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Lowell resident named new director of Michigan DNR

By Dan Schneider

elected last week to be director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was Becky Humphries, of Lowell. She will take on the challenges of unifying the department and getting it back in touch with the public it serves.

Humphries has been a Humphries said. DNR employee for 25 years.

"I always wanted to work in something meaningful and I thought this was important and I've enjoyed it ever since," Humphries explained. "People in Michigan love the out-of-doors, they care about the natural resources of the state."

Following her 1978 graduation from Michigan State University with a degree in Fisheries and Wild-

and Wildlife Service at the Shiawasse National Wildlife Refuge. That lasted less than

Then she took her first DNR job as an appraiser for state parks and game areas.

"It wasn't till the early 80s that I moved into the wildlife division and moved out into field operations,"

Wildlife Division chief. The Natural Resources Commission (NRC), the policy-making body for the DNR, selected Humphries unanimously from among five finalists for the position.

"She has a wonderful track record, a wonderful work record all through her career," NRC chair Keith Charters said. "She's been promoted consistently and fre-

life, she worked in the Fish quently." The DNR director is also a position in the governor's cabinet.

> The DNR is made up of five divisions: Fisheries; Forest, Mineral and Fire Management; Law Enforcement; Wildlife; and Parks and Recreation. In recent years, these divisions have been operating more and more independently.

"One of Becky's chal-She is currently the DNR lenges and one of Becky's thrusts will be to get the division units working together for one united DNR and I think she's very capable of doing that," Charters said.

> "The other thing I'd really like to do is make us more accessible to the public," Humphries said.

> State budget constraints and other factors have led to a reduction in receptionists and information specialists em-

ployed by the DNR. Also, the last few years have seen DNR offices closing throughout the

"We need to get those offices back open so the public can interact with the DNR," Charters said.

Humphries plans to kickstart regional planning teams in the southern Lower Peninsula. Already in place in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower, the teams of ecological experts meet regularly to work on local natural resources issues.

"We want them working side by side with the public in goals," identifying Humphries said.

Humphries was born in Oakland County on the east side of the state. "When I

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Becky Humphries

Fatal crash in **Bowne Township** collision be tween a dirt

bike and a quad runner in a farm field in Bowne Township killed one driver and seriously injured the other, Sunday.

The collision occurred about 5 p.m. Jason Rose, 25, riding a dirt bike, crashed head on into a quad runner driven

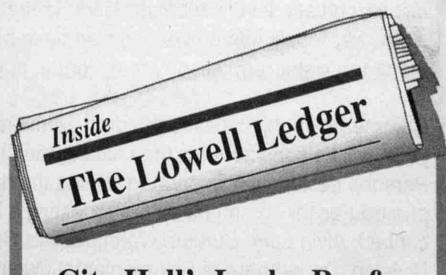
by Kyle Rickert, 31. Both men, of Hastings, were wearing full-face helmets.

Rose was pronounced dead at the scene after rescue workers arrived in four-wheel drive trucks. Rickert was treated at the scene and taken by helicopter to Borgess Hospital. He was in serious condition as of Monday.



Honoring Our Troops

Lowell postmaster Gil Brown stands in front of flags for each branch of the United States armed forces at the Lowell post office. Brown purchased the flags with money donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8303. The flags will hang above the service counters, Brown said, "to honor the troops and our veterans."



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OBITUARIES

aged 67, of Lowell, passed Vern Nauta, Jenean and Dan Visitation Wednesday, 2-4 and Normal School in Mt. Pleas- of Lowell, officiating. Inter- away unexpectedly April 19, away April 25, 2004. He was Hoffman; aunt Mary Alice 7-9 p.m., at Roth-Gerst Funeral ant, Alma and Western Michi-ment Bowne Center Cem- 2004. He was born August 2, preceded in death by his fa- and Richard Intrain, aunt Home, 305 N. Hudson St. gan College. She taught at etery. thers Donald Shiels, Everett Marie Lawrence; father-in- Memorial contributions may Cutler and Ware rural schools Carey, Robert Eskes. He is law Leon Halladay; broth- be made to the Lowell Church in Ionia County and at Rogers HALL - Charles Frank Hall, Perry II. He was a graduate of survived by his mother Pauline ers-in-law Ronald (Pat) of the Nazarene or Great Lakes School in Grand Rapids; later aged 63, passed away on Tues- Saranac High School in 1992. Eskes, his wife of 43 years Halladay, Charles (Harriett) Golden Retriever Rescue. Verla Carey; children and Halladay, Gary (Sue) grandchildren Ronda and Ray Halladay; many nieces, neph- FARMER - Marguerite W. her husband moved to Lan- side. He is survived by his 1993. He married Tina Simon Benedict and their children ews and cousins along with (Rickert) Farmer, aged 101, sing and owned rental proper-wife of 44 years, Beverly May 8, 1998 in Ionia. Robert Jacquelyn and Andrew; Shela many loving friends. Ron was passed away on Friday, April ties, he died in 1974. Her great (Nelson) Hall; sons Jody and is survived by his loving wife Carey-Thomson and her chil- a lifelong resident of Lowell dren Linsey, Taylor and Jo- and member of the Nazarene tirement Village, Grant. Mar- great-grandchildren. A fam- thy and Krysti Hall of Grant, Austin of Saranac, Kaleb and seph; James and Eva Carey Church. He was a loyal and

9, 2004 at Fountain View Re- joy was her grandchildren and Chris Hall of Lowell, Timo- Tina Perry of Lowell; sons guerite was born on June 15, ily service of remembrances Robert and Shelli Hall of Ce- Karson of Lowell; father Roband their children Elese and proudemployee of Steelcase 1902, to King and Jessie of her life was given by Pastor dar Springs, David and Julie ert and Cindy Perry II of Sa-(Boroughf) Rickert at the fam- David Wygmans on April 17 Hall of Hudsonville; grand- ranac; mother Karen and Brian ily farm in Ionia County. She in Grand Rapids; cremation children Jennifer, Lisa, Steve, De Berg of Saranac; brother was preceded in death by her has taken place and interment Nicole, Michael, Joshua, Shannon Perry of Saranac; sisparents, her son John Eugene of ashes will be later at Wygmans, husband Harold C. Deepdale Memorial Park, great-grandson Alexis Hall; of Saranac; grandparents Farmer, brother Glenn Rickert, Lansing. sister Gladys Rickert Clemenz. She is survived by her four GELDERSMA - Louis and Irvan Schutter of Kent Wireman of Belding; father grandchildren Joy (David) Geldersma, aged 84, of City, Ruth and Jay Wells of in-law Daniel and Carol Peyton of Falls Church, Vir- Gowen, died April 21, 2004. White Cloud, Dorothy and Simon; mother-in-law Sharon ginia; Judy Lynn (Johnny) He is survived by his wife Chris Deater of Sparta, Eliza- Rogers and special friend Gray of Cherry Log, Georgia, Mary Ann; children Karen beth Labuzan of Grand Rap- Harnish of Saranac; several Pastor David (Kathy) (Dave) Wenzler of Wyoming, ids; many nieces and neph- aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces Wygmans of Newaygo, Ronald (Diane) of Lowell, ews. Funeral services were and nephews. Funeral services Michael (Susan) Wygmans of Paul (Christina) of Alto; broth- held on Saturday at the Kent were held Saturday at Saranac Kentwood; eight great-grand- ers Maurice (Marjorie) of City Baptist Church with Rev. Community Church with Rev. children; daughter-in-law Grattan, Russell (Lillian) of Chris Weeks officiating. In- Kendall Harger officiating. Elaine Kendall of Kentwood; Lowell, Donald (Ruth) terment in Chubbuck Cem- Interment Saranac Cemetery. sister-in-law Marie Rickert of VanDyke of Grandville; sis- etery, Kent City. Those who Anyone wishing may make Lowell; four nieces Marilyn ters Wilma Arendsen of Rock- wish may make memorial con- memorial contributions to the (Larry) Cahoon of Clarksville, ford, Catherine Sobie of Sand tributions to Kent City Bap- family of Robert Perry III. Shirley Weeks of Cascade, Lake, Corrine (Bill) Weeks of Connie (Rex) Dowling of Grand Rapids; seven grand-

for 31 years. Funeral services Grand Rapids, Carol (Steve) children; four great-grandchil- tist Building Fund or Hospice will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Narrin of Lowell. Marguerite dren. Funeral services were of Michigan. the Lowell Church of the attended Cutler School in held Saturday at the Roth-Nazarene, 211 N. Washington, Keen Township, graduated Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. PERRY - Robert Medrick Rev. Tim Deshaw officiating. from Lowell High School in William Renkema, Calvary Perry III, aged 30, of Lowell, CAREY-Ronald John Carey, Abbigail; sisters Gay and Interment Oakwood Cemetery. 1920, and attended County Christian Reformed Church formerly of Saranac, passed

1973 in Belding, the son of Robert and Karen (Wireman) purchased and managed the day, April 20, 2004, at his He was employed by Lack's hotel in Carson City. She and home with his family at his Industries & Magna since Tyler, Aaron and Spencer; ter Missie and Todd Conner brother Richard and Donna Eileen Perry of Saranac, Hall of Sparta; sisters Mary Sandra Nash of Gowen, Rose

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: April 28, 2004 Permit No. MI0055573 Root-Lowell Mfg. Co.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, 1000 Foreman Road, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The applicant is conducting a groundwater cleanup at a facility that assembles and packages garden sprayers. The applicant discharges treated groundwater through storm sewers to the Flat River, in the SE1/4, NW1/4, Section 2, Town 6N, Range 9W, Kent County.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit: The monitoring requirements for total zinc have been deleted because this pollutant is no longer being discharged at a level of concern and the requirements for the storm water pollution prevention plan have been deleted because the storm water regulations are no longer applicable to this facility

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by May 28, 2004 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Alvin Lam, Surface Water Permits Section, Water Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4132, e-mail: lama@michigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (http://www.michigan.gov/deq and on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on "Permits on Public Notice" which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Division Grand Rapids District Office located at Unit 10, 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341, telephone: 616-356-0500.

To our Son, Grandson, Brother, Uncle, Nephew and Friend, Steven Morlock, who was taken to Heaven four years ago today, April 28, 2000

SON, DID YOU KNOW

Did you know when you stood in the door of light. It was the greatest gift the Lord gave

me on that summer night. Did you know when you climbed the

stairs of Heaven, and then you turned around, I thought you were coming back to me, as I knelt to the ground.

Did you know the light got brighter when you said, "Dad I love you, but I have to go."

My heart broke that summer night, I still miss you so.

> Did you know my world crumbled when you entered Heaven, as I said good bye, Yes, my heart is still broken and yes, I still cry.

Do you know I still wait for you to come back one more time and walk with me, I need one more time, your smiling face for me to see.

Do you know the day I meet you in Heaven, Steve, will be the best day, So until then, I will wait till you come back and walk with me, to show me the way.

> Steve, if you have to be somewhere else, I am glad it is in Heaven.

All our love, Dad, Mom, Jamie, Tyler, Kyle, family and friends

Council seeks answers to City Hall's leaky roof at next meeting

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

City Hall, you're first greeted of greeting those who planned leaks on the building that is by a plastic bucket and sign the City Hall/police station less than a year old and who that says, "Caution. Wet When you enter Lowell Floor." Not exactly the type

restoration and expansion will be taking care of the probproject had planned.

And just why the roof City Council plans to get an-

lem are questions the Lowell

and Huber, which served as bucket has been placed on the the construction managers for floor to collect water. the project, will be at the meetabout the roof, made it clear is resolved. that something needs to be

to be held accountable. ranty is good for.

Pasquale said the roof leaks gates, Pasquale said. primarily when it rains. So,

swered at its next meeting set during the month of April, for Monday at the City Hall. water has seeped into the Representatives from building destroying several Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, ceiling tiles, and a plastic

To make sure its point ing to address council con- about the roof is heard, the cerns on the leaky roof. Coun- council has withheld its last cilman Jim Pfaller, who has payment of about \$27,000 to expressed his dissatisfaction Fishbeck until the roof issue

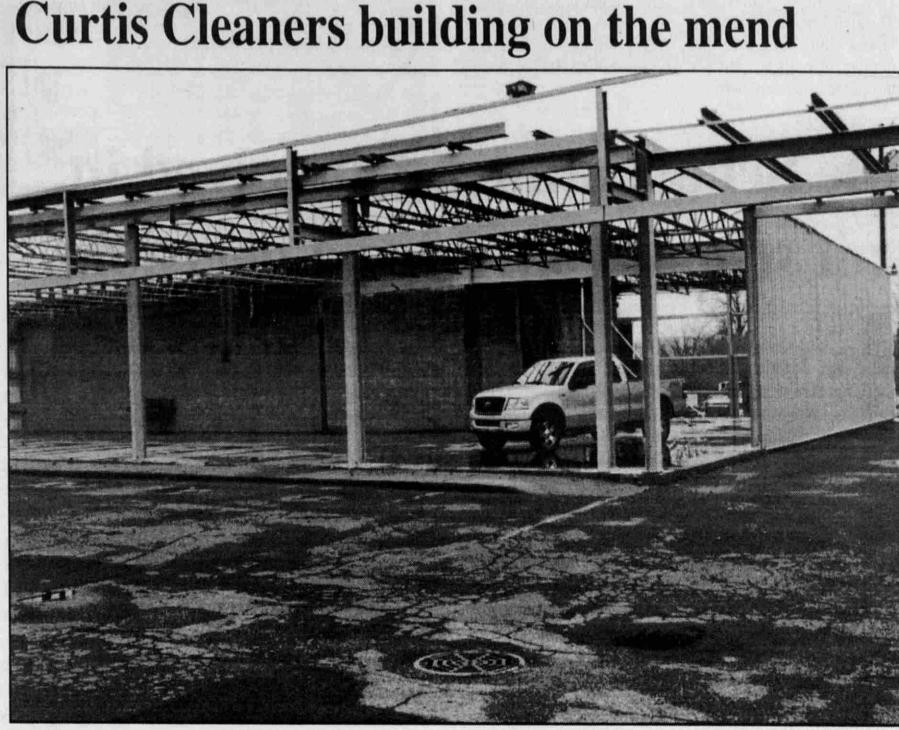
The city staff, under the done and that Fishbeck needs direction of the council, is currently trying to resolve an-"It is not acceptable for a other building issue—the gates brand new facility to have a to City Hall's garbage area. leaky roof," Pfaller said at the The gates were torn off due to last council meeting. Pfaller the design of the area, creatsaid his concerns also extend ing a wind tunnel. Department to the insulation, which will of Public Works director Dan probably need to be replaced DesJarden has received bids because of the leaking. He on new fences that will allow also wanted to know what kind the wind to move through the of warranty was on the build- gates. He is currently working ing and how long that war- with the city's insurance company and Fishbeck to see who City manager David will pick up the costs for the

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Progress is being made on the reconstruction of Curtis Cleaners following a March 31 fire that destroyed the dry cleaning and coin laundry portions of the building located on W. Main St. A week of demolition followed the fire. The new steel construction began last week; the roof is being

installed this week. Pictured is a pickup truck parked in the dry cleaning portion; the space to the left will be the coin laundry. The front of the building will be brick and the other three walls, steel. Curtis Cleaners' co-owner Bucky Curtis said business will re-open as soon as possible, but an exact date has not yet been

Boating accident victim's body recovered from river

By Dan Schneider

The Kent County Sheriff's it Department recovered the body of the Lowell man who third day of a search by mulwas missing last week after a tiple agencies, the Kent boating accident on the County Sheriff's Department Thornapple River.

April 19. Their 10-foot row- and overturned. boat was anchored in the cur-

able to swim to shore and call for help but Perry never made

Last Wednesday, on the Dive Recovery Team found Robert Medrick Perry III Perry shortly before 1 p.m. was fishing late at night with His body was in 12 feet of his friend John Fisher of Alto. water, about 25 yards from It was about 2 a.m. Monday, where the boat was anchored

The 30 year old was wearrent and swamped. Fisher was ing a Carhartt jacket at the



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time of the accident. The jacket move it before he drowned.

was found downstream indi- The water-soaked jacket likely

cating Perry was able to re- made it very difficult to swim.

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to our city," said Liz Baker, of Christmas Through Low- number of crafters, plus six brings about 2,000 people into executive director of the ell. It's a weekend-long craft businesses also took part.

Haybarker decided to give sale with lots of crafters sell-

"Doing that (organizing to buy them.

it up this year so she could ing their items in their homes. ery year since we've been Lowell's businesses. After 11 years of organiz- have more time for her own People travel here from all

because I'm also part of the has grown steadily since then.

The event started in 1991

open, it's usually our biggest around the Grand Rapids area weekend of the year," said Carolyn Price, owner of

That's another part of "It's an excellent fit for show-just got to be too much Last year's Christmas what makes it a good project certainly gain a huge amount the chamber because of the work," Haybarker explained. Through Lowell featured 36 for the chamber to sponsor. of exposure from it." This will be the 13th year homes with more than that Baker estimates the craft tour

"We've participated ev- Lowell each year who see

of people when they're all here for one reason-to shop," Dream Pieces in downtown Baker said. "They don't necessarily stop in and buy things

crafters usually feature Christmas ornaments and decorations but many also have home-made jams, beeswax candles, doll clothes and

the like for sale.

ell takes place each year dur-

deer season. This year, it will

be held Nov. 19, 20 and 21.

Because of the timing.

ing the opening weekend of

Four Lowell Middle School students involved in explosive plan await school board/legal decisions

By Dan Schneider

School students were sus- tially been bomb-making ma- electric room or the mechani- gasoline posed a potential hazpended last Thursday after administrators learned of their plan to set off a series of explosions in the school build-"It appears that this plan series of explosions by plant-

was several months old," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said.

The students only went as far as bringing a container of gasoline to the school and hiding it in a locker before losing interest in the plan. The gasoline, in a sealed container of

Investigators found nothing Four Lowell Middle else that could have poten- more likely referring to the the middle school, though the

> viewed the four students involved. The students had being an explosive device in If blown up by an explosive, been scheduled on the matter. what they called the school's Eckman said, none of these generator room.

were to blow up that genera- tion. tor, it would cause, in some way, other reactions to happen in other parts of the build-

to school about a month ago. rector for Lowell Area students were in no danger

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cal room, which houses the ard in itself. Police officers inter- building's air handling equip-

> Investigators also determined the students lacked the knowledge to build an explo-

Schools, said the four were from an explosive device at

ment. The school has a gen- cide what to do to punish the erator for backup power for four students. That responsitial criminal charges. lieved they could set off a its computer labs, but it is bility will fall on the school

from the district if the weapon intent. The prosecutor's of-

"constitutes a dangerous fice signed the official request

lice submitted their investiga- County Family Court. Once Now the district must de- tion to the Kent County filed, court officials will con-Prosecutor's office for poten- tact the parents of the accused

On Tuesday morning the appearance in court. located outside the building. board. A meeting has not yet the prosecutor's office authorized charges against the four State law requires that any sixth grade students. They will structures would have trig- students who bring a weapon be charged with conspiracy to "It was thought that if they gered any kind of chain reac- to school must be expelled possess a bomb with unlawful

to charge documents which Earlier this week, the po- will be filed with the Kent

> The prosecutor's office will not be releasing the names of the individuals charged pending their appearance in

and arrange for the students'

line, in a sealed container of less than a gallon, was brought less than a gallon, was brought

If you have diabetes, you pears fine. Did you know that yearly eye exam is the most to develop diabetic retinopa- betic eye disease. Other eye thy? Diabetic retinopathy is diseases which can result indamage to the blood vessels clude cataracts and glaucoma. in the retina. A simple dilated eye exam may be all that's portant because: needed to prevent vision loss.

leading cause of vision loss signs. among adults in the United year. Early detection, timely eye disease. treatment and appropriate follow-up care can reduce the risk of blindness by 95 percent, even for people with established and significant dia-

are at greater risk for blind- people in Michigan have been ness even if your vision ap- diagnosed with diabetes. A disease. the longer someone has dia- important preventive measure betes, the more likely they are that can be taken to avoid dia-

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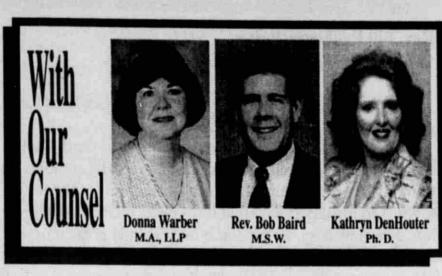


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SELF-ESTEEM PART III

"To trust one's mind and to know that one is worthy of happiness is the essence of self-esteem." Nathaniel Branden, myself."

acceptance, and that is what we'll be discussing in this article. functioning.

What is self-acceptance? It's important to remember that accepting one's self does not necessarily mean that you like all of the aspects of yourself. Accepting yourself means that you the strengths that we have. This is just as destructing and have embraced both the good and bad parts of yourself. In other words, you total self. Since it is often true that if you tance is accepting ALL of yourself, both the good qualities and haven't accepted all parts of yourself (especially those you the bad. dislike), it is impossible for you to move to a higher level since

words, being one's own best friend. Let me give you an be our topic next month.

person accepts themselves, they do not deny that they have done a regrettable thing. Instead, they become conscious or aware of the situation, and ask themselves why it happened and how they can prevent this from happening in the future. By so doing, they actually reduce the chances of this happening again. When we live in denial, the chances of repeating the offense is greatly increased, since the more we have on the conscious level, the more of ourselves we can control. After you have taken responsibility for what you've done.

example. Suppose I have done something I regret. When a

when you respond as if you are your own best friend, you can ask yourself, "Why have I done something that is unworthy of me? I'll learn from this and, next time, I want to behave in a manner that is consistent with my positive feelings about

Being compassionate and generous with yourself is essen-Research shows that people with high self-esteem will tial for high self-esteem The most compelling component of persist at a task significantly longer than someone with low self-esteem is how we judge ourselves. Harsh self-judgment self-esteem. Perhaps it has something to do with a previous life indicates low self-esteem, but kind, gentle self-understanding pattern of setting goals and finishing them. Also, one of the indicates high self-esteem. When we judge ourselves harshly, qualities of persistence is trusting one's self to overcome we do our self a disservice. When we are compassionate and obstacles that are challenging. This has to do with self- caring with ourselves, we are able to have a higher level of

Finally, at first we become aware of our weaknesses, and sometimes we dwell on those, and discount or choose to deny indicates low self-esteem. An important part of self-accep-

We can be just as frightened of our assets as we are of our we are either in the state of denial, or immobilized by the state shortcomings. When we deny or discount our strengths, we of self-condemnation. These are the biggest obstacles to feel unworthy and not able to take on the responsibilities that will "let our light shine." This gets into the next "pillar" of self-Self-acceptance is being on one's own side or, in other esteem which is the practice of self-responsibility, and this will



GREEN AND YELLOW RIVERS

The season for trout fishing is now open. Some of the best fishing occurs this time of the year, so get out and enjoy the

Although a small number of lakes and streams have been open all year for specific species, the traditional opener for inland stream and lake fishing for brown, brook and rainbow trout is the last Saturday in April. At this time, the smallest creeks to the largest rivers will be the focus of attention for anglers around the state. Streams that have been closed since last September are identified by green and yellow shading on maps found in the Michigan Inland Trout and Salmon Fishing Guide. The guide is published by the Department of Natural Resources and is available from license dealers.

Some of these streams have self-sustaining populations of trout, while others receive plantings. The majority of the designated trout lakes are planted.

The well-known streams with easy public access will be crowded on opening weekend. Finding small, less popular creeks and gaining permission to access them from private property can lead to outstanding trout fishing. One will need

TO THE EDITOR

Attention all land owners, hikers, everyone who appreci-

Please acquaint yourselves with a non-native extremely

invasive weed known as garlic mustard. I learned about this

just last year as it began moving onto my property. In just one

year's time, it has completely overrun my entire woods, and

the task of now getting it under control seems almost hopeless.

ates our beautiful natural rural habitat. We are being in-

vaded!!! (by more than land developers!)

Dear Editor:

to study maps or learn through generous fellow anglers the location of these special spots.

The larger streams can be fished with a variety of flies, live bait and artificial lures. I find that using a small spinner with treble hooks is a productive and convenient way to catch trout. The fish hit hard, stay hooked, and can usually be released unharmed.

The small over-grown creeks are more difficult to fish. I have known fishermen who use ice fishing rods and live bait to reach holes and under-cut banks where the trout lie in wait for a meal. I personally don't have the patience, so don't count me as competition if this is your thing.

Inland trout lakes will most often produce rainbows. Trolling crank baits and spinners as well as casting flies or using live bait will land fish. I have had good luck fishing at night using canned corn for bait.

Rainbows are scrappy fighters and aggressive biters when in the mood. Brown trout are able to survive in warmer, lower quality water, and are commonly planted in southern Lower Peninsula streams. Bigger browns tend to be wary, however, and are more difficult to catch. The brook trout is a gorgeous fish with red spots, orange belly, and white tipped fins. This fish is remarkable enough to have been chosen as the official state fish of Michigan. Fishing for brook trout will lead one to some of the neatest places in the state.

At one time, I probably spent half of my fishing time chasing stream trout. Although today I am distracted by many other angling opportunities, I am compelled to fish the streams several times every year. Try to get out yourself because trout fishing is a unique angling experience. Be sure to go slow and be aware of all that is happening around you while visiting the lakes and streams because that is what makes trout fishing

Even one plant can spread like wildfire. The Michigan chapter

of the Nature Conservancy has listed this invasive weed in

their pamphlet "Michigan Menace." Let's support them in

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publica-

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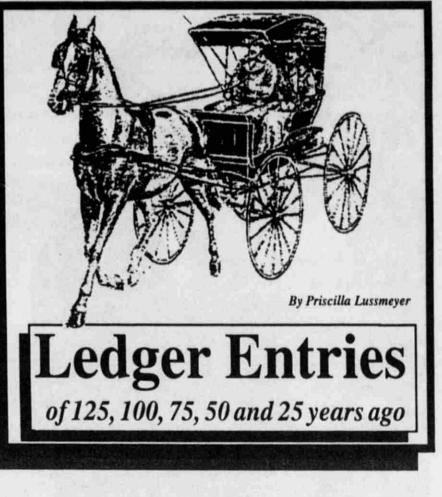
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their efforts to eliminate this invader.

\and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

Please learn from my experience and heed this warning. The Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 30, 1879

Winter wheat came through very well; now oats and barley are being planted.

People are saying they would like to have street lamps. D. Oliver is building a handsome gothic house on east Bridge Street.

Sales of building materials are encouragingly brisk this

On April 19, logs were running continuously the entire 100 miles between Six Lakes and Lowell.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 29, 1904

The headline reads, "Our City Dads Granted Five Saloon

The cutter factory is building an addition, hiring men, and making cutters 22 hours a day.

The state fair will move to Detroit this year; past fairs were held in Pontiac. Round trip train tickets to the World's Fair at St. Louis

from Lowell range from \$13 to \$17. Using radium for sighting guns in the dark is being

patented by the inventor's wife; the inventor died.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 2, 1929

A new state tax, of one cent on 10 cigarettes, goes to Gov. Green for his signature. The money will go to schools.

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to use seaplanes capable of 135 mph to combat Canadian rumrunners.

Editor Frank Sparks of the Grand Rapids Herald wrote an account of Mel McPherson's first political speech in his first county convention in 1912. It appears again in this week's

Mr. Smith announces that the boys in his agriculture class are ready to test seed corn for farmers, free of charge.

Chevrolet Motor Co. spent more than \$46 million last year for railroad freight.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 29, 1954

Dave Clark Sr., fire department member for 21 years and chief for seven, resigns. Frank Baker is the new chief. The railroad signal has been installed at the dangerous

Grand River Drive crossing. The argument goes on about whether to install parking

meters on Main Street. A carload or two of wheat leaves Lowell daily, now that the

government is calling in the 1953 crop stored under the loan program. It's a huge one this year, creating storage problems.

The high school presents its first musical in 10 years; Cary Stiff steals the show as Koko in "Mikado."

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 2, 1979

The YMCA starts a "Rent-a-Kid" program to help youngsters earn money at babysitting and odd jobs.

The Runciman-Riverside PTO plans its first Historic Homes tour.

Dr. Ruth Herrick's extensive historic collection is on display at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Sue Stormzand, Kathe Dey, Kelly Dickerson and Sue Sitzer break girls' track records.

The city will use lumber from the old wrecked showboat to build road salt storage. The 55-gallon flotation barrels are available to anyone.

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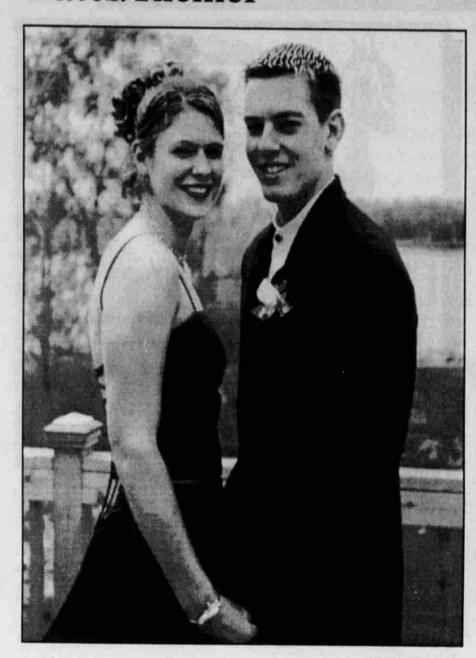
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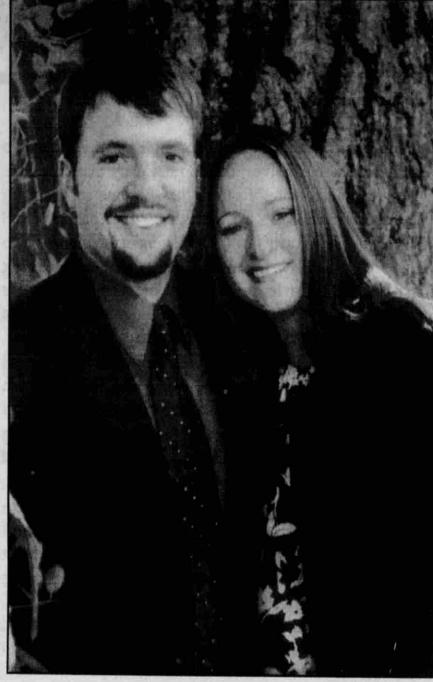
Sunday Worship......

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Rockford High School and attends lege in the nursing program. Lowell.

and Elaine Bates of Rockford. The groom-elect is a

graduate of Lowell High School and is employed by Timberland Building and Developing Co. He is the son of Montcalm Community Col- Brad and Margie Riemer of

Byrne/Nowak



Matthew Nowak and Molly Byrne

thew Thomas Nowak of Low- of Ada. ell will be celebrated on July

and Michigan State Univer- ell.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

The marriage of Molly sity. She is the daughter of Ann Byrne of Ada and Mat- Norman and Rosemary Byrne The future groom is a

graduate of Lowell High The bride-to-be is a gradu- School. He is the son of Denate of Lowell High School nis and Lori Nowak of Low-

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appearances were some sort of hallucination, perhaps arising from a kind of mass hysteria. The Bible does not deal in theories but in facts. The two

Mary's saw Him, so did Peter and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, so did the disciples without Thomas present, later disciples with Thomas present, the disciples who were fishing, the followers who saw Him ascend, Paul, Stephen, John on Patmos, and a group of more than 500 people.

The resurrection is fact. The question is not whether it happened. The question is what will we do with the fact? Try to explain it away? Ignore it? Or be changed by it?

Early Christians were convinced. Many of their tombs have inscriptions or pictures having to do with the empty tomb. Sketches of the risen Christ were drawn on the walls of catacombs where Christians hid from persecution. The resurrection was so important to them that some of them died for the right to believe it. Early Christian hymns were full of references to the resurrection. The resurrection is included in the creeds of the church as one of the fundamental teachings of the Bible. Most religions are based on philosophy, visions, sacred objects, or superstition. Biblical religion is based on historical facts, including the fact of the resurrection.

According to Paul, if Christ did not arise, then our faith means absolutely nothing, for Christ would have remained in the tomb, forever defeated. Since Christ has arisen, we have a firm foundation for our faith. In Him we find eternal victory over sin and over death. To Him be the glory.

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HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DIVIDENDS

Up until last year, the topic of stock dividends may not have always enthralled investors. But when the new tax laws were enacted, a lot of people started thinking about dividendsand maybe you should too.

Thanks to the tax legislation, dividends are now being taxed at a maximum rate of 15 percent. (The new rate was effective Jan. 1, 2003 and expires on Dec. 31, 2008). Previously, dividends were taxed at your individual income tax rate. As a result, companies are issuing more dividends-and some companies that never paid dividends before are now starting to do just that.

Of course, some investors have always known about the value of investing in companies that have a history of paying dividends-and that have increased their dividends over time. Typically, these companies are well-run, with a strong interest in rewarding their investors. Furthermore, in addition to paying dividends, many of these stocks offer growth potential.

So, now that dividends are more tax-friendly, you have even more reason to learn more about them. For starters, dividends can be paid in various forms, but there are two major categories: cash and stock. Cash dividends are the most popular; they are typically paid to stockholders out of the corporation's current earnings or accumulated profits.

For example, suppose you own 100 shares of the fictitious ABC, Inc. Thanks to shrewd management and innovative marketing techniques, ABC has experienced continual growth and, as a result, the company declares an annual dividend of \$4 a share. You will then earn \$400 a year, or \$100 paid every quarter. But what if you don't need the income? Depending on where your shares are held, you may be able to automatically

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 29: K.J. Vezino, Jessup, Tim Mastenbrook.

MAY 1: Dennis Anchors, MAY 4: John Borton, David

MAY 2: Madison Briggs, Vezino, Brenda Erickson,

Melinda D'Agostino, Glen Robert Dalziel, Scott Carpen-

Mark Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.

MAY 3: Wilma Roudabush

Melissa Merriman, Mimi

MAY 5: Kevin Vezino, Kerry

Bryan Roth, Lucy Wade.

Roudabush.

Christiansen.

APRIL 30: Carmen

Bryant, Jaclyn Batt, Bertha

reinvest the dividends back into the company, thereby pur-records to identify its shareholders. If you're an investor, you chasing more shares.

If ABC, Inc. wants to pay a dividend but doesn't have the a dividend payout. necessary cash for all its shareholders, it could issue stock every existing share, you will receive five shares for every 100 shares that you own. Generally, stock dividends are tax-free, although you may incur taxes if you sell the shares.

-A Dividend's Key Dates-

An owner of a stock that pays dividends may want to become familiar with some key dates:

• Declaration date - the board of directors announces to shareholders and the market as a whole that the company will pay a dividend.

Ex-date (Ex-dividend date) - On or after this date, the stock stock one day before the ex-date, you still get the dividend; if you buy on the ex-date, you won't. Alternately, if you want to sell a stock but still receive a declared dividend, you'll have to sell on or after the ex-date.

• Date of record - On this date, the company looks at its

must be listed as a "holder of record" to guarantee the right of

• Date of payment - Here's when the company mails out dividends. So, if ABC issues a dividend of 0.05 new shares for the dividend to the holder of record. The date of payment is generally a week or more after the date of record.

At first glance, you might think you can make a nice profit by buying a stock just before the ex-date. But it's not that simple. You aren't the only one who knows when the dividend will be paid-everyone knows about it. And because "the market" sees a dividend payout as a giveaway of profits, it will "punish" the company by lowering its stock price by about the same amount of the dividend on the ex-date. In other words, forget about those instant gains coming from "well-timed" investments. Also, keep in mind that stocks are subject to trades without its dividend. If you bought a dividend-paying market risks, including the potential loss of principal invested; furthermore, stocks are not fixed-rate investments and may not even distribute dividends.

> Still, don't forget about dividends. When you buy highquality, dividend-paying stocks, and place them in a welldiversified portfolio, you can help yourself make progress toward your important, long-term financial goals.

AREA BIRTHS



Jace Brandon Eliason

Eric and Kim (Kamphuis)

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to announce the birth of their son, Jace Brandon, born April

17, 2004 at 12:33 a.m. He

weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and mea-

Cal and Louise Kamphuis of

Lowell, Bryan and Kathy

Bishop of Saranac and Larry

and Sharon Eliason of Port-

Proud grandparents are

sured 20 1/4 inches long.

BUSINESS MATTERS

The Michigan Business motive, insurance, hospital-& Professional Association (MBPA) recently announced profit. that Litehouse Inc. in Lowell is one of the winners of the "West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies To president of the MBPA. "Lo-Work For" for 2004.

be held May 6 at the Amway tries as diverse as the auto-

"A company is only as good as its employees," said Jennifer Kluge, executive vice

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Red Cross warns phony solicitors

The American Red Cross of West Central Michigan is cautioning the public about giving monetary donations to parking lot and door-to-door solicitors claiming to be collecting on behalf of the Red Cross. This comes on the heels of a person who was spotted impersonating a Red Cross volunteer in a store parking lot on 28th Street in

the Cascade area. The organization advises the public to send funds directly to the Red Cross offices to ensure it supports legitimate Red Cross programs and services. All gifts are acknowledged by sending the donor a thank you letter.

The best ways to make a donation to the Red Cross are

· Sending a check to American Red Cross, 1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids

•Calling 1-800-482-2411. · Making a secure donation www.redcrosswcm.org.

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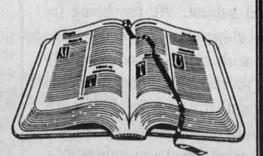
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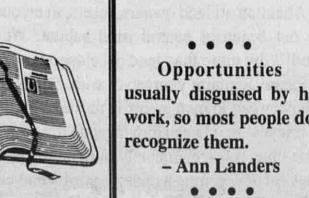
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Bowne Township directs funds toward land preservation effort

By Dan Schneider

help fund the fledgling Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program in Kent County. At its meeting last Monday, the township's board approved the expenditure of \$5,000 to help preserve five farms.

Bowne Township will Three of the farms from this year's application cycle being considered for the county program are in Vergennes Township, one is in Lowell Charter Township and the fifth is in Grattan Township. Grattan Township had 10

farms apply for the program

\$4,400 of its township funds. supervisor Pete Siler said. easements on agricultural ment some townships have to farmers to apply in the future.

"It was an attempt on the County Agricultural Preser- value of the land as residential part of the board to be proac- vation Board, PDR is a new, tive rather than reactive on voluntary program through Ironically, none of them this year. It will contribute this issue," Bowne Township which the county purchases

Bowne Township had no "Hopefully someone in our properties. The easements the program. farms applying this year. By township would be interested state that the land must reapproving township funds for in it (PDR) and see that we main in agriculture and in the program, the township support it and be less hesitant place in perpetuity. The payboard hopes to encourage to sign up for the program." ment for the easement is in-Administered by the Kent tended to offset the higher

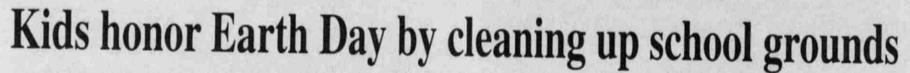
> future food production," Siler said. "We want to see the land preserved if at all possible and we think this is a program that has some potential and some

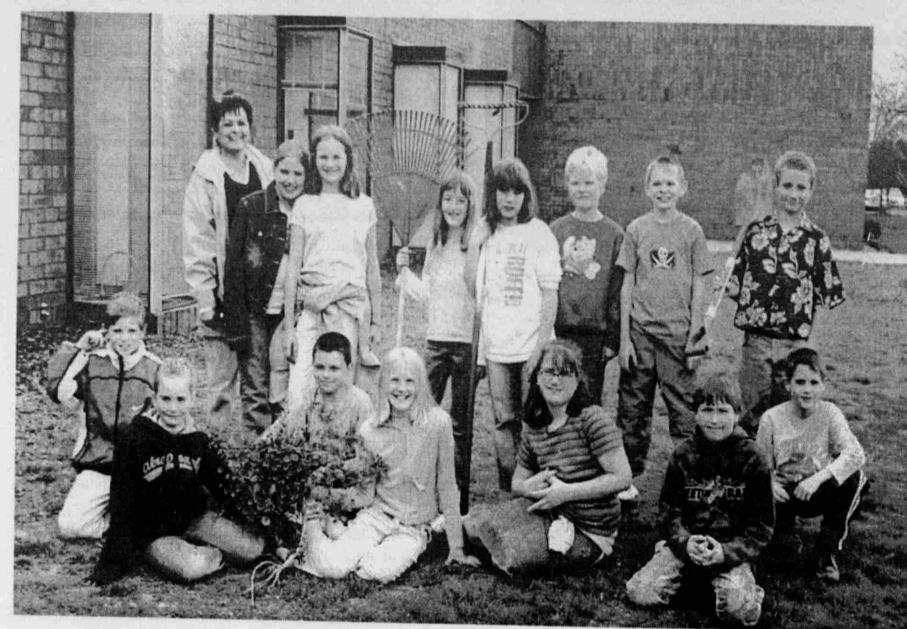
Bowne Township is indica- pose. tive of the level of commit

"I'm delighted by Bowne Township's action," Horton said. "The more rural the township, the more sympathetic they are to this."

Despite the fact that it is a county program, Kent County "We need this land for has yet to offer any funding for PDR. The money behind the effort so far has come mostly from private foundations. The Wege Foundation has contributed \$500,000: the Steelcase Foundation has County commissioner given \$200,000; the Grand Jack Horton has been an ar- Rapids Community Foundadent supporter of the PDR pro-tion, \$100,000; the Lowell gram since its beginning in Area Community Fund has 2002 He said the \$5,000 from committed \$50,000 to the pur-

Cherry Creek students celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the school grounds at Cherry Creek Elementary. All the students/ teachers and volunteers worked hard and the school appearance was improved. Pictured from left to right, front row, are: Jeff Onan, Lindsay Anderson, Jon Niemann, Anna Rozema, Jessica Idema, Drew Mayhew, Randy Roth; back row, left to right: Linda DeCator, teacher, Chloe Renzema, Kate Olgren, Kyra Marks, Amanda Willson, Foster Hovey, Alex Ligman, Bill Velting II.





LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS Regular Meeting of April 19, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Hansen reported that testing . L&A Rent-All donation of a lift rental for changing outside pole season will begin on Monday and run through May 12. Work Keys will lights valued at \$90. be used to test math and reading skills, along with MEAP and AP . Paul and Nancy Keiser donation of educational books valued at testing. Student Council members will be cleaning their adopt-a-road, and elections for student council officers will be held in May. Prom is . John and Lynn DeVos donation of environmental textbooks valued Saturday, May 7 at the Van Andel Public Museum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students:

Middle School Character Award Winner - Matt Kurtz, 8th grader. Cherry Creek Character Award Winner - Delaney McCarrey, 3rd

High School Detroit Free Press Contest - Certificates were awarded to Lindsay Aiken, Patrick Walsh, and Katey Rissi who were named winners in the "Detroit Free Press" Letters to the Editor contest.

Wrestlers - State Champions - Certificates were awarded to Coach David Strejc and the following students for their State Championship: Approved the technology bids for Murray Lake Elementary. Ray Seese, Rob Karasiewicz, Mike Nearing, David Kropf, Joe Mendez, Matt Kilmartin, Kevin Frazier, Ryan Karasiewicz, Jayme DeLiefde, John Fleet, Jason Nearing, Alex Fleet, Ryan Dykhouse, Josh Vaught, Brock Graham, Ryan Esbaugh, Matt Dood, Dominic Doyle, Mike Ford, Trevor Foss, Matt Francisco, Mike Griffioen, Chris Jones, and Pat Schneider.

Business Professionals of America - Certificates were awarded to • The following payment of bills for March 2004: Megan Shellenbarger who earned 1st place in Graphic Design and Sarah Fitzpatrick who earned 4th place in Economic Research Individual in the regional competition.

FFA Student Report - Mr. John Schut and several FFA students 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND. presented a report on their activities and accomplishments. Lowell FFA is one of the nation's top 100 chapters. Ian Blodger, middle school FFA member, shared with the Board the speech that won him the 2004 Middle School Public Speaking State Championship.

Tousley was named Cherry Creek's Staff Member of the month.

Gustafson was introduced as the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. The formal presentation will be made at the Spirit of Community Celebration on Friday, April 30, 2004 at the Lowell High School.

Accepted the following Gifts: · Alticor (Paul Seese) donation of 22 computers valued at \$2420 to be used by the school technology department.

\$185 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

at \$90 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

· Dorothy Teesdale donation of displays of Michigan birds valued at \$600 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

· Mark Nyp donation of displays of Michigan birds and mammals valued at \$300 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

· Jerry Biernacki donation of training trampoline valued at \$150 to be used by the girls basketball program.

Howard Thumser donation of 500 lbs. of galvanized sheet metal valued at \$400 to be used the high school metal show class. Adopted a resolution naming May 4 as Teacher Appreciation Day. Approved the recommendation of the Transportation Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted/awarded were:

Minutes of March 3, 2004 Special Meeting and Workshop Session, the March 8, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, the March 22, 2004 Special Meeting and Workshop Session, and the March 26, 2004 Special Meeting.

.\$1,043,774.26

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND A. Food Service Fund. .\$66,971.94 B. Athletic Fund. ...\$12,666.97 \$584,118.87 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. ..\$69,985.20 ...\$ 1,750.00

 Personnel Report · The resolution for the regular election setting matters to be voted

upon on June 14, 2004. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Shari Miller announced that Jackie • Shared time program at St. Patrick School for the 2004-2005 school

· Revision to Board Policy #9370 "Materials Distribution in Schools". MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Peter PRIVACY OFFICER FOR HIPAA - Connie Gillette was appointed as the HIPAA Privacy Officer for Lowell Area Schools.

> FRESHMAN CENTER - Amy Pallo, Assistant Principal, gave a progress report on the Freshman Center and shared goals for the 2004-2005 school year.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Shari Miller reported that Murray Lake will have a 2nd Open House on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 pm. The building is nearing completion and construction is on schedule.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that an historical summary sheet is available on the budget cuts. Budget cuts totaling \$1,300,000 are being considered for the 2004-2005

There was a negotiation meeting held on April 15 and the next one is scheduled for May 6.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board regarding the transportation committee's recommendation for a walk zone: Lynn Green, Bobbi Milton, Brian Mitchell, Lynn Mitchell, and Michelle Wernet. Bill Stouffer made comments regarding negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller addressed those who had concerns with the walk zones and said she would like to talk with those people who expressed concerns. She will continue to monitor the recreational millage as a means for additional money for the schools. The high school student musical was a wonderful show with thanks to Todd and Kim Nyson. The public is invited to a panel discussion and forum concerning future funding for Michigan schools on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at East Grand Rapids High School. The forum is sponsored by the Grassroots Legislative Committee. The administrators participated in some professional development earlier in the week with a consultant to learn effective ways to manage their buildings. Kindergarten parent meetings have been held in the buildings. Congratulations to those students who were recognized tonight and good luck was extended to those students taking tests and students participating in sports teams.

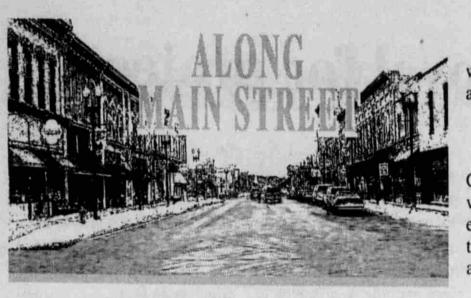
CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Board Workshop Monday, April 26, 2004

Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2004 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m. Please visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us

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"TEST OUT" OF CLASSES

Students interested in testing out of high school courses should contact their high school counselor/Mrs. Lietzke at the middle school by May 1 for tests in August

POP CAN DRIVE

Developer must get private road

did not realize that was an

issue since the way he read

five houses before a private

City manager David

Pasquale said the five-house

rule applies to subdivisions

Those developing individual

lots may go up to two, but

when it hits three, the private

road ordinance does apply.

The tricky part is that the road

is under a variance allowing

for a 33-foot entrance off

Grindle Street. The road does

widen as it goes into the prop-

for the original variance;

councilman Al Mathews did

Alexander didn't apply

the ordinance, it was up to

road became an issue.

approval for addition of third house

LHS girls crew team, dressed in uniform, will be collecting pop cans/bottles on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Also a truck will be at the front entrance of the high school to drop off if you prefer.

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

Another Grindle devel-

opment was under fire Mon-

day night as it was quickly

determined the developer

needed approval for a pri-

Alexander has been work-

ing on the parcel at 901

Grindle, having completed

two of three homes, with

before the Lowell City Plan-

ning Commission after the

city's building inspector

noted that a lot with three or

more houses must seek a pri-

vate road. Alexander said he

Alexander was brought

Richard

WILDFLOWER WALK

The Wittenbach Center will host a self-guided wildflower walk on Saturday, May 1, 9-12 p.m. Wildflower guides

GOODWILL "BAG IT UP" PROGRAM

The Goodwill donation drive will take place at Cherry Creek Elementary School the week of May 3-7. Everyone is welcome to drop off gently used clothing, books, toys, sports equipment, etc. This is a great opportunity to recycle all those things in your basement, closet and attic that you don't need

FOODMOBILE ... FREE FOOD

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be distributing free food, mostly produce, on May 1 at the 4-H fairgrounds, from 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag. Available to anyone.

LABYRINTH WORKSHOP

The Wittenbach Center will host a labyrinth workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1. Call 987-1002 to register by April 29; no cost.

when he was planning to con- development on the property

struct a home for himself on and how it would affect water

other house. "To build a fourth which is immediately to the

house, I knew something was south. Kevin Rude, of Sun-

going to have to give and there dry, said he also was con-

isn't much to give," Mathews cerned with how the project

said, adding that he planned was put together and the fact

to construct two to three homes that his company had to at-

deal and Alexander went with fully go through with its

the project. Since that time, projects.

the city has changed its re-

uirements for suburban resi-

dential, reducing the lot sizes

so that four homes can be built

news with Sundry officials

who raised concerns about the

This didn't come as good

at 901 Grindle.

Mathews opted out of the be exact -before being able to

tend several meetings – 61 to

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others happy too. He who has

courage and faith will never

perish in misery.

Whoever is happy will make

- Anne Frank

the property along with an- run-off and their property

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004 - PAGE 9 WEST MICHIGAN MUSEUM TOUR

Lowell Area Historical Museum will be one of eight museums participating in the West Michigan tour on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. No tickets are needed; donations are accepted. For more info. call 897-

10TH ANNUAL CROP WALK

The Lowell Area Crop Walk is Sunday, May 2; begin at the First United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. for the 2 mile/ 6 mile course. Call 897-8690 to get your walking papers or to sponsor someone.

MOON WALK

The Wittenbach Center, partnering with the VEEN Observatory, will host a full moon walk on Tuesday, May 4 from 8-? Call 987-1002 with questions.

INTENSIVE DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main, begins a new lecture series on Wednesday, May 5. Free to the public, no registration.

STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Lowell Middle School cafetorium will be the location of a string orchestra concert on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. The sixth grade string class, community ed. string classes and Lowell Music Ensemble will provide music. The public is

PARENTS' INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM

Middle school parents are invited to a program on internet safety, Tuesday, May 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle Media Center. Program/parent discussion. Sponsored by Family Links. Call the middle school (897-9222) with

YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

Flag football, youth football, 78er's & cheerleaders signups will be Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Middle School cafeteria. All new sign-ups must bring a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 for more information.

LHS ALUMNI GATHERING

first annual all alumni gathering on Saturday, May 29 at the high school. Brunch at 11 a.m.; short program; door prizes; tours of the school. Cost: \$18. Call 897-8415 for more

New DNR head, continued...From Page 1

moved to Lowell, I had been working in the Lansing area," she said.

That was 17 years ago. Humphries started out renting a house on Beckwith Drive in Vergennes Township. She soon became district supervisor in the Grand Rapids DNR office.

She married Bob Humphries, who was also employed in natural resources management. He traveled around the state quite a bit. The house in Lowell was ideally and centrally located, so they bought it. They eventually tore the house down and

built a new one on the site They have one daughter, Jenny, who is a student at Lowell High School. She shows horses with 4-H and the Paint Horse breeder circuit, and also is involved in public speaking with the FFA.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 4.1.1., Table of Use Regulations for the C, Commercial Zoning District and Section 4.1.2 the Table of Bulk Regulations for the C, Commercial Zoning District and the I, Industrial Zoning District of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendments broaden the list of allowable commercial uses and set forth new rules for commercial minimum lot sizes and building setbacks while re-wording the side setback rule in the Industrial

Amendments are also proposed to Section 5.4 to delete lot size and setback requirements for certain uses and to add a requirement for decorative building facades for commercial buildings.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 24, 2004 TIME:

7:00 P.M. WHERE:

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E.

Lowell, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

> Dave Simmonds, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission



Sundry reaches final round of approval for projects

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

its two projects.

751 Grindle, brought forth a mission and city council. preliminary site plan of its

ances would be acceptable and need to go through a lengthy the Highland Hills project at review with the planning com-

Rude said he realized his

project at 753 Grindle, also company is the first to utilize already received a variance Development finally reached company was seeking clarifi- homes on the property creat- buildable. The ordinance only thing." After review, the comthe point of final approval cation on two points: whether ing large areas of untouched, allows land up to 20 percent. mission determined the road, Monday night for the last of the existing drive and its vari- but developable land. Rude Being the first to use the new since nothing was going to said the ordinance reflects adequately what his company is doing in the Highland Hills

In April, the company has mission chair

ordinance, Rude indicated he just wanted to make sure that location, was acceptable and everything was covered that would not need further review. needed to be. Planning com- The proposed private road was

Clark Jahnke said the the original site plan. At that known as the Phillips prop- the city's open space preser- from the open space preser- commission, too, wanted to time, Sundry was granted Sixty-one meetings and erty. According to Sundry rep- vation ordinance, which al- vation act allowing land up to make sure that Sundry wasn't variances for a single entrance resentative Kevin Rude, the lows for Sundry to cluster the 40 percent to be considered "hit over the head with some- way, which Rude noted was and the width of the road, which is 24 feet.

The commission also decided that Sundry only needed to come back to them for a final site plan review to move forward on the project. Rude said Sundry would present final plans at the May meeting complete with engineering studies and a full set of drawings that will include elevation and other city requirements. Commission member Jim Hall said he would like to see the location of the mailboxes, whether a group box or individual. Other commission members said they would like the general location of the lighting noted.

meeting, when Sundry had left, Jahnke said since Sundry had chosen to follow the new ordinance on the suburban residential, which allows for 16 homes rather than the regular eight, they also would need to follow the city's ordinance on home sizes. Several months ago, the city changed Kyleigh Caleb Flentje, Sarah was the winner of Cherry its ordinance on floor space

Toward the end of the

Cherry Creek Elementary Characters in Action

Cherry Creek staff members nominated another group of elementary students with the Character in Action Award for exhibiting the school district's character traits on a daily basis. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Ethan Grant Willison, Peterson, Kira Gilhoran, Brad Canfield, Amanda Jakubiak, Kyle Derosha, Delaney McCarrey, Abbey Rogalke and David Hibbits:



second issa Mosher, Jordan Johnson, row: Sarah Murray, Johnson, Fallon Fox, Newman and Alexander Crosby, Dan Fleet, Katherine Clarke, Mel- Treasure Bristol, Jillian Nurmikko; back row:

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Noffke, Nick Toomey, Nick Hawks and Sydney Van Overbeek.

Delaney McCarrey Meijer.

approved two years ago with

Creek's Meijer Dignity to usable floor area, aligning Audrey Blodger, Chey- and Respect Award. more with the state's requireenne Brandt, Alicia McCarrey, who had the ments. This means space most student nominations dedicated to closets and hallfor the award, will receive ways cannot be used in the final calculations of a home's a \$25 gift card donated by



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Art and Writing Workshops, Play groups

Writers Workshop: Intention and Invention (A Mystery Story Workshop for Young Writers) Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 22 through July 29, 9:30-11:00 a.m. After studying the Sherlock Holmes tales and Chesterton's Father Brown stories, young writers will craft their own mysteries. Cost: \$180.

Watercolor Anyone? (Beginner's Class-Adults and Youth ages 12+) Three sessions from which to choose: Thursdays, June 3 through July 8; July 15 through August 19; Sept. 2 through Oct. 14; 1:30-4:00 p.m. Artist Roy Brown will introduce materials and basic techniques to paint fruit, flowers, trees and still water. Tuition of

Watercolor Anyone? (Intermediate Class-Adults and Youth ages 12+) Three sessions from which to choose: Thursdays, June 3 through July 8; July 15 through August 19; Sept. 2 through Oct. 14; 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Artist Roy Brown will explore landscapes and still life with those having some watercolor experience. Tuition of \$75 per session includes paper.

Music

Private Lessons - Piano, harp, flute,

Beginning Folk Guitar in Group (ages 9 to 14)

Spiritual Assistance

Teen's Group (Young Men and Women, ages 15-18)

Spiritual Reading Series

brass, guitar, recorder, voice.

Pastel Workshop, June 25-26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Explore the shapes of trees in graphite with Kathleen Putnam. Cost: \$75.

Watercolor Workshop, July 22-24, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Start a creative adventure in Loretta Sailors' unique "Experiments on Synthetic Papers" workshop. Cost: \$115.

Botanical Drawing (Adults and Youth ages 15+) Wednesdays May 12, May 26, June 23. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Artist John Knight's graphite sessions will be on the structure and growth of shrubs lossoms, bulbs, tubers, ferns, vegetables, vines and leaves.

Art with Animals and Insects (Children with Special Needs, upper elementary to junior high) Fridays, June 18 through August 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Children discover their gifts through sketching, painting, clay and quilting. Cost: \$15 each day or \$105 for all 8 days includes art supplies.

Fun at the Farm (Children ages 3 to 7) Music, dance, movement, visits to the farm, special craft projects, and outdoor experiences. Three groups available: Tues., June 15 through August 3, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Tues., June 15 through August 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Thurs., June 17 through August 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cost: \$140.

Summer Fun Experiences for Siblings (ages 5 to 12) of Children with Special Needs. Wed., June 16 through August 4,10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Art, music, farm and outdoor activities. Cost: \$140.

Preschool Summer Session (2-year-old children with parents/care providers) Mon. through Thurs., June 15 through July 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Children learn they are special through individual play, art, group games, music, and stories. Cost: \$80 per week

*** Scholarship assistance may be available. Please inquire. *** CALLTHE Franciscan Life Process Center FOR AREGISTRATIONEROCHURE -897-7842

Featured Artist Pam Jones

By Dan Schneider

artist Pam Jones sees things in touch with the earth." and puts them on paper.

of that culture has helped play a lot in her work.

ting more familiar with the tually."

Native American ideas and philosophies helped my art get There's tension going on to where it is now,"Jones said. right now at the Huntington "A lot of things come to me in bold lines. There are thick rib-Galleria between crisp lines dreams, too. I've seen picand spiritual expressions in and I think that comes back to black ink. It's the way Lowell being very spiritual and very

The Native American canvas," Jones said. "I derive a lot of my inspi- ideas have helped her transheritage is a big part of my doesn't draw plants and water white but with a few earth-Jones' great-grandfather tual figures behind them. Na- American figure and a wolf. was a full-blooded Cherokee tive American totem animals in Arkansas. Her experience and spirit guides come into display at the Huntington Gal-

had since she can remember. this stage in my life from try- May 17. "Doing research and get- ing to get more focused spiri-

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Jones has been taking art seriously for the last five years

"It's a very spiritual process for me," Jones said. "I think people who see it walk away with something ... get a better sense of the connection between us and nature."

The works achieve a balance between delicate and bons of ink and thin traces of and organic forms. It's nature tures unfold to me in dreams form on paper. Actually, it's

> "I like to work on anything from notebook paper to

The most recent piece in ration from nature," Jones late her experience of nature the show is on canvas. It's a said. "My native American into formal entities. Jones giant picture, mostly black and and sky so much as the spiritones added, of a Native

Jones' work will be on leria, in the Huntington Bank deepen a love of nature she's "I think this evolved at branch at 414 E. Main, until

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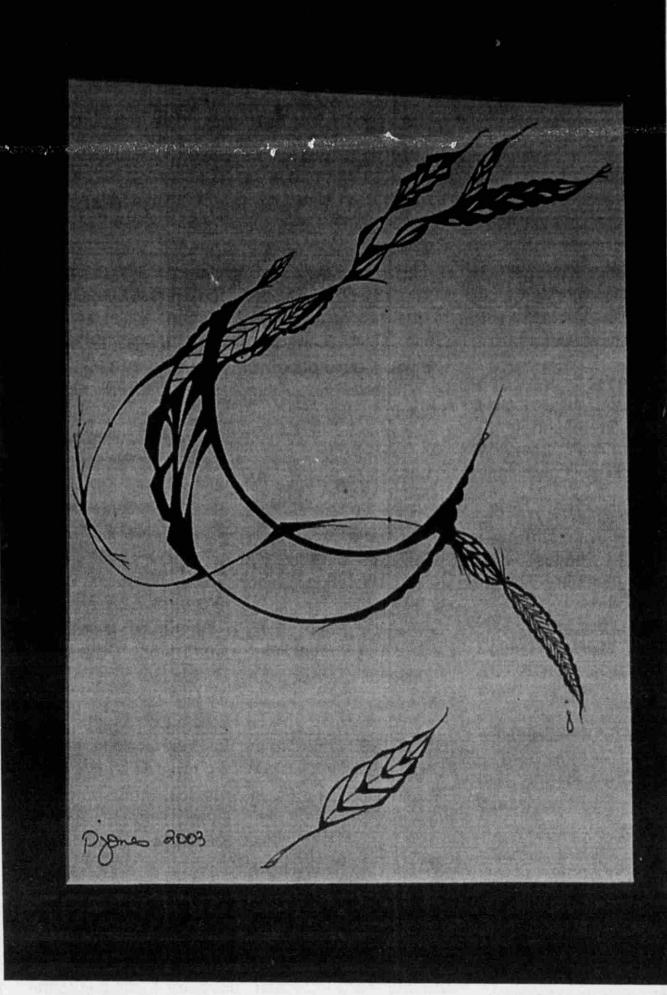
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"Healing Wind" is one of several pen and ink drawings by Lowell artist Pam Jones currently on display at the Huntington Galleria.

Student show opens at Arts Council

The gallery at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, will feature artwork by students from Lowell High School and Unity High School

The show opens Thursday with a reception for the artists from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The exhibition runs until May 13. During that time, the arts council will extend its gallery hours: 12-5:30 p.m Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



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tionery with the hotel name Request a letter from your doctor detailing medical information, including medications and copies of your prescriptions. Carry an extra pair of glasses, and prescriptions of eyeglasses and contact lens.

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Orchid Ensemble to perform, May 3

East meets West as the Orchid Ensemble blend musical traditions and instruments from China, Europe and beyond on Monday, May 3 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

The unique combination of instruments, including the zheng, marimba and erhu, brings a variety of musical styles to the performances, ranging from traditional and contemporary pieces to new music, world music and jazz.

The 7 p.m. event is open to the public. A freewill donation at the door will go directly to the Orchid Ensemble to support the evening performance.

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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.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 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 His-

torical 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 coln Lake Ave. - Mothers of Preschoolers

of the American Sewing Conservation Club trap & Lions Club meets at Guild, D.W. Richardson skeet league, 5616 Dunn Center, 5255 Grand River Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. 754-7104. Public welcome. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

EVERY TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Fairgrounds. 897-6050. Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weighins 5:45 p.m.

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

AD/HD at Calvin College, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Angli-7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle can Catholic Church, at 897-6325 or 248-2423. Grand Rapids. Dorothy

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Saranac Needlers. needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Nazarene Church, 201 N. Masonic Center, 119 Lin-Saranac. For all or part Register 1/2 hr. before the p.m. time; Anyone is welcome. meeting. For info., 800-Contact Bev or Melissa. 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights men's meeting 7:30 p.m. of Columbus #7719 meets ? All members in good St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. standing are invited

2ND TUES .: Lowell Ma- EVERYTHURS .: Saranac 3RD THURS .: Parent Supsonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 Area Musicians and Singp.m., Masonic Center, 119 ers practice at Saranac Lincoln Lake.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Call Kathy Maatman at Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 897-5981 Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

Scrappers, scrapbooking/ p.m. Call 897-7842. journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

children w/AD/HD at St. a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: Luke's Lutheran Church, 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393. 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call 1ST THURS.: Michigan Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED.: Kent Community Campus 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Fuller Ave. NE tian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: 8 p.m. Middle School choir room. ALANON meets at Lowell Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Congregational Church up-

EVERY WED.: Rotary Averill Historical Museum, meets at noon at Lowell 7144 Headley, Ada. Masonic Temple, 119 Lin-

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- ... because mothering mat- EVERY WED.: Lowell ing Events" are free of charge ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Church of the Nazarene to any nonprofit organization Impact, a Wesleyan Caravan children's proin the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Church, 1070 N. Hudson. gram at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 vears. Call 897-8800.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter EVERY WED.: Tri-town 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto

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

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

2ND WED.: Support group 1ST TUES .: Adults with for Peripheral Neuropathy, 897-9794.

> EVERY THURS.: Weight 3RD THURS.: Royal Arch Watchers at Lowell 651-6000.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose,

High School Band Room. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life **3RD TUES.:** Saranac Process Center, 6:30-8:30

EVERY St.Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / ado-3RD TUES.: Parents of lescents at the school: 11

> Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Spectrum Health Multipurpose Rm. 750

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell

2ND THURS .: Ada Historical Society at 7 p.m.

Wellness Center in \$1.50; members: free.

Saranac, Parent Support FLAT RIVER OUT-Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS

COUNCIL: Tues., Wed. &

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6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main.

SAT., MAY 1: LHS girls

Building,

For info. call 897-8565.

2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. Fri.:9:30-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 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 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. 1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.

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

crew team doing pop can drive in uniform, 10 a.m. Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell 3 p.m. Truck also parked at front entrance at Lowell Health Wellness Center in Washington St. 5:30 p.m. coln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 High School for drop-off. SAT., MAY 1: Foodmobile

> at 4-H Fairgrounds, Fore-3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Broadway, 10-11 a.m. or Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializuntil food is gone. Mostly ing; meeting 7 p.m. Support produce. Distributed by for pregnant/breastfeeding Flat River Outreach Minwomen; Ada church. 752istries, Inc.

port Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health DO YOU NEED CASH? Wellness Center in Saranac.Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more

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

information.

EVERY FRI.: Arts/Crafts 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.: 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 HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.:1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: 3RD THURS.: 4 Health \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 a.m. Spectrum Health

SAT., MAY 1 /SUN., MAY 2: "Spring into the Past" mu-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: seum tour, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lowell Area Historical Mu-Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. seum+ 7 other museums. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Donations accepted, no Main St. Call 897-2037. tickets necessary.

SUN., MAY 2: Lowell Area Crop Walk, 1:30 p.m. at 1st LI-BRARY HOURS: Mon .-United Methodist Church. Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs.-Call the church at 897-8690 for walking papers or to - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monsponsor someone.

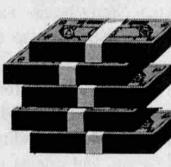
THURS., MAY 6: Infant Massage for Families 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 4 class sessions; supplies included. Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Thurs.: 12 Call Community Education -7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 at 897-8434 or Lowell Com-S. Hudson. Call 897-8545. munity Wellness at 340-7781. LOWELL SERENITY **CLUB MEETINGS: (AA)**

THURS., MAY 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Curtain Time Players. Hostesses: Phyllis Bieri, Lillian Briggs. Roma Minnie. Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri.

FRI., MAY 7 & SAT., MAY 8: 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, Mother's Day Tea. Call Bey or Melissa at 642-6466 by May 3. Choose Friday 3:30-5 p.m. or Saturday 3-4:30 p.m.

SAT., MAY 15: Lowell youth football, flag fooball 78er's & cheerleaders signups, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in middle school cafeteria. New sign-ups must bring copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 with questions.

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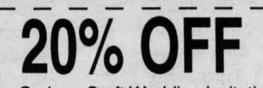


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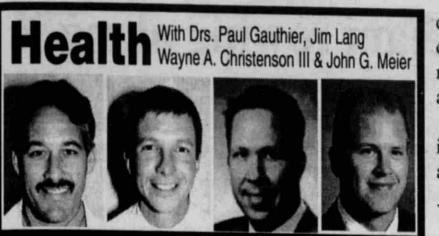


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is no known cure. Topical creams and steroid lotions can be For more information, contact the National Psoriasis Foun-

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004 -PAGE 15 therapy is sometimes prescribed for more severe cases.

Although psoriasis is a life long disease, proper treat-Treatment will usually improve the symptoms but there ment will improve the condition and your quality of life. applied to the skin to decrease plaque severity. Systemic dation at 1-800-723-9166 or www. psoriasis.org.

Log found jammed in west dam

By Dan Schneider

Psoriasis is an inherited disease that affects the body's immune system. Sometimes psoriasis is difficult to diaglog out. The crane was there nose as it may resemble eczema, seborrhea or other skin to install a power transformer

for King Milling's expan-An large log was removed sion project.

from King Milling's west King Milling had raised dam early Tuesday morning. the water level of the Flat The log was about four feet in River to accommodate the diameter and 20 feet long. Its Showboat restoration. The top end covered in moss, the boat was moved upstream log remained on the side- to allow for the removal of walk throughout the day. A crane operator from day night. The heightened

its paddle wheel late Mon-Erickson's crane company, water line freed the log and of Grand Rapids, pulled the it lodged itself in the tainter

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through the dam.

occasionally float into the pounds.

the gate, but this one was half in the Flat River.

gates of the dam. These are just way too big," King Millthe gates raised and lowered ing vice president Steve to regulate water flow Doyle said. He estimated the log's weight somewhere in Logs and other debris the neighborhood of 8,000

The log, located at the "Some of those we'll east end of Mercer Street, sat just flush, either send it over for seven years near Doyle's the top or right down through home, half on the bank and

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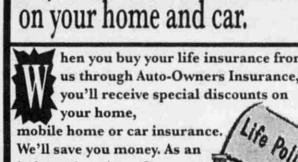
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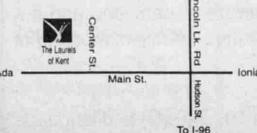
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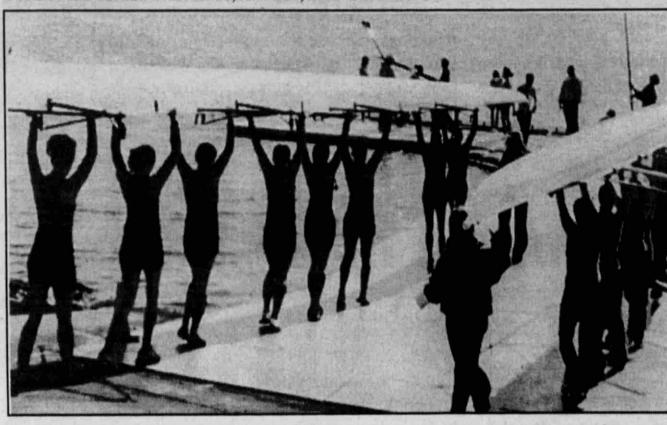
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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance were adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board held on Monday, April 17

Ordinance 2004-4, Mini-warehouse Parking Formula, Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

2004 at 7:00 PM. A summary of the text amendments is as follows:

1. The amendment to Section 201.417 (F) (4) (c) changes the parking formula to read as follows:

c. Mini warehouse: Two (2) parking spaces plus one (1) space for every employee in the largest working shift, provided that parking and non-parking areas shall be clearly marked to facilitate ingress and egress and to eliminate hazards. Drive aisles serving min warehouse facilities shall be at least twenty-four (24) feet wide to accommodate loading and unloading, and the free flow of traffic between parked vehicles.

Ordinance 2004-5, Keyhole development and lake access regulations; lot width on Murray Lake, Chapter 4 General and **Special Regulations:**

2. The new ordinance is added as Section 201.436 Keyhole Development and Lake Access Regulations; Lot Width on Murray Lake. The new ordinance regulates the number of dwellings and lots that car use the lake frontage based on a formula using the corresponding zoning district minimum lot width for lands on or near the lake.

Ordinance 2004-6, Animal and pet restrictions in residential areas, Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

3. The language in Section 201,404 Animal and Pet Restrictions in Residential Areas has been changed for clarification of residential areas and to note the creation of a Temporary Animal Permit Ordinance primarily for the R-2 and R-3 zoning districts where farm animals were previously not permitted. Residents that may have the land and facilities available for some animal use such as 4-H projects can apply for the Permit. The permit ordinance itself is a general law ordinance and coordinates with the zoning ordinance. The permit ordinance requires certain application requirements, a time limit, zoning administrator review and an appeal process to the Township Board.

Ordinance 2004-7, Change of building occupancy in Commercial and Industrial Districts, amending certain portions of Chapter 5, Special Exception Uses and Chapter 3, Zoning Districts:

The amendment to Section 201.502 (G) adds (1) (c) that a change in occupancy of a previously approved building in the Commercial and Industrial Districts will require the zoning administrator to review the proposed new use to determine whether the use is permitted and if a new or revised site plan will need to be submitted. A mis-numbering of that section was also corrected

The amendments to Section 201.308 (J) and 201.309 (G) add language to the commercial and industrial districts for a change in occupancy of a previously approved building and require a review by the zoning administrator to determine whether the new use is permitted and if a new or revised site plan will need to be submitted.

The complete text of the 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.

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

LHS crew team rowing along

Calm waters and cool They competed with teams Cup regatta on the Detroit morning temperatures were from Forest Hills Central, ideal conditions for the first

boat qualifed for a final, placing third in the 1000 meter heat race with a time of 4:340 at the 2004 Grand Rapids High School Invitational regatta on Saturday, April 17.

Forest Hills Northern, Rockford, Grand Rapids Crew, Northview, East Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Woodlands Academy and Culver Acad-

Last weekend the crew team traveled with their boats to Wyandotte for the Hebda

The next local regatta is scheduled for May 15 at East At left teams hoist boats in and out of the river during Grand Rapids on Reeds Lake at 8 a.m.

regatta in Wvandotte.

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River. They successfully

competed in six 1000 meter

races. With six or seven boats

in each heat, the LHS crew

team raced two women's nov-

ice (8 boat), one women's

junior (4 boat), one women's

senior (4 boat), one women's

senior (8 boat) and one men's

iunior (4 boat).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 04-177-396-DE

Estate of BERNARD J. CZARNIECKI, deceased SSN: 363-20-9388

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BERNARD J. CZARNIECKI, who lived at 712 Grand N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503. died 3/25/04.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT J. CZARNIECKI, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2043 Wendover N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the

April 23, 2004

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CASE NO. 04-01705-DO

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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 6/01/04. If you fail to do so, a default judgment 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 Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, THOMAS BOGARD, JR. 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

Pursuant to the fee waiver obtained by Plaintiff, costs of publication shall be paid by the Court.

April 13, 2004

Daniel V. Zemaitis (P32490)

Track teams waiting for first season win

By Dan Schneider

Both the boys and girls jump, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches. track teams are still struggling Adam Ingraham took first in for their first win of the sea- high hurdles in 17.96. Tom

Rapids last Thursday. The Pio- clocking 2:08. neers won 92-45 in the girls' meet and 88-49 in the boys' Stevens said the team is grow-

Lowell's Rebecca Woods and earning points. took first in pole vault, clearing 7 feet.

Becker threw the discus 91 feet, 6 1/2 inches to take first Lambert threw the discus 75 ing 31 feet, 10 inches. Becker was second, throwing the shot

Nickodemski placed second in the 200, clocking 28.96. For the Red Arrow boys, though."

Doll took first in the 200. Most recently, the Red clocking 23.7. Steve Ellison Arrows hosted East Grand took first in the half-mile run. Lowell boys coach Russ

John Howard won the high

ing stronger, getting better at In the girls' meet, snagging top-three finishes

"They're working hard, ing 8 feet. Meghan Beachum everybody's showing a lot of took second in the event, clear- heart," Stevens said. "The rest of the season should be inter-Lowell also went one-two esting. I think we should match in shot put and discus. Heather up pretty well with the rest of

The girls team is a young place. Freshman Samantha track squad looking to grow into a team like the last three feet to take second. Lambert conference champion teams. won the shot put event, throw- though this year it will be in a new OK White.

put a distance of 31 feet, 4 us," Lowell coach Robin of the team four years ago that jump; Jeff McPherson, the dis-Briggs said. "We lost 13 se- developed into conference cus; and Ellison, the mile in Carlee niors last year and we're a really young team. Definitely a hard-working group,

larities," she said. The girls opened the sea- on the Arrows in the season son at Cedar Springs April 15. opener, winning 127-8. 98-39. It was Sparta at home to Kenowa Hills on Tuesday Arrows take on April 17 with the Spartans They meet the Wildcats Thurscoming out on top, 86-51. The Sparta boys team won Invitational is Saturday and first soccer loss

champions. "I see some simi- 4:44.

their meet 95.5 to 41.5. Wes begins at 9 a.m.

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Planning Commission of the Township of

Grattan will hold a public hearing on May 20,

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

Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the

Township, concerning a proposed ordinance

Township of Grattan. The proposed ordinance

would create a new Article 3.57 that would

clarify the manner in which minimum

waterfront setbacks are to be measured on

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance

amendments are 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 amendments.

Written comments concerning the same may

be submitted to the Township office at the

above-listed address, up to the time of the

PLANNING COMMISSION

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

public hearing.

Dated: April 23, 2004

that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the

By Dan Schneider

The East Grand Rapids Pioneers broke the Red Arrows' soccer winning streak Monday night, handing Lowell its first loss of the season with one goal.

"That was the second goal we've given up this season," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "We were completely just out of sorts in the back (on that play) and unfortunately we didn't have any offensive production tonight to offset that

Lowell expected a tough game out of the Pioneers, but their schedule hadn't prepared them for the intensity the Pioneers brought to the field.

"We've just been ransacking team after team and haven't had that level of competition until tonight," Legge

Natalie Corbett scored the goal for East just over two minutes into the second half of the game.

"The first half was more

evenly matched but then in the second half, we stepped up the intensity and were winning balls all over the place, and I think that really shifted the tempo in our favor," East Grand Rapids coach Meghan Luckett said.

Lowell opened conference play at home last Friday with a 10-0 win over Sparta. Amy Oberlin broke a school record by scoring five goals in that game. "That was just another dazzling performance, Legge said.

Lowell beat Zeeland 8-0 last Wednesday."We pretty much dominated that game, Legge said.

Oberlin had three goals and three assists. Abbie Debiak, Nicole Shepard and Jessica Visser scored one goal each. Brittany Lyman scored the other two goals. lots and parcels in all Zoning Districts.

The Red Arrows travel to Caledonia Wednesday night and to Kenowa Hills on Fri-

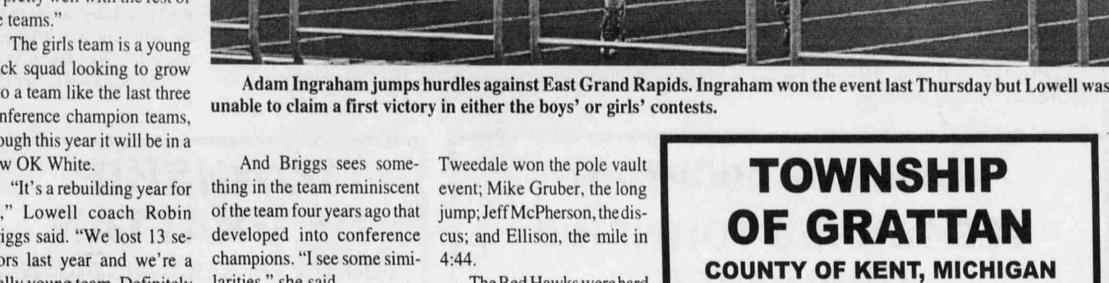
Golfers start getting consistent

By Dan Schneider

On a cold and windy Monday afternoon at Deer Run East Grand Rapids outshot Lowell, 202 to 218.

"Considering the conditions today, I think overall we played very well," Lowell Golf Club, the Pioneers from coach Becky Lecuru said. The

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The Red Hawks were hard

day at Northview. The Lowell

-Andrew A. Rooney

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Red Hawks won that meet The track teams traveled on May 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Pamela L. Ciganik and Lori A. Meyer for a special land use for a private road to provide access to two parcels of land. The private road would be located on lands commonly designated as 7777 Tiffany Avenue, and legally described as follows:

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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: April 23, 2004

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Lowell's Andrea Dewey swings during last Wednesday's softball action against Ionia. The Red Arrows split the double-header with the Bulldogs.

Softball team still struggling

But the Arrows have a good day at Hamilton

By Dan Schneider

son. The Red Arrows dropped Christian's five. their conference opener at home against Unity Christian.

The Crusaders scored is near Kalamazoo, 3-1.

both of their runs in the sixth The Lowell softball team inning. Lowell only had one continues to struggle this sea- hit in the game to Unity

Lowell did put together some strong games Saturday however. The Arrows beat "Same old story ... play East Grand Rapids 2-0 and Hamilton 3-0 to advance to the championship round of the Hamilton Tournament. They lost the championship to Comstock High School, which

> It was a good day on the mound for Lowell's Becky

"On the day, Becky shut out 35 people, she walked five, and three of those were in the last game," Rodenhouse said

doubleheader against Ionia

last Wednesday at home, los-

Hills at home Wednesday

night and travel to Northview

on Friday.

They will face Kenowa

ing 4-2, then winning 3-0.

for the Red Arrows. He allowed only three hits in the game, struck Plummer pitched a no-hitter against East and allowed out five batters and walked three. one hit against Hamilton. The softball team split a

"It was just about three up. three down every inning; it was a home Wednesday and travels to great game for Kyle," Curtis said. Northview Friday. "Rozema did a nice job with

ranked high in area standings.

Strong fourth

Christian Monday night, the Red said.

Arrow baseball team established

inning with four straight singles

and all of those runners scored.

Luke Tomczak, up to bat with two

us,"Lowell coach Jared Curtis said.

"Like I said before, we win this

we got it done."

"That was a huge game for

driver's seat in the OK White and stolen bases.

Kyle Rozema pitched the win 13-5.

Tim Droese hit a two-RBI single.

outs, cranked a two-run homer.

game of conference play.

By Dan Schneider

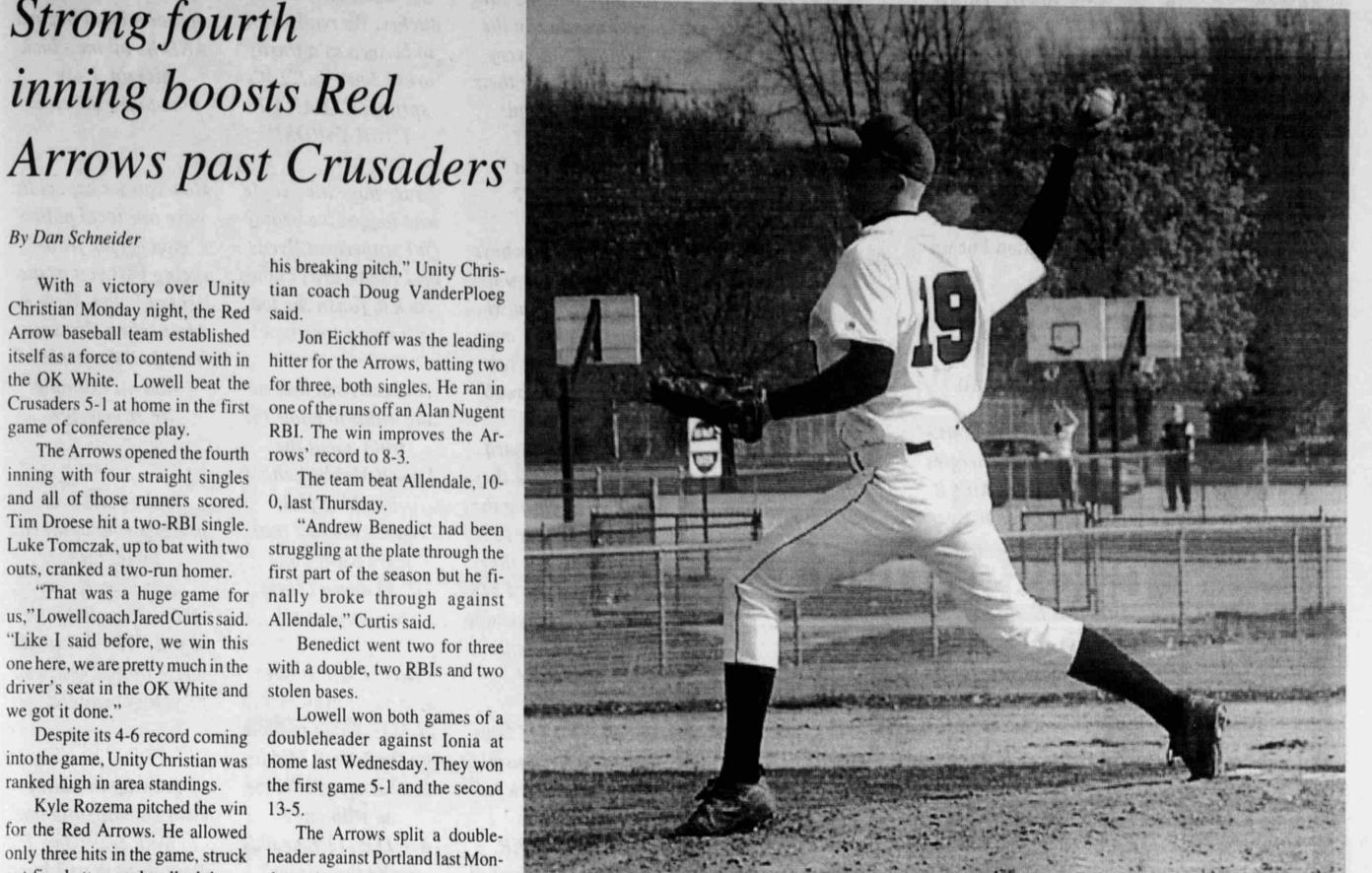
inning boosts Red

The Arrows opened the fourth rows' record to 8-3.

0, last Thursday.

Allendale," Curtis said

header against Portland last Monday, winning 7-2 and losing 9-8. Lowell faces Kenowa Hills at



Kyle Rozema throws one over the plate Monday. Rozema struck out five batters to get the wir

NOTICE OF ADOPTION VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 2004-0419-2

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance regulating the raising and/or possession of domesticated farm animals upon residential property was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 19 2004. This ordinance was adopted to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the township, and provides a process by which to apply for a permit for such keeping of animals for educational and recreational purposes. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:

Section 1. Intent, Purpose and Short Title

"Vergennes Township Residential Property Farm Animal Ordinance"

Section 2. Definitions

This section defines terms used in the Ordinance.

Section 3. Permit Required

This section explains and describes the permit process.

Section 4. Form of Application

This section outlines information necessary in the application.

Section 5. Review

This section outlines how the Zoning Administrator shall review and grant

Section 6. Appeal

This section outlines the process by which an appeal can be made to the Township Board

Section 7. Interpretation

Section 8. Penalties and Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced and administrated by the Township Zoning Administrator, and a violation of such is a civil infraction.

Section 9. Effective Date

The provisions of Ordinance 2004-0419-2 shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with law.

The complete text of Ordinance 2004-0419-2 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is available on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN **COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 26, 2004, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of the amending ordinances can be summarized as follows:

Planned Unit Development. The amending ordinance creates Article 14A, which includes regulations regarding Planned Uni Development ("PUD"). The PUD regulations cover such matters as the intent and purpose of PUD development; the process for administrative approval of a PUD, 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

Large-Scale Development Provisions. The amending ordinance also amends the largescale development provisions of Sections 3.54, 6.05 and 9.04 of the Zoning Ordinance so as to make reference to PUD development being permitted under Article 14A.

Effective Date; Copy of Amending Ordinance. The amending ordinance wi become effective May 5, 2004. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: April 26, 2004

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Golf, continued...

From Page 17

Arrows had four scores in the

In her first varsity game, freshman Sarah Eickhoff shot 59. Stefanie Stuewe shot a 53, Cara Mooney a 56 and Mandy Gunberg had the best nine for Lowell, shooting a 50.

"We were pretty consistent," Lecuru said. "We're slowly getting consistent scores, we just need to bring them down a little bit."

The Red Arrow golfers traveled to Allendale to play in the Jenison Invitational at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University last Saturday. The team's score was 441 for the 18-hole event. That score put Lowell 13 out of 14 teams at the invitational.

"There were a lot of good teams there," Lecuru said

Last Wednesday, the team lost on the road against Middleville. The Trojans shot a team score of 197. Lowell's top four scores added up to

Lowell will host its last home conference match of the season Wednesday at Deer Run starting at 3:30 p.m. The team travels to the Forest Hills Northern Invitational Friday morning at Grand Rapids Golf

Lowell tennis team hitting its stride

Red Arrows will face tough East Grand Rapids team Wednesday

By Dan Schneider

After a strong showing at Jantz 6-2, 6-2. the Big Rapids Invitational and a conference-opening win against Sparta, the Red Arrow tennis team is starting to find a rhythm.

put them behind Traverse City of Sparta. The score was 6-2, Pedley and Alden Nyson won West (41) and winner Allegan 6-4. (53) and firmly in the top half of the eight teams at the Big Rapids Invitational.

Lowell had one individual champion that day, Chris Gallagher in number four singles. He bested Leon Cerdena of Big Rapids in the final 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The number one doubles teams of David Maylone and Brendon Harden lost in their final to Allegan 6-2, 6-0.

In first singles, Kyle Wittenbach went three sets against the eventual champion, Scott Nolan of Reeths Puffer. The scores in that match were 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. Wittenbach won the consolation bracket.

Lowell dominated Monday night against Sparta, winning 7-1 for their conference

Lowell's Jacob Kenworthy defeated Josh Lunger 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in second singles.

Brett Hobrla won third

singles for Lowell over Alex

Number four singles was second doubles against Ben a win for Gallagher over Aaron Wheater 6-0, 6-1.

Maylone and Harden won first doubles against Chris Nathan Huisman won fourth Lowell's 30 team points Ondersma and Tom Sawyer doubles for Lowell. Dustin Thursday.

Red Arrows' Justin Quist the Lowell victory. and Brandon Lawrence won Last Wednesday's contest

fourth doubles to round out

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between the Red Arrows and Klenk and Ryan Patterson 6- Cedar Springs was rained out.

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Lowell faces East Grand Justin Peterson and Rapids at home Wednesday and travels to Greenville on

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. 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.

> Vergennes Township Planning Commission



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pools, parent watches, or walk with the kids. The exercise will be good for you and your child!

EVERY school system is needing to make cuts and they will all affect someone's child. Walking is a healthy and energy-saving habit to teach our kids.

Has anyone else noticed that the pear tree planted on Main Street, east of City Hall, is still tied up? It's been tied up since it was planted

ing to school next year: there are over 30 registered sex offenders in Lowell. over a year ago.

The School Board told us last week they would do anything they can to keep our kids safe. To do this they MUST hold the 4 MS boys 100% responsible

What is wrong with

this picture? Kids

walking to school in

the dark and the sub-

zero weather in the

winter! Not every

parent can take their

kids to school.

They work!

What about

safety?????

To the parents whose

children will be walk-

for their actions. How Sad!

Teach the 4 MS boys how to be responsible. Have them work for the schools ALL SUMMER. They need to take full responsibility for their actions. How can they ever make this up to the other kids?

The only thing blown up about the Middle School is the

false information everyone is receiving from the media.

I love walking down the road and seeing SO many beer bottles and SO much litter in the ditches. We really want to be seen as a trashy town, don't we!?! It's spring...CLEAN UP YOUR YARDS!!

I sure hope the people who logged the beautiful property at Byrne and Elhart are coming back to finish the job. It's an eyesore now!

It's really sad that no one wants to know the truth about the Lowell Middle School

bombing plot. I guess the fact that there wasn't one at all doesn't seem to matter at all.

How can four boys who never even met to discuss a plan to blow up the Lowell Middle School actually come up with one? Are 11 & 12 year olds really that clever?

I think the Lowell Middle School plot should have been better investigated before totally ruining four young kids' lives.

Punish them but...in this world, are there no

naughty children anymore? Are they all criminals? In that case my 3-year-old is an environmental hazard AND he bit me - lock him up. I say look to the parents.

How can we expect to have our local police stop people from racing past you at the light at Valley Vista & Main, when I've seen them do it themselves? (what an example we're setting)

To the person or persons who dumped their trash in the woods on Cumberland-shame on you. Why do you do these things? I hope you get caught.

I grew up in Valley

Vista housing and had

to walk every day. I

don't think it will hurt any of the children to walk to school. And to the parents that are concerned with safety, they need to take the initiative in making sure their kids get to school safely. Give the school board a chance.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Fallasburg Historical Society is looking for a couple of volunteers to help with our village and operations. We need 1 volunteer to work approximately 5 hours a month on office work and one volunteer to work 5 to 10 hours a month on village projects and maintenance.

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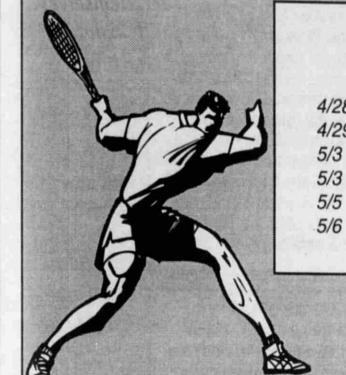
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE



* Indicates a home game @ High School Tennis Courts • All games begin at 4 n m unless indicated

4/28	East Grand Rapids* Hudsonville		5/10	Greenville
5/3	Greenville		5/12	Unity Christian
5/3	Kenowa Hills*		5/15	Conference Meet* - 9 a.m.
5/5	Northview		5/18	Crossover*
5/6	Grand Rapids Baptist	Wa I	5/21	Regional Tournament* - TBA

4/30

5/3

5/5

5/6

5/10

5/12

5/14

5/15

5/17 5/19

5/21

5/25

5/26

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

LACROSSE

* Indicates a home game Rockford - 8 p.m.

Holland Christian* - 5 p.m. Okemos - 6:30 p.m.

S. Lyon* - 12:00 S. Lyon - 12:00 E. Kentwood* - 6 p.m.

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GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home game @ Deer Run Golf Coyse Games begin at 3:30 unless indicated

Kenowa Hills* F.H. Northern Inv. - 9:30 a.m. 5/3 Northview Greenville Unity Christian F.H. Central*

5/17 Conference - 8:30 a.m. Regional Tournament* - TBA

VARSITY TRACK

All Meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

* Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium

Conference @ Greenville - TBA

Conference @ Greenville - TBA

Lowell Invitational* - 9 a.m.

Greenville*

Unity Christian

Regional Meet*

5/1

5/4

5/6

5/13

5/14

5/22

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek Softball Field

All games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

Kenowa Hills*

Kenowa Hills

Unity Christian

Greenville (2)*

Cedar Springs (2)

Lakewood (2) - 4 p.m.

Crossover* (2) - 4 p.m.

District Tournament* - TBA

Northview*

East Grand Rapids (2)

Otsego Tournament - 10 a.m. - Boys Only

Lowell Invitational* - 4 p.m. - Girls Only

Northview

Sparta*

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

Caledonia - 6:45 p.m. OK White Tournament* - TBA Kenowa Hills - 7 p.m. OK White Tournament *- TBA 5/3 Northview - 5:45 p.m. OK White Tournament* - TBA 5/5 Rockford - 6:45 p.m. Crossover (Gold)* - 6:45 p.m. 5/10 Unity Christian - 7 p.m. District Tournament* - TBA Greenville* - 7 p.m.

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ACROSS

Not female Jockey's whip. . Particular kind of pottery.

. Chad , "Tum Tum" in 3 Ninjas . River in England flowing south into the English

. King _, a play by Shakespeare. British singer known for tune, "Take My Hand."

. Long-eared, patient mammal related to the horse. British slang for "a person of wealth or social

Staple cotton fiber used to make yarn. Underground electric railway systems in Paris and other

2. To copy in action or speech Minute quantity

Scottish lakes. Exhibition or show. 1. Greek island in the Cyclades

3. Former capital of Japan.

. To make a contribution.

_ Gordon, Theodore J. Mooney on The Lucy Show. 52. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet.

51. Cardinal point on a compass 90 degrees to the right of 63. Combining form used in chemical compounds ontaining an amino group.

54. Bisset, lead singer of the Scottish bands Darlingheart

5. Acronym for Russian Association of Travel Agencies.

. Acronym for Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. . Johnny _, known as "The Man in Black."

ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN

1. Country formerly known as French Sudan.

5. Aage Niels _, Danish physicist and Nobel Prize winner.

11. Sonny Shroyer's role on The Dukes of Hazzard.

13. To create a mediocre work of art for profit.

2. TV show starring Sherman Hemsley.

6. Far and _, movie starring Tom Cruise.

7. Period through which something lasts.

10. Serling, Stewart and Taylor.

20. George Wendt's role on Cheers.

21. Drinks in small sips repeatedly.

26. Connected or linked to.

28. Australian for "to flee."

44. Egg-shaped.

25. Tone sounded on a musical instrument.

39. Systems that reproduce stereophonic sound.

42. Disposal of goods at special prices.

47. President George W. Bush's home state.

52. Country south of Ecuador and Colombia.

53. Lukas , Buddy Hillyer in Rambling Rose.

57. Inward curve toward the top of a cabriole leg.

56. To put into position for operation.

58. Garment worn by ancient Romans.

8. Roll of dollar bills.

9. Female pilots

14. Royal domain.

4. Straying from the regular course.

60. John _, English architect and city planner

27. Scientists who study the relationship between organisms and 29. Ethereal fluid flowing through classical gods' veins.30. Conical tent made from animal skins. 35. Ancient Roman god personifying the sun.
37. Katherine Helmond's role on Who's the Boss? 49. Dried root of a shrubby South American plant used as an 55. Gulf at the northwestern arm of the Arabian Sea.

59. Metal-bearing rocks mined for profit.

Garagesale Page

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SALE

Wed., April 28 & Thurs., April 29, 9-6 p.m. Large assortment of baby items, toys, household items, etc. A little of everything. 522 North St.

GARAGE SALE -

May 1, 8:30-2:30 p.m. Antique cabinetry. glassware, IBM & Dell computers, corner computer desk, pictures, CD's, DVD's, patio furniture & Appleware, 2156 Gee Dr.

IT'S GRAND SLAMTIME 1833 Woodpine Ct. Fri., April 30 and Sat., May 1, 8 a.m. -?

HUGE SALE Sat., May 1 & Sun., May 2, 9-5 p.m. 13086 Grand River Dr. (off Segwun). Lots of

clothes, furniture, misc. items.

GARAGE SALE

Going out of daycare. Corner of M-21 & Whites Bridge Rd, 9 a.m. - ? Sat., May 1.

GARAGE SALE

Household items, antique dressers, tables, trunks, organ, etc. Many collectibles, oak console TV, tons of books, 2 Schwinn mtn bikes, ski pgks., name brand clothing (girls 6X-12, women's 8-XL, men's XLT & XXLT, hunting & winter, some infant, Barbies, Beanie Babies toys, games & much more! Thurs., 4/29 & Fri., 4/30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - No Presales! 8 miles NE of Lowell, 8 miles SW of Belding 6 miles NW of Saranac on Old M91, 1/2 mile N. of Potters.

GARAGE SALE/MOVING SALE

May 1, 9-3 p.m. 11991 Alden Court (off Alden Nash between 3 Mile & 4 Mile) Several large items: sofa, loveseat, oak entertainment center, dresser, table & chairs, baby stroller, baby swing, patio furniture & much more.

GARAGE SALE

Children's books, cookbooks, paperbacks, girls clothing- size 8-14, housewares, Avon wedding table decorations, Thurs., Fri. & Sat April 29 - May 1, 9-? 11404 Foreman Farms Ct., corner of Cumberland & Foreman.

GARAGE SALE

April 30, 9-5 & May 1, 9-5, 10003 Bailey Dr. Lowell. Hunting & fishing gear, guns, tools, 5th wheel tailgate, toys and lots more.

GARAGE SALE

Men's XLT, books, furniture, electronics, office equipment, computers, paino, lawn tractor. much more. Saturday, May 8 from 9AM-3PM 2359 Gee Drive. 1/4 mile N on Alden Nash by Zeigler Ford, 1/4 mile E on Gee Drive to 2359 on left. Call 897-9167 for details.

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West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Sat., May 8th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$1 adm., 180 booths! Luncheon & raffle!

SLAM SALE

Fri., 4/30, 9-2 p.m. & Sat., 5/1, 9-2 p.m. Toys, boys sizes 0 to 4, furniture, baby stuff. 10822 Settlewood.

ANNUAL MURRAY LAKE GARAGE SALE Sat., May 1. Many garage doors will be open

but don't miss the following locations. 3850 Murray View, 3890 tons of baby things, ski boat ('97 Moomba) it only has 30 hrs., \$17,500, vertical boat lift w/canopy, daybed, bunk bed; 11816 5 Mile, many misc.; 4303 Bedaki, some furniture, friend moving lots of great stuff; 4179 Causeway Dr. great things in great cond.; 4076 Causeway Dr. 19" color TV, several VCR's, Maytag washer, Ig. Weber grill. 110 window air conditioner, 7 yr. baby crib. homemade PEGGY salsa; 12745 4 Mile. corner of 4 Mile & Lincoln Lake (next to Murray Lake Greenhouse, great selection of plants & bark, get started w/your spring planting), some antiques & much more.

COMMUNITY-WIDE SALES Key Heights Village, April 30 & May 1.

YARD SALE May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 2001 Fallasburg Park

Adult & young boys clothing, Little Tikes toys. books, oak desk, car parts & much more

EASTGATE GARAGE SALE

Fri., April 30 & May 1 - 10960 Deerwood Dr., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Brand name clothes, boys & girls 3T- teen sizes, toys, trail-a-bike, comforters, house wares, styrofoam for crafting from www. The Craft Place.com. Clearance prices on slightly damaged product as well as new product.

GARAGE SALE

April 30 & May 1, 9-5 p.m. 325 Alden Nash (N. of Zeigler). Baby stuff & clothes; bunk beds, beds, dressers, desk, boat shelf, bar stools, stove, chest freezers, bikes, Burley bike cart w/walking handles, mini bike, helmet, wood trailer, horse tack, toys & household items.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Wed. 28 - Fri. 30, 8 a.m. - ? 1297 Whitesbridge. Sayles Rd. to Whitesbridge, left, 1st house on right. Kids, adults, rider & push mowers, microwave.

EASTGATE GRAND SLAM GARAGE SALE

1780 Woodrun. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 9-5 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Girls Club will also be selling donations to raise money for camp. Twin bed frame, bikes, lots of other misc. items.

GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat. 4/30 & 5/1, 708 High St. Lowell. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

EASTGATE GRAND SLAM

The quads are 7, time to sell size 4,5 & 6, lots of Gymboree, Children's Place, etc. Toys, + five other families, selling housewares, glassware, vintage estate items, collectibles, furnitre & much more. Sat., May 1, 8-3 p.m. 1765 Woodrun Ct.

HUGE SALE

Lots of plus sizes, crafts & scented candles bird feeders, etc. 2838 Gulliford Dr. 4/30 & 5/1, 9-?

GARAGE SALE Living room furniture, end tables, dinette kitchen and chairs, misc. 701 Amity/Mercer. Fri. & Sat. starting at 9A.M.

ANNUAL STREET SALE

Sat., May 1, 8-4 p.m. River Place Rd. off

Vergennes between Lincoln Lake & Flat

River. Household items, Earnhardt jacket,

acuzzi tub, pontoon boat, clean name brand

clothing, infant thru adult, much misc

HUGE BARN SALE

1218 Lincoln Lake Ave. N (1 mile N. of

Fallasburg Park) April 30 & May 1 - 9 a.m. -

?? Clothes for everyone! Children's videos &

yard toys (toddler slide, teeter-totter), baby

items, bunk bed w/mattresses, bicycles, toys

(Barbie & Play Station). Steelcase desk,

house & picture windows, toilets, television,

VCR, chandelier, sewing machine, kitchen

table, comic books. Many books, knick-

knacks, crafts & more! This is a MUST visit

sale - something for just about everyone! (No

phone calls or pre-sales please.)

GROUP GARAGE SALE

749 Hunt, Lowell. April 29 & 30, 9-5 to

Benefit Orphanage. Lawn furniture, kids toys,

perennial flower plants, much much more.

GARAGE MEGA SALE

Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Office furniture: cherry

desks, executive chairs; toys, household

items, gobs of goodies. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

925 Flat River.

GARAGE/BARN SALE

Friday 4 p.m. til 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 24,

25. 2991 Alden Nash S.E.

GARAGE SALE

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Super Saturn Saturdays

By Dan Schneider

The Veen Observatory is featuring Super Saturn Saturdays through May. The famous ringed planet is about as close as it gets to earth these days .-

"This past January Saturn was the closest to earth it's been in the past 30 years," Kevin Jung said. Jung is the president of the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association, the group that built and maintains the Veen Observatory in Lowell Township.

position to observe the planet." Jung said. "A lot of people like Saturn because of its rings and some of its moons are also visible."

currently tilted in such a way as to be particularly visible from earth. Saturn's rings tilt on a 14-year cycle.

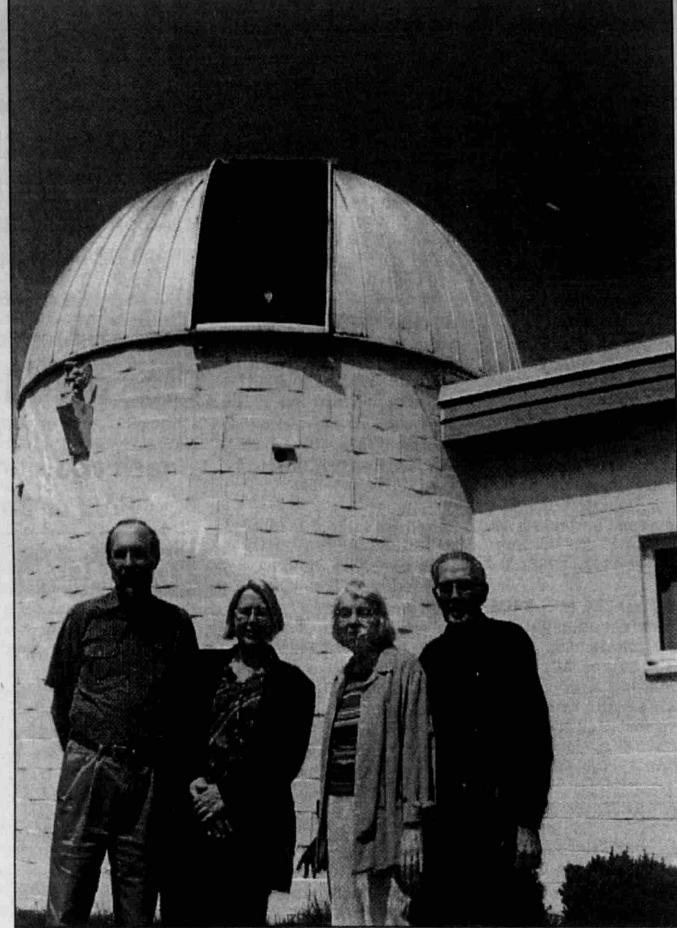
Jung said there is additional excitement surrounding the ringed planet this summer. The Cassini space craft will arrive at Saturn in July to take photographs. It will also deploy a lander which will attempt to go through the atmosphere to the surface of Saturn's moon, Titan.

"The comet Neat will be well placed in the middle of "It's just in the perfect May, so we'll be showing that off as well," Jung said.

Other featured objects for the month of May include the Moon in various phases, Venus and Jupiter. Uranus will

The rings of Saturn are not be visible until Septem-

During the month of May, the Veen Observatory will have visitors nights every Saturday. This Saturday's visitors night begins at 9 p.m. and ends at midnight. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youth ages five to 17, and free for children under five. The observatory is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Lane. It is advisable to call the Veen Starwatch number, 897-706.5 on nights when weather conditions are questionable. A complete listing of this summer's visitors' nights is available at the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association web site, www.graaa.org.



Members of the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association are pictured in front of the main dome at the Veen Observatory.

DEQ revokes Fuller Septic Service's licenses

Service to continue under Stoneybrook Sanitation

By Dan Schneider

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has revoked Fuller Fuller sales and marketing Septic Service's licenses and site authorizations. The revocation will take effect May 28. By that time Stoneybrook Sanitation will take over the septic cleaning operation.

The DEQ's licensing regulates the disposal of septage. The licenses and permits needed for septic cleaning are the same as what Stoneybrook has for its portable-toilet operation. Both requirements. businesses are owned by Tom Tschannen of Ada Township and are located at 2051 Bowes Road in Lowell. Stoneybrook's licenses are still valid.

"We have Stoneybrook license, that li-

cense is spotless and so we will be able to continue," director John Mason said.

Fuller's violations documented by the DEQ include application of septage to frozen soils without a permit, failure to obtain necessary site authorizations and approvals, failure to apply septage at agromonic rates, failure to comply with isolation distances, and failure to meet vector and pathogen control

According to Mason, one Fuller employee was responsible for violations within the last few years that prompted the DEQ investigation.

"Two or three years ago a the driver violated his disposal techniques and procedures,"

Mason said. "He was let go by our company."

Tschannen has owned Fuller Septic for about five years. The DEQ's record of violations by the company goes back farther than that.

"We have a long history of documented violations for Fuller," said Christopher Conn, enforcement specialist with the DEQ water division. "I would say the whole history of the company."

Conn said the DEQ began taking action against Fuller a little more than a year ago.

"Periodically, we would do unannounced site investigations and these would uncover violations," he said

That included the violation that started the license revocation process.

"At that specific site, we had conducted an unannounced investigation and we determined that he was using an unpermitted site without a variance."

The DEQ notified Fuller of its intent to revoke the licenses on April 10 of this year. The revocation is permanent. Under the terms of the settlement, Fuller must also pay \$4,000 to cover the cost of the DEQ's investigation.





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