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## Lowell LIVE class plans bridge in preserve

By Dan Schneider

his summer a bridge will be built on the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

The bridge is this year's project of the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE). Its construction could start the first weekend in June or sooner.

The bridge, actually more of a boardwalk, will be about 100 feet long. It will allow users of the planned Lowell Area Trailway to cross a stream and some low-lying wet areas in the preserve. Once it is completed, the bridge may stand on its own in the middle of a field for a while.

of Lowell and Vergennes and Lowell townships, is beginning to make a physical needs assessment of the first stage of the trail. This is the final step before fundraising for the trail's construction can begin.

The assessment will determine the technical details of the trail. This includes getting permission from the owners of property the trail will cross, finalizing the trail's routing, and engineering its construction.

"We need to know exactly where the trail is going to go and how much it will cost," said Mari Stone, Vergennes Township's elected official on the LARA board. "That kind of information is essential in securing major grants from the

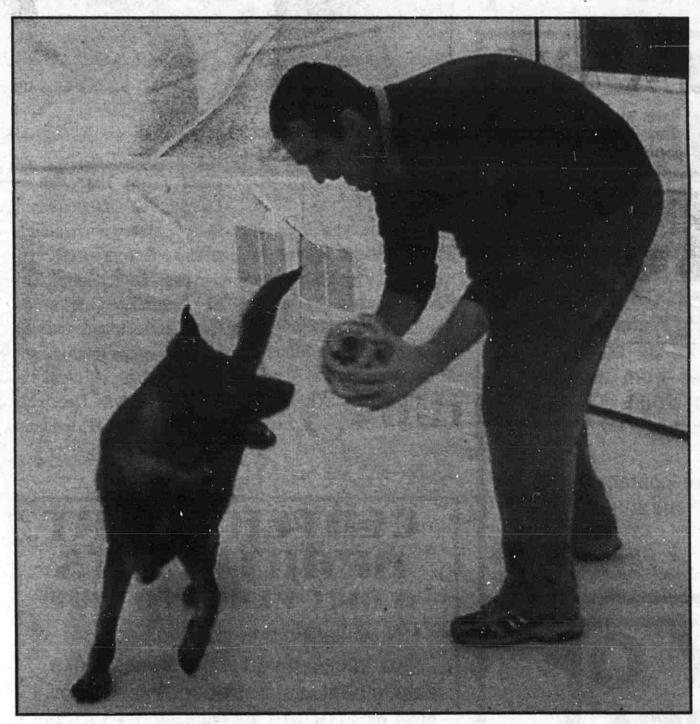
best spot for it and it also fits well with where we want to put the trail," said LARA board secretary Al Halbeisen.

He said LARA hopes to have the physical assessment done by April 1st. That's this year's application deadline for Michigan Department of Natural Resources' trail grants. Though the trail won't be finished by the time the LIVE group starts building its project, LARA is committed to using the bridge.

"This is a sizeable investment from the community," Stone said.

> Building a bridge, cont'd., pg. 3

## Croatian dog trainer makes Lowell his home



Dog trainer Nino Islamcevic plays with Garo, one of the German shepherds he owns.

By Dan Schneider

og trainer Nino slamcevic come a long way since arriving in America as a refugee seven years ago.

His new dog training and kennel facility on the western edge of Lowell Township welcomed its first canine visitors in December. It's a pretty comfortable place for a dog to spend some time. The 14 kennels have heated floors and inside and outside spaces.

The building, located behind Islamcevic's house at 9920 36th Street just east of Snow Avenue, also has a

large indoor training and play area for dogs. Islamcevic has been around dogs since he was a child growing up in Zagreb, Croatia. He was a professional dog trainer for 15 years.

"I always had a dog all my life," he said. "Back home I had my own business just like this."

His Lowell Township business is called K-9 Academy International. He has experience training a broad range of dogs.

"My count up to now is I've trained over 1,000 dogs," Islamcevic said. 'Poodles, chihuahuas, I've trained everything from

His own dogs are on the large end of the canine size scale. He has two female German shepherds brought over from Europe, which he uses for breeding. He has sold some of the puppies in the Lowell area. He also owns a male German shepherd and a male Belgian malinois shepherd.

He trains his German shepherds for schutzhund competition. Schutzhund is a canine work-skills competition. Dogs are judged in three skills: obedience, tracking and protection.

"It demands from the dog to be a real athlete," of Snow Avenue, also has a chihuahuas to mastiffs." Islamcevic said. "Those paving the way to future related work included a to use the street.

kind of dogs that are really good working dogs."

With their special skills, schutzhund dogs are good candidates to become police dogs. They also are good police-dog breeding stock.

Islamcevic and a few

a schutzhund club that is now up to 10 members. In 2001, he was captain of the U.S. team that went to the schutzhund world championships in Slovenia.

In 1997, he went to the world championships other dog trainers started in Luxemburg with the

Croatian team. Later that year, he and his wife Sabina fled Croatia in the aftermath of a war that tore the country apart.

> Dog Trainer, cont'd., pg. 10

# City wraps up another busy year of projects

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

improvements, the clearing of the Barton house, road improvements and roof work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant—these are just some of the larger projects completed by the city of Lowell this past year.

tradition, city manager David Pasquale prepared a list of accomplishments from the previous year that he presented to the city council at its first meeting of the new year, which was Jan. 3.

Pasquale said 2004 was another busy year for the city as it wrapped up several major projects and helped put in place a cooperative agreement between the city and Vergennes and Lowell townships on the area's trail system. The Lowell Trails Agreement Area was approved by all three municipalities and establishes a body that will oversee the trail system in three areas. Several people see the cooperative as cooperatives with the parks and other shared facilities.

For the city of i d e w a l k Lowell, a lot was done in road construction. Several major projects were completed including sidewalk improvements along Foreman expanding on to Gee Drive and to the Creekside Park entrance. These improvements and the additional asphalt path through Creekside Park created a new walking route for school students, which the Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Police Department have been promoting.

> In cooperation with developers, the city was able to improve South Center and Clarke streets by providing them with utilities and providing sanitary sewer improvements east of Ottawa Street by Michigan Wire.

After several months of working out the details, the Barton house, located on S. Hudson at the 4-H fairgrounds, was finally removed to the relief and delight of many residents.

Other construction-

storage building at the Water Treatment Plant and roof work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Hopefully, this spring, the Englehardt Library staff won't have to drape shelves in plastic since roof repairs which have plagued the facility and the ones that faced the recently completed City Hall/police station building were completed.

The staff is still working out other detail s regarding the City Hall which include replacing the entrance doors which are not wearing well with the Michigan weather, Pasquale said.

The city was able to get one project off the ground last year by initiating engineering work for the Grindle Drive street improvements. For the past couple of years, especially after Meijer was completed, the city has been looking at ways to improve Grindle which has been a concern due to its deterioration. Staff expects the condition of the road to only get worse as more and more traffic starts



aged 81, of Greenville, many nieces and nephews. passed away on Monday, Memorial service was held January 3, 2005. He was Wednesday, January 5 at preceded in death by his wife the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. K. Elizabeth. He is survived Dean Bailey of Alto/Bowne by his son Dan of Greenville; Center United Methodist daughters Katherine and Churchofficiating. Memorial David Fairchild of Comstock contributions may be made Park, Mary and John Waringa to the American Diabetes of Lowell; six grandchildren; Association. five great-grandchildren. Private graveside services HAMP - Daryl W. Hamp, will be held at a later date aged 80, of Lowell, passed in Idlewild Cemetery, Kent away January 8, 2005 at his City, with Rev. Steve Young residence with his wife Betty officiating. As Walter had of 59 years by his side. He

AFTON - Walter C. Afton, Henry Johnson of Alto:

wished no visitation or was preceded in death by his public service will be held. parents Walter and Velma Hamp. He is survived by COLES - Roger A. Coles, his loving and caring wife aged 73, of Greenville, Betty (Decker) Hamp; passed away unexpectedly sister Madonna Livingston; January 1, 2005. He is children Len (Linda) Hamp, survived by his wife of 53 Randy (Mary) Hamp; five years, Jean; brother James grandchildren; nine great-(Dianne) Coles of Detroit; grandchildren. Daryl was

### aunt and uncle Maxine and a WW II veteran serving SYNOPSIS **REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

December 20, 2004 - 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the November 15, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to send Faber Industrial Site Condominium application to the Planning for Commission review recommendation
- Motion to grant preliminary approval to Alder Meadows Court Private Road
- Motion to reappoint Scott Jernberg and Mike Mastrovito to three year terms on the Planning Commission
- Motion to appoint Dave Pedley, Jim Herb, and Todd Cooper to the Board of Review for the 2005-07 term
- Motion to reappoint Scott Jernberg and Pete Gustafson to three year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Motion to approve collection of summer taxes for LAS, KISD, GRCC
- Motion to approve 2005 Kent County Purchase of Development Rights applications from Gay Nauta, John McKay and Steve Koning

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is January 17 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

Division. He served in five lives he touched. Murray sisters-in-law may be made to Hospice of Mennonite Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

KAUFFMAN - Murray Fund, or the American Kauffman, aged 57, of Diabetes Association. Clarksville, formerly of Alto, passed away suddenly LYONNAIS - Beatrice E. passed away on January 3, Marvin Pederson officiating. 2005. Murray was born 84, of Grand Rapids, passed death by his wife Marie and Cemetery in Morenci. on September 30, 1947 away Wednesday, January son Clarence Herman Mulder A memorial service was in Hastings to Frank and 5, 2005. She is preceded in Jr. He is survived by his sons held January 2 at Jeffers Marguerite (Allerding) death by her brother Lewis John Mulder of Alto, Frank Baptist Church in Jeffers, Kauffman. He worked on Sandgren. She is survived Mulder of Lowell, Bob and Minnesota. In lieu of flowers his parent's farm for many by her husband of 61 years, Barb Mulder of Florida, Neal memorial contributions are years, and for the past Raymond; children Richard and Bonnie Mulder of Grand suggested to the family for several years had helped Lyonnais of Lowell, Nancy Rapids; brother William the children's education. friends in the Clarksville (Anthony) Gallegas of Mulder of Grand Rapids; area with whatever he Aurora, CO; brother Harry 10 grandchildren; 15 great- PLACE - Marilyn Esma could do. Murray loved the (MaryAnn) Sandgren of grandchildren. Services Placepassedaway December outdoors and caring for his Jenison; brother -in-law will be held Friday, Jan. 14 24, 2004. She was born June

major invasions with one is survived by his brother Sandgren, Rita (Kenneth) James; parents Richard being Iwojima. He retired Hillis and Jan Kauffman Erickson both of Muskegon, (Judy) Ort of Morenci, after working 58 years with of Battle Creek; sister-in- Claire Balanger of Grand Karen (Fred) Sherlock of Grand Rapids Die Cast law Inez Kauffman of Alto; Rapids; seven grandchildren; Muskegon; one brother Lynn Plating Division and also was brother-in-law Bill Smith of one great-grandson; several (Juli) Ort of Lowell and their a 16-year firefighter with the Alto; several nephews and nieces and nephews. Services children Karrie and Kaleb Wyoming District IV Fire other relatives and friends. were held January 10 at Ort; father- and mother-in-Department. Private funeral He was preceded in death by O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst law Fred (Dorothy) Sneider services are being planned his parents; brother Thomas Chapel, Rev. Dr. Gerald of Perrsyburg, Ohio; by the family. Visitation will Kauffman; sister Virginia Pohly officiating. Interment grandmother Aldythe Ort of be Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 Smith. Funeral service Graceland Memorial Park. Morenci; aunt Kora Terry of p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral was held January 11 at the Memorial contributions Morenci; grandparents Max Home, 305 N. Hudson St. Calvary Grace Brethren may be made to Hospice of (Eris) Munk of Hudson, Memorial contributions Church. Burial in Bowne Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, MI; also many family and Cemetery. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 friends. He was preceded in Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Memorial contributions may or Trinity United Methodist death by one brother Chris be made to Calvary Grace 'Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, Ort and grandfather Mahlon Brethren Church Missionary Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

ORT - Tim Ort, aged 34, two great-grandchildren; of Springfield, Minnesota, sister Dorothy (Loren) went to be with his heavenly Stevens; brother John Clark Father Friday, December of Arizona; sister-in-law 24, 2004. He was born on Iris Clark; many nieces, January 3, 1970 in Morenci, nephews, other relatives and Michigan, the son of Richard many friends. A memorial and Karen (Munk) Ort. On service was held December October 6, 1989 in Lyons, 29 at Hope United Methodist Ohio, he married Pam Church in Lansing. Sneider and she survives.

in the Marine Corps, 4th missed by the friends whose Lyonnais of Big Rapids; Also surviving are three JoAnn children Timmy, Kayle and

Ort. Funeral service was held December 29 at the Morenci MULDER - Clarence H. First Baptist Church with Mulder, aged 95, of Alto, Rev. Ron Murphy and Rev. Friday, January 7, (Sandgren) Lyonnais, aged 2005. He was preceded in Burial was at Oak Grove

animals. He will be greatly Francis (Mary Grace) at 11 a.m. at Grand Rapids 29, 1932. She was preceded First Assembly of God, in death by her parents 2100 44th St. SW, Pastor Lisle and Esma Clark and Drew Anthony officiating. a brother Robert Clark. She Memorial contributions is survived by her husband may be made to Hospice Richard; children Steven of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart (Ilse) Place of Kentwood, St. N.E. Grand Rapids, MI Lynne (Doug) Richey and Carol (Tim) Barry all of DeWitt; 12 grandchildren;

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through February 28, 2005 due to work

Any questions, please contact the Water

Treatment Filtration Plant at 897-5234.

being done on the clarifier.

City of Lowell residents using the City's yellow trash bag program (Waste Management) should place their Christmas trees (with a yellow bag tied to the tree) out for pick up with their garbage on the regularly scheduled pick up day. If there are any questions, please contact City Hall at 897

City of Lowell residents using carts from Sunset Waste Services should have their Christmas trees out with their garbage on Monday and there wil be a \$2.00 charge from Sunset. If there are any questions, please contact Sunset Waste Services at 1-800-882-9565.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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## Few arrests during holiday drunk-driving enforcement

By Dan Schneider

lead to more alcohol-related organized Lowell's drunk- time, which did not include open intoxicants. driving enforcement wave.

Using a grant from Christmas day or New The numbers weren't numbers also had something we should be very proud of the Michigan Office of Year's day, there were only higher than any typical to do with the drivers. More enforcement on Highway Safety Planning two arrests for operating a weekend. Junewick said part the road for the two weeks (MOHSP), the Lowell vehicle while intoxicated. of the reason the wave didn't if they were drinking, they total of 60 hours of overtime during the holidays did not Police Department put two One of the arrests resulted in result in more arrests may were going to have someone during the enforcement extra officers on the evening a suspended license. There have been because it was the drive for them," Junewick wave. The MOHSP grant arrests than usual. And that's shift--9 p.m. to 3 a.m.--from were four other alcohol- first time the department had said "I think it's a positive reimbursed the department okay with Lowell police Dec. 20 to Jan. 2. In 88 related arrests on charges tried it. But he said the low sign. I think as a community for the overtime. sgt. Steve Junewick, who traffic stops made during that of minor in possession and

"They were thinking,

those numbers."

Lowell officers worked a

## Bridge building, continued... From Page 1

This year's LIVE class has formed committees to handle the particulars of building the bridge.

"When you get right actually quite complicated," committee is working tons Davidson said.

the bridge. A marketing

grant committee on land surveys and soil is working on funding samples at the bridge site. The bridge itself will

committee put together a be made of treated lumber. logo contest to promote It will be 12 feet wide and into the heart of things, it's the project. A research engineered to support five

> the work will be done by volunteers. "We'll need support in the spring," Davidson said.

vehicle could cross,'

such as the installation of

support poles, will be done

by a contractor. But, like

last year's LIVE showboat

restoration project, most of

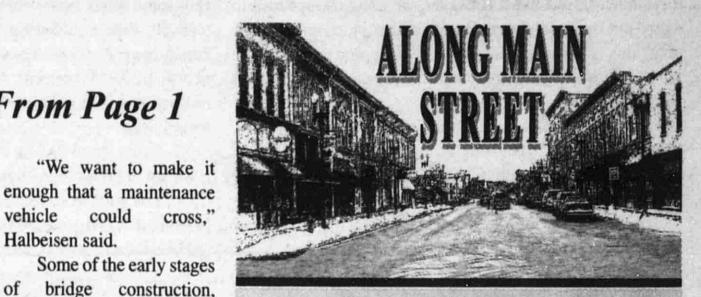
Halbeisen said.

Volunteer cooperation is one of the primary skills the LIVE class teaches. "That's the whole

focus of this program - to work together as a team,' Davidson said.

The LIVE class has been meeting twice a month since November. One meeting is a class which teaches grant writing and leadership skills; the other meeting works on the group's community project, in this case, the

This is the fifth class to go through the Lowell LIVE



#### ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Academic Boosters on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at the high school. Call Julie at 897-6353 with questions. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

#### FOOTBALL T-SHIRTS

The athletic dept. has some championship football T-shirts for sale, X-large and some smaller sizes. Cost: \$10.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SKATE

On Saturday, Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m., a hockey game and the annual alumni skate will be held at Standard Federal Ice Arena, Patterson Ave.

MID-WINTER USED BOOK SALE

Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor used book sale in the community room of Englehardt Library on Monday, Jan. 24 and Tuesday, Jan. 25 (12-8 p.m.). Great selection of winter reads.

#### **ACT WORKSHOP**

An ACT Preparation Workshop will be held on Jan. 27 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Lowell High School. \$38; registered info should be returned to the SSC. Students take practice tests and learn strategies.

## Name released in drug-house case

This year's Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence class (front: Susie

Reinbold; first row, left to right: Tonia North, Betsy Davidson, Amanda Geiger, and

Deb Duiven; middle row: Michael Davidson, Dee McKendrick, Genevieve Verhoeven,

Yvonne Harmon and John Mogor; back row: Tom Van Noler, Thomas Pfaller, Jim

Descenzo and Veronica Blough) will build a bridge on the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

The bridge will become part of the Lowell Area Trailway.

Court in Cascade.

Oom, of 1381 Jane set for Jan. 18.

Mickel receives

Legislative award

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) chapter 642 has announced that R. George Mickel is the recipient of its 2004 Legislative Appreciation Award.

Mickel, who frequently volunteered at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce for a number of years, received this award for his outstanding commitment to Score's legislative affairs program.

SCORE offers free counseling and mentoring as well as low-cost business start-up and business plan workshops for new and existing small businesses in Kent County.

Lowell police released Ellen, will be tried on a Dec. 16 drug raid in which the name of Lori Oom charges of possession of Lowell police seized a small following her arraignment cocaine, a four-year felony, amount of crack cocaine. on cocaine charges last and maintaining a drug A Lowell man who has not Wednesday in 63rd District house, a two-year felony. yet been arraigned was also Her preliminary hearing is arrested in the bust. Police expect up to three more

The charges stem from arrests in the case.

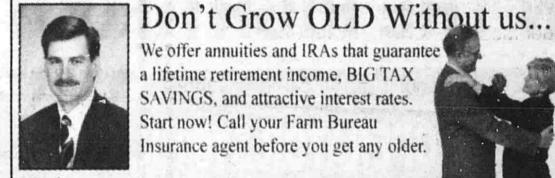
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## Free Workshop Reveals 7 Ways To Slash College Costs

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A free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students at several local cities: Lowell, Greenville, Grand Rapids, and Spring Lake. The workshop will focus on little known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free

sending your child to a private or top national school for less than the cost of Junior college, and the single biggest mistake when planning for college.

The upcoming workshop date in your area is:

Tues., January 18th, at Lowell High School in the Choir Room.

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promptly at 7:00 P.M.

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Broke."

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The class is being taught

by Daniel Wansten, one

of the nation's leading

experts on paying for

college, and is the

published author of

"Cash For College - How

To Send Your Kids To

The College Of Their

Dreams And Not Go

#### PLAN YOUR INVESTMENT MOVES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Each New Year, most of us vow to improve one aspect or another of our lives. However, we don't always rush to carry out our resolutions. But if you've promised yourself that "this is the year" that you're really going to stay on top of your financial and investment situations, you'll want to get started now.

Start by reviewing your family and career circumstances. for college. Will there be any significant changes in your life in 2005? If so, they almost certainly will have an impact on how you save and invest. Consider these factors:

• New child - If you've recently added a child to your Both these retirement-savings vehicles offer tax advantages

you have enough life insurance to help raise and educate out" last year, you can put in more this year. your child, should something happen to you. Also, it's never Savings Account.

Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Also, you may want to money toward college expenses - but you are required to kick in only around 5.6 percent. And you'll want to contribute as much as you can to whatever investments you've designated

If so, try to invest at least part of it. For example, you may to keep. want to increase your contributions to your IRA or 401(k).

family, or you plan to add one in 2005, you have a lot to be and a range of investment options. Furthermore, both have happy about. And you also have a lot to protect. Make sure higher contribution limits in 2005, so even if you "maxed

• Retirement - If you're planning to retire in 2005, too soon to set up a college fund for a child, so you might you have many issues to consider. You may need to take want to open a Section 529 plan or a Coverdeli Education distributions from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or IRA. You also might have to decide whether you · Child heading to college - If your child is heading should begin accepting Social Security. And you'll want to off to college in the fall, it's time to put your college- ensure that your investment portfolio is properly balanced funding strategies in high gear. Now that it's past Jan. 1, for your retirement years. Keep in mind that you may enjoy you can complete the Free Application for Federal Student a healthy, active retirement for two or three decades, so your investments must provide you with growth opportunities as shift some assets from your child's name to yours; colleges well as current income. Your investment and tax advisers typically expect students to contribute 35 percent of their can help you determine the best moves to make as you enter

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## Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

**DEAR JONATHAN:** Several years ago I watched my uncle's estate be eaten up by probate costs. Vowing that I would not put my family through that, I made out a last will and testament. Recently I was shocked to find out that a friend's estate had to be probated even though she left a last will and testament. Can you explain?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. Having a last will and testament JONATHAN SAYS: has nothing to do with probate avoidance. Probate is going to be required any time you die owning any assets in your trust is a trust that you establish during your lifetime as name regardless of whether you left a will or not. In order opposed to a testamentary trust which is established upon to get the assets out of your name over to your beneficiaries your death and after the completion of probate. named in your will, the court has to order it and this is done when probate is completed.

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completion of probate. Without a last will and testament, your estate will pass to your heirs in the manner prescribed by state law.

If you want to have your estate avoid being probated, then you should look into establishing a living trust. By setting up a living trust and retitling your assets in the name of your trust, those assets will avoid probate at your death because they are already owned by your trust.

I recommend you meet with an estate planning lawyer to further discuss the attributes of a living trust.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** What is the difference between a living trust and an intervivos trust?

Nothing - they mean the same thing. A living or intervivos

What a last will and testament does for you is allow you as my agent under my financial durable power of attorney as your fiduciary. to name who you want to receive your assets upon the and as my patient advocate under my designation of patient

advocate. I have since changed my mind and do not want my brother to act in these capacities. Do I need to get him to sign something whereby he agrees not to act as my agent or my patient advocate? If so, what if he refuses to sign?

JONATHAN SAYS: You don't need to have your brother sign anything. You just need to prepare new documents naming someone else as your fiduciary. To avoid confusion, in your new financial durable power of attorney and designation of patient advocate, there should be language included which specifically states that any prior power of attorneys or patient advocates, as the case may be, are revoked.

In addition, if any of your current documents are on file with a bank or broker as to your financial durable power of attorney, or with your doctor as to your patient advocate designation, you will want to replace those documents with the new documents you prepare.

Finally, if you have provided your brother with copies of the documents naming him as your fiduciary, then you will want to get those documents back and also advise him that **DEAR JONATHAN:** A few years back I named my brother you have updated the documents and he is no longer named

> The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

## January - the time to check for radon

Environmental director Steven Chester test kit and test their homes

of lung cancer in the United unless you test." States and may result in more

January is National than 600 lung cancer deaths Month, in Michigan each year. For occurring radioactive gas of that reason, Chester urges found in almost any kind Quality residents to purchase a radon of soil or rock. It comes within the next few weeks.

Agency in encouraging health threat," he said. "The that all homes be tested for gas is tasteless, odorless and It is believed that radon any warning symptoms, so is the second leading cause you don't know it's there

"Radon is a serious colorless, and it doesn't cause

of uranium and radium. In the outdoor air, radon gets diluted, but indoors it can accumulate to unhealthy Testing is easy and inexpensive and test kits are available at local health

departments across the state.

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Radon is a naturally-

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# THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 12, 2005 PAGE 5 Viewpoint-



In last week's column I touched on New Year resolutions. I have somehow morphed into an age group in which eating healthier foods, losing weight and generally getting into better shape pretty much covers all our resolutions. Long gone are the vows to get a date with the hot blond in chemistry class or chugging a pitcher of beer without getting sick.

People like me feel very old when the media reminds us Elvis would have turned the big seven-0 last week. I, for tool in the shed. one, am happy he spared us the vision of "The King" in a spangled jumpsuit at seventy. Forty was bad enough.

When the year turned over, my wife dutifully threw out all the Christmas cookies, chocolates and desserts we had left around from entertaining over the holidays. About January third she was whining about wanting something sweet after dinner. So much for resolutions.

There was a treat that missed the post-holiday purge. One of my wife's sisters had sent a six-pack of fancy chocolate mousse as a Christmas gift. It arrived in an insulated container packed with dry ice. It was opened, and then stowed in the freezer until I happened to remember it was there during one of my wife's sweet craving sessions. There was an immediate race to the fridge.

staked claim to the remaining portions. Terese said it was all hers because her sister sent it. I claimed it because I store the brother-in-law's bass boat every winter. It was good-natured banter, but seriously, there would have been Hell to pay if a portion came up missing

but not without a lot of back-and-forth about who was actually sharing with whom. When it was gone we released the rented security guard standing watch over the refrigerator. pretty strange people. Just kidding. It really was good mousse.

A day or two after the mousse was gone, my wife over moose meat is not one of our weaknesses.

bumped into a neighbor lady. She is about our age, very health conscious and shares all the same fitness resolutions as everyone else we know. The conversation soon turned to that subject and what a relief it was to be through the holidays and away from all that food, etc., etc., etc., You know ... I really do miss those carefree resolutions from thirty-some years ago.

Terese told the neighbor she had thrown out all the leftover goodies. The neighbor said she had done the same. Then Terese remembered the mousse. She told the neighbor lady that her sister had sent her some mousse as a Christmas gift. She explained how we had been fighting over it and doling out portions. The neighbor lady listened dutifully.

Before I go any further, I want to make sure you don't get the wrong impression of the neighbor. She is one of my favorite people. She is very open, witty and funny. Other than being a rabid Steelers' fan and a bit insufferable during the tremendous season they're having, she is a wonderful person. I wouldn't want readers to think she isn't the sharpest

After my wife told the story of our lapse into mousse depravity, the neighbor offered her usual optimistic and supportive comments. "Moose shouldn't be that bad for you. It's not real fatty. In fact, it is probably quite lean. It might even be good for you" were the kind of things she said. My wife looked at her like she was from Mars. Terese had yet to tumble to the mousse vs. moose dilemma in which this conversation had found itself. Finally, Terese realized the neighbor was talking about moose. Terese said, "No!!! Chocolate mousse you silly thing!"

They shared a big laugh. The mistake becomes even funnier when you think about it. In the first place, the neighbor must have thought it a bit strange to send moose meat as a Christmas gift. She rationalized with the fact, This stuff was good! After that first feeding frenzy, we "Terese's family is from Michigan, and people like to hunt game up there." Which makes me wonder what a bunch of "backward hunter-gatherers" people from other parts of the country must think us Michiganders are.

Then, the vision of Terese and I along with Max and Tito fighting and snarling over some frozen moose meat like The mousse was savored each of the next two evenings, a pack of arctic wolves is beyond my capacity for a mental image. Until Terese set her straight, the neighbor must have been thinking she was living down the street from some

We may be strange here at the Brown house, but fighting

## Ledger Entries



#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JANUARY 14, 1880**

W.M. Schaffer shot 50 muskrats in two days. The AOUW (University Women) has rented rooms on the third floor of Graham's new brick store for their meeting

"Uncle Nathan's Daughter" is the serial running on page

Secretary of the Treasury Sherman makes recommendations for paying off the national debt (\$10 million-plus).

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 12, 1905**

Mrs. Susan McDeld gives a history of Lowell schools and its many successive (and rudimentary) buildings from

N.P. Husted, the last teacher described, got rid of 15 or 20 of his pupils with use of his rod ("Some Tough Pupils" says

The Ledger will give a \$35 sewing machine to the woman with most votes. A Ledger coupon in each issue is worth one vote; a one-dollar year's subscription gets 52, assigned to

Those already subscribed can get voting coupons (up to

52) from the Ledger office. Scott & Winegar advertise the Majestic malleable iron and steel range; it will last longer than the cast iron and steel

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 9, 1930 Foreman Strain Leghorns won last year in New York and this year in Texas for best all-around production: combined egg size and number produced.

Peter Fineis plans to replace the old house at Jefferson and Main with a gas station and new house behind it.

The Ledger sends out about 500 statements to delinquent subscribers who did not respond to bluemarked copies. The

There are no speed limits in Michigan, and soaring automobile death rates, 500 last year in Wayne County/Detroit

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 13, 1955**

The Kerekes brothers' Shussaway ski tow, built in 1948, has had two good seasons (enough snow).

The two Showboat generators were used for the nighttime power plant repairs, one to run tools, the other for Lowell Cafe's 24-hour operation.

Marine Captain William Shea will explain the 1952 "Eightyear Military Obligation Law" to students and parents at the next PTA meeting

The Lowell Model Shop Inc. will open Monday, making small tools, jigs and dies. It is in the former Gould Garage on

Lowell offers no adult education courses this year, since

Grand Rapids has a good variety at the Junior College build-

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 9, 1980**

Showboat Corp. owes \$58,000, mostly for the amphitheater, built a few years ago, and the new boat last summer.

Winter arrived Sunday night with four inches of snow and icy roads to greet Monday traffic. New councilmen Jack Fonger and Jim Maatman are

Dog warden John Erickson asks for donations of dog houses;

he knows of several dogs who really need one. Michigan's highway death toll is below 2000 for 1979

again. During 1964- '73 it was over 2000 every year.

# To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I promise, this will be my last response regarding the P.A. 425. I will be having coffee with Paula Blumm and probably a spirited debate as well. Paula, I am not misinformed on the issue - I have a difference of opinion on the issue.

Let's go point by point for the public's perspective. Paula, you state there are already water and sewer services on the property. Incorrect. They are located on the roadway right of way. Technically, yes, those services are available for hook up, but let's open Pandora's box and peek inside.

Where does Lowell Township get its water and sewer hook ups? Where? The Evil City of Lowell? How did that come about? Let's refresh the memories. This happened shortly before I came to Lowell. A new high school was built that needed water and sewer services. Lowell Township approached the city for a water agreement for Eastgate and areas contiguous

I have not seen this agreement, but from what I hear about it, the agreement resembles a Detroit automobile assembled on a Friday at 3:30 p.m. It looks good, bur after you have it for awhile, you realize you have a lemon.

In all reality, Lowell Township should have signed a P.A. 425 back in 1992 or 1993 when this project was undertaken. Yes, your township paid for 18 percent of the wastewater plant at this time to help pay for the expansion, but you missed my original point. Lowell is growing! The areas surrounding the city are growing as well. Do you think that 18 percent is going to last forever?

The city is trying to protect itself and its taxpayers. Once again the township loses nothing! It may even gain. The property will develop and increase your tax base. The city expands its tax base, which lessens the burden on its taxpayers. Spread the wealth or the pain and suffering if you prefer. The city sheep that doesn't keep his mouth shut.

is protecting its capital expenditures on Bowes Rd. Lowell Township still maintains control of the property because P.A. 425 allows for this. Everything can be negotiated. You have stated otherwise.

Paula asked why the city would burden its taxpayers with the development. The answer is simple: you spend a dime now and make a dollar later. The city has expanded its tax base; as you said, we all pay enough taxes already. Amen, I couldn't agree more! So why burden the city taxpayers, and infrastructure without a return? Should taxes go up in the city to maintain its roads, electricity, and police department to keep up with the growth outside of the city?

Perhaps the developer should just petition the Boundary Commission for a full annexation to the city of Lowell, Charter Township or not. Then where would you be? Try being a team player and do what's right. Let the developer have his P.A. 425 ( that he is open to) and work with the city of Lowell. When the rules of the game change for the betterment of everyone, your attitude resembles that of a small child that takes her ball away and goes home. There, now no one can play!

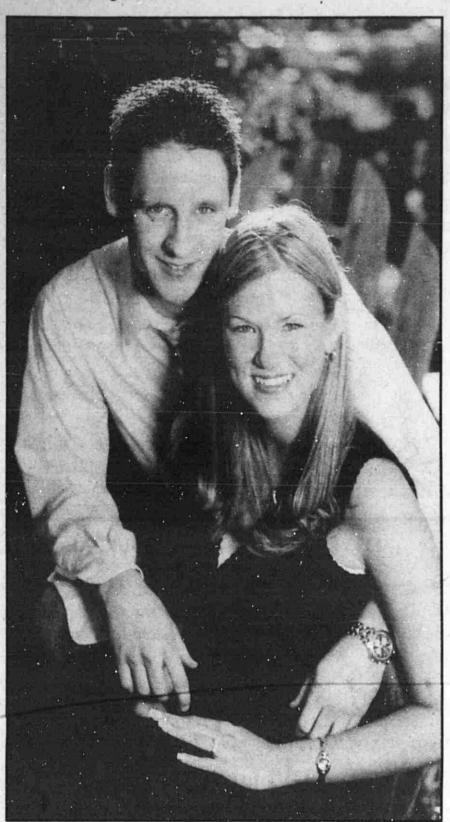
The last point I want to make, Paula, is you said you have police coverage from the Kent County Sheriff's Department? Since when? Lowell does not have a township car. In fact, you don't even have regular patrols. You have a district car that roams five townships, and they are out here only when they take service calls. I won't even get into response times and service ... that's for another time down the road.

If you still want to sit down and talk over coffee, I will continue this debate, but this will be my last time responding to you in the Ledger over this issue.

Steven Bukala Vergennes Township

P.S. My views and opinions are mine and mine alone, and do not reflect the opinions of the city of Lowell and are not meant to represent the city of Lowell. I'm just a tax paying

Yeo/Kraft



**Bryan Kraft and Katie Yeo** 

Katie Lynn Yeo and Valley State University. Bryan Jeffrey Kraft will be 18, 2005.

is the daughter of Samuel and Patricia Yeo, also of Ada. School and Grand Rapids She is a graduate of Lowell Community College. High School and Grand

The future groom, of united in marriage on June Caledonia, is the son of Jeffrey and Gayle Kraft, The bride-to-be, of Ada, also of Caledonia. He is a graduate of Caledonia High

Dean Bailey, pastor Alto/Bowne Center churches dramatically and sadly clear

We live in a world full devastation of the Indian of risk: risk of accidents, risk of disease, risk of failures, risk of untimely death. The list of risk goes on and on. This was once again made

adoption, the redemption of our bodies." (Romans 8:22with the suddenness of the

in hope we are saved" and "the Spirit helps us in our Paul recognized the weakness." The resources self-giving as we confront uncertainty of our existence of God carry us through the groanings of life. when he wrote the Romans: the valley of the shadow of "We know the whole

creation has been groaning death. Huge in the resources in labor pains until now; of God are the love, the and not only the creation, generosity, the sharing ~ but we ourselves ... groan simply the "graciousness" inwardly while we wait for of the people of God.

We may not be able to share at the level of Sandra Bullock, but we can share. Paul continued, "for The essence of Christ is selfless self-giving. We can participate in the essence of

# In The Service

studied

and ceremony marches, and

received physical training,

rifle marksmanship, field

special training in human

of Lowell High School, is

the son of Tim and Cindy

Clark H. Fox and Joshua

**D. Perry** recently completed

Trebian of Lowell.

Great Lakes, Ill.

Trebian, a 2001 graduate

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organization. and shipboard and aircraft Commitment. and military customs and courtesies; performed drill

Stations." It is designed to Fox of Lowell. galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice. Kimberly and stepson of dedication, teamwork and through the practical High School.

on naval customs, first aid, application of basic Navy physical fitness, firefighting, skills and the core values water safety and survival, of Honor, Courage and

Fox is a 1997 graduate The capstone event of Lowell High School and of boot camp is "Battle the son of Rose and Clarh

Perry is the son of Scott Parsons of Alto. He is endurance in each recruit a 2003 graduate of Caledonia



**JANUARY 13:** Sterzick, Stephen Rutherford.

JANUARY 14: Angie Stuckey. a variety of training which Nowak, Ryan Burns, Tim

JANUARY 15: Dennis

JANUARY **16:** Alex

JANUARY 17: Kevin Rasch, Joe Potter.

JANUARY 18: Margie Potter Sullivan.

**JANUARY** 19: Tim Stencel, Susan Korte, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney,

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WED: Ham & cheese bagel or dino pasta w franks, carrot coins fruited Jell-O, milk.

THURS: 1/2 Day. No

FRI: No School.



Looking Forward to 2005 With Senator Carl Levin

As the new 109th Congress convenes, I want to share more important to ensure that intelligence assessments with you some of the achievements and disappointments are not influenced by the policy judgments of whatever the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes remains of the past year and a few of my thoughts about the year administration is in power.

significant challenges - the war in Iraq; the threat of terrorism equipment and health care for our troops, and honor our will reinvigorate contaminated sediment cleanup efforts at home; the loss of jobs, especially manufacturing jobs, in commitments to our nation's veterans. our economy; the continuing rise in the cost of prescription drugs and health care in general; and the deepening of the again, I was able to see firsthand the courageous job our new Congress. Strengthening Social Security for the future, federal deficit ditch. In too many cases, the last Congress troops are doing. Unfortunately, we continue to pay a heavy assuring the affordability of health care and prescription failed to meet, or in some cases, even address these price for our failure to anticipate and adequately plan for the drugs for all Americans, bringing our troops safely home

dangerously deepening the federal deficit and weakening step toward a stable and democratic Iraq, but the elections are dodge payment of their U.S. taxes, and working toward a economic prospects for the future. In January 2001, the not a panacea. The security environment in Iraq will improve fairer, less complicated tax system that doesn't encourage Congressional Budget Office projected a 10-year surplus of only when a new Iraqi government has the popular support the export of U.S. jobs overseas are just a few of the issues \$5.6 trillion. In the wake of the inequitable tax cuts, not only of the Iraqi people and can create a strong army and police that the 109th Congress must confront. have those surpluses disappeared, but last year the federal force that will enable the Iraqis themselves to overcome the deficit rose to \$413 billion, the largest deficit ever. And the insurgency in their country. most recent projections show continued huge deficits over the debt will be about \$43,000. Paying off a debt of this size "donor" states like Michigan, which send more federal will require either extraordinary tax increases or significant cuts in critical government programs.



REFLUX DISEASE (GERD)

Jim Lang,

in which the esophagus, the tube stretching from the throat Tagamet, Pepcid, Zantac or Axid. to the stomach, becomes irritated or inflamed because of describe the sensation of acid burning the esophagus. GERD affects nearly one third of all adults in the United States, daily. Children and infants can also suffer from GERD.

medications such as calcium channel blockers, theophylline, prevent further medical complications from occurring. nitrates and antihistamines, can contribute to GERD. Eating large meals, eating close to bedtime and certain foods such as fatty and fried foods, chocolate, garlic, onions, caffeine, tomatoes, citrus foods, spicy foods, and mint can all worsen GERD. There are also several medical conditions such as hiatal hernia, pregnancy, diabetes and rapid weight gain that can all contribute to GERD.

Persistent heartburn is the most common symptom of GERD. This is usually described as a burning pain in the center of the chest. It can last up to two hours, usually is worse after eating, and lying down or bending over can bring it on or make it worse. Other symptoms include a bitter taste

I recently returned from a visit to Iraq where, once

the next 10 years. By 2014, each American citizen's share of to pass a highway bill which improved the position of assist in that effort.

Because our nation's intelligence community greatly gasoline tax dollars to Washington than they receive back needed change, I voted for the bipartisan intelligence reform for road and bridge projects. I have been fighting to correct legislation that passed at the end of last year. While the bill the inequity faced by donor states since I came to the Senate. makes many positive changes, I was disappointed that the We've made some progress, but I won't be satisfied until bill failed to address the critical problem of the politicization we get a fair return on our gas tax dollars. In the 109th of intelligence that we saw prior to the Iraq War. The creation Congress, we will rejoin the battle for equity for Michigan of a strong Director of National Intelligence makes it even in transportation funding.

As co-chairman of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, one of my most important priorities. I am pleased to have On the Armed Services Committee, we have worked helped secure \$22.5 million, an increase of \$12.5 million, Over the last two years, our nation has faced some very to enhance our security at home and abroad, improve pay, to fund the Great Lakes Legacy program. This funding throughout Michigan.

Looking ahead, I am eager to begin the work of the aftermath of the overthrow of the Saddam Hussein regime. from Iraq and Afghanistan, closing loopholes that enable The tax cuts approved by the last Congress are The elections in Iraq at the end of this month are a critical businesses and individuals to use offshore tax havens to

Addressing these challenges and moving our nation forward will require Congress to set aside partisan differences I was disappointed by the failure of the 108th Congress and work together more often. I will do everything I can to

in the mouth, persistent dry cough, hoarseness, feeling of tightness in the throat, and wheezing. The most common symptoms in children are repeated vomiting, coughing and other respiratory problems. Goals of treatment of GERD are reducing reflux,

relieving symptoms and preventing damage to the esophagus. Many people can relieve their symptoms by changing their habits and lifestyle (weight loss, avoiding certain food, avoiding smoking and alcohol, not eating within three hours of bedtime). Over the counter medications available include antacids, such as Gaviscon, Maalox, Mylanta, and Tums, Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a condition or histamine-2 receptor blockers (H2 blockers), such as

If lifestyle changes and nonprescription medications do acid backing up from the stomach. The esophagus lies just not work, then it is time to visit your physician. They may behind the heart, so the term "heartburn" is often used to be able to prescribe a medication that helps to better control your symptoms. Such medications as Prilosec, Nexium, Prevacid, Aciphex and Protonix block the production of an and almost 10 percent of adults experience GERD weekly or enzyme needed to produce stomach acid, and usually stop acid production more completely than the H2 blockers. If There is no one exact cause of GERD, but there are GERD symptoms still persist, you may need to be referred to many contributing factors that can make GERD worse. These a gastroenterologist so that more tests can be done to ensure include alcohol, smoking, obesity, and poor posture. Some that damage isn't being done to the esophagus, which can

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Kent County end of the session, there will Council has be an opportunity to sign up

By training people to be for perspective volunteer tutors, the council can offer tutors. This session is held one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance Rapids Public Library, in reading or English as a 111 Library St. NE in the Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak It allows persons another language to tutor

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THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AGAIN!

## Featured Artist Amy Stielstra

By Dan Schneider

are several of the artworks be exhibited.

by Amy Stielstra on display at the Lowell Area Chamber Lambau Field and of Commerce. Four church windows with doves "Screaming Ladies" will also

point of the paintings.

Stielstra said.

emotion and if you look at dimensional doves flying in people." each one of them, their eyes front of the windows reflect

"I had two done and I are closed but their mouth is the Christianity that often thought I had two more to do open," Stielstra said. so now I've got this series,"

Watercolor on photo They are paintings of experiments with materials. so that has to come through," The stadium painting will be women screaming, executed The works on display at the she said. in watercolor on photo paper. chamber use several different This type of painting takes media--a wild, plastic-coated Field reflects an interest of her 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. patience, Stielstra said. The paper called yupo; canvas; husband's akin to a religion photo paper does not readily textured paint; and paper (at least in Wisconsin)--the devoted to art since she was accept watercolor; it takes a sculpture.

while for each color to soak doves, titled "The Flock," shortly before an expansion with an art degree in 1986. Colors such as orange falls into the paper sculpture project permanently altered Since 1993, she has been and purple are part of the category. It also uses textured its aesthetics. story of each screaming lady, paint, the kind used to make Stielstra said. They convey textured ceilings in houses, my husband that it had to feeling as much as the facial to build a heavy, church-wall be done," she said. "I tried display through Feb. 10 at expressions; emotion is the feel around the windows. to capture the tailgating the Lowell Area Chamber of Colored tissue paper makes fans, which is just smoked Commerce, 113 Riverwalk "I wanted to capture up the windows. Three- bratwurst and crowds of Plaza.

inspires Stielstra in her art.

"When you are creating stadium. A print of it hangs paper is one of the artist's art, you feel like a creator and

Green Bay Packers. She a child. She graduated from Thechurchwindowswith painted the stadium in 2001, Central Michigan University

"I was instructed by illustrator.

The painting's frame is First school board meeting begins with special recognition made of pieces of the original By Dan Schneider in an office at Lambau Field.

on display only for Stielstra's The painting of Lambau reception held Saturday, Jan. Stielstra has been

a self-employed artist and

Her paintings will be on

defeated state championship during the season.

gave recognition to Lowell representing the district's one seat on the board of county clerk's office, rather said. Area Schools board of auditing firm of Hungerford, education is up for election. than the school district's. member on the present board, opinion on its 2003-2004 election is April 4. having been there for 7 1/2 financial statements. That

The district's audit report election under new state district. Completed petitions

Reagan is the longest-serving received an unqualified day to register to vote in that Larry Mikulski gave a sets of bleachers, as well as Feb. 8 is the due date for the Honeywell, Inc. energy means the district's financial filing petitions for candidacy efficiency projects still board then reports had no issues, in the election. Petitions underway at several LAS a 35 percent reduction in this year and for next year." recognized the 2004 un- idiosyncracies or problems. are available at the LAS buildings. The only work the electricity we've used," Board secretary Pat administration building that remains to be done is Mikulski said. "Our water that she and Lowell Education Lowell varsity football team Nugent talked briefly about and at the clerk's office of the installation of some light and sewer savings were just Association president Dorann for their accomplishments the upcoming school board any municipality within the fixtures and a few other about 69 percent, which is Truax and her committee details. Mikulski touted the huge." new red, white and black bleachers at the middle superintendent for finance published by the end of the

Elementary.

education members for their Aldrin, Nichols and Carter, The election day will be LAS director of an update on the efficiency service to the district. Jim P.C. reported that the district Tuesday, May 3. The last transportation and operations savings that will pay for both conference this week

"We've noticed around

school and at Cherry Creek and personnel Connie Gillette month. said the amended budget for

Extra hours at the library

At left, Cherry Creek Elementary fourth grade student Philip Janowski reads

Tangerine, a book by Edward Bloor Monday evening at the Cherry Creek library. The

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specialist Christine Beachler said the lirary is available for reading, accelerated reading

tests and checking out books. With the library open to the community in general, she

said, it's a good opportunity for preschool children to get a head start on the accelerated

reading program or for middle school students to do online research. People without a

school library card can set up an account to check out books. Beachler's work hours

have been arranged so she is available to keep the library open late Mondays without

"They look great and the 2004- '05 school year School administration followed. Phil Saurman, election law. This year, must now be filed with the they're safe, also," Mikulski will be presented at next month's board meeting. She He also gave the board also said the state will have another revenue consensus

After the conference, she report on the progress of a new boiler at the middle said, "Hopefully we'll have a better idea of where the state stands on its resources for

> Gillette also announced have completed work on next assistant year's calendar. It should be

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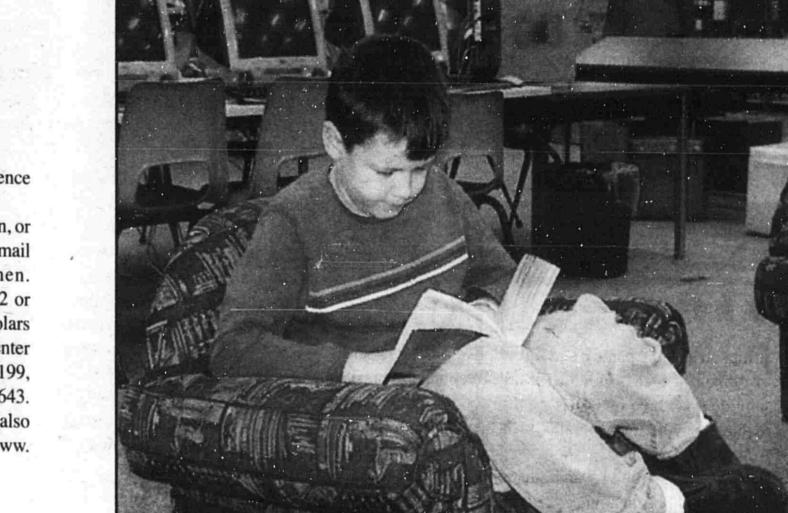
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The holidays are over The best place to start, and all you're left with are according to dermatologists, bills - and a bad complexion is by increasing the level of from all that shopping, moisture in the skin. Stetler cleaning and celebrating.

are common," said Caron which fit any skin type. Stetler, sales consultant for Jafra Cosmetics of Lowell. dry during the holidays and "Too little sleep and too winter, upgrading to a richer, many parties can really take more emollient moisturizer a toll on someone's skin."

the eyes and dry skin are sales consultant. just a few of the problems that women face after the \* Stetler suggested swapping news is that a New Year's for a gel-based product. Skip resolution to look better is liner and mascara on the only a few simple cosmetic lower lid which can draw tricks away.

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said that Jafra offers an "Seasonal skin problems extensive line of moisturizers

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p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2005.

Using a bronzer or trying a lighter eye shadow will help enhance your look as well, Stetler said. Applying eye cream at night will help combat dryness. A moisturizing lipstick will help prevent chapped lips.

"The key is there are products out there that can help you turn around the damage that was done during the holidays fairly quickly," Stetler concluded.

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## Dog trainer, continued... From Page 1

of the country."

place, something you can't help avoid," he said. "There

said. "Some big cities were graves with bulldozers. It's which then was about \$500, my dog business better," flattened with the ground, hard to believe. That kind of in our pockets," Islamcevic Islamcevic said. "And then I basically within the west side thing hasn't happened since said.

"It was all over the the war, finally with U.S. Human Development. The of 2004. The building is said. "Eventually, as my

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were concentration camps wife came with a couple

When the Islamcevics Michigan as refugees, jobs. Islamcevic worked for very important to me from three years as an assistance working with handicapped dog trainer for Paws With a people in the past and group and individual dog

> Islamcevic began K- so," Islamcevic said. moved to Lowell.

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"After a couple years I in in Lowell."

Construction started

He hopes to expand the kennel while undergoing shortly after leaving Paws his business into training more extensive training. WithaCause. The Islamcevics assistance dogs in the future, Islamcevic's specialty is in area. Two years ago, they from now. More immediate owners' homes. tasks include finishing the

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basic grooming room and ruins, basically, except the going on, people getting of suitcases and about a was looking to get a house excavation work on the at the facility is dog day-Islamcevic slaughtered and put in mass thousand deutch marks, someplace where I can do parking lot; a second outdoor care. "It's been a very play area will be added in popular type of business for the spring. The dogs already the last 10 years because finally found this house here have one outdoor play area in people are busy," Islamcevic addition to the indoor space. said. "You can drop your dog

> establishing themselves on the new training and acres of land available for with the help of Catholic kennel facility in the spring nature walks," Islamcevic socialize." organization gave them food constructed with handles low business grows, my plan is are certified in narcotics "Basically, me and my stamps, paid a few months on the doors and an ADA- to fence in all this property ... rent, and helped them find approved bathroom. "That's so the dogs can really have a able to provide that service

> > planning to continue to do training and boardingtraining, where dogs stay in

"And then we have six off even half a day and they can play with other dogs and

Islamcevic's own dogs detection. He hopes to be to schools and private At his facility, he offers individuals in the future.

The kennels at the new facility were filled over the holidays. Islamcevic will offer his first group class

More information about rented apartments and houses though he acknowledges dog behavior training. He Islamcevic and his business around the Grand Rapids that might be a few years will also train dogs in the is available at www.k9 academyinternational.com.

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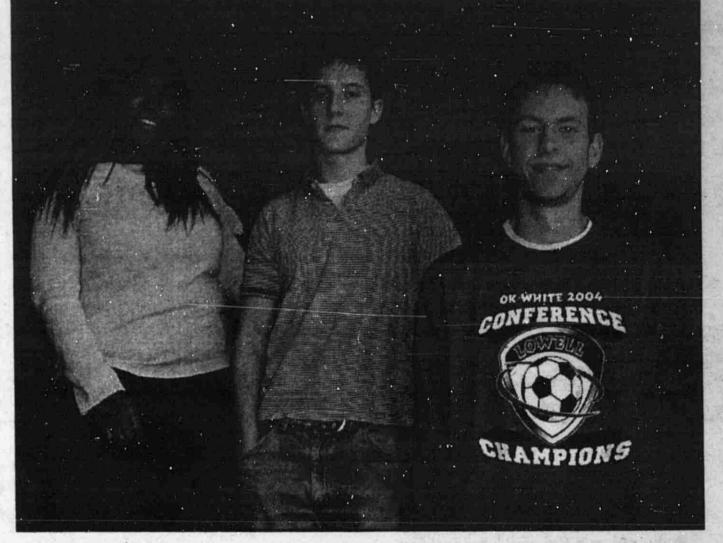
nominator said she is a hard

The first Students of the worker and always tries to to his academic potential

School for their academic was chosen by the English department. He is the son of excellence and ability to department. The son of Dave and Barb Gillman of Griner. Lowell, he is active in SADD activities include National Education department. She at Red Lobster. Pala plans soccer team. He is also active include Student Council fall to study International undecided as to where. His and Diversity Council. She business. His teacher teacher nominator said he is is also an active member of nominator said Pala leads by being honored for his overall her church. Griner's teacher quiet example and lives up excellent performance.

Kevin Gillman, a senior,

Jakub Pala, a senior, is being honored by the Math Ludek and Emma Pala of Lowell. His extracurricular and International Club. In Honor Society, Rotary Club, addition, he is employed basketball and captain of the to attend the University in his church youth group. of Michigan or Western Gillman will be attending Michigan University in the college in the fall, but is



Students of the Month for January, pictured left to right, are: Jeanette Griner, Jakub Pala and Kevin Gillman.

## College News-

College, has been accepted achievement and demonstrated of Lowell and a 2004 graduate into the Carl A. Gerstacker leadership abilities, and must of Lowell High School. Liberal Arts Institute for Pro-

fessional Management.

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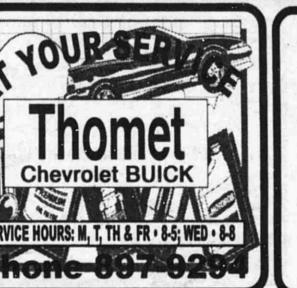
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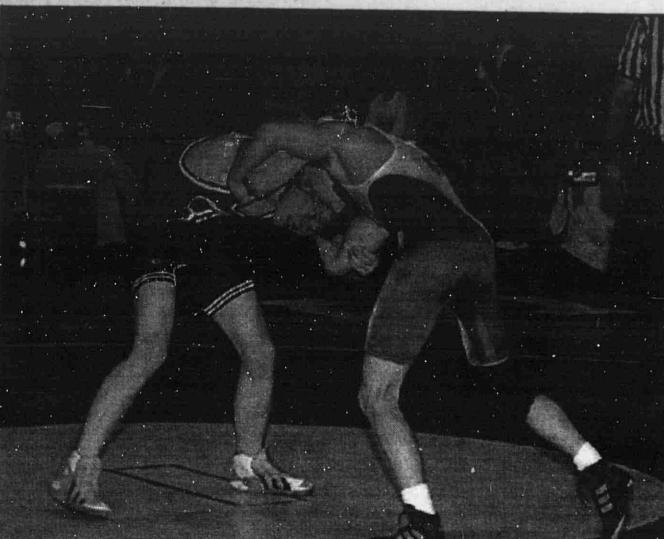
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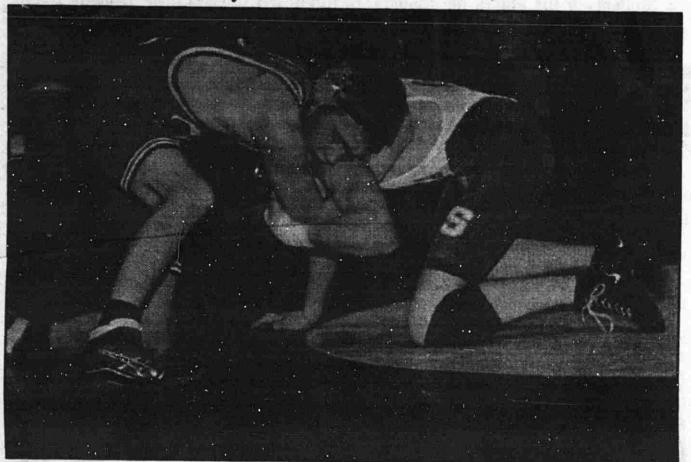
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Lowell's Ryan Karasiewicz attempts a takedown against Sparta's Sam Sokolowski. Sokolowski won the match by decision.



Lowell's Ray Seese works on Dustin Canterbury. Seese won the 112 match by pin.

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# Wrestling falls to Sparta

By Dan Schneider

Lowell took a hard loss 103 last Thursday to a Sparta wres-

by pinning Pat Schneider 3:12 years and the second victory into the 135 pound match.

Bumped up to 140 for the nical fall in 5:24.

fell to Sam Sokolowski in an up." 8-0 major decision.

ning a 12-4 major decision 5-3. At 125, Matt Armock Karasiewicz won the 145against Eric Wright. Sparta pinned Lowell's Mike Thohad a 10-9 advantage after that mas in :43. Sparta's Mark

turn for the Red Arrows as and a major decision. Jason Ron Helmboldt said. Brew pinned Alex Fleet in 3:46 at 160. Kyle Vanderhyde tributed to the result that was Brock Graham, 12-4, in the year's meetings. 171 match. Sparta's Zach

Dominic Doyle won an varsity ranks. impressive heavyweight match by fall. He pinned of our junior varsity kids that host the Gary Rivers Tourna-Sparta's Ted Breen in 2:33. we put up to - that's 24 points," Then Sparta's Ryan Curtis Fuller said. "This isn't close

Woodhead in 2:44 at 215.

Ray Seese was bumped The host Spartans started ing between the two in as many for Seese.

match, Lowell's Joe Mendez his own," Lowell assistant said wrestled Tyler Plew to a tech- coach Wayne Fuller said. At 145, Ryan Karasiewicz left in the match before he got tional Saturday. Ten Red Arcame out strong but in the end him. Tonight he just tore him rows finished in the top four

Then things took a bad 1:50 at 130.

"I thought we wrestled Sparta racked up three pins well," Sparta co-head coach But the lineups also con-

"They lost a lot of out- coach Jim Fleet said. Ridgeway pinned Matt Fran-standing wrestlers off that

Morse pinned Lowell's Joe didn't," Helmboldt said. Four of Lowell's wres- said. The score was now 32-9. tlers were up from the junior

oinned Joe Sadlak in 3:47 at to the lineup they'll see next

Fuller expects the two to tling team that looks like the up to 112 for the match. He meet again in the conference dominant force in the OK pinned Dustin Canterbury tournament and in the regional White this year. It was a 50-24 with just 25 seconds left in the final, like last year when Lowmatch. It was the second meet- ell stopped Sparta's try at the

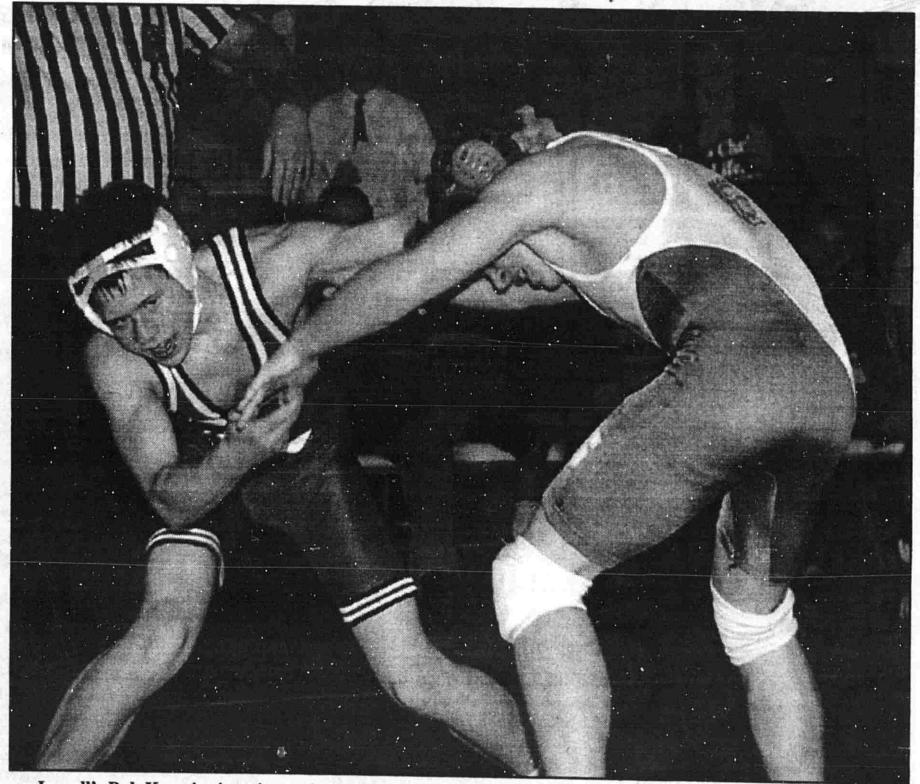
> "We'll definitely be ready for regionals and definitely be "He's finally coming into ready for conference." Fuller

Lowell placed fourth as a "Last year it was 10 seconds team at the Clinton Invitain their weight class. Joe Rob Karasiewicz won a Mendez won the 135-pound John Fleet gained back tough 119 match for Lowell. championship and most valusome ground for Lowell, win- He decisioned Cody Stamann, able player honors. Ryan pound championship.

Lowell's junior varsity Armock pinned Justin Boss in wrestlers went to the Godwin Invitational Saturday. Ken Baily won a championship at heavyweight in the individual tournament. Dan Baird was the 160-pound champ. Eric Dean won a championship at won a major decision against the opposite of both of last 152. They all wrestled with a lot of heart, junior varsity

"A couple were on their cisco in 1:03 at 189. Jordan team from last year and we back and didn't quit and ended up winning the match," Fleet

> Lowell's next conference match is Thursday at East "They pinned every one Grand Rapids. The Arrows ment on Saturday.



Lowell's Rob Karasiewicz tries a takedown against Cody Stamann. Karasiewicz won the match by decision.

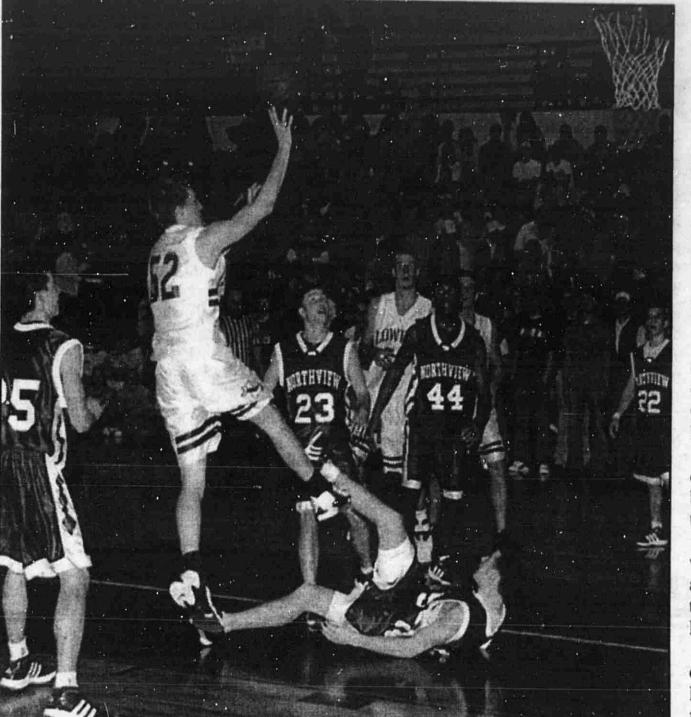
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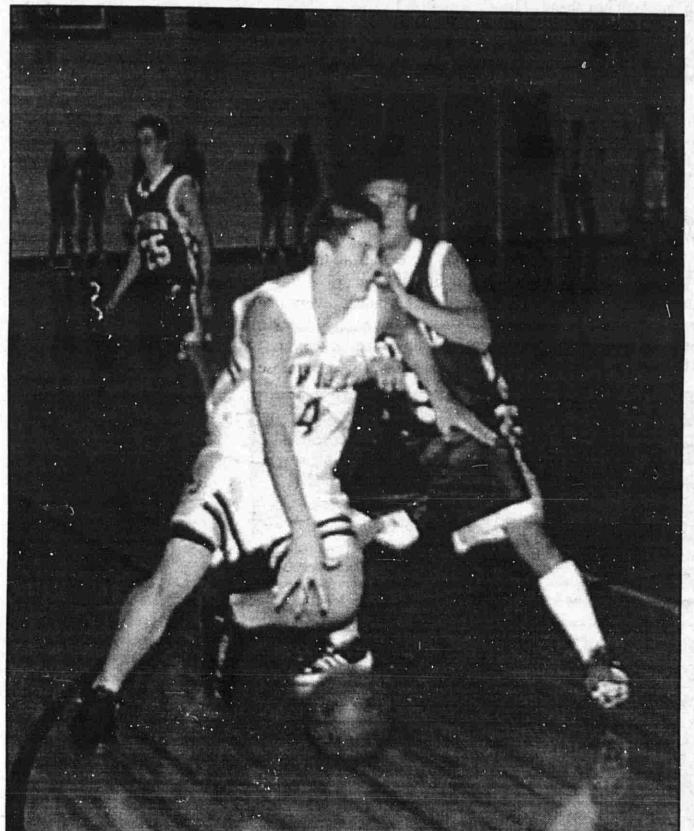
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Lowell's Mike McElroy shoots the ball as a Northview defender hits the floor. McElroy made the shot and no foul was called on the play.



Lowell's Brad Shea drives against Northview in last Wednesday's game. He made the shot a second or two later.



# Turnovers hold Lowell back in last two basketball games

By Dan Schneider

quarter comeback was not ing any kind of defense. And vailing 64-47. enough to get a win at number three, we're not go-Greenville for Lowell basket- ing to the free-throw line the end of the first quarter. ball last Friday.

Down 36-26 after the third "We were down by 12 Northview.

with about 4:30 left to play McDonald said.

overs near the end of the game

"We're really struggling team needs to work on this 14 points. season: "Number one, we're The Arrows had a tough

back up to a 47-45 lead with and only seven in last a three-pointer. two minutes left in the game. Tuesday's home game against

and we came back and took McDonald said, "We made a second quarter. Both teams' the lead," Lowell coach Jeff valiant comeback, we just number 44 exchanged baskets But two untimely turn- urgency at the beginning."

led to a Greenville basket and starting player Shane Stokes Lowell's Brad Shea getting free throws that made the fi- for several games. He hit two the ball out of a fast break for nal score 50-47. Turnovers 3-pointers before shattering a light-touch shot from the have been a problem through- his noseby running into a low-right. But the Arrows out the season so far for the bleacher railing in the first didn't make up much ground quarter of Friday's game.

with turning the ball over," scoring with 16 points against down 24-18. McDonald said, going on to Greenville. He also had nine outline the three things the rebounds. Josh Hettinga had

turning the ball. Number two, home loss last Tuesday against An impressive fourth- we're having trouble penetrat- Northview, the Wildcats pre-

Northview was up 11-9 at The Wildcats started the sec-Lowell had only nine trips ond on an 8-0 run before quarter, the Red Arrows built to the line against Greenville Hettinga put an end to it with

Lowell matched Northview shot for shot dur-Against Greenville, ing most of the rest of the need to play with a sense of on one occasion-Northview's Derek Brooks making a slick Lowell will be without twisting shot from inside, then against Northview, heading to Mike Koster led Lowell the halftime locker-room

Lowell played from be-

Basketball, cont'd.,

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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED **USE OF 2005-2006 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** 

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on TUESDAY, January 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

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Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

# Red Arrow volleyball spikes Sparta

By Dan Schneider

Thursday's volleyball action. Lowell won 25-17, 25-20

and 25-19. Sparta's style of play, often putting the ball rows out of their offensive rhythm. But they still found a job of that," Peal said. way to win.

team," said Lowell coach Gigi leader with 15.

Host Lowell dismissed that doesn't play in the contough to set up an offense."

> defensive awareness for Low-"Defensively you have to

be on your toes and ready for anything, and we did a great

against a very scrappy, not- lor Verdon led assists with 20. conventional volleyball Kristin Johnson was the kill

with eight. Lisa Johnson had them to a first-place power 20 digs. Strong serving also pool match with Swan Valley Sparta's play also required helped the Arrows.

> "There's no way to win in 23-25, 15-9. In the second rally scoring without serving," Lowell served 100 per- eventual tournament cham-

At the Ferris State Uni-Lowell posted lower- versity Tournament last Sat-

Christian 25-13, 25-17 and

The loss took the wind "We were doing what we than-usual offensive statistics urday, Lowell won three out of their sails for the first had to do to get the job done while winning the game. Tay- matches in pool play to qualify round of bracket play against for the gold bracket. The Ar- Caledonia. The Fighting Scots rows beat North Michigan won 25-23, 25-23.

game of the power pool, Low-

Defensively, Mally Niles-Brandywine 25-18, 25- early in the day is you get to Cahoon led the team in blocks 12 in pool one. This advanced play in the gold," Peal said. "We're seeing great competition and overall, it was a really great day for the girls." which the Arrows won 25-16,

> ell lost to state power and On Thursday, Lowell volleyball will turn its attention pion Portage Central 25-7, 25to the pursuit of the conference championship.

Lowell's Taylor Verdon

and Kristin Johnson made the

"That's the girls' main objective this year," Peal said. "Every team, the goal is to be the first team to put a number "The benefit of doing well up on that banner."

Rapids this week. A win against the Pioneers will go a long way toward getting "2005" on the volleyball banner in the gym. Both teams are 2-0 in the OK White so far this

people to come out, dig out their "Beat East" shirts and come out and support the vollevball team," Peal said. It will be the last home

"We hope we'll get some

game until Lowell hosts Greenville on Feb. 3.

## Gymnasts victorious against East Kentwood

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell gymnastics team was victorious in its first meet last Wednesday. The host Red Arrows defeated East Kentwood 132.05-104.9.

"I thought it was a really good way for the season to start," said Lowell coach Michele DeHaan. "My two seniors, Jenna (Dickerman) on both vault and bars.

leadership roles."

Rau led the way on the

senior to finally hit that 9.0 on vault," DeHaan said.

Dickerman scored an 8.9 on the floor exercise and 8.85 8.45 on floor and 7.95 on bars. 130.

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and Amanda Rau really had Dickerman had worked over and 8.8 on floor. Kelli tine, DeHaan said.

"Now she has that hand-"Hopefully this is going stand in there so she has full to be her year since she's a degree of difficulty so she'll be scoring high with that,"

Rau scored 7.45 on beam, LynnAnn Bell scored 8.4 beam and 8.35 on floor.

Lowell finished eighth out

of 15 teams in Saturday's in the event just ahead of host

Rau led Lowell on vault on vault, 7.2 on bars, 7.95 on with an 8.85 performance stuck her dismount and took Rebecca Underwood scored Division 2 of the tournament. 8.25 on vault, 7.95 on beam Dickerman took seventh place

the summer on her bars rou- Kowalski scored 7.3 on bars. Underwood both scored 8.25.

On bars, Dickerman placed fourth in Division 2 Rockford Invitational. Ply- with an 8.75. Rau scored an 7.35 on beam. Rau scored 7.2 mouth Canton took first place 8.9, Bell a 7.85 and Kowalski

Dickerman took second Lowell's team score was place in Division 2 on beam with an 8.85.

"She stuck everything and good enough for fifth place in second place and she's never Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the placed second at an invita- high school auxiliary gym.

with an 8.7 on vault. Bell and tional before," DeHaan said. "She was just really on, on

Amanda Vezino scored

On floor, Rau finished 10th in Division 2 with 8.6. Underwood scored an 8.55. Dickerman scored 8.45 and Bell had an 8.2.

Lowell hosts Forest Hills

## Basketball, continued...From page 13

half. Two straight three-point- the game ers gave Northview a 14-point

hind throughout the second lead with 3:20 left to play in Northview coach Mike

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provement in the game. "I think we battled through," Kapustka said. FACED WITH A DRINKING PROBLEM?

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Kapustka saw room for im-

"Our offense feeds off our

some turnovers and get out and go," he said.

Lowell's top offensive player was Shea, who scored 18 points. Hettinga had 10 and Mike McElroy, seven.

The Arrows traveled to Middleville Tuesday and host Unity Christian Friday at 7:30

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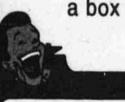
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