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## “Eggs”citement!

Chilly weather failed to deter the tenacious egg hunters during the Annual Lowell Moose Lodge Easter egg hunt. The lodge set out 600 dozen eggs last Saturday for the event. Many egg hunters received prizes for finding numbered eggs. *More pictures on page 11.*

## Showboat project gets underway next week

By Dan Schneider

Efforts to refurbish the appearance of Lowell's landmark Showboat will begin next Wednesday.

Several groups in the

community have already signed up to work on the project. Many more shifts will need to be filled, however, to make the project a success befitting the community spirit behind the Showboat. This year's class of the Lowell In-

stitute for Volunteer Excellence is organizing volunteer workers for the project.

"We hope it will give the current community a sense of involvement in the Showboat," project manager Ann Hoyt said.

The builders of the first Lowell Showboat had two things in mind when they began construction in 1932. They saw the Showboat as an attraction to draw people to Lowell in the same way as the previous year's centennial celebration had. They also saw it as a way to renew community spirit that had been dampened by years of the Great Depression.

"The first boat was built to bring the community together," Hoyt said.

She said the restoration effort is a good opportunity for people who are new to the Lowell area to build a sense of identity with the community.

"The Showboat has been very, very important to Lowell for a lot of years," Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores said. "It's been our symbol and we have to keep it going."

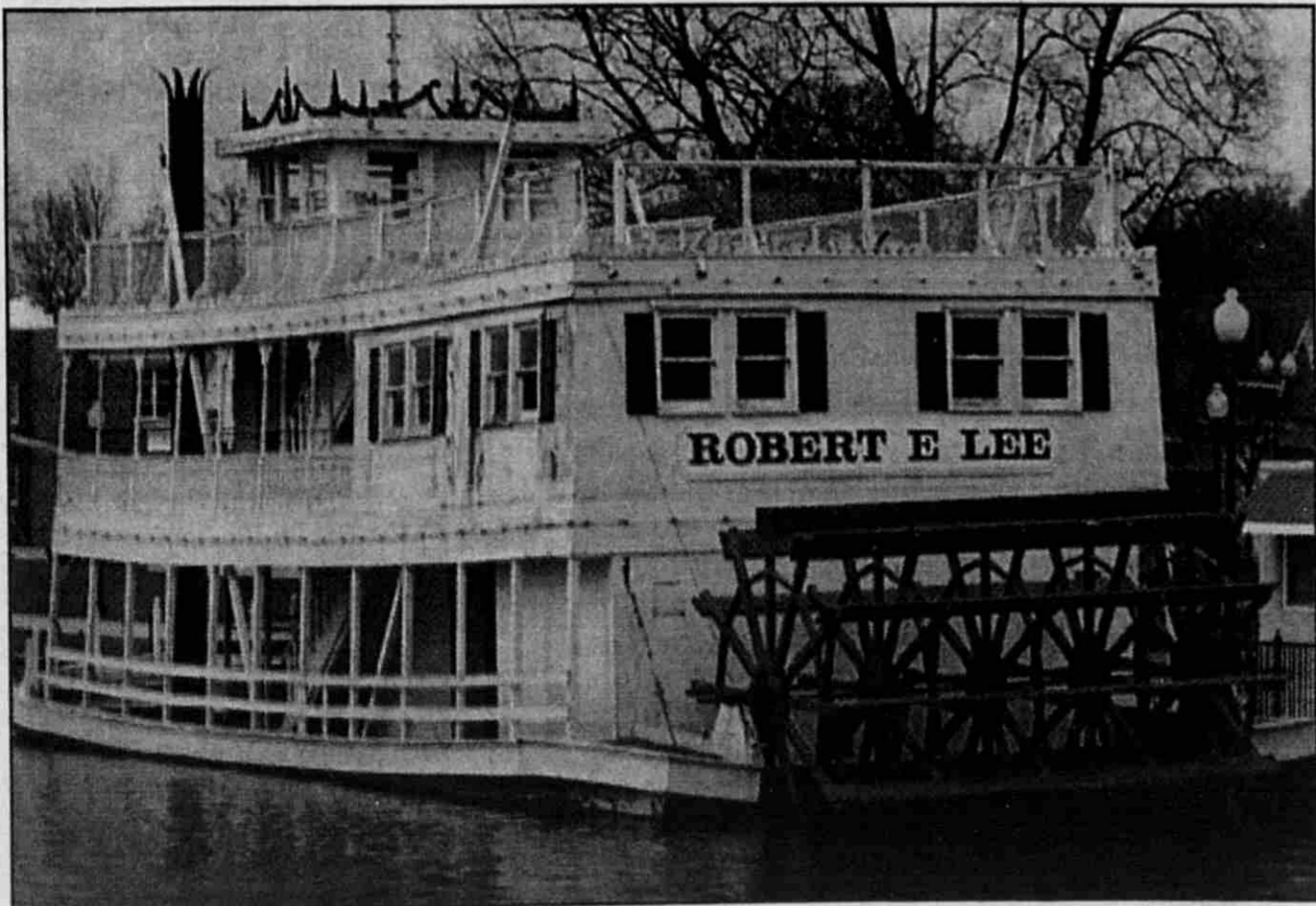
Shores has taken it upon herself to encourage volunteers among city employees.

"So far I have just about all the planning commission, all of the council," she said. "For the city officials, I think it will be good for them to have the public exposure."

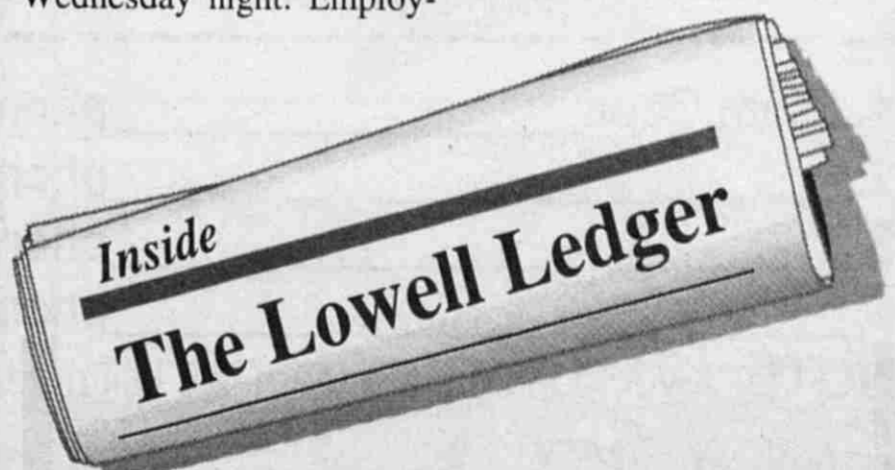
A crew from Williams and Works, an engineering firm in Grand Rapids which has done contract work for the city, has volunteered to fill the first shift next Wednesday night. Employ-

ees and board members of Lowell Light and Power have also signed up to help out. The Showboat Garden Club, the Lowell Area Arts Council, the 4-H Friends and Neighbors and the Lowell Equestrian team have all volunteered.

*Showboat restoration, cont'd., pg. 8*



The "Robert E. Lee," shown with its sagging stern. This year's class of the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence is organizing volunteers to restore the Showboat.



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## OBITUARIES

**BLOUGH** - Gladys M. (Ries) (Ritenburgh) Blough, aged 87, of Lowell, peacefully joined the Lord April 3, 2004. She was born May 29, 1916 in Ionia, the daughter of Frank A. and Flora B. (Young) Ritenburgh. She married Glenn Ries in 1937, he preceded her death in 1943. She was also preceded in death by her daughter Verity Ries in 2001. She is survived by the father of her children Fred Blough of

Grand Rapids; daughters Diane Sue Blough and Richard Bast of Wyoming; Jennie Lou and Mark Anderton of Chiloquin, Ore.; brothers Kenneth and Dorothy Ritenburgh of Leesburg, Fla.; sister Hazel Lumley of Bear Lake; grandchildren Diana Lynn Blough of Muskegon, Kenneth Anderton, Kelly Jean Anderton, Reid Anderton, Elliot Anderton, Gus Anderton, Vincent Anderton all of Chiloquin;

many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held Thursday at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Joseph Fremer officiating. Interment Balcom Cemetery.

**CLARK** - Ralph Clark, aged 95, of Cascade Township, went to sleep and woke up in the arms of Jesus on Saturday, April 10, 2004. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth in 1993. He is lovingly remembered as Grandpa by his close friends, Russ and Kay Huyser

of Ada and their children Connie (Ty) Ysseldyke, Sandra (Paul) Chappell, Susan (Aron) Dietzel; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Rothgerst Chapel, Rev. Jeff Burr of Forest Hills Baptist Church, officiating. Interment Whitneyville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

**DAWSON** - Agnes Marie Dawson, aged 88, of Clarksville, went to be with the Lord April 9, 2004. She was preceded in death by her children Wilma Bennett and Lester Fredrick Dawson; great-grandson Travis Dawson. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Lester; children Rev. Bernard (Gale) Dawson of London, England, Virginia (Rod) Fuller of Ionia, Ken (Diane) Dawson of Lady Lake, Fla., Norm (Donna) Dawson of Clarksville, Liz (Marvin)

Blough of Clarksville; son-in-law Jerry Bennett; daughter-in-law Patricia Dawson; 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Tim DeShaw and Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington St., Lowell, MI 49331.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
17TH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
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POSTING AND NOTICE  
OF ACTION

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WESLEY SCOTT  
COWANS  
145 Travis St., NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
(last known address)

TO DEFENDANT,  
WESLEY SCOTT  
COWANS

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 5, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Led-

ger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F). A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, WESLEY SCOTT COWANS at the last

known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

March 19, 2004  
Judge Steven M. Pestka  
(P29517)

### One more time....



Correction...Jean Bishop, of Lowell, has an excellent memory to remember back 64 years. She is a few years older than that. She identified all but

three boys from the seventh grade class in 1940. For her good memory, she will receive dinner for two at Larkin's. And for those that wanted the picture one more time...Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Bob Kyser, Don Keiser, Merle Alexander, Wesley Peckham and Stan Alexander; back row: Bruce Weeks, Dean Tichelaar, Bill Denick, Charlie Doyle, Gerald Schreuer, Herb Swan, Frank Johnson, Bruce Myers, Glen Miller, Marcel Kropf and Humphry Johnson.

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1:55, 3:50, 5:45, 7:40, 9:35  
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# Truck fire at Root Lowell Manufacturing

By Dan Schneider

A semi-truck burned last Friday morning in the front driveway of Root Lowell

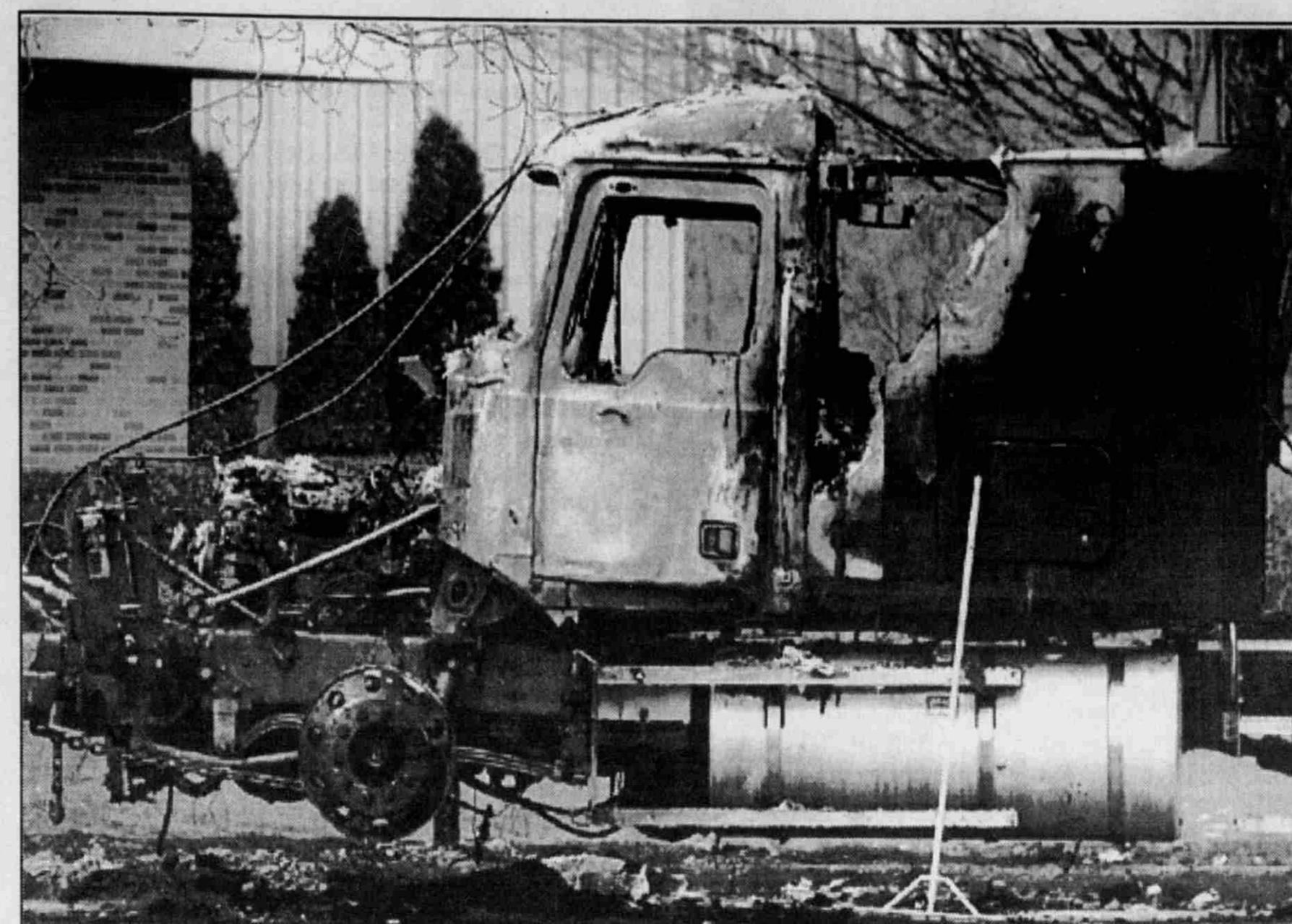
Manufacturing on Foreman St. The rig, still moving on the road, reportedly caught

fire at approximately 5:30 a.m. The driver who was delivering a trailer load of plastic sprayer components to Root

Lowell was not injured in the incident. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation. "It

was something mechanical," said Lowell fire chief Frank Martin.

The fire burned the tires off the truck, burned the forest green paint off the cab and charred the remaining sheet metal. A crew from Young's Environmental Cleanup worked Friday morning to clean up spillage from the incident. "The diesel lines burned off and so there was some fuel spilled," Martin said. The fire did not damage the plastic components in the trailer. A tow truck pulled the burned rig and trailer back to the loading docks. Marv Lacey, financial administrator for Root Lowell Manufacturing, said the fire and associated inconveniences did not interrupt plant operations.



The charred remains of a semi-truck that burned early last Friday morning in front of Root Lowell Manufacturing. No one was hurt in the fire.

## Look to the skies - National Astronomy Day

National Astronomy Day is Saturday, April 24, when planetariums, observatories, and astronomy clubs have special activities scheduled for astronomy hobbyists. Members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association and the staff of the Grand Rapids Museum's Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium will present a series of "Saturn Saturdays" at the James C. Vein Observatory near Lowell.

The series will begin the 24th and continue five more Saturdays through May 29 from 9 p.m. to midnight if the sky is clear enough for observations. A highlight will be

telescopic observations of the planet Saturn as well as other attractions.

There is an admission charge of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and students under age 18. Following the

Saturn Saturdays, the Vein Observatory, located on Kissing Rock Road, will be open to visitors on the second and last Saturday evenings of each month through October.

For sky status updates and other information, including a map to the Vein Observatory, visit [www.graaa.org](http://www.graaa.org), or call 456-3663 option 6, or 897-7065.



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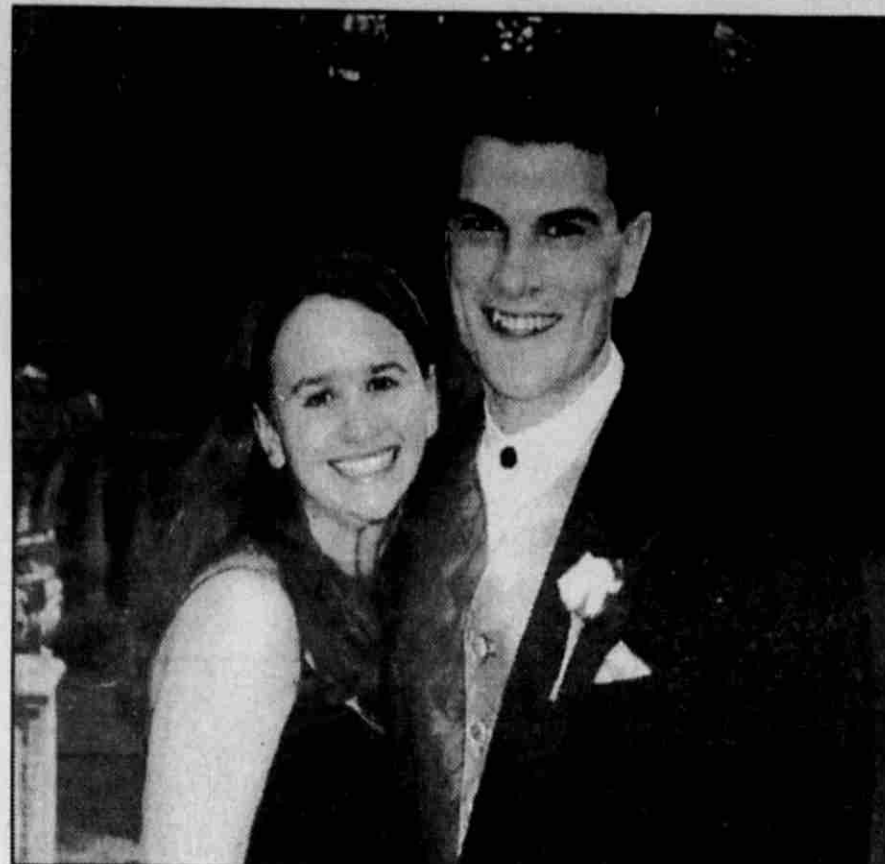
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# ENGAGEMENTS

## McMahon/Whitlock



Annie McMahon and Michael Whitlock

Annie Nialle McMahon and Michael James Whitlock are engaged and planning to marry on July 3, 2004 in Mt. Pleasant.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mitch and Jody McMahon of Ada. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and currently attending Ferris State University.

School and Central Michigan University. The future groom is the son of Jim and Kris Whitlock of Lapeer. He is a graduate of Lapeer West High School and Central Michigan University. The couple will reside in Zeeland.

## Goodmonson/Spencer



Laura Goodmonson and Jason Spencer

Guy and Marge Goodmonson of Grant announce the engagement of their daughter Laura Marie Goodmonson to Jason Isaac Spencer, son of Gerald and Jackie Spencer of Lowell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Grant High School and Muskegon Community College.

The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate and attended Grand Rapids Community College. He is working at Leica Systems.

A May 29, 2004 wedding is planned by the couple.

## Ripley/Johnson



Samantha Ripley and Tadd Johnson

Samantha Jean Ripley and Tadd James Johnson, both of Lowell, will exchange marriage vows on July 10, 2004.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert and Michelle Ripley of Lowell. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and currently attending Ferris State University.

The groom-elect is the son of James and Kathy Johnson of Jenison and Pam Johnson of Kentwood. He is a graduate of Jenison High School.

# Reflections Of Faith

Rev. Bill Renkema, pastor  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

They fled. The women knew He had died on that terrible cross. When they visited the tomb, the large stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away. Inside they found a young man dressed in white. The man, an angel, said, "He has risen!"

That's when they fled from the tomb, afraid, but also filled with joy. Their hearts must have been thumping as they ran. Fear and joy do not usually mix. Dead, crucified people do not usually get up and walk out of tombs. Suddenly the risen Christ meets them and says, "Greetings!" If their hearts were thumping before, they must have been bursting now. When they saw Jesus, "they came to him, clasped his feet, and worshiped him."

Fear - there is something intimidating, threatening about coming face to face with Christ and His power. He is so out of this world, so different from anything we normally experience. Yet He is so mysteriously of this world, so wonderfully human. Do we really want the power to break free from our sin? Are we willing to really meet the Lord? Or are we afraid to change and afraid of a power greater than we can understand.

Joy - the weight of the sin of the whole world was not enough to keep Jesus in His grave. His victory was complete. When, through eyes of faith, we meet the risen Lord, we find in Him victory over sin, our sin. If you have seen the risen Lord with eyes of faith, was it like that? Fear mixed with joy? Did you come to Him, clasp His feet, and worship Him with fear and joy in your heart? If you have seen the risen Lord with eyes of faith, was it like that? Did you then hear Him say your name or do something that enabled you to believe?

Christian faith is that personal. God calls people by name. They respond personally in faith and repentance. And then they go and tell others.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 15: Craig Yeiter, Margaret Yoder, Charles Behnke, Fred Oesch Jr., Dave Carpenter, Terry Kinsley.

APRIL 16: Sam Roudabush, Kathleen Zywicki, Jack Ryder, Jacob Billingsley, Lori Gerard, Steve Kropf, Angie Farrell, Doug Clark, Rayce Darby, Kristin Lee.

APRIL 17: Elsie Franks, Heather Vezino, Roger Teale, Dennis Ryder, Joe Merriman, Jill Harris, Lucille Erickson, Betty Erickson, Gary Pieroni.

APRIL 18: Rick Warner, Angela Vezino, Doug Anchors, Jon Kinsey, Jason Borton.

APRIL 19: Heidi Barber, Ruth Harris, Karrie Akers, Krissie Akers, Shaun Thompson, Lisa Alchlin, Sharon Bowden, Michelle Billingsley.

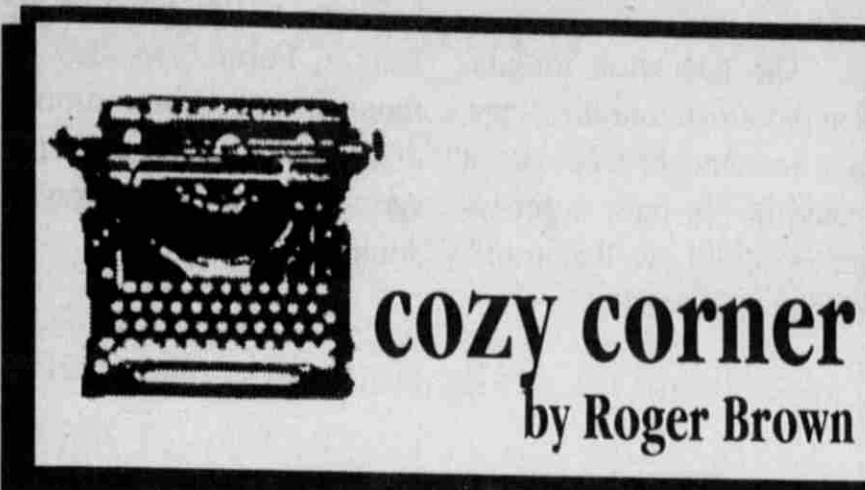
APRIL 20: Jim Hodges, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna Peterson, Kendra Merriman, Angela Miller.

APRIL 21: Roxann Roth, Connie Phillips, Ernest Smith, Ian Newhouse, Daniel Titcombe.

\*\*\* Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. -Thomas Edison\*\*\*

\*\*\* You grow up the day you have your first barrel laugh at yourself. -Ethel Barrymore\*\*\*

# Viewpoint



I've mentioned that our house is way out in the sticks. We're four miles off the highway and the last quarter mile is a gravel driveway we share with our nearest neighbors. The instructions for getting here are so complicated I've typed them and keep a copy around to mail, fax or e-mail to anyone trying to find us. If written directions aren't an option, I always close verbal instructions with, "Call me when you get lost."

I like it back here in the sticks. It suits my "Ted" lifestyle. Ted is a nickname my daughter has hung on me. It is short for Ted Kaszinski, better known as the "Uni-bomber."

The driveway splits back here at the end. One neighbor is off to the right. Another is to the left. If you keep going straight, you come to our house. That's me, not too liberal, not too conservative ... straight down the middle. That may be why I'm having trouble getting a start on my manifesto.

The neighbor to the right has an old rowboat next to his driveway. It's painted in bright colors and is positioned to point the way toward his house. Above the boat is a sign. Again, it is brightly painted and bears a cutesy name he has given his place. There is another little sign by the boat that says, "Welcome to blah, blah, blah ..."

It repeats the cute name of the place. The sign also bears the owner's name, proclaims him as "mayor" and lists the population at four, which includes the two dogs. Very un-Ted-like.

The neighbor to the left is getting in on the act. Flowers have been planted and wooden pilings have been placed along the drive as decoration. Just last week a new sign went up. It's brightly painted, and following the lead of the other neighbor,

gives the place a cute name. Now I'm bracketed by cute names. So far nobody has approached me, but my wife says one of the neighbor women asked her if we had a name for our place. The pressure is on.

Obviously there is only one suitable name ... "Tedville." To carry out the "Tedville" theme, I have a few ideas for sprucing up our driveway entrance. You know ... "keep up with the Joneses."

There are two concrete columns at the entrance to our driveway. They are currently painted bright white. I'm thinkin' they should be black. Then I'll build and install a pair of heavy wooden gates, again, painted black. I'm going for that haunted mansion look. Something like Professor Fate's place in the old movie, "The Great Race."

Once the gates are up I can get to the fun stuff. Lots of barbed wire is a must. Also, lots of signs like, "Keep Out", "No Trespassing", "Beware of Dogs", "Armed Guards on Duty", "Surveillance Cameras In Use" and "Thank You for Not Smoking."

I'll need a stuffed vulture to perch atop one of the columns. Some bleached-out skulls to scatter around would be a nice touch. Steer skulls are probably available from someplace like "drygulch.com." Human skulls would be even better. Cobwebs, coffins and some tombstones would complete the "Adams Family" fashion statement I'm after.

Of course, I'll need a fancy sign. I can see it now ... a distressed board in the shape of a coffin lid. In big, bold Old English text will be written ... "Tedville." In smaller type I'll put something like, "You found it, now go back where you came from."

We all know my wife will never let me get away with this. If anything ever gets done at our driveway entrance it will probably be something concocted by my wife and the neighbor ladies. It will be bright, cheery and yes, cute.

However, Ted has struck first with a small statement. I purchased a heavy metal sign at the flea market a few weeks ago. The sign is nailed to a tree next to the driveway. It is about the size of a "no parking" sign. It is black with just two words in big white letters. Now when I give instructions to my place, I end them with, "when you get to the sign that says, "GO AWAY"... come on in."

every time our contract expires? We are very wary of the possibilities. Please do not judge us as we try to preserve what we have. You would do the same.

You ask about our raise? We have not gotten a raise at all. We are all still working on last year's contract. And yes, we also are getting hit with higher costs on last year's wages.

In closing, I would only ask a few things from this writer: Try to get the facts by attending a board meeting before attacking a very hard working and committed group of individuals. I also invite you to my classroom any day for a full day to see how this individual and others work hard to educate those who are most important at this time: the students.

Linda DeCator  
4th grade teacher

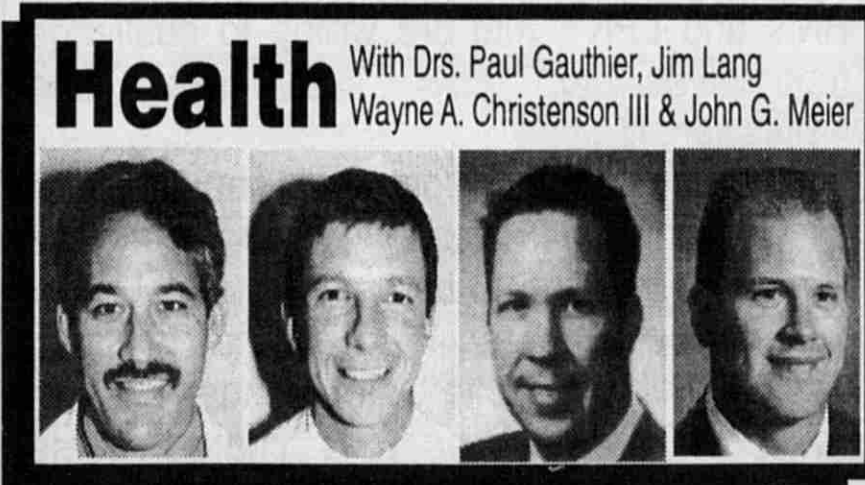
# TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the person who had questions on the issues of middle school planning time, insurance, and teacher raises.

These are the facts: Planning time for the middle school teachers is in jeopardy. This is a critical age for these students, as we all know. The time allocated for these special teachers should not be altered.

The insurance issue: Today \$50. What about the costs



## NAUSEA AND VOMITING

Sickness of many types will cause nausea and vomiting. It can also occur as side effects of certain medicines. Pregnant women may have nausea and vomiting. It may occur after surgery. Other common causes are: gastroenteritis (stomach flu), migraine headaches, motion sickness, cancer treatments (chemo), and food poisoning.

If you develop nausea and vomiting for whatever reason, the chief concern is the development of dehydration. Drink small amounts of sports drinks (i.e., gatorade) or water, and eat foods that contain a lot of water, like soup or jello. If you can tolerate solids, stick to bland foods such as crackers and



# Ledger Entries

## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

APRIL 16, 1879  
Telephones are coming to Grand Rapids. "Flat River is full of logs, blocks and boys." The Ionia House of Correction has 241 inmates. Many large pickerel and bass have been caught below the dam.

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

APRIL 15, 1904  
Ladies' Day Friday from 1-5 p.m. at the bowling alley. No men admitted unless accompanied by a lady. Championship boxer Bob Fitzsimmons will run a restaurant on the Pike at the St. Louis World's Fair.

The two Cadillac men who celebrate April 1 by jumping into Lake Cadillac, didn't this time ... too cold. "Gambling With Fate" by William Wallace Cook starts this week with the first three chapters.

Frank N. White, Christopher Bergin and A.W. Weekes, all long active in Lowell and township government, are now retired from those offices, except for Weekes, who is now in the Michigan Senate.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

AND THE ALTO SOLO  
APRIL 18, 1929  
An appraisal company recommends a new dam and improvements in meters and lines, but no added diesel engine for Lowell Light and Power.

Lowell Board of Trade will loan Superior Furniture the money to build its new addition. Darrel Swanson, 12, and George Gotfredson, 10, tell their teacher about a break in the railroad track. She calls the station agent, who acts in time to prevent a train wreck.

The editor decries the constant hero-worship stories of the daily press about Charles Lindbergh, now two years past his trans-Atlantic flight.

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

APRIL 15, 1954  
Dr. B.H. Shepard dies, ending his lifelong, 36-year career in medical practice in Lowell. A memorial scholarship fund has been started.

An 80-year record 75 degrees on April 7 gives way to 75 mph winds with rain and hail in the evening. Headline on the ad page: "Used Baby Carriages are Cash on Wheels When Advertised in the Want Ads."

Federal tax on long-distance calls goes down, from 25 percent to 10 percent. Avery Jewelers takes out a full-page ad for their spring sale.

## 25 YEARS

## THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

APRIL 18, 1979  
Della Reese will headline the '79 Showboat. The Upper Bridge now has weight limits and awaits an engineering study to determine if the structure may be unsafe.

The west end of Spring Street and part of Smith Street are vacated for the new St. Mary's Catholic Church. Gov. Milliken designates April 21-May 19 Michigan Cleanup Month, after a very harsh and destructive winter. Lowell Rescue responds to a call for help at the bowling alley; someone had an arm pinned in a bowling machine.

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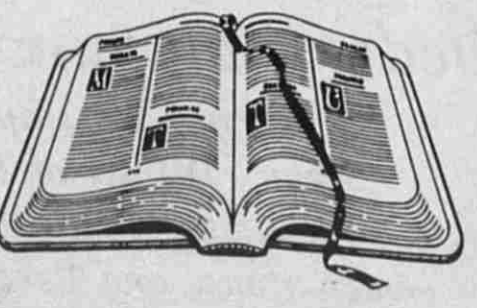
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# LAS Education Foundation will host all-alumni reunion

By Dan Schneider

The first ever all-alumni gathering will take place at Lowell High School on May 29. The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation invites Lowell High School alumni from all graduating classes along with their spouses or guests to the event.

The gathering will begin

at 11 a.m. with brunch followed by a short program and door prizes. Part of the program will be to spotlight families in attendance with three generations of LHS grads. For alumni who haven't been back to town in a while, there will be tours of the high school and the new Freshman Center. The spirit store will also be open.

The cost for the gathering is \$18 per person. All proceeds benefit the LAS Education Foundation to provide grants to Lowell students and teachers.

During the day, there are events of interest in downtown Lowell. The Lowell Area Historical Museum will charge half-price admission

to alumni with nametags from the event. There will be student art on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council and walking trails at the Wittenbach Center for hiking.

Marsha Wilcox, chair of the education foundation, expects a large turnout for the gathering. A few reunions for

individual graduating classes will take place that evening, she said, so people will be in town.

"The education foundation did an alumni directory, then we thought what fun it would be to have a get-together of all Lowell alumni," Wilcox explained.

The foundation plans to make the gathering an annual event. A registration form can be found in this issue of the *Ledger*. Forms can also be found in upcoming editions of the *Buyers Guide* and in the spring edition of the Lowell Alumni Newsletter.



## STROLLER CLUB

Sessions for this event, sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness and TOTS, will begin Wednesday, April 14 at 10:30 or 11:45 a.m. following the TOTS playgroup sessions. Call Kathy at 897-1232 if interested.

## ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Lowell High School volunteer room will be the location of the Academic Boosters meeting Thursday, April 15 at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting is May 13. Call Julie at 897-6353 if you have questions.

## WORKSHOP FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Lowell Leadership is sponsoring a workshop on Utilizing Community Funding, Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 301 E. Main. Call Liz at the chamber (897-9161) to reserve your seat and for more information.

## GARDEN CLUB VISITS GREENHOUSE

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club will visit Snow Avenue Greenhouse to find out what's new for annuals and perennials.

If you are interested, attend the Monday, April 19 meeting at 7 p.m. at the greenhouse (between 36th and Grand River Dr.)

## COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

TOTS and Lowell Community Wellness invites all expectant moms to a special free baby shower on Tuesday, April 20 from 7-8 p.m. in the Bright Beginnings Family Resource Center, 300 High St. Free childcare is provided.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, April 21 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

## LAAC THEBES PLAYERS

*Snow Queen and the Goblin*, based on "The Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen, will be held at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on April 22, 23 & 24 at 7 p.m.; April 25 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8 general adm.; \$6.50 LAAC members, seniors, students; \$4 children under 14. For more info., call 897-8545 or visit the website at [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org).

## CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS AND DONATE!

Any clean, gently used clothing you are willing to part with may be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift store, especially infant and children.

## HONORS READING PROJECT

New/used toys, games, puzzles, books for children are being collected for an 8th grade reading project. Donations to

Catholic Social Services in Greater G.R. area; a drop box is at Englehardt Library until April 21. Call Mrs. Stacey, 8th grade reading teacher, at 897-9222 with questions.

## TOTS ALMOST NEW SALE

The annual TOTS almost new sale will be held Saturday, April 24 from 9-noon in the Bright Beginnings gym, 300 High St. No charge to participate. Call Kathy at 897-1232 to register.

## "TEST OUT" OF CLASSES

If a student is interested in testing out of a high school course, they should contact their high school counselor or Mrs. Lietzke at the middle school by May 1 for tests in August. Any class, except government and phys. ed., is open to the process.

## CALLING DIRECTORS

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players is seeking directors for 3 productions in the 2004-05 season. Applicants should send a resume to LAAC-Thebes Players, P.O. Box 53 Lowell by July 31. For more info., call 897-8545 or email: [info@lowellartscouncil.org](mailto:info@lowellartscouncil.org).

## BABY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMING TO MEIJER

An in-store program, Enfamil LIPIL Baby Development, will be held at Meijer on Sunday, April 25 from noon - 3 p.m. It is designed to give expecting or new moms/parents information regarding their baby's nutrition needs, development and safety.

## ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE

Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation drawing April 28 for an Orlando condominium vacation in Fla. \$2700 value. Donation: \$5. Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity home in Lowell.

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there.

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# Cherry Creek Elementary students learning the fundamentals of flight at Lowell Airport

Students at Cherry Creek Elementary School have been smiling a lot lately, especially those who signed up for the Math/Science After-School Extension Class.

The five-week class, offered on Mondays, is taught by fourth-grade teachers, Jim Kovach and Joseph Audia. Students have been involved in making their own four-foot hot-air balloon and water-propelled rockets, along with other activities associated with math, science and aerospace. The previous class finished with a fabulous tour of the Lowell Airport and maintenance training facilities.

The second session is now in progress and a third will begin in early May with all new activities.



Pictured are Matt Kyllonen, Denise Fyan, Chris Runstrom, Ashley Burks, Bill Velting, Dylan Brower, Melissa Mosher, Jenny Huffman, Michael Anible, Luke Bigham, Renn Osborne, Ali Wernet, Jenna Smith, Cassandra Mullins, Alec Roerig, Kendra Whittemore, Andrew Light, Ryan VanHeulen, Lucas Stephens, Grant Beach, Kathryn Mork, James Kendall, Conner Swift, Tom Slatten, Billy Baughn, Nick Aranowski, Cort Thompson, Karlie Paulin and Robby Coffey.

# School sets dates for preschool screening

Lowell Area Schools annual preschool screening for 3-4 1/2 year olds will be held at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. on Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23.

The purpose of this screening is to identify preschool-aged children who may be eligible for one of the district's specialized preschool programs: Head Start, Readiness, or Early Childhood Special Education. Children who qualify include:

- children who will be 3 years old and show delays in one or more areas of development which may qualify them for special education preschool programs.
- children who will be 4 years of age (by Nov. 30) and who have risk factors that may qualify them for placement in the four-year-old readiness program; or
- children who are at least 3 years of age, but not yet 5, (by Nov. 30) who may be eligible for Head Start due to financial need.

If your child meets any of the above criteria, call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 to schedule a screening appointment. Deadline is April 15 to schedule.

# Christian Life Center open house, April 18

Christian Life Center announces the dedication and open house of its new facilities Sunday, April 18.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with special guest, Rev. William Leach, superintendent of the Michigan District Assemblies of God. A Thanksgiving dinner will follow. Then at 2 p.m., the service of dedication will be conducted. Founding pastors Mel Goble and former pastor Dan Wansten, and Rev. William Leach will take part in this service along with the congregation and church leadership.

The recently completed facilities feature an enlarged sanctuary to seat 250, an expanded fellowship and educational area, new nurseries, and an elevator.

Pastor Robert Holmes, who has served the congregation since 1997, said, "Christian Life Center has never been

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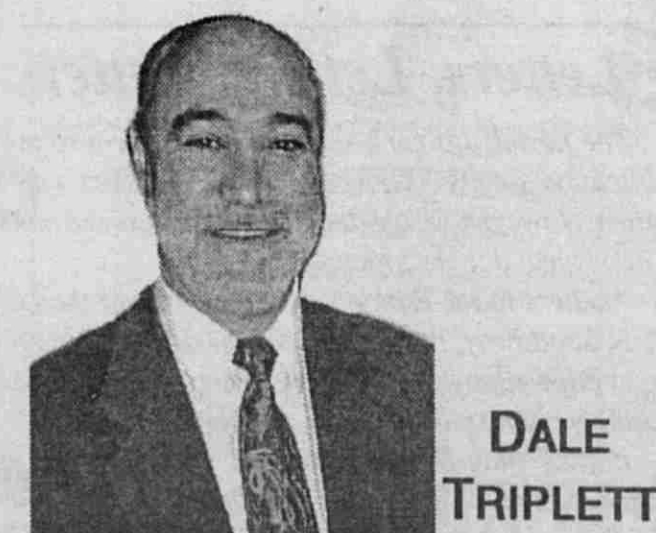
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# Showboat restoration, continued...From Page 1

Despite help from a variety of groups, the project still requires more workers. Volunteer coordinator Pat Allchin said that only three of the 25 scheduled shifts are filled to capacity. It takes 12 volunteers to fill a shift. So far, 75 of the 300 necessary people have signed up.

"I really feel that once this project gets started and people see it happening, they're going to get on board," Allchin said.

Some of the work, like repairing the structure supporting the paddle wheel, will require special expertise. A lot of the work can be performed by anyone, however.

"The bulk of the volunteers will be used for scraping, priming, painting and carpentry to replace... the decorative railings on the boat," Hoyt said. "It doesn't require great skill, it just requires a little elbow grease."

There are other ways to contribute that don't involve manual labor. Parents from the Lowell United Methodist Preschool will provide day care for the morning shift on May 8.

The project also needs

help feeding the volunteers. "We've got Little Caesars on board and B.C. Pizza on board and we're in the process of contacting other restaurants to do the same thing," food coordinator Janine Mork said.

Sneakers restaurant will also help feed volunteers. Meijer has donated a grill for the project.

The volunteer shifts for the Showboat restoration are

split between Wednesday evenings and weekends. The Wednesday shifts are three hours long through May 19. Saturdays and Sundays have 2 four-hour shifts each. The first shift starts at 8 a.m.; the second at noon. Also available is a sign-up form on the project's web site, [lowellshowboatproject.org](http://lowellshowboatproject.org), or call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161.

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## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

### SPRING TURKEYS

Debut the wild turkey was once a finalist in the competition for our national bird. The eagle, of course, was the eventual winner. However, if a vote were taken among those who have hunted the wild turkey, the turkey would probably come out on top.

Folks who know the turkey from firsthand experience, realize that turkeys are very resourceful and hardy creatures. The big birds can survive on a variety of food sources including nuts, grasses and insects. Keen eyesight, sharp hearing and the ability to run fast and fly high help the birds avoid predators, including man.

Because they are able to acclimate to varied habitat and climate conditions, turkeys are found throughout Michigan. Supplemental feeding carries the flocks through periods of deep snow in the northern regions of the state, particularly in the Upper Peninsula. As the wild turkey population continues to expand, so does the number of hunters pursuing the birds.

Turkey hunting has become a spring ritual along with steelhead fishing and catching bluegills with a fly rod. This

time of year, it is great to get outdoors and enjoy the sights and smells of the spring woodlands. Seeking out the big gobblers is also an opportunity to spend a special time with another person. When two people hunt as a team, one can call while the other handles the gun and both can look and listen. It is fun to share the experience with a child, spouse or friend. Turkey hunting can become hectic when the situation quickly changes, but most of the time is spent sitting quietly for extended periods

or carefully walking promising habitat. This allows one to slow down, relax and enjoy the company of others in pleasant surroundings.

Turkey hunting provides motivation to get out into the countryside at a time when in the past we might have overslept and then spent the rest of the day cleaning the garage and washing windows. I know I can't wait to get out. Just don't ask me to find something in my garage.

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# Featured Artist

Kevin Barrett

By Dan Schneider

The art currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is photographs. The pictures are of several subjects photographed by Kevin Barrett ...

... some leaves with frost on them ... a black-and-white dog next to some flower pots ... shots of Chicago ... a shot of Main Street in Lowell at night.

"I really like night photography a lot," Barrett said. "It's just a tremendous amount of satisfaction because people are usually driving by in their cars and they don't stop to see what it looks like at night."

An interesting image that stands apart from some of the others in the show is of three

CD-R computer discs. They're in three basic red, green and blue colors.

"The light was coming into my house in a certain way and I thought why not do something different," Barrett said.

So he grabbed the shiny discs and assembled them into a composition to catch the light.

Lowell is where Barrett grew up. After going to school at the Kendall College of Art and Design and getting married, he moved around some. But he has been back in his hometown for about the last 13 years.

"These were all taken within a year," Barrett said, referring to the photographs on display at the chamber.

"Some of them as recently as a couple weeks ago."

His work is current. Barrett's images were all taken digitally, allowing him to take lots of pictures of just about any subject he feels like.

"I probably took 15,000 pictures last year," he said.

Barrett still shoots with film occasionally, but he likes

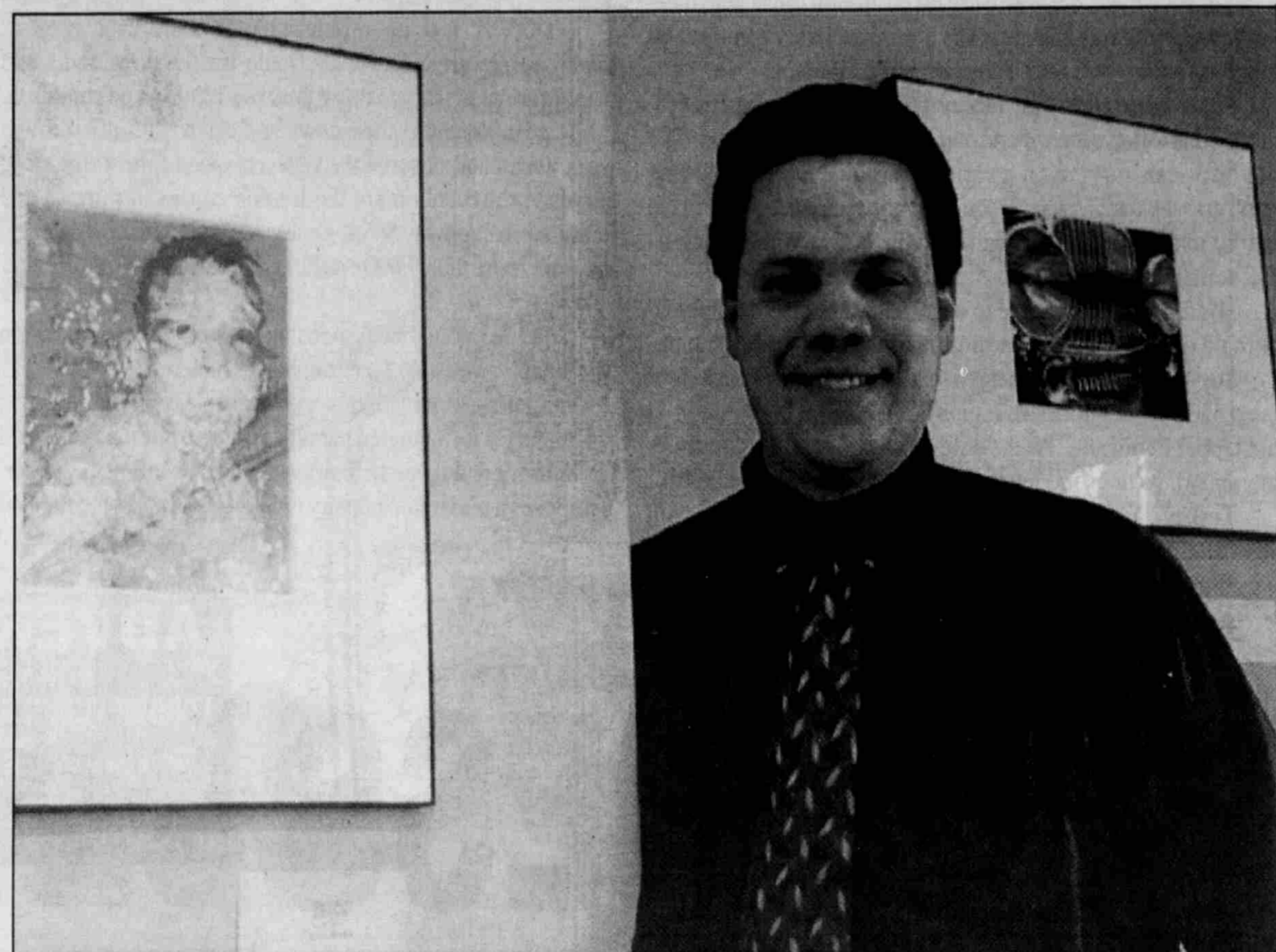
the directness of digital photography. It's easy to go quickly from perception to an image. There are no chemicals and exposure time and all the time-consuming dark-room activities with digital. Just a snap of the electronic shutter and you have an image on the computer.

"The immediate feedback—the learning potential—is accelerated with digital," Barrett explained.

A photographer's perspective develops with each picture taken. The fast-action digital printing process allows for more experimentation.

"Ultimately, it ends up being how much you shoot," Barrett said.

Barrett will have an artist's reception at the chamber this Sunday, April 18, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. His photographs will be on display until May 11.



Kevin Barrett is shown with two of his photographs. Barrett's digital photography is on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce until May 11.

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The Easter bunny distributed candy to, from left, Collin (4), Claire (2) and Cassidy Kryger (6) during the Easter egg hunt last Saturday at Creekside Park.

At right, Stephanie Vickers, 18 months, checks out one of her eggs at the Lowell Moose Lodge's annual Easter egg hunt.



# Contest winners



The winners of The Lowell Ledger Easter coloring contest happily came to the Ledger office to collect their chocolate bunny prizes. Pictured clockwise, from left to right, are: Rebekah Betts, 8; Logan Jamison, 4; Paula Blough, 12; Jenna Kropf, 9; and in center, Garrett Taylor, 5.



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May 15 at 7:30 p.m.  
This modern retelling of the classic fairytale presents an average girl looking for her prince and finding a rock star.

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May 26 at 1:00 p.m.  
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**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 Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

**3RD MON.:** Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of office or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

**2ND MON.:** Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

**2ND MON.:** Bowne Township Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

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

**4TH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**1ST MON.:** 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.

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

...because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

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

**EVERY TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**2ND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

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

**3RD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

**3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

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

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

**2ND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at 4-H Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND 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., 800-651-6000.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited.

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m.; band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 897-5981.

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

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

**FIRST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

**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.

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

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

**3RD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

**3RD THURS.:** Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more information.

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**EVERY FRI.:** Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

**2ND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

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

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

**WED. APRIL 14:** Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave., turkey & dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; 5-12 \$2.

**MON., APRIL 19:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting at Snow Ave. Greenhouse at 7 p.m. Public welcome.

**TUES., APRIL 20:** Community baby shower for all expectant moms in Bright Beginnings Family Resource Center, 300 High St., 7-8 p.m. Childcare provided.

**WED., APRIL 21:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

**WED., APRIL 21:** Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main. Diabetes management series, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free; no registration.

**APRIL 21, 22 & 24:** Free Hunter Safety classes at Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman Club, 11736 Foreman, 5-9 p.m. Wed./Thurs.; 9-noon Sat. Must attend all dates; register at door. Call Dennis 642-9243 with ???'s.

**SUN., APRIL 25:** Enfamil LIPIL baby development in-store program at Meijer from 12 - 3 p.m. For expecting new moms and parents on babies nutritional needs.

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**MON.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study

**THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk/Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.  
**FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

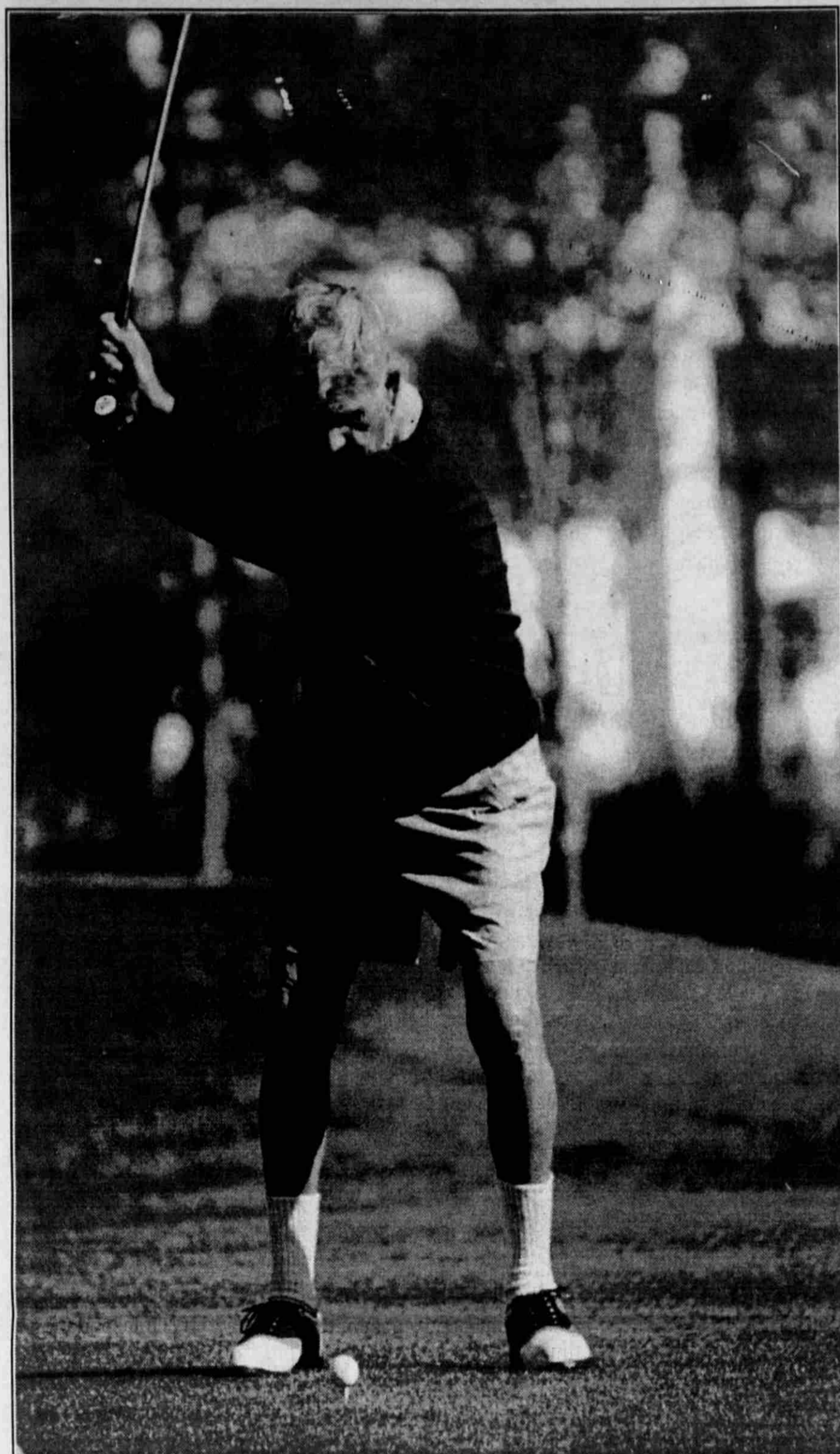
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**WED., APRIL 14:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.  
**THURS., APRIL 15:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Target & Wal-Mart.  
**FRI., APRIL 16:** 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**MON., APRIL 19:** 12:45 p.m. Visit Perrigo Store in Allegan.  
**TUES., APRIL 20:** 12:45 p.m. Mystery Trip.  
**WED., APRIL 21:** 12 p.m. Pizza Wednesday;

**THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk/Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.  
**FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer**  
**THURS., APRIL 22:** 12:45 p.m. Mystery Trip.  
**FRI., APRIL 23:** 12 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**MON., APRIL 26:** 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosier "Hanging In There."  
**TUES., APRIL 27:** 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Luncheon.  
**WED., APRIL 28:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

# Golf outing will benefit Lowell High School athletics

By Dan Schneider



Rex Collins enjoying a favorite pastime in Florida. Collins died last year of cancer. A May 18 golf outing in his memory will raise money for athletics in Lowell Area Schools.

A golf outing in memory of Rex Collins will take place Tuesday, May 18 at Boulder Creek Golf Club. The date marks the one-year anniversary of Collins' death from lung cancer.

Collins was part of the athletic scene at Lowell Area Schools for 45 years or more. It started in high school. Collins lettered all four years in baseball, football and basketball and three years in track. "He was involved in all sports," his wife and high school sweetheart, Dode Collins, said. "Football was his favorite, I think, but he played baseball a lot."

As a freshman in high school, Rex Collins played with the Fallsburg Cubs baseball team. The team played in a league with teams from Grand Rapids, Belding and other West Michigan towns.

"He started out as a bat boy and then he became one of them," Dode Collins said. Playing sports in high school was just the start of Collins' involvement in athletics in Lowell. After serving in the Marines on President Truman's honor guard at the end of World War II, he came home and worked for the Lowell post office as a mail carrier. He started working on the chain gang for Red Arrow football games, announcing for them.

He ran the clock for basketball and football games and judged track and field events. Collins also took care of the baseball and softball diamonds for 10 years. "He was always a supporter of the Lowell athletic program," Dick Cooper said. "He did an awful lot for them." Cooper is the organizer of the Rex Collins Memorial

Golf Outing. He and Collins had been friends for 25 years, during which time they played a lot of golf together. The event is 18 holes of golf at Boulder Creek Golf Club, renowned for the quality of its hand-watered greens. The game is a four-player scramble with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. On-course events include hole-in-one, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin. The cost for golf with cart and buffet dinner is a minimum \$75. All proceeds benefit Lowell High School athletics through the Athletic Boosters. Those not interested in playing golf are encouraged to attend the dinner at 4:30 p.m. at the Boulder Creek clubhouse. The cost for the dinner is \$15.

Entry forms are available from Cooper, who can be reached at 897-2741 (home) or 581-3027 (cell). Or look for an ad in the *Ledger*. Entries are due by May 10. Organizers of the outing are looking for volunteers to staff the course; also needed are prize donations and hole sponsors. The cost of a hole sponsorship is \$100. Contact Cooper for more details.

## Crew team to compete in regatta this weekend

By Dan Schneider

This Saturday will be one of two chances to see the Lowell High School crew team compete anywhere near Lowell. The Red Arrows will compete in a regatta at Riverside Park on Monroe Street in Grand Rapids.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Lowell will compete in the four-person and eight-person senior women's events. The term "senior" is applied to experienced boat crews. Lowell also competes in an eight-person women's novice event and a four-person women's junior (intermediate) event. The boys crew team

will compete in a four-person novice event.

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### REALISTIC OUTLOOK PAYS OFF FOR INVESTORS

If you've been investing for at least a decade, you've already seen a lot of ups and downs in the financial markets. This year, you may be wondering: "What's next?"

Unfortunately, no one can predict the future. But as long as you make investment decisions based on realistic expectations, you can continue making progress toward your long-term goals in all market environments.

Before we look at what it means to maintain a realistic investment outlook, let's see where we've been in the recent past.

As you no doubt recall, 1995-1999 were banner years for the stock market. During that time, the S&P 500's annual returns ranged from 19.5 percent to 34 percent. (The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index and cannot be invested into directly). From 2000-2002, stock prices fell sharply, but in 2003, things turned around, and the major stock market indices showed strong gains.

What's in store for the rest of the year and beyond? No one has a crystal ball, but as you look ahead, here are a couple of things to consider:

**• Interest rates and inflation are still low** - Two conditions that helped drive stock prices higher in the 1990s - low inflation and low interest rates - are still present.

**• Stock prices may benefit from the lower dividend tax rate** - Last year, the maximum tax rate on dividends was cut to 15 percent. (In the absence of new legislation, the 15 percent tax rate will expire on Dec. 31, 2008, after which dividends will once again be taxed at your individual income tax rate.) The new, lower dividend tax rate has already induced more companies to pay out more dividends. This, in turn, has helped make dividend-paying stocks more attractive. And, of course, higher demand for stocks often translates into higher stock prices. (Keep in mind that stocks are not fixed-rate investments and may not distribute dividends. Furthermore, stocks are subject to market loss, including the potential loss of principal invested).

If these two factors were the only ones influencing the market, you might think the immediate future looks quite bright. However, some other factors may work against a repeat of 1990s-style returns. For one thing, interest rates have been falling for about 20 years—and they may now have dropped about as far as they will go. Interest payments on debt typically represent one of the biggest costs companies face; during the 1990s, this steadily declining expense helped lead to stronger earnings and impressive returns. If interest rates start creeping up, earnings may suffer a bit.

## A clear road for Michigan

Senator Debbie Stabenow

Tired of traffic congestion? Fed up with pot holes? Ready for a better public bus system? I know I am! From creating jobs, to easing traffic congestion, passing a good transportation bill is important to Michigan.

The Senate has passed, with overwhelming bipartisan support, a six-year \$318 billion transportation bill that is a great step forward for Michigan. I'm pleased we were able to change the formula so that Michigan gets a greater share of the funding than in the past. It would provide \$7.4 billion for Michigan highways, roads and bridges, an increase of \$2.1 billion in funding from the last transportation bill. From my position on the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, I also fought for \$656 million in mass transit funding in Michigan, a 53 percent increase in funding to improve our public transit system.

The transportation bill is the road to more Michigan jobs. Since January 2001, around three million jobs have been lost across the country. Michigan has been among the hardest hit; we have lost over 194,000 jobs and developed the third highest unemployment rate in the country. The Department of Transportation, however, estimates that every \$1 billion in transportation spending will generate 47,500 jobs. That means that in Michigan we should gain 99,000

### Don't Look for Double-digit Returns

The 1990s are gone—and, although you may wish otherwise, the stock market returns of the latter part of that decade are not likely to appear again anytime soon. Therefore, you'd be well-advised not to anticipate receiving 1990s-style returns.

So, what is a "realistic" rate of return? As a starting point, you might hope to earn annual returns in the six percent to seven percent range over the next five to 10 years. While there's no guarantee that you will regularly achieve these numbers, they can form the basis for some reasonable planning on your part. And if you plan for six percent, but you're fortunate enough to earn nine percent, you'll be that much closer to achieving your long-term goals, such as college for your kids and a comfortable retirement lifestyle. On the other hand, if you think you'll receive 12 percent, and you end up with "only" seven percent, your plans could be jeopardized.

By assuming reasonable rates of return, and by diversifying your investment dollars across a wide array of high-quality stocks, bonds, government securities and other assets, you can help to "smooth out" your investment journey - and possibly reach your destination sooner than you think.

new jobs.

The transportation bill is the road to a strong Michigan economy. It directly boosts our economy with a substantial investment of \$7.4 billion for highway and road projects, and according to the Department of Transportation, every \$1 billion in transportation spending generates more than \$2 billion in economic activity. In other words, for every dollar that the transportation bill supplies to Michigan, it will create twice that much in economic activity!

The bill is also the road out of a world of traffic congestion. Traffic volume is constantly increasing in Michigan, causing longer commute times and delays. The typical commuter now spends an additional 24 hours a year stuck in traffic than only 10 years ago! As someone who drives from one end of Michigan to another on a regular basis, I know that the last thing we want to do after a long day at work is spend time in traffic, rather than time with our families.

Time lost spent in traffic is also lost productivity. Traffic congestion is bad throughout our state. For example, according to the 2003 Urban Mobility Study by Texas A&M University, traffic congestion costs Southeast Michigan area drivers alone more than \$2.1 billion annually or about \$523 per person.

The good news is we're half way there. The transportation bill that passed the Senate can accomplish these goals. Unfortunately, under substantial pressure from the administration, the version that passed the U.S. House of Representatives provides only a \$670 million increase for Michigan, rather than the \$1.9 billion increase in the Senate bill—far short of our fair share.

Currently, transportation projects are funded by gas tax dollars. The Senate bill ensures that we get more of our own dollars returned to Michigan. Under the House bill, Michigan's roads and Michigan's taxpayers continue to get shortchanged.

The road to Michigan's future is bright with the Senate bipartisan bill. It is time that Michigan received our fair share of Federal transportation funding and the critical jobs it will create.

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## LHS junior will play NCAA Division I basketball

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School junior Kendra Gallert made a verbal agreement last Saturday to attend and play basketball for Eastern Michigan University. The university offered Gallert, a point guard, a full ride scholarship.

"I went to their practice and I really like their coach," Gallert said. "I've known her for a while and I really like the way she coaches."

EMU made it to the NCAA women's tournament with a 14th seed this year.

They lost in the first round against third-seeded Boston College, 58-56.

EMU was the first to make an offer among three schools Gallert was considering.

"They have what I want academically," Gallert said. She plans to pursue a degree in education.

The junior will sign a formal letter of intent in the fall. She feels some pressure is

lifted from her shoulders for next year's basketball season.

"I don't have to play to get a coach to watch me. I can play for myself," Gallert said.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 12, 2004, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted two ordinances amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of each of the amending ordinances can be summarized as follows:

The first ordinance amends Article 7.03G of Zoning Ordinance to clarify the existing manner in which minimum waterfront setbacks are to be measured on lots and parcels in the R-L Zoning District. This ordinance also adds definitions in Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinance for new terms or phrases that are used in the revised Article 7.03.G. The newly-defined terms and phrases are as follows: Contiguous wetland; ordinary high water mark; water body; water course; and wetland.

The second ordinance amends the provisions of Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance governing the procedures for public hearings conducted by the Board of Appeals; the methods for recording Board of Appeals' decisions; and the standards the Board of Appeals is to use to evaluate applications for use variances and dimensional variances.

The amending ordinances will become effective April 21, 2004. A copy of the amending ordinances may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: April 12, 2004

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed ordinance that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan.

The proposed amending ordinance would create Article 14A, which includes regulations regarding Planned Unit Development ("PUD"). The PUD regulations would cover such matter as the intent and purpose of PUD development; the PUD approval process, including introductory meetings, preliminary Planning Commission review, final review by the Planning Commission and Township Board, conditions of approval and performance guarantees; minimum PUD designation and design requirements; density determination; required conditions; time limitations on approved PUD developments; amendments to PUDs; Board of Appeals jurisdiction over PUD decisions; certain large-scale developments that require PUD approval; and other related matters. The amending ordinance would also amend the large-scale development provisions of Sections 3.54, 6.05 and 9.04 of the Zoning Ordinance, so as to make reference to PUD development under Article 14A.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, during township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amendment. Written comments concerning the same may be submitted to the Township office at the above-listed address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: March 25, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Crew, continued...From Page 14

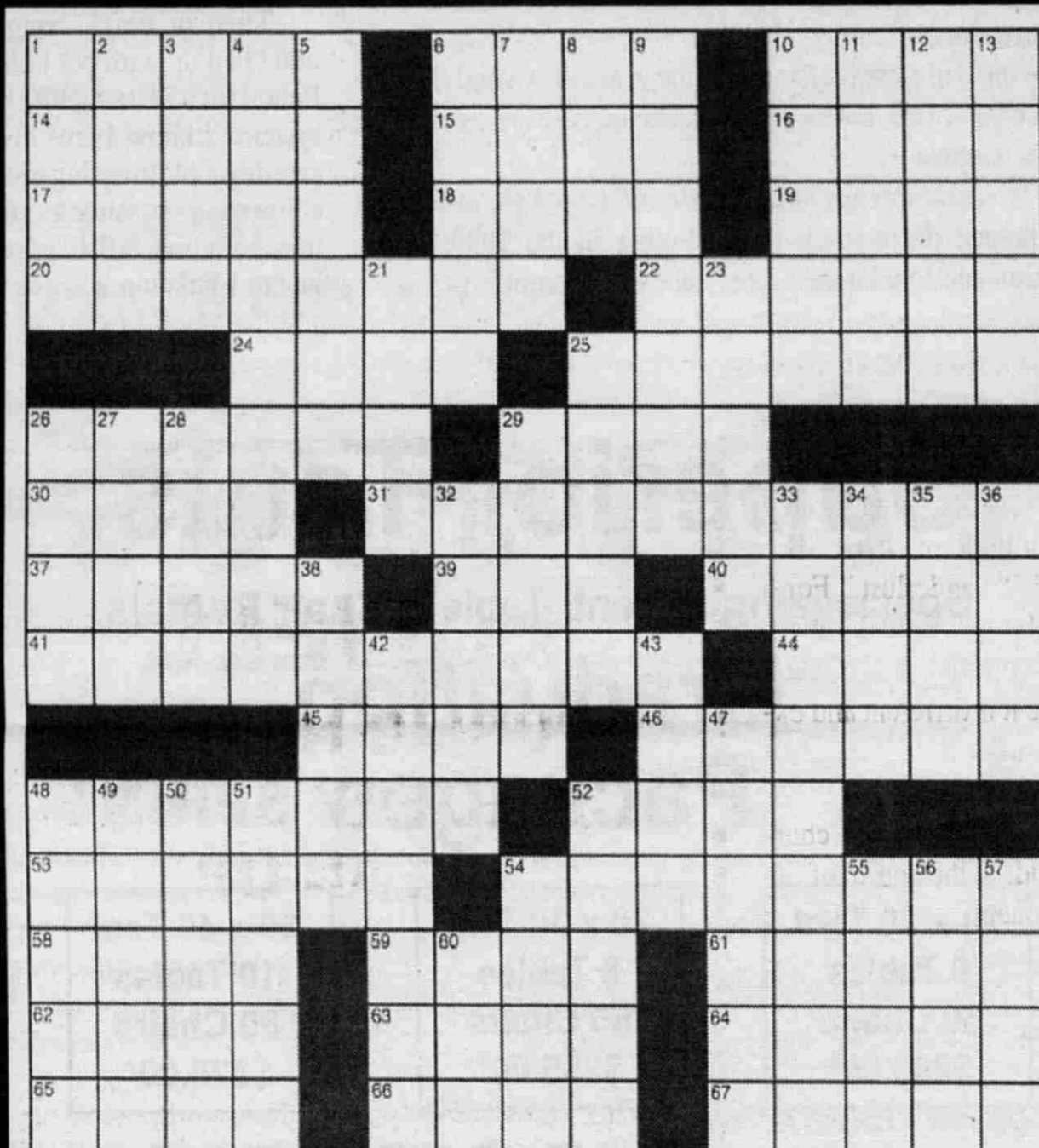
Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central, East Grand Rapids, Rockford and Northview are other crew teams from the area which will compete in the regatta. In its second year, the crew

team at Lowell High School has tripled in size. There are 25 girls and five boys on this year's team. Last year's team had a total of 10 members. Five girls are returning from last year's team. Missy

Harrison is the crew coach.

The other regatta the Red Arrows will compete in this season within reasonable driving distance of Lowell is at Reeds Lake in East Grand Rapids on May 8.

## CROSSWORD



- Across**
1. a needle in his eye.
  6. Cougar's fur.
  10. Danza, voice of Mickey Campbell on Baby Talk.
  14. Cooked food that has been blended.
  15. Acronym for Ottawa Real Estate Board.
  16. Canal between Albany and Buffalo, NY.
  17. Piercing pain in the abdomen.
  18. Heather McAdam's role in The Raggs to Riches pilot.
  19. Narrative of heroic exploits.
  20. Segmented worms of the phylum Annelida.
  22. Not the former.
  24. Threaded bags used to catch fish.
  25. Rebel, movie starring Jack Nicholson.
  26. Jean-Paul, French philosopher, novelist and dramatist.
  29. To care for.
  30. Mountain range in southwestern Kyrgyzstan.
  31. Oldest city in France.
  37. and raves.
  39. Roman numeral for 12.
  40. Beauty pageant winner' headpiece.
  41. Attitudes with respect to marriage.
  44. Out of .
  45. Vases for holding the dead's ashes.
  46. Sounds of a snake.
  48. Small, brightly colored, spotted beetle.
  52. Cervi, principal Italian voice dubber for Sir Laurence Olivier.
  53. From one side to the other.
  54. Deprived of feeling.
  58. Mulligan's, TV show starring Elinor Donahue.
  59. Reid, Vicky in American Pie 2.
  61. Archaic verb meaning "to carry or tear away."
  62. British singer known for tune, "Don't Cry."
  63. At all times.
  64. Degeneres, Margo Van Meter on Open House.
  65. and ends.
  66. Acronym for Distant Early Warnings.
  67. greenweed, woodwaxen.
- Down**
1. Acronym for Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
  2. To alter the course of.
  3. Country formerly known as Persia.
  4. Iron carbide, FE3C.
  5. Johann, German astronomer.
  6. Bodies of water smaller than lakes.
  7. Leon, author of Exodus.
  8. Three and a Baby, movie starring Tom Selleck.
  9. Large mollusk whose shell is a source of mother-of-pearl.
  10. Exams.
  11. To declaim.
  12. Country between Mali and Chad.
  13. The Wonder, TV show starring Fred Savage.
  21. Short newspaper piece.
  23. Official examination of financial accounts.
  25. Class of organic substances obtained from certain pines.
  26. Garment worn by Hindu women wrapped around the body.
  27. Alda, Eddie Hopper in Betsy's Wedding.
  28. To talk wildly.
  29. Groups of three.
  32. Getting rid of.
  33. Lithely.
  34. Sets down.
  35. Sea eagle.
  36. Baglike structures in animals.
  38. Treats with contempt.
  42. Had confidence in.
  43. Lower part of a cow's foreleg.
  47. Came into use.
  48. Cowboy's rope.
  49. Played a role.
  50. To fear greatly.
  51. Utters a long, distressful cry.
  52. Sailors' tools, clothing and possessions.
  54. To contrive.
  55. Group of turtles.
  56. Always.
  57. Lairs of wild animals.
  60. Abbreviation for avenue.

ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN  
THE APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> ISSUE OF THE LEDGER!

## Thebes Players present "Snow Queen and the Goblin"

By Dan Schneider

For their spring children's play, the Thebes Players will perform "Snow Queen and the Goblin" at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. It's a stage adaptation of a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen.

The story is about a Snow Queen who tries to bring joy and love into her cold world of ice by stealing children from all over the world. After she has stolen the children, they have little effect in adding joy to her world because they promptly become frozen.

She has a goblin who does all the kidnapping for her. One day the goblin kidnaps a boy named Kay and things get complicated because Kay doesn't freeze. His friend Gerda follows him to the Snow Queen's ice caves, however, and she does get frozen.

Kay is given the ability to unfreeze Gerda or the rest of the stolen children, but not both. So his heart is caught between devotion to his most beloved friend and a desire to help the frozen children. Kay's decision is also complicated by what director Brent Alles calls his "wanderlust." For a while, he gets a kick out of living with the Snow Queen because it is different and exotic compared to the small town life he is used to.

Kay's complicated character adds to the appeal of the play for adults. Alles said it is a real family play and addresses themes related to family. Alles directed "Arsenic and Old Lace" in a previous Thebes Players season. He has also directed "Snow Queen" in the past.

"Eleven years ago, this was the first community theater production I did," Alles said. That production was for the Circle Theater in Grand Rapids.

There are 15 elementary age students who play the snow children in the production.

"We decided in our infinite wisdom to cast as many snow children as we possibly could," Alles said. "A lot of the kids were in my theater classes."

Alles teaches the Lowell Area Arts Council's theater classes for children at Cherry Creek Elementary. Part of the reason for casting so many snow children, and for putting on a children's play at all, is to get children excited about theater.

"Hopefully, even if they're not in the production, kids who come to the show will get the bug," Alles said.

Alles cast Alex Getz, a sophomore at Lowell High School, as Kay. Alice Blumm, another LHS student, plays Gerda. They're older than the actors usually cast in these roles.

They're tall enough to be easily distinguished from the snow children.

Dave Huffman, a freshman at Lowell High School, plays the goblin. Sally McAlpine, a veteran of Thebes Players productions, is the Snow Queen.

"Snow Queen and the Goblin" opens next Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the LPAC located at Lowell High School. There will be 7 p.m. shows Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, as well. There will be an afternoon performance Sunday, April 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 general admission; \$6.50 for Lowell Area Arts Council members, seniors and students. Children and students under the age of 14 get in for \$4.

The performance is about an hour and a half long with one intermission.



Some of the snow children cast in the Thebes Players children's production "Snow Queen and the Goblin."

An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh.  
—Will Rogers

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

The annual spring clean up of the Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell, Michigan, will be the week of:

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# VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, May 3, 2004 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

**Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.429 E**

The proposed language will change the public hearing requirement at the Planning Commission preliminary review to the Township Board holding the public hearing after the recommendation of preliminary approval at the Board level. The ordinance language change is required in the Township Zoning Act.

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

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing will be held and a Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 19, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Scott and Sue Ullery, 281 Jane Ellen, Lowell, are requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to place a 38-foot 2004 model "Destination Travel Home" for temporary residence during construction of a permanent residence on property they own at 11270 Lally, located on the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 4 in Vergennes Township. They intend to remove the unit after the home is complete. The request is permitted as a Special Exception Use under Section 201.415C, Accessory Dwelling, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Comments will be received at the Public Hearing or in writing by forwarding to the Clerk at the township offices or by e-mail at [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org). Written comments should be received by 7:00 p.m. April 19, 2004.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

Hats off to the two members of the Lowell Fire Department with the white pickup and the little blue pickup. I saw you coming, well in advance, which allowed me plenty of time to safely pull off the road.

Please remind drivers to drive carefully when they repave the road with gravel. There were two accidents last night.

## Truck swap meet at Charlton Park

The 4th annual Truck Show & Swap Meet will be held at Historic Charlton Park on Sunday, May 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Over 300 trucks with the best in innovation, performance and design will be on display. Vendors in the swap meet offer a selection of new and used parts, and accessories. Door prizes will be given away every 15 minutes, including a \$200 gift certificate to Nothin' But Truck in Hastings. Truck owners are invited to enter their vehicles in a professionally judged show. Pre-registration is \$10 until May 1; the day of show is \$15. Call Kim at 269-948-7825.

Monster truck rides will be offered throughout the day for \$3 per person, as well as a monster truck bouncer, balloons and D.A.R.E. to provide child fingerprinting for the kids.


Charlton Park's Historic Village will also be open throughout the day for tours. For more information on the park, call Debbie at 269-945-3775.

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 17  
5-7 PM

Sponsored by:  
Bowne Center  
United Methodist Church  
(Corner of 84th & Alden Nash • M-50)

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Nathan Blattner & Kyle Acker**

Both scouts of Pack 3106 from St. Patrick's Church in Parnell attended the Apollo District's Pinewood Derby at Montcalm Community College on Saturday, April 3, 2004. Nathan won 1st place in the Tiger division and Kyle, who was undefeated, took home the 1st place trophy in the wolf division.

### GREAT JOB!

### FOR SALE

**MEMORY FOAM** - Mattress set. NASA developed, visco memory cell. Relieves pressure points. Never used. Queen \$600, also full & king. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160, can deliver.

**IONIA** - 14 homes offering 2, 3, or 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms; starting at \$500 mo. 527-0101. To view the homes go to: [www.hometownamerica.com](http://www.hometownamerica.com) or [www.canterburyvillage.net](http://www.canterburyvillage.net)

**FURNITURE** - A piece, a houseful. 10,000 items. Bedroom, dining & leather living room sets, & more! All new! Wholesale. Call for selection 682-4767 or 293-6160.

**GOLF BALLS FOR SALE** - Name brands: Titleist, Nike, Strata, Top Flite & many more. All perfect condition with no scuff marks, you select your own dozen, all brands only \$5 per doz. Practice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-8520.

**MATTRESS SETS** - Brand names. All sizes; low wholesale prices. Don't be fooled by fake pillowtop, used hotel (yuk), or bait & switch ads. Buy with confidence. Prices starting at \$95. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160, can deliver.

**BY OWNER** - Land/home, 2+ acre wooded lots, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, \$875/month. As low as \$1,000 down. Call 616-647-2563.

**\$49/SET MATTRESS/BOX SPRING SALE** - Queen, full or twin, factory new, delivery available. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE** - Call 897-0984.

**APPLIANCES** - Maytag, Whirlpool, GE, washers, dryers, refrigerators, over 100 in stock from \$59. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

**LOTS FOR SALE** - (2) 3.3 acre lots. Beautiful setting. Forest Hills Schools, \$95,000. Call 676-2943.

**\$135 QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET** - New in plastic, king \$185. 517-719-8062.

**A DREAM** - Belding schools. 3 or 4 bedroom 2 bath. Low payments, good credit, zero down. Anything in trade. Call 1-800-615-1224.

**\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED** - w/pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Still in plastic. 989-227-2986.

**FOR SALE** - 1993 Ford Aerostar, good, reliable transportation. 1st. \$600/obo gets it. Call anytime, 897-2782.

**BUNK BED** - Oak, has mattresses (2 mos. old). Sell \$95. 517-719-0451.

**2000 GMC EXT. CARGO VAN** - 3/4 ton, burgundy, 43,000 miles, AC, cassette, \$11,300. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

**\$175 BERBER CARPET** - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

### FOR SALE

**PROPERTY FOR SALE** - 2.2 acre lots for sale. M-21 to Hayes Rd., Muir, North 1/4 mile. Lots are on West Side of road. Look for signs. For more information call eves 269-367-4900. Phil Bishop.

**CANTERBURY ESTATES IONIA** - Site 76. Best buy for starting out or retiring. 3 bdrm., 2 bath home, 980 sq. ft., includes washer, dryer & storage shed. Everything is ready for you to move in. Call Charlie 616-527-0101.

'96 FORD F-150 - 2 WD, green, \$4,500. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

**\$25 QUEEN, FULL & TWIN MATTRESS SETS** - Previously owned. Hurry for selection. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**HAY FOR SALE** - \$3 bale. Small bales. 1st. cutting. 868-0435.

**20c PER FOOT CARPET REMNANT SALE** - Convection center, used briefly. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**CANTERBURY ESTATES IONIA** - Site 175. Great family home with large rooms. 3 bdrm., 2 bath home, 1568 sq. ft. Lots of oak kitchen cabinets, built-in hutch, storage shed. Open floor plan. Call Charlie at 616-527-0101.

**AIR BED** - Selecta Comfort firmness for each of you. As seen at mall or on TV. Dual chambers, fully adjustable, remote control, w/warranty. Must sell. NEVER used. \$600. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160.

**BRITANNY PUPPIES** - AKC, 3 males and 2 females. \$350 and up. 616-897-8864 or 616-481-5223.

**FOR SALE** - Glider rocker, quality glider, taupe in color. Paid \$450 new, sell for \$200 obo. Call 897-8014.

**MOTOR HOME** - 1988 30 foot Cruise Master with air, generator, awning and new tires, 33,000 miles, 460 gas engine. Well maintained. Stored inside. Tow vehicle also available, 1998 S-10 Chevy pickup with extended cab., 54,000 miles. Will sell together or separate. (231)924-3421.

**DODGE RAM 1500** - 1994-2001 or 2500 1994-2002. New Mopar bedliner fits long box, extension mirrors, and overload springs and brackets used for camper installation or heavy loads. Springs do not come into affect until load requires usage. Total value new \$700; will sell all items for \$200 OBO. 897-5758.

**HOUSE FOR SALE IN LOWELL** - 504 Amity, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2 car garage, newly remodeled kitchen, bathrooms, living room. Separate dining w/ hardwood floors, large family room, fenced back yard, two-story deck. Large outbuilding for lots of storage, 1 block from Bushnell Elementary on large lot. Asking \$154,000 or reasonable offer. Call 897-9350 for appointment.

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### FOR SALE

**ALTO MEADOWS** - New 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes, \$550-\$650 month. Only 98 homesites available. 868-0123.

**CANTERBURY ESTATES, IONIA** - Site 315. Enchanting home on a perimeter site. 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, 960 sq. ft., new dishwasher, stove & refrigerator. Call Charlie at 616-527-0101.

**VALLEY VISTA DOUBLEWIDE** - 50x24 w/8x8 deck, 3 bedrooms, newer furnace, water heater, kitchen updated, newer cupboards & appl. Bathrooms newer carpet. Nice corner lot w/ many beautiful flowers. \$15,500 obo. 897-6774.

### WANTED

**LIKE TO GOLF?** - We have a few openings on a men's Monday night golf league at Arrowhead Golf Course. Season begins April 26. Tee time is 5-5:30. If interested call Jay at 581-6550.

**LAND WANTED** - Developer looking to purchase vacant land. Will look at all parcels. J.T. Scott Co., 616-540-8950.

**PAINTING JOBS WANTED** - Reasonable prices! Free estimates. Call Nick 897-5448.

**WRECKED OR NON-RUNNING VEHICLES WANTED** - Free hauling, possible \$. 642-6807 or 897-0004.

**WANTED** - Cash paid for old junk motorcycles & mopeds. Running or not. Cell 616-446-8352, Rich.

**WORK WANTED** - Administrative assistant, 15 years experience with emphasis in customer service & insurance, needs jobs in Lowell-Ada area. \$11/hour. 897-6457.

### FOR RENT

**HALL FOR RENT** - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom in country, near the expressway. No smoking, no pets. Please call after 5 p.m., 897-8198.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - 7035 68th St. 2 bedroom, 2 stall garage, \$850/mo + utilities. 868-9917.

**FOR RENT IN LOWELL** - 1 bedroom apartment for single, non-smoking female. Carport, storage, water & sewer & trash incl. No pets. \$450/month. Call 897-4829.

**TWO APARTMENTS!** ALTO - Spacious 3 bedroom nestled in woods, 1 1/2 baths, deck, overlooking lake, (Cats \$10 each, No dogs) \$675 plus utilities M-50/I-96 area. **CALEDONIA** - 2 bedroom, overlooking lake & park, \$560 includes heat. (616) 891-1840.

**FOR RENT** - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - 1 bedroom, utilities & cable included. \$600/mo. Call 897-5787.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - 3 bedroom, attached garage, Grattan area. Call 794-3839 eves.

**SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787**  
Voice your opinion (good or bad) in our new column!

### LOST

**LOST BLACK CAT** - Missing from Kissing Rock Rd area. Neutered female, bushy tail, front paws declawed. Please call her anxious family. 897-7563.

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### HELP WANTED

**MANPOWER** - is currently RECRUITING for MACHINE OPERATORS. Must be experienced and able to start in a day's notice, committed to be at WORK everyday. 2ND SHIFT. Call Manpower today at 616-897-0050.

**WAITSTAFF** - The Tree Top Dining Room at Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community is accepting applications for full-time 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. waitstaff. Apply Monday - Friday at 2900 Thornhills Ave SE, Cascade, or call 957-2898.

**MANPOWER** is RECRUITING for INSPECTORS - Looking for experience of at least 2-4 years. Must be very good in Math and measurements. Call Manpower today at 616-897-0050.

**COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITION** - Full-time position available April 12th in the Ada area. Tues. thru Sat., 3rd shift, 40+ hours per week. Experience helpful, but not necessary. Transportation & valid drivers license required. We offer competitive wages & benefits. Stop in soon & fill out an application. Metropolitan Building Maintenance, 868 Barnum SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

**MANPOWER** is seeking employees that can be available on a daily basis, open to calls for same day work in inspection or packaging up products. If you are flexible please call Manpower today at 616-897-0050.

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**CLASS OF 1974 GRADUATES OR FAMILY MEMBERS** - The class of '74 reunion committee needs current contact information for graduates. If you or a family member is a '74 LHS graduate please contact Dave Beach at 897-6456 with current info. Thanks

**BARN SALE** - Fri. & Sat., April 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 3208 Timpson. Lots of misc. accessories & much more. 987-4410.

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**ATTN: GRADUATING SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS** - We have open house cards, thank you cards & envelopes! 5c for each piece! Lowell Ledger/ Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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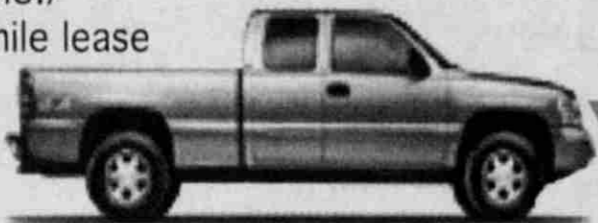
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			EVERYONE \$201.78		EVERYONE \$9,685.44		
Grand Prix	\$0.00	\$0.00	EMPLOYEE \$225.65	\$9,917.90	EMPLOYEE \$10,831.20	48,000	.20
			EVERYONE \$250.82		EVERYONE \$12,039.36		
Sierra	\$0.00	EMPLOYEE \$350.00	EMPLOYEE \$661.03	\$15,847.92	EMPLOYEE \$14,929.44	48,000	.20
		EVERYONE \$375.00	EVERYONE \$718.65		EVERYONE \$16,495.20		
Envoy XUV	\$0.00	EMPLOYEE \$325.00	EMPLOYEE \$627.27	\$16,824.15	EMPLOYEE \$14,508.95	48,000	.20
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