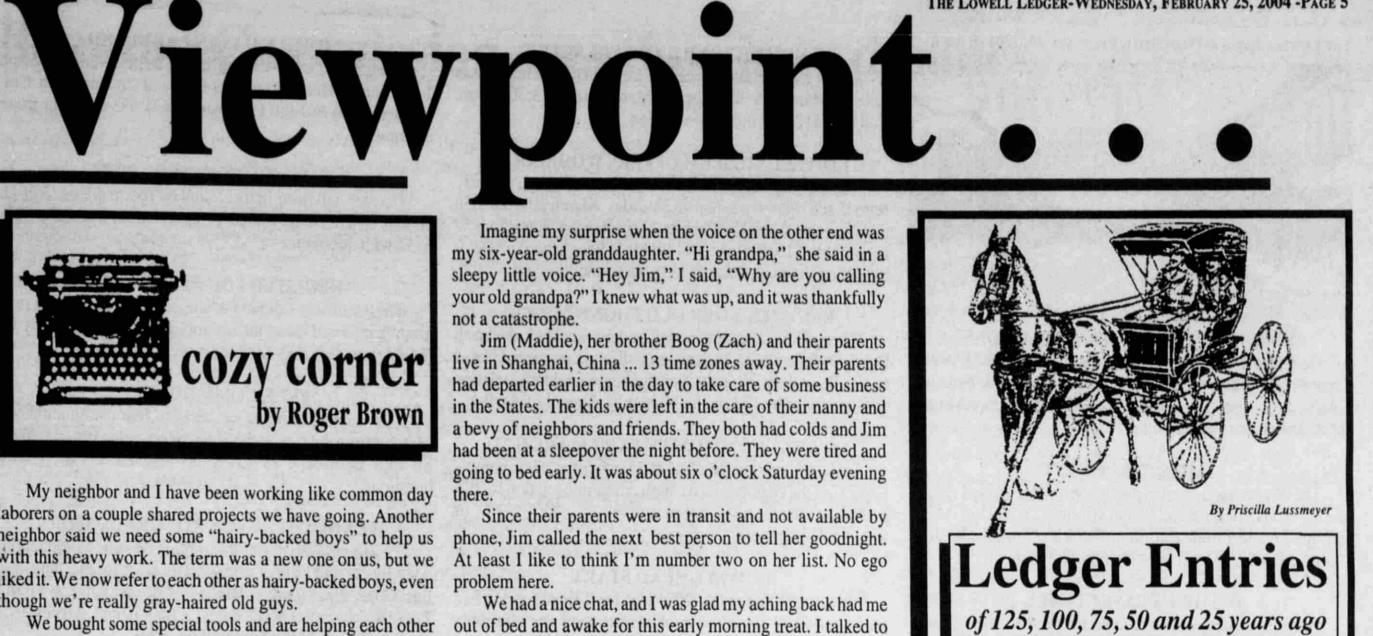
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#### Tina Cadwallader

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness for most people, consisting of a fever and an outbreak of sores. In rare cases, it can cause problems like brain swelling, pneumonia and skin infections. For some unknown reason, children under 13 tend to get the milder cases, while adolescents and adults can have more severe cases. Once a person is exposed to chickenpox, it can take up to two weeks for them to develop symptoms. A person is considered contagious until all the sores have dried

The varicella vaccine is a shot that can prevent chickenpox. Up to 90 percent of people who receive the vaccine will not get chickenpox, and if they do, it will be a milder form. The vaccine is not required like some other vaccines, but it is generally safe and may save your child from suffering. The vaccine is typically given to children 12 to 18 months old. Older children and adults who haven't had chickenpox should discuss this with their health care provider and probably





#### **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEBRUARY 26, 1879**

Slippery sidewalks are yielding big crops of bumps. Washington's birthday was observed at the Journal; somebody made off with the hatchet.

Messrs. Peck, Train and Look are delegates to the greenback party county convention.

Notice to late subscribers: time's up; your money or your cordwood is due now.

The almost-full-page Journal ad promises \$10,000 to the person bringing in 50,000 paid \$1 subscriptions to the Journal by July 4.

#### **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 25, 1904**

The village has over \$6,000 in the treasury, \$5,000 more than last year.

Streets have been graveled, cement sidewalks built, and street lamps replaced in the past year.

The village caucus will have booth voting rather than by

ers each week, starting with A this week, B next, etc. C. H. Runciman also offers a free Strand ticket for

purchase of a ton of coal. Snow has gradually melted, so probably no floods here

this spring.

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 25, 1954**

A perfect cribbage hand was dealt by Jay Bolens to Hugo Hammerslag at Curley's Monday afternoon.

Nancy Oatley, trombonist in the senior band since fifth grade, brings home her 16th first-division medal from the District Solo and Ensemble festival.

Wm. Christiansen works on permits for his ultra-modern supermarket addition to the locker plant at Main and Wash-

Big questions for the March 8 election: change Lowell from town to city; fluoridate the drinking water.

The state health board will emphasize finding early tuberculosis cases before they spread TB to others.

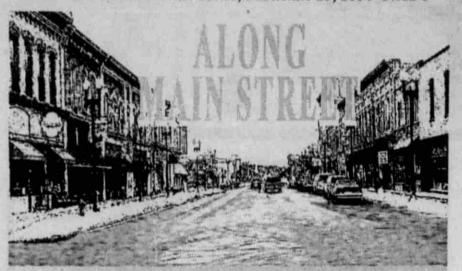
#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 28, 1979**

The roof of the Ada Covered Bridge collapses under the weight of this winter's heavy snows. The Music Boosters schedule a Gong Show; proceeds to

help buy new band uniforms. The Lowell "Broken Arrows" will play the Detroit Lions

in a basketball game fundraiser Saturday. Congressman Hal Sawyer plans three constituent bus

trips to Washington this spring, at nominal cost. Lowell's Steve Ries makes 75 hockey goals in one season, breaking the school record.



#### PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Deadline is Feb. 29 to nominate someone for the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award. Send to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, fax to 897-9101 or email to info@lowellchamber.org.

#### MAPLE SYRUP FEST

The Wittenbach Center maple syrup festival is Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$3/ family scavenger hunt and "quiz" booklet. Pancake breakfast on Saturday, \$3 per person or by donation.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Drop-in basketball is available for women over 30 on Monday nights from 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Ele. starting March 9. Call Dave at the Lowell YMCA (897-8445) with questions. Fee: \$3.

#### HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences for Lowell High School are as follows: March 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; March 10 & 11, 3:30-7 p.m. Call 897-4125 for more information.

#### LOWELL MUSEUM OFFERS WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will have an early settlers activities workshop on Saturday, March 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wittenbach Agri-science Center. Lunch/ registration \$10. Forms are available at your school office or by calling the museum 897-7688. Deadline March 8.

#### **RECYCLE YOUR OLD PHONE BOOKS**

Cherry Creek Elementary will be participating in the Earth Day 2004 Recycling Challenge by collecting unwanted phone books. Drop them off in the main hallway; used for insulation in homes built by Habitat for Humanity. Now thru April 1.

#### **LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO MARCH 27**

Early registration deadline is March 5 for next month's Expo. Call the chamber for an application/information for this premiere marketing opportunity at 897-9161 or www.lowellexpo.org.

#### LOWELL HEAD START

Now enrolling for fall 2004 is Lowell Head Start, a free preschool for 3 and 4 year olds who meet the eligibility guidelines.Call 897-7920 to receive more information.

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.

#### ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEET

Booster will meet in the volunteer room of Lowell High School on Thursday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. Call Julie 897-6353 with questions.

The Curiosity Corner Preschool Early Childhood program for 3s and 4s is taking applications for the 2004-05 school year. Call 897-1232 for more information.

### FREE COMMODITIES Low income families can receive free commodities on

questions.



#### LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

#### **REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL**

March 4 from 9-4 p.m. at the Moose Recreation Hall, W. Main St. Call Bernadette 897-5150 or Virginia 897-8754 with

#### FUNDRAISERS FOR 8TH GRADE TRIP

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.

# **Planning Commission sees flaw in ordinance**

#### By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

tion is 50 percent ... that is, if mission to determine whether nance, anything that has a low, rendering the ordinance the question is whether the they would consider the vari- slope of 20 percent or more is useless to developers. Jahnke Lowell Planning Commission ance request. would agree to a variance to Pasquale said the planning therefore cannot be counted nance revisited, which could its current Open Space Pres- commission had three items in the developable land in de- take up to three months to ervation Ordinance and what to determine before the prop- termining housing. As it change and didn't feel it was the grade maximum would erty at 753 Grindle, also stands now, the property, fair to make the developer wait

in a request late Monday af- the open space ordinance. In placing the property under the grade altogether. ternoon seeking a variance that January, Sundry came before Open Space Preservation Orwould eliminate the grade the planning commission dinance, Sundry wishes to take ning commission decided that regulations in the city's Open seeking counsel on placing the the 16 homes and cluster them a variance with land 50 per-Space Preservation Ordi- property under that particular together. The company at this cent or more of a grade is nance. City manager David ordinance. Items the planning time is not proposing any more unbuildable. If the developer Pasquale, who said earlier that commission needs to cover than 16 homes. Sundry could not be at the include an approval of a site After some discussion, Sundry must prove that, un-Monday night meeting, ex- plan, recommendation of the Lowell Planning Commission der the city's guidelines for plained because of the late- private road in conjunction to chairman Clark Jahnke said variances, Jahnke said.

The answer to the ques- present it to the planning com-

known as the Phillips prop- zoned suburban residential, that long. He also was not Sundry Corporation put erty, could be approved under can have 16 homes on it. By certain about eliminating the

considered unbuildable and

ness of the request, he told the new site plan, and a vari- he could see where the ordicompany officials he would ance for the 20 percent slope. nance was flawed in that the Currently under the ordi- 20 percent grade may be too would like to see the ordi-

In conclusion, the plandecides he needs more, then



a variance without a site plan partial work. to review and requested that variance requests.

raised over the water runoff munities have such a grade from the property. Develop- requirement in their Open ment was started and then Space Preservation Ordihalted as Sundry worked on nances.

"My concern is that they its other development at 751 do what we agree to do," said Grindle. The 753 Grindle council member Barbara property is part of a natural Schmaltz. The commission drainage ditch with some wadecided it would not consider ter flooding, resulting in the

As to where the 20 perone be presented to the com- cent grade came mission at its next meeting in from, Pasquale said after dis-March. Pasquale said a site cussing it with city attorney plan could be approved con- Richard Wendt, it is believed tingent on variance approval. to have been part of a model The zoning board of appeals ordinance. Such a requirement has the final decision on all is not part of the state ordinance. City staff was going to Some concerns were look into whether other com-

### **City Council reviews contracted services**

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer** 

Every financial guru will tell you that you should take a look at what you are paying for services you contracted. If that is true in personal finances, it is also true in corporate, nonprofit and municipal finances as well.

Councilman Charles Myers requested last month that Lowell City Council review what it pays for certain

contracted services ranging vided by city staff, Myers said the hands down winner, that's by building fees, Pasquale Wastewater Treatment Plant.

we should review on a regular Wendt, through the firm, was Pfaller also agrees that the city routine the contracted services last appointed in 1996. Myers needs to review all of its venwe have," Myers said at last week's council meeting. He said he would like to see city staff solicit proposals for the various contract positions to make sure the city is spending its money wisely.

Going through the list pro-

**CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN** 

The adoption of the following Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Mathews:

**ORDINANCE NO. 03 -7** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF **ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL** 

#### THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

1. That the "Official Zoning Map" as referenced in Section 3.02 of Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to change the zone district classification of real property located in part at 1450 West Main Street legally described from C-3 General Business District to R-3 Residential District

#### Description:

PARCEL "A": The South 438.03 feet (as measured along the West right-of-way of Valley Vista Drive and the Southerly extension thereof) of the West 270 feet of the east 1351 feet of that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, T6N, R9W, lying South of the South line of Fulton Street (State Trunk line M-21), City of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan, less the property taken by the City of Lowell for expansion of the adjoining Street. Containing 2.21 acres. Subject to highway right-of-way for Bowes Street over the South 33.00 feet thereof.

Containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

YEA: Councilmembers: Blough, Mathews, Myers and Mayor Shores.

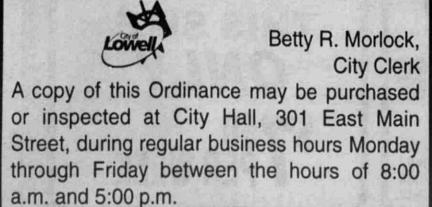
NAYS: Councilmembers: Pfaller.

ABSENT: Councilmembers: none.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### Betty R. Morlock, **City Clerk**

, Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk of the City of Lowell, do hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Lowell City Council at a regular meeting held on December 15, 2003 and that the Ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger on February 25, 2004.



charges \$135 per hour with contracts we said he would like to have an dors from time to time. end date on the contract service and an idea of what other law offices charge for municipal work.

City manager David Pasquale said it's hard to compare attorney fees since Wendt knows a fair amount about the city. Pasquale also asked if the council was dissatisfied with Wendt's work, which for us to go through this pro- go through the process. cess," Myers said, adding the issue is spending taxpayers' money and making sure the efficiently. "If Dick Wendt is

from city attorney to building he would first like to see the fine," Myers said. "I just inspection and code enforce- attorney fees reviewed. Cur- wanted to be shown that we ment to the operation of the rently Dickinson-Wright are being diligent about the are "It came to my mind that no retainer fee. Richard making." Councilman Jim

> "I think we need to look over our vendors and what we are paying," said councilman Al Mathews. "We need to be now. careful on how we spend the taxpayers' money and certain we are getting what we need." Myers said when looking at proposals, the city needs to consider how many hours they use that service, how the was quickly rebutted by the person is used, et cetera, reitcouncil. "I think it is prudent erating the council needed to

Imperial Municipal Services, which charges the city \$45 city is spending it per hour. Costs are also offset about \$6,500.

Taken off the list are the explained. An increase in city assessor, a contracted building fees was approved position hired by the city manby the council in September ager, and Horizon Lawn Ser-2003. vice for the mowing of the The city pays Earth Tech parks and public areas. The \$294,400 per year to run the city assessor contract is about Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$32,000; the lawn service, which the city may be able to approximately \$20,520. Also off the list is the contract with do cheaper on its own, Myers said, adding it's a possibility the city of Walker to dispatch that should be looked into for Lowell police officers. Lowell chief of police Jim Valen-The waste management tine said the only other vencontract with Pitsch runs out dor for this is the Kent County in October 2005. This costs Sheriff's Department and he about \$89,228.40 with the doubted whether the city city getting about half could get a better deal. The (\$44,814) from the sale of city currently pays Walker garbage bags and leaf \$18,000. The cities of Sparta bags. The contract with the and Cedar Springs just recity's auditor, Rehmannewed their contracts with the Robson, expires in July 2005. sheriff's department, each at Also up for review will be The city audit is approxi- about \$40,000. Valentine mately \$9,500; the Lowell said. The council plans to re-Light and Power/ Cable TV, view each vendor contract

### Future cooperation, continued...From Page 1

Brubaker; Seese; Getzen and Greater Grand Rapids YMCA executive director of the Southeast YMCA branch. Former city councilman Mike Blough acted as facilitator in the meeting.

The meeting focused on re-establishing the community's role in the Lowell YMCA. In a telephone interview Monday, Nelson expressed an understanding of that interaction.

"One of the unique ways the Lowell branch is different is because of the unique relationship we've had with the Nelson said. "We've had great cooperation in the past and we intend to keep earning that meeting, the downtown administrators "were not fully Lowell branch," Getzen said.

"We got a general con- meeting addressed this as well. well with all parties and if we Pastor Roger La Warre met sensus both from the commuwith Ron Nelson, CEO of the nity and the local board and is closely tied to the commu- keep looking," he said. Greater Grand Rapids from the Grand Rapids staff nity and we've been more inoperating officer of the in this branch and that's some- of the Y," Getzen said. "The thing we want to keep in this Lowell branch has been tradiand Christine Von Vonderen, branch and that is something tionally involved in such we can do in this branch."

> Lowell's YMCA branch developed largely on its own. like that. "Lowell was always on

vice area," Getzen said "There was not that much need to have contact with the metro offices." Before it opened the teracted under that under-

wellness center in 2001, the standing. A panel including Lowell YMCA operated local board members, largely under the radar of the Pasquale, and two local central association. With the YMCA staff interviewed three wellness center and now the candidates for the associate teen center, Getzen said, director position of the Lowcity and the school district," "we've now become more vis- ell YMCA. The panel will ible to the Grand Rapids Area make an endorsement subject Association."

cooperation." Before the Area Association began to get input is important to the suc- very specific three- and fivemore involved with the Low- cess of the associate director, year objectives. ell YMCA, it did so without according to Nelson. realizing that there was a lot fully realizing the stake the of autonomy out here in the Lowell board of managers has in its YMCA. The Feb. 11

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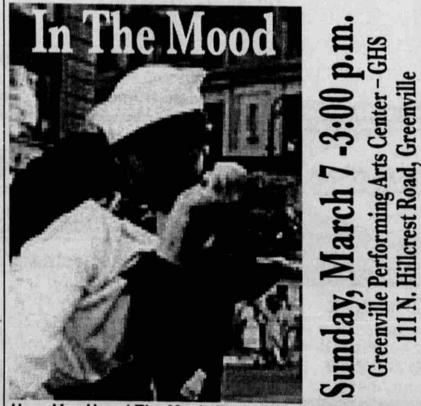
"Our board of managers don't get that, we just have to

things as hiring staff, as looking at applications, and things

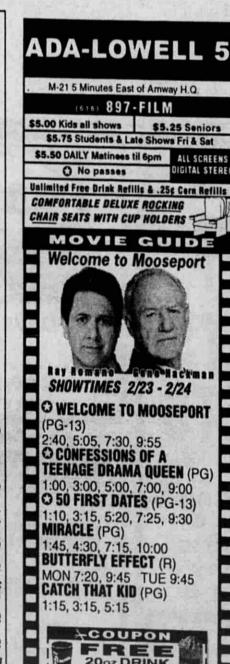
what we can have. Last Friday was the first

time the Lowell board and the Grand Rapids Area board in-When the Grand Rapids cal board of managers. That

> "We have to make sure we get somebody who works



Have You Heard The Music That Moved A Nation's Spirit? Much more than a concert, "In The Mood" is a 1940's Big Band Theatrical Swing Revue of musical giants such as Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, The Andrew Sisters, and Frank Sinatra. The music and arrangements are as authentic as it gets featuring the "In The Mood Singers and Dancers" with the sensational "String of Pearls" big band orchestra. The combination of up-tempo big band instrumentals and intimate, romantic ballads set the mood for a future filled with promise, hope and prosperity. This was the time when the music moved the nation's spirit - come and be moved again! Tickets now on sale at the Greenville Community Center: (616) /54-9163 \$15 advance/\$17 at door.



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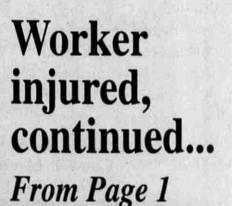
Lowell's associate direc-YMCA, Don McCarthy, chief that that's something unique volved in the actual running tor will report to Von Vonderen. However, Getzen said, "that doesn't make us a

branch of the Southeast Y, we

are still our own branch." McCarthy defined Von Vonderen's role as follows: "They said that's good; if "Her responsibility incorpothe fringe of the YMCA ser- that's what we want, that's rates the administrative supervision between the Lowell branch, the Ionia branch and the Southeast branch."

> "That enables our local person to spend 100 percent of their time on the local membership needs in the community," Nelson said.

Once the new associate director is hired, his or her first task will be to work with the community to establish goals for the Lowell YMCA. to the approval of the full lo- Getzen said the Lowell Y will seek community input to set



Health Butterworth Campus. where he was reported to be in fair condition last Thursday afternoon.

It was uncertain how Sanderson fell through the hole.Two co-workers were working in another area on the roof and did not see the fall happen. The first people on the scene said a board covered the hole he fell through when they arrived.

"They said he fell through a hole in the roof but it's hard to imagine because the cover was still on when he fell through," King Milling presi dent Brian Doyle said."When I got over there he was on his hands and knees. He could talk, he knew who he was, but he was spitting up blood.' Junewick said the hole

Sanderson fell through was about the size of a manhole.

# City seeks to keep costs down while extending road surface life

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer** 

Looking to "live within its means," the Lowell city staff presented a proposal to mill and resurface local streets having curb and gutter. The hope, said city manager David Pasquale to the Lowell City Council at its meeting last week, is to extend the life of the roads while keeping costs down.

"We are limited in terms of bonding and grants," Pasquale explained. "We are trying to live within our means and this is what we have come up with."

Pasquale said Department

of Public Works director Dan Grindle, High, Valley Vista, within our means to get some-DesJarden has identified 35 Division, Center, Sibley, Jack- thing done without going into sections of roadway that could son and Avery; this is only a debt." Pfaller, along with the be placed under this project. small sampling. Pasquale council, objected to plans to The cost, between \$22,000- said the reason city staff se- bond for road reconstruction \$23,000, could be done over lected only streets with curb work which was placed beseveral years. The total cost and gutter is that those with- fore the council last year. The of the project would be over a out curb tend to deteriorate amount needed to bond placed million dollars.

The city's Local Street Fund currently has about who runs Tip Top Gravel, said raising concerns for the coun-\$107,402 that could be used if there is a good sub-base on cil, especially in this economic toward the project. Pasquale the roads, the milling and re- climate. added that Community De- surfacing is an excellent opvelopment Block Grant funds tion. He felt the plan was a of the project, the city staff also could be allocated to the good idea. project.

would fall under this program Pfaller. "I was looking for a accomplished. including portions of Gee, plan to maintain and live

quickly.

Councilman Al Mathews, could extend itself on loan,

"This is what I was look- detailed plan on how the mill-A variety of city streets ing for," said councilman Jim ing and resurfacing would be

# **Contract negotiations drag out between teachers & support staff**

#### **By Dan Schneider**

round of contract negotiations it's the only way to do that." other Kent County school dis- would pay for insurance. This increase for each of two years. by the LEA and LESPA was prevented further progress toward a resolution for teachers Feb. 11 talks be canceled to and support staff in the Lowell Area Schools, but union ate their standing. Primary representatives are optimistic concerns included a still-un- and we are curious to see if the second year of the con- tiations in the second year of been without a contract since about the potential for a settle- certain funding picture ment.

agreement being reached," said Vicki Fredline, president of the Lowell Education Support Personnel Association.

"We feel like there's a lot more creativity and looking at other possibilities that we hadn't thought of," Lowell Education Association president Doranne Truax said.

The last mediation session took place Jan. 15. The next sessions are scheduled for March 4 and 28.

"We realize the process has been a long one but we are committed to continuing the process in a professional manner and in good faith," school board president Nancy Hopkins said. "The goal is to settle a fair and reasonable contract, has been from the beginning and will continue

The unions requested the tricts. give them more time to evalu-

"We were concerned "We're hopeful to see an about the direction the talks were taking and we felt we needed more information." Truax said.

Fredline said the results of Tuesday's special education election, with their resulting impact on the school budget, could factor into negotiations. The union is also interested in seeing how ne-

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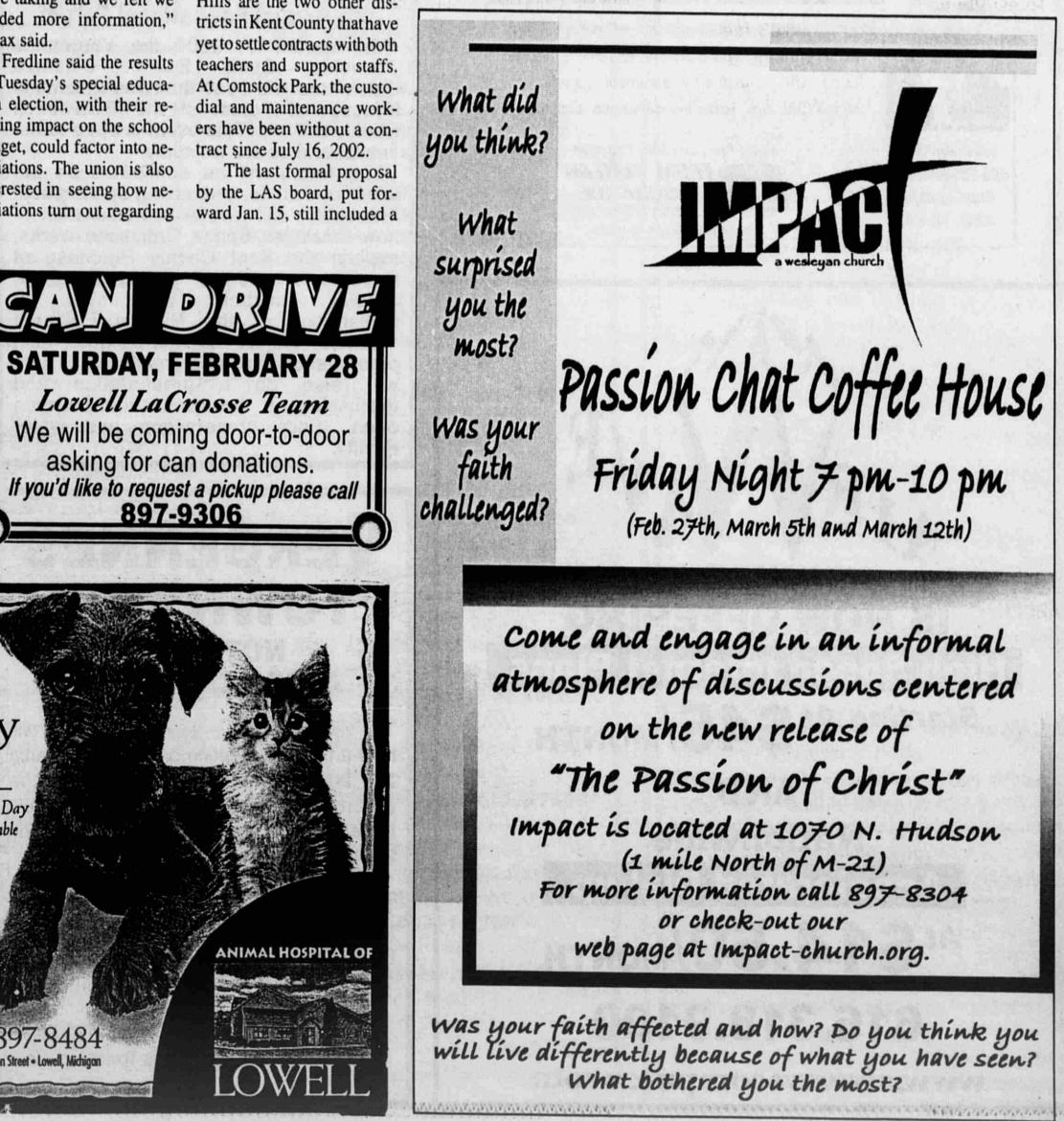
Cancellation of the last to be, and working together health insurance coverage in cap on the amount the district cluded a 1.25 percent wage

they will settle without caps," tract. Fredline said.

Kentwood and Kenowa Hills are the two other districts in Kent County that have yet to settle contracts with both teachers and support staffs. At Comstock Park, the custodial and maintenance workers have been without a contract since July 16, 2002.

The last formal proposal by the LAS board, put forgotiations turn out regarding ward Jan. 15, still included a

The previous proposal in- uncertainty.

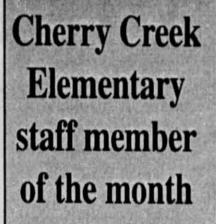




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the city too close to what it

With consensus approva will move forward to create a



**Carmen Reynolds was** nominated as "staff member of the month" by several fourth grade teachers at Cherry Creek Elemen-

tary. They explain she does many "extras" that help the fourth grade run more efficiently - all with a positive attitude and a smile on her face.

Reynolds, who has lived in Lowell all her life, received her teaching degree from Central Michigan University. Following graduation, she began teaching seventh grade Language Arts at Lowell Middle School. Reynolds earned her master's degree for Early Childhood Education from Grand Valley State University and, five years ago, began teaching fourth grade at Cherry Creek Elementary. She and her husband, Mark, have two children, Anna Mae and Ivan.

the contract due to funding June 30, 2003.

The last formal proposal would leave the teachers and There is a 1.25 percent raise put forward Sept. 15, "We anticipate that there support staff responsible for for the first year in the new 2003. The contract for the LAS would soon be a couple more any increases in the cost of proposal, but the wage issue teachers expired Aug. 31. districts that will be settling insurance above that cap in would be re-opened to nego- 2003. The support staff have

**Carmen Revnolds** 

# Lowell wrestlers roll through districts

#### **By Dan Schneider**

est obstacle standing between Lowell wrestling and the dis- ing," Ionia coach Duane trict championship last Chilcote said. "We've School. Despite coming out Hastings, so we pretty much with more intensity than they knew what we were up against. showed in the conference dual meet against the Arrows ... loaded," he added, referring and despite the fact that Low- to Lowell's three graduating ell was missing three contrib- individual state champions uting wrestlers, the Yellow last year. Jackets fell to Lowell 36-27 in tournament.

Johnston said. "Even the kids (189). that lost, they wrestled really hard."

against Greenville. Mike decision, 11-2, against Jeremy Nearing pinned Zach Brown Stilson of Greenville, and by at 119, but nearly faced a ma- forfeit against Ionia. jor decision. Brown was up

top," Johnston said.

Lowell coasted past Ionia Greenville was the larg- in the finals, winning 59-18. "We knew it was com-Wednesday at Lowell High wrestled the Mason team and

"They definitely re-

It was the ninth consecuthe first round of the District tive district championship for the Red Arrows.

Greenville put up a good Lowell had to make adfight. Most matches went the justments in the upper full six minutes. "I think the weights. They were wrestling kids were a little more ready without Ryan Dykhouse to wrestle this time." (171), out with a broken third Greenville coach Paul metacarpal, and Josh Vaught

Brock Graham moved down from 215 to take Lowell had three pins Vaught's place. He won by

Ryan Esbaugh moved 10-1 before Nearing put his down to 215 from heavyshoulder to the mat at the be- weight, pinning Greenville's Scott Shattuck in 1:26. ginning of the third round. A.J. Gunn in 1:19. Ionia's Vaught was back in ac- weight classes in the district Wyoming Park in 2:34. "Really what it came Adam Warner pinned tion Saturday at the individual finals and left the gym with had the experience, he took wrestling heavyweight, was pinned Mona Shores' Mike ing Vaught. pinned by Greenville's Adam Dean in 2:57 to become dis-



The 2003-2004 Lowell wrestling squad with the team district championship trophy last Wednesday. It was the ninth straight district championship for the Red Arrows.

Typton in 1:19 and by Ionia's trict champion at 189. Lowell championship match at 119,

had wrestlers in half of the

Mike Nearing won his 130.

Matt Kilmartin won a 15pinning Dave Smalley of 5 major decision over Mark Racalla of Kenowa Hills for Joe Mendez won a major the district championship at down to was the Nearing kid Esbaugh in 1:59. Matt Dood, districts at Mona Shores. He five district champions includ- decision, 18-8, over 135. Northview's Nate Basel at Kevin Frazier won the

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **Open Space Citizen's Committee**

**4th Annual Educational Forum** 

On March 17, 2004 the Vergennes Township Open Space Citizen's Committee will host their fourth annual Educational Forum at the Wittenbach Center at 7 PM. This event is open to the public, and all are welcome.

The forum will be an update on the latest options for preserving open space. Presenters will give a demonstration of how the Open Space Ordinance works, explain the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program, give an answer questions and explanation of the Natural Features Inventory project, as well as other land preservation tools and processes. There will also be a presentation and discussion on the connection between open space preservation and water quality.

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF **ANNUAL MEETING**

The residents of Vergennes Township will hold an Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for residents to comment on any issue regarding the state of the township. The 2004-05 budget will also be reviewed.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the township offices located at the intersection of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, address of 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

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championship at 140, defeating Byron Center's Brent Mancarelli, 9-5.

Lowell's Ray Seese (103) and Jason Nearing (160) won their third-place matches.

Lowell will first face Byron Center Wednesday night in the team regionals at Sparta. Lowell beat Byron Center earlier in the year, but only by three points. If they beat them again Wednesday, Lowell will likely face Sparta in the regional finals. Sparta takes on Catholic Central in the first round.

"If we meet up with Sparta in the finals, it's going to be knock down, drag out for the finals," Lowell coach Dave Strejc said. "It's going to be a close one."

Vaught will be back again at 189 and Rob Karasiewicz will be back at 112. Dykhouse has doctor's permission to wrestle within his pain threshold. This could put coach Strejc in a tight spot depending on what weight the match starts at.

"If we start at 171 we'll have to risk putting him out there, not knowing what the final score is going to be," Strejc said.

If the match starts at a higher weight, however, and Lowell is ahead by the time the 171 match comes around, they can afford to let Dykhouse sit out.

"We need to focus, we need to come out, we need to come out tough against Sparta or we'll lose," Streic said.

The regional tournament will determine who goes on to the state team tournament in Battle Creek. Regionals start at 6 p.m., Wednesday, at Sparta.

# **Gymnastics conference meet**

#### By Dan Schneider

Lowell hosted the OK ast weekend.

performances of senior team score of 134.55. Christy Keller and junior Lindsay Orgeck. They fin- urday was a laid-back final 127.725. shed first and second, respectively, in all-around scoring.

around score of 36.875. She DeHaan said at the meet's con- the beam which put her in a tie medaled in all events, taking clusion. "I don't think the girls for fifth in that event. first place in the vault (9.35) felt as much pressure because and the bars (9.25). Medals we were home and you never went to the top five gymnasts feel as much pressure when DeHaan said. in each event and all-around. you're home."

Orgeck's all-around score was 36.425. She medaled in for the Lowell gymnasts to

first place on beam.

Conference gymnastics meet ond place in team gymnastics. at regionals were in Lowell The Knights' team score was Saturday for the conference Forest Hills took first 136.125. Caitlin Riley was the meet. At regionals, however, place in the meet with a team highest all-around scorer for the gymnasts will be split into score of 140.925. Forest Hills Kenowa with 35.725. Rock- division I and division II. won the meet largely on the ford came in third place with a

home meet.

Keller posted an all- Lowell coach Michele with 34.6. She scored a 9.0 on

allevents except bars and took see their competition for up- today, she made a lot of (8.675), and Bell (8.0).

coming individual regionals. Kenowa Hills took sec- Most of the teams that will be

Lowell finished seventh in the team standings. The Red For the Lowell team, Sat- Arrows' team score was

"Today was a lot of fun," Lowell's top all-around scorer

It was also a good chance an improved bars routine.

changes to it," DeHaan said. The other all-around scorer for Lowell was Rebecca

The top Lowell scores in individual events were as follows:

Jenna Dickerman was White (both scored 7.9). Kowalski (7.05).

"This is the first time she's gotten a nine on the beam," (9.0), Underwood (7.85),

She also scored 8.15 on Curtis (6.6). "She did a new routine (8.85), Underwood (8.7), Rau

On floor: Dickerman

# **Volleyball looks to post-season**

#### **By Dan Schneider**

Byron Center in the OK-Gold Becker with six kills, four ball in ten years." crossover stopped the varsity blocks. Amy Oberlin had three volleyball team's winning blocks and Taylor Verdon had conference regular season ference East Grand Rapids. streak at 11 games, Monday.

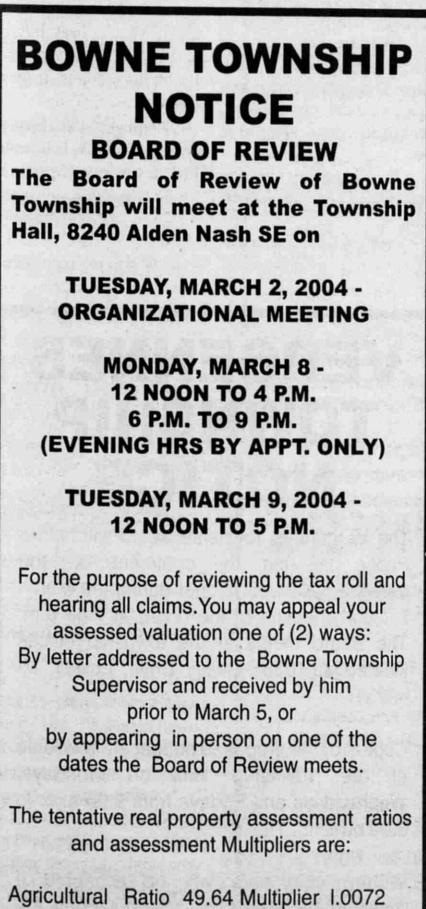
The Bulldogs beat the Red Arrows in two games, win- 1, after the loss to Byron this Saturday at Kenowa Hills. against Byron Center in the Peal said. ning 15-5 and 15-8. It was a Center, might surprise any- They start against Unity Chris- crossover with OK Gold, disappointing loss for a team one who hasn't been watch- tian, who they beat earlier in Monday. that last week clinched sec- ing the Arrows play volley- the season. ond place in the OK White ball this season. with a win at Sparta.

game were Kristin Johnson will be the biggest opportu-A loss at home against with eight kills and Heather nity Lowell has had in volley- actually in the other bracket continue being a contender in 14 assists.

"I don't know if people Lowell beat the Spartans really realize how good the in two games, 15-12 and 15-5. girls are playing," coach Gigi Leaders for Lowell in that Peal said. "The next two weeks

Finishing second in the makes Lowell the second seed

Lowell's volleyball squad



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> **Dennis McKelvey-Assessor** Pete Siler-Supervisor Bowne Township

TOWNSHIP NOTICE **BOARD OF REVIEW** THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP** WILL MEET AT THE **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL 10381 BAILEY DRIVE** LOWELL, MI 49331 MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and also on **TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

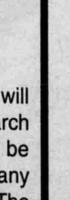
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To appear at the Board of Review, call 897-5671 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an appointment to appear in person.

By letter addressed to: **Vergennes Township Assessor** P.O. Box 208 Lowell, MI 49331-0208

> Letters must be received by March 5, 2004

> > **Mari Stone** Vergennes Township Clerk



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Underwood with 31.65.

On vault: Dickerman (8.6), Amanda Rau (8.5), LynnAnn Bell (7.95) and Underwood and Danielle On bars: Dickerman

(8.15), Rau (7.60) Underwood (7.2), and Kelli

On beam: Dickerman Kowalski (7.1), and Tiffanie



They include first-in-con-



Lowell's Kelli Kowalski on floor at the OK Conference gymnastics meet.

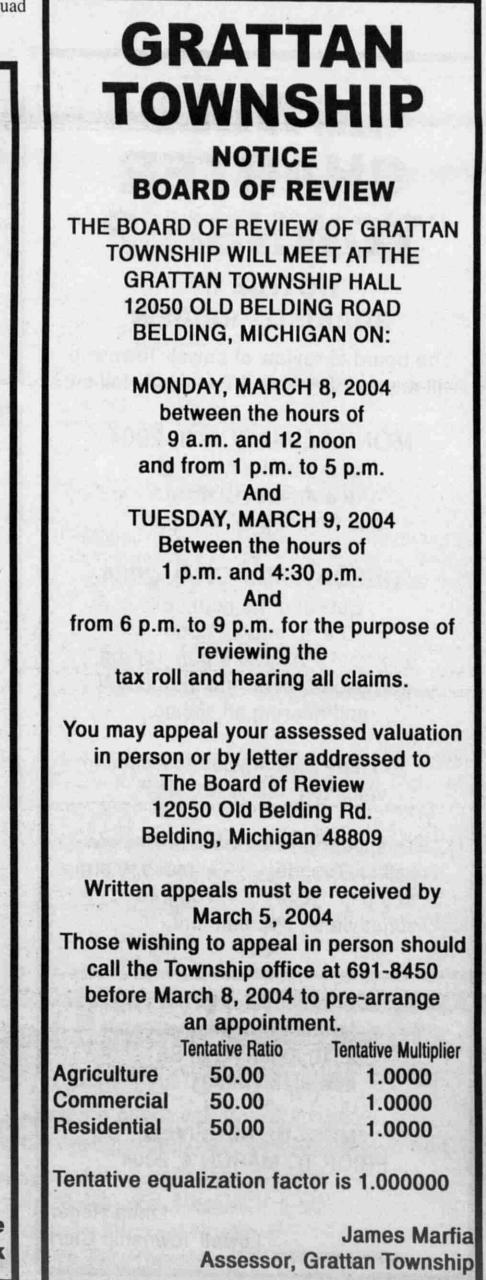
"Our only two losses are is a young team, and looks to of the tournament," Peal said. OK White next year.

"Every time we go out on The second-in-conference or lose; it's to play better as a

The youth of the team in- young."

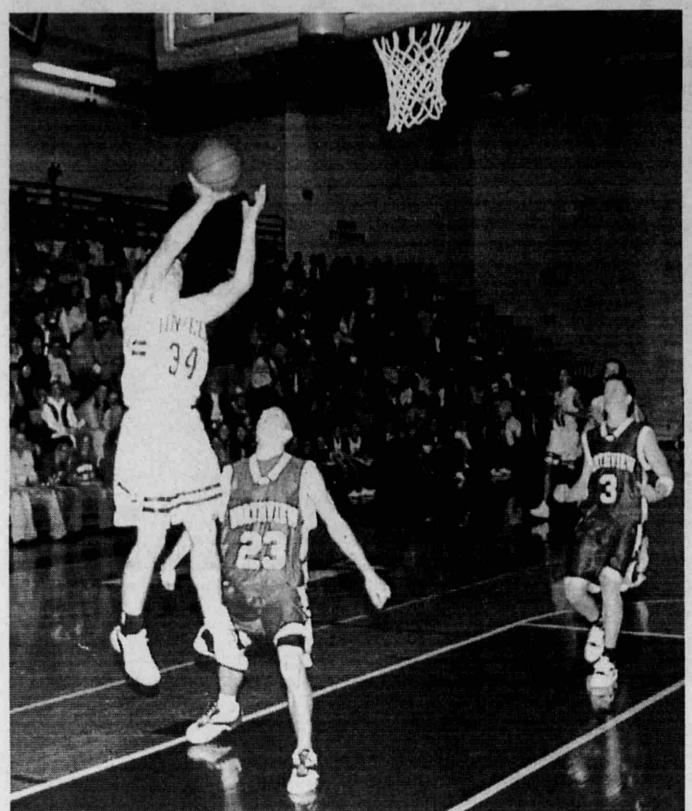
creases that potential.

"We always typically have two sophomores and two or three juniors on the court," the court our goal isn't to win Peal said. "We're losing a couple of key players but in Lowell's record, 34-11- in the conference tournament standing also put Lowell up team and grow as a program," perspective to other varsity volleyball teams, we're very

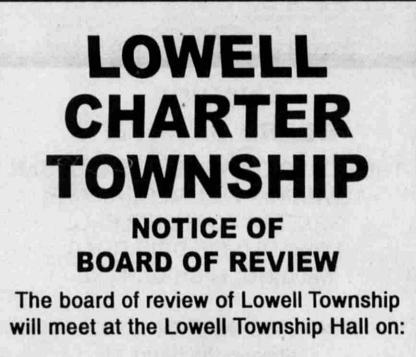


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# Late in season, basketball still going strong



Lowell's Frank Mulder goes up for a fast-break layup in last Friday's 52-41 Red Arrow victory over Northview.



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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



Lowell's Mike Koster drives the lane against Northview's Derek Brooks last Friday. Koster had eight rebounds in the Lowell win.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell basketball coach Jeff McDonald was in a good put Lowell's record at 11-6 mood in the locker room after overall and 8-4 in conference. last Friday's game.

He was happy partly be- ter the first quarter and 28-21 cause Lowell beat Northview at the half. The Wildcats ral-52-41 that night, and mostly lied back in the third, cutting because that win is part of the the Lowell lead to a single best season Lowell basketball point. has had since the mid-1980s.

"First of all, just a factual statement here, we've quarter. Lowell stopped their and Rozema with 11. Mike '86-'87," McDonald said. Rozema saved a ball into the 39 rebounds. The team had 10 "These boys should feel good hands of Northview's Bran- total steals and the same num-

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a

Public Hearing to receive comments on a

proposed ordinance adopting the 2000

edition of the National Fire Code of the

National Fire Prevention Association. The

hearing will be held at the regularly

scheduled meeting on Monday, March 8,

2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall,

Copies of the proposed ordinance are

available for public inspection at the

township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays,

and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and also

Written comments will be accepted if

received by 7 p.m. on March 8th by the

Township Clerk. They can be sent to P.O.

Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to

the township website at

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about what they've accom- tions from a lot of different plished so far."

don Watrous. Watrous began ber of assists. leisurely dribbling the ball down-court when Rozema swooped in, stole the ball, and score at 45-39 and guaranteed Lowell a win.

Mike Kapustka said. "Lowell is a strong defensive team ... took us out of our game a little

represented a strong team ef-

"We got lots of contribu-



The Vergennes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing for comment on the proposed 2004-05 budget during the March 8, 2004 meeting of the board at 7:00 p.m. The board meets at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted i received by 7 p.m. on March 8th by the Township clerk. They can be sent to P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to clerk@vergennestwp.org.

Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk



people," McDonald said. "Ev-The win over Northview erybody got a steal or a block or a rebound.

"I thought they played Lowell was up 15-10 af- hard and our crowd was great, and I'm happy for these guys to be involved in the first winning season in 17 years."

Lowell shot 40 percent from the field against The Wildcats kept within Northview. The leading scorfour through most of the fourth ers were Sam Oberlin with 18 matched the best season since momentum when Kyle Koster had eight of Lowell's

Josh Hettinga emerged as a significant contributor in Lowell's two road games made a layup. That put the early last week. In the Red Arrows' 61-51 win over Ionia last Monday, he put up 12 "We just didn't get into points. Hettinga led the team our rhythm," Northview coach in scoring with 17 points in last Tuesday's loss at St. Johns.

Hettinga, a sophomore, came up from J.V. in Lowell's To McDonald, the win Feb. 6 win over Sparta. He

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Basketball, cont'd.

# VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to

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to any nonprofit organization Saranac areas. We prefer Impact, a Wesleyan such notices to be kept brief Church, 1070 N. Hudson. EVERY WED .: Lowell and to be submitted by mail, Call 897-8304 for details. Church of the Nazarene but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

EVERY MON .: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball. 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elem. starting March 9. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445 Fee \$3.

THIRD MON .: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

SECOND MON .: Lowell 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

THIRD MON .: Lowe Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church, Call Dave, 897-2533.

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

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

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 Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- 2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS EVERY WED .: Rotary ing Events" are free of charge - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at noon at Lowell ... because mothering mat- Masonic Temple, 119 Linin the Lowell, Ada, Alto & ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at coln Lake Ave.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. gram at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 Chapter of the American years. Call 897-8800. Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 EVERY WED.: Tri-town cial time; 7 p.m. meeting & skeet league, 5616 Dunn program. Olga, 975-9977, Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry

EVERY TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops EVERY SECOND WED .: MI#372 meets at Key Kent County Youth Fair Heights Mobile Home Park Board, 7:30 p.m., King Me-Community Bldg. Weigh- morial Youth Center at ins 5:45 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

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

TUES .: Saranac Needlers, lic Church, Grand Rapids. needleart/quilting bee Dorothy 897-9794. Board of Education meets meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time: all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa. 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

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

Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake

EVERY1ST&3RDTUES .: Room. Choir:6-7 p.m./ p.m., Look Memorial Fire 897-5981. Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED .: 5 p.m. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church up-

Caravan children's pro-

Grand River Dr. 6:30 so- Conservation Club trap & Parents Supporting Par-754-7104. Public welcome.

Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY TUES .: Flat River EVERY SECOND WED .: Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30- Lowell Women's Club, 12 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY SECOND WED .: eral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at SECOND & FOURTH St. Paul's Anglican Catho-

> **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., 800-651-6000.

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

Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H. S. Band Lowell Lions Club,6:30 band:7-8. Kathy Maatman

**EVERY THURS.:** Pottery EVERY THIRD TUES .: 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 / ado-EVERY 3RD TUES .: lescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

> FIRST THURS .: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS .: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Dawn 862-8841

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

EVERY THIRD THURS .: ents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842. erage for a donation; 11:30

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

EVERY THIRD THURS .: March 5-7 LaLeche League of Ada Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/ breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

SECOND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Proces Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

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

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

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

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

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

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CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 items for FROM. p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. For info. call 897-8565.

EACH WED., FEB. 25 · **APRIL 7:** Franciscan Life Process Center lunch thru Lenten season. Soup. fresh bread, dessert, bev-- 1:30 p.m. Call 897-7842 to RSVP.

FRI., FEB. 27-SUN., 29: Bye Bye Birdie, Ionia Community Theatre. \$10 & \$5. For times & ticket info. call 527-2367. Also showing

MON., MARCH 1: Deadline for musicians to send in CD/cass., bio, photo of group for Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, starting June 17. Call LAAC (897-8545) or LACC (897-9161).

THURS., MARCH 4: Vergennes Cooperative EVERY FRI .: Arts/Crafts Club at Schneider Manor

LOWELL SERENITY at 1 p.m. Bring wrapped Bingo prize (not over \$3). Hostesses: Norma Noall and Jeanne Shores Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri. Bring

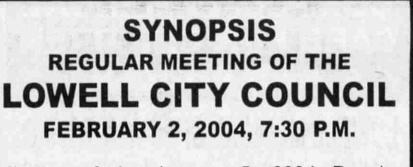
> THURS., MARCH 4: Free commodities for low income families at Moose Recreation Hall, 9-4 p.m.

SUN., MARCH 7: Lowell Day in Lakeland, Fla. Buffet dinner, held at 1 p.m. at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club.

SUN., MARCH 7: Greenville Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Hillcrest, will present "In The Mood" 1940's Big Band at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$17 at door.Call 754-9163.

MON., MARCH 8: Deadline for registering for activities workshop (March 20) at Wittenbach Center sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Call 897-7688 or stop at your school office for entry form.

SAT., MARCH 27: Lowell Community Expo at Lowell High School.



Minutes of the January 5, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

Jessica Johnston, Director of the Lowell Community Wellness program presented the history and what the future holds for the program.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to support the advertising signboards for the Little League fields project and allow it for a time period of five years.
- Motion to approve the bid of \$3,000 from Lee's Trenching Service to install a new water line at the Recreation Park Ballfield to the main lift station.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

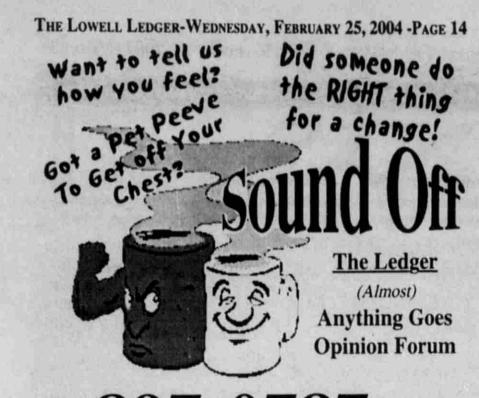
Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

> Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell



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Instead of using automated answering services, why not hire real live people to talk to and get answers from? Think of all the jobs which would be created!

Lowell school bus drivers truly are angels watching over our children. Thank you to the driver on Alden Nash last Wednesday for being there for our children. Sorry for being so distracted.

You are the only person, tired of Roger's stories. Keep writing, Roger. Thanks for the stories and the flightslook forward to them every week.

To the person(s) who are trashing the mail boxes on Ware Road. You better hope the police get you before we do. The cameras are out! Federal Offense!

I have sent the same comment many times, But you never print it. Why? Some car dealerships look like a circus, with search lights and balloons, and flashing lights. The clowns are always outside smoking.

Bring back the crossword puzzle. I love crossword puzzles! Bring it back.

Hi I just want to say I look forward to Roger Brown's column every week. It can't be easy coming up with something to write about every week. I enjoy reading it.

Please put the TV guide back in the Ledger. I'm sure many people would pay extra to have it in there.

Keep your dogs and cats in your own yard not your neighbors!

If you police need to get your ticket quota for the month, you can give plenty of speeding tickets out on N. Jefferson - day or night!

Lowell's engineering advisor repeatedly made it clear that the new housing project off Grindle Dr. near James St. is not a good idea. Why are they getting away with this. Where is our city government when we need them!

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Did a certain community minded individual enroll her farm for preservation? This is an opportunity to be a real "trend setter" in terms of "putting our money where our mouth is." Or is this like preserving Cooper's wood lot?

I was told that the open space survey for Vergennes Twp. mailed out approximately 1200 surveys and approximately 130 came back. How much interest is this? How many yes? How many no?

# Chamber accepting nominations for **Person of the Year**

The prestigious "Person of the Year" award has been a Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce function since 1986. An annual event, it will be given out at the Spirit of Community Celebration and "Essence of Lowell" held on April 30.

following guidelines: · Overtime, the candidate has freely donated con-

their regular profession. the efforts of the candidate.

 The candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action. The candidate possesses new and innovative ideas

that benefit the community.

The nominations are given to the selection committee which consists of the last five years of recipients receiving the Person of the Year award.

If you know someone who is deserving of this honor, please submit in writing your nomination to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331, fax to 897-9101 or email to info@lowellchamber.org. Deadline is Feb. 29.

# **Basketball**, continued ... From page 12

scored a pair of three-pointers against the Spartans. At Ionia, the Red Arrows

had the lead at the half. They were down 38-36 at the end of the third quarter but scored 25 points in the fourth for the win. Most of those were from the free-throw line, which has been important to the Arrows in recent games. They shot 73 percent from the line at

against Ionia with 20 points. Koster added eight.

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. The candidate cannot be a chamber board member at the time of nomination.



"It was nice to go on the road and win in a different environment in a non-league game," McDonald said. "At times we played really well and we're still trying to put four quarters consistently together.'

The Arrows had a harder time of it at St. Johns, where they lost to the Redwings 72-55. Terry Witt, with 19 points, was the leading scorer among Oberlin led scoring five St. Johns' players who were in double digits. Oberlin put in 14 for the Arrows in addition to Hettinga's 17.

"We lost to a very good team on the road and we didn't help ourselves because we didn't quite match their energy levels," McDonald said.

The Lowell coach said it was good for the team to be exposed to the Redwings' level of play going into upcoming games.

"We are going to be a better team because of this loss as we go into the tournaments," he said.





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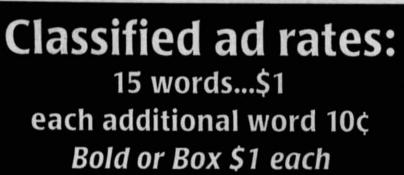
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