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Chinese New **Year Celebration**

reschool students at the Franciscan Life Process Center celebrated the Chinese New Year last Wednesday by parading through the building and snacking on rice cakes. Pictured is parent Joan Wei and student Riley Conlan, 5, leading the parade in a dragon costume created the previous week by Franciscan Friends' volunteers. The children played noisemakers to symbolically "scare away" the old year. The rice cakes eaten were also symbolic. "Rice means grow, cake means big, so rice cake means you will grow big or you will prosper," said preschool teacher Charlie Knudstrup. The activities ushered in the year of the rooster. "We're



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going to have to do some rooster things - I'm not sure what but we'll cook something up," Knudstrup said.

Two candidates compete for seat on school board

By Dan Schneider

terling Massey James and Turner are the two candidates who have filed petitions to run in the Lowell Area Schools board of education election in May.

Treasurer James Reagan is not running for a third term on the board.

Massey, 44, of Lowell, is director of treatment services for West Michigan programs at Project Rehab. A trained social worker, he spent 14 years as a child welfare worker and currently specializes in substance abuse treatment. He is running for the school

board seat because his children attend school in this district.

"The most important reason is I have three



Sterling Massey

young children in the school district," he said. "As a parent, I feel I have a responsibility to do as much as I can to help with their education."

Massey currently serves on the district's champions diversity committee, of on the cost containment committee and as a district key communicator.

Turner, 57, of Lowell, is a retired Grand Rapids Water Treatment Plant operator. He ran for 86th district state house of representatives last November on the Democratic ticket.

"That was unsuccessful but I still feel I owe something to the community," Turner said. "I definitely want to be part of making the decisions for my grandchildren. We're going to have some tough



James Turner

Business owner eyes vacant city lot for expansion

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

A local business owner is seeking to purchase a vacant lot from the city in hopes of expanding his restaurant. Jeff Altoft, who owns Blackwater Café with Bif Altoft, came before the Lowell City Council last week to see if the city would be interested in selling a vacant lot at 111 Riverside. The lot is located next to the café at 109 Riverside. Altoft said the parcel, about 38 by 40 feet in size, would allow him to add handicap bathrooms and a new kitchen.

City manager David Pasquale said he discussed selling

the lot with Tom Richards from Lowell Light and Power. Richards informed Pasquale that he did not think Light and Power would need the lot, but wanted a chance to discuss the sale with his board.

The city owns the parcel and if a decision were made to put it up for sale, a bidding process would take place with the property being awarded to the highest bidder.

The council decided to postpone any final decision on selling the lot until its March 7 meeting, giving the Lowell Light and Power Board an opportunity to discuss the potential sale.

decisions ahead as far as funding, and I want to make sure the funds we do have are spent in the classroom."

Turner has seven grandchildren in the district. He is a member of the Industry Council for the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center, which has a role in determining curriculum for job skills training and GED courses at the center. He also

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has family background in education as his father was president of the Newhall Public School District and then of the subsequent Wyoming Public Schools District.

school The board election will take place on May 3.

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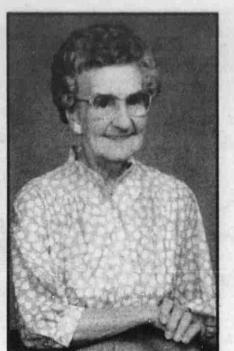
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ALLERSMA - Donald A. BAILEY - George E. Bailey, Allersma, aged 61, of Sears, Sr., aged 81, of Lowell, Mich., formerly of Lowell, passed away Saturday, passed away February 9, February 12, 2005. George 2005. He is survived by was a W.W. II veteran who his loving companion Jean served in the European war. Gill; children Donna (Tim) He was preceded in death by Dahlke, Rance (Tonda) his son George E. Bailey Jr. Allersma, Michael (Cathy) He is survived by his wife of Allersma, Deb (Ken) 59 years, Frieda (Buzinski); Laurie (Kevin) Glieden, Bob Gregg, Stephanie (Russell) (Jack) Bright of Grand great-grandchildren; sister February 10, 2005. She is First Responders. Rapids; brother William Effie (Charlie) Pung; survived by daughters Carol Allersma of Grandville; brother Morris Bailey; (Don) Hoffman, Deborah several great-grandchildren; nieces, cousins. Funeral services grandchildren Mary (Casey) J. DeZwaan, aged 84, of aged 67, of Stanton, died Bolster, presiding. In lieu of nephews, many dear friends. was held Tuesday at Roth- Lynch, Martha (Gabe) Grand Rapids, was called peacefully Friday, January flowers, Dirk's legacy can He was preceded in death by Gerst Chapel, Rev. George Goodrich, Mandy (Jack to his heavenly home on 28, 2005, after a long continue through a donation his father Clarence Allersma, J. Fekete of St. Mary Spratto) Cooley, John Sunday, February 6, 2005 battle with cancer. He was to the Koning Family grandsons Robert Drago, Catholic Church, officiating. Hoffman, April (Rick) after a very lengthy and preceded in death by his Education Trust Fund (at any Michael Wright. Memorial service was held Saturday, Cemetery. In lieu of flowers Silverthorn, Jacqueline, cancer. He was preceded in Horace Freeman and Anna or the Community Media Feb. 12 at Roth-Gerst memorial contributions may Daniel II, Dana Brunton, death by his parents Herman Mae Hill; son Robert Wayne Center, 711 Bridge St. NW, Funeral Home, his nephew, be made to the VA Clinic Eric (Barb) and Ted (Heidi) and Marie DeZwaan, infant Hill; sister-in-law Betty Grand Rapids, MI 49504. James Bright officiating. or the American Cancer Reid; great-grandchildren twin brother Marion Earl, Hill; brothers-in-law John Memorial contributions Society. may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Perry, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Interment



grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and Foster; son Daniel Brunton; DEZWAAN - Mr. Herman HILL - Robert Roy Hill, Church, Rev. M. Thomas Oakwood Hooker, Amber (Jason) courageous battle with wife Kay Lynn Hill; parents Huntington Bank Branch) Anthony and Andrea Herrera, Tyler Lynch, Haley Surviving are his loving wife He is survived by his first THOMPSON - Mr. Kenneth Cooley, Alexis Spratto, of 58 years, Dorothy; sons wife Mattie Carole Jordan; D. Thompson, aged 79, went Ethan and Sydney Hooker, Ronald (Darcy) and Philip sons Mike Hill, Dave and home to be with his Lord Ryan, Dylan, Carson (Rosanne); grandchildren Sue Hill, Greg Hill, Dan and Saviour on Sunday, Silverthorn, Caleb DeBruyn, Dawn, Tiffany, Meagan, Hill; daughter Tammy February 6, 2005. During Kaitlyn and Hannah Reid. Nicholas, Kresta, Matthew; and Mike Person; brother WWII he entered into the She was preceded in death four great-grandchildren; Richard Hill; sisters Betty US Army and served in the by her husband Clifford brother-in-law and sisters- Whitman, Bonnie and Sandy Field Artillery Battalion

Smith; sisters Flossie (Arlene)

brothers Julius and C.W.Bud. Whitman, Ken Waldrop.

Fernando and Myra Alice Frances DeZwaan, Richard He was preceded in death by Eaton, Beulah Clevenger, special nieces and nephew, Joy. His spirit continues Grace Hall, Mabelle Fader, Nancy and Jim; good through his family: his wife Virtue Moore, Margaret friends and neighbors Jan, of 27 years, Ginger Lane: Chamberlain; brother Paul Larry, Sharon; many nieces their son Shaun; daughter Smith. Mary loved her Lord and nephews. He was a Kelly; mother Margaret: and her family. Her greatest longtime member of Central sister Ann; brothers Gene desire was that her children Reformed Church, member (Marla), Lee (Bonnie), Carl and grandchildren accept and officer in Trust United (Sue); mother-in-law Norma Jesus as Lord and Saviour Credit Union. He served Troeger Lane; father-inand walk closely with Him. in the European Theater law Jack Lane; sisters-in-Funeral services were held with the U.S. Army during law Mary Lane Ourchane February 14 at Calvary WWII. Funeral service (Amar), Linda Lane Devries Grace Brethren Church, was held Wednesday at the (Chuck); brothers-in-law Alto, with Pastor Mick Stroo Funeral Chapel, with Jack Lane (Denise), Tom Centilli, JoAnn (Al) Drago, daughters Carol (George) BRUNTON - Mrs. Mary Funderburg officiating. Rev. Louis Lotz officiating. Lane; many nieces and Edith Brunton, aged 86, of Memorials may be made to Interment in Chapel Hill nephews. Dirk will be so Gill, Tom (Kim) Gill; loving Geldersma, Jackie Bailey, Freeport, was called home Visiting Nurse Association Memorial Gardens. In lieu dearly remembered and mother Irene Allersma of Georgy (Blair) Armstrong; to be with her Lord and of Western Michigan or to of flowers memorials may loved by all who came in Grandville; sister Adele 11 grandchildren; nine Saviour Jesus Christ on the Freeport Fire Department be made to a charity of your contact with him throughout choice.

> grandson; many nieces Memorial Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

was a celebration of family, community and friends. and carried a missionary spirit of belong to the people." He Fla., cared about each little voice.



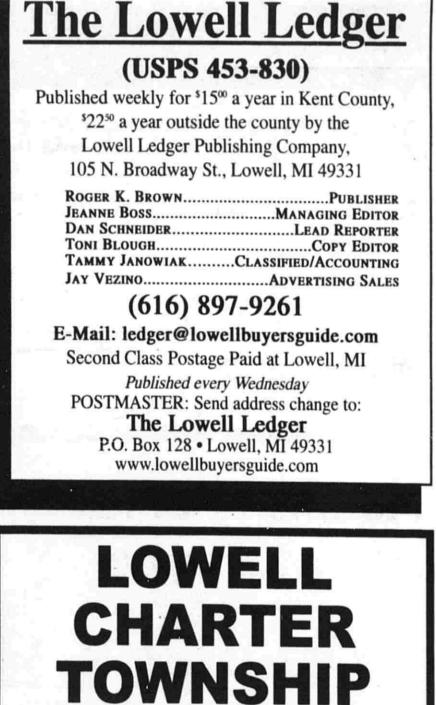
Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, Michigan 49331, to accept public comment on the following application:

Lone Pine Development Co. LLC requesting a zoning ordinance map amendment to rezone properties listed below from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Medium Density Residential (R-2). The properties are located abutting the southeast corner of the high school property and running south parallel to Alden Nash and adjacent to Pheasant Valley Dr. The properties, consisting of 24.92 acres, are in the southeast quarter of section 33, parcel numbers 41-16-33-200-035, 41-16-33-400-073 and 41-16-033-400-017. The purpose of the amendment is to allow single-family home sites to be developed under the R-2 zoning requirements.

The proposed zoning map amendment application is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Public comment will be accepted at the public hearing and written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

> Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE Please take notice that there will be a budget hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 followed by a regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

VanAartsen; his father Stanley and sister the world. Memorial Mass was offered Monday, February 14 at St. James

James Brunton; parents in-law Anna Mae DeZwaan, Ferguson, Pat Waldrop; 17 After the service he met grandchildren; one great- his future wife, Lena who worked with him at Doehlerand nephews. He served Jarvis. He was employed as a Chief Petty Officer in with Godfrey Lee Public the Navy, 1954-1958, on Schools as a custodian until the USS Randolph, was a his retirement in 1988. He member of the American is survived by his wife, the Legion Post 0452 in Stanton. former Lena Grafe whom Private services will be held. he married almost 57 years contributions ago; children Kenneth F. may be made to Hospice of and Nancy Thompson of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart, NE, Cordova, TN, Richard Thompson of Ionia, Steven and Linda Thompson of grandchildren Lowell; KONING - Dirk William Kimberly and Jason Wilson, Koning, January 30, 1957 - Kenneth H. and Jennifer February 10, 2005. Dirk's life Thompson, Kelly Thompson, Lyndsey Thompson, Stacey Stephani Thompson, He was born in Zuni, NM, Thompson, Cort Thompson; great-grandchildren Kristen, empowering Josh, Gavin, Jade; in-laws others to "tell their story." Bernard and Wanda Grafe, Dirk worked to bridge the Meda and Gerald Scott all of "digital divide" because Alexander, Arkansas, Mrs. he believed "the airwaves Ann Smith of Englewood Mrs. Beverly worked tirelessly to protect Thompson of Grand Rapids; everyone's civil liberties, many nieces and nephews. encourage people to express He was preceded in death themselves and provide the by a brother Warren, sister conduit to communicate. Doris Urbon. The service Dirk was the founding for Mr. Thompson was held and only director of the Wednesday at St. Peters Community Media Center Lutheran Church with Pastor and his achievements as an Mark Love officiating. ambassador of public access Interment in Courtland to media were recognized Township Cemetery. Those by many awards. His spirit planning an expression was reflected in his love and of sympathy are asked respect for nature and the to consider Alzheimer's environment. Dirk was a big Disease Foundation or St. man with a big heart who Peters Lutheran Church.

Historical museum caps off a busy year

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

More than 6,200 people graced the doors of the and busy year," Straub said to in which students made year's report, adding that it Lowell Museum or participated of the second phase brought to seniors in the area, and year because of the capital in programs hosted by the in a rotating exhibition area, an oral history program museum which, as Charles gift shop, and a Victorian in which middle school Myers, mayor pro tem, dining room, garden, and students helped record the said he also understood noted, is quite a number porch, all of which have area's history by visiting that the museum would be of people. Judy Straub, received wonderful reviews residents. executive director of the from residents and visitors. museum, noted this figure Straub added. in her annual report to the Lowell City Council last acquired 996 new artifacts Lowell Showboat and the thecity of Lowell for support week. This included the 350 from about 65 donors and historic home tour as well as of the museum," Straub visitors who attended the now contains a collection the Riverwalk and historic said, adding that because special two-day open house of more than 10,000 items Main Street tours. celebrating the second phase that include a photography of the museum, which is on file, a large obituary file and of Lowell agreed to help life, that had been set aside the east side of its building numerous other reference fund the museum through but would be revisited soon. located on the corner of opportunities. Straub said a property tax that raises Main and Hudson.

since

events such as the Riverwalk offered last year and several how money is being used. and Harvest festivals.

Area Historical the council. The completion boxes that were distributed would have appeared off this

one of the missions of about \$20,000 and is used contribution, city residents The numbers could be the museum has been to for operational expenses. do receive free admission on the conservative side encourage residents to use Straub said that money is to the museum on the first Straub estimated the materials it offers when more than half the museum's Thursday of the month, only 10 percent of the doing research or looking for operational budget. total number who visited historical information. A The council requested Past tour, and at Harvest

school programs including Straub said she would start "It has been a very active Victorian cookie boxes supplying that with next

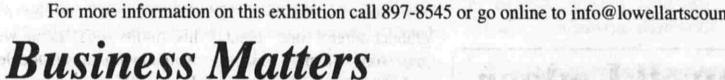
Historical Museum also The museum also offered an exhibition of the strategic plan to look outside

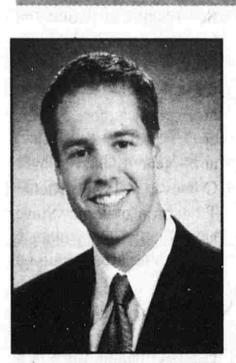
Residents in the city personal matters in her own

programs provided at city number of school tours were a budget breakdown to see Festival.

19th annual art competition opens Sunday

The 19th annual West Michigan Regional (art) Competition will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, from Feb. 20 - March 24. There will be an opening reception this Sunday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with an awards presentation and juror's talk by Mark Chatterley at 2:30 p.m. Prizes were awarded in the following categories: Best of Show (\$500) - Ann Willey (Comstock Park), "A Walk in the Mountains" - colored pencils; 1st Place (\$400) - Susan Boehme (Twin Lake), "Family Gathering" - mixed media 3-D; 2nd Place (\$300) - Jodie Mohrhardt (Allendale), "Flight of Imagination #6" - mixed media 2-D; 3rd Place (\$200) - Annie Morgan (Grand Haven), "Freedoms Dance" - mixed media 3-D; Honorable Mention (\$100) - Kelly Allen (Grand Rapids), "Finch Picnic" - mixed media 2-D For more information on this exhibition call 897-8545 or go online to info@lowellartscouncil.org.





Matthew Fink

recently joined the law firm

of Mika, Meyers, Beckett

and Jones. He will join their

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MOVIE GUIDE

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Fink

Matthew

seven-lawyer rotation at the Lowell office on March 16 with his first office hours from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

A 2004 graduate of the Indiana University Law School, Fink specializes in municipal law and zoning, land use planning and general business law.



Greenridge Realty announced that Jayne Overbeck received Realtor of the Year for 2004. Lowell office. This award recognizes Overbeck for her outstanding success and achieve-

Jayne Overbeck

Coming to Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria

Tom Woodruff ChildrenÅ\$ Book Illustrator

February 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Family Night**

Tom Woodruff will share his drawing of the history and natural resources of Michigan and the Great Lakes, through drawing and story telling. Artist signed books will be available, along with full color prints of his work.

Come bring your family! Together we will explore the Great Lakes with pencil and paper.



campaign.

Councilman Jim Pfaller seeking similar funding The Lowell Area from Vergennes and Lowell townships. "It is in our of the capital campaign and Because of their during the Spring in the



LMS FAMILY LINKS PARENTS WORKSHOP The workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22 with speaker Libby Richardson on common sense, love and logic parenting techniques; also Ryan Rose of the Lowell YMCA Teen Center on Teen Fitness. Call Jean Getzen at 897-8279 with questions.

FRESHMAN PARENTS MEETING

Staff at the Lowell Freshman Center will hold a meeting for parents on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. West House parents meet in the Commons; East House parents: LPAC. Service learning project outlined.

NEED TALENT FOR LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO

The Expo, held Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, is looking for talent for the entertainment stage: music, drama, etc. Call Gordon Gould, 897-0964 or ggould@iserv.net.

PICTORIAL JOURNEY AT ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY

Photography of the Bradford Dickinson White Nature Preserve, south of Lowell, will be shown at Englehardt Library on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Refreshments served: free admission.

8TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Future high school students and parents are invited to Lowell High School for 8th grade orientation, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Call Student Services Center 987-2908.

AND A SHEET WAR IN THE THE FOOD COMMODITIES AT MOOSE LODGE

Low income families are welcome to free food at Moose Lodge, 1320 E. Main, March 3 from 9-4 p.m. Must have proof of income/S.S.#'s for entire family. Bring paper bags. 897-5150/ 897-8754.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Lowell High School cafeteria will be the location for the indoor garage sale, sponsored by class of 2007 on Saturday, March 5, 9-2 p.m. Admission: \$1. Proceeds to indiviual vendors and sophomore class.

LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

Lowell Day 1 p.m. buffet is Sunday, March 6, at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club in Lakeland, Fla. Call Mary at 863-683-6336. N. 98, N. of I-4 to Duff Rd., turn left, go west.

DEADLINE FOR SENIOR CLASS TRIP

March 1 is the final sign-up deadline, \$25 deposit for the Senior Class trip; total payment \$180 due March 17. Look on Senior Parent webpage for more information.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Various merchants in Lowell are promoting a "girls night out" event on Thursday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m. Call the chamber at 897-9161 or visit the website www. lowellchamber.org. for more information.

Historic trip itineraries available at Lowell Area **Historical Museum**

Itineraries for the historical bus trip described in last week's Ledger under the headline "Historical bus trip to benefit Lowell Area Historical Museum" are available at the museum (897-7688) or by contacting Gail Andrus Travel at 363-9836. This information was left out of last week's

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story.

Lowell woman named to GVSU board

By Dan Schneider

Noreen K. Myers

Noreen of Lowell was recently now. "When I was there appointed to the Board of the president used to Trustees for Grand Valley down and have coffee with State University (GVSU).

Gov. Jennifer Granholm a slate announced appointments to university boards Friday, Jan. 28.

practice, Myers graduated financial management of the

"It's very different."

K. Myers she said of the university the students. Not that he wouldn't do that now, it's of just back then there was no state one else to talk to."

Responsibilities the GVSU board range A lawyer in private from academic affairs to

from the university in 1972. university. One of its recent decisions was to establish a policy of 50/50 ownership intellectual property between the university and the artists working on the faculty. The board of trustees at 2012.

GVSU is composed entirely of governor's appointees. Michigan's state universities operate independently of the state legislature.

"In Michigan. the have any control over the said universities, unlike most states," Myers said. Her term on the GVSU board of

board will expire Dec. 31, Political

"I'm pleased it's that long because I feel like I can

School board approves amended budget, reviews technology

By Dan Schneider

The budget report given Monday at the Lowell Area Schools board of education financially, times are still tight and likely will remain

current school year.

Revenues from federal the original budget was not enough to offset state and interdistrict revenue it vulnerable to cuts. sources that fell short of

into the fund balance than also budget was approved.

Connie Gillette said budget the state average of \$7,031. driver's training program. cuts of \$1 million will likely concerns for the district's funding proposal. Under the course. future finances, she said, is proposal, Lowell's per pupil and local sources were a struggling state economy. foundation allowance would neutral." higher than expected when Half of the \$600 million the increase \$175 per pupil, Schools state allocates for funding or about \$683,000 with Shari Miller. "We're not adopted. However, this was schools is in the state's current enrollment. Another going to make money off of general fund, which makes piece of the proposal would this, but we don't want to

expectations. Combined with funding cuts to the Kent is enrolled in a college McKendrick of the Cherry an increase in expenditures Intermediate School District preparation program. over the original budget, could result in the ISD Granholm's proposal program indicated that the the amended budget taps providing fewer services would limit increases to pilot program has so far just under \$210,000 further in the future. Gillette the state retirement rate for

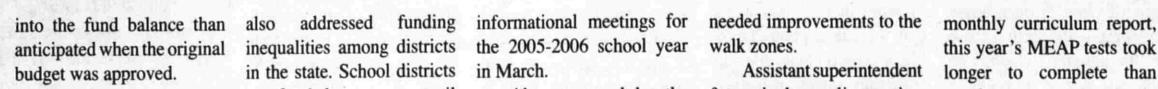
in the state. School districts in March. Lowell Area Schools are funded on a per-pupil

give an additional \$50 per lose money either." Gillette also feared that high school student who

school employees to 1.47 percent, Gillette said, which is less than was anticipated.

change significantly through zone audit. This was an the legislative process. And, assessment of the physical Gillette said, even if the aspects of the walk zones, \$175 per pupil increase and keeping an eye open for modest retirement increase things like missing sidewalks stay intact, the retirement and hazardous tree limbs. increase plus a projected The audits have identified a 15 percent increase in the need for lighting along the cost of health insurance will path through Creekside Park, result in a net decrease in McKendrick said, adding revenue of \$9 per pupil

The district host a number of budget responsive in making



Also approved by the forcurriculum and instruction meeting indicated that, assistant superintendent basis. LAS gets \$6,700 per board was an increase in for finance and personnel pupil, which falls short of the price of the district's Gillette was hopeful Citing increased costs for The board approved be necessary for the 2005- about some provisions of car leasing, the district will an amended budget for the 2006 school year. Among Gov. Granholm's education now charge \$280 for the

> is revenue-"This Lowell said superintendent

A report given by Dee Creek Safe Routes to School been successful.

"It's actually been going very well," she said.

The committee recently The proposal will likely completed its second walkthat the Lowell Department will of Public Works has been



Schools throughout the country are seeking ways to boost student achievement, close achievement gaps and build leadership capacity. The effort in Lowell Area Schools to make those things happen is not driven by a oneshot deal or reliance on the at-the-moment most popular learning trends. Those methods are not sustainable and are not geared toward improvement.

Our district's approach to improvement includes systemwide input and involvement toward sustainable, successful changes. Several reoccurring themes surface throughout the improvement process in LAS. • We are moving forward in a way that recognizes past

efforts and builds on them. We are building on existing strengths of the district and staff

results for our students.

on board overlooked.

sustainability.

The improvement process in our district is intensive and ongoing. A team of committed professionals, our teachers, principals and administrators, work side by side designing and implementing improvements at every level of the district. Their efforts will lead to an improved educational community and greater student success in Lowell Area Schools.

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



CITY OF LOWELL **NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 2005 at City Hall on:

> WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

> WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005 FROM

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., AND 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. AND

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., if necessary

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 11 2005. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

Commercial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Industrial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Residential Property	50.00%	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

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more significant role in the legislature doesn't really future of the university," she

Myers' other board memberships include the the Michigan Leadership Program at Michigan State University and the West Michigan Progressive accomplish more and have a Women's Alliance Board.

this year's MEAP tests took Assistant superintendent longer to complete than

Mark Kasmer said, in his School board, cont'd., pg. 9

Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

. In many ways we are reshaping district culture, admittedly a difficult shift, but one that will yield the greatest

• Our approach to improvement is district-wide - not confined to individual buildings. Changes will have greater impact and be more sustainable when the entire district is

 Improvement processes in our district will enhance achievement for all students. No student group will be

· Broad-based district improvements will ensure

Building and district level leadership teams work in a spirit of collaboration to provide our students with the best opportunity for academic achievement.



classic reverse psychology ploy. It is not surprising that I am paint, etc. This was a pretty big project for a spare time dull-witted enough to fall for such a scheme. It is surprising wood butcher. that I have figured out what happened.

We have lived in our current home for close to three Then the reverse psychology thing got me. years. The house is about a dozen years old. An older couple designed the house. They were well into their seventies at the time. Needless to say, many of the design features of the house are dated. Given the age of the original owners, some of the design decisions may have been dated when the place me she didn't want me to do it myself because it is such was new.

Thanks in part to my wife's addiction to the Home and drywall to her standards. Garden Channel, we have been picking away at bringing the the kitchen and baths. We have settled for fresh paint, new window treatments, some updated light fixtures, etc. Yes ... this is becoming a Bob Vila's Evil Twin column ... sort of.

Perhaps the biggest problem with this house is that it is "floor-plan challenged." I could do an entire column on the "What were they thinkin'?" aspects of the room layout. Since I can't imagine anything more boring than trying to describe a floor plan in words, we won't go there. Lucky pace. I even took to using my wife's hairdryer to speed up

huge, as big as an average bedroom. That's a good thing. It is conveniently located off from the kitchen. Unfortunately, it is also conveniently located off from the spare bath, spare bedroom, foyer and living room. That's right, it is smack in the middle of the house. Let's all gather round and watch grandma iron clothes.

You literally walked through the laundry room to get to the bedroom suite at the rear of the house. If you came to our front door, to your right are eight feet of casement windows that look straight into the laundry room. I hate to speak ill of the departed, so I'll let my daughter's eloquent reaction to her first tour of the house speak for me. When my daughter came to the laundry room she asked, "Were they smoking have told me I couldn't do it. crack when they designed this?"

After years of bickering about what to do with the laundry room, the wife and I finally settled on a plan. Build a wall that creates a hallway to the back bedroom and also blocks the view of the laundry room from the living room, front porch and foyer. I know that sounds easy, but even Bob Vila's Evil Twin realized the project wasn't quite that

The washer and dryer need to be scootched over to accommodate the wall. That meant tearing out cabinets, a sink, countertop, then re-installing same ... just over to the left a foot or so. Then there was the wall itself. Framing, It dawned on me the other day that I am the victim of a twelve-foot sheets of drywall hauled upstairs, wiring, trim,

I procrastinated for months. Could have gone years.

My wife started suggesting we hire a carpenter to take on the project. I didn't flinch, mainly because I knew full well she would have serious trouble finding anyone to take on a job this small, yet so complex. She then started telling a visible location and she didn't think I could finish the

She kept up with the argument that she didn't want me Post office clerks had a Valentine dance last Saturday. place into vogue. We can't afford to go whole hog and gut to do the job because my drywall finishing skills stink. I can We've had a few days of sugar weather. be very slow on the uptake. Finally, I realized I was being The Alton correspondent says that children are coughing ridiculed, got mad and ordered materials. I then took hammer out nobody wants to admit to whooping cough. and crowbar to the cabinets. I hadn't taken into account a J.C. Train broke through the ice on the dam yesterday pending visit from my mother-in-law, so there was also a and very nearly drowned. tight deadline hanging over my head to complete the project. **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** As they say, "There is a sucker born every minute!"

I had all the tools out for this one and worked at a feverish The west side house of John Roth burned this morning. Insurance on house and lot: \$850. drying stubborn areas in the drywall compound. Fortunately It's that time of year. Boylan's has 12-quart sap buckets The focus of this column is the laundry room. It is the job moved along without too many setbacks and I was for 11 cents each done in just over a week. By done I mean, new countertop Lowell Lumber just received another (train) carload of installed, sink in place with running water, lights that work, Portland cement. shelving assembled and pictures on the new wall.

So, how did Bob Villa's Evil Twin do with the drywall seams, corners and screw holes? Smooth as a baby's bottom! Traffic on the Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette My wife even picked out an eggshell finish paint, which railroads is running about an hour late, due to large amounts tends to highlight flaws in the drywall. No problem! That of snow. reverse psychology stuff really works.

You know, sometimes I get up early on Tuesday morning **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** to write this column and wonder why I keep doing it week AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 13, 1930 after week. All I can figure is that way, way back, nearly Deputy Knapp is looking for the real owners of two thirty years ago when I started this thing, somebody must bags of clover seed offered by King Milling by strangers. The Legion and school celebrate Lincoln Day in a high school assembly program.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

I owe many thanks to Bob Ford, owner of Hahn Hardware. I worked for Bob when I was in high school and for a year of college. The only reason I quit was that I transferred to a college out of the area. I would come back on weekends and "fill in" where I could.

He taught me many things about the hardware business. Repairing and replacing screens and windows, threading pipe, cutting glass, even rekeying door locks, among many other essentials.

He showed me and the other employees hands-on how to solve a problem, get the customer what they needed, and get them on their way. If it was a five-cent screw or a 45 dollar metal coupler, Bob would have it. If he didn't have it, he would get it!

He instilled in me many hardworking ethics that I carry and use today. I thank him and the Ford family for all that he and they have done for me and my family, as well as the community of Lowell and surrounding areas. Hahn Hardware will be missed. Thanks Bob!!!

Paul Pelon IV

I read with interest the reports and editorials about the possible annexation of 177 acres of Vergennes Township land to the city of Lowell. The developer, Vergennes Township, city of Lowell, and interested citizens have all weighed in on the discussion.

There is one more party that has not been mentioned in the debate ... it's the land owner. He/she have probably come to realize that farming just does not merit keeping the land anymore, or maybe it has not been farmed at all. At any rate, to keep the property so others can look at and enjoy it while still paying the taxes and insurance on it has lost its

The new Department of Sanitation, Tom Moore, Supt., My suggestion would be that all interested parties pool uts the new \$8,000 "Parkmaster" sanitation truck into their finances and buy the property. Then they still could service. enjoy the creeks, presettlement wetland, wildlife, etc., and Lowell's sanitary landfill also is inspected and compared do their part to curb more urban sprawl which, by the way, with an old-fashioned eyesore dump in Boston Township. they contributed to when they moved to the area. By doing Norman Gotschall explains the expanded placement this, they could pay the taxes, insurance and keep their service for giving high school students paying jobs. capital tied up while keeping the area open for all to enjoy. State highway discussions center around building Oh and another thing, don't put up any of those disgusting toll roads or freeways; if Pres. Eisenhower's vast Federal "no trespassing" signs either. Highway proposal passes, freeways win.

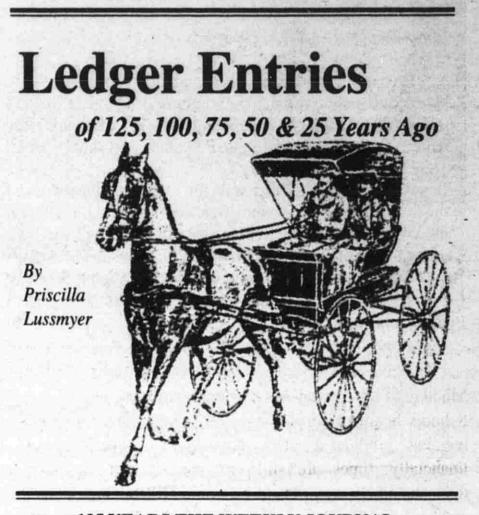
Dear Editor.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER Back in the '20s and '30s when I was growing up in **FEBRUARY 13, 1980** Lowell and the taxes were 1000 percent lower than they are Paul Harvey focused on Saranac on his daily radio today, Ron Finch was the football coach for Lowell High. show Feb. 12 Bert Charles delivered groceries by horse and wagon. Our Sign on the Herbruck Poultry Farm egg truck: "Hit me ice for our ice box from Springer's pond was delivered by and the yolk's on you." horse and wagon. The sidewalks were fairly new and were The post office will be closed Feb. 18 in honor of built by Archie Lewis and his son Mike. The city of Lowell Washington's birthday. Note: how many of us remember removed the snow from the sidewalks with a homemade that the date we memorized as schoolkids was the 22nd? snowplow (made by Mr. Tanner) and removed the snow Congressman Hal Sawyer says that Congress, now so us children did not have to walk on the snow-covered lining up pork barrel water projects to benefit the southern gravel streets. and western states, claims that the country is headed for a I read in the Lowell Ledger that the property owners water crisis

now are responsible for removing the sidewalk snow. I ask

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Bradley Potter



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEBRUARY 18, 1880

"It is vulgar to keep time to music with your foot."

FEBRUARY 16, 1905

R. D. Stocking is closing out guns very cheap, for

Lowell schools will take part in a national essay contest on highway safety.

The thief who stole quantities of properties from Cascade Township summer cottages is caught with a houseful of loot.

The Ledger serial: "The Crippled Lady of Peribonka."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

FEBRUARY 17, 1955

The high school has a new Guidance Department, with student secretaries.

Winter is back with a vengeance, but the DNR warns To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 14 that ice is still thin.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Do you ever wonder when common sense decided to boycott the public forum? Do you turn off the news and say to your dog, "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in America any more." Do you ever find yourself wanting to shout, "Help! They're stealing my country!"

I've been feeling this way for a few years now, and I finally came up with an expression for it: I feel like a "cultural refugee." I appear to be living in the same country I was born in, and it's still called "America" on the maps, but it doesn't look much like the land of my birth. I don't mean technology and other changes in the way stuff works. Although I don't own a cell phone. I think I could figure one out in an emergency. ATMs don't confuse me, and I'm GLAD I have a computer instead of the old manual typewriter to write this column on.

It's not today's gadgets, but today's people, that mystify me. The more I see of them-talking heads on TV, politicians run amok, loose-cannon college professors who actually get applauded for saying things of colossal stupidity, and puffed up "religion experts" who no longer believe the Bible-the more I feel like I'm in a bad sci-fi movie, where the brightest and best of America are secretly being replaced by politically correct pod people.

If it were just in the media, I could just turn off the TV and cancel my subscriptions, but they're everywhere: in the schools, in the grocery store, even in the pew. The values that people operate with, philosophically and practically, are just unbelievable. Their resultant actions are disgusting and incomprehensible. I shake my head and say, "I don't get it." I'm a cultural refugee.

So I turn to God's Word for comfort, expecting that God will hold me and murmur to me in soothing and sympathetic tones. But that doesn't happen. The Bible turns God's searchlight on my "righteous indignation" and exposes it for what it really is. He tells me that I should have expected nothing different from the kingdoms of this world, including the kingdom called "America."

The fool says in his heart, there is no God. Since he is a fool, why should I be surprised when he acts foolishly? People have been trading in God for created things (pleasures and gadgets) ever since Adam and Eve first disobeyed God. Romans 1:18 begins several paragraphs that explain very clearly how rejecting God leads to losing your mind. Hebrews 11 says plainly that the great heroes of faith always felt like strangers and foreigners, because they were citizens of a

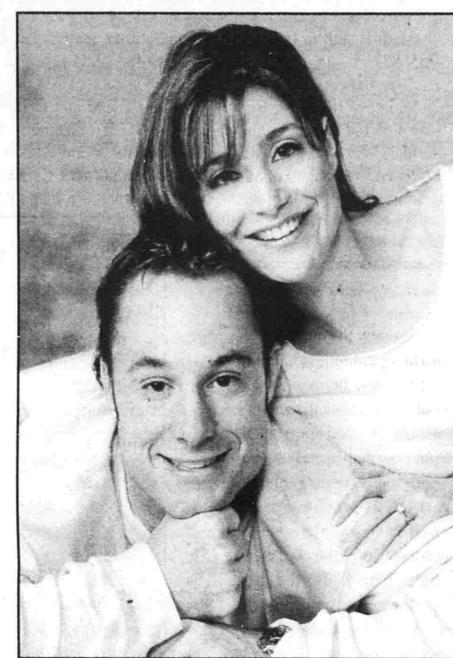
better country, the Kingdom of God. Instead of comforting me in the Bible, God challenges me. He calls me to repent of my whining and remember that "here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14).

My head hangs low as Jesus reminds me that my job is not to curse the darkness, but to be a candle. My head is lifted up again as He lights me with His forgiveness and takes me out from under my bushel-basket of self-pity, and sets me on His stand to be a light for the world.

So, no more "cultural refugee" for me! After all, a refugee is running away from trouble in his home. I'm running toward my home, not away. There is useful work for me to do, here n this troubled darkness, lit up as I am with the love and forgiveness of God. "This little Gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine ... "



Verhoeven/Risner



Shane Risner and Genevieve Verhoeven



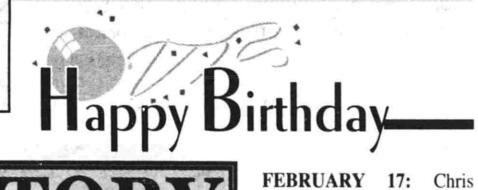


Melinda Jane McIver Church in Grandville. The and Robert J. Barnhart were bride's grandfather Rev. Keith united in marriage on October McIver officiated. The couple 9, 2004 at Olivet Reformed now live in Kentwood.

Genevieve Verhoeven and Shane Risner, both of Lowell, will exchange marriage vows on May 21, 2005. Parents of the couple are William Verhoeven of Rockford and Steve and Cora Risner of Alto. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rockford High

School. She has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Grand Valley State University.

The future groom graduated from Lowell High School and Western Michigan University.



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a this day! In The Ledger

Franciscan lunch series Wednesdays

The Franciscan Life Process Center began its "Experience a Franciscan Lunch" series last Wednesday with the start of the Lenten season.

Each Wednesday through March 23, the center, located at 11650 Downes, will offer soup, fresh bread and dessert in its dining room from noon to 1:30 p.m. The food, made by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, is available for a donation.

The menu varies each week, as follows: Feb. 16: Lentil Soup with Sausage, Portuguese Sweet Bread, Applesauce; Feb. 23: Cheese and Broccoli Soup, Pumpernickel Bread, Applesauce; March 2: White Bean Soup, Fresh Herb Bread, Applesauce; March 9: Split Pea Soup, Pioneer Bread, Applesauce; March 16: Minestrone Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Applesauce; and March 23: Barley/Vegetable Soup, Anadama Bread, Applesauce.

"A classic motif of Lent is to 'care for thy neighbor," said Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E., director of the Franciscan Life Process Center. "We wanted to offer a different setting for people to enjoy their lunch, to give them an opportunity to meet their community members, and to experience a healthy, flavorful Franciscan lunch."

Donations will benefit the operating fund at the center.



Wells has graduated from basic infantry training at Najaf, Iraq. Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, tactics, military courtesy, military justice. physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Wells is the son of Michael Wells of Lowell and Julia Wells of Ionia.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Matthew Hendges, and more than 2,100 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently joined Iraqi

Army Pvt. Bradley W. Security Forces to provide unit is ready to conduct realsecurity for elections in world operations including

of Hendges' unit was to of aircraft and personnel, During the eight weeks sweep the city looking for noncombatant evacuation of training, the soldier suspicious activity and deter operations and humanitarian insurgents trying to disrupt assistance operations. voting. MEU's are built around a reinforced infantry graduate of Byron Center battalion, a combat service High School, is the son support element, a reinforced of Janet Vander Laan helicopter squadron and a of Wayland and Roger command element. Hendges' Hendges of Alto.



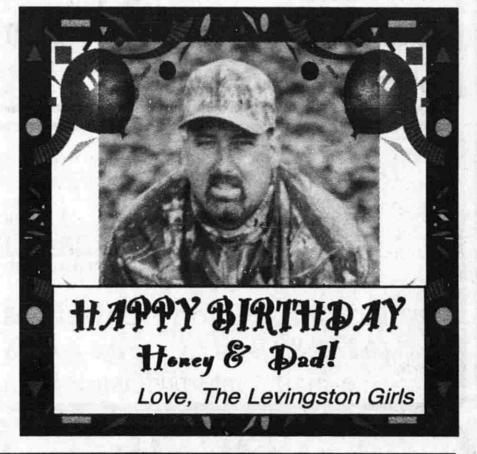
Easton Ronald

Ty and Teela (Fletcher) Brown of Ionia are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Londyn Elle, born at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids on Saturday, January 22, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 18.5 inches.

Grandparents are Larry and Marie Fletcher of Almont, Proud parents are Luke and Danielle Davidson. Mich., Debra Brown of Clarksville, and Edward and Debra Grandparents are Phil and Charlene Johnson and Steve and Brown of Ionia. Great-grandparents are Shirley Fletcher of Nancy Hubbarth of Lowell. Florida, Arlene Flint of Almont, Phyllis Brown and Gilbert and Joyce Vroman, all of Saranac, and Don and Joyce Geiger of Ionia. Great-great-grandmother is Bernice Vroman of Woodland.

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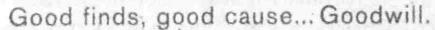
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lew Arrivals

Brad and Lisa Lyons are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son Easton Ronald. He was born on December 30, 2004, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 17 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Dick and Pam Posthumus and Ronald and Dianna Lyons. Great grandparents are Lola Posthumus, Marilyn Lambson and Glenn and Florence Lyons. Great-greatgrandparents are Jason and Joe Onan, all of Lowell.



Leah Diane and Andrew Davidson

Andrew Davidson is excited to announce the birth of his sister Leah Diane, born December 14, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. and measured 19 1/2 inches.

More arrests made in December drug house case

By Dan Schneider

A 42-year-old Lowell Thursday possession charges. It was the fifth arrest in a drug last December.

charges of possession of of cocaine use. cocaine and fentanyl, a prescription pain killer.

said Lowell police detective kick above morphine."

His was the last arrest police sought in connection with a drug house bust at 1381 Jane Ellen St. in Lowell

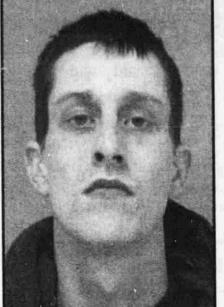
on Dec. 16. Both charges are with possession of cocaine 24, both of Lowell, during the Lowell drug house raid. four-year felonies. Fentanyl and possession of heroin. is a type of pain killer.

the raid were homeowner Lenora Ruth Oom on charges 24, and David Burdick, of cocaine possession and house bust by Lowell police operating a drug house, and Gary Michael Vermeulin. He was arraigned on 34, of Lowell, on a charge

Police at the time said up to three additional arrests "ERs commonly use it," were expected in the case. The first of these came Jan. James Hinton. "I guess it's a 27, when Grand Rapids Police arrested Sam Herman Bright, 41, of Kentwood, on a warrant issued by the LPD. Bright was charged

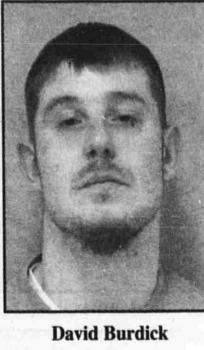
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The morning of Feb. 7, Arrested the night of KentCountysheriffsarrested Gregory Alan Emelander,



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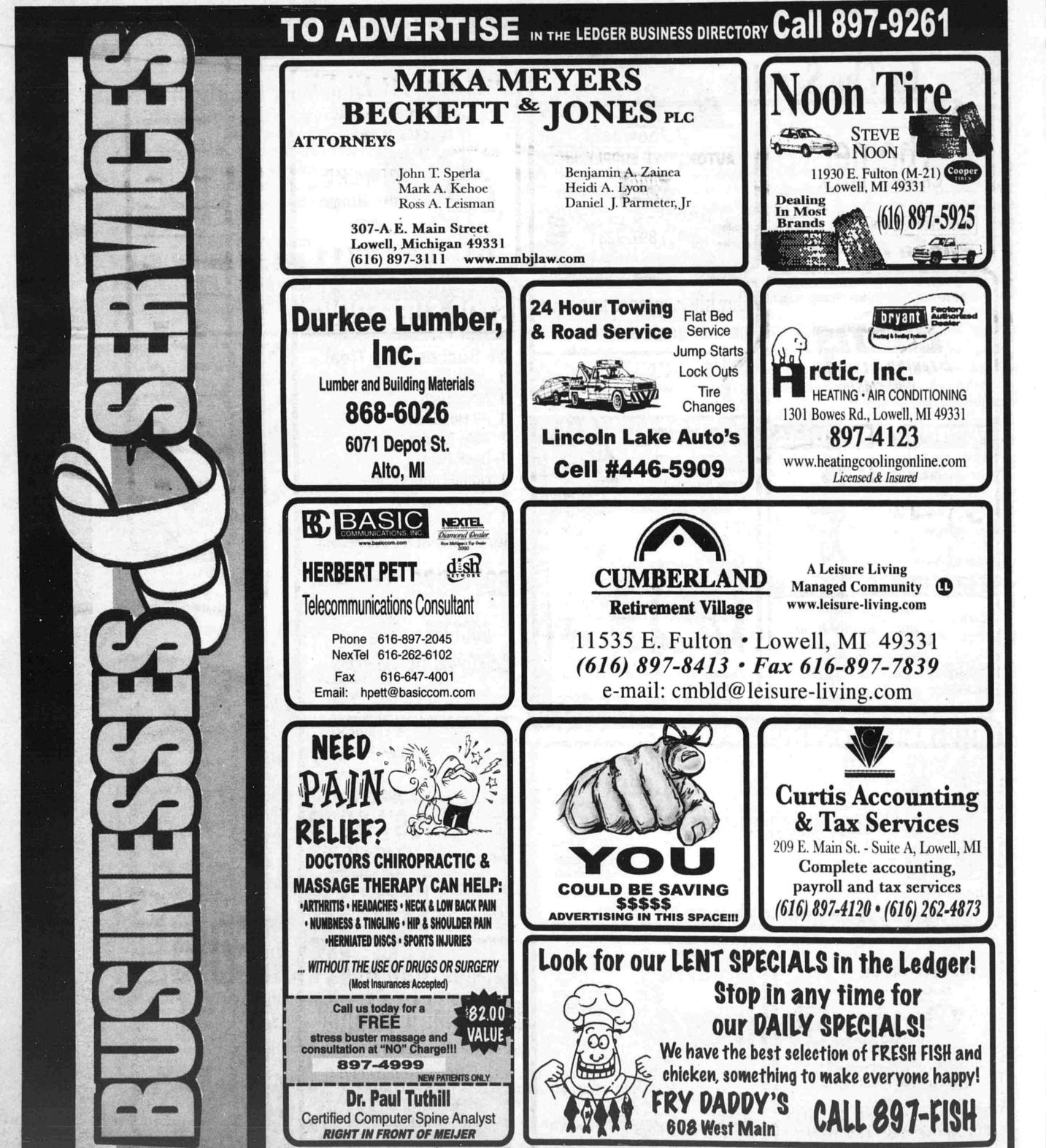
a traffic stop. The deputy obtained identification from



check, and found he had an outstanding warrant from information officer

The deputy searched the car of Emelander and Burdick and found a stolen handgun would give police some under the front passenger answers in several recent seat. Both Emelander and break-in cases around the Burdick were arrested and detained on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon clearing up some of our in a vehicle. The deputy also break-ins and we're not sure found stolen items from how far we're going to be houses in Saranac, Belding able to go back with these," and Lowell, as well as other Parent said. places in Ionia and eastern Kent counties.

From the LPD drug house warrant, Emelander "It looks like part of was charged with use of their theft was targeting cocaine and oxycodone, medication another prescription painprescription killer. Burdick was not in those homes," said Emelander, ran a computer Roger Parent, Kent County connected with the Jane Sheriff's Department public Ellen Street drug house bust.



He hoped that the arrest

"We're definitely

"They were exhausting," he said.

included extra questions added by the testmakers on a trial basis.

By J. Lobdell

price for them.

Contributing Writer

City residents wishing

to sell their cemetery lots

back to the city will discover

they'll be getting a better

MEAP schedule are in store for next year. Students in grades 3-8 will take the test improvements in the district. being made in the district's in the fall. Fifth and eighth Cherry Creek Elementary technology graders will take the science saw the largest increase in with the development of a test. Sixth and ninth graders computers, roughly doubling middle school technology technology capacity. will take the social studies the number at the school

quite test, which means this year's this year. New computer curriculum. A K-12 techeighth graders will be tested labs have been installed at nology curriculum has also

Oakwood Cemetery. The

similar test to what they took and setting up hardware

presentation on technology

"They'll see a very is in the process of acquiring and

imaging.

Under former guide- if selling it back to the city. eliminates current cemetery residents or non-residents. for lots or grave spaces. regulations The city will pay \$150 to Residents paid \$250 for a lot and would receive \$75

School board, continued... From Page 4

on repurchasing lots at buy back a lot.

At the Lowell City change would create a

The tests this year in social studies two years in the middle school and high been given to teachers for a row.

the

rules

and

Some changes in the this year," Kasmer said.

Miller gave a school. Unity High School software for digital

Changes are also instruction

review.

Miller listed the Lowell Area Community Fund, the Education Foundation, and Alticor, Inc., which donated several 17-inch computer monitors to the district, as resources that have helped the progress of the district's



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City establishes one price for cemetery lot repurchase



the council agreed to change whether they are owned by percent of the current price a city cemetery lot and would back to the city.

> City manager David Pasquale said the repurchasing process plus provide some benefit to residents with the increase amount. The change also

Council meeting last week, uniform price for all lots lines, the city paid up to 30 Non-residents paid \$500 for between resident and non- resident owners by receive \$150 if reselling it establishing a uniformed purchased price, Pasquale said. Under the law, a person cannot sell a lot to a third party. People interested in selling off their cemetery lots must sell them back to the city.



LHS freshmen take on ambitious community outreach projects By Dan Schneider

Both halves

Grand Rapids.

Lowell High School are spend April 21 and 22 park. learning curriculum while will spend the same two on Commerce Street in the treatment. Mel Trotter also for so many hands. underpriviledged days on the southeast side of Heartside Neighborhood of runs a summer camp outside

Counting the school days



The first and second grade students at St. Patrick School celebrated "100 Day' on Friday, Feb. 11. The children had special cupcakes, made special hats and decorated a poster with 100 hearts of thanks. Math activities lealing with 100 were done throughout the day. Pictured are first graders Emma Heffron, Ondine Eardley, Mason Misiak and Jasmyn Lee.

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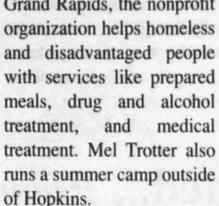
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to reaching at-risk and Ben Botwinski, Freshman projects. Service learning underpriviledged Mel Trotter community lives on the southeast side uses community projects youth director Andrew of Grand Rapids, which to accomplish curriculum Foster said. "We provide a includes some of the poorest objectives. summer camp to kids who neighborhoods in the city. that opportunity."

positive life-track so they a hard time getting enough Stone said won't need Mel Trotter's volunteers. other services as adults.

before they have children out of wedlock," Foster said.

a lake, boats, woods, cabins, for seniors-to building a a mess hall ... everything community garden. They'll for the program at Lowell. that goes with the summer also make improvements to Two teachers did projects to camp experience.

on volunteers to keep the establish the itinerary, which 50 applications for projects. place in shape," Foster said. may additionally include "I was amazed when The work Lowell will undertake includes installing new floors in cabins, assembling park will join with freshmen from benches and picnic tables, and generally cleaning up camp sites and trails after the kids in the park for those two winter. They'll be getting the days, working on the south camp ready for science and side," Botwinski said. nature instruction and other summer camp activities.

"This will be one of exercises. Part of the goal the larger groups that we've is to widen the students' hosted," Foster said. "The cultural perspectives. kids in Lowell will be doing just a litany of things that to broaden the idea they signed up to do."

In addition to working students," Botwinski said at the camp, the group will "We think the kids out here stay overnight and take part would benefit from seeing in team building exercises what it's like on the other led by camp staff and Lowell side of the tracks." High School teachers.

work at the camp basically seeking parent-volunteers walked in to East House, as to help with the projects.

neighborhoods and youth in Grand Rapids, working on Grand Rapids, the nonprofit Foster made a presentation The adults in both cases cleanup projects and making organization helps homeless at the school shortly after will likely lead small work The East House will improvements to a local and disadvantaged people organizers decided they groups. In addition, both with services like prepared wanted the freshmen to do a houses will need donations undertaking service learning doing work at Camp Mel Mel Trotter Ministries meals, drug and alcohol large service learning project. and support from the projects with the intent of Trotter. The West House wasfounded in 1900. Located treatment, and medical But the camp only had work community to help them accomplish these projects. "We on the West

passing out smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The Lowell freshmen

"We'll have roughly 400 These students also will

take part in team-building "We're

community for



Ottawa Hills High School.

looking these

This is the second year side had to come up with Lowell Area Schools has "The camp is committed something different," said undertaken service learning kids," Center teacher. Botwinski is a teaching method that

"The students are wouldn't otherwise have Lou-Ann Brown, crime learning their classroom prevention organizer for the material and they're helping He called Camp Mel SoutheastEndNeighborhood other people at the same Trotter the preventative arm Association (SEENA), had time, so it's a very hands-on of Mel Trotter Ministries. organized community clean- kind of learning," service Its goal is to get kids on a up events in the past but had learning coordinator Carla

Lowell is one of 26 Botwinski heard her districts in the state taking "We're attempting to present this at a SEENA part in service learning. reach kids before they get meeting he attended and the The program is funded by into drugs and alcohol, West House started putting federal Learn and Serve a project together. They'll grants administered through do projects ranging from the Michigan Community The 180-acre camp has yard cleanup-especially Service Commission.

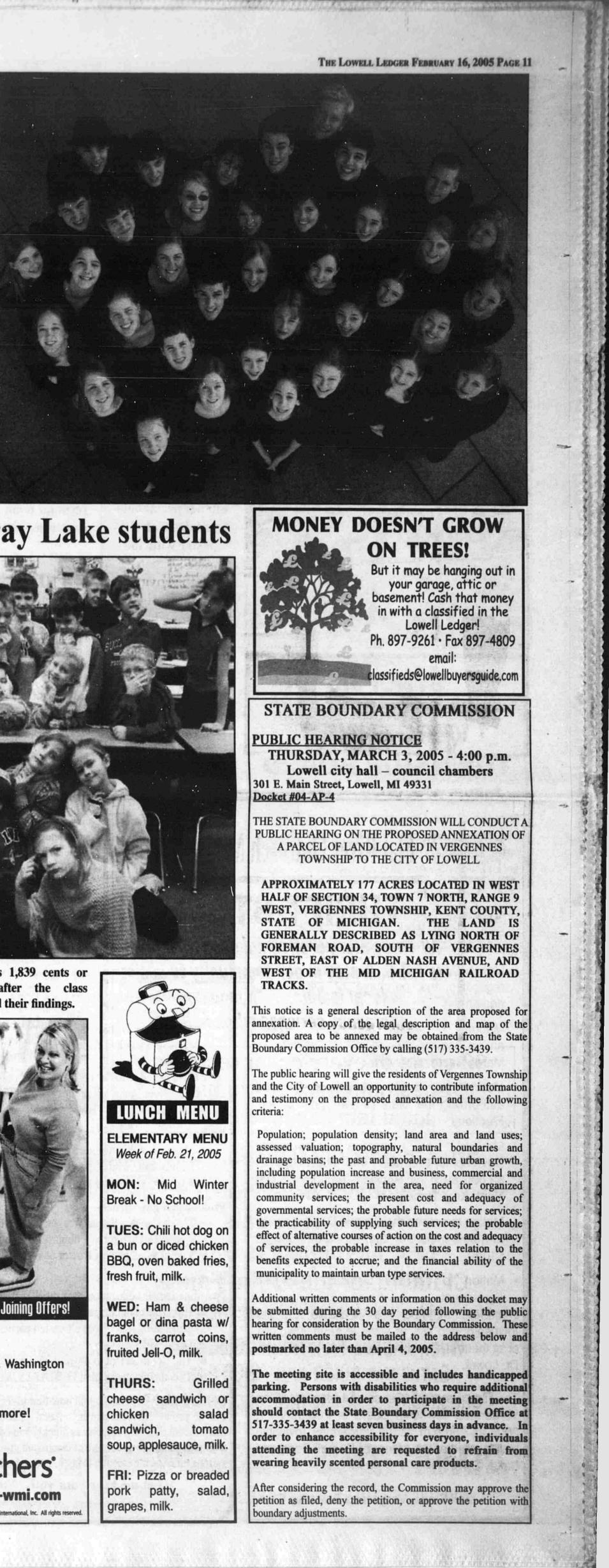
Last year was a pilot year Martin Luther King Park. test it out. This year, Stone "We almost soley rely In large part, SEENA will was deluged with more than

I got all the applications from our teachers," Stone said. "We've got some very creative teachers at our schools."

Service learning projects have been taking place all year long. Every building in the district has participated or will in the future. Fifth grade students at Alto Elementary, for instance, baked cookies at Christmas time for seniors at Schneider Manor, Every teacher at Murray Lake Elementary is undertaking an environmentally-themed project. The freshmen will be taking on the biggest projects this year.

"I think that was very ambitious of them in terms Both houses of the of all the things they intend The opportunity to do Freshman Center will be to do," Stone said.

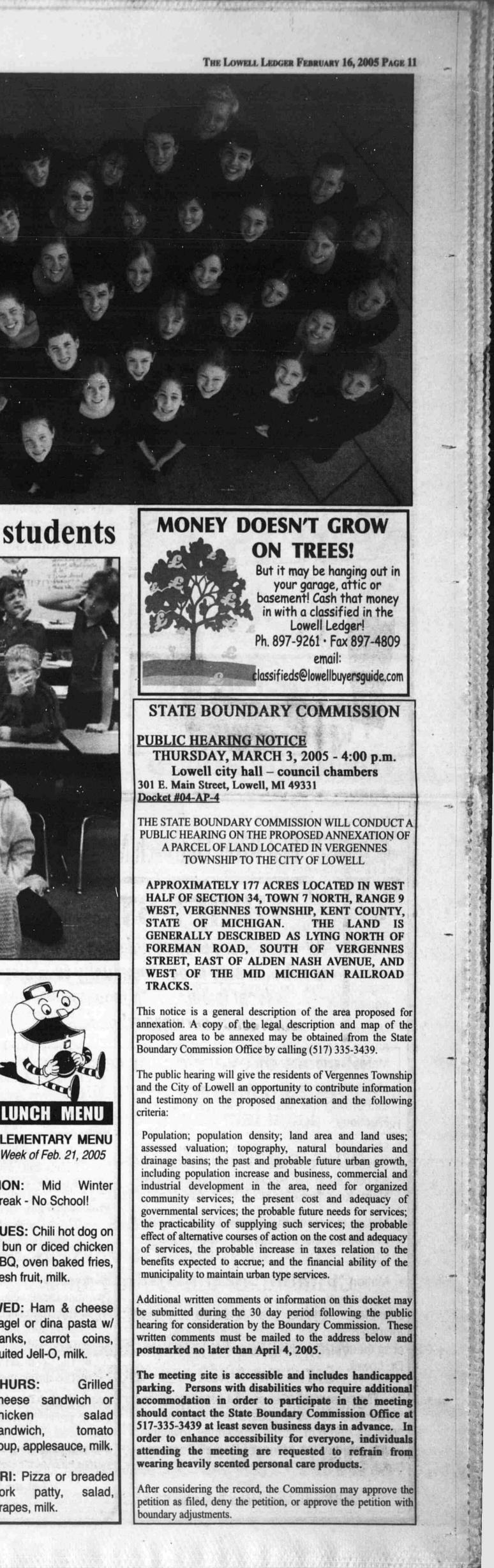
Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available)





student in Mary Helen **DeLiefde's** Murray Lake Elementary, brought in a sack full of pennies to donate to the Tsunami Relief Fund. The third grade teacher asked her students to ponder the question, "How many pennies in all? Each student, using his/her estimation and problemsolving skills, estimated the amount of pennies in the glass bowl. Then the students were divided into small groups and given a







A NEW SEASON

Deep snow and brutal cold temperatures this winter kept many of us by the fireside. Our desire to get out and about has not been overlooked by the promoters of a variety of shows that focus on warm weather activities. These shows and remodeling, cars, boats and golf.

probably be there. There is always something new to see stuff and talk with folks with similar interests. and learn.

appeal to people with such varied interests as home building to the DeVos Place March 17-20. This show has been an looking forward to a new season.

A show that will definitely draw the interest of hunters annual event in Grand Rapids for many years and includes is coming to Grand Rapids in February. The Huntin' tackle vendors, outfitters, displays of fishing boats and Time Expo West will be held at the Delta Plex Feb. 18- recreational vehicles. A lineup of seminars presented 20. The show features lots of hunting equipment, clothing, by popular outdoor personalities will provide valuable new products and free educational seminars among other information on a variety of outdoor topics. A stage show, attractions. Guides and Outfitters from around the world as well as wildlife art and a great taxidermy display, is part will be on hand to answer questions and to book hunts for of the program. People that camp, hunt, fish, travel or are hunters who are seeking that hunt of a lifetime. This show even thinking about getting involved should find this show gets bigger every year. Even though we may have seen helpful. Shoppers can compare products and even make most of it before, those of us who are serious hunters will purchases. It is always fun and interesting to check out new Both of these shows draw large crowds and are always

The Sport, Fishing and RV Show is coming again fun and interesting to attend. The best part is getting out and



SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES **TOWNSHIP BOARD** January 17, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the December 20, 2004 Regular Meeting and January 5, 2005 Special Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to approve Kent County Road Commission work order for 2005 minor road projects in the amount of \$40,150.00
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2-2005 regarding the purchase of new voting equipment
- Motion to adopt Resolution 3-2005 authorizing an alternative starting date for March Board of Review
- Motion to adopt Resolution 4-2005 authorizing the Clerk to administer School Elections
- Community Motions to approve Development Grant Fund allocations of \$3,000 each for Rockford Ambulance and North Kent Transit
- Motion to amend the Escrow Deposit Policy to raise minimum deposit from \$500 to \$1000
- Motion to approve Comcast Franchise Agreement

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

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is February 21 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and **Bailey Drive.**

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

Alto Cub Scouts tour the LPD

The Alto Cub Scout Troop #3180 Bear Den toured the Lowell Police Department on Feb. 2. They learned about crime prevention, what to do if they see something suspicious, and how to make note of a suspect's physical appearance to describe him/her later.

The scouts also took an in-depth tour of the facility and of a squad car and its equipment. At the end of the tour, they even got to see the police respond to an emergency call for a traffic accident! The scouts appreciate the great tour by Officer Cal Kamphuis.

Communities benefit from Silent Observer's Fast 50 Program

Good for the body is the work of the body, good for the soul is the work of the soul, and good for either the work of the other. - Henry David Thoreau

Silent Observer had have gone unsolved if Silent of another successful year in Observer had not been vandalism, major theft, 2004. Crime-solving tips available.

Hello, My name is Sterling D. Massey

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I'd like to represent you on the Lowell School Board.

've secured this ad to provide a brief summary of my related experiences and training for your review and consideration as you cast your vote.

Personal History:

- · Lowell Township resident since 1995. • 3 children who attend elementary school
- in the Lowell District · Married to a Grand Rapids Public School Teacher
- · Participated with various Lowell Schools committees and work groups during the past 4 years

Education:

- · Master's of Arts Degree in Marriage,
- Family and Child Therapy
- · Bachelor's of Social Work, with Child Welfare concentration

Professional Experience

- 23 years in as a Social Worker, 14 of which are in Child Welfare
- 8 years as Director at a nonprofit behavioral health firm

 3 years as adjunct instructor at a local University—Behavioral Sciences Platform

Providing the best education for Lowell's children necessitates:

- 1. Effective communication 2. Substantial input from all vested parties
- 3. Good will
- 4. The Commitment to objectively view all sides of every issue. 5. The understanding that IT STARTS WITH US ALL.

I'd like to hear your views about how best to represent our community on this board, I invite you to send them and any related questions or comments to my e-mail address Sterls1@aol.com. I'll respond as quickly and completely as possible. Meanwhile, I'm working to arrange a schedule of discussion groups for those interested, to occur at various times as the election (May 3, 2005) draws near. I'll keep you posted.

Let me have your vote. You'll be glad you did.

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drugs, weapons. arson and threats to the Silent Observer's Fast regular Silent Observer tipserious crimes which is an 50 Program, a program for line. With 56 schools in Kent 84 percent increase over last middle and high school County participating, Fast year, and \$12,225 in reward students, also had a stellar 50 tips led administrators monies was authorized, year. The program allows to 95 students involved in Many of the crimes would students to report instances a variety of offenses, from confiscating weapons to reprimanding for drugs brought to school.

> Silent Observer was established in 1972 by the Grand Rapids Police Department and the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. The tip line, 774-2345, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The program benefits the entire community, and community members from all over Kent County use Silent Observer to report crimes ranging from homicide to narcotics and persons with outstanding

warrants.





Welcome Lowell Ledger 897-9261

Challenges upset Lowell gymnasts before Monday night's comeback

By Dan Schneider

tough competition from two the spotlight before so that strong teams last week at was really good to see." home.

to Forest Hills by a score one fall on beam, scoring her, to not fall at all, that's a (8.65), Underwood (8.2) and of 136.325 to 126.4 last 7.45 with the routine. Tuesday night.

good," Lowell

Michele DeHaan said. "A couple girls really shined performed her beam routine competed against Ludington, Lowell gymnasts faced tonight who haven't been in

The Red Arrows fell Rochelle Bieri who had only routine," DeHaan said. "For 8.7 followed by Dickerman

"To cut it down to one "They did very, very fall was really tremendous coach for her." DeHaan said.

Lowell's Rochelle Bieri performs her beam routine at the Feb. 2 meet against Holland.

Senior Amanda Rau without a fall.

"This was the first meet 130.625 to 106.75. for her in high school that That included freshman she's ever stuck a beam great job."

> Lowell's top scorers on vault were Rau (8.5) Jenna Dickerman (8.2), Rebecca Underwood (8.0) and Kelli Kowalski (7.9).

Dickerman had the top on beam were Rau (8.6), score on bars with 8.05. Underwood(8.0), Dickerman That was after injuring her (7.3) and Kowalski (6.9). foot on her second vault attempt. She later sat out the Dickerman had Lowell's beam and floor events. Rau top score of 8.85 followed scored 7.6 on bars followed by Underwood (8.525) and by Underwood (7.55) and Seese (8.15). Leannah Seese (7.05).

Underwood had Lowell's top score on beam with 8.35 followed by Rau (8.05), Kowalski (7.55) and Bieri (7.45).

On floor, Lowell's top scorers were Rau (8.7). Seese (8.0), Kowalski (7.9) and Alicia Weeber (7.55).

The Red Arrows hosted the Kenowa Hills Knights and lost 137.85 to 131.075.

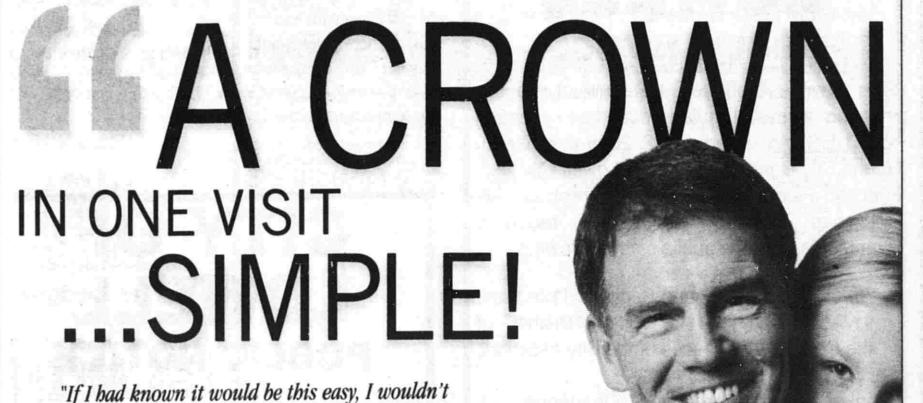
Lowell's top scores on vault were 8.65 by Rau, 8.6 by Dickerman, and 7.95 by Kowalski and Underwood.

Top scores on bars by Lowell were made by Rau (7.25), Dickerman (8.15), Underwood (7.7) and Seese (7.5).

Lowell's top scorers on beam were Underwood (8.55), Dickerman (8.5), Kowalski (8.05) and Weeber (7.55).

On floor, Lowell's top scorers were Rau (8.875), Dickerman (8.85), Kowalski (8.05) and Weeber (7.9).

last week against Forest Hills.



have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back ... simple!"

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On Monday, Lowell defeating the Orioles

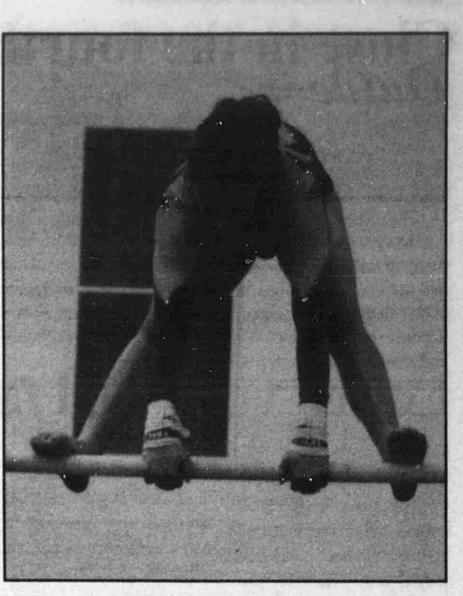
Rau had Lowell's highest score on vault with an Kowalski (8.1).

Top scorers on bars were Dickerman (8.55), Rau (8.25), Underwood (7.5) and

Seese (7.5).

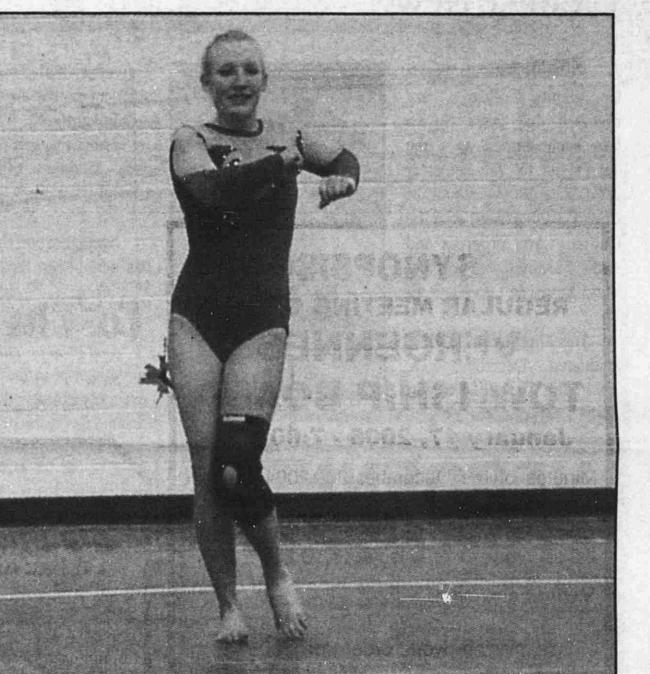
Lowell's top scorers

On floor, Rau and



Rebecca Underwood on bars against Forest Hills.

Shores tonight at 7 p.m. conference meet Saturday at Lowell hosts Mona and will compete in the Rockford.



Lowell's Leannah Seese mid-floor exercise



CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To rezone parcels #41-20-02-342-001 (424 Chatham) from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) and #41-20-02-342-002 (119 Lincoln Lake) from PF (Public Facility) to C-1 (Neighborhood Business.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MID 49331.



Betty R. Morlock **City Clerk** 616-897-8457

Close in the fourth but Arrows can't stop the Wildcats

By Dan Schneider

the final minutes in Lowell's put the nail in the coffin." 57-49 loss at Northview.

with two minutes to go.

this season. At Northview, the game. He was a perfect fought back to take the lead "We had some untimely Lowell turned the ball over eight of eight from the line with 2:30 left to play in the turnovers and they scored a 23 times while Northview that night and scored 19 total game. bucket and then we started only lost it 12 times. Of points for the Wildcats.

hampered by slow starts

fouling," said Lowell coach course, it also didn't help

Again it came down to Jeff McDonald. "We can't that Northview's leading one quarter of play and was up the road, it was a crazy followed with seven. scorer Spencer Olsen hit 25-22 at halftime. Northview atmosphere," McDonald Turnovers have plagued six consecutive free throws had a 39-35 advantage after said. "We feel like we can The game was tied at 47 the Red Arrows many times in the last two minutes of the third quarter, but Lowell play anybody, we just haven't

"Once again we played

Lowell volleyball falls in tough match with Unity Christian

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell volleyball team ended up on the losing side of another marathon match last Thursday at Unity Christian.

The Red Arrows lost in

College News

Recently Grand Rapids Community College announced that Sara Soyka has been named to the dean's list for fall semester 2004. The 2001 graduate of Lowell High School is in the Culinary Arts program and is the daughter of Mark and Vicki Soyka of Lowell.

Jonathon Frank Milley graduated December 18, 2004 from Central Michigan



Jonathon Frank Milley

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P.O. Box 208

Vergennes Township Assessor

Lowell, MI 49331-0208

Letters must be received by March 11, 2005

Mari Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

By letter addressed to:

roll and hearing all claims.

22 in the first game but was only three points.

thereafter, losing games two game," said Lowell coach 15-7. and three 25-22 and 25-17, Gigi Peal. "We were respectively. The Arrows always just digging back Peal said of the match in came back from a 14-point and digging back."

Lowell won game four well, they played just a little went to five games this

five games. Lowell won 25- deficit to lose game two by 25-19. But another slow bit better." start doomed them in game "We started slow each five, where the Arrows lost servers gave Lowell trouble

> "It was a tough one," having this season. general. "We played really third OK White match that

University with a bachelor of dean's list. To qualify, a science degree in Business full-time student must have Administration. a grade point average of 3.5 He is the son of Joshua or higher for the semester.

and Dianne Milley of From Lowell. Kathleen freshman and daughter of

Spring Arbor University Cheryl Pratt. has announced its fall 2004

To The Editor, continued... From Page 5

the question to the Lowell City Management! With all the extra tax dollars they receive, why can't they provide this service to the taxpayers, then the police dept., etc., can go about their duties and arresting the real criminals.

(now an OKIE)

Lowell

Sullivan.

The utilities' plan will probably require a couple of acres of the pines, buildings, larger driveways, water, septic, more lights and fencing. Being on a dead end road on the edge of its service area, it is a two-mile round trip to be on Main Wayne Kingdom Street. This is a substantial waste of time and fuel. And the nearness of it to the river, the Boy Scout Cabin, sliding hill, and the state land praised by Calvin College's recent survey for biodiversity is a detriment to the future enjoyment of this accessible area.

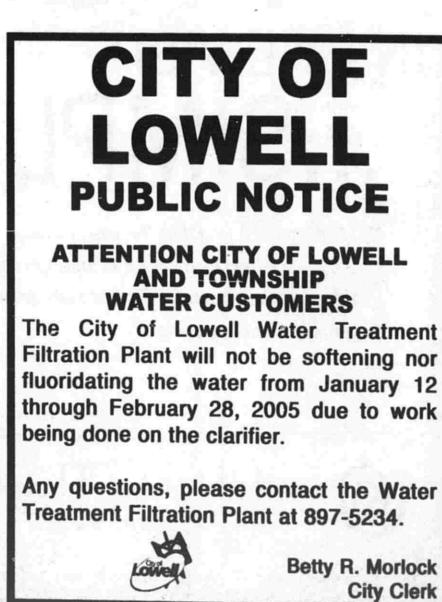
large public discussion.

matched teams.

Lowell's

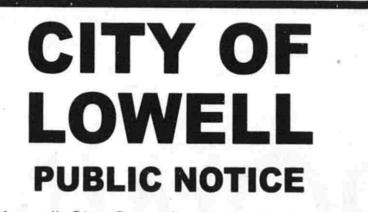
Dear Editor.

Even though we have only lived in Vergennes Township for a short time, we could see immediately what a special place it is. Residents seem to love and value the rural character of the area, and I've noticed that many children of older residents never move away. They make their own homes here. Development will certainly happen, but I wonder in what way a high density development squeezed into the bend of a trout creek will make this a better place for our children and grandchildren?



To the Editor.

I'm grateful you provide this space. I had considered buying a page for my lengthy letter last week about our utilities' development on N. Washington. I understand your need to edit but some of those missing points still seem important to us.



The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on TUESDAY, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An ordinance to amend Sections 11.5-3 and 11.5-5 of Chapter 11.5, "Historic District," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



City Clerk

Betty R. Morlock (616) 897-8457

been able to finish."

Lowell led 14-10 after a good team, we were on had 10 points, Josh Hettinga

Lowell is 6-10 overall this season and 4-7 in the league. The Red Arrows hosted Greenville Tuesday Mike Koster led Lowell night and travel to Unity in scoring with 19. Brad Shea Christian on Friday.

three aces.

Twoof Unity Christian's they weren't accustomed to

For Lowell, it was the Hills in five games.

"Five-game matches are the trend in our conference this year," Peal said. "There are four or five closely

Kristin Johnson had the most kills

on the night with 18. Taylor Verdon had 36 assists and

Lowell hosts the OK White conference tournament this Saturday. It starts at 9 a.m. With the third seed, Lowell will season. Lowell beat East first be matched up against Grand Rapids in a five-game Northview, who beat the match and lost at Kenowa Red Arrows in three close matches Jan. 27.

> "That was unfortunate turning point in our season and I know the girls are excited to play that match again," Peal said

These points are not minor. They should be part of a

Thanks again, Gary Dietzel

Marianne Menger

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Lowell bowling boys and girls roll over the competition

By Dan Schneider

teams beat East Grand Hudsonville Lowell Lanes.

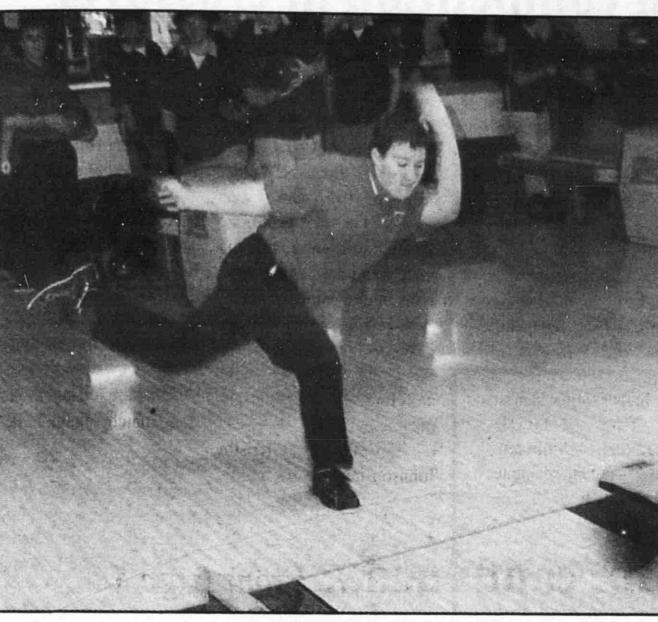
game of the night with a 164 score of 4263. in game one.

Lowell traveled Both Lowell bowling to Hudsonville for the last Wednesday at Unity Invitational Rapids Monday night at Saturday. The girls' team finished eighth with a total pin The boys won their score of 2672. Hudsonville spares in that game," said match 29-1. Anthony Everitt claimed first place with Lowell boys coach Rocky rolled the high game of the 3210. The boys finished Eickhoff. night with a 196 in game 10th with a total pin score of 3486. Host Hudsonville teams beat Kenowa Hills last The girls won 21-9. took first place in the boys' Monday, Feb. 7. Cassie Bodus rolled the high division, too, with a total pin

Both teams struggled Christian. The girls lost 22-8 while the boys lost 28-2.

"We missed a lot of

The girls won their This proved to be the high match 19-11.



Lowell's Anthony Everitt rolls during warm-ups for Monday's match against East Grand Rapids. Everitt had the high score of the night with a 196.

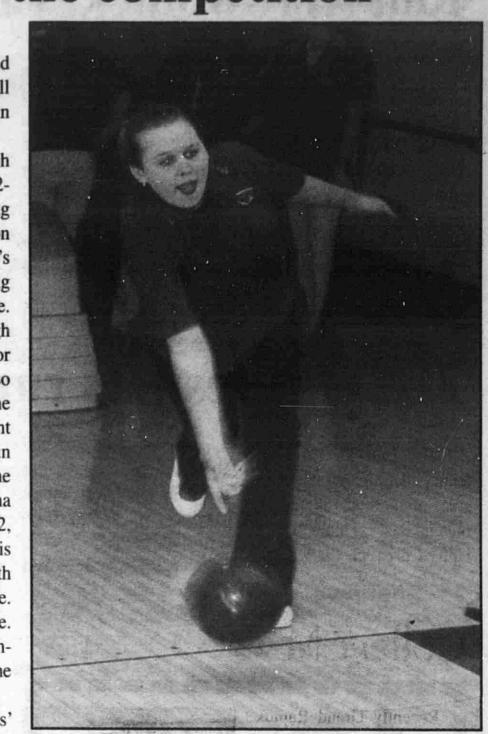


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Ashley Nawrocki rolled the high game for Lowell with a 191 in game two. Erin Soules rolled 145 and 139. The boys won their match against the Knights 17 1/2-12 1/2, the half-point coming from Lowell's Brandon Both Lowell bowling Jahnke and Kenowa's Andrew Christianson rolling matching 184s in game one. score of the evening for Lowell, with Jim Denny also rolling 184 in game two. The highest score of the night was Brent Clark's 191 in game two for Kenowa. The Lowell boys beat Coloma last Tuesday 22 1/2-7 1/2, the half point coming this time from Denny's tie with Coloma's Jordan Radde. Both rolled 168 in game one. Denny was the night's highroller with a 208 in game

> Coloma won the girls' match 27-3. Coloma's Lindsey McMichael rolled a huge 223 game two that was the high game of the Kristina Kosbar rolle game one for Lowel

one.



Lowell's Nicole Videan warms up for Monday's match against East Grand Rapids.

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Close in the fourth but Arrows can't stop the Wildcats

By Dan Schneider

the final minutes in Lowell's put the nail in the coffin." 57-49 loss at Northview.

with two minutes to go. turnovers and they scored a 23 times while Northview that night and scored 19 total game.

fouling," said Lowell coach course, it also didn't help

this season. At Northview, the game. He was a perfect fought back to take the lead "We had some untimely Lowell turned the ball over eight of eight from the line with 2:30 left to play in the bucket and then we started only lost it 12 times. Of points for the Wildcats.

hampered by slow starts

Again it came down to Jeff McDonald. "We can't that Northview's leading one quarter of play and was up the road, it was a crazy followed with seven. scorer Spencer Olsen hit 25-22 at halftime. Northview atmosphere," McDonald Turnovers have plagued six consecutive free throws had a 39-35 advantage after The game was tied at 47 the Red Arrows many times in the last two minutes of the third quarter, but Lowell

"Once again we played

Lowell volleyball falls in tough match with Unity Christian

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell volleyball team ended up on the losing side of another marathon match last Thursday at Unity Christian.

The Red Arrows lost in

College News

Recently Grand Rapids Community College announced that Sara Soyka has been named to the dean's list for fall semester 2004. The 2001 graduate of Lowell High School is in the Culinary Arts program and is the daughter of Mark and Vicki Soyka of Lowell.

Jonathon Frank Milley graduated December 18, 2004 from Central Michigan



Jonathon Frank Milley

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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the

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P.O. Box 208

Vergennes Township Assessor

Lowell, MI 49331-0208

Mari Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

1. By letter addressed to:

roll and hearing all claims.

five games. Lowell won 25- deficit to lose game two by 25-19. But another slow bit better." 22 in the first game but was only three points.

thereafter, losing games two game," said Lowell coach 15-7. and three 25-22 and 25-17, Gigi Peal. "We were came back from a 14-point and digging back."

start doomed them in game "We started slow each five, where the Arrows lost servers gave Lowell trouble

"It was a tough one," respectively. The Arrows always just digging back Peal said of the match in general. "We played really Lowell won game four well, they played just a little went to five games this

University with a bachelor of dean's list. To qualify, a science degree in Business full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.5 He is the son of Joshua or higher for the semester.

From Lowell Kathleen Sullivan. freshman and daughter of

Johnson had the most kills

matched teams."

Lowell's

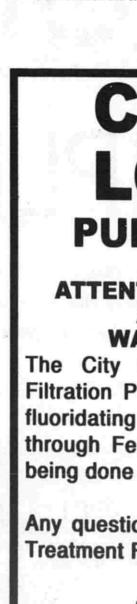
the question to the Lowell City Management! With all the extra tax dollars they receive, why can't they provide this service to the taxpayers, then the police dept., etc., can go about their duties and arresting the real criminals.

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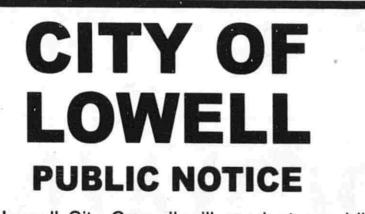
accessible area. large public discussion.

Dear Editor.

Even though we have only lived in Vergennes Township for a short time, we could see immediately what a special place it is. Residents seem to love and value the rural character of the area, and I've noticed that many children of older residents never move away. They make their own homes here. Development will certainly happen, but I wonder in what way a high density development squeezed into the bend of a trout creek will make this a better place for our children and grandchildren?



I'm grateful you provide this space. I had considered buying a page for my lengthy letter last week about our utilities' development on N. Washington. I understand your need to edit but some of those missing points still seem important to us.



The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on TUESDAY, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An ordinance to amend Sections 11.5-3 and 11.5-5 of Chapter 11.5, "Historic District," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



City Clerk

(616) 897-8457

Letters must be received by March 11, 2005

TOWNSHIP To the Editor.



VERGENNES

and Dianne Milley of has announced its fall 2004

Spring Arbor University Cheryl Pratt. To The Editor, continued... From Page 5

said. "We feel like we can play anybody, we just haven't been able to finish."

Lowell led 14-10 after a good team, we were on had 10 points, Josh Hettinga

Lowell is 6-10 overall this season and 4-7 in the league. The Red Arrows hosted Greenville Tuesday Mike Koster led Lowell night and travel to Unity in scoring with 19. Brad Shea Christian on Friday.

on the night with 18. Taylor

OK White conference

hosts the

three aces.

Lowell

matches Jan. 27.

"That

Two of Unity Christian's Verdon had 36 assists and they weren't accustomed to

having this season. For Lowell, it was the tournament this Saturday. third OK White match that It starts at 9 a.m. With the third seed, Lowell will season. Lowell beat East first be matched up against Grand Rapids in a five-game Northview, who beat the match and lost at Kenowa Red Arrows in three close Hills in five games.

"Five-game matches are this year," Peal said. "There are four or five closely

Kristin

the trend in our conference unfortunate turning point in our season and I know the girls are excited to play that match again," Peal said

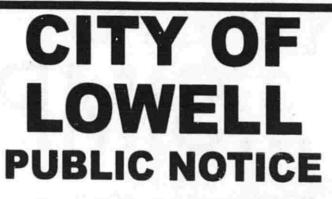
was

The utilities' plan will probably require a couple of acres of the pines, buildings, larger driveways, water, septic, more lights and fencing. Being on a dead end road on the edge of its service area, it is a two-mile round trip to be on Main Wayne Kingdom Street. This is a substantial waste of time and fuel. And the nearness of it to the river, the Boy Scout Cabin, sliding hill, and the state land praised by Calvin College's recent survey for biodiversity is a detriment to the future enjoyment of this

These points are not minor. They should be part of a

Thanks again, Gary Dietzel

Marianne Menger



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.

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Lowell bowling boys and girls roll over the competition

By Dan Schneider

teams beat East Grand Hudsonville Invitational Christian. The girls lost 22-8 Rapids Monday night at Saturday. The girls' team Lowell Lanes.

Lowell traveled Both Lowell bowling to Hudsonville for the last Wednesday at Unity finished eighth with a total pin The boys won their score of 2672. Hudsonville spares in that game," said match 29-1. Anthony Everitt claimed first place with Lowell boys coach Rocky 12 1/2, the half-point coming rolled the high game of the 3210. The boys finished Eickhoff. night with a 196 in game 10th with a total pin score of 3486. Host Hudsonville teams beat Kenowa Hills last Andrew Christianson rolling The girls won 21-9. took first place in the boys' Monday, Feb. 7.

Both teams struggled while the boys lost 28-2.

"We missed a lot of



matching 184s in game one.

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Ashley Nawrocki rolled the high game for Lowell with a 191 in game two. Erin Soules rolled 145 and 139. The boys won their match against the Knights 17 1/2from Lowell's Brandon Both Lowell bowling Jahnke and Kenowa's

Red Arrow hockey rebounds against Hudsonville, 5-1

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team traveled to tie the game. The score Hudsonville last where they won 5-1 against second period. Then McCoy the Eagles.

first on the scoreboard, scoring 3:18 into the first period with Ted McCoy

assisting Cory Kelly on the goal. Hudsonville scored late in the first period to Friday remained tied throughout the scored a goal with an assist Lowell-Caledonia was by Pat McMahon and Steve Napper just 22 seconds into the third.

"After we scored, that

caused them to open up their game and we scored a flurry of goals in the third period," Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard.

goal from an assist by Kelly and Jay Ryan, then completed the hat trick late in the period on an assist from Kelly.

Tim Kelly scored the players a bit earlier in games is Friday against Grand final goal for L-C on an assist to get an idea of next year." Haven. A win in that game from Justin Ellegast and Ken goal in the third period after McCoy scored another having 15 shots on goal in Catholic Central Monday, the first two periods.

> "They played well," Ballard said. "I'm trying to use some of the younger games this week. The first

Lowell wrestlers run into tough competition in crossover

By Dan Schneider

wrestlers in championship matches at Saturday's OK White conference tournament at Northview

at Lowell.

Ray Seese was pinned :33 into the 103-weight Joe Mendez defeated championship by Navarre

match. Lowell's Matt Fran- ness." cisco lost a 9-6 decision to in the 171 championship score of 125.5 behind OK

Lowell coach Dave Stre- Springs (152). Some Lowell

Lowell finished fifth Spar-

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3 in the 135 weight final to Springs' Micah Carter pin- jc said. "Overall, I just got wrestlers were still overco- al kids wrestling with the it up as they enter district

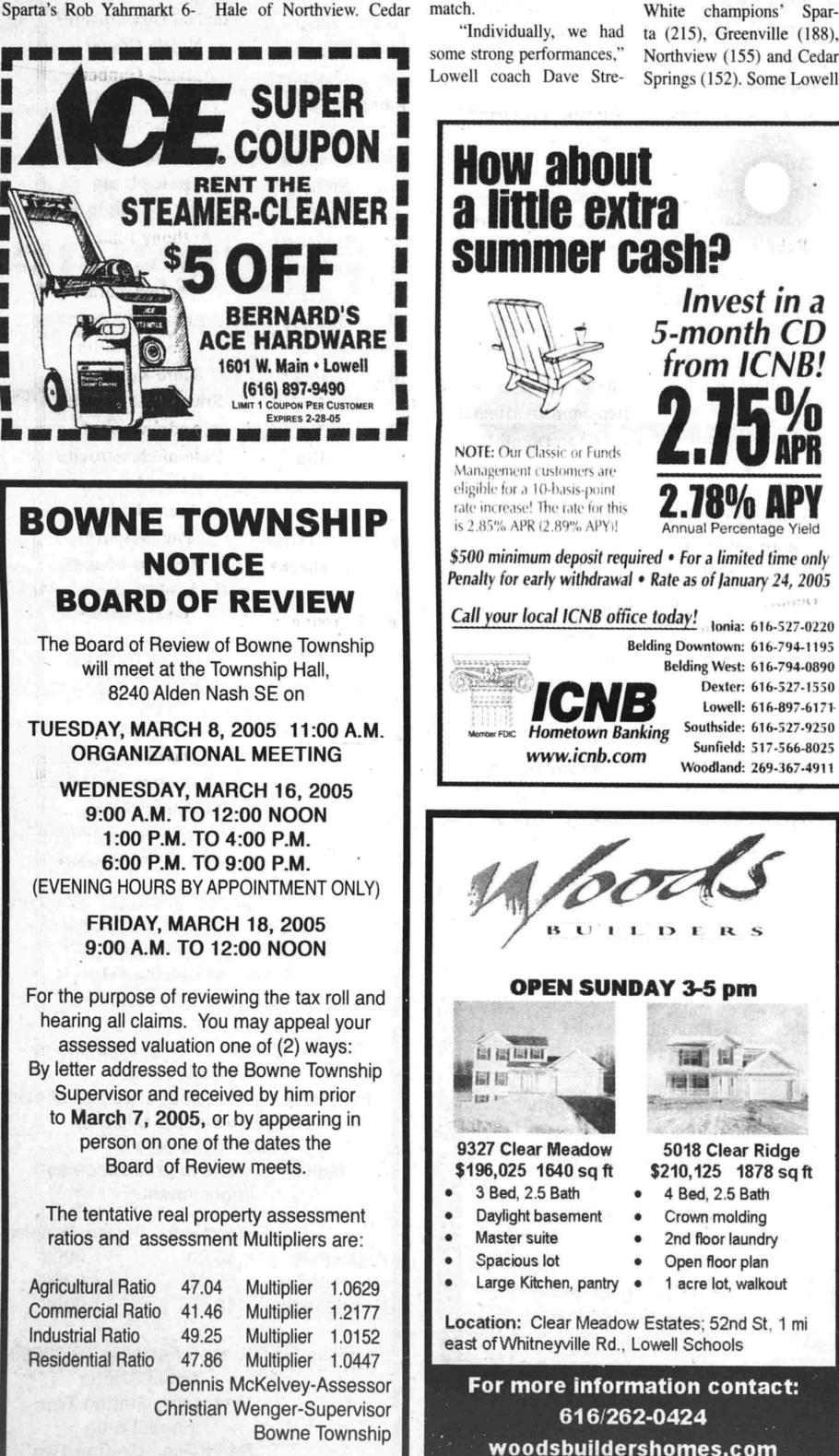
competition this week. "If this is where we are going to stay with our intensity, it's just not go-"Individually, we had ta (215), Greenville (188), ing to happen," Strejc said. some strong performances," Northview (155) and Cedar "They're just going to have to get that old-fashioned work ethic out, put their nose to the grindstone and wrestle like they want to be Middleville's Pat Cisler in there."

OK Gold conference. They in 2:18 and Eddie Cowles had a rough time of it there. of Hastings in :42.

Arrow wrestlers were wrestling through flu as Lowell fell to Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg 43-33 and Hastings 46-20.

"We wrestled well against Middleville and they his matches. He pinned were kind of facing the same Middleville's Scott Blood stuff with some kids out with in 2:56 and technical-falled the flu," said Streic. "And Kyle White of Hastings, when we went up against 20-5. Hastings, we just hit a brick wall. We just couldn't get trict tournament Thursday





and the set of the set of the second

How about a little extra

Lowell placed four claim his fourth conference ned Lowell's Rob Kara- the sense that the boys just ming the flu, but Strejc said bug. It's just hard to give it championship in four years siewicz in 1:01 in the 119 didn't go there to do busi- the team will need to step your best." Northview's David Duhon in conference with a team

White champions'

Feb. 7. On Feb. 3, L-C shut out South Christian 6-0.

The win was a rebound will put Lowell-Caledonia Hayes. L-C had 16 shots on for Lowell-Caledonia after in second place in tier 3 of an 8-2 loss to Grand Rapids the OK league. Saturday's game is against Forest Hills Northern. Both games will be played at 9 p.m. at the L-C has two home Standard Federal Ice Arena.

Lowell was wrestling

Mendez also won both

Lowell hosts the dis-

Lowell did have some success at the upper weights. Francisco won both his matches that night, Middleville's Chris Humphrey in 1:36 at 171 and winning a 5-3 decision against Jackson Hoke of Hastings at 189. Graham pinned Brock :48 at 189 and at 215 won The Lowell wrestling a 9-8 decision over Mike team traveled to Middleville Morehouse of Hastings. last Wednesday for a crosso- Dominic Doyle pinned two ver match with the first- and opponents at heavyweight: second-place teams in the Middleville's Derek Brock

"Our upper weights without Rob Karasiewicz at are starting to come around 119, and a number of Red with more confidence ... and that's a significant improvement," Streic said. "That's what we're going to need at those upper

weights.

Lowell High School Honor Roll 2nd MARKING PERIOD

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE **TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6.06 AND 7.06 AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 8.06 AND 9.06.H. REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

- 1) repeals Section 6.06 (accessory buildings in the R-1 District). Section 6.06 provides that in the R-1 District there may be one accessory building for every 3 acres of land area and that the aggregate area of accessory buildings shall not exceed the area of the principal structure. Section 6.06 is being repealed because it is inconsistent with Section 3.02 of the Zoning Ordinance which imposes more stringent restrictions on the number and size of accessory buildings in Residential Districts.
- repeals Section 7.06 (accessory buildings in the R-2 District). Section 7.06 provides that in the R-2 District there may be one accessory building for every 2 acres of land area and that the aggregate area of accessory buildings shall not exceed the area of the principal structure. Section 7.06 is being repealed because it is inconsistent with Section 3.02 of the Zoning Ordinance which imposes more stringent restrictions on the number and size of accessory buildings in Residential Districts.
- 3) amends Section 8.06 (accessory buildings in the R-3 District) to delete Section 8.06.A. which provides that there shall not be more than one accessory building for every 30,000 square feet of land area and that the aggregate area of accessory buildings shall not exceed the area of the principal structure. Section 8.06.A. is being deleted because it is inconsistent with Section 3.02 of the Zoning Ordinance which imposes more stringent restrictions on the number and size of accessory buildings in Residential Districts.
- 4) amends Section 9.06.H. (accessory buildings in the R-4 District) to provide as follows:

The provisions of Section 3.02 shall not apply to garages, carports or other accessory buildings for multiple-family dwellings. Not more than 2 garage of carport spaces shall be permitted for each dwelling unit of a multiple-family dwelling use. Each garage and carport shall be set back a minimum of 35 feet from any property line abutting a street and shall be set back at least 30 feet from all other property lines and buildings or structures. Not more than 2 accessory buildings, other than garages or carports, shall be permitted for a multiple-family dwelling use and such accessory buildings shall not be located within any front yard and not closer than 30 feet from any property line. No garage, carport, or other accessory building shall be used for dwelling purposes.

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> February 16, 2005 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township





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From the people in the Florida Keys, we miss you too, but all it takes is a plane ticket and shorts. Come on down, everyone else does. Love You!

I applaud G.W. for addressing the s.s. issue. It takes a leader to propose solutions now on this looming problem. Take personal responsibility for your retirement income - are you getting it???

There needs to be tighter

laws about people parking

The students who protested were not in school because they had gone through three mornings of exams and had half days. No, your tax money is not being wasted.

VERGENNES IOWNSHIP **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following variance applications:

Jeff Bunn, DVM, is requesting a variance on his property located at 525 Wildview Dr, Lowell, in the NW quarter of section 33, parcel number 41-16-033-100-008. The variance request is for a proposed new barn location within the side setback. The variance is from the zoning ordinance section 201.304 (F) (2).

David Sefton is returning with additional information on his previous request for a variance on property located at 13300 Beckwith, Lowell in the SE quarter of section 23, parcel #41-16-023-400-016. The variance is requested because the road frontage of the existing parent parcel has less than the required minimum lot width. The applicant wants to split off one parcel in the front where the frontage is less than the required lot width The variance is from the zoning ordinance section 201.304 (E).

The complete applications can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township ZBA

in their front lawns and making ruts. Looks horrible!

To the sticky fingered blonde at Meijer the other day- Come on !! I would have given you \$0.50 if your sweet tooth was gnawing at you that badly!



I am disappointed in the adults in the community who keep giving snide remarks about the students who protested. We should be proud that youth are getting involved.

Thank you to the choir students for performing at Cherry Creek. My daughter absolutely loved it! What a wonderful way to promote the music program.

How come no one is submitting Alto Elementary kid's pictures to the LAS Directions? They do stuff too!

Don't the schools have a dress code? After what I saw walk out of the dance Saturday night, they can't! I can't believe that a parent would let their girls dress like that for a dance.

To the guy who wondered why the kids were protesting - Just becau we're kids it doesn't mean don't have a say in politics.

Everyone should broaden their horizons.

I'm so glad we have people in this town like Marsha Wilcox and Gary Dietzel who have the knowledge and concern for our community and environment to make the rest of us aware of upcoming problems.



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