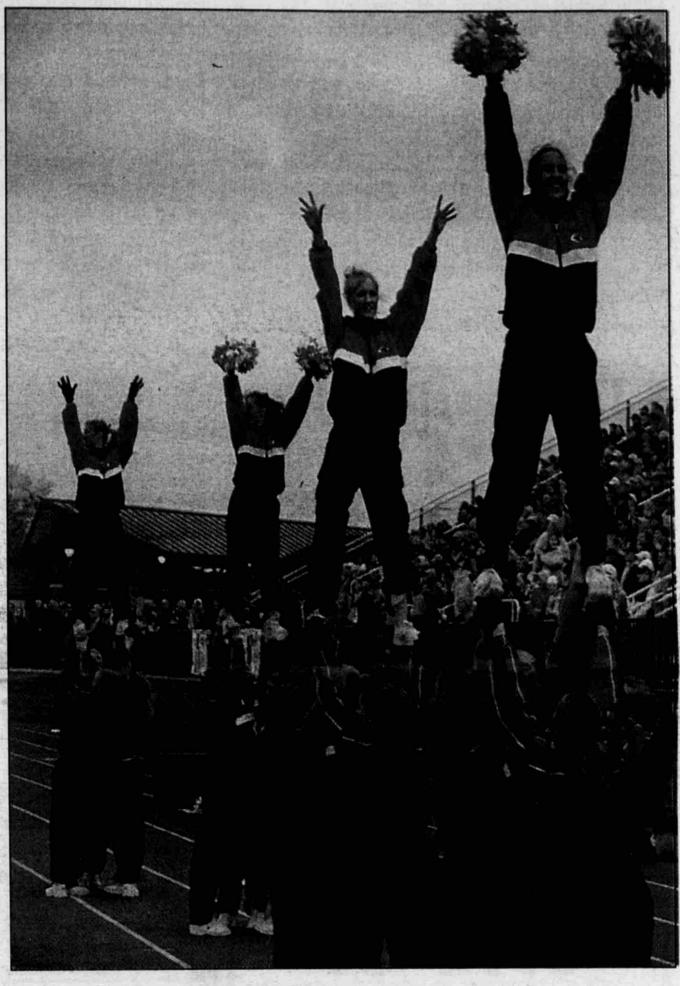
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On to the Silverdome

By Dan Schneider

owell is going to the Silverdome in Pontiac Saturday to play for the Division yards. 3 state championship.

team's excited," said Lowell coach Noel Dean, who sion 2 state championship in participating who were in eighth grade when our seniors went last time."

pionship, Lowell's focus day. stays the same as it has been all season.

"Win the next game," Lowell wide receiver Mike Koster said after the Red

Arrows beat Charlotte 49-14 at East Kentwood Saturday to earn the trip to the dome. He caught five of five passes in the game for 104

In the playoffs, as in the "I'm excited and our rest of the season, the Arrows have had the same philosophy: work hard first, evled the Arrows to the Divierything else comes second.

wouldn't be," Koster said.

Lowell executed with Even though the next fire and intensity on both game is for the state cham- sides of the ball last Satur-

The Red Arrows immediately showed the Orioles what their defense could do. They caused Charlotte quarterback Derrik Eldred to

throw two incomplete passes and allowed them only five yards of forward progress on the drive.

Lowell then put together a combination of runs by Ryan Esbaugh, a pass to Mike Koster, and some keeps by quarterback Keith Nichol to get the ball from their own 36 to within a yard "We practiced every of the end zone. Nichol kept 2002. "We have a lot of kids practice like it was our last it for the Arrows' first score. practice and we hoped that it Lowell would score on the six subsequent drives. The Arrows didn't punt until the fourth quarter.

Lowell got to start its second drive of the game on Charlotte's 10-yard line. This was after Ed Zigmont blocked Charlotte's punt. A keep by Nichol put the ball in the end zone again for

Lowell had a lot to cheer about in the 49-14 victory. More pictures and story continued on page 14.

Two local trail groups look forward to combining efforts

By Dan Schneider

ow that the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) exists, cooperation with another local trail group, the Lowell Area Trailway will help to build its goal.

The national headquarters for the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) has been located in historic downtown Lowell for four years. The group has been building and maintaining the North Country National Scenic Trail a lot longer than that, since 1980.

"We're veterans at this," said NCTA executive director Rob Corbett.

The LARA hopes to take advantage of some of the NCTA's knowledge gained from experience when constructing the trail in Lowell.

"There will be a lot of not having to re-invent the wheel," said Mari Stone, Vergennes Township clerk and a representative on the LARA board.

There are a lot of differences between the trails. Whereas the Lowell Area Trailway will be paved to allow cyclists and rollerbladers, the North Country Trail is a simple dirt path. The Lowell trail will connect local points of interest, city and township parks and the like, while the North Country Trail is national in scope-its route stretching from the eastern border of New York to the middle of North Dakota. But the core purpose for both is the same.

"We're both about increasing the quality of life, that's the crux of the issue," Corbett said.

Trail groups, cont'd., pg. 9

Illegal trap set on city grounds kills dog

By Dan Schneider

hunting trap placedillegally on the northeast bank of the confluence of the Flat and Grand rivers caused the death of a Lowell woman's dog two weeks ago.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 10, Diane Smith was walking her dog, a four-year-old Brittany Spaniel, on city property. removed the dead dog from Valentine said.

The dog stumbled upon a trap placed to catch small mammals. The trap ensnared and suffocated the dog.

"It was a pretty good size and it was the kind that collapses over their throat and the back of their neck so they suffocate," Smith said.

Unable to free the dog from the trap, Smith went to the Lowell Police Department. Officer Chad Bustraan

the trap and confiscated it. He searched the area for other traps but found none. The trap had no tags identifying the owner, as required by state game law.

"It was, one, placed illegally because you're not supposed to trap in town, and two, I understand that according to gaming laws there are supposed to be identifiers,"Lowell police chief Jim

Valentine explained a city ordinance prohibits trapping within the city limits. He said this was the first incident of a pet getting killed in a trap that he is aware of.

Smith, who has lived in Lowell for two years, misses her dog.

Illegal trap kills dog, cont'd., pg. 11





No More Swinging ... Page 10 Local Vet Travels To Africa... Page 11

OBITUARIES

BENSON - Clynis A. 2004 at Heartland of Benson, aged 87, of Zephyr Zephyr Hills. He was born Hills, Florida, passed away on Dec. 20, 1916 in Rock MN, Duane and Elizabeth was preceded in death by Byron Center, passed away dens. The family suggests Thursday, November 18, Lake, N.D., the son of Eu-

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Nathan, My love, Happy Birthday. You would be I year old today. We would be having a great party for you with your whole family. You would have gotten so many gifts and we would have taken lots of pictures of you smashing cake in your face. I can picture you perfectly. You would look just like daddy and have mommy's smile. Everyone misses you Bubby, especially mommy and daddy. Our hearts and souls are incomplete without you. Mommy prayed for a long time that she would have a precious little guy, and I got him, if only for a little while longer. Did you know that Daddy built a car just for you before you were even born? He was looking so forward to working on it with you. Did you know that Grandpa Jack couldn't wait to teach you how to hunt and play football? Life will never be the same without you. I am not the same without you. I know that you are having fun in heaven with Jesus and your Grandmas. Happy 1st Birthday baby.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Greg Holwerda to rezone property from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential to Open Space Planned Unit Development (OS-PUD) for the purpose of constructing two family condominiums on a private road. The proposed project would be served by public water and sanitary sewer. This property consists of 31.37 acres and is located on the west side of Cumberland Avenue west of Whispering Hills Drive with permanent parcel numbers 41-20-05-280-003, 002 and 009 and is legally described as follows:

Part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast fractional one-quarter of Section 5, Towns 6 North, Range 9 West, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as:

BEGINNING at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 5; thence North 89DEG 58'22" West 833.03 feet; thence North 00DEG 44'50" West 330.00 feet; thence North 89DEG 58'22" West 500.00 feet; thence North 00DEG 44'50" West 993.45 feet along the East line of Eastgate Woods No. 3; thence South 89DEG 57'07" East 918.70 feet along the North line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest fractional one-quarter; thence South 15DEG 54'15" East 345.06 feet along the centerline of Cumberland Drive; thence Southeasterly 320.56 feet along said centerline on a 1000.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears South 25DEG 05'15" East 319.19 feet; thence South 34DEG 16'15" East 215.55 feet along said centerline; thence Southeasterly 203.02 feet along said centerline on a 370.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears South 18DEG 33'06" East 200.48 feet; thence South 02DEG 49'58" East 334.48 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: TIME: WHERE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2004 7:00 P.M.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, 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

with his children Karl COX-Beverly J. Cox, aged Benson of Niles, Cheryl her father Ralph Nott and Sunday, November 14, memorial contributions be Potrofka of Burgaw, NC, son Robert Morris. She is 2004. She is survived by made to Hospice of West Lora and Steve Dunham of survived by her very loving her husband Glenn; chil- Michigan. Lone Tree, IA, and Tina husband of 25 years, Erwin dren Sharon (Roger) grandchildren and three (Doug) Krause; mother Newaygo,

gene and Ada M. Miller Lowell. Memorial contri- dens. Visitation Tuesday nephews. A Memorial Ser-Benson. He married Ida May butions may be given to the 6-8 p.m. and 12-1 p.m. prior vice was held Saturday at Scott in Belding on May 21, Alvhah N. Belding Library. to the service on Wednes- the Matthysse - Kuiper -Benson of Stanford, KY, 73 of Lowell, passed away GOERKE - Mrs. Shirley officiating. Interment Neil Benson of Red Wing, November 21, 2004. She A. Goerke, aged 75, of Chapel Hill Memorial Gar-

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-5 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY **COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 15, 2004**

Ordinance No. 04-5 amends Section 2.20, Definitions - V, of Chapter 2, Definitions, Section 12.03, Special land uses, of Chapter 12, C-3 - General Business District, Section 12A.03, Special land uses, of Chapter 12A, IL - Light Industrial District and Section 13.02, Uses permitted by right, of Chapter 13, I - Industrial District, of Appendix A Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Such amendments include body shops within the definition of vehicle repair facilities and permit body shops as a special land use within a C-3 -General Business District zoning district as well as an IL - Light Industrial District zoning district and as a use permitted by right within an I - Industrial District zoning district.

Ordinance No. 04-5 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

DeGraaf Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Gilbert

Butterbaugh of Lexington, Cox; daughters Kathy Swadner of Alto, Stephen MILLER - Raymond KY. He is survived by 10 (Vern) Demorest, Pam (Sharey) Goerke of Miller, Jr., "Poor Old Ray," David aged 77, of Lowell, was great-grandchildren. Me- Lucille Nott; brothers (Marrette) Goerke of Wyo- called by our Lord on Nomorial services will be held Arthur (Sharon) Nott, Merle ming, Sandra (Ronald) vember 18, 2004. Raymond in the spring; interment will (Ruth) Nott; four grandchil- Hewartson of Wyoming; was born October 8, 1927 be in Alton Cemetery in dren Tricia (Brad) Harrall, eight grandchildren; sev- in Lebanon Junction, KY, Tony (Arisa) Witherell, eral step-grandchildren; the youngest child of Tracy (Robert) Copeland, two great-grandchildren; Raymond Miller and Leatta Laura (Jason) Ryan; six sisters Edna Hunt of Hoagland. Raymond engreat-grandchildren. Fu- Buckley, Joann (Bernard) tered the navy on January neral services will be held Frechete of Flint; broth- 16, 1946. He was honor-Wednesday, November 24 ers-in-law Leon Stubbs of ably discharged with the at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Frankfort, Dennis (Caren) American Area Campaign Home, 305 N. Hudson Goerke of Naubinway; sis- and WWII Victory Med-Street, Lowell, Dr. Michael ters-in-law Sylvia Shep- als. He was a member of Conklin officiating. Inter- herd of FL, Lyla Gogerty the VFW Post 8303 in Lowment Sunset Memorial Gar- of CA; many nieces and ell. He then pursued his passion and is well known in Negro League Baseball as a legend with record in homeruns. He was a Meijer retiree in 1990. Raymond is preceded in death by his parents and oldest brother. Ray's loving memory will be cherished by his devoted wife, Carmen Torres-Miller. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Services were held Monday, November 22 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, interment Bailey-Vergennes Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse/ Hospice of West Michigan, 1401 Cedar St. N.E., Grand

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everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the passing of our husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa,

Elmer Collar. A special thank you to Father Fekete for leading the rosary and Father Sirico for the mass at the funeral services.

A very special thank you to Cheryl Doyle for the readings, Diane Black and the children's choir for singing at the services to the Knights of Columbus, the altar boys and all the women who

provided the luncheon. An additional thank you to everyone for their expressions of sympathy. cards, food, planters, donations and masses. Everything is greatly

Joe & Heather Collar & family Nila & Rick Goodin & family Renee & Gary Sias & family Missy & Chuck Tichelaar & family

New bar in town goes for neighborhood feel

By Dan Schneider

After taking an early retirement from an engineer- to fit the bill. ing management job at

Opening a bar seemed are here, to have fun."

wanted to be in a business Pottersaid. "It's a fun atmo- structed around 1905, just

Ron Potter at the helm of his new bar, the Century Post Pub at 203 E. Main St.

to purchase jetter machine

city was seeking bids to pur-

chase its own. "I knew there

was a need locally for the

City postpones decision

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

A local company has put

a little twist into the city's

possible plans to purchase a

machine to assist with sewer

backups. At its Monday night

meeting, the Lowell City

Council was prepared to con-

sider bids for the purchase of

a sewer jetter machine, which

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of a house to help clear back-

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His new bar is called the . Main St. "It's basically every Century Post Pub. It's in a Steelcase, Inc., Ron Potter night is kind of like a party," building that was con-

tury. The address is 203 E.

Century Post," Potter said.

been a hair salon since 1960. Before that, it was M.H. Henry's drug store. Potter put the building through a thorough refinishing.

"I gutted it right to the walls," he said.

Century Post is open unlong as there's a crowd on country and classic rock mu-

aging so far," Potter said. weekends."

Century Post has been open for about a month. Pot- 897-7964. ter previously owned the Main Street Pub west of downtown. It closed a few years ago. It took a while to transfer the liquor license, but Potter wanted to stay in the bar business.

Century Post offers a variety of beer in bottles and the standard mixed drinks. In a week or so, the bar will serve snacks like jalapeno poppers and French fries.

that approximated a party. sphere and that's why people after the turn of the 19th cen-

"That's why I call it the

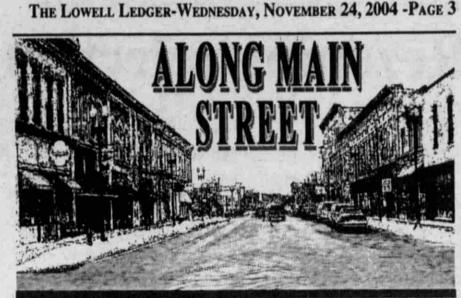
Previously, the place had

He put in all new utilities and re-did the old hardwood floors. The walls are now a deep burgundy color. There's a bright glass-doored, chrome cooler full of beer because it's a bar.

"It's just a drop-in neighborhood-type pub," Potter

til 2 a.m. on weekends and as weekdays, usually until about midnight. The juke box has

"It's been very encour-"Business is getting better and better, especially on the



F.R.O.M. COLLECTING FOR HOLIDAYS

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts for Angel Trees and toy barrels from Nov. 26-Dec. 17 at Showboat Auto, Springrove Variety, Rite Aid, Brenda's Hair Designs, City Hall, Huntington Bank, ICNB, Goldworks, Englehardt Library, Dollar General and LA Video.

F.R.O.M. DISTRIBUTION

Flat River Outreach Ministries is making plans for holiday food and toy boxes. Any families who need assistance with food and/or toys should call the food pantry at 897-4189 to

KDL BRANCHES CLOSED

The 18 branches of Kent District Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving. They will resume regular hours on Friday, Nov. 26.

COMMODITIES FOR LOW INCOME

Free food for low income families will be available at the Moose Recreation Bldg, 1320 E. Main, on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 9-4 p.m. Show proof of income and SS#s for entire family. Bring bags for canned applesauce, apricots, asparagus, cranapple juice, green beans, OJ, peaches, pudding, salmon, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, frozen beef, spaghetti noodles, powdered milk. Call 897-5150 or 897-8754 with

ICNB BAKE SALE

LHS junior class will have a fundraiser bake sale Friday, Dec. 3 (3-6 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 4 (9-noon) at Ionia County National Bank, 2601 W. Main. Questions call Veronica

VISIT SANTA

Bring a toy to Grattan Township Hall and visit with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1-3 p.m. Refreshments and activities are

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The Kent Youth Fair will serve breakfast from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at the Youth Memorial Center on Saturday, Dec. 4.

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DesJarden had recom- jetter," he said, adding that

mended the city purchase he was aware the city had

such an item to help the city been using out-of-town com-

The same day that Greg the city council suggesting it

Canfield, owner of Canfield made more sense and could

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Rezoning rejection leaves FROM weighing its options

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) chair will be heading back to his Lincoln Lake site is the only backs and landscaping. board of directors after the proposal presented to the Kraig Haybarker had ap- F.R.O.M.would have to ning commission know be- area and residential, would ingthe variances necessary. to attend that meeting. proached the Lowell Planning Commission several money" in site plans before Lake, the Masonic Lodge building, to central business district C-2. F.R.O.M. is looking to move its operative zonings, public facilitions to that location.

The planning commission decided to seek the opinion of a professional planner, Steve Langworthy, of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc, and Associates, Inc., who recommended against the rezoning. After some discussion on other possible options, the commission made it clear that it the city would set a prece- northeast corner of Amity was up to the organization as to what direction it wanted to pursue or if it wanted to continue with this property "downtown" area.

and include a retail site. The number of variances for set-

"pour in a great deal of fore its work session on Dec. create seven non-conformneeds of what the group wants to do there, La Warre By J. Lobdell said. Even then, the alterna-

ties, or the commercial zones C-1 and C3, would mean a number of variances. "Essentially in the end

a C-2 zone," said Haybarker. F.R.O.M. was looking at the C-2 zoning because of its proached the commission relaxed setback and parking about constructing two separegulations. Langworthy rate 1,500 square feet buildsaid that by allowing this, ings at 521 W. Main St., the dent for other developers to and W. Main. City manager seek the zoning which is de- David Pasquale said he was signed specifically for the able to talk to the developer

La Warre said his board Jim Hall felt C-3 would be cussions, the buildings were was exploring the idea of the best option since there is reoriented from the original moving to the Masonic already property zoned C-3 design.

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Lodge which offered the or- in the area. Even with that 13. The commission does not ing properties, and the sion plans to review the enganization a chance to ex- rezoning, La Warre said his have a regular meeting change could have a serious tire area again at its work pand some of its operations group would have to seek a scheduled until January. impact on the current down-session in hopes of deter-In his six-page memo to town area with funding and mining a specific plan for the planning commission, resources split to promote the area, which includes sev-LaWarre explained he Langworthy said he opposed the two different eral vacant properties and group so far, and is begin- needed to go back to his the rezoning to C-2 because areas. Langworthy did sup- properties that have been got shot down by a ning to look like it could be board for a decision on what the property, which currently port the idea of rezoning to hard to develop, said complanner. Pastor Roger La acostly venture. The biggest the group's next step would serves as a buffer zone be-public facilities or to com-mission chair Clark Jahnke. obstacle is that be and would let the plan- tween the current downtown mercial C-1 and then seek- Langworthy has been asked

months ago about rezoning the property at 112 Lincoln the property at 112 Lincoln ing that would better suit the Green light for proposed barber shop & retail space

The planning commis-

which include setbacks and

noted that only the one build-

ing, which will be designed

for anytime in the near

future. While sidewalk is

planned for the entire site,

Contributing Writer

Seeing it as a much better design, the Lowell Planning Commission gave a developer the thumbs up on the site is going to look like constructing two buildings on a West Main lot.

Dave Piersma apand architect Nederveld As-Commission member sociates and from those dis-

> The concern about the first design was the way the buildings were situated, es-

pecially the south building. It gave little space between it and the strip mall, owned by Phil Johnson. It would have allowed for limited access to the now existing property at 505 W. Main, which worried Johnson in regards to repairs and a firewall.

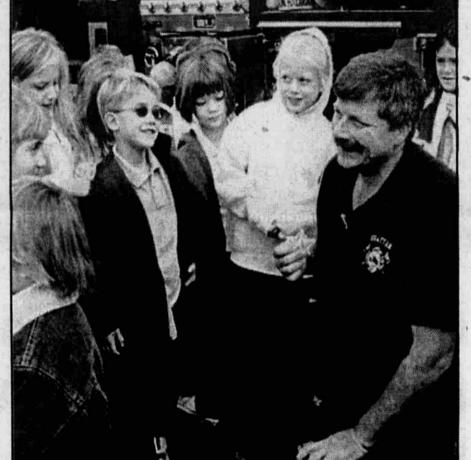
The city had concerns because of a gas meter that was located in the back of the building. "What they have done is moved the part is facing in, thus creating more flexibility for the setbacks," Pasquale said. This change allowed for nine foot setbacks and created better access to the back of the two buildings.

"The plan as it progressed is better," said commission member Jim Hall

who motioned that the site Piersma only plans to conplan be approved, which the struct part of it now with the commission unanimously new building. Sidewalk will voted in favor of. Pasquale be finished when the second said both buildings meet all building is constructed. the zoning requirements

Parking concerns were also raised; Piersma showed parking. The developer 17 spaces. Pasquale said he only needed to construct at least eight to cover the barto house a barbershop, would bershop at this time. The secbe constructed now with the ond building was being second building not planned called a retail space and

> Green light for shops, cont'd., pg. 13



Lowell resident YAM award recipient

cation has recently an- co-chair for the Michigan Art nounced the 2004 (YAM) Education Association. award recipients.

Middle School. She is cur- and motivation involved.

The Council for Art Edu-rently the YAM Advocacy

Thomure will receive her M. Karen Thomure, a award at the National Art second year (YAM) chair- Education Association Conperson, received an Award ference in Boston, MA, in of Excellence for her out- March 2005. She, along with standing 2004 Youth Art two other recipients from Month state report. Thomure Louisiana and New Jersey, is a Lowell resident and re- will give a presentation totired art teacher, having gether on what their state is taught 22 years at Lowell doing to advocate the arts

Fire Safety lessons

Grattan volunteer firemen recently visited St. Patrick School in Parnell to teach kindergarten, first and second grade students about fire safety. Pictured is fireman Mark Rosenberger and in the background is the fire truck the students were able to check out.

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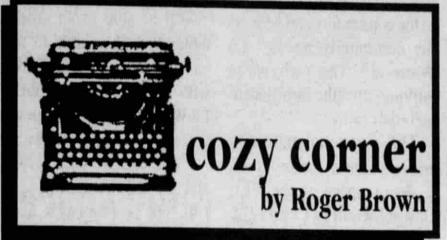
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Viewpoint



I have a neighbor who is beginning to annoy me. Of the neighbors we hang with, there are four of us that follow reflect our previous homes. The four teams garnering our meager support are the Washington Redskins, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburg Steelers and of course my beloved Lions. Boy, do I love those#@&*% Lions!

Things have been peaceful here in the neighborhood over how my daughter puts up with him. the past couple of seasons. All our teams were lackluster losers. Our choices of football teams to back made a standing joke at our frequent get-togethers.

whine any pro football fan ... especially these guys whose teams have established dynasties at one time or another. Lions' fans have been waiting for a championship season almost as long as baseball's Cubs' supporters. We might not be talkin' pre-TV coverage, but the games weren't even in what was coming. color the last time the Lions won a championship. Can you say, "I like Ike?"

great big, loud, gregarious guy in any situation. Now that the roof. Told you he is annoying. Steelers are something like 9 and 1, he's pretty much Bettis that. If you think Terry Bradshaw can be loud and laughingly offered condolences on the Lions' loss. irritating, you ain't seen (or heard) anything.

going to take us off on a sidebar. I promise it's relevant to the for the state championship." When he tried to change the story line ... sort of.

whirlwind trip out west. It was a Saturday night in Tombstone, Arizona. We were in a little café waiting for our dinner,

when a guy in his mid-thirties excitedly entered the dining area with news about the Michigan vs. Michigan State game. The news caught my attention, as well as the table full of people next to us who turned out to be from Holland, Michigan. It really is a "small world"... but as comedian Stephen Wright points out, "wouldn't want to paint it though."

I milked the guy for information about the triple overtime nail-biter in which Michigan pulled off a victory. When it became apparent that the guy with the info was a Michigan fan, I said, "Oh ... you're one of those." He seemed ready to take offense, until I made it clear I was joking. I told him my daughter went to State, along with a heckuva lot of my money.

I was only partially kidding. U of M football fans and professional football to any extent. These allegiances of course their attitude that Big Ten dominance is something preordained, are quite annoying. What is sad, is the fact you can't escape it. Not even in Tombstone, Arizona. Heck, we're going all the way to China soon, and guess who's there? My son-inlaw ... a U of M grad and die-hard football fan. I don't know

Back to my neighbor. I watched the Lions and their totally pathetic loss to the hated Vikings on Sunday. After the game, I headed to town to run some errands. The Steelers' fan As a Lions' fan for over forty years, I can obviously out- neighbor came wheeling around the corner as I was waiting at a stop sign. He and his wife were on their way home from watching the Steelers' game at a friend's house. I waved and began to pull away as soon as they were clear. Unfortunately, he squealed to a stop. I knew the Steelers had won, and I knew

Let me describe the scene. The neighbor and his wife are dressed in Steelers' game jerseys and hats. His Jeep has a If you follow pro football at all, you can easily guess Steelers' license plate on the front and a Steelers' spare tire which neighbor has become annoying. This neighbor is a cover on the back. He has two Steelers' flags flying from the

He hollered, "It was ugly, but they won." He didn't have insufferable. Everything is Ben Roethlisberger this and Jerome to say who had won. After a few details about his game, he

Ah, but I did have a comeback! "To heck with the Lions," In an effort to stretch this column to a suitable length, I'm I said, "my hometown high school just won the semifinal game subject back to the Steelers, I hollered, "They're playing About three weeks ago my wife and I were on our Saturday night in the Silverdome for a second state championship in three years!" I drove off.

GO RED ARROWS!!!



OPTIONS

Not long ago, methods of hunting whitetail deer in Michigan included only a few fundamental techniques. The options were to sit on a stump, move slowly and quietly though the woods while watching carefully, or move deer to sitters with a line of drivers.

menting them has changed. Modern materials and innovative equipment have changed the style of hunting for most

the hunter up in the trees for a better view as well as reducing the possibility of being seen by the quarry. Some tree stands have a small foot platform and drop down metal seat. Deluxe models have large padded seats and a rail on which to rest a gun for a shot. One model has a pair of seats so one can hunt with a partner. This should be great for taking a young person out to observe or hunt.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

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Shooting shacks have become a common sight along highways that pass through deer country. These blinds resemble an outhouse except for an opening on each side. They keep a hunter warm, dry, and concealed. The shooting shack is semi-permanent and not practical on public land because they must be removed.

The solution has been pop-up portable blinds. These are compact, lightweight, and are easy to set up and take down. The window openings can be adjusted. Just be careful if they have zippers, because I found that a Montana mule deer can hear a zipper move from a distance of 300 yards.

For the hunter on the move, there are satellite navigation systems that can be carried in a shirt pocket along with a compass. Two-way radios provide communication between hunters. Lightweight insulated waterproof boots These basic methods are still in use today, but imple- insure comfort on long walks. Scent-suppressing clothing is available to fool the able nose of deer while camouflage patterns conceal hunter outline and movement.

A variety of scents and calls can be used to lure the deer I haven't seen anyone sitting on a stump in some time. close to the hunter. Baiting deer with corn or other food is Hang-on tree stands or self-supporting ladder stands place allowed in designated areas and then only in compliance with a number of restrictions.

As hunters, we all have to make individual decisions as to which technology and methods are proper and ethical. Fortunately, in spite of all the gear and gadgets, the woods and wildlife are the same. The anticipation of the hunt and the excitement of encountering wildlife is still what draws us to the woods each fall.

Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **NOVEMBER 26, 1879**

Susan B. Anthony will speak at Music Hall tonight. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving.

Grand Rapids wants the new asylum for the blind to be located there.

The Detroit Evening News says Michigan produced over two million barrels of salt this year.

Rev. Moulton of Rockford stopped and had a hot toddy on the cold ride home from Grand Rapids, and there's now a row in his church.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 24, 1904**

The new Parks Mfg. Co. building at the corner of Main and Hudson opens for manufacturing its cream separators, sprayers and hand trucks.

The Lowell Independents lost to the Grand Haven team last Saturday, and claim unfair treatment and crowd interfer-

Rev. Magdamz of the German Lutheran Church offers private lessons in the German language.

Voting machines have not speeded the process; some people took time to read all six tickets.

A regular back-page feature is "Temperance Topics."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 28, 1929**

Lowell City Bank raises interest on savings to three

Despite rumors of scarce wood in the U.P., recent deals for 150 million feet of white pine and 60 million feet of hemlock have been made in two counties there.

Hotel Waverley now has steam heat, a big improvement. The Friday night dance at Smyrna was well-attended by

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 25, 1954**

Esther Fahrni reminds us that licenses are now available for all vehicles, not just the '55 models.

The safecrackers who stole \$500 from Wittenbach Sales and Service are caught at a garage in Adrian.

Officers post "No U-Turns" signs on Main Street and will

enforce them. The new sport in the Grand Valley Conference, cross country, ends its season with Lowell winning the Regional. Holmes Ellis's speech about Hopewell Indian Tribes at

Rotary inspires the group to try starting a Lowell Historical Society, to research Indian sites here.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **NOVEMBER 22, 1979**

Chaffee Planetarium will be open Thanksgiving evening for the first time, due to interest in its show "The UFO Experience."

A car thief was caught within an hour, but the police again remind all to not leave the keys in the car.

Michigan's Bottle Bill takes effect Dec. 3 and is predicted to change people's habits. Reminder: it applies to cans too. Urging safe snowmobiling reflects last winter's increased deaths and injuries.

The Kent County Library starts a Mail-a-Book program for readers who have trouble getting to the library.

ENGAGEMENTS

Stiver/Bowman



Daniel Bowman and Amanda Stiver

Amanda Marie Stiver and currently is a junior at Corner-Daniel Frank Bowman, both stone University. of Grand Rapids, will marry The groom-elect is the son in a January 8, 2005 ceremony of Brian and Connie Bowman

at First Baptist Church in Low- of Manistee. A graduate of Onekama High School, he The bride-to-be is the graduated from Cornerstone daughter of Neil and Kathy University in May 2004 and Stiver of Lowell. A graduate is currently at Grand Rapids of Lowell High School, she Theological Seminary.

First Congregational Church will expand its ministry with larger building

By Dan Schneider

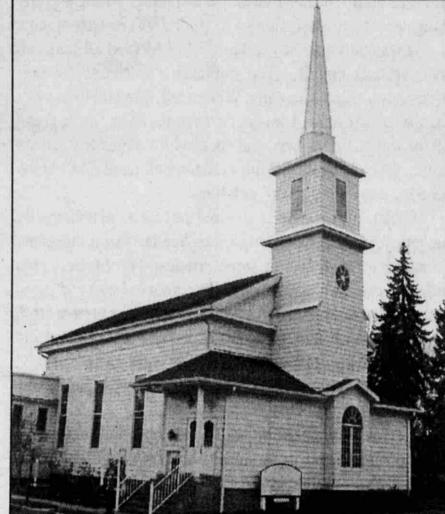
gational Church of Lowell its new church, it will have church's current location. more sanctuary space as well as space for new community site began Oct. 4. La Warre programs.

The church has 260 members at last count and is still Roger La Warre. The first phase of the new building will

include a sanctuary that seats

When the First Congre- and office space. The new church is being built on Lin-

hopes to dedicate the new sanctuary during the March 5, ter) right away." 2006 service. It would be the growing, according to pastor day before the First Congregational Church's 150th an-



First Congregational Church as it now stands on **Hudson Street.**

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266, but also a 3,630 square- Warre said, the church doesn't ship where the music styles foot family center, classrooms have enough room to expand are non-traditional, where the its community programming. liturgy style ... is more con-

"Right now we are so lim- versational-based," he said. completes the construction of coln Lake Ave., north of the ited as to what we can provide

> annual summer fun program, The current sanctuary at return such courtesy to the Civil War. community once the new

"We think there's a need other religious group. n this community for wor-

In the new family center to the community and address "we'll be able to sit around Excavation work on the the community needs," La tables, you'll be able to talk Warre said. "That's why we're and sing and pray and interact building this (the family cen- with each other," explained La Warre. "If you're in pews, When the church does its you can't do those things."

it shares space at the First 404 N. Hudson Street seats United Methodist Church. La 180. The building was dedi-At its present site, La Warre said the congregational cated in 1861. It took four church hopes to be able to years to build it during the According to a letter found

building is finished. He said in the church's archives, Dr. the new building will allow Richards, who donated the the church to host more speak- property on Hudson St. in the ers and even sports camps. 1800s, requested that it al-In addition to new pro- ways be used for religious purgramming, La Warre said the poses. La Warre said the family center will be more church intends to honor that conducive to new types of request once the new building worship, especially for young is finished, selling the old building to another church or

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

issa Roudabush, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri NOV. 27: Bonnie Vezino, Myers, Amy Swift.

NOV. 25: Pat Vezino, Mel- NOV. 26: John Erickson.

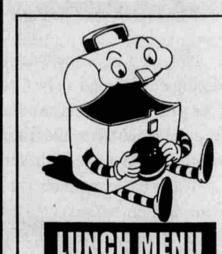
Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush, Heather Burrows, Aaron Rittersdorf, Josh Spencer, Aiden Malone.

28: Shelly Hildenbrand, Lee Miller.

NOV. 29: Margaret Gardner, Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst.

NOV. 30: Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe Kiczenski, April McClure-Cowan.

DEC. 1: Travis Briggs, Deb Anchors, Denny Brenk II, Joyce Watrous.



LUNCH MENU Elementary Menu

MON: Chicken sticks with biscuit or turkey & cheese or bun, broccoli, pears, milk.

Week of Nov. 29, 2004

TUES: Pizza wedge o chicken quesadilla, salad applesauce, milk.

WED: Macaroni & cheese turkey & cheese on bur mixed fruit, mixed vegetable

THURS: French toast, cereal, scrambled eggs, potato wedge, juice, milk.

FRI: Pizza dippers or sloppy oe on bun, peaches, com

Recently-unified girl scout troops undertake toy collection

By Dan Schneider

scouts in Lowell and Altohave Sue Merriman, leader of the been part of their own local Alto fifth grade girl scout "neighborhood."

The Flat River Neighbor-Bushnell, Cherry Creek and Neighborhood. Murray Lake elementaries and Lowell Middle School. A girl that together for group activities. big."

Among the smaller neighborhoods in the Michigan will also help the girls local-Trails Council, the Flat River ize their service efforts. Neighborhood has 113 girls hood also includes Lowell help the community in differ-High School, but there are no ent ways," Merriman said.

going to be a more congealed are going towards."

group because they are all in For three months, the girl the same school district," said

hood formed in late August. It broke away from the much includes girl scouts from Alto, larger Forest Hills-Lowell

"It was over 1,000 girls in neighborhood," scoutneighborhood is a larger, Merriman said. "It wasn't efcooperative group of several ficient for the girls to work individual troops. They meet together because it was so

The new neighborhood

"We can focus on the in 15 troops. The neighbor- Lowell area and being able to registered troops at this time. "It's always nice if the girls "The girls are hopefully can see what their endeavors

AREA BIRTHS



Dylan Tate Wunder

Wunder

Diana Bittrick is proud to announce the birth of her grandson, Dylan Tate. The "little pumpkin" was born Halloween morning, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 18 3/4 inches long to Brenda and Doug Wunder of Spring

Tower

Chris and Amy Tower are happy to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Charles, born on August 26, 2004 at 9:34 p.m. at Spectrum Health Gary and Sharon Curless of weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and mea- and Terry Tower of Belding. sured 20 inches.

Welcoming Jackson home is his big brother, Mitchell and his uncle, Brian.

Great-grandparents are

Betty and Gaylord Heaston of

Lowell. Grandfather is Barry

(and Cathy) Bittrick of Ada.

Paternal grandparents are

Carol and Jim Wunder of

Proud grandparents are Butterworth Campus. He Ada, Mary Tower of Lowell-

hood has already worked to- Lowell's annual Santa Parade. gether on a service project- Girl scouts have collected toys making Halloween cards for during the parade in the past. to the parade for the girls to patients at DeVos Children's This will be the largest group collect. This year's Santa Pa-The Lowell area troops Hospital. Their first local of girls to do it, and they hope rade starts at 10 a.m. Satur- call Lina Ackey of the West project, and first major project, to make it the biggest year yet. day, Dec. 4 at the Lowell Fair- Michigan Trails Council at will be the collection of toys

for Flat River Outreach Min- least 400 unwrapped toys for also be dropped off before the

The Flat River Neighbor- istries along the route of Flat River (Outreach Minis-

People can bring the toys "We're hoping to get at grounds. Unwrapped toys can 784-3341.

parade at any of the schools having girl scout troops.

Parents of girls interested in joining the girl scouts in the Flat River Neighborhood can

Preschool restructures to provide "developmental learning"

and more are to come as the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) in Lowell works to restructure its preschool

Transitionally, the center is moving from the self-directed learning approach to a more teacher-directed developmental environment. FLPC's preschool educators Charlie Knudstrup and Fredna Rayford continue to support each child's individual needs through play by using childcentered experiences and developmentally appropriate toys. But an added advantage is structured time for school readiness skills and field trips.

"This week Wednesday and Thursday the children are visiting the Polar Express Train Garden exhibit at Frederik Meijer Gardens and will decorate a tree while there," said Knudstrup.

According to Knudstrup the multi-sensory teaching methods in the center's new approach are adaptable from child to child and stimulate language and math skills at all

developmental stages. "When children manipulate a puzzle piece into the right position, hold a pencil correctly, color within the lines, or cut paper into a desired shape, they are developdence," said Rayford. ing fine and gross motor skills," he said. "We work and play with each student to refine their motor skills, which

dence of these young pupils." Rayford reports that while it may seem all developmental schools are similar in nature, the FLPC preschool is unique because of the staff

in turn, increases the confi-



Henderick Jannenga, front left, and his preschool classmates ride in a hay wagon to an orchard where they will learn about the beginning stages of the food cycle.

music therapists and artists who share their talents with helps the teachers "connect"

discovery walks to the farm, are helped to play musical instruments rarely seen in other schools, go on field trips, and are involved in unique art for them by our Artist-in-Resi- the food cycle-from the

with children having differ-"Children take outdoor ing learning styles and helps to reinforce independence and

> to grow each child's positive self-concepts and cooperation

projects thought up especially ride experience helps teach 4 p.m.

This variety of activities planting of seeds, to the harvesting of hay, to the feeding of animals," explained Rayford. "It's experiences like these that make the FLPC Preschool like none other."

The FLPC Preschool operates Monday - Thursday, 9 "For example, our hay- a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to

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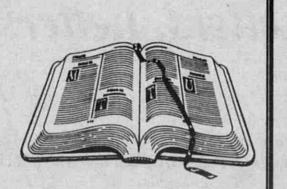
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Rite Aid **Huntington Bank** Goldworks **Lowell City Hall Dollar General**

Brenda's Hair Design Ionia Co. Nat'l Bank **Englehardt Library** LA Video

In addition Flat River Neighborhood Girls Scouts will collect toys along the parade route of the Lowell Christmas Parade on December 4.

Food and gifts can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church on December 16 and 17 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (Jackson Street entrance). Food and toys will be distributed on Saturday, December 18. This program provides a helping hand for many area families financially stressed this time of year.

Remember: This program is for our community! If we can be assistance to your family with food and/or toys, please call the Food Pantry (897-4189) or visit the Thrift Store to sign up.



Santa Claus is coming to Lowell - Saturday, December 4

Parade is sure to put Christmas spirit in the city of Lowell on Saturday, Dec 4. It will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at the Lowell fairgrounds and make its way east on Main Street.

The Kent County Youth Fair pancake breakfast begins at 8 a.m. in the King Memorial Youth Center at the fairgrounds.

Santa will be in attendance from 8:30 to 9:45 College will create cold art a.m. to have breakfast with in the "Flat River Freeze"

The annual Lowell Santa kids, then will hop on his sleigh to catch up to the pa-

11:30 a.m.

the "People's Choice" award. Santa will be avail-

able for pictures on the Robert E. Lee from same time, 'Rudolph's Breakfast will Craft Workshop" will be served until be at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. This in-Ice sculptors from Grand Rapids Community volves crafts for children ages two to eight.

The Lowell Lions Club

ice sculpture competition on will be selling hotdogs and having a bake sale with chili the Riverwalk Plaza. The hot chocolate from 9 a.m. and hot sandwiches from 11 works and the process will until supplies run out along a.m. to 1 p.m. be on view from 9 a.m. to 1 the Riverwalk. Meanwhile,

p.m. Spectators can vote for St. Mary Catholic Church is Artisans Art and Craft

The annual Rogue River



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degree from the University of Michigan and MBA in Finance from Western Michigan University.

Her career began at Independent Bank in 1999 as a branch manager in Saranac. As assistant vice president, she will continue her duties as branch manager and partici-

pating in community activi-

She was also recently Club and is a member of the elected as secretary and board Lowell Rotary Club.

Christmas sale will be held at Lowell High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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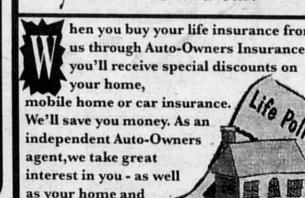
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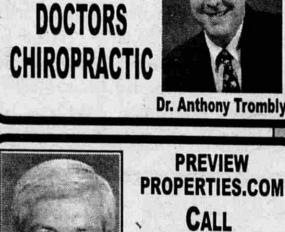
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Trail groups combine efforts, continued...From Page 1

issues, as well. The NCTA has experience with establishing property easements and throughways, something the LARA will have to do to construct their trail. The NCTA is well-versed in organizing groups of volunteers for trail maintenance. Additionally, the NCTA has high-tech computer equipment already established for

drafting maps of trail routes. Ever since the idea of a Lowell Area Trailway was put in motion, the North Country Trail has been considered one of the attractions to which the Lowell trail will connect. The North Country Trail is shown on the maps in the Lowell Area Trailway's original master

"We've always looked at the North Country Trail being a part in our trail system as a rustic trail link off our paved trail," Stone said.

The NCTA hopes the Lowell trailway will get people in the area excited about outdoor recreation in

general and trails in particu-

"There's nothing we would like to see better than Lowell embrace trails and open space access," Corbett The North Country Trail

could use the enthusiasm around here. There's a tee was pleased to see local stretch from downtown efforts being coordinated," Lowell north to Fallasburg Park, but the southern region of Michigan is the only part of the state where incomplete miles of the North Country Trail outnumber completed miles. One of the first notice-

able cooperative efforts between the two trail groups will be a development and communications staffer, hired by NCTA at the beginning of next year. The LARA will get 15 percent of the staff person's time for two years. The job will consist of grantwriting and generally promoting trails.

"We're looking forward to having a professional who is well-versed in seeking grants spend some time seeking them for us," Stone said. said Scott Vashaw, chairper- raise \$19,000 to be able to lence is coordinating volun-

communications staffer.

community."

In its latest round of munity Fund Advisory They have applied for a grants, the Lowell Area Committee. "Ithink any time \$6,500 Consumer's Energy the Cooper Woodland Pre-Community Fund approved groups can come together grant. a \$39,000 grant to the NCTA and coordinate their activito fund the development and ties, it's going to be a better use of dollars and, ultimately, Trailway, the current class ell Area Trailway. The "I think that the commit- it's going to be better for the

The NCTA still has to

"This will get us on our feet." son of the Lowell Area Com- hire someone for two years. teers to build a bridge

ration on the Lowell Area of the Lowell Leadership In- bridge project is still in its stitute for Volunteer Excel- early planning stages.

through some wetlands in serve. The preserve is one of In another local collabo- the scenic attractions that will be attached to the Low-

Little Lowell twirler competes in a big way

Andrea Coffey, a Lowell Middle School student and baton twirler in the marching band, recently competed in the NBTA (National Baton Twirling Association) Michigan State event in Milan. She placed first in Beginner Two Baton and State Strut, second in Open Solo and Modeling in the intermediate 13-15 year old category.

In July, the eighth grader competed in the WTA (World Twirling Association) national competition in Holt. She placed in the top 10 in Fancy Strut, Solo and Military Strut

Coffey has received a lot of encouragement from her sister, Alyssa. "Alyssa gives suggestions when I'm struggling to learn and perfect a baton trick in between my lessons."

At left, Andrea Coffey, with coach Patti Jankowski, at the nationals in Notre Dame last July.



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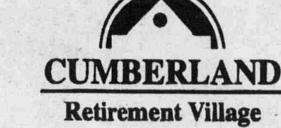
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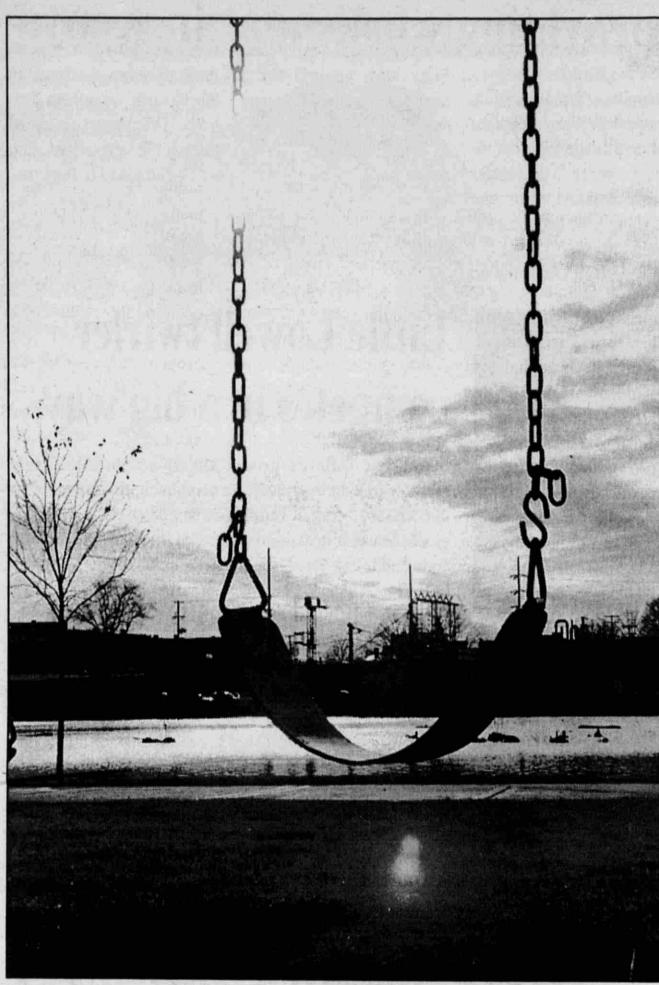




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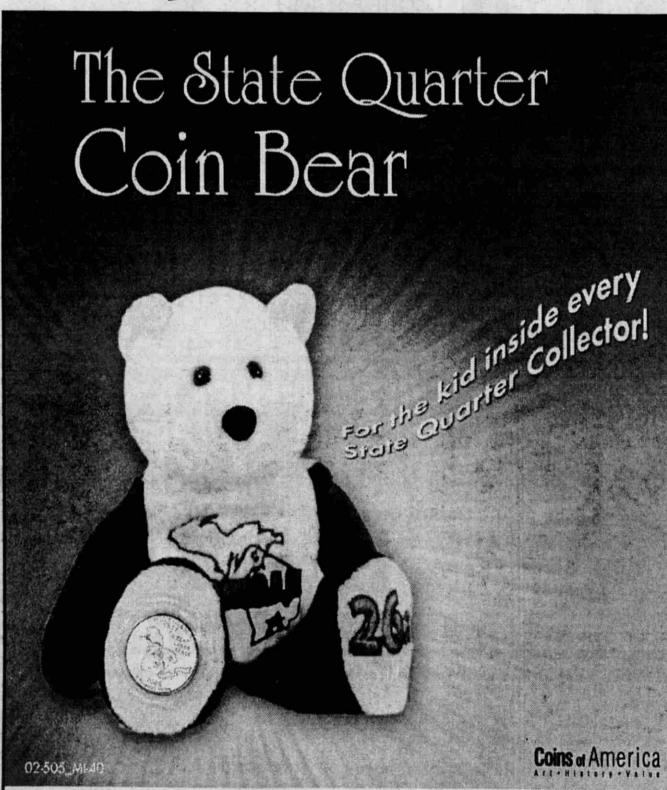
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Art wall will take the place of swings on Riverwalk



The swings along Riverwalk Plaza will be replaced next year by an art wall Unity High School students will construct.





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By Dan Schneider

will be gone by the end of the year.

Located between Englehardt Library and Unity High School, the playground equipment did not meet modern safety standards and is beyond repair, according to Lowell Area Schools transportation and space." operations director Larry Mikulski.

with literally condemned it," he said.

Large concrete tubes that had accom-

The playground that has long been a part of Lowell's downtown will be replaced next year by a mosaic art wall. Students at Unity High School will render mosaics and otherwise cover with tile a wall seven feet high and 12 feet long.

"It will reflect the natural area of the with tile in May. Flat River," said Unity High School artista class in tile-making and installation next be gorgeous," Kuilema said.

semester. The wall will include a doorway The swing set along Riverwalk Plaza symbolic of the transition between urban and natural environments.

> "The idea is it will be a passageway from the classroom to the natural environment," Kuilema said. "The doorway will be fairly small and I think it will be more of a visual

The students will make relief tiles as thin "The playground people who we work tiles to be broken into mosaic pieces. The project also includes tasks like estimating, construction and design. Students will make panied the swings were removed earlier the tiles at the school and transport them to Kuilema's studio to be fired.

> "I'll have 75 apprentices so I couldn't ask for a better situation," Kuilema said.

Students will make a photographic and possibly a video documentary of the process. Overbeck Construction will have the wall installed in time for the students to cover it

"The first thing they will see is a in-residence Mary Kuilema, who will teach cinderblock wall and then eventually it will

Chamber Foundation still raising funds for Showboat upkeep

The spring Lowell upkeep of the showboat, but storm destroyed the previfunding to keep it that way.

"We worked so hard on it, we really need a mainte- donors glass ornaments with available locally at the nance fund," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of

self to walk very far.

The city has some bear that name, was com- National Bank and Lowell money in its budget for the pleted in 1979 after a wind-

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rate fund. For a \$12 dona- the George Washington. tion, the chamber is offering

Lee, the fourth showboat to tington Bank, Ionia County

-Thomas Jefferson

isting showboat.

Leadership Institute for with the budget still tight, ous one. The showboat has Volunteer Excellence class another source of funding been a part of Lowell's hiswould go a long way toward tory since 1932, when city the Lowell Showboat look- keeping the showboat look- fathers came up with the ing ship-shape. The Greater ing good. The Chamber idea as a way to lift spirits Lowell Chamber Founda- Foundation is asking for do- during the Depression. The tion is now trying to secure nations to establish a sepa- first showboat was called

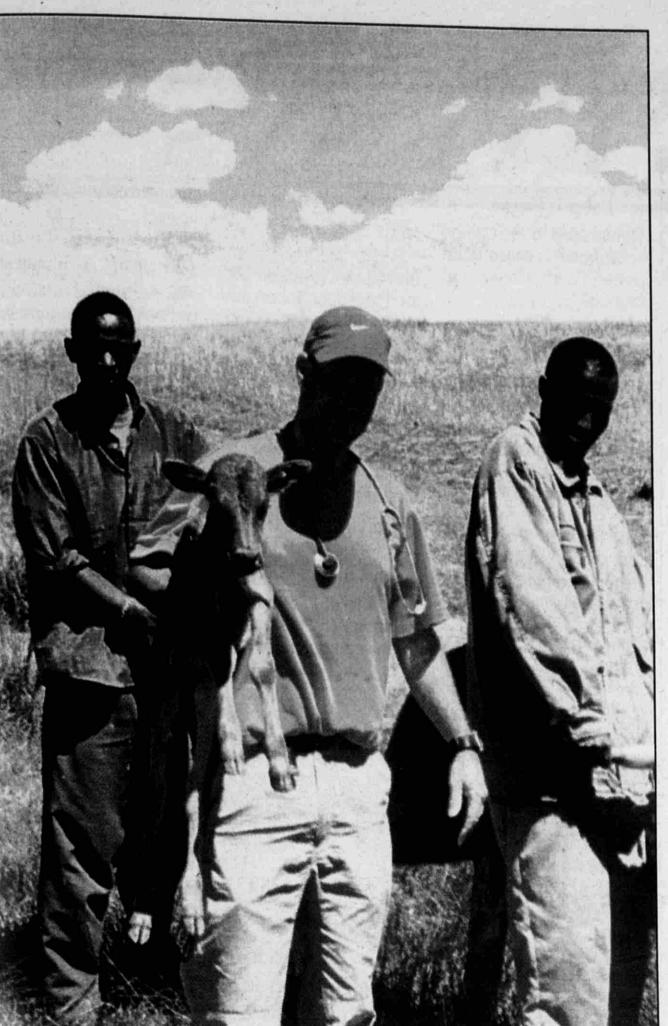
The ornaments are laser-cut images of the ex- Black and White Store. Design, Chimera The current Robert E. Springrove Variety, Hun-Area Arts Council. Still available are 750 of the 800 ornaments that were made. The Chamber Foundation hopes to raise about \$4,500 with the ornaments.

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Dr. Bruce Langlois, Remote Area Medical's veterinary director, with two of his students, Ben, left, and Steven. Langlois, holding a calf, trains the Maasia warriors on how to better care for their livestock.

Illegal trap, continued...From Page 1

"I'm single and it was just the two of us living here but not right away. "The right and the cat," she said.

Smith frequently walked her dog in the area by the two rivers. Since it was remote she would take her dog off the leash.

"I never had her off the frequent the area. leash where there were people," Smith said

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She will get a new dog, dog will come at the right time," Smith said.

the fact that someone is trap- the department or to call Siping illegally and for the lent Observer at 1-866-774safety of other people who 2345.

"Kids are down there a lot," she said.

Lowell police are looking for the person who placed the trap. People with information relating to the case She's concerned about are encouraged to contact

There comes a time in each life like a point of fulcrum. At that time you must accept yourself. It is not any more what you will become. It is what you are and always will be.

Last week, Wed., Nov. 10, 2004 at

1:30 p.m., where the Flat and Grand

rivers meet and our youth fish and ride

their bikes, this loving and innocent

dog was walking with me, her owner.

She was lured into and suffocated to

death in an ILLEGAL TRAP set by a

selfish and thoughtless person.

I am deeply grieving the loss of my

sweet and constant companion.

Local veterinarian part of team providing workshops in Kenya

Animal Hospital of Lowell Maasia warriors. They were and veterinary director of taught anatomy, physiol-Remote Area Medical, re- ogy, nutrition, pharmacolcently arrived home from a ogy, humane livestock hantrip to Maasialand in Kenya, dling, how to perform a Eastern Africa. The purpose physical examination, and was to do training of com- common disease conditions munity-based animal in cattle, sheep and goats. healthcare workers. The The 32 students learned team which includes Dr. through classroom teaching Sandra Chapman of and hands-on practice. Montreal, Quebec, has written a book and developed a ing, Drs. Langlois and course to train natives in Chapman did an evaluation developing countries who of the problems in the area. survive on subsistence agri- Plans are being developed culture how to better care to reduce disease and infor their livestock and crease production of the handle common disease livestock, on which Maasia

Students who took the Tick infestation was a big

Dr. Bruce Langlois, of four-week course were problem in the cattle, and the team has instituted a plan

> Along with the trainare extremely dependent.

for tick control, which will reduce the incidence of many of the common dis-Dr. Langlois said, "We found the Maasia to be very

open and appreciative of our work, and we know that this program, and our work to follow, will have an incredible impact on the livestock and the Maasia economy.'

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SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- 897-7060 or 897-7555. 5 p.m. Call Larry at

SUN .: V.F.W. Post 8303 Room of Grattan Township Bingo. Doors open: 11 a.m.; Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Public invited. Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every 1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup-Sunday except holidays.

MON.: LHS Fellowship of nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Women's over 30 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

MON .: Boy Scout Troop S. Hudson St. 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Lincoln Lake. 4302 for more info.

MON .: Lowell Board of Administration Building, 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post Sandy 285-0621 or June at Franciscan Life Process #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum,84th/Alden Nash.

torical Society board Call 897-8304. meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. 2ND & 4TH TUES .: 1ST THURS .: Michigan All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Wellness Center, Bridge Community Campus, 750 Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral dinner is provided. Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor 2ND & 4THTUES .: Knights Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Community Rm., 725 of Columbus #7719 meets

3RD MON .: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 3RD TUES .: Saranac Nash Ave. at 7 p.m. 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of Scrappers, scrapbooking/ the Nazarene in the Fel- journaling group meets at 2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., lowship Hall. 4 Health Wellness Center.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis 8:30 p.m. Light American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES .: Parents of TUES .: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. 2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Sensibly Tops MI#372 Luke's Lutheran Church. meets at Key Heights Mo- 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. bile Home Park Community Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call

Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. Linda: 874-5662; teen

group: Sarah 281-6588.

TUES .: Cub Scout Pack **EVERY OTHER WED.:** 3188 at 1st United Meth-6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. odist Church, 6:30 p.m. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce @ tian Reformed Church. 3RD THURS .: Rubber Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat.

11:15 a.m./women only at Reformed Church, Call

754-7104. Public welcome. 1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien

> port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-897-2760 or 897-9160.

AD/HD at Calvin College.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look THURS.: Weight Watch-Memorial Fire Station, 315 ers at Lowell Nazarene

2ND TUES.: Lowell Ma- 1/2 hr. before the meeting. sonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119

formation.

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come. Contact Bev or

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter practice at Saranac High of the American Sewing School Band Rm. Choir:6-Education meets 7 p.m. in Guild, Plainfield Senior 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Center, 5255 Grand River Maatman, 897-5981. Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call THURS .: Pottery classes

> 897-7842. 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS THURS.: St. Mary's Preg-

- Mothers of Preschoolers nancy Crisis Center, 402 ... because mothering mat- Amity St., non-denominaters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at tional help for pregnant Impact, a Wesleyan women/adolescents,11 3RDMON .: Fallasburg His- Church, 1070 N. Hudson. a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

> Needlers. Hepatitis C Foundation needleart/quilting bee, 5- support meetings, 7-8:30 8:30 p.m., 4 Health p.m. Spectrum Health Kent St., Saranac. All are wel- Fuller NE.

> > club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room.

Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden

1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Bridge St., Saranac, 5:30- Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

> of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

> Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

> 3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Parent Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call

Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. stamping at Christian Life 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Complex.

Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Flat River WED .: Rotary meets at Center 6-9 p.m. Create noon, Lowell Masonic

> upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

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

WED .: Tri-town Conserva-

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

1ST TUES.: Adults with 2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

> Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS .: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers 2ND SAT.: Lowell Ama-

231-780-1249 for more in- Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Melissa, 642-6466. Light 1ST THURS.: 4-H drama

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

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

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

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THURS., DEC. 9: 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside Shop Meijer.

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SAT., DEC. 4: Breakfast at Youth Memorial Center (fairgrounds), 8-11:30 a.m. Kids eat with Santa, 8:30 -THURS., DEC. 2: - 9:45 a.m. Free will offering.

> MON., DEC. 6: Athletic Boosters Club regular meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

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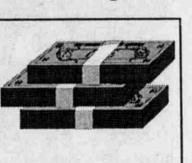
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.m. Bible Study.

t Woodland Mall; 12:45

THURS .: 9:00 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MON., NOV. 29: 12 p.m. Potato Bar; 12:45 p.m. Travelogue.

TUES., NOV. 30: 12:45 o.m. Lowell Museum.

WED., DEC. 1: 9:30 a.m. Podiatrist; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12:45 p.m. Tour St. Nicolas Church.

THURS., DEC. 2: Noon, Cafe in the Woods and Shop Woodland Mall.

FRI., DEC. 3: 9 a.m. Bowling; 10 a.m. Out & About; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., DEC. 6: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Cascade

FRI., DEC. 10: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch at Grandville 10 a.m. Out & About.

MON., DEC. 13: Noor Potato Bar; 12:45 p.m. Meijer Gardens Christmas

TUES., DEC. 14: 11:15 a.m. St. Cecelia's Brown Bag Lunch.

WED., DEC. 15: 4:15 p.m. Dinner at Fire Mountain.

THURS., DEC. 16: 12:45 p.m. Shop Sam's Club.

FRI., DEC. 17: 10 a.m. Out & About; 1 p.m. Tour Christian Life Center/Tea.

p.m. Travelogue; 4:30 Dinner at Keiser's/Tour Christmas Lights.

MON., DEC. 20: 12:45

TUES., DEC. 21: 12 p.m. Christmas Party.

WED., DEC. 22: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast Cracker Barrel; 12:45 p.m.

Tight economy proves even small purchases are debated

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

It doesn't take much to figure out that the city of Lowell is running on a very tight budget. Tight enough copy machine can create some debate.

As luck would have it. Lowell police chief Jim Valentine received a phone call in August from Xerox representatives who stated that due to the age of the department's copy machine and availability of parts, the company would no longer support a for the entire year plus the It was suggested funds clerk in the main office must maintenance agreement on \$232 per year maintenance be withdrawn from the city's leave, go down the hall, and the machine.

"It was as if the machine knew that and wouldn't you not cover the entire cost of recommend this.

it stopped," Valentine said. \$4,806.

After talking with Xerox

partment could handle the but that the department vious, according to Valenlease payment proposed by would need a budget adjust- tine. The department makes Adams-Remco, which ment in order to purchase about 3,000 to 3,500 copies would be about \$1,424.52 the machine outright.

know, about two weeks later, the copier this year, which is

chasing a new copier.

started at \$250, Valentine city more than \$2,000, rather time period. decided the department than enter into a five-year needed to inquire into pur- lease agreement. Valentine was not in the budget this said the monthly lease agree- year, the inconvenience of After reviewing his bud- ment could come from the using City Hall's machine get, Valentine felt the de- equipment budget line item, has become increasingly ob-

fund balance, but city man- make the copies, sometimes The department could ager David Pasquale did not

The council accepted a several minutes, he ex- was not the lowest bid, comcompromise: they agreed to plained. Several of the council the lease with Adams-

> While the copy machine per month. This means the

ing in at \$118.71 per month The staff tested several for the lease payment, but representatives and learning members indicated they Remco for one year with copy machines. Of four bid- Valentine said the clerks that repairs could run be- would prefer to see the de- Valentine finding out if the ders, the department settled were satisfied with its overtween\$1,250 and \$3,000 just partment purchase the ma- department could purchase on the Savin machine of- all performance and felt it that even the purchase of a for parts, and the service call chine outright, and save the the copier outright after that fered by Adams-Remco. It was the most user-friendly.

COLLEGE NEWS

nounced its dean's list for Holly Young. the spring semester.

are Sara Bailey, Brandon Onan, Jessica Eimer, Sa- iams. rah Happie, Sally Kapteyn, Jennifer Millis, list, a student must have a Tyler Nethercott, Carrie grade point average of 3.5 or Stickney.

said his company would pro- machine from him than pur- to use the machine more than

Aguinas College has an- Lisa Wojciakowski and

From the Alto area are From the Lowell area Evan Chamberlin, Molly Pickard and Steven Will-

To qualify for the dean's Anna above in a minimum of 12 Veinbergs, Brett West, hours of graded credit.

City postpones purchase, continued... From Page 3

The machine DesJarden the equipment were also conview the option with is located at 411 E. Main St., spend less money renting the Canfield, the city would need recommended came from cerns. Doheny Supplies at a cost of meet city standards.

Not factored into the price per hour, he said. run the machine, Canfield fer and the fact that Des Jarden wait up to three hours for a in his letter. erly run the hoses and jetter. machine until DesJarden had minimize the city's liability. Storage and maintenance of a chance to discuss and re-

Canfield said the stan-

Green light for shops, cont'd...From Page 4

therefore the parking was look at the plans, he need to come back to the

only estimated. If something said. Pasquale said the site commission for another

were to change that would plan review is only good for approval. It is estimated that

cause the second building to a year so if the second build- Piersma will make about

need more parking, the city ingis not constructed within \$30,000 of site improve-

would have to take another that time, Piersma would ments on the property.

Canfield.

not trained on how to prop- pone any decision on the jetter to 30 minutes and would he believed the city would service call as quoted by

Canfield, whose business

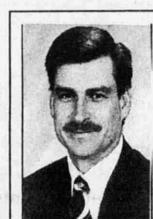
\$27,450. It was not the low-dard charge for renting a jetter works department said the week priority dispatching. DesJarden is on vacation, a ing about one to two times a est bid, but in a memo to the machine is \$375 for two concern has been the response "We have a proven track firm number of times a jetter week. Canfield added his council, DesJarden stated the hours; this includes trained time in relieving backups. record of working efficiently machine was needed could company also provides cleanlowest bidder's machine personal running the machine The quicker the response on with city staff at a reasonable not be confirmed; staff indi- ing line services to residents would have to be modified to for the city. To rent just the a city line blockage, the less cost and feel the cost of a new cated, however, that it is not a and businesses, for which he jetter, the cost would be \$150 likely it will back up into a sewer jetter, probably around regular occurrence-it is sim- is planning to use the mahome. DesJarden explained \$30,000, would be better uti- ply unknown when one would chine. It is a medium sized included training personal to Because of Canfield's of- in his memothat the city could lized in other ways," he said be needed.

leaving the front desk to the

police department empty for

said, adding that a person is out of town until Nov. 29, jetter truck but by having one Also mentioned in his let-new machine to be \$27,450 handle any blockage probcould get seriously injured if the council decided to post- locally, the time would be 15 ter to the city, Canfield said and dividing that by \$375 per lems in the city lines.

City staff from the public vide 24-hour, seven-days a chasing its own. Since 73 times in one year, averagone for a jetter system and Estimating the cost of a believed it could pretty much



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at Middle School Gym Mezzanine Loft area Regular practice starts November 30 on Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Middle School - until further notice. Freestyle Wrestlers can signup at this time or in mid-January.

NOVEMBER 30

Keep your eyes posted in your child's Friday folders and Lowell Ledger for future sign-up dates.



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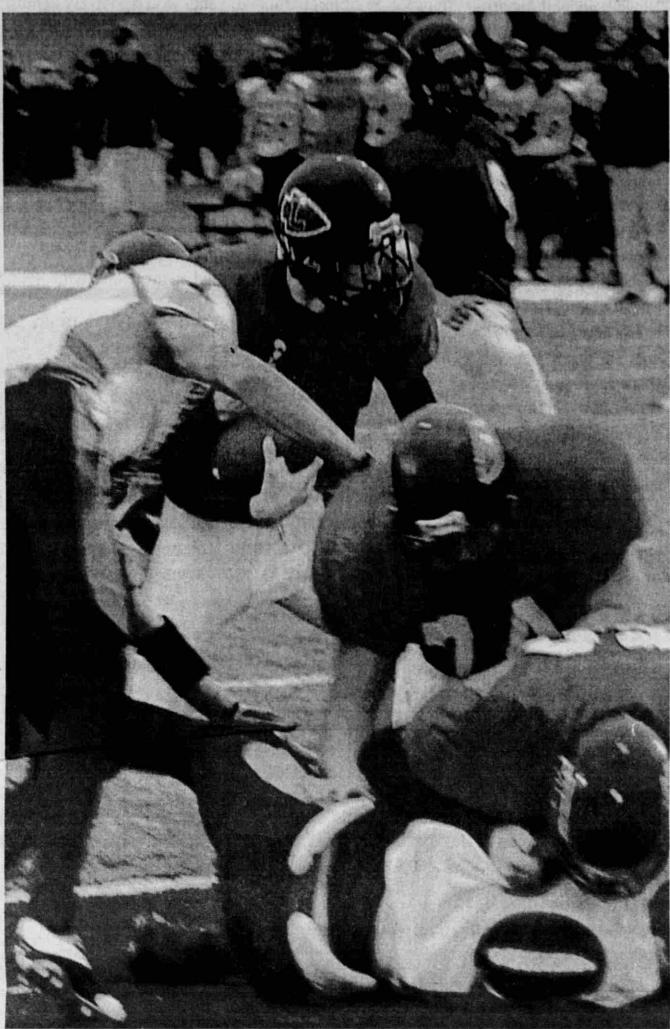
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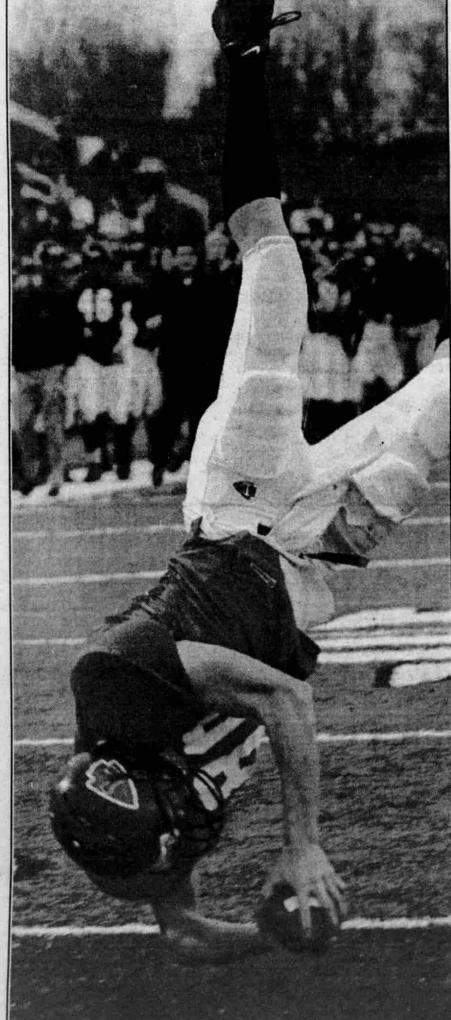
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On to the Silverdome, continued...From Page 1



Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol runs the ball in for one of his four touchdowns against Charlotte.



capped by another Nicholsneak touchdown. The Lowell defense kept coming on strong. "We put pressure on the quarterback, made them make bad decisions, that's what we needed to do to win this game," said Meeuwsen. Bad decisions added to

yard touchdown.

run by Esbaugh. Then Low-

ell kicker Ramsey Charrouf

made a saving tackle on the

kickoff. Charlotte had first

and 10 on the 31. Eldred

completed a pass for 10 more

vards but Chris Meeuwsen

made sure that was all the

progress they'd make on that

drive. He charged through

the middle of the line, block-

ing Eldred's pass. The ball

went straight up, knuckling

around in the air before

Meeuwsen grabbed it. Low-

ell went up 28-7 after a drive

Lowell's tight pass coverage meant real problems for the Orioles. Koster picked off Eldred on his next pass Lowell drove for another

touchdown (Nichol kept the ball a fourth time for the

Frank Mulder picked off Eldred on the next Oriole Shea was upended into the end zone as the clock ran drive.

At left, Lowell's Brad

down on the first half of

Lowell's state semifinal

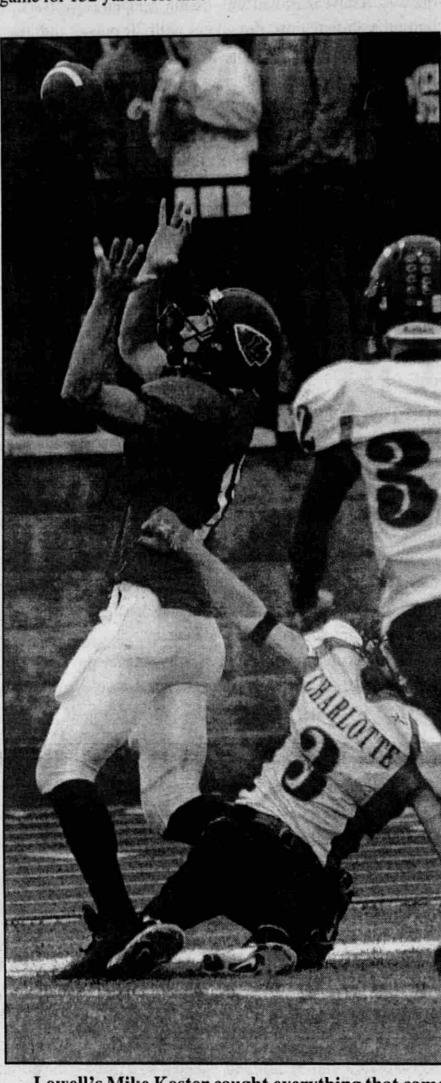
win over Charlotte.

With 11.8 on the clock, Nichol ended the half by completing a pass to Brad Shea who made a wild, flipping trip to the end zone.

Then Charlotte demonstrated why they were playone, then Eldred completed Charlotte would score in the two passes. The second was fourth, but it was too little, to Ben Sherman for a 26- too late.

Lowell's next drive eight-for-eight passing in the fense with five tackles each. ended in a short touchdown game for 152 yards. He also

The clock ran in the sec- kept the ball 18 times for 75 ondhalf. Lowell used up just yards. Esbaugh led Lowell ing in a state semifinal game. about all of the third quarter in rushing with 89 yards on They converted a fourth-and- on one final scoring drive. 20 runs. Lowell totaled 212 yards rushing and allowed Charlotte only 47. Brock Graham and Jeremy Nichol went perfect, Holliman led the Lowell de-



Lowell's Mike Koster caught everything that came his way against Charlotte: five receptions for 104 yards.

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Arrow basketball puts forth strong effort in spite of loss

By Dan Schneider

The season ended in Muskegon for the Lowell girls varsity basketball team, Monday, as the Red Arrows fell short against Grand Rapids Christian.

great challenges the Arrows son. The first was the district est Hills Northern. And even in the first loss of the season, they rose to the challenge against Christian.

"My girls will never lose because of lack of effort," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley.

points earlier in the fourth quarter, the Arrows pulled it back to within two in the final minutes. But Christian made free throws, kept control, and ended up ahead 57-

Lowell had a hard time dealing with Christian's size and physicality. The Eagles had a lot of strength inside getting offensive boards. They also forced Lowell into 24 turnovers.

"I think they scored most of their points on fast break," Crowley said.

Christian also did a good per hand in a tight game characteristic of the team all fense. Lowell has exhibited job stopping Lowell's star against Forest Hills North-

guard, Kendra Gallert. She ern, 44-40. was limited to three points in the game. Lowell also hit but by just three points. only one out of 13 three Northern scored first, then pointers. The Arrows typi- hit a three-pointer to go up It was the second of two cally hit six or more per 25-23. The Huskies played a game. But forward Amy stingy defense that kept Lowfaced at the end of the sea- Oberlin had a good game ell on the perimeter. But the inside. She led Lowell scor- Red Arrows were playing championship against For- ers with 20 points and also tough defense, too. They led Lowell in rebounding stuck with it and started to with 12 boards.

> Oberlin was disap- fourth quarter. pointed with the result ciated the challenge.

end of what was still a great throws on a one-and-one trip season for the Red Arrows. to the line to seal the deal.

"There's only one team in class A that doesn't lose game," Gallert said. She led the last game, but it doesn't the Arrows' scoring with 18. overshadow what they've The Red Arrows

records, including most wins champions. in a season and least points

Lowell was up at the half, get the ball inside during the

It was a tough fight against Christian, but appre- throughout the fourth. The score was tied at 36, 38, and "This is why I play bas- 40 in the last five minutes of ketball, for games like this," the game. Then Brook After being down by 10 she said. "You win some, VanEck hit a vital jump shot you lose some, this is what from the left side. The Lowell defense held on and And the loss came at the Kendra Gallert hit two free

"We really wanted this

done all year," Crowley said. avenged last year's district This year's team finished semifinal loss to the Rangers 23-1. They set several school and became the district

To get to the rematch against Northern, Lowel On the way to the beatForestHills Central, 59regionals, Lowell got the up- 29, in the way that has been

year. The Red Arrows' de- these abilities in earnest as fense confounded the Rang- the regular season ended and ers' offense, rendering it in- the tournament began. effective and recovering the

"The last two weeks have ball for multiple fast break probably been some of our opportunities. Lowell forced best basketball of the year," said Crowley. Over past two weeks,

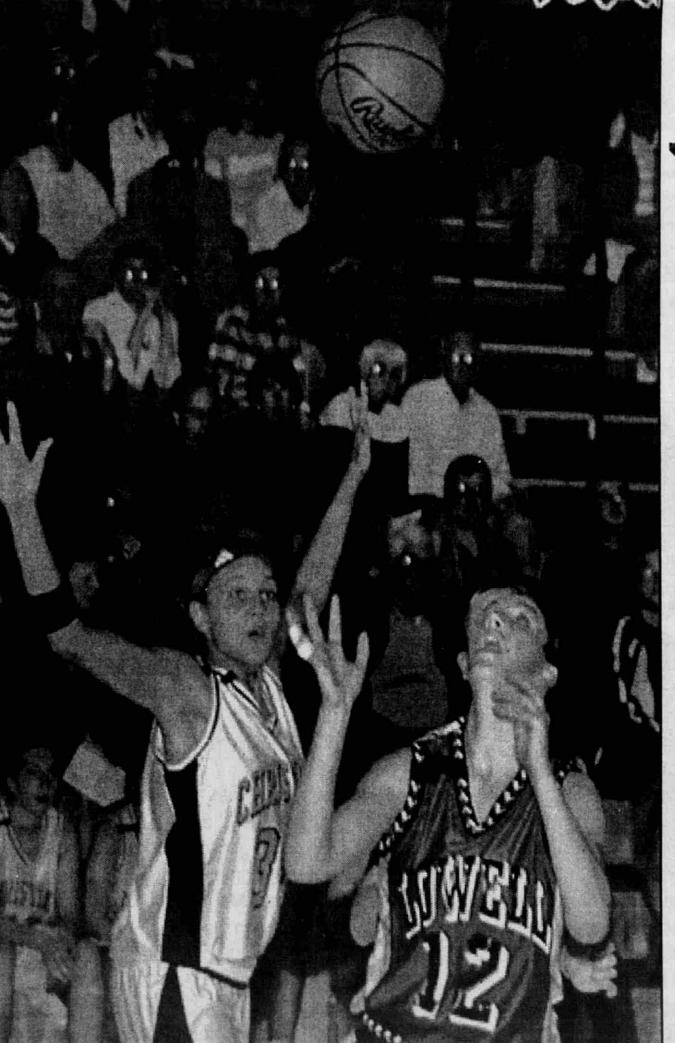
24 turnovers in the game. On the offensive side of the court, Lowell's quick Lowell beat OK Gold champ passing and ability to hit both Wyoming Park, claimed inside and outside shots was their second win over a led on the boards with eight. hard on the Rangers' de- strong Unity Christian team,

and won decisively against the Cedar Springs team that forced overtime when the two met earlier in the year.

Leading Lowell's offense against the Rangers was Gallert with 18 points and four assists. Devon Collins scored 11 points and Brittany Bueche came off the bench to add 10. VanEck



Lowell's Brittany Bueche takes the ball across half court against Forest Hills Northern in last week's district semifinal.



Lowell's Amy Oberlin works for position against Grand Rapids Christian





JV Lady Arrows basketball has best-ever season

The Lowell JV girls basketball team completed its best season with an undefeated 20-0 record. The Lady Red Arrows credited their success to offensive execution, defensive pressure and teamwork.

Members of the team include sophomores Austyn Foster, Lisa Johnson, Karri Ort, Amanda Geelhoed, Hayley Getzen, Kelsey Koewers and Lyndsey Trierweiler, also freshmen Chelsea Harrison and Andrea Converse. They were coached by Roxanne Gallert.

Murray Lake students earn a chance at cash

Five Murray Lake Elementary students took home some extra cash last Wednesday, Nov. 17. Emma McLane, Page Wilson, Hailey Stasiak, Jacob Sprague and Logan

TOWNSHIP

OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

Planning Commission of the Township of

Grattan will hold a public hearing on

December 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan

Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road

within the Township, on a proposed ordinance

new Article 14 of the zoning ordinance

covering planned unit developments (PUDs).

This new Article 14 would replace the existing

Article 14 in its entirety, except that existing

Article 14 would continue to apply to land

development plans that were approved as

The amending ordinance includes

provisions on the minimum qualifying

conditions for PUDs; procedures for Planning

Commission and Township Board review of

applications for PUDs; the required contents

and information to be included in

development plans for proposed PUDs;

standards under which development plans for

PUDs would be reviewed and approved by

the Planning Commission and Township

Board; procedures for approval of changes in

an approved PUD; provisions on the

imposing of terms and conditions on PUD

approved PUD; performance guarantees and

public hearing and comment on the proposed

amending ordinance. Written comments

concerning the ordinance may be submitted

to the Township office, at the above-stated

address, up to the time of the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

All interested persons may attend the

commencement of construction of

approval; time

other provisions.

Dated: November 5, 2004

limitations for

PUDs under the existing Article 14.

The amending ordinance would adopt a

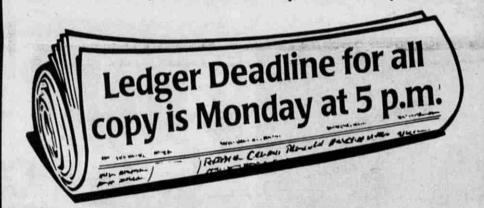
to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Family Links fundraiser. The students were placed in a phone booth-sized plastic

Landman all sold over 30 items from Murray Lake's annual

box called the "Money Machine" and allowed to grab bills (\$1-\$50) that were blown inside the box. Students cheered their fellow classmates on as they grabbed the free cash. Landman was the big cash winner taking home \$30; others won from \$13 to \$26.

The Money Machine was used as a motivator for students to sell their fundraiser items. The fundraiser earned over \$10,000 for the Murray Lake Family Links



VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider a private road application as follows:

James Sturrus has requested an application review to construct a private road named Alder Meadow Court for access to nine lots in the RA District. The property is located on the west side of Lincoln Lake Ave. in section 10, parcel number 41-16-10-400-028, about 400 feet north of Lincoln Hills private road.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments 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



Logan Landman trys to grab the cascading bills during his turn in the box.

NOTICE **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review. Applications should be received by Wednesday, December 15, 2004, and will be considered at the December 20, 2004 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, kindly send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208, and a form and job description will be sent. For further information, call 897-5671 during office hours.

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TIME TO REVIEW YOUR 401(K) HOLDINGS?

With Christopher C. Godbold

This may be the time of year when your company gives you a chance to increase your 401(k) contributions. But how much to put in isn't your only decision regarding your 401(k) -you'll also want to look at your investment mix. Why? Because things change-and, if you want to get the maximum benefits from your 401(k), you'll need to make sure it still meets your needs.

When considering adjustments to your 401(k), think about two key factors: the performance of your investments and the number of years you have until retirement. Let's look at both:

• 401(k) performance-The performance of the indi-

vidual accounts within your 401(k) can affect the overall balance of your plan. When you established your 401(k), you allocated different percentages of your total portfolio to stocks, bonds, money market accounts, government securities, etc. Over time, these percentages can changea lot. During the long bull market of the 1990s, the equity portion of your 401(k) may have grown to such levels that your portfolio was taking on a higher level of risk than you were comfortable with.

Now, though, the situation is different. From 2001 through 2003, the stock market has had mixed results, and 2004 has not been a particularly good year. So, within your overall portfolio, the value of stocks may be down, which means that your other 401(k) investments-especially your fixed-income vehicles- may have taken on a greater prominence.

This could be a problem. You need your 401(k) to grow, so that you can build resources for retirement. And to achieve this growth, you need significant exposure to stocks. Of course, stocks are subject to market riskincluding the potential loss of principal invested-but, over the long term, stocks have historically outperformed every other financial asset. (Keep in mind, though, that any stock's past performance doesn't assure its future

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004 -PAGE 17 results.) So, if your 401(k) is becoming "overweighted" in fixed-income investments, your progress toward your retirement goals could be slowed.

Review your 401(k), at least once a year to make sure your holdings still reflect your risk tolerance and need for growth. If you have high-quality, stock-based accounts, don't give up on them because of a down year-over time, good investments tend to reward patient investors.

· Years until retirement-You'll also want to review your 401(k)'s investment mix to make sure it is still suitable for your age level. When you're starting out in your career, you can afford to invest more aggressively in your 401(k), because you have many years to overcome any "down" periods. But in your last few years before you retire, you may want to shift some (but not all) 401(k) assets from stock accounts into fixed-income accounts. By making this move, you can "lock in" any gains you achieved from stocks and reduce the volatility of your overall account in the final years in which you'll contrib-

Start Your Review Soon

By reviewing your 401(k), possibly with an investment professional, you can ensure that your holdings are working together to help you achieve the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. So the next time you get that 401(k) statement, take a close look at it-it's got an interesting story to tell.

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on December 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the

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COUNTY OF KENT

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Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Mark and Diane Smith for a special land use that would amend the special use permit issued on April 5, 1995 so as to approve the division of the following described lands in accordance with the land division application approved by the land division administrator on November 8, 2004:

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 89°53' West 600.03 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 00°17' West 500.38 feet; thence South 17°23' West 509.16 feet; thence South 26°32' East 258.35 feet to a line which is measured as bearing North 44°57'26" East from a point 122.5 feet West along the South line of Government Lot 1 from the Northwest corner of Cooked Lake Park; thence South 83°48'17" East 164.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 83°48'17" East 93.00 feet; thence North 42°23'43" East 125.52 feet along a traverse line on the North side of Big Crooked Lake; thence North 65°24" West 95.09 feet; thence South 46°42' West 108.63 feet; thence South 13°37'14" West 49.14 feet to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The Planning Commission will also consider granting site plan approval to the proposed land division in accordance with the Township Land Division Ordinance and the April 5, 1995 special land use.

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: November 17, 2004

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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I saw a gal from a hair salon getting a salad. As she leaned over, hair clippings fell into the food. Isn't this a health code violation?

I want to thank the guys down at River City auto for the work they did on my car. You guys are

To all the Lowell fans who have supported the team every step of the way, thank you.

Thank you to the KISD Drivers, TB, TL and two others for helping my daughter when her car died at an intersection last week. I am very thankful that all of you took the time to help a stranded

RED ARROWS >>>>> WOW! What a season and two wins over EGR! Congrats, team! See you at the state finals.

Certain parent volunteers are not very friendly, & one takes up all the volunteer time.

Your article was great as always this week. Putting dog drops in your eyes is nothing compared to mistaking Ben-Gay for Preparation H -

Not good. (Ha Ha) Never lived that down.

As long as Bush is in the White House, he's going to change as much of the Constitution as he can. No way should Arnooold be able to run for president!

> WOO HOO!!! The cable was only out for 9 hours this time. We're getting there! Keep up the good work.

During this time of Thanksgiving the YMCA would like to show its appreciation for everybody in the community who supported it. - Andy

Lowell Schools has the best principals and teachers ever! Mrs. Burd and Mrs. Dorough, We all love you.

I just want to say what an asset Mrs. Burd is to our schools. Rain or shine, she is outside helping to unload your children as you drop them off. She is so caring and wonderful with all the children.

As a former LHS grad now in college living many miles away I find it interesting how insignificant high school sports really are.

God Bless our veterans. Please pray for those who are currently serving.

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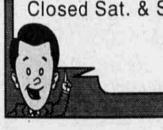


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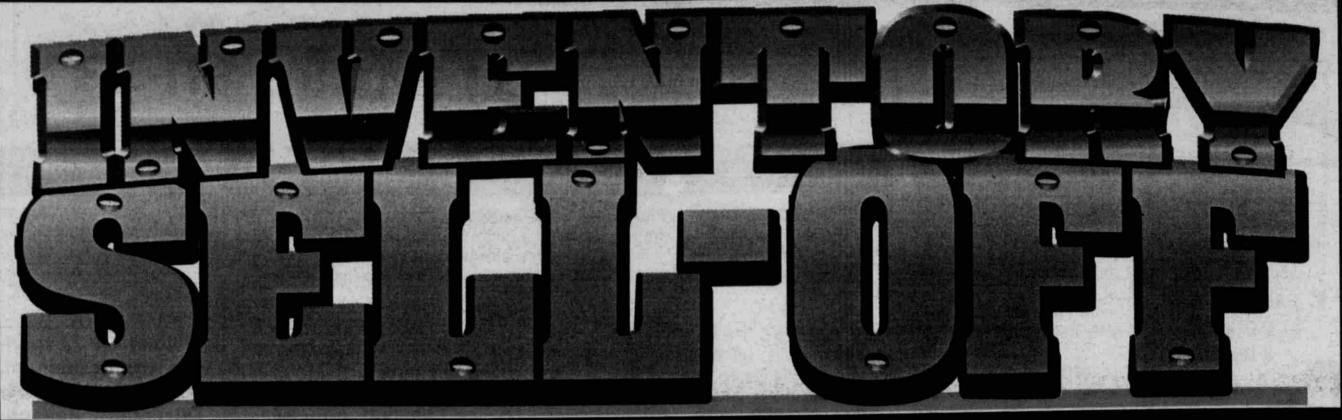
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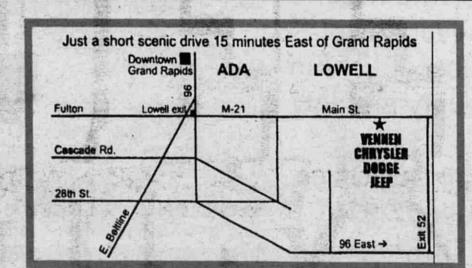
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