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Wednesday, January 19

# Root-Lowell organizes sale to benefit tsunami relief efforts

"I will say Lowell is very generous." - Dave Abel

By Dan Schneider

or the past week the people of Lowell have been shopping to benefit tsunami victims in southeast Asia.

One of the conference rooms at Root-Lowell Manufacturing has been filled since last Wednesday with products and gift certificates from numerous local manufacturers and businesses. For sale are boat seats, rounds of golf, dinner gift certificates, barbecue and chemical sauce sprayers, to give an idea of the variety. The products and gift certificates were all donated and are being sold at reduced prices. All the money goes to the Red Cross to aid relief efforts in the wake of tsunamis that devastated the region.

Root-Lowell employees range of items for sale will

came up with the idea in a staff meeting shortly after the disaster struck. Dave Abel, national sales manager for the company, took up the task. He went to businesses and companies throughout Lowell seeking donations for the sale.

"I will say Lowell is very generous," Abel said. "I went around and solicited anybody and everybody I could get in town. And you don't realize how many companies there are in town until you go out and try to talk to everybody.

The response impressive.

"There's probably donations of about \$7,500, roughly," Abel said. "And we'd like to try to get half that from people coming in here to buy those things."

He hopes the broad

Patient canines help elementary

students improve reading skills

appeal to a wide range of people.

"People who normally shop at those places, that's who we're trying to get in," Abel said.

Root-Lowell Mfg., Litehouse Inc., Attwood, Wittenbach Sales and Service, Ionia County Bank, Harold National Zeigler Ford, Deer Run Golf Club, Curtis Cleaners, Larkin's Restaurant, Cher's Salon, Hunan Tanning Garden, Tractor Supply Company, Pizza Hut, LA Video, Lowell/Ronda Tire, Fry Daddy's, Cousin's, Sneaker's, Flat River Grill, Ball Floral, Blue Ribbon Feed. Stock Lumber, Showboat Automotive, NAPA, Keiser's, Bernard's Ace Hardware, Thomet Chevrolet, Faro's Pizza and Ada-Lowell 5 Theater are local businesses which products donated services for the sale.

Response has been strong. The sale opened at noon last Wednesday; by 3



Dave Abel and Bev Hall with just a few of the items on sale for the tsunami relief effort at Root-Lowell. - Photo submitted by Jay Vezino

p.m., \$1,300 had been raised. sale had raised more than \$3,000.

"It's been very, very good," Beverly Hall said of the response. She got a break from her job in Root-Lowell's ITS department to act as clerk for the sale.

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company

president Tony Asselta gave On Monday afternoon, the a presentation on the sale huge deluge of people come at last Wednesday's Rotary Club meeting.

"After Rotary we had a through," Hall said.

> Root-Lowell sale, cont'd., pg. 3

### Vergennes Township seeks to work with city on sewer project

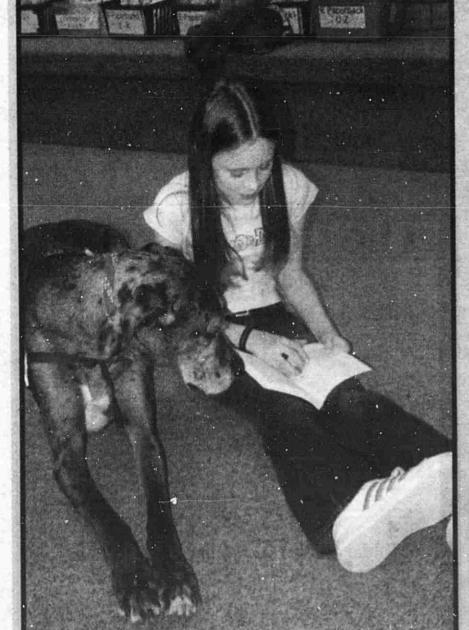
By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

cquiring sewer service is a big issue for some property going through the annexation process in Vergennes Township. Officials in the township say they recognize it as a concern for future growth within the township.

Duray Development is seeking annexation of 177 acres located near the corner of Vergennes Street and Alden Nash Road partly to get sewer service to the parcel. As the township continues to grow, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach said township officials hope to be able to work with the city on this issue as it has with fire protection, the Lowell Area Historical Society, Lowell Area Arts Council and, most recently, the Lowell Area Trails Agreement.

Wittenbach said when the township was approached in 1980 about sewer service, there were about 1,800 people in the area. "At that time, the board couldn't justify such an expense," he said.

Vergennes sewer project, cont'd., pg. 8



Indigo, a five-year-old Great Dane, listens attentively to the book Because of Winn-Dixie being read by Pauline Harrington in the Cherry Creek Elementary media center.

By Dan Schneider

tudents at Cherry Creek Elementary are finding out that dogs are fun to read to. And educators and dog experts say canine audiences speed a child's development as a reader.

Since Nov. 29, dogs have been lazing around in the Cherry Creek media center every other Monday evening, listening to kids read stories.

"She loves kids and for her, lying down next to a kid, that's gravy," said Jeanne Lewis. Her Great Dane, Indigo, made her debut as a listener Jan. 10 at Cherry Creek.

"It was cool," said Cherry Creek fifth grade student Pauline Harrington, who read Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo to Indigo. The book was about a stray dog found by

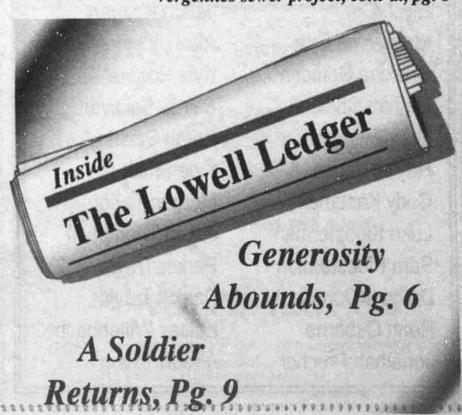
a young girl at a southern supermarket.

Indigo was joined in the library by two golden retrievers. All three dogs are therapy dogs. The dogs usually visit hospitals and nursing homes, where their presence has a therapeutic effect ... lowers blood pressure, eases anxiety. But dogs have also been known to provide a positive learning environment for young readers.

"It's been shown that, using the dogs, in one will improve semester, their reading a grade level, sometimes up to three grade levels," said Terrilynne Lymburner.

Lymburner is president of West Michigan Therapy Dogs. She and Lewis started the organization in 2001. It's a group of

Patient canines,



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ACHESON - Roland (Woodrow) Kellogg; his Gardens. Memorials may be G. Acheson, aged 83, of

brother Howard Acheson; made to a charity of one's HUGHES - Mr. Dwight L. Hughes Memorial Fund, Harlingen, Texas, formerly very special nephew Howard choice. of Grand Rapids, passed (Gail) Acheson Jr.; several away with his wife by his other nieces and nephews. BRENEMAN - Elizabeth 2005. He was preceded in side Wednesday, January Roland served with the E. (Daisy), aged 90, passed 13, 2005 in Harlingen. He U.S. Army 32nd Infantry away on January 10, 2005. Surviving are his children Jean Lipscomb, aged 86, of was held Jan. 14 at the Stroo was preceded in death by during WWII, was a lifetime She leaves to mourn her a son Stephanie Hughes of Alto Dutton, formerly of Alto, Funeral Home with Rev. his first wife of 51 years, Liz member of the VFW Post, Jack (Beth); three grandsons and David Hughes of Belaire; passed away on Wednesday, Tom Swierenga officiating. Acheson, brother Bobby, the American Legion, retired Eric, Lenny and fiancee granddaughters Ashley January 12, 2005. Jean Interment in Kent Memorial sister Vivian. Surviving from Reynolds Metals after Andrea Zadney, and Joe. and Katelyn; sisters Liz worked for 35 years at Muir Gardens. In lieu of flowers, are his wife of four years, 35 years of service, was a She will be dearly missed by (Chris) Wolfe, Karen (Don) Drug Store. She was preceded memorial contributions Polly Acheson; her children former member of Faith all who knew and loved her, Sager and Andrea (Roger) in death by her husband may be given to Hospice of Patricia (David) Barnett, Lutheran Church. Funeral especially all the wonderful Thoreson and his high Charles and a grandson Michigan. Bill (Carol) Schenk, Robin and Committal services were gals at Cumberland Manor school friends including Vic James L. Durkee. Surviving

in Chapel Hill Memorial service.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

**COUNTY OF KENT** 

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO. 05-178823-DE

Estate of ELEANOR B.

O'DONOVAN HORN-

ING a/k/a/ ELEANOR B.

O'DONOVAN.

Date of Birth: 07/21/1910

TO ALL CREDITORS:

(616) 774-4001

away Monday, January 10, 49348.

held Monday at the Reyers in Lowell who took such Weeks, who visited Dwight are her children Robert Gill North Valley Chapel with excellent and loving care often while he was sick. Lipscomb of Dutton, Gayle Dr. Michael Conklin of First of her for seven years. As Funeral services were held L. Angle of Kentwood. United Methodist Church of she wished, cremation has Friday at the Cook Funeral Jerry C. (Nancy) Lipscomb Lowell officiating. Interment taken place; there will be no Home, Byron Center Chapel. of Middleville, Bonnie K. Contributions in memory of Graham of Stanwood: 10 Dwight may be made to the grandchildren; 22 greatgrandchildren; sisters-in-law Hughes Jr., aged 59, passed P.O. Box 44, Wayland, MI Georgia Graves of Virginia Alberta Lipscomb of Grand Rapids; several nieces and death by his daughter Stacy. LIPSCOMB - Mrs. K. nephews. The funeral service

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** File No. 05-178,844-DE

Estate of Hattie Lukas a/k/a Hattie Lukasiewicz D.O.B. 6/22/14

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent Hattie Lukas, who lived at 1009 Second, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 12/31/04.

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

presented to TRUDY AND JAMES WILSON c/o John D. Mitus, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after NOTICETO CREDITORS: the date of publication

of this notice.

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Sara Kloosterman

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: 1804 Holliday Dr., S.W. The decedent, ELEANOR B. O'DONOVAN HORN-ING a/k/a/ ELEANOR B. O'DONOVAN, who lived at 1315 Walker NW. Grand Rapids, MI, died

> Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John F.

11/19/04.

JOHN D. MITUS O'Donovan and Thomas (P-31244) W. O'Donovan, named personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative

> Susan M. Potyraj P46249 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119

notice.

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The City of Lowell Water Treatment Filtration Plant will not be softening nor fluoridating the water from January 12 through February 28, 2005 due to work being done on the clarifier.

Any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Filtration Plant at 897-5234



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

### New legislation cleans up junk cars

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land commended the Legislature for taking action against abandoned junk cars.

Land, who oversees the agency responsible for titling and registering vehicles, understands the problems abandoned vehicles cause and has campaigned for revisions within 4 months after the date of publication of this to the law. Lawmakers approved House Bill 4231 which streamlines abandoned vehicle procedures, freeing up law enforcement to concentrate on more serious crimes.

> "Junk cars are not only an eyesore, they are a public safety hazard," Land said. Derelict cars also pose a risk to the environment, lower property values and have a negative impact on our quality of life."

Under the bill, municipalities have the option of January 10, 2005 using a designated agent or company, rather than law enforcement, to oversee the towing of an abandoned vehicle from public property. In addition, abandoned vehicles are no longer required to be tagged, providing a savings to local communities struggling with limited staffing and resources.

The bill also allows private property owners to directly contact a towing company, instead of the police, to remove the vehicle. The towing company will notify the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction before removing the vehicle from the property.

Law enforcement retains the key role in running the stolen vehicle check and providing the information to the Law Enforcement Information Network. However, the bill requires law enforcement to inform the Department of State within 24 hours of an abandoned vehicle being taken into custody.

Owners of abandoned vehicles have 20 days after receiving written notice to either pay the fees and pick up the vehicle or request a court hearing to dispute

In addition to all other fees, violators will pay \$40 to the Abandoned Vehicle Fund to help support the administrative costs of implementing this legislation. Abandoned vehicles that remain unclaimed may be redeemed by an existing lien holder or sold at public auction.

"The Legislature, Department of State and law enforcement have taken a decided stance against those who litter our roads and communities with junk cars, Land concluded. " I encourage the governor to sign this bill without delay."

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### Hildenbrand takes oath of office



Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

Council, is open to all visual

art media artists at least 18

West Michigan area. Only

artwork completed within

the last two years will be

eligible. Work that was

previously accepted into the

West Michigan Regional

Competition is ineligible.

**Root-Lowell** 

sale, cont'd...

From Page 1

The sale will be open

every day through Friday

from noon to 5 p.m. Those

wishing to shop should enter

through the front entrance at

Root Lowell and follow the

vellow footprints taped to

the floor to the conference

undertaken some internal

fundraising projects. These

include a \$5 jeans day, a

raffle for a car detailing and

a parking spot inside the

building. The company will

also match any donations

given by its employees.

Root-Lowell's goal is to

raise more than \$7,000 for

tsunami relief by the end

of the week through any of

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ORACING STRIPES (PG)

THE AVIATOR (PG-13)

2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

DELEKTRA (PG-13)

these methods.

Root-Lowell has also

room.

joined by family and friends the 86th District." Hildenbrand was elected to of my constituents, and 086 or by emailing him at the House on Nov. 2.

Regional Competition are 24 and this year's juror and students, and a fee of

years and older in the Lower 10 - 12 and each artist may 2nd Place - \$300; 3rd Place

submit up to two entries.

There is a non-refundable

now available. This juried is Mark Chatterley, an \$25 for non-members.

Michigan University.

art competition, sponsored adjunct instructor in the

**ACT** workshop offered

Jan.27. The workshop starts at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until 8:30. The workshop will include

a practice test as well as instruction on student strengths relative to the test and tips on

test-taking pace. The workshop will also inform attendees about the new essay portion

The Lowell Academic Boosters Club is sponsoring the workshop. It costs

Drop-off dates are Feb. - \$500; 1st Place - \$400; @lowellartscouncil.org.

that will be added to the test next year. The sample test includes an essay portion.

LAAC sponsors West Michigan art competition

West Michigan from Feb. 20 - March Area Arts Council members Mention - \$100.

by the Lowell Area Arts art department of Central awarded in the following Lowell Area Arts Council

Entry forms for the The competition runs entry fee of \$20 for Lowell - \$200; and Honorable

There will be an ACT test preparation workshop at Lowell High School Thurs.

Hildenbrand began his first voice in Lansing on Jan. 12. Michigan Legislature on Michigan a competitive The Lowell Republican was behalf of the people in place to live and work." as he took the oath of office Hildenbrand. "I'm anxious contact Hildenbrand by at the Capitol ceremony, to represent the interests calling

"It is an honor and a opportunity to work with mi.gov.

State Rep. Dave term as the 86th District's privilege to serve in the my colleagues to make

I'm excited to have this RepHildenbrand @house.

For more information on

this exhibition and to receive

Five prizes will be a call for entry form, call the

categories: Best of Show at 897-8545 or e-mail: info

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.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SKATE

#### RIVER CITY IMPROV AT DEER RUN

A performance by River City Improv at Deer Run Golf Club will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 897-8545 for information or tickets. Limited tickets are available.

#### MID-WINTER USED BOOK SALE

Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor a 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.

#### CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Four males and six females are needed for the Thebes Players' production of "Wedding of the Year." Auditions are Jan. 26 and 27 at 6:30 at LAAC, Call 897-8545.

#### 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.

#### F.R.O.M. ITEMS NEEDED

If you can help, the F.R.O.M. food pantry is in need of cereal, spaghetti sauce, crackers, paper products and personal care products.

> What people say you cannot do, you try and find that you can.

> > - Henry Thoreau



### Improv group to perform this weekend

Lowell Area Arts Council presents River City Improv this Saturday, Jan. 22 at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Rd. River City Improv, a Calvin Alumni Improv Team, presents a comedy show that weaves skits, games and songs with audience suggestions to create unique entertainment experiences. Doors open at 7 p.m. with an appetizer menu and cash bar available. The performance begins at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$9; tickets for LAAC members, seniors and students are \$7. Advanced reservations are recommended as limited tickets are available. To purchase tickets, call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or visit the website at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

**JANUARY 21, 1880** 

Plans are afoot to rebuild the Fallasburg bridge, washed

Township school superintendents are paid \$2 a day for

The editor is in Ann Arbor for a meeting of the Michigan

A share of stock in the Edison electric light company

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

**JANUARY 19, 1905** 

Mrs. Frank Fitch leads the first week with 1,078 votes in

Charles Althen retires after 37 years at his clothing store.

Clarinda Stocking writes to name the first six

Former Lowell boy Martin Simpson is moving back from St.

their work, but only \$1.50 a day while they are serving as

It will cost \$3 million to take the census.

away by the recent flood.

school inspectors

goes for \$1,500.

#### **OUTDOOR SAFETY**

The forests, fields, and lakes of Michigan provide residents and visitors with abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation.

present an element of risk to participants. Because it is fun and exhilarating, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, under adverse conditions. This practice, however, is very dangerous. The first snowmobile fatality occurred shortly after the first snowfall. Speed, alcohol, or both are commonly identified as the cause of snowmobile accidents.

Boats are more stable, but careless operation can invite disaster. All boat operators need to know and follow the marine rules of the road. Fishermen must pay attention to small craft warnings and be able to recognize deteriorating weather conditions. Wind, waves and lightning can be hazardous on open water.

activity, special care must be taken when handling firearms. Even though more people hunt today than in the past, the number of hunting accidents involving firearms has dramatically declined. Mandatory hunter safety training and the hunter orange law are the reasons given for the decrease. The greatest hazard for hunters turns out to be As fun and rewarding as these activities are, some falls from tree-stands. Using a full-body restraint system will reduce this risk.

and personal watercraft are often operated at high speeds completing a related training program. Youngsters, for example, must be of age and possess a certificate to operate a snowmobile, personal watercraft or an all-terrain vehicle. training, then follow the rules and have fun. Special regulations also apply to young people operating

boats. Safe boat operation is best learned through a marine safety class.

Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1960 must present a hunter safety certificate to obtain his or her first hunting license. Those not required by law to take classes should at least study printed material on the subject. Visit the Department Although hunting is considered a reasonably safe of Natural Resources web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr for information about available safety classes.

Private clubs, law enforcement departments, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, sportsmen associations, and others also provide training. At least one manufacturer of allterrain vehicles pays purchasers of its machines to take a safety class. It is apparently good business to keep customers healthy and happy.

Becoming aware of hazards, proper operation of Participants can safely enjoy these activities by equipment and the exercise of common sense will help to make outdoor recreation safe and enjoyable for participants as well as others who share the outdoors. Make sure to get

### Financial Focus

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#### THINK ABOUT ESTATE-PLANNING "CHECKLIST"

You may think it's too soon to do estate planning. Yet none of us can predict the future-so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

Jol an Announcement to make?

Wedding, Engagement and Anniversary Announcements\* are Free in the Ledger. Birth Announcements without a photo are free; with a photo are \$5.

\* Anniversary announcements cannot contain an invitation to a celebration

Where do you begin? Consider developing an estate planning "checklist." Here's one to consider:

-Assemble your estate-planning team.

Your estate-planning team can include an investment professional, an attorney, a tax professional and an insurance consultant. Use this team to help you complete the following steps.

Identify your objectives.

Your first step is to set out some broad goals, such as these:

- Distribute assets fairly to your family members.
- Designate someone to handle your financial affairs if you become incapacitated.
- · Support charitable, religious or educational estate taxes:
- Name a guardian to take care of your minor children, should you and your spouse die prematurely.

-Create a list of all your assets.

You'll need an accurate list of all the assets you own, as well as the registration of these assets and any beneficiary designations associated with them. Ask your investment representative or attorney if he or she can provide a document that will help in organizing this information.

-Create the legal papers you'll need.

Estate planning can involve a variety of legal considerable part of your taxable estate. documents. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Will Ensures that your assets transfer in the manner manage your estate. that you choose.
- to beneficiaries, protecting assets, carrying out your wishes if you become incapacitated and minimizing estate taxes.
- Durable power of attorney Names someone to make financial and health care decisions on your behalf should you become unable to do so.
  - Health care directive/living will Provides process soon.

evidence of your wishes regarding the administering of life-prolonging procedures if you are no longer able to

-Estimate estate taxes.

Your taxable estate consists of the value of your gross estate-including your savings, investments, real estate, insurance policies, retirement plans, etc.-less any deductions. In 2005, you can pass along up to \$1.5 million of your estate, free of federal estate taxes, to your heirs. This estate tax exclusion rises gradually over the next several years.

-Explore ways to reduce estate taxes.

Here are a few widely used strategies for lowering

- Gifting You can give up to \$11,000 per year to as many people as you choose, free of gift taxes.
- Establish "bypass trust" When created, your assets will "detour" past your surviving spouse's taxable estate so you may protect up to \$3 million in assets (\$1.5 million each in estate tax exclusions) from estate taxes. This figure will rise as the exclusion increases.
- Create "irrevocable life insurance trust" By putting your life insurance policies into an irrevocable trust, you can avoid estate taxes on the proceeds-which could be a
- Appoint a qualified individual or professional to

You'll need to choose someone who will have the • Revocable living trust - Assists in distributing assets experience, knowledge, time and desire to carry out your wishes and handle your financial affairs.

Get Started Soon

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The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball. -Doug Larson

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# Viewpointpy Roger Brown

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I've been looking at this darned computer monitor for an hour, and like a dog repeatedly checking on his empty food dish, I keep finding it empty.

That means it is time to resort to my old standby... plagiarism. Hopefully you weren't one of the thousands of Americans stranded by the airlines over the holidays and can find the humor in the following airline flight announcements.

On a Continental flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the

appearance of your flight attendants." Heard on a Southwest Airline flight: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section is on the wing. If you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

On landing the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

"There may be fifty ways to leave your lover, but there are only four ways out of this airplane."

"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we've enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker. "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight

As a very concerned private citizen who is also a

Our committee is well educated about the complexity

member of the Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes

Township, I want to express my genuine concern about the

proposed annexation of 177 acres near Vergennes Road and

of this situation, particularly surrounding the history of the

water and sewer situation which is tied into this issue. I

believe readers deserve to know some details about a parcel

of land that barely touches the city's boundaries, and only

then via a narrow strip of land extending through a wetland.

If it falls into the city's hands either via annexation or a 425

"agreement" (both of which I and others disagree), the impact

ownership would allow (4 units per acre vs. Vergennes' R1

zoning of one unit per acre) would extinguish the planned

and appropriate buffer against urban sprawl called for in the

this particular land in terms of its uniqueness. This particular

natural area "connects" to the city's boundary via a tenuous

agreement that does not serve either the city or Vergennes in its

efforts to qualify as a connection. Because this "connection"

is basically a wetland, it would be unsuitable for housing,

and problematic to develop as an access road. The wetland

is fed by a trout stream that runs along the eastern edge of

the proposed property annexation. In fact, I wonder how

many of the 177 acres is developable at all once wetlands are

features and open space sites, such as the Cooper Woodland

(immediately to the south), the Wittenbach Agri-Science

Center and Wege Natural Area to the north and the Cherry

Creek Outdoor Classroom to the southeast. These unique

features would be irrevocably impacted by the city's density

standards. In addition, it's a sure sign that something is

not right when an annexation (or a 425 Agreement) will and have a wider view than their own bottom line.

In addition, the area connects with other natural

Four times as many buildings will also greatly impact

Developing this particular parcel at the density that city

adds up to a proposal that has no common sense to it.

Vergennes 2000 Master Plan.

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

From a Southwest Airlines employee, "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in the public unsupervised."

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From the pilot during his welcome message, "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this Press Association.

Heard on a Southwest Airlines flight just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City; the flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airplane's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight the Ledger popularity contest for a sewing machine prize. attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

If I stop here, we'll accomplish two things. One, you won't suffer airline humor overload. And two, I'll have enough of these left to bail me out the next time there isn't any food in my dog dish.

Michigan Land Use Leadership Council for 21st century

annexation does nothing to serve the wider community

The 425 Plan discussion Monday, Jan. 10 was very

disappointing, and my elected officials have already heard

from me regarding the importance of standing firm on this

Finally, I remain seriously concerned that the proposed

Should this particular deal come at the expense of

community relations? The regional efforts by Lowell City,

Lowell Township and Vergennes Township are important in

many ways, not the least of which is the choice to live in a

community which emphasizes rural character yet supports

this situation revolves around dollars - not the least stemming

from the divisive (and complex) history behind sewer/water

foresight to adopt a renewed and sensible long-term view on

this matter separate from the Duray group's application for

annexation. With good intergovernmental cooperation, I am

be financially beneficial to the city while Vergennes retains

Something is wrong with most of this picture, and I

supported by many people who agree with my sentiments.

trust and hope that our local leaders will find a reasonable

solution. It's 2005. Sensible land use, creative development

sprawl and destruction of an important natural link.

I hope that the elected officials involved will find the

If relations are to be rocked, let it be for a proposal that at

recommendations regarding urban sprawl.)

the business district of Lowell.

schoolteachers in Lowell, who taught nine Tracy and Robinson children, plus three Indian boys. "Miss Audie Post attended the lecture of Edward W. Bok at the Fountain Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids Thursday evening." serving an adjacent community. Emergency services and others would have to drive through roads in Vergennes

Charles E. Francisco invents the "No-swear" trout-Township to gain access to this property. (Please refer

fishing rod, guaranteed to cast a line through thick brush to www. michiganlanduse.org/final report.htm from the

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JANUARY 16, 1930**

hilarity, including a drawing for a basket containing a small County parks will forgo any improvements this year; the

The annual Board of Trade banquet has its share of

issue. I do understand that growth is inevitable, and I do \$25,000 budget request is reduced to \$10,000. The old Rouse shop building on Broadway burns down;

support appropriate development. However, this particular proposal makes no common sense for the greater good of firemen are also called out to a restaurant, the Masonic hall and two house fires.

A weekly "Facts about the Telephone" column mentions there are 4,000 Smiths in the Los Angeles directory.

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 20, 1955**

The U.S. Postal Service starts replacing the infamous scratchy pens with non-retractable ball-points.

least makes sense, which this one does not. The developer's The Mothers' March and VFW Auxiliary will cover interest in making a buck is the most well-served entity here. Lowell and rural areas for badly-needed funds to deal with After the houses are built, the city of Lowell and Vergennes the polio increase in the past few years. Township will still need to get along. The underpinning of

Al Hermans is honored by the parent company for his 10-year operation of the Gamble store.

The Board of Trade starts its 50th year with Harold Jefferies as president; other directors are Jerald Roth, Gurney Hahn, David Coons, Mac Fonger and Gerald Rollins.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 16, 1980**

confident that the water and sewer situation could be made to The school board works on balancing elementary class sizes, but will not move any more classes to Alto. its rightful boundaries and its Master Plan against urban

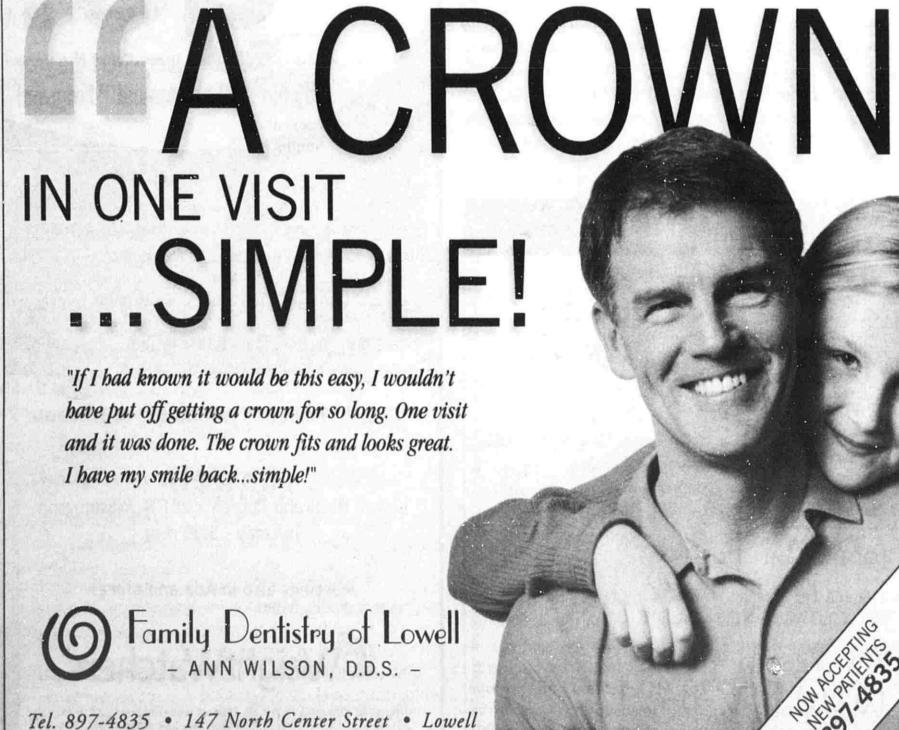
Lowell Savings & Loan merges with Saginaw First Savings & Loan, ending Lowell's distinction as the last in Michigan to not be federally insured.

A driver trying to get out of a ditch showers another's car

The Rebuild Ada Bridge Committee has a fundraiser at the Friendly Owl supermarket.

minimization of urban sprawl, retention of positive with gravel, cracking or breaking three of its windows. intercommunity relations are all threads to the fabric of this Lowell Area Arts Council honors Chris Van Antwerp for his founding and leadership of the now 130-member group

situation. I urge the city and township leaders to be sensible the past three years. result in access to property that can only occur via roads Sincerely, Kate Dernocoeur Динециприменти выменти поличения по по-



Sincerely, Kate Demococur

### The Tsunami

The islands are torn from bottom to top. The sea it erupted, and took all they got.

The peril was mighty, the loss it was high the beautiful ocean was just a disguise.

It turned up the houses and threw up the mud, it rushed in and took the people above.

The children they walked, they stared in a daze, their houses and families swept all away.

> Where is the heart of the world on this day? What is God trying to say?

Now are they listening and watching, I pray. Yes, let us ask what is God trying to say?

- Cindy C. Nagy

Dean Bailey, pastor Alto/Bowne Center churches

He was eight years old and made a boat, a small boat. He carefully crafted his boat. He carved, he sanded, he reported the same thing. They saw a boy lovingly holding painted. He installed a sail and tested it in the bathtub. The boat floated! So he attached a long string and took the boat you and you're mine, all mine!" to the lake for the real test.

The boat did well and he let out more and more bought you with Christ and you're mine, all mine." string until the boat was just a tiny spec out on the lake. Unfortunately a wind and rain storm suddenly appeared, the

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## Lowell community/students respond to tsunami victims' needs

By Dan Schneider

about the future.

Asia, Lowell's Flat River all funds at once. (F.R.O.M.) has good news that there will still be work Their goal is \$3,000 by the

in local contributions. At drive earlier this month.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

drive had originally planned Two weeks into its to release funds to the Red fundraising efforts to help Cross Saturday, Jan. 15, but tsunami victims in southeast decided to wait and transfer

to report and is optimistic to be done at that time." said F.R.O.M. committee As of last Thursday, member Ann Dimmick, who F.R.O.M. had raised \$1,229 began organizing the fund

to the Southern Asia Disaster effort. The Lowell Middle Relief Fund of the American School student council, Red Cross. The money raised at its meeting last Friday, is currently being held in unanimously approved a Elementary an account at Huntington donation of \$750 to the fund. National Bank labeled The money comes from past Fund. Organizers of the fund received letters informing

string was broken and his boat disappeared. He searched

and searched the shores of the lake for many days, looking

for any sign of his boat without success. His boat was truly

to look in the toy store window and there was his boat! He

rushed in to discover the only way he could have his boat

back was to buy it. He hurried home, took his savings of

small boat and saying over and over, "I made you, I bought

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coins, returned to the store and bought back his boat

One afternoon on his way home from school he stopped

Persons walking downtown that late afternoon all

them of the F.R.O.M. fund own money or do chores and asking them to donate. Cherry

Elementary is asking its students to raise money "The needs are so great through various means. end of the month. Students have donated tooth fairy money as well as money \$694.82 was collected. raised by doing chores

announcements. Murray Ministries Tsunami Relief Bushnell Elementary parents encouraged to donate their location.

at home to earn money to Creek contribute. They created and posted signs throughout the school asking for donations. First grade students donated the profits from their project Christmas cards. A total of

The First United such as shoveling snow. Methodist Church of Lowell The Lowell schools are Administrators share ideas and the First Congregational donations will be transferred pitching in to help with the about how to earn money for Church of Lowell are donations during morning locations where the general public can make donations.

Contributions students also be made to the Flat and their families also River Outreach Ministries contributed to the tsunami Tsunami Relief Fund at any the Flat River Outreach student council fundraisers. relief effort. Students were Huntington National Bank



JANUARY 21: James Vezino, JANUARY 24: David Szymc-

nice VanderVeen, Krysta mers, Mackenzie Stiles. JANUARY 22: Cheryl DeY-

oung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, So does God say to each one of us, "I created you, I Jenni Magner, Frances Walling, Glenn Vanbuskirk, Shane Gildner, Reece Vander Warf, Frances DeVries.

Wingeier, Zach Stauffer.

Mark MacNaughton, Eu- zak, Allan Baird, Haleigh Tim-

ing, Molly Doyle, Dean

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# 20: Shelby JANUARY 23: Amanda

JANUARY 25: Dave Hard-

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THURS: Chicken hip dippers or baked ham, mashed mixed fruit, milk.

FRI: Cheese pizza or turkev bacon sub sandwich. cinnamon apples, tater



Air Force Airman Terra L. Thurlow has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, she studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Airman Terra L. Thurlow In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an graduate of Lowell High associate degree through the School, is the daughter of

Community College of the Jeanne Beachnaw of Alto. Air Force.

### Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

School districts across Michigan face a serious challenge. Public schools continue to be part of a downward funding cycle. As individual district budgets shrink, additional cuts in programs and services are likely required to stave off the risk of financial collapse in school districts across the state. Unfortunately, the budget cuts Lowell Area Schools has made over the last three years appear to be a preview of the cuts still to come. Further cuts will require hard choices and hard realities for the Board of Education and the community we represent.

However, relying on cuts made district by district will do little to help Michigan public schools provide the

### College News

Hope College has announced that Audrey Converse, a graduate of Lowell High School, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2004-'05 school

To be named to the dean's list, the junior had to have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### Gospel group to perform at First Baptist Church

The Gospelmen, a group this musical group, each mem- bass; and Jeff Groat, sound which began "presenting the ber proclaims Jesus Christ as engineer. Gospel through song" in 1985, Lord, and each member is a will perform this Sunday, Jan. 23 at First Baptist Church of bers include Tim Herbert, Lowell.

While there are several

Wayne A. Christenson I

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

part of the urinary tract can become infected. The urinary

tract includes the kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra.

Bladder infections are the most common. Kidney infections

are a more serious problem. People with kidney infections

usually need to take antibiotics for a longer period of time,

include a burning sensation when urinating, feeling the need

to urinate more frequently feeling the urge to urinate but not being able to, foul smelling urine, or cloudy, dark or bloody

urine. Nausea, lower back pain, and fever may be signs of

a kidney infection. If these symptoms become present, it is

and sometimes are treated in the hospital

important to see your doctor.

Most urinary tract infections are caused by bacteria. Any

born-again Christian. Memtenor: Brian Wright, lead; Gregg Martin, baritone and denominations represented in manager; R. W. Hammond, recordings over the years and

Thurlow, a 2000

This will be the 10th

annual performance at First Baptist Church for the group from Genessee. The Gospelmen have produced several will be in a concert of worship

at 9:30 a.m. The public is welcome and a free-will offering will be taken to support their

The Gospelmen will also perform at the Clarksville Bible Church at 6 p.m. that

Urinary tract infections are diagnosed by testing a sample of urine to find out of there are bacteria present. If there is an infection, an antibiotic is given. Symptoms of infection usually go away in a couple of days after starting the medication. There is also a medication that can help numb the urinary tract and decrease pain while the antibiotic is starting to work. This medication does turn the urine bright orange, so patients are told not to be alarmed by the color of

their urine if they are taking this medicine.

There are several ways to help prevent urinary tract infections. Drink plenty of water to flush out bacteria. Drinking cranberry juice may also help prevent infections. Don't hold your urine; urinate when the urge comes on. Wipe from front to back after bowel movements. Urinate right after sex to help wash away bacteria. By following these guidelines, you should be able to avoid many infections. Bladder infections can be painful and annoying. Fortunately, Some signs and symptoms of a bladder infection medicine can keep them from becoming a serious problem.

systemic solution. So what is the solution? First and closest to home, the community's confidence in the quality of our schools is a top priority to the Board of Education. Through researchdriven data and the skills and experience of our educators, the Board will continue to look for ways to improve the education we provide our children regardless of financial Additional cuts in the state budget will not help

education their students deserve. Further, "solving" a

year's budget problems in any district will do little to solve that district's next year's problems. To date Lowell Area

Schools has done well in maintaining staffing levels and

its programs and services. However, we must acknowledge

that our district's budget problems (and those of districts

statewide) are not temporary and will require a long-term,

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Michigan's public schools. It will only push more districts into financial crisis. Reports in the media point to both increased revenues for the School Aid Fund and changes in the way Michigan's public school system is organized and managed as the most effective responses to the funding

Michigan's public education financial problems have been building for a long time and now threaten school districts in all parts of the state. Without major changes at the highest level, the crisis will deepen next year and potentially into the future. Recognizing the important relationship between financial integrity and quality education, you can be assured that the Board of Education will remain informed, review state legislature activity, research other funding sources and closely monitor our district budget.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com.



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### Vergennes sewer project, continued... From Page 1

has increased and with the seek public sewer, and I am some sort of agreement. addition of Lowell High pretty sure there is going to School, the pressure around be more," Wittenbach said, city has enough capacity in been pretreated, freeing up

in the past two years, water said, adding that it could be don't need it and those are But at this time, the from Litehouse, Inc. has adding that the township its sewer system and is not capacity, said councilman "The Cook property is would like to be able to looking to expand. Part of Jim Pfaller. Attwood Corp. Stone, the township, through has also freed up capacity Marsha Wilcox, did do an

> with its downsizing. So basically having an effect on us," said township only two years ago in existence and it would extra usage. and discussed the possibility of a plant expansion and from the state to work with city agreed to exchange purchasing capacity. Sincethen, Stone said the capacity.

the city, the expansion is not

township has been waiting to hear from the city about that because of our size and Wilcox's report in pursing the expansion. Through informal because the city of Lowell discussions, Vergennes officials thought they were place," she said. Monday night, the two discussions on the matter. "It property's wetlands, and the plant expansion, but city said the city would not little since 1998, adding that

areas with walking trails and what was communicated it had a commitment from see what the opinion would to them. Because of the the township. "I can't justify be now on building a plant. industrial changes within the expenditure because the

probably be recommended

Since then, development the first private property to access sewer service through that comes from the fact that needed right now, Pasquale citizens of Lowell [city] readdressed in three to five the people who I represent," said Pfaller, who made In 1998, according to it clear that he was only speaking for himself.

Stone questioned what assessment for its industrial if the township covered the area on sewer services. It entire cost of the expansion. was estimated to cost \$106 Pfaller said that would "be million for the township a whole other discussion." Vergennes clerk Mari Stone, to build a treatment plant. Councilman Charles Myers who added that Wastewater The biggest obstacle from said there is more to it than Treatment Plant supervisor Wilcox's point of view, just the expansion costs -Mark Mundt and another however, was that the there is also the expense of representative visited the city currently had a plant adding and maintaining that

> the city on purchasing information Treatment Wastewater "We're disadvantaged Plant's current capacity and issue further. Robb Munger, already has the services in of Duray, said Department of Natural Resources rules Mayor Jeanne Shores have also been relaxed a

> consider an expansion unless the township may want to

### Vergennes and city of Lowell working toward 425 Agreement

By J. Lodbell Contributing Writer

Lowell City Council are

discuss the possibility of another. a 425 Agreement, put in place in 1984. Such an ultimately the township definition provided by city provide sewer to the site manager David Pasquale, (and the township) with transfer between two local control over the property. governments that does not Seeing that it was not exceed 50 years for economic workable right now (see development. The property related story), the group would basically fall under settled on four issues and the jurisdiction of the city put in place a negotiating during the duration of the team between the two agreement. Pasquale added municipalities to work out that in 1990, it was decided the details and present the that a housing development proposal to the respective fit the definition of an governing bodies. economic development.

acres located in Vergennes for the 425 Agreement Township near the corner revenue sharing, and which of Alden Nash Avenue government the property and Vergennes Street. The would fall under. property is bordered on the

through it going to Lowell that allows for one home High School. Currently per acre. Across the street. Duray, explained While both sides agree has petitioned the State Township clerk Mari Stone, there are points that need to Boundary Commission for is zoning for three acres be ironed out, the Vergennes the property to be annexed Township Board and the to the city. A public hearing

"I think an annexation the city and the township, agreement that could avoid can be a hostile process with creating a nice transition the annexation of 177 acres strong emotional reactions from rural to city. of land from the township to coming out," said Vergennes Township supervisor Tim At a special meeting Wittenbach, who opened of building on any of the expressing their interest in to can pit one neighbor against planned to create greenspace officials said that was not

according to a would like to see the city conditional land the township maintaining

Those issues were The property is 177 zoning, length of time

said a park; he felt his design could create that transition.

said he has no intention

per home. Stone said it is

important to the township

to keep a buffer between

Robb Munger, of Duray,

425 Agreement, cont'd.,

Patient canines, continued ... From Page 1 dog owners, whose animals have even temperaments, who "They're not judgmental," she said. "They're giving donate time to bring the animals around to brighten peoples' them undivided attention, they're not going to ask them to

days. In addition to dogs visiting hospitals and nursing repeat themselves." homes, the organization has a group of dogs trained for Even though she lives on the other side of the county, disaster response. They comfort people who lived through in Comstock Park, Lewis plans to bring Indigo back out to

> "She really enjoyed it and it was definitely worth the ride out here," Lewis said. "The reading program meets a couple of times a month and we plan to schedule as many

> Next Monday is the next Paws for Reading night at Cherry Creek. Students in all grade levels can ask teachers for sign-up sheets or look for them at the media center or school office. Parents must accompany their children to the reading sessions. The dogs are different each session, as a group of six volunteers take turns bringing dogs in.

#### Dogs make good reading coaches mostly because they For Vergennes, zoning is are attentive audiences. They are most helpful, Lymburner southern edge by the city a concern since the property and has a sewer line running currently falls under zoning said, in giving students more confidence in their reading.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Being read to is a new task for the therapy dogs, one that

Cherry Creek fourth grade teacher Karen VanKleve, a

has become more popular in the last five years. It's being

coordinated nationwide through a program called Paws For

member of West Michigan Therapy Dogs, started the reading

program in Lowell. She had previously brought her dog to

Regular Meeting of January 10, 2005

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that high school students have exams the 18th through the 20th. The stage floor in the LPAC is being resurfaced. Students are working on the musical "Footloose", and main characters in the play are Chad Drenth, Kyler Krieg, Amanda Durkee, and Jessie Stephens. The Junior Class is planning the Prom which will be held on May 7th.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION - To honor the Board members for their dedication in serving the Lowell Area Schools, Shari Miller announced their years of service and presented them with a diversity calendar.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Varsity Football Team -Shari Miller congratulated the Varsity Football Team for their State title and congratulated Noel Dean for being named Coach of the Year. Team captains Ryan Esbaugh, Brock Graham, and Tim Droese briefly spoke about their experiences and appreciation to the teachers, coaches, and community for all their support.

AUDIT REPORT - Phil Saurman, from the district's audit firm of Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C., presented the 2003-2004 audit, and the Board accepted the

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Accepted the following gifts:

- Kathleen Mooney donation of artwork valued at \$650 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools.
- Dr. Charles Mitchell, Jr. donation of \$1,000 establish a scholarship fund in Shari Miller's name

 Mark Lessens donation of National Geographic hard cover books valued at \$800 to be used by the Lowell Consensus Conference is being held later this week. The Middle School library.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/adopted were:

be read to at a Grandville school.

Minutes for: December 2, 2004 Special Meeting, December 13, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed

The following payment of bills for November 2004: \$ 1,476,803.69 GENERAL FUND

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND A. Food Service Fund B. Athletic Fund 2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND 2004 ENERGY BOND FUND TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

Call for Regular School Election - Pat Nugent explained that school elections have changed and the regular election of school board candidates will no longer be held in June. This year's election will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Candidates have until February 8 to turn in petitions.

School Election "Coordinating Agreement" Signature Authorization

FACILITY UPDATE - Larry Mikulski reported that the Honeywell energy conservation projects are nearly complete and that the electric and water/sewer bills for two of the completed buildings show a tremendous

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported budget amendment information will be shared at the January Board workshop, and the Board will be asked to adopt the

amendments at their February Board Meeting. A Revenue 2005-2006 school year calendar has just been completed and appreciation was extended to Dorann Truax and her team for this joint endeavor with district administrators.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller congratulated Dorann Truax for her new granddaughter and thanked Larry Mikulski for his work on the Honeywell Project. Thanks were given to the Lowell Area Community Fund for funding the resurfacing of the stage floor at the LPAC. Shari expressed that it is a very exciting time to be in education. The district has a clear path in place for literacy and an accountability model to measure data is being developed. Shari then thanked all the administrators and educational leaders.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Board Workshop** Monday, January 24, 2005 - 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

> **Board Meeting** Monday, February 13, 2005 Runciman Administration Building Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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## Back home - local soldier recalls year in Iraq

By Dan Schneider

A Lowell soldier returned home last Thursday following Saddam Hussein's sons. a tour of duty in Iraq for almost a year.

Army Spc. Mindy Tarney, 22, of the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion landed in Kuwait on Jan. 17, 2004 before being stationed at Camp Victory South in Iraq. She spent did get rockets, heard small most of the remainder of the year there. For the first part of her stay, her main job was as a driver transporting a command sergeant major outside the camp compound to destinations as kevlar vests and helmets, full far as two hours away.

"It's usually three or four vehicles and you go outside the wire and you drive like a maniac to get to your destination," Tarney said. "It's white knuckles all the way."

The convoys would travel top speed along the Iraqi highways. They'd drive in medians when necessary to avoid having to stop behind traffic, which would make them easy targets for insurgents. So Tarney didn't get in much sight-seeing on

"I just drove, kept my eyes on the road, so I didn't get they'll want you to eat half to see too much," she said. "I saw a camel, some blown-up of it, they're very generous," vehicles, children without shoes in the cold."

The convoys she rode in got different reactions from people on the roadsides. Many gave thumbs up, some gestured that they wanted food. Tarney said others in her convoy saw Iraqis making menacing, throat-slitting gestures.

Tarney went on less than 10 of these white-knuckle drives. Much of her time in Iraq was spent working as the Army equivalent of a human resources director at Camp Victory South. The camp is set up in what was formerly the Al Faw tortured by Saddam. She Palace compound. Tarney said there were several stories go- said despite Iraqi culture's Iraq.

for-possibly a Baath Party retreat or a palace belonging to with were respectful.

Tarney did not see combat but, in camp, there were still reminders that they were in hostile territory.

"We did get mortars, we arms fire," she said. "We did have times when we were in battle rattle."

She became more closely acquainted with the Iraqi people on escort duty, assigned to watch Iraqis hired to do work around the

"They have a bag of food enough for 10 people and Tarney said. "The ones on post, either they liked us or they were lying to us."

"Saddam bad" and "Bush good" were among the English words she heard from some Iragis. One of the men she escorted said he had been

ing around the camp about what the palace had been used reputation for gender inequality, the Iraqi men she worked

A 2000 Lowell High School graduate, Tarney joined the Army in May 2002. Her mother is Dena Hoffman. Tarney will depart in a week for Fort Lewis, Wash.



Army Spc. Mindy Tarney and fellow soldier Sibhan Joines relax on a hum-vee in

### Texas transplants start new graphic design business in Lowell



Michael and Amanda Trimble are the husband-wife team behind Mandolin Design.

By Dan Schneider

a husband-and-wife graphic it seemed like the right time to Lowell last year from accounting degree and form Austin, Texas.

Creative a bachelor's degree in fine museum displays. arts from the Art Institute

Mandolin Design is a was going to have to hire the start of any big band talk to," Mike Trimble said, new business in town. It is someone to do some of it. So design firm transplanted to enlist her husband and his Mandolin Design.

They do all kinds of Amanda Trimble and project design projects ( Mike coordinator/production Trimble also has an art manager Michael Trimble background). That includes started their business in graphic design, web design, 1997. Amanda Trimble has brochures, logos and

The name is based of Boston. In Austin, she on Amanda Trimble's full was working on her own name, Amanda Lynne. It as a graphic designer on a also reflects the interest freelance and contract basis. both have in music. This

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After awhile, her business summer, they hope to give almost easier to get projects grew to the point where she swing-dance lessons before because people are easier to

Concerts. The couple moved

to Lowell to be closer to the brochures, posters and they plan to hold tile mosaic Amanda Trimble's parents, web site for this year's classes in the garage portion who live in Portland where Lowell Community Expo. of the structure. For them, she grew up. They also They did a web site for a the classes function as a thought Lowell would be sawmill in Pewamo and fun craft, a social outlet a good place to raise their an ad campaign for Patrick and a way to network with two children. By using Duff's unsuccessful run for potential clients. modern communications Ionia County Probate Judge. technology, they were able to keep some of their major range from funky to slick- itself," Mike Trimble said. clients from Austin, where polished-corporate. they worked with Dell Computers and textbook Texas were high tech, so a mandolindesign.com.

Since moving here last spring, they've done a few in the office portion of a youcrackmeup.com. local projects, as well.

Winston, among others.

"One thing about living in a small town ... it's

performances in the Lowell adding, "Lowell seems to be garage they built next to thriving, I think we can do their house on Lincoln Lake Showboat Sizzlin' Summer

They are working on Mercer street). This spring,

The design style can marketing that pays for

"A lot of our clients in has a web site: www. publisher Holt, Rinehart and lot of our work does look that," Amanda Trimble said. have a web site for their

They work at home, mosaic classes: www.

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Ave. (the garage opens to

"It's kind of like

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### 425 Agreement, continued ... From Page 8

the possibility of having by Pasquale, 50 percent of review the development being returned to the original plans with the city retaining full control over the zoning

property to revert back to the theory, the city levies about township once the agreement 16 mills, with the township's was completed. According portion coming from that,

suggested to the information provided Pasquale explained. He councilman Jim Pfaller said Vergennes Township the 425 Agreement parcels Commission have gone to the cities involved with 39 percent governmental body.

issues; Wittenbach felt this sharing, Pasquale said the township probably would the receive all of its levied millage, about a mill.

if it falls under the city's to 50 years. As for tax revenue

agreement's length of time. While such an agreement

added that other millages, he could not support a long- he would give the groups together." such as the Lowell Historical term agreement, but might seven weeks to work this out Museum mill, might also consider one for 20 years. A and get an agreement signed his company's decision to be levied on the property 425 Agreement can last up and in place. This is the time develop the land was because

concerned about the councilman Al Mathews.

parcels could be annexed or Vergennes Township and this time. whether the 425 Agreement the city of Lowell. The be annexed or seek 425 hearing before approving it. 425 Agreement.

Pasquale said the and the fact that Vergennes agreement is subject never to take anything away has grown and changed so to a referendum vote, from Vergennes," Munger much over the past 20 years, if brought up in either

period before the public the sewer ran through the "I don't want to be hearing on the annexation property. It wasn't until he The city councilwas tied into anything," said takes place. Since Munger's got a letter from Lowell The two groups agreed to annexation, it is the only sewer line, stating it would put together the negotiation group that can slow it down not provide sewer capacity, is in place, no other parcels team to work on the details of or stop it. Munger said that Duray started looking around the property can seek formulating a plan. The team because of obligations to the for other options. He said a 425 Agreement. Pasquale will include two members current property owners, the he did meet with Vergennes said he would do more from each municipality and Cook family, he did not want at three different meetings research on whether those the attorneys representing to slow down that process at to discuss plans. When those meetings stalled, the After the meeting, company decided to move could be expanded while in agreements would have to Munger said for the forward on the annexation place. If the property were be presented to each board/ development it didn't process. A developer allowed to be annexed, the council and each governing matter if the property were can not instigate a 425 surrounding parcels could body must have a public annexed or if there was a Agreement process - only the governmental bodies "Our objective was involved can do this.

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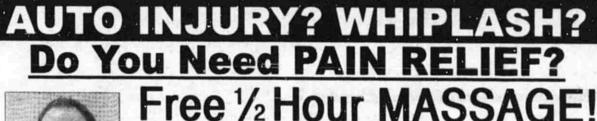
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## Lowell gymnasts place in middle of the pack at Holland

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell gymnastics gymnast. team placed ninth in a field Holland Invitational.

score was 126.725. Lowell's Underwood (7.95) and Kelfi Jenna Dickerman placed Kowalski (7.55).

around as an individual scored a 7.95 followed by and a fly-away dismount off Underwood (8.25).

sixth overall), Dickerman after recovering from ACL Michele DeHaan said. The Red Arrows' team (8.425, ninth overall), Becca surgery last year.

Rau (7.75), Kowalski (7.25) bars so it was good to see Lowell's top four on and Leannah Seese (7.25) her back in our top four in on beam were Dickerman

"She finally put a back- floor were Dickerman (8.5),

On bars, Dickerman tuck back in her floor routine Rau (8.4), Seese (8.4) and

Kowalski (7.5), Amanda Lowell's top four on Vezino (7.4) and Rau (7.0).

meet against Forest Hills last The top four Red Arrows Wednesday was cancelled. Lowell hosts East Grand of 17 teams at last Saturday's vault were Amanda Rau (8.6, who is making progress those events," Lowell coach (8.55, third place overall), Rapids-Caledonia-West Catholic on Wednesday.

## Girls jump, boys slide into OK White bowling season

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls rolled a 124 game. bowling team claimed its second win of the OK White Northview 22-8 in their Eickhoff oversees the boys bit missing our spares and season last Wednesday at Monday, Jan. 10 OK White and the team as a whole. Kenowa Hills.

Lowell, Ashley Nawrocki the way they're bowling," Denny rolled a total of 412, before entering conference rolled 289 in two, and Carey Lowell coach Rocky Jon Eickhoff rolled 344, and competition. With their two

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Crout rolled 259. Kim Ward Eickhoff said. Eickhoff's Josh Vaught rolled 343.

daughter Amanda coaches The girls' team beat the girls' team directly, while

"The way they're the second loss for the boys' Lowell. Lisa Brown rolled bowling right now, they're team, who fell to the Knights Northview Jan. 10, 22-8. 307 in two games for doing good. I'm happy with 27-3. In two games, Jim

Last Wednesday was carrying the spare."

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The boys, Eickhoff said, were "struggling a little far.

The boys team was 5-0 freshman.

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conference wins, the girls team is 5-2 on the season so

team's anchor bowler as a Lowell Lanes.

is at home against Unity Christian Monday, Jan. 24. Both teams are young The Lowell Invitational is that's the name of the game, this year. The girls return Sat., Jan. 29. There will be two starters in Brown and 10 teams, including the Red The Lowell boys lost to Crout. Nawrocki is the Arrows, bowling that day at



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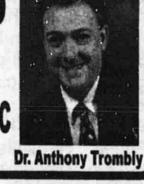
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Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in Public invited. homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek El- nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd ementary. Call Dave 897-2760 or 897-9160. (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell ers at Lowell Nazarene 2ND SAT .: Lowell Ama-4302 for more info.

MON .: Lowell Board of 2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter 300 High Street.

#8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

ship Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic

torical Society board Call 897-8304. meetings at chamber of-All invited. Call 897-7161 for Saranac Needlers, info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Wellness Center, Bridge

3RD MON.: Peripheral Melissa, 642-6466. Light Neuropathy support group, dinner is provided. 7 p.m. Next meeting Feb.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

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

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Luke's Lutheran Church. Sensibly Tops MI#372 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. meets at Key Heights Mo- Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call bile Home Park Community Linda: 874-5662; teen Bidg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. group: Sarah 281-6588.

Notices in the "Coming TUES.: Cub Scout Pack EVERY OTHER WED.: Events" are free to any 3188 at 1st United Methnonprofit organization in odist Church, 6:30 p.m. the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Cubmaster Bruce Doll, Saranac areas. Keep no- 897-9782 / email: bruce @

TUES .: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at tion Club trap & skeet LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

nity Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 -SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 11:15 a.m./women only at Bingo. Doors open: 11 a.m.; 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, Call

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien MON.: LHS Fellowship of Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd.

> **1ST TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. MON.: Boy Scout Troop 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle 102, 11 & up or completing at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Memorial Fire Station, 315 ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register

Education meets 7 p.m. in of the American Sewing THURS.: Saranac Area radio repeater system. Administration Building, Guild, Plainfield Senior Musicians and Singers Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. School Band Rm. Choir:6-1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post meeting/program. Call 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Sandy 285-0621 or June Maatman, 897-5981 231-780-1249 for more in-

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formation.

THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process 2ND MON.: Bowne Town- 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Mothers of Preschoolers 897-7842. ... because mothering matmuseum,84th/Alden Nash. ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at THURS.: St. Mary's Preg-

Impact, a Wesleyan nancy Crisis Center, 402 3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. 2ND & 4TH TUES .: a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

8:30 p.m., 4 Health 1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. St., Saranac. All are wel-support meetings, 7-8:30 come. Contact Bev or p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750 Fuller NE.

21 at Schneider Manor 2ND & 4THTUES .: Knights 1ST THURS .: 4-H drama Community Rm., 725 of Columbus #7719 meets club meeting, Lowell Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. at St. Mary School at 7:30 Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

> 3RD TUES.: Saranac 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Scrappers, scrapbooking/ Lions Club meets at journaling group meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden 4 Health Wellness Center, Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order 3RD TUES .: Parents of of the Moose, men's meetchildren w/AD/HD at St. ing at 7:30 p.m.

> 2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club the at Alto Library from 6:30 -

3RD THURS.: 4 Health 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-Saranac. Parent Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call tian Reformed Church. 642-6466 for information. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

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2ND WED.: Lowel

Women's Club, noon in

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nity Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group

for Peripheral Neuropathy

4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican

Catholic Church, Grand

Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

THURS .: Weight Watch

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10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

Hudson St.

3RD THURS .: Rubber WED .: Rotary meets at stamping at Christian Life noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

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

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

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

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

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

of N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Church, 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Call Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 201 N. Washington St. Ca Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area

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# "A real barnburner" as Lowell hosts Gary Rivers Invitational Pioneers fall to Red Arrows 78-6 in conference match

By Dan Schneider

day and fell just short of a match. great day Saturday at the Gary Rivers Tournament.

Mendez won by pin in 1:25.

lost by only a point, 31-

state champion R.J. Morgan. Saturday.

But in the final seconds,

the best match of his life,

number one in the state,"

Lowell assistant coach

Wayne Fuller said. "It was a

barnburner, though."

a reversal.

Arrows mistakes," Fuller said.

sails before a 38-34 loss to Hastings in the Gary Rivers Host Lowell had a good Allendale in the third-place Tournament final.

in it and they made some took it to them," Fuller said.

"They beat us up last "Their hearts weren't year, but later in the year we

> Traditionally, Lowell wrestling teams have built themselves up slowly throughout the season.

> "The way Dave (Streic) coaches and the way I coach, don't want them ready until February," Fuller said. "I don't want them to peak yet, I want them to keep learning. Everyday, practice gets a little harder."

Inlast week's conference match on Thursday, Lowell wrestlers put eight East Grand Rapids shoulders on the mat in a 78-6 Red Arrow Lowell's Joe Sadlak

pinned Pete Horton in 1:00 at 103. Robbie Karasiewicz pinned Dan Dutton in 4:20 for a Lowell win at 119. Mike Thomas of Lowell pinned Mark Dominique in 1:51 at 125. Joe Mendez pinned Dan Cohen in :56, wrestling Lowell's Joe Mendez wrestles a Hastings' opponent in at 135 for Lowell. At 145, the 135 match of the Gary Rivers Tournament semifinals. Lowell's Ryan Karasiewicz in:54. At 160, Lowell's Nate Vaught pinned Alex Rabe Lowell had gone in 1:17. Alex Fleet pinned 30, in a tightly-contested undefeated in pool matches, Adam Brant in 2:41 at 171 championship semi-finals defeating Sexton 52-19 and for Lowell. At 189, Lowell's match against Hastings. Martin 39-28. Lowell's Matt Francisco pinned Jessie The Arrows were up 30-28 Rob Karasiewicz (119), Joe Goryl in :57.

going into the last match at Mendez (135), Alex Fleet Red Arrows' Corey 112. Ray Seese had the lead (160) and Matt Francisco Fitzpatrick (112), Justin throughout most of that (189) were undefeated in Bos (130), Eric Dean (152), match against defending their individual matches, Joe Woodhead (215) and Dominic Doyle (275) won Lowell's B squad lost by forfeit.

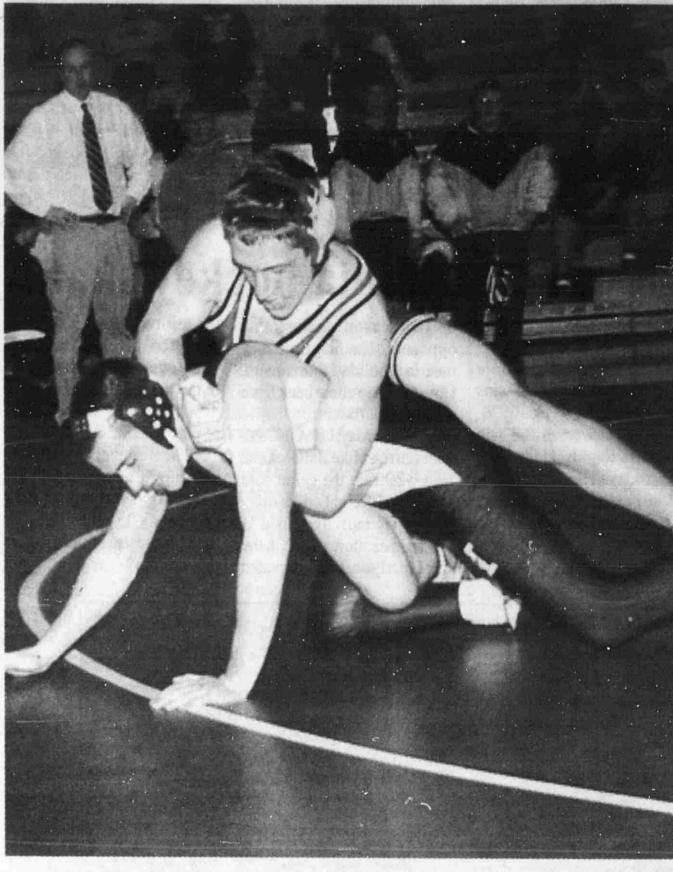
Morgan won the decision on three pool matches before East Grand Rapids' six losing a crossover match points came when Chris "He (Seese) wrestled against Gull Lake, 66-18. Vulpetti pinned Chris The fourth place Roelofs in 5:11. The score that kid (Morgan) is rated finish for Lowell A wasn't in that match was 7-7 before something to be too Vulpetti pinned Roelofs.

"He was right in it, he "They wrestled their just got caught," Fuller said. Lowell hosts Kenowa Hills Thursday.



disappointed about.

hearts out and they wrestled



Lowell's Alex Fleet tries a move against his Hastings opponent in the 160-pound match of the tournament semifinal. Fleet was undefeated on the day.



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SITION - Bushnell Elemen-

# Lowell forces overtime against Unity Christian

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys varsity basketball team put up a valiant effort last Friday hosting Unity Christian. The game went into lead with two minutes left of overtime after four quarters of back-and-forth regulation consecutive three-pointers

the first quarter. The Crusaders took over the lead by halftime, but only by a slim 28-27 mar-

the score was 40-37 The Arrows held a 49-44

regulation. But Unity hit two and then a free throw. Lowell Lowell was up 14-10 after tied the game with a layup, heading into overtime with the score 51-51.

gin. Lowell was on top again their 14 overtime points from Matt McElroy each scored consecutive possessions. The 15; four of them were threeafter the third quarter, this time

> "It was a great effort against a pretty good team," said Lowell coach Jeff Mc-Mike Koster led Lowell in

scoring and on the boards with 23 points and 20 rebounds. Josh Hettinga had 11 points Unity scored eight of for Lowell. Brad Shea and

the free-throw line, winning eight. Lowell shot 21 of 30 Trojans would win the game pointers. Middleville outshot

quarter, tying the score at 62

"We were right there at the Last Tuesday, turnovers doomed the Red Arrows as end with the ball in our hands," the clock wound down on their said McDonald. "We're getting game at Middleville. Lowell overcame a 54-40 games, we just need to learn

deficit at the start of the fourth Shealed Lowell in scoring Springs this Friday. with 21 points. Hettinga had with two minutes to go, only

Lowell from the free-throw line, shooting 76 percent to Lowell's 50 percent.

After the loss to Unity, experience playing in close Lowell's record was 2-7. The Red Arrows hosted St. Johns. Tuesday; they travel to Cedar

a tie in a league game against

of team." Ballard said.

"It was a system of trying

Lowell-Caledonia is 2-

### Lowell-Caledonia hockey skates in two more straight wins

By Dan Schneider

hockey team added two wins to its record last week.

The first was an 8-3 win at Grand Rapids Union last Wednesday. The second was "We went into the game with to a more aggressive floora decisive 9-2 league victory over Wayland Saturday.

The win at Wayland was Lowell-Caledonia's second

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a 3-1 deficit to win.

On Saturday, Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard said, a little bit different philosophy on how we move our lines."

games early on, Ballard rotated movements.

of the season against that the top two lines. It worked, met, in a holiday tournament, Kelly combining on two goals Lowell had to come back from in the first minute of play. "That really set the tempo

explained, "to allow the kids

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opponent. The first time they with Ted McCoy and Cory the first period with another said Ballard. McCoy and Will Holland.

> of play for us," Ballard said. The team also switched checking system, Ballard

> > from Kyle Grucz. Austin scored a goal from Joel Schayle and Justin Story in the third followed by two Cov was assisted on his fourth goal of the game by Jay Ryan and on his fifth by Holland

> > > and Kelly. Both teams had 23 shots on goal in the game.

"It was the first game that our offense really clicked on

The score was 4-1 after our passing and our timing," including a win over Flint and Alot of Lowell-Caledonia Hudsonville, and a close 4-3 McCoy goal from Kelly and a goal by Kyle Austin from

players were able to get some loss to league rival Grand ice time in the game at Union. Haven. Lowell-Caledonia's two Justin Ellagast, an exchange student at Caledonia High to get the younger players and goals in the second period were School who hasn't played a lot mix them in with the other scored by Kelly from McCoy this season, was able to score players and get some concept and Tim Kelly, and McCoy

After an 0-8 start, Lowell-Caledonia is starting to come 2-1 in league competition together as a team. They are 4- They travel to South Christian

more goals by McCoy. Mc- 2-1 in their last seven outings, Friday.

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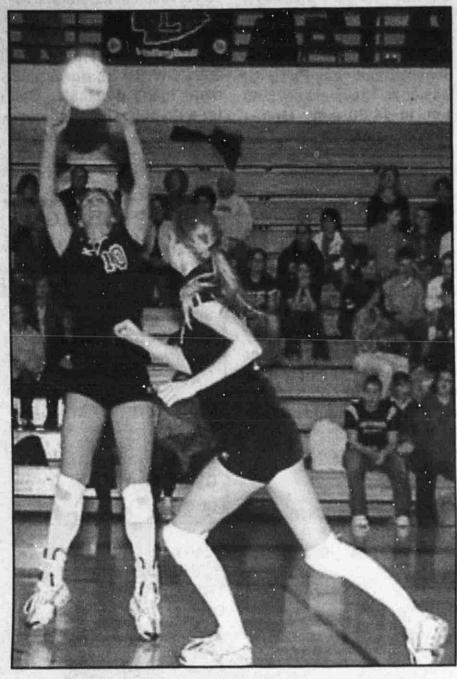
Who's not going

# Lowell volleyball outlasts EGR, takes third at Zeeland

By Dan Schneider

It took five games, but host Lowell prevailed last Thursday against East Grand Rapids.

After winning the first two games-tight games-of the match 26-24 and 25-23, the Arrows lost their momentum in game three. The Pioneers won 25-17.



Lowell's Taylor Verdon sets the ball in last Thursday's victory over EGR. She had 53 assists in the game.

in the fourth game, rallying from a 12-4 deficit to within two points at 18-16. But East pulled it out, forcing game five by winning 25-19.

The Red Arrows hit the floor with a new intensity in game five. Taylor Verdon, whose service aces had frustrated the Pioneers all night, opened the game with three straight aces. Verdon had nine aces on the night. Lowell was up 4-0 before East scored. Lowell finished the night triumphant with a 15-12 score in the final game of the match. "It was long, but I think more gratifying," Lowell coach Gigi Peal said. "East wasn't coming in here to go away in three games, they had five."

"It was a good match," East Grand Rapids coach Mike Dykstra said. "We got off to a little slow start but after that it was back and forth. We're a pretty young team still and I think consistently putting the ball away was difficult for us, and Lowell just did it a little better."

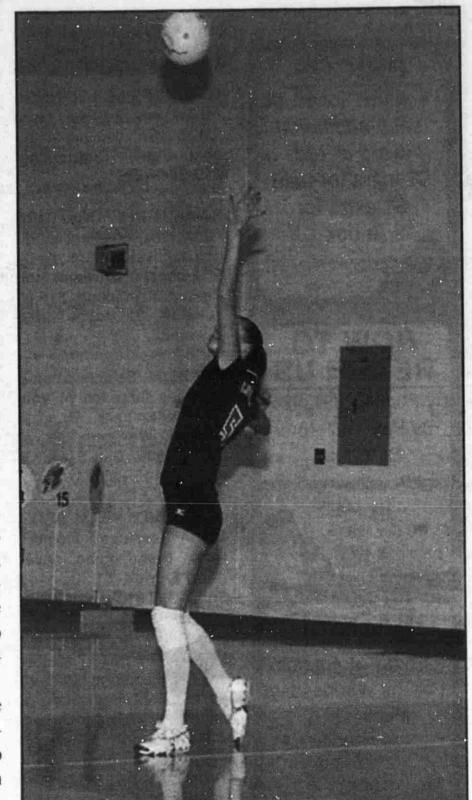
Lowell played stronger Lowell had beaten East in volleyball in the five years Peal has been coaching.

> "It feels good, one step closer to a date on that banner," she said. "We knew this week and next week with Kenowa Hills were going to be our biggest games of the season." Verdon had 53 assists in the East game. Kristin Johnson and Samantha Mol had 18 kills. Four players with more than 20 digs in the match were evidence of Lowell's strong defensive play. Mol, Johnson, Lisa Johnson and Katie McElroy all had more than 20 digs.

Lowell took third overall at the Zeeland Invitational on Saturday. The Arrows took second in their pool, defeating Wyoming Park 25-13, 25-15 and Hudsonville 25-19, 25-12; they lost to Holland 25-15, 14-25, 10-

Lowell beat Grandville in the quarterfinals 25-20, 25-11 before losing to Mattawan 22-25, 15-25 in the semifinals.

Lowell's next match is It was the first time Thursday at Kenowa Hills.



Lowell's Samantha Mol serves the ball against East Grand Rapids.

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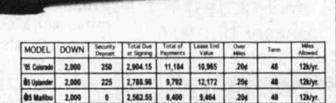
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