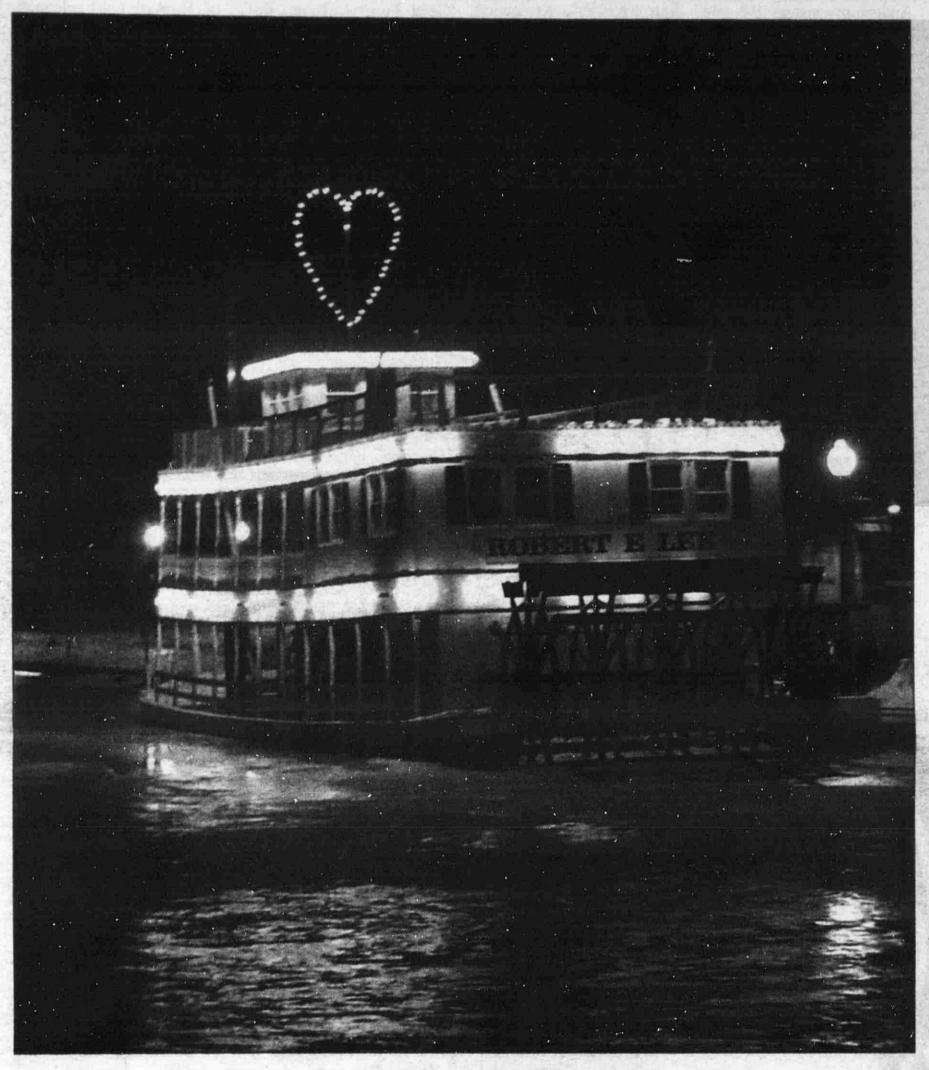
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Students experience inauguration firsthand

By Dan Schneider

Lowell School High students were in Washington D.C. two weeks ago to see George W. Bush take the oath of office as president of the United States.

Sophomore Scott Beatson and freshman Will Brvan visited the capital from Jan. 16 to Jan. 21. During that time, both were present at the inaugural address; they both felt they got a firsthand look at the fruits of American democracy.

"It's just cool to be able to witness the peaceful transfer of power," Beatson said.

They were able to attend through a national program called Lead America. Its goal is to foster in youth philosophies and character traits necessary for good leadership. Both Bryan and a senator or even take the

Beatson had attended the organization's conferences previously in Washington.

While in Washington for the inauguration, they attended speeches and seminars. They also took part in a simulated election that included details down to designating secret service

"One of the speeches I remember was by the political campaign manager for the south for Bush-Cheney," Beatson said. "Mostly he talked about how students can get involved and how he got involved."

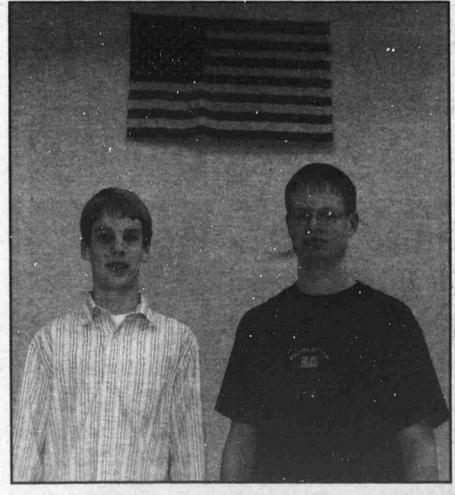
Beatson said he learned the importance of getting involved in politics on a local level. He sees his future political involvement in doing more grassroots work, rather than running for office himself.

Bryan hopes to become

oath of office himself one day. Being at the event in person served to strengthen those aspirations. "Hearing them speak, just being there made we want to go into

politics even more than I did before," he said. "It was exciting to actually get to see

> Students' D.C. trip, cont'd., pg. 10



Lowell High School freshman Will Bryan, left, and sophomore Scott Beatson were in Washington to see the second inauguration of President George W. Bush.

Love that boat!

lebruary is just one more opportunity for the Lowell Showboat to shine. The large Valentine can warm even the coldest evening scene. The heart was the first of the lit decorations put together by contractor Ivan Blough for the top of the showboat. Blough, who built the showboat, first created the bright red heart as a Valentine's Day present for his wife, Carolyn Jane. Other decorations followed, such as the shamrock for St. Patrick's Day, a duck for the summer festival, and a candle for Christmas season. An additional 260 lights illuminate the showboat, seen shining on the iced-over Flat River.

Complaints mount after snow storm

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

hen old man winter lets the snow fly, cars get covered, houses get covered, and the streets can become treacherous. And just as the streets can become difficult to maneuver, so can the sidewalks.

So when the January snowstorm from two weeks ago blew through Lowell, it wasn't a surprise that come Monday there were calls about sidewalks not being shoveled. In fact, it was even the topic at the Jan. 24 Lowell Planning Commission meeting. According to the city ordinance, property owners have 24 hours to their sidewalks. clear During last week's planning commission meeting, member Garland Berry mentioned several areas where sidewalks

been cleared and wondered about the possibility of the city taking over that responsibility.

Expense manpower make it almost impossible for the city to do so, said Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden, adding that his small staff of eight spent most of the weekend of the storm trying to keep the streets clear. After that, the department is responsible for clearing about two miles of city-owned sidewalk that are near City Hall, the fire station, and several parks, along with the public owned parking lots.

Sidewalks that are shoveled are dealt with on a complaint by complaint

> Sidewalk complaints, cont'd., pg. 8



BONTER - Mr. Virgil Leota and Leroy Scott of Bonter, aged 88, of Kent Norton Shores; brother City, died Tuesday, January Richard Bonter and Carol 25, 2005 at Fountainview of Ravenna; brother-in-law He is survived by his wife sisters-in-law Beverly Bonter Edna Bonter of Kent City; of Avon Park, FL, Beverly son Allen and Cindy Bonter Finley of Grant; several (Vicki) Anderson, Courtney Fund. of Kent City; grandchildren nieces and nephews. Funeral and Skyler Kuklo; greatof Alto, Chani and Jason 28 at Kent City Baptist Anderson; sister Beverly Ann (Kidder) Krolewicz, Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. of Howard City, Jeanett Owen Hallberg of Newaygo, Memorials: Kent City Baptist in-law Vivian and Penny; death by her mother Roselyn Cemetery, Hastings. In seven great-grandchildren;

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KAUFMAN - Ralph family business is known her husband Matt; daughters January 28, 2005. She was

passed away unexpectedly Lowell officiating.

W. Kaufman, aged 67, as Ralph W. Kaufman Ashley Jean, Katie Rose; preceded in death by her of Parnell, passed away Artists. He socialized with father C. Kelly Kidder; sister Ernestine Michael. Saturday, January 29, the "Westside Penn Club" parents-in-lawHelen(Norm) She is survived by her 2005 after a brief battle buddies. Cremation has taken Rydzeski, Larry (Jackie) husband of 54 years, Bill: pancreatic cancer. place, a memorial service Krolewicz; brothers Brian children Sandy (Richard) Surviving are his wife of will be held Wednesday at 1 (Susan) Kidder, Jeffrey Trowbridge of White years, Patricia; two p.m. at Arsulowicz Brothers (Patty) Kidder, Michael Cloud, Carolyn Gage of children Gretchen (Edward) Mortuary, West Chapel, 585 (Phia) Kidder; sisters Robin Lowell, Betty Rittersdorf Retirement Village in Grant. Everett Webb of Bailey; Kuklo of Howard City, Eric Stocking NW, Grand Rapids. Kay (Joe) Baker, Vicky of Grand Rapids, Barbara Kaufman of Grand Rapids; Memorials are suggested to Lynn (John) Idema; several Simmons of Brooksville. three grandchildren Dustin the Tsunami Disaster Relief brothers and sisters-in-law; Fla., Bill (Lisa) Nelson many nieces and nephews. of Lowell; sisters Verla Funeral services were held (Arthur) Arndt of Howard Nelson and Lindy Bonter services were held January grandson Logan Xavier KROLEWICZ - Kimberly January 29 at the Roth- City, Marie (Ernie) Berends Ellick of Kent City; great- Church with Rev. Josh (Donal) Davis; two brothers aged 41, of Lowell, passed Roger La Warre of the First (Willis) Shores of Fenwick; Sedona Fisher officiating. Interment Wallace (Phyllis) Kaufman, away Wednesday, January Congregational Church sister-in-law Hattie Houtz of Bonter; sisters Fern and in Chubbuck Cemetery. Wayne Kaufman; sisters- 26, 2005. She is preceded in officiating. Interment Irving Hillsdale; 19 grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Ralph's Kidder. She is survived by lieu of flowers contributions several nieces and nephews. may be made to Kimberly Funeral services will be Krolewicz Fund for their held Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Dr. Roger NELSON - Juanita (Nita) J. La Warre, pastor of the First Nelson, aged 73, of Lowell, Congregational Church of

> In every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong; honor that; try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes. -John Ruskin

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CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL **AND TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS**

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.

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Organizers report successful relief sale

By Dan Schneider

The success of the \$7,539,60. fundraising sale at Rootsurpassed all expectations, anticipated," said Root- rooms in its office to fundraisers, offering to raising more than \$4,300 Lowell national sales display merchandise and from the public to help manager Dave Abel, who gift certificates donated by to a relief fund. An officetsunami relief efforts in organized the sale and helped several local businesses and

efforts and the company's and with our other things, from retail, with all the \$7,539.60 total. own matching funds, Root- for \$6,000-plus, so we got proceeds going to benefit Lowell was able to write a more than we anticipated." tsunami relief. The sale

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

you're very busy.

check to the Red Cross for

Jahnke continues chairmanship

of Lowell Planning Commission

Wednesday, Jan. 12 through "I think it's great, it's Friday, Jan. 21. Root-Lowell Manufacturing actually more than we set up one of the conference think of ideas for in-house manufacturers. The donated By combining this fundraising. "I think we items were then sold to the with internal fundraising were hoping, with the store public at prices reduced the factory contributed to

between the township and

commission

The sale took place from raised \$1,300 in the first two hours it was open.

> Root-Lowell also organized several internal match employee donations wide \$5 jeans day and a company-wide raffle for a prime parking space inside

plan came up after reviewing

the Masonic Lodge site on

A personal goal for

toward helping to discourage

that guides developers and

business owners toward

fixtures which are night-sky

friendly.COLLEGE NEWS

meetings of the city's current master

In light of the Lincoln Lake. It was decided

annexation, Jahnke does some uniformity in that area

feel the city needs to once of town needed to be created again re-establish the joint as well as revising portions

thoughts of the development Rock Ave., he has worked

for the Lowell Planning out into the sky, making

As for specific city goals non-directed light that shoots

NEEDS ITEMS

FOOD PANTRY

The F.R.O.M. food pantry is in need of cereal, spaghetti sauce, crackers, paper products and personal care product if you are able to help.

W. MICHIGAN

BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Lena Lou in Ada will have a fundraiser for West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. on Saturday, Feb. 5. Open jamming: 6 p.m.; bands begin at 7 p.m. Cover charge: \$5.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the athletic boosters will be held Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school

SWISS HERITAGE PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a program by Verle Stahl at Lowell Twp. Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Bring Swiss heritage artifacts to display.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Parents and interested persons are invited to attend the Academic Boosters meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at the high

THEBES PLAYERS "BABE"

Lowell Area Arts Council will present "Babe" at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Feb. 10 & 11 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 12 & 13 at 2;30 p.m. Tickets: \$8 general adm.; \$6.50 seniors, members, students; \$5 group of 10 or more. Call LAAC at 897-8545 for information.

FOODMOBILE

The Foodmobile will be at Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10-11 a.m. Bring box or bag. Distributed by F.R.O.M. Mostly produce to people in Greater Lowell area.

UKRAINIAN EGG

DECORATING WORKSHOP Lowell Area Historical Museum will sponsor the decorating workshop for adults on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Wittenbach Wege Center. Cost: \$15. To register call Luanne or Judy at 897-7688.

VOLUNTEER MUSEUM TRAINING

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will have a training session on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the museum. Call Judy at 897-7688 for more information.

ANNUAL **CHAMBER MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 at Deer Run Golf Club. Social time at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Deadline for reservations: Feb. 10. Cost: \$25 per ticket/\$190 company table of eight. Call 897-9161 for reservations.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program is on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

SENIOR PARENTS

FINAL sign-up deadline (with \$25 deposit) for the Senior Class Trip is March 1, with total payment (\$180) due March 17. Send payment ASAP. See the LHS "Senior Parent" webpage for more information.

ANNEXATION INFORMATION SESSION

The Open Space Committee of Vergennes Twp. will have an annexation information session on Wednesday Feb. 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center. Call Mari Stone at 897-5671 for more information.

Planning Township, has requested between Lowell and Commission has been both an annexation to the city Vergennes townships and ... so it was startling to learn with the state boundary the city. Estimating that it Jahnke is to move forward that he has been serving as commission. Meanwhile, the has been two years since the on a city lighting ordinance. the chair for the commission city and Vergennes Township last joint meeting, Jahnke Because the city is home said it's a good way to share to the James C. Veen are working toward a 425 since September 2000. "See, I would have Agreement that would allow ideas, concerns and other Observatory on Kissing

Time flies when you're that could fall under the city

For Clark Jahnke, a property in Vergennes

having fun - or at least when of Lowell's jurisdiction.

soon, Jahnke said.

On the horizon is a

large 177 acre development

Du Ray, the developer of

been better off saying I city services to be brought to didn't know," Jahnke said the property, and tax sharing with a laugh. He originally would occur between the estimated he had been two municipalities. heading up the group for a

couple of years. commission has worked on a planned unit development the Highland Hill project, for the site, the site review which finally got all of its process could take some approvals last year, and it time, Jahnke explained, doesn't look like things are adding that it all depends on

Because of the size of

the property and the fact that Over those years, the the developer is discussing going to lighten up any time how things are worked out

Commission, Jahnke said the it difficult to see the night master plan is one. The city's sky. He hopes to bring that current master plan was put back to the table and begin together in the 1990s. The hammering out an ordinance

state now recommends that municipalities review their master plan once every five

The issue of the master

Improv concert rescheduled

River City Improv has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 at Deer Run Golf Club. The comedy show, a Calvin Alumni Improv team, was canceled on Jan. 22 due to inclement weather.

The performance begins at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$9; LAAC members, seniors and student tickets are \$7.

If you purchased tickets and require a refund contact the Lowell Area Arts Council by Feb. 21 at 897-8545. For tickets for the rescheduled show, call the above number or visit the LAAC website at www. lowell artscouncil.org.

Musicians needed for Sizzlin' Summer concerts

is seeking musicians. The 10-week concert series, the bill, forward your CD/ 49331. For more information beginning Thursday, June 16 will be on Riverwalk Plaza with musicians performing on a stage in front of the Lowell Showboat.

Blues, World Music, Country & Western, Folk, Big Band, and Jazz are some of the music styles

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. -Moshe Dayan

Remember our deadline is Fridays at 4 p.m. for the Wednesday publication.

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the Concert Selection (for p.r. purposes) to the call 897-8545 or e-mail Sizzlin' Summer Concerts Committee is looking for.

If you or your group fit P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI Deadline is March 1. cassette, a brief bio (with contact name and phone number) and group photo

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Caledonia Sportsman's Club To Host BENEFIT EVENT FOR JAMIE SMITH **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 

Lowell Area Arts Council,

This event is intended to raise funds to assist Lowell resident, Jamie Smith and his family. Jamie is battling cancer and has no health insurance coverage. The event will run from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. and will include

a Swiss steak dinner (\$5.00 per person.) A euchre tournament will start at 1:00 p.m.(\$7.00 per partner). The Caledonia Sportsman's Club

One mile south of 100th Street, located at 10721Coldwater Avenue, about 3 miles west of Freeport. (616-891-1168)

(ENOTE)

### From furniture to appliances, new rent-to-own opens its doors

By Dan Schneider

carries a variety of products experience," Smith said.

manager and co-owner Dave in Lowell," Dean said. "The

limited in this regard only and operated." by its floor space, co-owner doesn't fit in the store, they franchise. can order, he added.

and appliances," Smith said. "I can get anything that anybody wants.'

inventory includes furniture monthly payment plans. brands like Berkline, Lane It offers 120 days same as and Ashley. Electronics cash, and pay-day loans as brands include Toshiba and Zenith; appliances by Speed Queen and Crosley regardless of credit history, are available, as well as Dell Smith said. "We're willing computers.

The store is located in said the former BP gas station at 11630 E. Fulton Street next open since Tuesday. A grand to Hunan Garden. Dean and opening will be held Friday Smith each have several from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with years of experience in the refreshments and 10 percent rent-to-own business, having off merchandise storewide. been managers of Universal

Rent-to-Own in Greenville.

"I've been doing it for New on the west side of nine years, Dave's been in town is a rent-to-own store. it for five years, so we've Rent-2-Own got 14 years combined

> The co-owners scouted the area for about three years before deciding to open their own business in Lowell.

Theysawtheopportunity "to be the first rent-to-own market wasn't targeted yet. The store seeks to offer We also like the Lowell a selection competitive with atmosphere as far as it being larger furniture stores in the a smaller town, so it (the city of Grand Rapids. It is store) will be locally owned

The store is independent, Bob Smith said. What rather than part of a

"We will be participating "We do carry higher- in all the local parades and end furniture and electronics the fair and all the local events," Dean said.

Preferred Rent-2-Own sells its products straight The store's regular retail or by weekly or

> Anyone can rent-to-own to work with people," he

The store has been

Thank You!

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co. would like to thank the

following businesses that donated products and services

for the Tsunami benefit sale over the past two weeks:

The sale was a huge success and raised over \$4,400. Root-

Lowell Manufacturing Co. also had its own matching donations

and contests, raising over \$3,300. A check was written for

\$7,751.10 to the American Red Cross, earmarked

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Dave Dean, left, and Bob Smith are co-owners of Preferred Rent-2-Own, which opened Tuesday on the west

### Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees

Flat River Grill

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blue spruce trees will be joins The National Arbor replaced free of charge. Day Foundation during

> shipped postpaid at the instructions. The six- to 12- tree. inch trees are guaranteed

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The trees will be green color and can be Trees, National Arbor Day right time for planting ornamental, an energy- Ave., Nebraska City, NE between March 1 and May saving windbreak, a privacy 68410 by Feb. 28 or go 31 with enclosed planting screen or a living Christmas online to arborday.org.

To become a member and receive the trees, send The Colorado blue a \$10 contribution to Ten spruce has a silver blue- Free Colorado Blue Spruce used as an individual Foundation, 100 Arbor

### Two men given fine in dog trapping case

fines last Wednesday in guilty to a misdemeanor 63rd District Court for their charge of setting a trap on roles in setting a trap that city property. Both were killed a Lowell woman's ordered to pay \$150 fines.

Two men were handed of Mecosta, both pleaded

Lowell police detective Michael Kain, 59, of James Hinton obtained Coral, and Gerald Noah, 69, a confession from Kain

Jot 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

Dec. 27 following an investigation after an illegally-set and improperly identified trap killed a dog Nov. 10. The trap was set on the northeast bank of the junction between the Flat and Grand rivers.

Trapping within the city limits is a violation of a city ordinance. The maximum penalty for the misdemeanor is 90 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine. The trap was not labeled to identify the owner, so it was also in violation of Michigan Department of Natural Resources regulations.

The dog was a Brittany spaniel belonging to Diane Smith of Lowell.

Both men were licensed trappers. The trap in Lowell was set with the intention of trapping raccoons.

# Viewpoint-



I put my wife on a flight to Michigan last week. She was heading home to attend her brother's retirement party. I stayed behind to watch the dogs. Having spent fifty-some Januarys in Michigan, I was thankful for my dog-sitting

small, the lines are short, and check-in went smoothly. We whips out a glossy and a felt tip ... another free lunch. had time to kill before she needed to go through security Now that Florida has banned smoking indoors you can fact, I even scored a signed photo. For a friend of course. actually breathe in the small restaurant and bar at the airport. We ducked in there for a cup of coffee.

collection of publicity photos posted on a wall near the bar. Curiosity got the better of me, and I went up for a look. I guess my curiosity stems from the same personality flaw that drives people to spend hard earned cash on "People" Pretty soon a young man approaches and asks the old guy in magazine or waste time watching "Access Hollywood." I try to rise above that stuff, but this was free and I had time to kill.

photos was a little weak. Let me amend that statement percent of the photos on your wall of fame are recognizable, he'd know Banana George. He did. it's a pretty weak collection.

So, who did I recognize? Jimmy Buffett topped the list. He was followed at some distance by the long ago retired third baseman Wade Boggs. Then came the has-been actor Cliff Robertson. I couldn't believe I could only find three, so I scanned the photos again. Ah-ha, there was one I missed ... the over-the-hill talk show host Sally-Jessie Rafael. And no, I have no idea if I spelled her name correctly. Nor do I

The rest of the publicity photos were an assortment of pro-wrestlers, NASCAR drivers, stunt pilots, a skydiving Elvis, soap actors, comedians, magicians, various Las Vegasstyle lounge acts, etc. A three-member, heavily implanted

much care.

bikini team was promoting some product. Their photo did catch my eye, but again, I had never heard of them, or the

One of the "wanna-be famous" publicity photos that seemed to best represent this group was of a guy dressed in a doctor's smock. I think his name was Dennis Fitzgerald. According to the caption under the stereotypical black and white glossy 8 by 10 photo, Dennis is a veterinarian, or plays one, on the cable channel, Animal Planet. For that, he carries around a briefcase full of photos and a supply of felt pens. You know, just in case he is spotted by a fan.

So, what's the deal? Do these clowns carry around photos and swap 'em for burgers and beers in places like the bar at the Key West airport? And how do they work the scam? "Yeah, I see you looking at me. Yup, I'm the guy who sat at the bar next to Norm and Cliff on 'Cheers'. Give you Her plane left out of Key West. The airport there is a signed photo for a draught and some Buffalo wings." He

I did witness one of these impromptu photo signings. In

This happened several years ago. I was having a quick sandwich between flights at the Cincinnati airport. A very As I sipped my coffee, I was attracted to a small fit looking old man dressed completely in bright yellow asked to share my table. His suit, shirt, tie, cowboy boots and a matching briefcase ... everything was bright yellow. I said hello, then tried to ignore him. I'm thinkin' "weirdo.' yellow if he is "Banana George."

Sure enough, I'm sitting with a celebrity. Banana George, the star of the Cypress Gardens water ski show, I'm sorry to report that the collection of autographed motivational speaker and the featured character in a few TV commercials. Never heard of him? I hadn't either. George very weak. Of the thirty or forty photos, I recognized exactly whips out some publicity photos (color ... because of the four. Admittedly, I am a bit of a hermit and not in tune with whole yellow thing) and a felt tip. I had him sign one for a who's who in the world of celebrities. Still, when only ten friend of mine that used to water ski competitively. I figured

> On the plane out of there, it dawned on me that I probably should have bought old George's sandwich. I guess the publicity photo scam isn't always good for a free lunch.

This whole deal got me to thinking. I'm about the right size, shape and age to have been Wally's friend Lumpy on "Leave it to Beaver." I could have some bogus publicity photos made up with me and Wally and the Beaver. You can do anything with digital photos on a computer.

Then I'd go to work. Every time a check comes at a restaurant I'll say, "Yeah, I saw you looking at me. That's right, I'm Lumpy from 'Leave it to Beaver.' How about a signed photo for the wall?" Hey, it works for all these other nobodies, and I'm as "nobody" as it gets.

### **Ledger Entries**



#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 4, 1880**

An office is built on the west side of Hatch's mill Seasoned beech and maple sells readily for \$2 a cord. Carr & Davis are putting up a new meat market building on the bridge.

Phrenologist Dr. Thomas Turner did a number of craniological surveys while in town last week.

"Cannon Reports" (Cannonsburg news) tells of a young people's group out serenading; at Mrs. Hyde's they are greeted with a shot from a revolver, causing them to "flee to their respective homes."

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 2, 1905**

Mrs. Frank Fitch continues to lead the popularity contest with 2461 votes, more than a thousand in the lead. Votes are one a week sent in with a Ledger coupon, or 52 with a oneyear subscription; deposit in the ballot box at the Ledger.

O.K. Starch Enamel, at 10 cents a box, claims to reduce ironing effort by half; the iron glides easily over the fabric, leaving a surface sheen.

A performance by the Cleveland Ladies Orchestra at the

opera house last Wednesday receives positive comments. The Unity Pedro Club of 17 Lowell ladies enjoys a sleigh ride and entertainment by Mrs. Cora Krum of Vergennes.

An M.I.T. professor says that goldfish are much better at killing mosquito larvae than kerosene, the usual treatment.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JANUARY 30, 1930**

Former Lowell girl Emma Moore Winters of Phoenix, AZ, leaves \$2,500 to the Lowell Methodist Church in her

Ben Wepman's "famous and fragrant" fur business will stay in town awhile; he bought two buildings next to the post office (on Main Street).

The American Legion Auxiliary reports that they wrapped 3753 Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans in Michigan.

The difference between hard coal and soft coal: soft coal has, and distributes, lots of soot.

Ship-to-shore telephone is the newest communication development

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 3, 1955**

Army Chaplain Major Thomas Doyle preaches at his home church, Lowell Methodist, as part of the centennial

It's the Lions Club versus the faculty at a benefit basketball game next Tuesday.

Curly Howard predicts that, no matter what ground hogs do, Lowell gets six more weeks of winter yet. It's really

A new three-cent stamp honors Michigan State College and Pennsylvania State University. Both were founded 100

Michigan Bell lets the schools know that it pays the largest property tax of anybody.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 30, 1980**

The model of the new Robert E. Lee Showboat is on display at City Hall. Bill Barber is the artist.

"Anonymous" offers a \$50 reward for identification of the vandals who damaged the Runciman-Riverside playground. The Ledger changes its size, heads and price. Most obvious is the size, down to tabloid.

Amway donates a needed site for Ada's water metering station west of town.

Sharing The Vision With Shari Miller Lowell Schools Superintendent

We were privileged to hear from Dr. Steve Robbins on our recent professional development day about Unintentional Intolerance. This is especially relevant for teachers and parents. The children who are in kindergarten today will be a part of a different demographic picture when they graduate from high school. Currently, White or Caucasian children are in the majority. In nineteen years, children of color will be in the majority. All of our children will need to learn to live and work together as productive citizens in our democratic society.

As I listened to Dr. Robbins, I began to think about times in my life when I benefited from being White. While we might not realize it at the time, who we know plays a large part in our careers and work. I began teaching in the mid-1970's when teaching jobs were hard to find. My minister was the president of the Board of Education in the small town near my home. Their Spanish teacher resigned in midsummer and he called me to apply. That began my career as a Spanish and English teacher.

Examples of discrimination may be less evident to those of us that are White, but our friends and colleagues of color are well aware of these incidents. My children have not been targeted as potential shoplifters upon entering a store. Often, young people of color without regard for their income level

or amount of education are targeted and followed as they move through stores. Are there some children of color that shoplift? Yes, of course. However, there are also affluent White children that behave inappropriately.

Our children need to learn to see people as individuals rather than as part of a racial group. We also need to remind ourselves that our children watch our behavior and listen to our comments. We as adults need to monitor ourselves and avoid stereotyping people based upon race, gender, or

We will continue to include diversity activities as part of our professional development program. We are also working with a community group, called Champions of Diversity. This broader group is considering ways in which we can work as a community to ensure that every individual in the Lowell area is respected and valued. Our vision for the Lowell Area Schools includes developing within our children an appreciation for a multicultural society and the benefits that we gain by being able to work together.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools. com (check out our Web page at www. lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowell schools.

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I remember my first trip to the barbershop. OK, maybe not my FIRST, but I was pretty young! Every little boy is faith. apprehensive on his first visit, but I was terrified. It wasn't the high, strange chairs, all vinyl and chrome, nor was it the strange smells. It was The Barber. He wore an outfit just like what Dr. Kildare wore on TV, but he was not young and competent-looking. He wasn't even just old. He was ancient. He was the oldest person I had ever seen-older even than Amos on The Real McCoys.

He came at me with these scissors, long, bright, and far more pointy-looking than anything my mother had in her sewing kit. But worse, I saw that his hand was shaking! The scissors danced toward me, doing sort of a rumba as The Barber reached for me, and I think I just about fainted. I don't remember much else of the ordeal except that my mother was sort of disgusted at the way I cried and begged her to take me home.

I lived, though. Another time we got there early, when he was working on another customer, and my curiosity overcame my fear somewhat. I watched him take up the scissors, and yes, his hand was shaking like a leaf of quaking aspen. Fascinated, I watched the scissors wobble their way toward the customer's head. I was all set to flinch, wondering if he ever cut off an entire ear.

Then something remarkable happened. The moment the scissors touched the customer's hair, The Barber's hand became perfectly still! I peered at the operation, waiting for the tremor to show again, but The Barber clipped and snipped with the cool precision of, well, Dr. Kildare. Behind in Grand Rapids was the Leistikow, Amy Brower the shaking hands, there was a competent barber.

I lost most of my fear of going to that barbershop after Best man was Tony that. He still creeped me out-I mean, he was so old he Jorgensen and Andrew M. Simon. Groomsmen were made Boris Karloff look young. But I learned that he wasn't

> expectations, their standards of judgment blinded them. Some could only see His faults—not real faults of course, but disappointments to their expectations - when He seemed The couple currently bread on demand, when His sermon was disgusting (see have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. John 6:22-71). It is as Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 53:2-3:

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Ernest and Blanche Smith

Ernest and Blanche (Little) Smith of Lowell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 18, 2004. When people looked at Jesus, their attitudes, their Highlighting the occasion was a surprise gathering of their children, family and friends at First Congregational Church

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Peggy Covert.

for homebound individuals when possible.

For more information

On January 31, 2005.

Roush, Charlie (Marsha) Kyser, Diana (Dave) Roush Carolyn (Dick) Manion and Liz (Tim) Callihan. Some of the many grandchildren (21) and great-grandchildren (35) were able to come celebrate along with her, as well as many friends and relatives!

Thomas.

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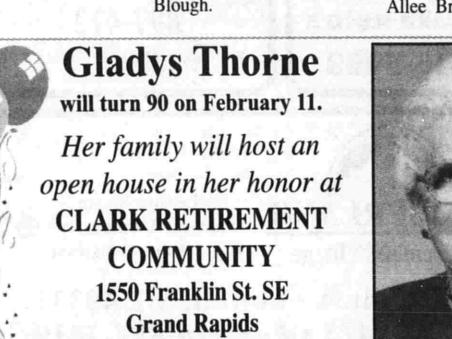
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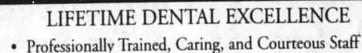
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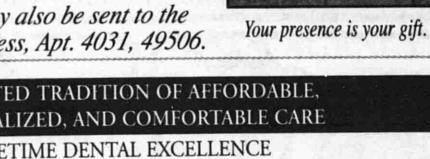
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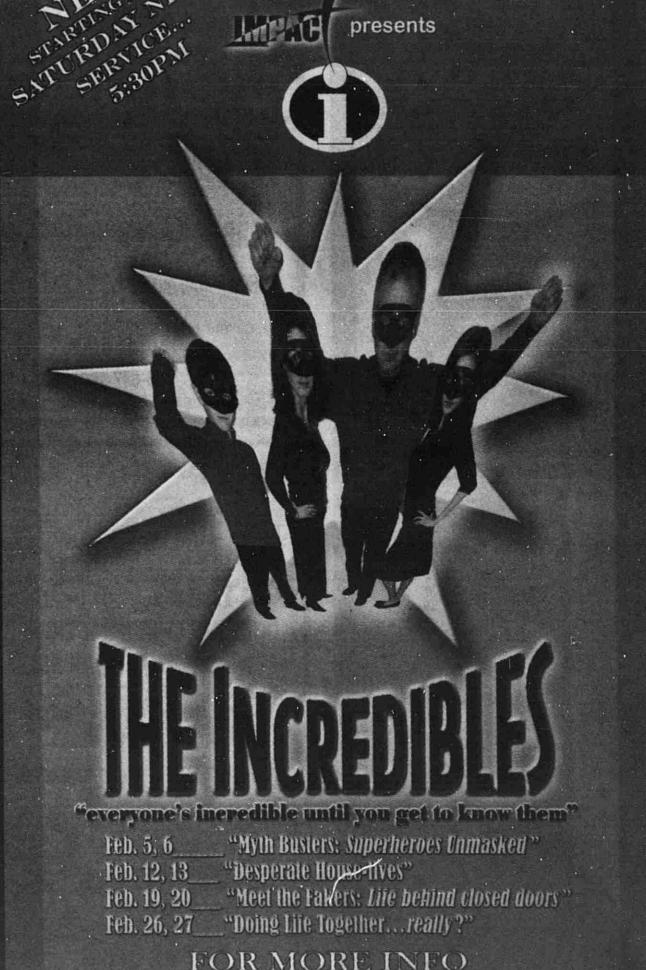


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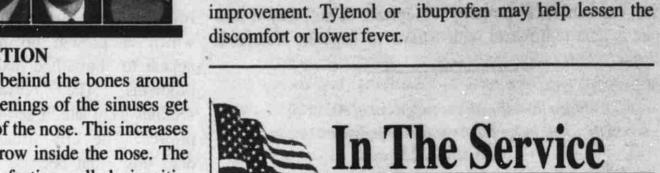


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graduate of Grand Rapids U.S. Air Force. A security controller Catholic Central, is the with two years of military daughter of Joel Plumley of service, she is assigned to Lowell and Anna Zielinski the 568th Security Forces of Grand Rapids.

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Her children are Kathy (Bob)

"AJ" Alvin Davis Brenk II, Adrian Sterzick, Brady Foster, Dave VanKeulen,

Charlotte Drake.

### Sidewalk complaints, continued... From Page 1

basis. Valentine said it can sidewalk must shovel a path, said, adding that officers are sure those sidewalks remain liability issue for property looking for people who shovel since the ordinance does not. confusing

"It would make it easier the ordinance, a property sidewalk or not, they would that is next to a parcel with have to shovel," Valentine

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be tricky determining if however a lot not near any left to determine whether clear for pedestrian traffic. parcels that have sidewalk there was supposed to be a Because of manpower, the falls on unplowed sidewalk sidewalk clearing, hoping shoveled path or not.

The police department According to if it read regardless if near has made an effort to notify residents on school routes, said. It was mid- to lateplowed. The city usually making sure the sidewalks does this but because of the timing of the snowfall, it was several days before staff write a ticket immediately. could get to those areas. Valentine said.

Another focal point is owner may have been out of West Main Street, Valentine town and didn't get a chance said. It is more dangerous for to clear his sidewalks, the someone to walk along the person may be physically busy street avoiding snow- unable or can't afford to pay covered sidewalks than it someone else to do it for is to trek through them. The them, he said. city works hard to make

Lowell police department cannot enforce clearing sidewalks, Valentine afternoon on Jan. 24 before officers were able to work sidewalk complaints. "We really work toward

get cleared," Valentine said,

adding that his officers don't

factor, i.e., that the property

There is that unknown

the city relies on volunteer Valentine has been

sidewalks, Valentine added.

owners if a person slips and might need assistance with or steps off the curb into the to get local groups and street to avoid snow-covered churches to take that on as a special project. At this time, The question of hiring he hasn't seen any real need. an outside contractor was If residents or pedestrians mentioned but currently see a demand, however, they should contact the police

department.

### College News

Central University has announced its fall semester honors list which includes students who have earned 3.5 and higher grade point

the Lowell

Baker, Andrew Benedict, Jacquelyn Benedict, Mark Hyzer, Nichole Straub and Raychel Swift.

From the Alto area is Jessi Olczak and from Ada is Alexandra McMahon

Outdoors

#### FEEDING FRENZY

It is 9:30 a.m. and the sun is shining, yet it is only eight degrees outside. A gusty breeze is driving the wind chill factor to well below 0. This kind of weather can be tough on wildlife.

One group, however, seems to be doing just fine. A steady parade of fluttering darting birds is descending on several feeders in our yard. They pick up a seed, fly to a branch, crack the shell, then fly down for another.

The bright red male cardinals stand out in sharp contrast against the snow-white background. The availability of an easy meal keeps them and their more drab colored mates coming back. Several pair show up together.

Juncos, nuthatches and chickadees are present all year. There was once talk of replacing the robin as the state bird with one of these full-time residents. Robins bail out when the cold weather arrives.

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feeders, but have been known to rob Toby's dog food from are eager to drink from the heated birdbath. The water may inside a chain-link run. The dime size kibbles must be be one reason why we have so many birds. difficult for the birds to carry because the dog searches the nearby woods to reclaim dropped morsels.

Hairy woodpeckers along with the smaller downy woodpeckers share a suet cake. These birds are so similar in appearance it's hard to identify one from the other. Sometimes a yellow-shafted flicker or blue jay joins the

visitors, while the rose-breasted grosbeaks only occasionally make an appearance. The larger mourning doves don't use the feeders but sort through dropped seeds on the ground. The doves come early in the morning and in the evening and

Water is scarce in the cold dry environment, so the birds rather gray winter landscape.

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Our feathered guests consume about 40 pounds of sunflower seeds a month. In addition to the water, our avian friends have the luxury of natural cover adjacent to the feeding area. Thirty-foot spruce trees provide protection from the weather and sanctuary from the hawks.

Red and fox squirrels are also drawn to the yard. Plastic bottles strung on a wire from which the feeders hang have A number of purple finches and goldfinches are common foiled all but one squirrel. Just in case, I bribe the squirrels with cob corn stuck on a board and fastened to a tree.

> Human visitors to our house marvel at the variety of bird species and spend a lot of time watching the activity from our dining room window. The squirrels and birds bring constant animation and a splash of color to an otherwise

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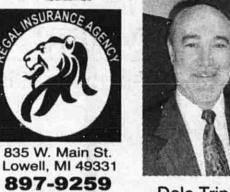
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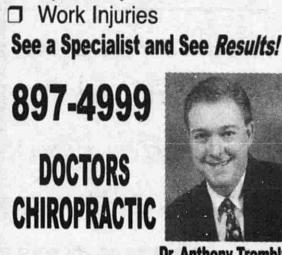


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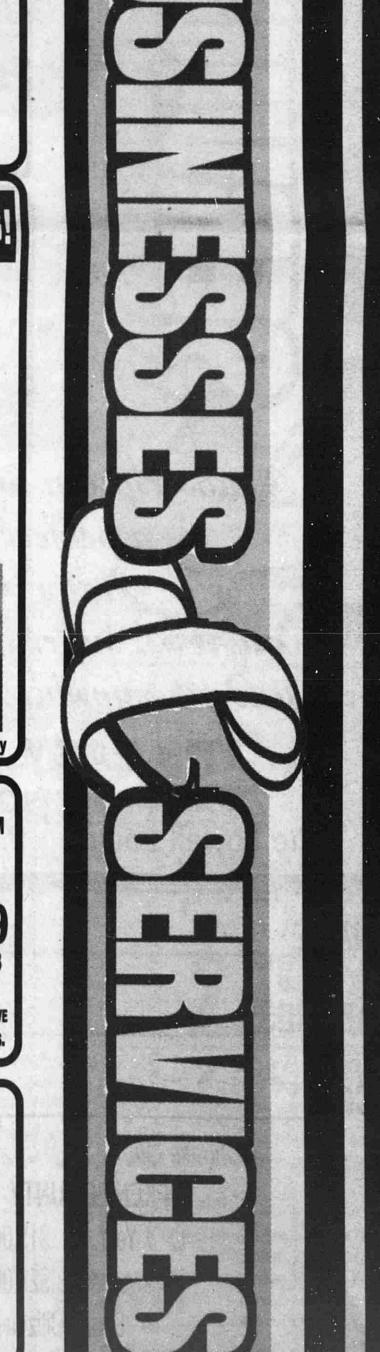
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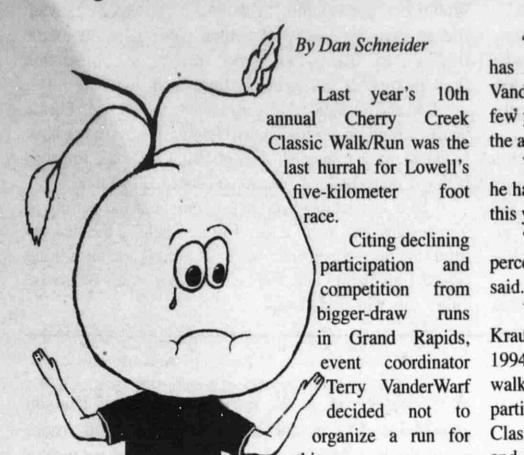




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### 10-year run ends as Cherry Creek 5k Classic calls it quits



Cherry Creek few years, it has declined in Classic Walk/Run was the the area of 25 runners."

> VanderWarf also said foot he has run out of steam a bit this year as a coordinator.

event coordinator 1994. By 1999, the run and participants. Last year's Lowell Area Historical organize a run for Classic drew 105 runners Museum and King Memorial and 15 walkers.

"It's due to other events Fairgrounds were among coming in, bigger events," the beneficiaries of the run's race participation over the started, there wasn't another run raised about \$2,500. run that weekend within a hundred miles of here."

The Cherry Creek years we were bringing in Classic was always held the more," VanderWarf said. second Saturday in June, "We couldn't thank the percent, it's not good," he raising close to \$30,000 over community enough for their its 10 years for community sponsorship of this because VanderWarf and Thad causes, VanderWarf said. The that's what kept us going." in Grand Rapids, Kraus started the race in Lowell Police Department's

VanderWarf walk were attracting 205 Englehardt Public Library, for Lowell High School Tina Dickerman arranged cross country runners will be divided into Youth Center at the Lowell three scholarships this year. PEEK AT THE STATE OF THE STATE

In spite of declining VanderWarf said. "When we fundraising. Most years, the years, the volunteer staffing continued to remain with the "The first years we were cause.

"We had people who lean and then the last few would come back year after year," VanderWarf said, "We had the same people for 10

Carol Briggs always worked the registration In 2003, the Classic table, Jeff Dickerman set up established a scholarship the computer scoring and refreshments. Jim and Sue With \$900 left in that fund, Schafer helped VanderWarf run the finish area.

"Everybody I had in the Money from any unclaimed finish line was there every scholarships this year will be year for 10 years, and that saved for future scholarship is probably a dozen people," VanderWarf said.

### Students' D.C. trip, cont'd. ... From Page 1

the inauguration live, to actually see him get sworn in guration, there were a lot of and the inaugural address."

awards, Vanderwarf said.

In his inaugural address, President Bush gave a broad outline of his vision for the guration and the parade thefuture of America in the re were protesters." Beatson world. Beatson called the said speech potentially historic.

significant at the moment, route, as well. world," he said. "So however it pans out, we can both lly cool." say that we were there in the

and Bryan able to vote in the 2004 elec-

"One thing I do like is his pre-emptive policy on te-pers flaring between Bush rrorism," Beatson said. "The supporters and detractors, other reason I would have however. voted for him is his economic views and his policies started singing, I think it was on taxes, social security and the national anthem, and that welfare." A lot of the people was about the extent of the at the inaugural address had interaction I saw," Beatson the same views about the said

"Inside the actual inau-Bush supporters, so it was mostly cheering, and then walking between the inau-

Bryan was among Bush "It doesn't seem very supporters along the parade

but one of the speakers we "It seemed like that was had was saying it was go- still mostly Bush supporing to be an important four ters," he said. "We were years, a lot of changes in the where Bush actually got out and walked, so that was rea-

> Beatson had a different parade experience.

"We missed that part beagreed that if they had been cause the entrance we were going through was blocked tion, their votes would have by protesters so we had to wait for two hours," he said.

He did not see tem-

"The Bush supporters

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### Multi-talented Lowell musician records CD

VanRavenswaay, 45,

By Dan Schneider

of Holland Public Schools' A local musician and longtime member of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra recently cut an album of 11 songs.

music program, turned onto

The album "Cello Songs and Stories" is composed, performed and recorded by cellist and 10-year Lowell resident Stephen VanRavenswaay. He plays his own backup on piano.

"Cut," however, isn't an accurate way of referring to the process. The term comes from the early days of record-making when albums were transferred from a master tape by literally cutting grooves into a wax disc. The disc was used to make a mold which, in turn, was used to press records.

Not wanting to deal inconvenient method, VanRavenswaay used modern technology to record his music in a home studio.

"I've been writing stuff for years and I've just now felt comfortable enough with the recording technology to do it (record)," he said.

The recording took about three weeks; writing the songs took about three years. He recorded the cello parts with a single recording microphone. He performed the piano parts on an electric piano wired through computer filters to make it sound like Yamaha grand.

"I'm not a great pianist, but with computer technology I can fake it," VanRavenswaay said.

On the cello, however, he is quite accomplished. He's been playing the instrument since he was young, though he started out playing the violin. VanRavenswaay's father, a string music teacher and a sister, in a family that high school. Following Germany. The cello at one were made to the instrument graduation, he studied at point was boxed in a wooden to transform it from a most part, the titles came "My brothers and the Peabody Conservatory case and stored in an attic Baroque setup to a modern after the song was written, sister all had to start on of Music in Baltimore in Wisconsin for almost a cello. It also took awhile to nstruments, a stringed before getting a full-time instrument of some sort, and job playing cello for the

and former department head I'm the only one who kept symphony in 1978 at the age estate sale and it ended up

the cello after he physically had a part-time gig with the he's been playing a cello is where VanRavenswaay outgrew the violin. He's the Grand Rapids Symphony made in 1755 by Leopold found it. oldest sibling of two brothers Orchestra as a junior in Wildhalm of Nurnberg,

dealer purchased it at an

at the Guarneri House violin and For about eight years, shop in Grand Rapids which basically."

season the violin back to life. thinking afterward about A Chicago antique VanRavenswaay said the vibrations from playing the of the wood over a period of said. time, giving the instrument a

> fuller sound. Outside professional VanRavenswaay is ranging from new age to studio. prog-rock at their midwest the upcoming Josh Groban real Spanish feel to it." performances in Grand

listening and thinking.

are," VanRavenswaay local arts scene.

"Simplicity Complicated," Some modifications "October Dream," and "The Passage of Time." For the what the songs evoke.

"You have to come up instrument opened the pores with a title for stuff," he

Exceptions are two songs about his wife Corrie his and daughters Amanda and career, Jennifer. These were more premeditated. The song playing jazz. He has also "Amanda" was inspired by played backup for bands a picture he keeps in his

"It looks like some sort tour stops. These acts include of old Spanish art photograph John Tesh, The Moody Blues and it just fit her personality, and Yes as well as Christmas to me," VanRavenswaay rockers The Trans-Siberian said. "That song is sort of a Orchestra. He'll play in Spanish art song, it's got a

The CD is available Rapids and Fort Wayne, locally at Chimera Design and at the Black and White The kind of music on Store. The Lowell Area the CD is jazz-new age, for Arts Council receives \$2 from every CD sale at "I'm not writing stuff those locations, a result of to technically be 'wow, VanRavenswaay's desire show off how good you to get more involved in the



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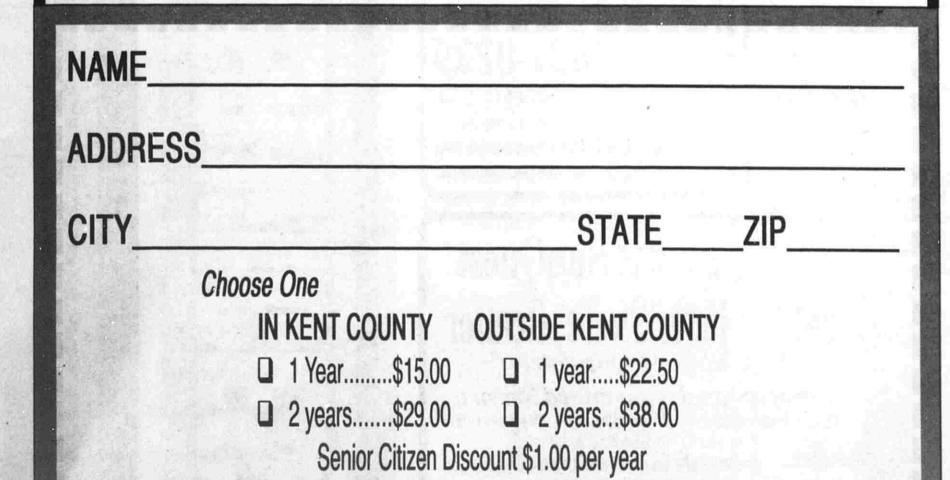
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SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- 897-7060 or 897-7555. 5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome. 1ST TUES.: Grattan His-

SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo, Doors open:11 a.m.; 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except holidays.

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

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

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

Education meets 7 p.m. in 231-780-1249 for more in- nancy Crisis Center, 402 Administration Building, formation. 300 High Street.

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

2ND MON .: Bowne Townmeets 7:30 at historic museum,84th/Alden Nash.

3RDMON.: Fallasburg His- Impact, a Wesleyan torical Society board Church, 1070 N. Hudson. meetings at chamber of- Call 897-8304. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the 8:30 p.m., 4 Health Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral come. Contact Bev or Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. Next meeting Feb. 21 at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 2ND & 4THTUES.: Knights Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 3RD TUES .: Parents of 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fel-Luke's Lutheran Church. lowship Hall.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis Linda: 874-5662; teen American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. TUES .: Take Off Pounds Girls Club - Calvary Chris-Sensibly Tops MI#372 tian Reformed Church. meets at Key Heights Mo- Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

bile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. WED.: Rotary meets at noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. TUES.: Cub Scout Pack

3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. upstairs at 1st Congrega-Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce @ tional Church, 404 N. Hudson St. imagesofvision.com.

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tices brief; may submit by nity Bible Study. Free 2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., King Memorial story hour/craft time 9:45 -Youth Center, 4-H Fair-11:15 a.m./women only at grounds. Call 897-6050. Reformed Church, Call 2ND WED.: Lowell

> torical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. MON.: Women's over 30 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle

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

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter THURS.: Pottery classes of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Center, 5255 Grand River 897-7842. Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call MON .: Lowell Board of Sandy 285-0621 or June THURS .: St. Mary's Preg- 4 p.m. or by appointment.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club. 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. New members are

dinner is provided.

of Columbus #7719 at St.

Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

children w/AD/HD at St.

Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call

group: Sarah 281-6588.

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Middle School choir room. All invited. Call 897-7161 for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Needlers. Saranac needleart/quilting bee, 5- 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at

> Wellness Center, Bridge Annalaine's on S. Alden St., Saranac. All are wel- Nash Ave. at 7 p.m. Melissa, 642-6466. Light 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E.,

1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton. 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order

of the Moose, men's meet-

ing at 7:30 p.m. 2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

> 3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Parenting For Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

**3RDTHURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116

3RD THURS.: Parents TUES., FEB. 8: Lowell Supporting Parents group. Area Historical Museum

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nity Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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ers at Lowell Nazarene

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Maatman, 897-5981.

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 Pator Judy at 897-7842.

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

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

3RD SAT.: Scrapbooking the holidays, one Saturday only, March 19, 10-5 p.m. at 4Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Bring scrapbooking supplies, pictures and sack lunch. Call 642-6466 to register.

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Math Games.

for adults at the Wittenbach Wege Center. \$15. Call Luanne or Judy at 897-7688 (Lowell Area Historical Museum) to reg-

WED., FEB. 16: Open Space Committee of Vergennes Twp. will have an annexation info session from 7-9 p.m. at Wittenbach Center. Info. call 897-5671.

WED., FEB. 16: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

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

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., FEB. 2: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure: 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Math Games.

p.m. Shop Horrock's FRI., FEB. 4: 9 a.m.

THURS., FEB. 3: 12:45

Bowling; 12 p.m. Potato Bar; 12:45 p.m. Bingo. MON., FEB. 7: 10 a.m.

Advisory Council; 12 p.m. Soup/Sandwich; 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

TUES., FEB. 8: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandpar-

WED., FEB. 9: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Cheshire" 11 and 1 p.m.

THURS., FEB. 10: 9:30 a.m. Glaucoma Testing; 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside; 6:30 p.m. LAAC Play "Babe."

FRI., FEB. 11: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON. FEB. 14: 12 p.m. Pizza & Salad; 12:30 p.m. Valentine Party.

TUES., FEB. 15: 10:30

a.m. Reading Grandpar-With 1 1/2 baths. Finished rec room. ents; 4:30 p.m. Brann's. Appliances include: stove, fridge, washer & dryer, dishwasher & microwave. 2 stall car-WED., FEB. 16: 12:45 port w/large country lot & plenty of storage. p.m. Shop Meijer.

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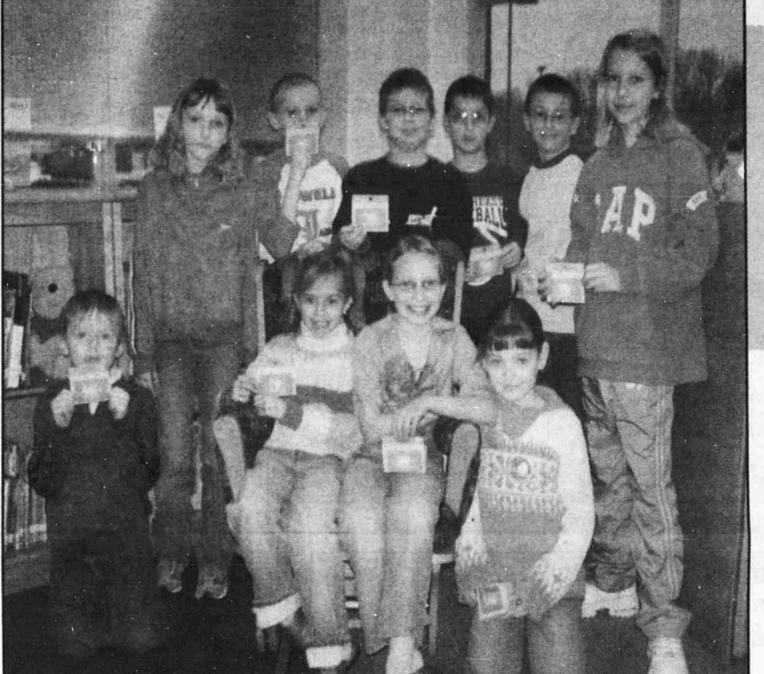
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### Local athlete nominated for McDonald's All American high school basketball team

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champion team someday, You need to respect all

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**BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL** 

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym

All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

staff. Being involved makes students in your classroom." life fun. I encourage all of varsity Two-year basketball player, Meghan you to try lots of activities."

Beachum said, in your future, make sure you to be sports. You can get in the school play, or in a school

Amy Oberlin, a three-"No matter what you do year varsity starter with a 3.95 grade point average, get involved. It doesn't have encouraged students to give a lot of effort. "No matter what you do, give it 110 percent. It is not all about winning; it is all about giving whatever you do your best effort." Oberlin's efforts will

> State coaches of the year, Noel Dean and Dee Crowley, also encouraged the young students to work hard at school and at their sports, adding that kids involved with sports do better in school. Murray Lake principal

lead her to a college soccer

Brent Noskey said, "Our kids look up to these players. They already knew how successful they were at their sports; I wanted them to hear how hard they work off the court and field. Many of these kids are Lowell's finest. It makes me proud to see former students making such a positive impact on our kids here at Murray Lake."



Murray Lake elementary students listen as LHS athletes relate experiences.

### Lowell basketball bounces Forest Hills Eastern, Sparta

By Dan Schneider

in a home game last Friday, Lowell. Ryan Lane was close especially on defense." winning 68-41.

up 16-9 after the first quarter, McElroy scored 10. 36-18 at the half and didn't second half.

Lowell shut down Sparta 18 points total to lead game than we had all year, of play. The Arrows were up behind with 16 points. Brad ·

hit three 3-pointers, scoring communicated better that it, during ensuing quarters

The Red Arrows were Shea had 13 points and Mike third straight game last Tuesday against Forest Hills double digits. Josh Hettinga Jeff McDonald. "And we lead and, in fact, extended each. Josh Hettinga and

33-13 at the half, 45-17 after The Arrows won their the third quarter and 54-33 at

the conclusion of the game. Scoring duties were "I thought from jump Eastern. Lowell jumped out distributed equally among slow their pace through the ball to buzzer it was the most to a quick lead, up 15-5 at several Lowell players. Mike energy we've played with all the end of the first quarter. Koster, Brad Shea and Mike Four Arrows scored in season," said Lowell coach Lowell didn't give up that McElroy put up nine points

Ryan Lane each scored eight. play and we played really all, nine Red Arrows unselfishly," said Lowell contributed scoring.

This is Eastern's first of kids contributed, so it was year of existence as a school, a positive night for us." and therefore its first boys varsity basketball season. Grand Rapids Tuesday night. Several Lowell players were The Arrows' next game is able to get time on the court Friday at Kenowa Hills. against the fledgling team.

had three service aces to lead conference match of the

the Arrows in that category. season is Thursday at 7:30

"A lot of kids got to

Lowell hosted East

coach Jeff McDonald. "A lot

### Good start for Arrows at West Ottawa volleyball invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity volleyball team won three Lowell in kills Monday to put it together again," Peal blocks on the day," Peal Taylor Verdon had 16 assists against Greenville. matches Monday in a quad at night with 25, followed by said. Middleville.

in two games each. Against on the night. Katie Baker City West, Allegan and Byron hasn't been winning. It was Middleville, the scores were had six service aces and Center to enter the gold good to see not only our 25-23, 25-7. Lowell beat Malley Cahoon and Amanda bracket of the tournament. defense doing well but our Ionia 25-17, 25-11 and Forest Schneider had nine blocks Lowell finished fifth in the girls getting up in the net and Hills Eastern 25-15, 25-11.

It was a good night of

serves a game," said Lowell losses. coach Gigi Peal. "Last night

on the whole evening."

Samantha Mol with 23.

"It was actually a great

Lowell's top scorers

on vault were Amanda Rau

Gymnastics team places fifth at invitational

weeks of conference and Kristin Johnson led after two losses they started "We had quite a few

tournament after losing in getting some touches." Theteamused Saturday's the quarterfinals to host

champion St. Joe.

(7.55), Kelli Kowalski (7.35)

scorer was Dickerman with

an 8.45 (eighth place overall)

Seese followed with a 7.6,

then Rau (7.55) and Rebecca

second overall on beam with

a score of 8.9. Underwood

8.65. Rau scored an 8.3 and

Underwood (7.45).

Kowalski a 7.45.

On bars, Lowell's top

and Leannah Seese (7.25).

we only missed five scores weekend for us. After two troubles, Lowell put good with nine. Katie McElroy games together at the net.

said. "That's been the aspect for Lowell. Lowell finished third in of our game, the last couple The matches were won Taylor Verdon had 59 assists pool play against Traverse weeks of conference that Lowell boys roll their way into the semifinals

Lowell was recovering tournament at West Ottawa to West Ottawa. The Panthers from a loss in three close "At the (West Ottawa) start rebuilding intensity after advanced to the finals where games at Northview last tournament we missed seven a pair of tough conference they lost to tournament Thursday. The scores were 25-23, 25-23, 25-20. Kristin In contrast to the serving Johnson led Lowell in kills

> Rau led Lowell and finished seventh overall on

the floor exercise with

score of 8.85. Underwood

scored 8.75 and took 10th

place overall. Kowalski

scored 8.05 on the floor and

Wednesday hosting Holland

Dickerman scored 7.95.

a team score of 140.65

at 7 p.m.

The Lowell boys team boys won 18-12. rolled its way into the Chelsea Freed, Carey semifinals of the Lowell Crout and Ashley Nawrocki

second Baker, losing 352- single games for Lowell.

Rockford in the final at 390, losing the roll-off 220-172.

The girls' team racked up a total pin score of 2,064, advancing to the first Baker Forest Hills was the top where they lost to Union. team at the invitational, with 263-261.

Kelloggsville won 298-Lowell's next meet is 270 against Wayland in the

Unity Christian Jan. 24. The girls won 19-11 while the

each rolled two games for They racked up a Lowell in the match. Freed total pin score of 3,241 to rolled 123 and 126, Crout finish behind Rockford and rolled 162 and 160, and advance to the first round Nawrocki led the girls. Baker. There, they bested rolling 172 and 179. Erin the Ionia A team, 375-301. Soules (100), Lisa Brown Lowell went up against (114), Kim Ward (131) and Grand Rapids Union in the Cassie Bodus (114) rolled

Rolling two games each Union went on to tie for Lowell on the boys' team were Jon Eickhoff (243, 159), Jim Denny (228, 212), Anthony Everitt (191, 162) and Sean Adrianse (166, 167). Brandon Jahnke (149) and Greg Sherman (219) rolled one game each for

Both teams take on Kenowa Hills next Monday Both teams defeated at 3:30 at Lowell Lanes.

Red



The Lowell gymnastics Hills Invitational with a team

Saturday at the Kenowa (8.05), Jenna Dickerman

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### VARSITY ICE HOCKEY \* Indicates a home game @ Standard Federal Ice

Union 1/13at 8 p.m. Wayland 1/15 at 9 p.m. South Christian 1/21 at 9 p.m. West Ottawa\* 1/28 at 9 p.m. Forest Hills Central 1/29 at 7 p.m. 2/4 at 9 p.m. South Christian\* 2/11 at 8 p.m. Hudsonville 2/12 at 9 p.m. Catholic Central\* 2/18 at 9 p.m. Grand Haven\* 2/19 at 9 p.m. Forest Hills Northern' 2/26 at 9 p.m. Northview

### **VARSITY GYMNASTICS**

Unity Christian\*

Cedar Springs

Kenowa Hills

Forest Hills Eastern\*

St. Johns\*

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Forest Hills\* 1/15 at 10 am. Holland Invitational East Grand Rapids\* Mona Shores Inv. 1/22 at 9 a.m. Rockford Kenowa Hills Inv. 1/29 at 10 a.m. Holland\* Kenowa Hills\* Mona Shores 2/19 TBA Conference

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Northview

Greenville\*

**Unity Christian** 

Cedar Springs\*

Crossover (Gold)

East Grand Rapids 1/15 at 9 a.m. Gary Rivers Tournament Kenowa Hills\* 1/27 Northview\* Greenville 2/5 at 9:30 a.m. **Goodrich Tournament** 2/9 TBA Crossover (Gold) 2/12 Conference at Northview 2/16 or 17 TBA Team Districts\* 2/19 TBA Individual Districts 2/23 TBA Team Regionals\* 2/26 TBA Individual Regionals Team State Finals 3/4 & 3/5 TBA 3/10, 11, 12 TBA Individual State Finals

**VARSITY WRESTLING** 

# Varsity hockey upsets Forest Hills Central

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team skated to a pair of big wins over the weekend.

the Red Arrows' biggest win of the season so far. A Ballard said. hot-shooting Justin Story got Lowell-Caledonia (L-C) started with two goals in the first period. Kyle Austin assisted on both goals with Joel Scheyle also assisting on the second goal.

Ted McCoy scored early in the second period to put the Arrows up 3-0. The goal was from a Corey

Kelly assist. L-C's Cory score again in the third hang on to the lead, which

the nets had by far his best game of the year," Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike

15-2 in the second period,

us our lead and kept the said momentum on our side,"

Kowalski had to have a period but Lowell would strong goalkeeping game to continue to hold on.

maintain our discipline and we played a little tighter defense in our zone," Ballard victory for the program, to be Story scored Lowell's third

Despite the Rangers Hills had played Wednesday outshooting the Arrows night of last week, as well. "We went into this

"That's where Cory on Wednesday against East really stepped up and kept Grand Rapids," Ballard

So the tier three Arrows knew it was a good time to The Rangers would hit the ice aggressively.

actually be the aggressor 3:12 into the game. Brad went after it." right from the start, and Anderson scored the second, really helped," top of the left circle with 1:45 Ballard said. "That's a huge remaining in the period. able to knock off a tier one goal, unassisted four minutes Both teams had played team. That says a lot about into the second period. the night before and Forest how far the kids have come and how far the program has 1:50 into the second period. play.

Last Friday night on scoring on an assist from just come off a huge victory rematch against league rival West Ottawa, 4-1. The Panthers won this team's Lowell-Caledonia in the junior varsity, 5-5. game, 22-16. first meeting of the season.

come in six years."

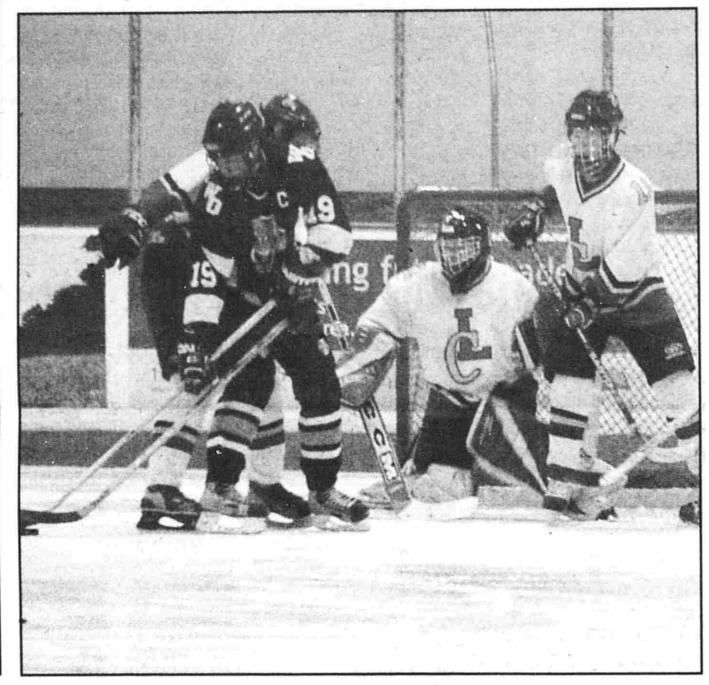
Lowell scored two goals in the first period of Caledonia) jumped to the Christian at 5 p.m. at the Friday's game. The first puck and when we played South Side Ice Arena. The was by McCoy. It was an them the last time, we did," opportunistic shot right in West Ottawa coach Tarry scheduled for Friday night. front of the goal from on Cutter said. "They wanted

"We were able to an assist by Corey Kelly it more tonight because they "All week long we

"We were just able to Justin (Story)'s big first unassisted on a shot from the talked about our goals for the rest of the year and one of those was to sweep the rest of our league games," Ballard said. "Another was to compete with the tier one and tier two teams we

The Lowell-Caledonia junior varsity team also Kowalski only allowed one game knowing that they had friendly ice, L-C won a Kyle Grucz 10:45 into the won last Friday, shutting out Northview 7-0. They tied with Forest Hills Central's West Ottawa outshot

> L-C's next varsity game Lowell- is Thursday against South game had originally been



West Ottawa scored

Then it was McCov again,



### **SYNOPSIS** BOWNE TOWNSHIP

**Regular Board Meeting** January 17, 2005 - 7:30 p.m.

Motions approved.

- · Minutes approved for December meeting. List of invoices approved.
- Motion to support Clerk in the administration of School Elections 2005-2006.
- Motion to appoint members to the Board of Review.
- Motion to schedule Community Block Grant Program Public Hearing for February 21 meeting.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the township office, 8240 Alden Nash S.E. P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 or on the website www.bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

Above, left: Lowell-Caledonia's David Sweeny tries to beat West Ottawa's Chad Bradbury to the puck in last Friday night's game.

Above, right: Lowell-Caledonia's Cory Kowalski (goalkeeper) and Brad Anderson guard the net against West Ottawa last Friday.

### **MATH** PARENT MEETING

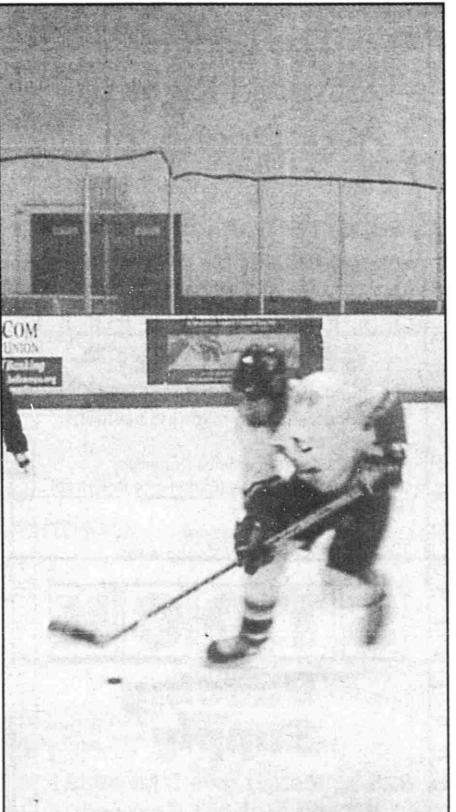
Monday, February 7th

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cherry Creek Elementary

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families in assisting their children's growth of various math concepts. You can register by calling Bushnell (987-2650) or Cherry Creek (987-2700).

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Lowell-Caledonia's Ted McCoy takes the puck up the

## Lowell wrestlers fight past Northview

By Dan Schneider

The host Lowell Red Arrows wrestled to Thursday night against Miller pinned Justin Boss Northview's Brian David. Northview.

was gut it out and come from Chris Roelofs jumped back Brock beat that kid (David) behind, as the Wildcats put from being nearly pinned in last year," Fuller said. the Arrows in a hole early.

Joey Sadlak in: 30 at 112 and Rob Karasiewicz in 3:56 at

DeVries. But he scored a and Fuller made a tough Goodrich Tournament.

the fall against DeVries in would forfeit at 189, giving

last year he's tearing up this Lowell assistant

Andrew Hayward pinning the end of the period, then needed to seal the victory. Ryan McGovern pinning for a 17-10 victory.

was nearly pinned in his at 171.

weight, Northview's Dustin in 1:53. Joe Mendez won

the first period by Marcus where Northview's Corey match by technical fall, 20- period. The wrestlers locked Hill pinned Trevor Foss in 3, as the clock expired.

Ray Seese fought back the momentum on Lowell's to find an opening and take for Lowell, winning a 9-0 side, pinning Ben Wayward advantage. Graham scored a major decision against Hale in the final seconds of the point on a breakaway in the Navarre. Navarre had beaten first period of the 145 match. second period and another Seese when these teams met John Fleet won a 9-0 major on a penalty called against

scoring repeated takedowns

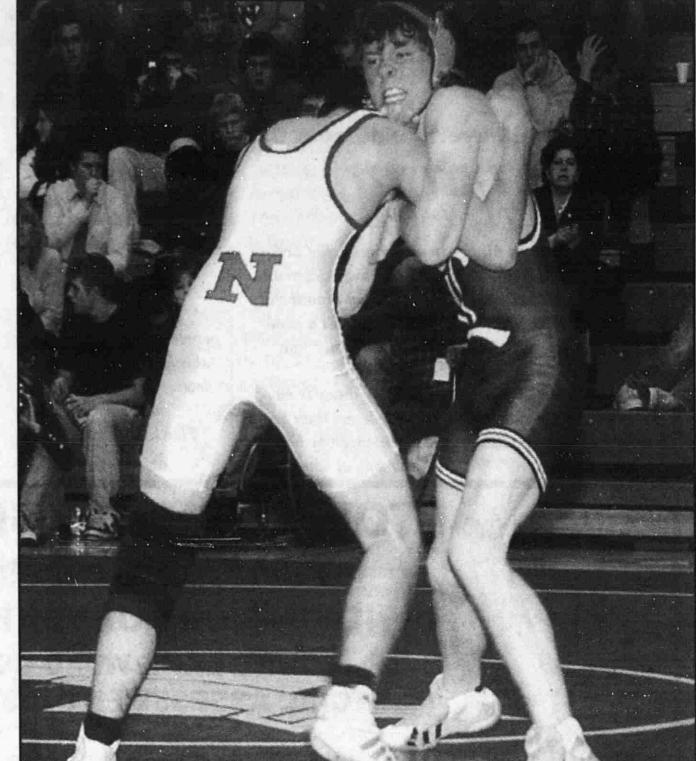
DeHaan won an 11-5 one to keep alive a chance Lowell's Mike Thomas decision over Matt Francisco for a share of the OK White

the victory to Alex Phillips, At the 130-pound and bumping Brock Graham up to a 215 match against

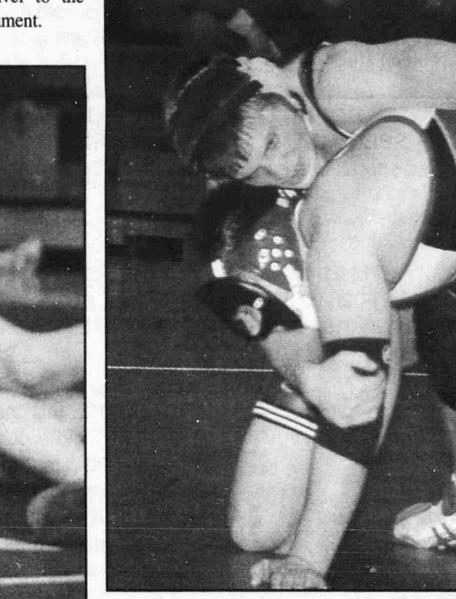
"We couldn't afford The theme of the night the 135 match by forfeit. to lose both matches and

The The night started at 275 Hayes. Roelofs won the deadlocked through the first arms and pushed each other Ryan Karasiewicz kept around the mat, neither able decision over Northview's David. Though David had "Everybody he lost to Jared Williams in the 152 a size advantage, Graham started pulling some moves Alex Basel had Lowell's in the third period, scoring on coach Wayne Fuller said of Alex Fleet tied up for almost a takedown. With a penalty the entire first period of the called against Graham, the Lowell lost the next two 160 match. Fleet held on final score was 4-1, giving matches, with Northview's though, scoring a reversal at Lowell the three points it

> Lowell's next match is Thursday at Greenville. Northview's David They'll need to win this title. On Saturday, the Red The score was 34-27 Arrows will travel to the



Lowell's Ryan Karasiewicz works on a takedown against Northview's Ben Wayward. Karasiewicz won the match, pinning Wayward in the final seconds of the first period.



Lowell's Brock Graham tries to break down Northview's Brian David. Graham Lowell's Mike Thomas pinned Adam DeVries in 4:58. DeVries almost had Thomas was bumped up to the 215- pound match from 189 and won.



stuck, but Thomas battled back to claim the victory.



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for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants, from record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the

total land area in the proposed special assessment district described below, has resolved its intention to proceed on the

petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said Improvements in the

Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed

against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and which

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

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We watched that show Town Haul on HGTV and it made us think of how much prettier Lowell downtown is. The lights, the buildings and everything else look fantastic.

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

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FOR RENT IN LOWELL - 3

bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home

Finished rec room. Appli-

ances include: stove, fridge,

washer, dryer, dishwasher

& microwave, 2 stall carport

w/large country lot & plenty

of storage. \$900 per mo. No

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HOUSE FOR RENT - 3+ bed-

room house for rent in coun-

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New appliances, newly re-

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month, plus utilities. Refer-

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Please contact Beckie at

(616) 245-3388 days or

(616) 897-6281 after

HOUSE FOR RENT - in

Clarksville. 2 story, 3 bed-

room, 1 1/2 bath. Available

immediately. \$875/month.

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MENTS - \$400 moves you

2 bath w/garage. 953 sq. ft.

Washer/dryer hook-ups.

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3:30-5:30 p.m. Call 616-363-

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Call 897-3120.

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HOUSE - This 2-story home comes with 3 stall garage, 1999 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4 white picket fence, 1.5 acres dr., 4x4, light blue, hwy in addition to 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bathrooms. Beautiful cious kitchen with island and built-in china, Hardwood tress sets. Twin, \$70, full flooring. This is a must see \$80, queen \$95, king \$150 to experience. Very homey. up. Call 616-682-4767 or Call Mark @ 784-9090 days or 897-2587 evenings.

FOR SALE - 2000 Ford '89 ASTRO CARGO VAN

MANUFACTURED HOME FOR SALE - 1991 Schultz FURNITURE - Bedroom & Presidential Series, 28x56. dining room, headboards, 1600 square feet. Drywall canopy beds, living room, cathedral ceilings, central Large selection. Wholesale air, skylight, open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in \$670 a month, 2 bedroom, (one bath is very large w/ garden jacuzzi tub & 2 seat shower), living room and family room. Located in Northern Estates in Belmont on one of the nicest/largest lots in the park. Appraised at

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2 baths (No dogs), \$695 plus

utilities, M-50/I-96 Alto area.

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FOR RENT - in Ionia. Fin-

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age, 1 stall garage, all appli-

ances included. Rent \$600

a month plus deposit and

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Lowell. \$600/month plus

bedroom upstairs apart-

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security and cleaning depos-

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WANTED - a computer jock

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\$400. Call 682-0562.

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#### **HELP WANTED**

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#### **EVENTS**

EXPERIENCE

FRANCISCAN LUNCH Each Wednesday, February 9 through March 23, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm at the Franciscan Life Process Center (11650 Downes, Lowell). Soup, bread, desbeverage. Cost:donation. Call 897-7842.

. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER First Congregational Church, 404 N Hudson, Lowell, 897-5906. Tues., February 8, 5 - 7pm. Join us for pancakes, sausage and fellowship! Free to All!! Donations collected to support our

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FOR RENT - in Lowell. 3 Franciscan Life Process bedroom, 1 bath, central air, Center (11650 Downes) on new siding, new windows, Sat., March 12 (7 pm) and fenced in back yard, 2-car Sun., March 13 (3 pm). Harpgarage, all appliances inists perform Irish music; stocluding washer and driver in yteller features Celtic lore. basement. \$800 includes Coffee/tea/dessert included. water; \$400 deposit. Call Event sells out! Purchase tickets early. \$15 individual; \$25 couple; \$50 family. Call APARTMENT - Very spa-

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TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Improvements may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan. Dated: January 24, 2005.

Lana F. Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

ful protest. I applaud them for their courage to do so. Hudson St. changed from 25 to 50. I hope no school

How come they're always talking about cuttin' the er mention cuttin' sports?

Even the snow!!!

I was wondering when

the speed limit on North

children get hurt trying to

cross the street at Fore-

man... LPD HELP !!!!!

school budget but they nev-

A special thanks to all the DPW workers for clearing the snow for all of us! You do an outstanding job for the city of Lowell. - Liz Baker

> For new drivers especially, kids be safe than die on the way to school.

weather. You keep us safe. - Thanks, From The Lowell

kids in school in bad weather. Why should drivers & support staff risk their lives just so your kids don't stay

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