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Women in Sports conference hosted by Lowell High School



Nearly 100 girls attended the Women in Sports Leadership conference held last Friday at Lowell High School.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School hosted female athletes from all over West Michigan last Friday for a Women in Sports Leadership Symposium.

The all-day event included speeches and activities encouraging the young women in attendance to be active in the sports world and the world in general. Nearly 100 women attended the conference. They represented Lowell, Greenville, West Ottawa, Byron Center, Northview,

Middleville and Grand Rapids Creston high schools.

One of the speakers was East Kentwood teacher and softball coach Sue Barthold. She gave a speech titled "We've come a long way, baby" that related her personal experiences in women's athletics. For instance, when she was in high school, there were none.

"We didn't have any in my school whatsoever," she said.

In high school, Barthold had to travel across the state to Ann Arbor to swim competitively. Abasketball team she was on her senior year of high school went undefeated by winning the one and only game they played that season.

Now that high schools offer several girls' sports every season, Barthold encouraged those in attendance to take advantage of that.

"They have options now, whereas before they didn't," she said.

Barthold also encouraged the attendees to stay involved in women's

sports after they graduate from high school, such as coaching or officiating women's athletics.

Walker City police chief Catherine Garcia-Lindstrom gave a speech on women in leadership roles and gender equity issues in the workplace. Michigan State Police post commander 1st Lt. Andrea Nerbonne spoke about character traits to develop for life after high school.

"They heard from women who were athletes and they heard from women who went in non-traditional roles," Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) assistant director Kathy Westdorp said.

The MHSAA has sponsored Women in Sports Leadership conferences for several years in Lansing. This is the first year they have issued grants for individual schools to host regional conferences.

"We're one of only three schools in the whole state who are hosting one," said Lowell girls varsity basketball coach Dee Crowley who helped organize Lowell's event.

The conference inspired some of the Lowell student-athletes to be more involved in supporting the girls' sports at their high school. They felt that while females have caught up with males in terms of the number of sports offered them, they still have a way to go to attain the same level of recognition.

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Ball's Softee Creme is bestowed this year's business appreciation award

By Dan Schneider

This year, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Appreciation Award went to Ball's Softee Creme.

Located at the corner of Main Street and North Jefferson, the ice cream shop has been in operation since 1971.

"Back 35 years ago, there wasn't a whole lot in town,"
Softee Creme owner and operator Jim Ball said. He
accepted the award last Thursday night at the chamber's
annual meeting of the membership and dinner.

Ball's parents, Harold and Rose Ball, started the business in what was formerly a Citgo station. They purchased a repossessed ice cream machine from the local bank and a used soda bar. "They basically stuck those things in there, set it up, had a little make-shift cooler," Ball said.

Ice cream sold for 10 cents a cone and the Balls built

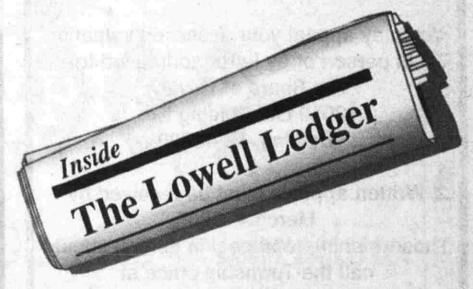
the business up from suggestions of their customers. Now, the establishment boasts four ice cream machines, a full soda bar, a slush machine and a full kitchen.

Ball, who took ownership of the business in 1992, credited his parents' work ethic for the success of the business.

"I feel like I was accepting that award for all the hard work my mom and dad have done," he said. "I think that people of my father's era and my mother's era have the strongest wills of anybody I've ever seen."

About eight years ago, Harold and Rose Ball moved their house, which was located next to the ice cream shop, to N. Division Street. They then installed a larger parking lot and a garden that has since become a showpiece for the entire town. Every summer, the garden spills over with flowers in just about every

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Missed Your Name
On The Honor Roll?
- Check Page 18

Hessler, aged 68, of Grattan his father. Funeral services Township, Belding, passed were held Saturday at away Tuesday, February Shiloh Community Church 15, 2005 in Grand Rapids. with Pastors Kendall Harger Arthur was born on August and Don Baker officiating. 8, 1936 in Grattan, the Interment in Rest Haven son of Paul and Mildred Memory Gardens, Belding. Cranmer Hessler. Art was a Memorial contributions may lifelong orchard farmer and be given to a charity of one's a member of the Belding choice. Fruit Sales. He was married on August 6, 1955 to Doris MERRITT - Ardist Ann with their children Debbie passed away February 14, Hessler of Grattan, Dawn and 2005. Born in Grand Rapids, Bernard Talbot of Rockford, she grew up in Lowell. She Scott Hessler of Grattan, married Michael Merrit and Denise Hessler of Grattan, later settled in Albuquerque, Craig and Lisa Hessler of New Mexico. Her father Clarksville; grandchildren Lester E. Stauffer preceded Victoria, Paul, John, Emily, her in death. Surviving Ryan, Jake; mother Mildred are her husband Michael; Hessler; sister and brother- son Scott; daughter Tina in-law Joan and Paul (Paul) Sanchez, all of Reeves; brother and sister- Albuquerque, NM, daughter in-law Earl and Carol Scott; Angela (John) Sanchez of

HESSLER - Arthur P. He was preceded in death by

Scott and she survives along (Stauffer) Merritt, aged 59, Arva and Shirley Stauffer; in-lawRichardHutson; many Sherry and Gary Boersma aged 83, of Lowell, passed Stauffer of Mason, MI; 10 Church of Middleville. grandchildren. A memorial many relatives and friends. Los Lunas, NM; mother Albuquerque.

Kentwood Community Service. It was converted

Gimlich, Nancy Wallen, Margaret Surdam, Sandra Larraine. Mary (Lee) Shinabery, Wylie, Morrie and Karen NM, sister Karen Torres of Church of Middleville, Lowell; Kyle, Texas, brother Lee Pastor Douglas Beason LaRaine (Gladys) Stauffer of Dewitt, officiating. Interment Mt. brother Robert (Sandra) be made to the First Baptist

service is being held by the VANDERWARF-LaRraine several step-grand and step- Richard (Evelyn) Young; family in Albuquerque, NM. Vivian (Seites) VanderWarf, great-grandchildren; sisters 21 grandchildren; 24 great-Interment at Sunset Gardens, aged 85, passed away on Elaine Cox of FL, Louella grandchildren; many nieces Friday, February 18, 2005. and Jack VanDyke of Texas, and nephews. Funeral She was born in Muskegon Jackie and Dick Ferris, Doris services were held Tuesday THOMPSON - James E. on October 28, 1919 to Parrott, Delores Mahan, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Thompson, aged 62, of Clifford and Hazel (Gould) Caold and Clifford Norman Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor Middleville, went to be Cooper. She graduated from all of Muskegon; brother of First Congregational with his Lord on Tuesday, Muskegon Heights High David Cooper of Muskegon; Churchofficiating. Interment February 15, 2005. He was School. She married George several nieces and nephews. Oakwood actively involved in music Douglas Seites on January She was blessed with many Memorial and teaching ministries 9, 1938 and moved to Kent special friends such as Bob may be made to Hospice of of First Baptist Church City in 1950 where they Wylie and Clare Kidder. She Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, and was a member of the owned and operated Seites was a member of Mamrelund Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Band. He is survived by into a restaurant and party Lutheran Church, life-time his loving wife of 37 years, store known as Kountry member and past president Martha M. Thompson; Korners which she sold in of the American Legion sons Chas M. Thompson 1998. She married family Auxiliary of Post 123. of Kentwood, Timothy L. friend, George VanderWarf Funeral services will be held (Jane) Thompson of Lowell, on February 19, 1977. She on Wednesday, February 23 William J. (Meagan) was preceded in death by at 11 a.m. at Mamrelund Thompson of Middleville; her husbands Douglas Seites Lutheran Church with grandchildren Jakob, Jonas, on July 28, 1973, George Rev. Leonard Dahlgren Josie, Benjamin Thompson; VanderWarf in 1979, son-in- officiating. Interment in parents Edward H. and law James Surdam, sisters Idlewild Cemetery, Kent Susanna Thompson of Hazel Lively, Barbara City. Memorial contributions Grass Lake, MI; brother Smith, Lenola Welch, may be made to Tyrone Gerald (Anne) Thompson; Dorthea Wheeler, sister- Township Fire Dept. or sisters Judith (Jerry) Walker, in-law Donna Cooper. She Kent City Ball Creek Park Kay Campbell, Sue (Phil) is survived by her children for Trees in memory of

Jesusita Stauffer; sisters Lynette Thompson; brother- Seites all of Kent City, YOUNG - Hugh A. Young. brother Roger Stauffer all nieces, nephews, friends. of AZ, Terry and Sharon away February 18, 2005. of Lowell, sister Ardelle Funeral services were held VanderWarf, Dick and He was preceded in death Klein of Albuquerque, Saturday at the First Baptist Teresa VanderWarf all of by his sisters Hazel Virginia grandchildren and Elizabeth (Betty) and Robert Alice. He is survived by his Waldron, Annette Stein, wife Marceline; son Bob MI, sister Janice (Pete) HopeCemetery, Middleville. Bobbi and Charlie Shirey, Young; step-children Jim Bosanic of Manistique, MI, Memorial contributions may Neal and Kristin Wylie, (Sharon) McFall, David Michael and Sara Surdam, (Diane) Gnass, Gale Fonger, Heather Seites, Douglas Michael Gnass, Deborah Seites; great-grandchildren, (Don) Schluclebier; brother Cemetery.

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to ROBERT J. ELZINGA.

named personal repre-

sentative or proposed

personal representative.

or to both the probate

court at 615 Elizabeth. Lowell, Michigan 49331

personal representative

within 4 months after the

date of publication of this

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL** 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD BELDING, MI 48809 ON

> TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 Between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon To receive the assessment roll

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005 Between the hours of 9 a.m.

and 12 noon

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose Of reviewing the assessment roll and Hearing all claims Additional Hearings will be scheduled For 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. if required.

You may appeal your assessed valuation In person or by letter addressed to The Board of Review, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Belding, MI 48809

Written appeals must be received by March 4, 2005 Those wishing to appeal in person should call the Township office at 691-8450 before March 15, 2005 to prearrange an appointment.

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Tentative Equalization Factor Is 1.000000 **James Marfia** Assessor, Grattan Twp. Frank Force

Supervisor, Grattan Twp.

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. 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

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C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor James Marfia, Assessor

· LEGAL NOTICES ·

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05- 178,994-DE and the named/proposed

Estate of SAMUEL D. WINGEIER Date of birth: 01/10/1907

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, SAMUEL P-21618 D. WINGEIER, who lived 311 E. Main at 725 Bowes Rd., F-5, Lowell, MI 49331 Lowell, Michigan 49331 897-5931 died 01/19/05. Creditors of the decedent are notified that

all claims against the

estate will be forever

02/15/05 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Michael J. Tummino. Jr.

> Robert J. Elzinga 615 Elizabeth Lowell, MI 49331

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Lowell Area Community Fund awards several grants to local causes

By Dan Schneider

Community Fund approved speed limit. a large sum of grants earlier local causes.

initiatives including traffic control, trail construction, and diversity education.

The city of Lowell counts. received a \$7,000 grant. This be used around town. Lowell said. police officer Steve Bukala cited a study in which such a spend most of its time on improvements to the teen

Nature Preserve south of

Lowell will be held at the

Englehardt Library on

Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7

p.m. Stunning photos will

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and through the forest of

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O HITCH (PG-13)

The Lowell Area drive at or below the posted within a month.

The \$190,334 in trends. The machine can the library. Improvements An open house and "graffiti keep track of the number of to the area will include new party" will take place speeding vehicles daily, the furnishings such as tables Saturday, March 19 from 11 times of day with the most and chairs for studying. A a.m. to 1 p.m. speeders, and straight traffic watercooler will be installed

The speed board will

Journey through the new Bradford Dickinson White Preserve

device caused 72 percent of Main Street. LPD expects to space include a new area rug

"That will actually to advertise new books space. Once completed, will allow the Lowell Police provide us with the data to and upcoming activities the space will host some Department to purchase maximize our road patrol for teens. New nonfiction new teen programs. A teen a speed board--a trailer so instead of guessing when books will be added to book discussion group, for

> chess and checkers games. 9. Other aesthetic

drivers in a school zone to take delivery of the machine and new paint. In the interest of setting the teen area apart, FriendsoftheEnglehardt the library will host a night In addition to speed Library received a grant of for teens to contribute to this month to benefit several control, the device is \$8,636 to create a teen space creating a graffiti-themed equipped to study traffic in the northwest corner of mural on one of its walls.

A contest is being and a scrolling LED display planned to name the teen with radar instruments that we have the most speeders, the collection as well as a instance, will have its first displays vehicles' speeds--to we'll actually know," Bukala computer with games and meeting there Monday, May

> Community fund grants, cont'd., pg. 4

8TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Eighth grade students and parents are invited to Lowell High School for high school orientation, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Call S.S.C. at 987-2908.

LACROSSE MEETING

Lowell middle and high school students interested in registering for a Lacrosse team should attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria. Parents should attend with their athlete; physical cards can be turned in.

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 have an indoor garage sale, sponsored by class of 2007, Saturday, March 5, 9-2 p.m. Admission: \$1. Proceeds to vendors and sophomore class.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

A pancake breakfast will be served at the Wittenbach and Wege Center on Saturday, March 5, 10-2 p.m. \$3. Activity booklets also \$3.

LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND

Sunday, March 6 is Lowell Day at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club in Lakeland. 1 p.m. buffet. Call Mary 863-683-6336.

DEADLINE FOR SENIOR CLASS TRIP March 1 is the final sign-up deadline, \$25 deposit; total payment \$180 due March 17.

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 (897-9161) or visit the website www. lowellchamber.org.

F.R.O.M. NEEDS DONATIONS

The food pantry is in need of tuna, spaghetti sauce, soda crackers, hot cereals, macaroni and cheese, if you

LOWELL **AREA SCHOOLS**

A program on the Michigan by Evangeline wetlands and mature and will be celebrated with

husband. The preserve to the public this spring

includes a creek, extensive

White in memory of her forest. It will officially open a dedication ceremony.

invited to attend school meetings regarding the 2005-06 budget. Learn more about the budget process and contribute ideas on how to prepare

Community members and parents are

Alto School - March 3 - 7:00 p.m.

for next year's budget.

Secondary Schools (Middle School, High School, Unity) at Lowell Middle School Media Center -March 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Bushnell/Cherry Creek at Cherry Creek March 8 - 6:30 p.m.

> Murray Lake School -March 29 - 6:30 p.m.

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easily provide health care employer is taxed on health-

conference Manufacturing Engineering in Grand Rapids removes health-care costs employers," said State

will reduce the amount an percent by 2007. Michigan is one of only two states to tax employer health-Republicans care payments. As a result, news companies face a significant government-imposed obstacle to providing health benefits to employees.

"We need to do what is best for employees and

the business climate in this state, and eliminating the sends a loud message that Michigan puts people first."

Taxing employer healthcare payments is particularly

Association.

"On one side, the health- and families with no health prescription drugs. care market is pressuring care." our employers with higher

from the Single Business Rep Dave Hildenbrand, R- damaging to Michigan's and higher insurance costs.

lower Tax by 2006. Current law Lowell. "It doesn't make manufacturing industry. On the other side, the state health-care costs have risen sense to tax employers for A total of 42 percent of of Michigan punishes dramatically in recent years. providing health care for companies indicated they those same employers who Premiums have continued to employees under reform care premium expenses to 50 their employees. That's are laying off workers or continue to provide quality to increase much faster why the House Republicans slowing down hiring to coverage to their employees than overall inflation. The are working to change this cope with yearly health-care by raising their tax burden. most common solutions situation. We're serious premium costs, according to The result is a state-imposed for companies to control about wanting to change the Michigan Manufacturers vice that puts the squeeze rising costs have been to on too many of Michigan's increase employee co-pays House Speaker Craig businesses and leaves too for premiums and increase tax on health-care coverage DeRoche, R-Novi, said: many Michigan workers or establish co-pays for

Financial Focus

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MAKE SURE TO SAVE IMPORTANT TAX RECORDS

As you prepare to do your taxes, you're probably gathering documents from a variety of sources. Then, once you've filed, you may issue a sigh of relief and shove all your paperwork in a corner somewhere. But you might want to hang on to some of it - because it can come in handy.

What records should you keep?

If you're like most people, you've got a lot of records, statements, receipts, etc. Do you have to hold onto every single slip of paper?

Maybe not, but please check with your tax professional for specifics. Some documents are more important than others. As a general rule, you'll want to keep records of your annual income and your deductible expenses. These are the items that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will ask for if you are chosen for an audit.

Consequently, you'll want to keep these tax records and receipts:

- Earned income (W-2 forms)
- Investment income (Form 1099s and other brokerage statements
- Medical expenses
- Taxes paid
- Charitable contributions
- Child care expenses (Some are deductible)

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowel Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

Daryl and Cheryl Wisdom have made application for a variance froM Section 2.0 of the Words and Terms Defined Home Occupation - to allow for an employee to assist them at the Wisdom Wellness Center which is located at their home, 11015 Cascade Road, Lowell, MI Permanent Parcel Number 41-20-19-400-

Written comments should be received by Tuesday, March 1, 2005 and can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

· Business expenses

- · Professional/union dues
- Education expenses (some are deductible)
- Automobile/travel costs (if they are deductible for your work)

You'll also want to hang onto your old tax returns. You'll find these returns to be quite useful when you file your taxes in the future. For example, when you're preparing your return, and you look over previous years' returns, you may additions, related to the worth of your home. be reminded of important deductions you had forgotten.

How long should you keep records?

Unless you own a warehouse, you probably don't want to accumulate tax records and documents indefinitely. So, how long should you keep them?

Generally speaking, it's a good idea to retain your paperwork until the chance of a tax audit passes-usually three years after filing. However, if the IRS thinks you might have underreported your income by 25 percent, it has six years to check up on you. Consequently, you may want to keep your tax documents for at least that long.

and the biggest one may have to do with your home. Years records, the better.

a tax-free capital gain of \$500,000 (for married couples) or \$250,000 (for single filers) when you sell your home. To determine if the sale profits fall within the tax-free limits. you must verify the "tax basis" (the value of your home when you bought it). Therefore, you need to keep all records such as settlement papers and receipts for improvements and Where should you keep your records?

ago, if you sold your home, your profits might have been

taxable. But the tax rules have changed: You can now net

Keeping your records won't do you any good if you can't find them. So, set up a record-keeping system that works for you. You may want to devote a filing cabinet specifically for tax records. Designate individual folders for old tax returns, income, deductions, etc.

Of course, you can also store many records electronically But if you do, make sure that you've backed them up in

Once you've established a record-keeping process, you'll find it fairly easy to maintain. If you don't have one Nonetheless, there are exceptions to the six-year-rule— yet, get started soon-the quicker you organize your tax

Community grants, continued... From pg. 3

A total of \$84,430 in received a \$13,140 grant \$13,500 grant will fund this grant to fund engineering Area Schools. One grant seating at Burch Field. will fund an upgrade of the fund community forums on the topic of diversity in the Council received a \$25,000 Lowell and Alto areas.

Lowell Youth Football

seven grants went to Lowell for the installation of safe year's Showboat Sizzlin' work necessary to begin the Lowell Area Historical \$1,500 grant will be used trail system.

video production suite at the Museum will be able to hire to purchase costumes at the high school to accommodate an education and program Illusions Costume Shop in grant of \$2,688 went to more students and more director to create historical Grand Rapids. The costumes the Land Conservancy of advanced skills. With programs for the community are for the Thebes Players West Michigan to establish another grant, the district in general and school and the Lowell High School trailheads, boundaries and will install an emergency and children in particular. The drama department. security communications Community Fund granted system. Another grant will \$11,440 for that purpose. Lowell Area Arts

grant to support its programs and services. A further

David Lane, ICNB's

Lowell office manager,

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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

Vergennes Township to be used for a high density, mixed use development by DuRay Developers. While Vergennes the population of the Vergennes Township area, from about Township residents are fighting the destruction of our master 4,000 to almost 8,000, that's not going to provide enough plan and degradation of our wetlands, citizens of the city of people to support commercial development. The city of Lowell have a lot more to lose than citizens of Vergennes Lowell will inevitably end up with more vacant commercial Township.

Farmland, open space, industrial and commercial Development Patterns: Broadwater and Gallatin Counties]

DuRay Developers is coy about the number of houses they intend to erect but they're seeking R-3 zoning that could, theoretically, allow 10 units per acre for a total of 1,770 units total. They suggest they will probably build less than half that number of structures but they're unwilling information about their intentions. Whether it's 800 homes citizens of Lowell will have to make up the difference. or 1770 homes, each \$200,000 home will pay about \$4,100 to the city of Lowell in property taxes and will cost the city Boundary Commission hearing on Thursday, March 3 at 4 of Lowell between \$4,182 and \$5,125 in services. That's an p.m. in the Lowell City Hall. Tell the boundary commissioners annual net loss to the city of Lowell ranging from a low of how you feel about increasing your expenses, limiting your \$65,600 to a high of just shy of \$2 million. Less expensive ability to attract new industry, threatening your downtown and more expensive housing would produce the same development, and alienating your neighbors. This isn't good proportional income /expense imbalance.

DuRay Developers suggest commercial ventures might include veterinary services, medical services and coffee shops. Currently, Vergennes Township has land zoned for commercial development less than a mile from the proposed DuRay development. There have been no applications to place a commercial development on that land because there The city of Lowell is seeking to annex 177 acres from is no demand for commercial development in that area. While the DuRay development could theoretically double buildings to compete with downtown revitalization efforts.

In addition to costing the city of Lowell quite a bit of properties make money for local governments by producing money, the development proposed by DuRay will gobble up \$1 in property taxes and other revenue sources in exchange almost all the sewer capacity that became available when for only seven to 79 cents of costs. Residential development Attwood closed its doors. That once again puts the Lowell is quite the opposite. "Studies completed around the country sewer system near capacity. If new industry seeks to come show that residential land and property demands from \$1.02 to Lowell, the city may well be unable to offer them sewer to \$1.25 in facilities and direct services for every dollar services. The only way to continue profitable growth of the contributed in revenue." [Fiscal Impacts of Alternative city will be for Lowell citizens to pay for an expansion of the current sewer system.

This annexation attempt is a lose/lose proposition. Vergennes Township loses 177 acres of land intended for medium density housing and preservation of wetlands. We also lose a real sense of community by helplessly watching our land be kidnapped from us. The city of Lowell loses a to submit even general plans or provide more than vague lot of money, no matter how you examine this proposal. The Store! M. Jacobson & Co."

Let's get rational about this. Come to the Michigan for anybody.

Carolyn Medendorp



Budget Sets Wrong Priorities

Senator Carl Levin senior U.S. senator from Michigan

Today our nation is faced with enormous challenges. With the war in Iraq, the loss of millions of manufacturing jobs, the continuing rise in health care costs and exploding deficits, there are significant priorities that we must address. Sadly, the President's budget proposal for the upcoming year once again puts cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans over addressing our country's severe fiscal problems.

Earlier this month, President Bush told the Detroit Economic Club that it was his job as President to confront problems, not to pass them on to future generations. But in his budget the President ignores his own job description and proposes a staggering \$427 billion deficit for this year alone. This is a bill our children and their children will be forced to pay.

In many regards, what is most notable about the President budget is not what is in the plan, but what has been left out. To create the impression that the budget meets its target of cutting the deficit in half by 2009 and to conceal the damage it is doing to the nation's fiscal outlook, the White House omits severa major expenses. These omissions include the 30,000-person planned increase in the army, the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which currently average \$5 billion per month and the huge cost of the President's plan to privatize Social Security. The budget also does not address the hundreds of billions of dollars it will cost to correct the Alternative Minimum Tax, which will otherwise result in a tax increase for middle-income taxpayers, for.

Moreover, by limiting itself to a five-year period instead of the usual 10-year projection, the budget grossly underestimates the cost to make permanent the tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 as proposed by the President. The budget shows extending the tax cuts would cost \$53 billion in the next five years But hidden just beyond that budget window is the exploding cost of the President's proposals, amounting to nearly \$1. trillion after 2010. By using five-year projections instead of the customary 10-year numbers, the Administration attempts to hide from Congress and the American public the full economic impact of the tax cuts.

President Bush's unwise tax cuts have been a major factor in our nation's swing from budget surplus into an increasingly deep deficit ditch. At this rate, by 2015, each American's share of the debt will be at least \$30,000. In addition to threaten-

ing the nation's long-term economic security, the proposed tax cuts shift an increasing burden onto the middle class. If implemented, the average tax cut for the wealthiest one percent would be nearly 90 times larger than the average tax cut for middle-income households

To help pay for these fiscally irresponsible tax cuts, the White House proposes slashing essential domestic programs that affect America's families and communities. For instance, the budget eliminates funding for 48 education programs, including vocational education training, education technology and programs to keep schools safe and drug-free. This represents the first cut in overall education spending in a decade and comes at a time when schools already face cuts in state

There is also little in the President's budget to address devastating job losses, particularly in the manufacturing industry, even though our country is in the midst of the slowest jobs recovery since the 1930s. In fact, the budget imposes a 60 percent cut to the successful Manufacturing Extension Program-which helps our country's manufacturers be more productive and competitive, thus keeping jobs here at home-and it proposes eliminating the Advanced Technology Partnership Program, which provides assistance to U.S. businesses and joint research-and-development ventures.

Unfortunately, these are not the only programs hurt by this budget. The President's proposal raises health care costs for America's veterans. It proposes \$4.5 billion in Medicaid cuts for the poor and disabled when health care costs are rising. The budget makes our streets less safe by cutting 96 percent of funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services program. The budget also cuts funding for first responders, highways and sewers, environmental protections and small business loans. It would end the successful Community Development Block Program, which provided over \$147 million last year for housing projects and economic development, and puts in its place a new program with 21 percent less funding. Yet even slashing spending on all these vital programs would have a small impact on the deficit compared with the President's deficit-swelling tax cuts that significantly lower the nation's revenue. The President has his priorities all wrong. Cutting spending on programs aimed at helping working families obtain an education or health care or a job, in order to extend massive and fiscally irresponsible tax cuts for the very wealthy, is the wrong priority. Using hide-and-seek accounting to mask the damage to our economy only compounds the problem.

The American people deserve a budget that invests in the future, protects the most vulnerable among us and helps to create jobs and economic security. This budget fails to meet that standard.

Ledger Entries



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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 25, 1880**

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100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 23, 1905**

"Phone the news to 200."

Chas. Francisco and Geo. Headley caught a 21-pound pickerel at Murray's Lake yesterday.

The Avon correspondent reports a real Dakota blizzard there last week, and mail service only one day, on part of a

It took three engines to clear the track of snow around Freeport Sunday-Monday

St. Valentine's day was observed by all the downstairs rooms at the school.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

FEBRUARY 20, 1930 Judge Homer Ferguson rebuts an article claiming that Gov. Green sponsored a dinner marked by disorder and drinking; the judge was one of the honored guests.

The village caucus, 75 attending, goes "smooth as a greased pig"; all present officers re-elected by voice vote in

However, Vern Ashley, Board of Trade president, says that other possible leaders should have had a chance to be

Three persons were killed and 16 injured in auto accidents yesterday in Kent and Ottawa counties. The Lowell varsity, second team and junior high team win five games over the weekend, against Rockford and Sand

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 24, 1955**

One of Ernie Foreman's White Leghorn hens wins a national contest, with 327 eggs in 350 days. Lowell Rotary celebrates its own 20th anniversary as

well as Rotary's 50th. Lions Club is sponsoring a Skating Show by the Grand Rapids figure skating club at the 4-H building rink

The U.S. Supreme Court will hand down its decision on

egregation in schools when the present vacancy is filled. "White Christmas" is playing at the Strand Theatre.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 20, 1980**

The Strand Theatre reopens with a showing of "Animal Lowell Rotary will sponsor Monroe McPherson's

"Cruise to England" travelogue at the LHS auditorium. The estimate is that 228,600 dozen pencils will be needed for this year's census.

Bids for 150 tubular-framed picnic tables start Kent County Road and Park Commission's plans to eventually replace all 1500 county park wooden tables.

Dog licenses must be renewed by Monday, March 3; after that, a \$5 penalty will be added.



Pastor Joe Fremer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Associated Press released a story last Friday about a couple who spent \$5 on a lottery ticket at the Chaperral Cafe in Shelbyville, IN. They were hoping to win \$40. The clerk checked the ticket and told them it wasn't a \$40 winner. They threw it in the trash. Later, Karrie Jeremiah pulled the ticket from the trash, and found she was holding a lottery ticket with winning numbers for the \$100,000 prize. She turned it in, and on Feb. 10 she was given a check for \$71,600 (its value after taxes).

Aside from the legal and moral dimensions of this event, I see a real-life twenty-first century parable here. Jesus told a parable (Matthew 13:44) of a man who found a treasure hidden in a field-apparently no one else knew it was there - who immediately went and sold all he had, and purchased the field. The point of the parable seems to be that the inestimable value of the Kingdom of Heaven makes it worth whatever it costs to be a follower of Jesus. The story of the hapless couple at the Chaperral Cafe is almost like the flip side of the parable of the treasure in the field. Here, you have something of great value that is thrown away by someone who did not recognize its value.

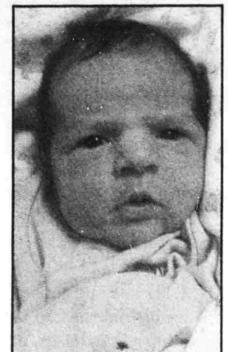
The cross of Jesus Christ is the place where the greatest gift was given, not just to believers, but to the whole world, to all sinners of every age. The blood of God's Son shed there is enough to forgive and heal every one of the broken human lives going all the way back to Adam and Eve. Sherwin-Williams paint company's logo is a bucket of red paint pouring over a globe, with the phrase Cover the Earth. Well, the blood of Jesus Christ really does cover the earth, and all time too. In Christ, God says to the human race: "I have forgiven you, because I have laid your punishment on My Son."

What a shame then, when someone hears that Good News, and walks away disappointed because they were looking for something else. Or they don't think they need it. Or it "costs too much." (Actually, it's a free offer, but acceptance of it will mean surrendering everything you have.) The Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection is a winning ticket (no, this is not an endorsement of gambling!—a check would be a better example) that many people throw away for various reasons. Faith, on the other hand, holds on to it through the weekend, hardly able to

wait for Monday morning when I can cash it in and enjoy my winnings. Hebrews 10:35 (NIV): "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." What is the will of God? To believe the Good News, and hang in there until Jesus Hondorp/Mager returns. (The very next chapter, Hebrews 11, is devoted to illustrating that kind of faith.)

You are a winner, because Jesus has won the ultimate Prize and assigned it to you. Please don't throw it away! If you did throw it away, go back and get it! How? Get a Bible and read John chapter 3. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain!





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are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Caleb Andrew. He was born on February 14, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 Welcoming Caleb home

are big sister Rachael and big brother Nathan. Proud grandparents are

Richie Tindall

February 5, 2005, weighing

Grandparents

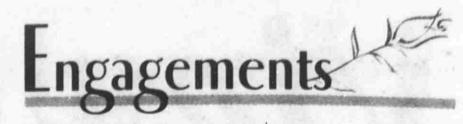
John Lindhurst of Lowell, Dr. Youssef and Parichehr Yomtoob of Riverwoods, Ill. Proud great-grandmother is Cora Byrd of Battle Creek.

and Great-grandparents Ashley Gosselin would like Al and Shirley Tindall of to announce the birth of their Gowen, and Marylin Balfoot beautiful daughter, Brooke of Dorr, great-great-grandma Marie Tindall. She was born Beatrice Keena of Florida.

7 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21 home are her aunt Dana and uncle Clint Dickinson, are cousins Aysia and Ethan Rich and Barb Tindall of Wolbers of Ionia, and uncle Lowell, and Tom and Mary Kris Gosselin of Kentwood.

Brooke Marie Tindall

Jo Gosselin of Kentwood





Mike Mager and Courtney Hondorp

Courtney Hondorp of Alto She is the daughter of Steve and Mike Mager of Saranac and Pam Hondorp of Alto. are engaged and planning a May 7, 2005 wedding.

The future groom is a graduate of Saranac High School. His parents are Ted The bride-elect is a graduate of Caledonia High School. and Pat Mager of Saranac.

Also welcoming Brooke

FEBRUARY 24: Cliff Mulder, Amy Aksamitowski, Tarah Essich, Lizzy Decker.

> **FEBRUARY 25:** Susan Miesal.

FEBRUARY 26: Jeremy Goff, Barry Vezino, Bob Ford, Nancy Porter, Leslie Rash.

FEBRUARY 27: Joshua Soyka, Justin Soyka.

FEBRUARY 28: Mark V. Ritzema, Connie Roth, Scott Denton, Claresa Guastavino.

MARCH 1: Barak Brown, Jill Callihan. Christiansen.

MARCH 2: Mary Vezino, Roger MacNaughton, Anna



Shoppers at the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift shop helped provide food to 75 families and financial emergency aid to 47 families during the month of January.

University.

From the Lowell area Stroo and Shelby Tomczak. 2004-2005 academic year. D'Agostino. From the Ada dean's list, a student must area are Katie Anderson, earn a semester grade point Charles Gauthier, Molly average of 3.5 or higher on a

Anderson University has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of the

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-Abraham Lincoln

The happiness of a man in this life does not consist in the absence but in the mastery of his passions.

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

From the Lowell area is Kristen Lee: from the Alto area is Jacqueline Vos.

Cadet Aaron Ritzema was named to the dean's list at West Point U.S. Military Academy. To qualify, a cade must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Ritzema graduated from Seckman High School, Arnold, Mo., in 2001 and plans to graduate in May from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army He is the son of Dion and



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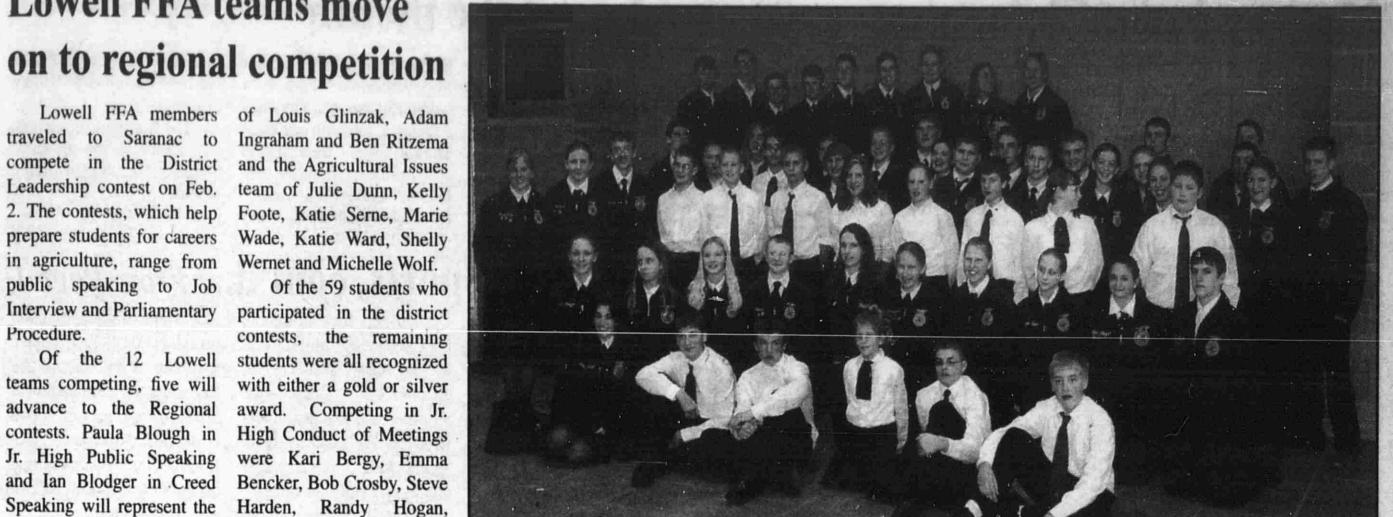
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Blake Bergy, Dakota Bergy, Conduct of Meetings at the competed Grady Drown and were Natasha Buck, Shane Caleb Baker, Melissa Doyle, Stacy Janeschek, Clover, Rachel Folkersma, of Logan Brenk, Brianna in Job Interview. Teams in Zammaron. Josh Phelps, Kelsey Ward Buck, Renee Buist, Jim Demonstration were Dan

and Jack Weeber. Competing Crosby, Leara Glinzak, Harden, Phil Hogan, Eric competing in Parliamentary Andrew Wilterink. The the Demonstration team Wolf and Blake Zigmont and in Agricultural Issues consisted of Adam Baker, of Nick Canfield, Regan Springs High School.

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Audrey Blodger, Mike high school level, the team Brian Langlois competed Elliot, Tim Harden and Tara Blough, Nate Clements, Amy Andy Oesch, Morgan Olin, Junewick, Abbot Kastanek, Mike Roth, Stephanie Wade Lowell had two teams Hannah Knudstrup, and and Pat Walsh.

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are: Zachary Beachum, Joshua Fisher, Brandy From the Alto area is Sophia

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Murray Lake Elementary staff member of the month

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Staff members at Murray Patti Sanborn as their January

Pictured, left to right, are: Sue Wilterink, Grant Peterson, Trevor Crist, Patti

Lowell Schools for 13 years. Murray Lake principal Brent

of our students."

She currently works with love it," quoted Wilterink. second and third graders in the

asked of her with a smile on wonderful person. She does graduate. her face. She is a wonderful a fantastic job with our kids! lady who truly cares about all She also bakes a 'mean' pound

Sanborn has worked for Noskey said, "Patti is a team resource room with teacher Jack have one son, Bill, who player. She does whatever is Sue Wilterink. "Patti is a is a 1999 Lowell High School

> The best part of her job. said Sanborn, are the kids. cake from scratch and the kids She enjoys helping them learn

Women in Sports, cont'd... From Page 1

Sanborn and her husband

Rebekah Woods said.

"It shows girls that they encourage have to go and support other physical fitness. Instructors it does--a big part of which girls' teams and not just go from East Hills Athletic Club is mentoring younger girls. to the guys' (games)," senior taught kick boxing, yoga/ Lowell High School is one Maloree Trierweiler said.

"I go to a lot of them?" Woods said.

sports," senior the attendees participated president Amy Oberlin gave in exercise sessions to a speech at the start of the

Lowell High School girls varsity club. basketball and soccer, but athletic trainer Patty Sellner I never go to tennis games, wrote to the MHSAA for sponsored by the Lowell and it makes me realize the grant last October. Education Foundation, the they practice just as hard as The Lowell Girls Varsity MHSAA and the East Hills we do. Why not go support Club helped put the event Athletic Club. together and gave visitors a

During the afternoon, tour around the school. Club continued day about the club and what pilates and belly dancing. of the few schools with a

February Students of the Month

students as Students of the include president of the Business Professionals of in Habitat for Humanity. Her hard and consistently and her calculus class. Month. They were selected Concert Choir, Prayer Zone America, National Honor by the faculty because of Leadership Team, FFA and Society, the school musical their expertise and ambition Project Pals; he was also and girls varsity tenris. She in a particular area.

and soccer. Walker plans from Moody Bible Institute. to attend Michigan State His teacher nominator said University in the fall. His as president of the Concert

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Laura Crimmins is the

the recipient of the DAR plans to attend Kalamazoo Jon Walker is being Good Citizenship Award. In College in the fall. Baker's recognized by the Science addition, Sefton is employed teacher nominator said she Department. The senior at Meijer and is a member was chosen for her continued is the son of Richard and of Shiloh Community, excellence in Advanced Heidi Walker of Lowell. Church. He plans to attend Placement Literature and His extracurricular activities Grand Rapids Community demonstrates an excellent include LAS Outreach, College next fall and take understanding of literature Project Pals, SADD, track correspondence courses through her writing and contributions to classroom

teacher nominator said he Choir, Sefton exhibits great Math Department's choice. consistently works hard and leadership and exemplifies She is the daughter of Ed and achieves excellent results. all positive character traits. Sue Crimmins of Lowell. At Nikki Baker was LHS, she is a member of the the choice of the Music selected by the English soccer team, International Department. He is a senior Department. She is the Club and a cast member and the son of David and daughter of Jeffrey and of the all-school play. In

High School is honoring four His extracurricular activities The senior is active in club soccer and participates junior has worked extremely her the third highest grade in

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February Students of the Month are pictured front row, left to right: Laura Crimmins and Nikki Baker; back row are: Jon Walker and David Sefton.

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Featured Artists Ira Trowbridge & Greg Bliss

By Dan Schneider

photos by Ira Trowbridge photographs there, has been are currently on display shooting since he was 12. at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

shooting black and white photographs for about 10 passion being rivers, he took the paper in darkroom

"It hasn't been a lifelong them. thing like it has for a lot of people," Trowbridge said.

also has an exhibit of

At the time Trowbridge started into photography, he about black and white The artist has been had recently been diagnosed photography, but it lit up with multiple sclerosis. His for him when he first stuck up photography to document chemicals. Now, he mainly

them," Trowbridge said. He started taking

snapshots with some very basic equipment, but wasn't satisfied with the results.

"I thought, gee, this doesn't look like what Greg Bliss, 44, who looks like in my brain, so I started taking some classes at Grand Rapids Community College," he said.

He was at first skeptical shoots with an older camera



Greg Bliss's "Circle and Square," one of the works on display at the LACC.

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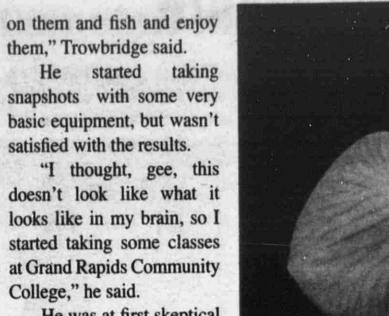
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Ira Trowbridge's "Orchids," also one of the works on display at the chamber.

four-by-five inch film.

Bliss uses a field camera explained. as well, but his is a Zone VI

do." Bliss explained.

mountains out west.

those large objects so I kind of fall into shooting those city- scapes," Bliss said. "Especially at night, I get a scenes. lot of dramatic shadows."

Blissprints very straightforward. Trowbridge uses a wider range of chemicals.

is a metal field camera - on involved in most of my he said. "A lot of the things

four-by-five wood camera. brownish cast and look scene, both often take 10 "I've always liked wood misty and old-timey. Bliss minutes or more to pick out and it does what I want it to doesn't use toners, but a small piece of the scene he experiments with the they want to capture. His camera has fixtures shooting. His photograph city-scapes. In the past, he surrounded by a back square. of what's there." nt a lot of time shooting "That was an experiment Trowbridge also shoots

photographs are of natural for flowers too," he said.

really cool things around the 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the world to look at ... I look chamber. The photographs around and here's all these will be on display through "I use a lot of toners huge, massive grandeurs," March 22.

Trowbridge I photograph are really small

His prints have a Arriving at a nature

"We spend more time and devices allowing him "Circle and Square" was looking and pondering to correct perspectives on taken with a lens out of and doing the figuring in buildings and the Civilian something other than a our heads before we take a Conservation Corps trees at camera. The resulting picture," Bliss said. "Most the Howard Christian Nature photograph is a circular of the time we're out in the image in gray tones-grass middle of nowhere doing Bliss shoots nature and and weeds and everything- our own thing in the solitude

> with a new kind of lens, a flowers at home in artificial very old, different lens," he light

"My wife is a florist and Most of Trowbridge's so I've kind of got a feeling

An artists' reception will "I think there's a lot of take place Saturday, March

Business Award, cont'd.... From Page 1

color imaginable, with tables eating of ice cream.

scattered throughout for the president of the Lowell Area Unfortunately, of the 122

Business Matters

Realty Star award winners. This that Jayne award recognizes them for Overbeck, Jackie Rinks, their outstanding success Kim Schwacha and Elaine and achievements. Wingeier were 2004 Shining



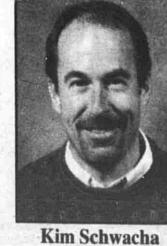
Jayne Overbeck



Elaine Wingeier



Jackie Rinks



Yankovich, presented the award to Ball. Chamber of Commerce, people in attendance that evening, Harold and Rose Ball were unable to make the trip back from Puerto Rico for the event.

chose Ball's because of their 35 years involvement in the community," Yankovich said. "They employed a lot of people in that time and Harold and Rose have made a lot of contributions to the Lowell area, not the least of which is their gorgeous garden every year."

"It's kind of like a lifetime achievement award for my mom and dad and everything they've done for this town," Ball said of the Business Appreciation Award. "It's been a family business for 35 years and I'm glad they're getting the recognition they deserve.

"We really appreciate Lowell for the community it is," he continued. "It's been really good to us."

Ball's Softee Creme plans to open this year the week of March 20.

West Michigan Regional Competition on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Arts it," Chatterley said. Council is currently hosting

West Michigan Regional fit on the walls.

The pieces on display

but the space wouldn't allow said Chatterley, a sculptor from Williamston.

All of the pieces its most eclectic show of the are especially personal taking prizes are in some expressions of the artists, he combination of mixed media. The top prize, Best "I eliminated a lot of Show, went to "A Walk Competition includes about watercolor and landscape, in the Mountains" by Ann 70 pieces of art, as many as and I was looking for Willey of Comstock Park. juror Mark Chatterley could very personal work where It's simple and small with the artist was seen in the thick colors depicting a "I wanted to let more in paintings or sculptures," child walking hand-in-wing with a dove in a dress.

> "Even though it was sort of primitive in its subject, it was very sophisticated in the way it was set up." Chatterley explained.

He said the composition is built on the Golden Mean, a ratio of 1.6:1 that is very Willey said she first sketched the piece after reading a story in the local newspaper.

"I was following this way." story in the news about a mountains," she said.

competition.

angels. The depth of color in "Flight of Imagination #6," the work was achieved using a composition of human exciting adventure for me a mixture of pastels, acrylic figures and wheels and because it's taking off in a paint and colored pencil. shapes. Annie Morgan of whole new direction," she Chatterley said the Grand Haven took third said. piece impacts the viewer place for "Freedoms Dance." "by going back to childhood Originally created for an art went to Kelly Allen of Grand

"Family Gathering" by Susan Boehme took first place in the competition.

Honorable mention objects put together on an composition includes a cold-

Theses entries will be





Ann Willey's "A Walk in the Mountains" took the Best of Show prize.

Pictured at right, Kelly Allen's

A detail from Annie Morgan's "Freedoms Dance," which took third place.

mention in the West Michigan Regional Competition.

"Finch Picnic" received honorable

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

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

MON.: Women's over 30 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

MON .: Boy Scout Troop S. Hudson St. 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Center, 5255 Grand River

Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, formation. 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club. #8303, 3116 Alden Nash 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Town-

meetings at chamber of- Call 897-8304. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. info. or location.

Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. Next meeting Feb. dinner is provided. 21 at Schneider Manor Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

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

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

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Girls Club - Calvary Chris- ceptional Child -IEPC Sensibly Tops MI#372 tian Reformed Church. Process. Call 642-6466 for meets at Key Heights Mo- Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. info. bile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON imagesofvision.com.

Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

story hour/craft time 9:45 -11:15 a.m./women only at SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, Call

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

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapte of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call MON.: Lowell Board of Olga616-975-9977 or June 231-780-1249 for more in-

> 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua- women/adolescents,11 p.m. New members are

ship Historical Society 2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS support meetings, 7-8:30 meets 7:30 at historic - Mothers of Preschoolers p.m. Spectrum Health Kent museum,84th/Alden Nash. ... because mothering mat- Community Campus, 750 ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Fuller NE. 3RD MON.: Fallasburg His- Impact, a Wesleyan torical Society board Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 1ST THURS .: 4-H drama -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-2:30

Needlers. Saranac needleart/quilting bee, 5-3RD MON.: Women of the 8:30 p.m., 4 Health Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, All are wel-3RD MON .: Peripheral come. Contact Bev or

Community Rm., 725 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

> 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call group: Sarah 281-6588.

TUES .: Cub Scout Pack Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn

Cubmaster Bruce Doll, upstairs at 1st Congrega- 3RDTHURS.: VFW#8303 897-9782/email: bruce @ tional Church, 404 N. Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 White Nature Preserve, 7 Hudson St.

TUES .: Flat River WED .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

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

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

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

THURS .: Weight Watch ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation

club meeting. Lowell Middle School choir room.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

Melissa, 642-6466. Light 2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

> 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Parenting For EVERY OTHER WED .: Success", 7-8:30 p.m. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Topic: Education for Ex-

WED .: Rotary meets at 3RD THURS .: Rubber 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. noon, Lowell Masonic stamping at Christian Life at 862-8841.

Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. p.m. Free admission.

Supporting Parents group. Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

p.m. 1320 E. Main (Moose Lodge). 897-5150 or 897-3RD SAT.: Scrapbooking the holidays, one Saturday only, March 19, 10-5 p.m. at 4Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Bring scrapbooking supplies,

FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

pictures and sack lunch.

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main.

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THURS., FEB. 24: Orien-

tation for 8th graders and

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SUN., MARCH 6: Lowell Day in Lakeland, 1 p.m. buffet at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club, Duff Rd. 863-683-6336 Mary.

MON., MARCH 7: Athletic Booster Club regular meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

THURS., MARCH 10: Girls Night Out, 6-9 p.m. at various businesses in Lowell. Info.: call Liz at the chamber at 897-9161 or www. 8754. Show proof of lowellchamber.org.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 9:00 a.m. Walk

at Woodland Mall: 12:45

p.m. Bible Study.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., FEB. 23: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Bob Evans.

THURS., FEB. 24: 4:30

nese Restaurant.

THURS., FEB. 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., Feb. 28: 12 p.m. Soup and salad: 12:45 p.m. Play games at the Center.

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sponsored the legislation. Most owners will have only Michigan.gov/sos, by touch-Land explained that one date to remember for tone telephone or mail, or in changing the expiration most vehicle renewals - their person at a branch office.

Over 40 fourth and fifth grade students began the Murray Lake chess double elimination tournament

in early January. Pictured, left to right, are the 2005 tournament champions: Kyle Rogers, champion;

The law also allows motorcyclists to renew up to six months early. Prior to the change, motorcyclists could renew their tabs only up to six weeks before the March 31

U. S. Airborne Boys #1

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nastics team brought home and high bar. Groom took a first place following their first on the floor and pommel. competition in Indianapolis. Hughes was first on floor and Dallas VanBelkum, Parker still rings. Haskins took first Groom and Nick Hughes on vault, parallel bars and took all around honors in their high bar. The boys scored a respective age divisions. Gar- team best of 166.8 on the six

Individual honors went to

At left, the U.S. Airborne Class 4 boys team came home with a trophy last month. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Parker Groom and Garret Ruppal; back row: Dallas VanBelkum, Nick Haskins and Nick

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. (EVENING HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

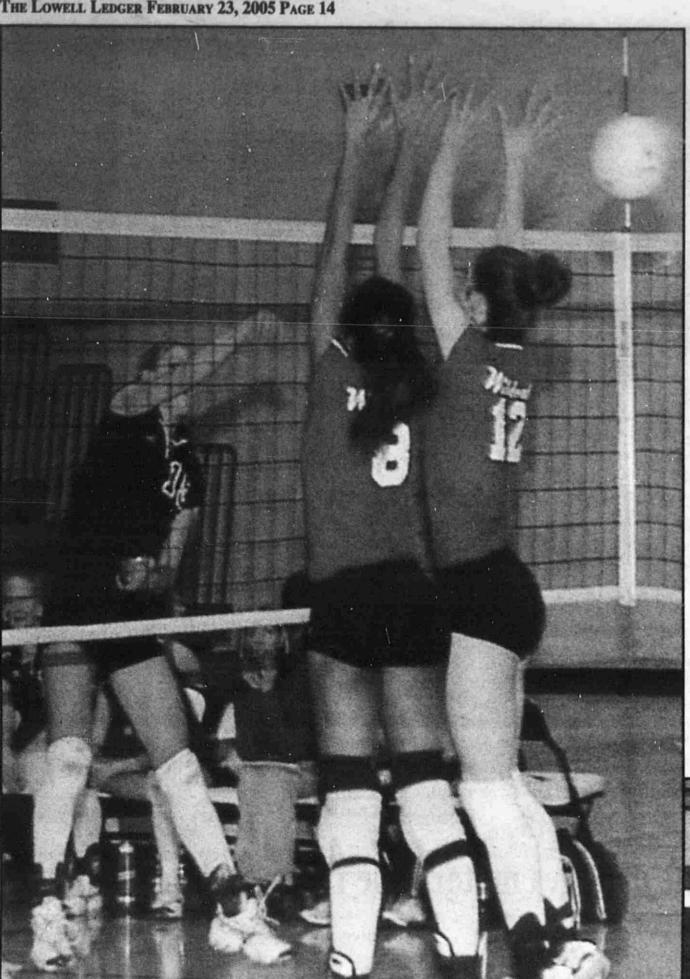
> FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

For the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of (2) ways: By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 7, 2005, or by appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

The tentative real property assessment ratios and assessment Multipliers are:

Agricultural Ratio Multiplier 1.0629 Commercial Ratio 41.46 Multiplier 1.2177 Industrial Ratio 49.25 Multiplier 1.0152 47.86 Multiplier 1.0447 Residential Ratio Dennis McKelvey-Assessor Christian Wenger-Supervisor Bowne Township

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Red Arrows get two rematches with Northview at conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

forward to a rematch with the Northview Wildcats at Saturday's OK White conference tournament.

They ended up with

In the first match of the tournament, Lowell beat the Wildcats in two games, 25-20 and 25-23.

"The girls knew they Springs in two games in the had the two matches they've they're getting both of them."

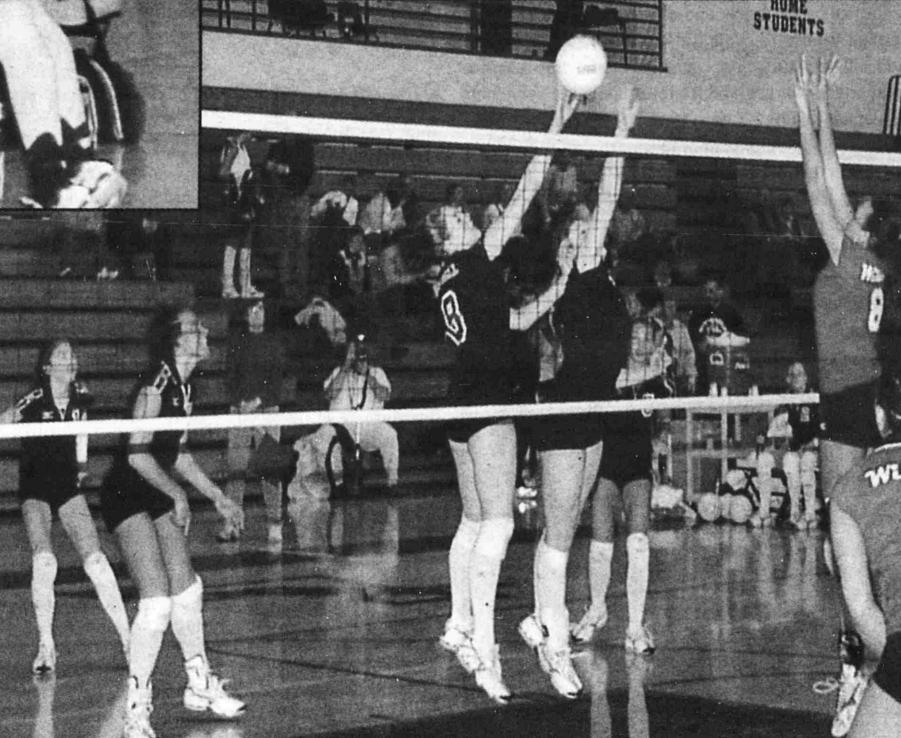
Lowell, the result in the next But Lowell won the fifthround against Kenowa Hills was the same as it had been and 25-22. during the regular conference season, with the Knights

set up another rematch with Northview, this time with the Wildcats holding the grudge. place match as well, 25-17

Lowell played a crossover match with the OK Gold Monday. The district Lowell fell to Cedar tournament starts Friday.

At left, Lowell's Kristin Johnson spikes the ball past Northview defenders in the first round of the OK White conference tournament at Lowell Saturday.

Below, Lowell's Katie Baker and Malley Cahoon put the ball over the net against the Wildcats in the conference tournament.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The March board of review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005

Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

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By letter addressed to:

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Linda Regan Lowell Township Clerk

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the proposed 2005-06 budget during a special meeting of the board to be held March 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. The board meets at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 6 pm on March 7th by the Township Clerk. They can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail clerk@vergennestwp.org.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

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Red Arrows claim district wrestling championship

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell wrestling team took the first step in the defense of its state championship last Thursday with a 61-11 victory over Forest Hills Central in the district final.

But the road gets a lot harder from here on out. Lowell will face Northview in the first round of regionals Wednesday night. Although Lowell prevailed in their last meeting, the Wildcats gave them a run for their money.

Then the challenge of Sparta, the OK White powerhouse this season, likely looms on the horizon.

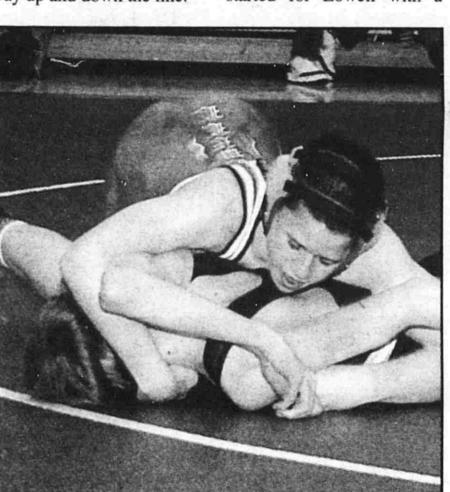
"We know we still have to take it up another level before next Wednesday. we're very well aware of that," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Streic.

After a disappointing conference tournament was encouraged by Lowell's performance against the Rangers.

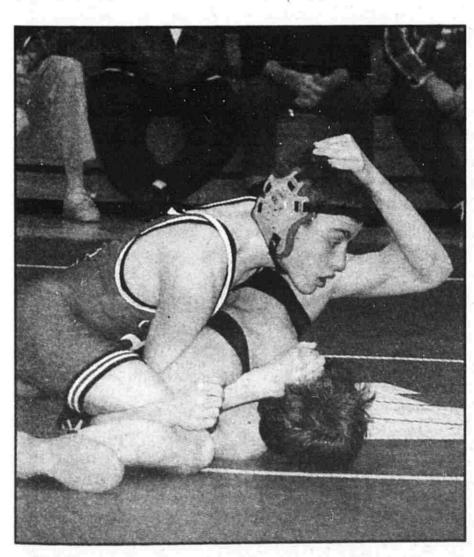
"I like what I saw tonight," Strejc said. "They showed a lot of heart, they're really coming around. Tonight is the first time I've seen that kind of effort all the way up and down the line."



The Lowell wrestling team with the 2005 district championship trophy.



Lowell's Rob Karasiewicz turns over Tom Gillese. He pinned Gillese in 1:14 to win the 119 match.



Lowell's Ray Seese works on Forest Hills Central's Barret Johnson. He won the 103 match by decision.

Chris Roeloffs got things pin at 1:54. He defeated Jay Ryan Esbaugh pinned Mike Lowell's Joe Mendez won 2 decision to Grand Rapids started for Lowell with a Thorpe for Lowell's first six Romence in 1:00 to win the the 135 match by void. 215 match. Dominic Doyle Forest Hills Central's caught Forest Hills Central's Grand Rapids 78-6 in the 103

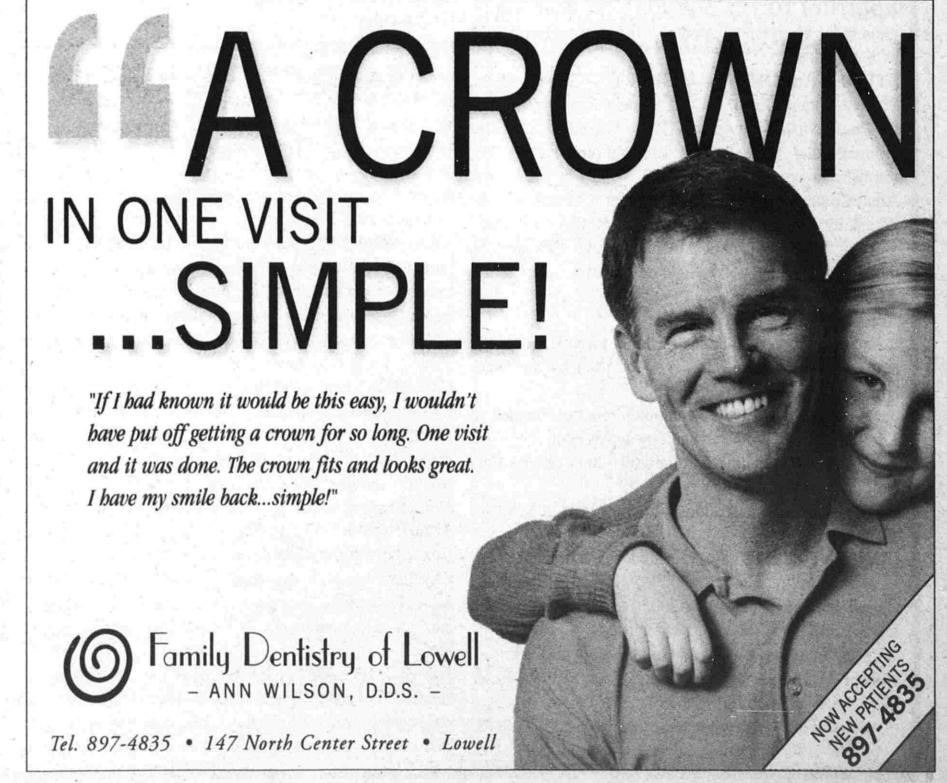
Scott Carpenter won a 7-6 Josiah Roberts for a pin in first round of the district decision in the 145 match 3:30 at 275 for Lowell. against Ryan Karasiewicz.

Ray Seese won an 11-2 Travis Eiser technical-falled major decision over Forest advanced to the individual Then Alex Fleet put pinned Ty Kelly in :46 at 112 Northview.

Graham pinned Alan Delaney Brian Sinclair defeated Justin match, where he lost by a 3- in overtime. in 3:46 at 189. Lowell's Boss 13-7 in the 130 match.

Central's Ray Valdez.

Lowell defeated East Navarre Hale 6-0. Hale had Six Lowell wrestlers beaten Seese the previous weekend in the OK White John Fleet in the 152 match Hills Central's Barret Johnson regionals last Saturday at conference tournament. at 103. Cory Fitzpatrick the district tournament at Ryan Karasiewicz won the 145 consolation match by Lowell back on top, pinning for Lowell. Rob Karasiewicz Joe Mendez won a forfeit. Alex Fleet won a Josh Swore in 3:01 in the pinned Tom Gillese in 1:14, district championship at major decision in the 160 160 match. Lowell's Matt giving Lowell a win at 119. 135, pinning Wayland's consolation match, defeating Francisco won an 8-2 decision Lowell's Mike Thomas Jordan Shoup in 3:52. Rob Ashtin King of Hastings 12against Neil Delaney in the pinned Jake Mills in :57 at Karasiewicz advanced to 2. Matt Francisco lost 6-4 to 171 match. Lowell's Brock 125. Forest Hills Central's 119 district championship Middleville's Travis Young



Lowell-Caledonia hockey suffers two losses

By Dan Schneider

fight last Friday against

game, though, solid play on its lead to 4-1. Two Lowell- Caledonia, assisted on the in third place behind West 8 p.m. at Belknap Ice Arena

Buccaneers won the game and a few mistakes cost the more," said Ballard. Red Arrows in the second,

The Lowell-Caledonia both sides," said Lowell- Caledonia goals early in the third goal by Cory Kelly and Ottawa. hockey team put up a good Caledonia coach Mike third shortened the gap for Pat McMahon. Lowell, but "we just couldn't

Ted McCoy had a hat "It was a rather good and Grand Haven increased trick in the game for Lowell- finished the league season on Northview this Friday at High School.

The win secured first Saturday in a non-league The score was 1-1 after quite get over the hump and place for Grand Haven in game against Forest Hills the first period. Penalties they ended up scoring a few Tier 3 of the OK hockey Northern at Standard Federal Ice Arena.

Lowell-Caledonia

in Grand Rapids, their last The Arrows lost 3-0 regular season game. Next Monday at 7:30 p.m. the

Caledonia taking on East Lowell-Caledonia takes Kentwood at East Kentwood

Bowling teams finish third in conference meet

By Dan Schneider

teams claimed third place girls' total was 1532. finishes last Saturday in the OK White conference meet last Wednesday, winning at Lowell Lanes.

the day while the girls scored Hyde at 155. 1,735 pins. Unity Christian

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Lowell boys had a total point. Dana Cameron of in game one. Both Lowell bowling pin score of 2064 while the Sparta claimed the highest

Nawrocki rolled a 159

Lowell boys beat Sparta their match 24-6 in a dual Both Sparta teams contest. The girls lost 28 1/2 took top honors in the to 1 1/2. The half point came competitions. The boys had from Ashley Nawrocki's a total pin score of 2100 for game-one tie with Brittany

took second place in both in game two for Lowell's

night," said Lowell coach

Michele DeHaan.

Anthony Everitt was the in game one with a 218 in

boys and girls competition. highest score and other score of the night with a 170 high-roller for the Lowell game two. Both scores were boys. He followed a 215 the highest for the night.

Lowell gymnasts rock at Mona Shores

together for the Lowell

gymnasts last week at Mona floor exercise contributed 9.1. Then Dickerman scored to a season's best 135.65 for 9.05 on her routine. Rau was "They did excellent last Lowell. The score vaulted Lowell past the Sailors, whose score was 133.7.

> dual season," DeHaan DeHaan said. said. "They finally peaked as they go into conference score with an 8.4. and regionals."

it through their routines (8.25). without a single fall.

Rebecca Underwood had the top score for Lowell with a 9.1. Jenna Dickerman was next with an 8.75 followed by Amanda Rau (8.5) and Kelli Kowalski

three consecutive Lowell Four stuck beam gymnasts scored 9s. It started with Underwood's

"She says, 'Wow, tough crowd to follow,' and "This is definitely the she turned around and did best way to finish up the exactly the same thing," in the tournament. Rau

Rau's 9.3 was the top 8.1; and Kowalski, 7.8. at the perfect time too, so floor score of the night. this is going to give them Leannah Seese had Lowell's made by Dickerman (8.15), confidence and momentum fourth-highest floor exercise Rau (7.85), Kowalski (7.0)

On bars, Dickerman led

and Underwood (7.1). Saturday's conference meet both scored 8.75 on floor at Rockford. The fifth-place to tie for 14th place. Seese finish combined with their scored 8.15.

On the floor exercise, regular season record was good enough to put Lowell in fourth-place tie with Mona Shores in the conference for the conference meet was

> Top scorers for Lowell on vault were Dickerman, whose 8.4 tied her for 14th scored 8.15; Underwood,

> Top scores on bars were and Underwood (6.7).

Beam scores were The beam event is what were made by Rau (8.95), handed in by Underwood helped Lowell reach that Dickerman (8.75), Kowalski (7.925), Dickerman (7.35), score. Four gymnasts made (8.45) and Underwood Kowalski (7.3) and Rau

> In the floor exercise, with an 8.65 followed by Underwood's 8.8 was Rau (7.65), Kowalski (7.5) Lowell's highest score and the 13th-highest score at the Lowell placed fifth in meet. Rau and Dickerman

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of February 14, 2005

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board added a request for an overnight student trip to the consent items on the agenda. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist,

Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He reported that the students are appreciative of the refinished stage floor at the LPAC, funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund. The Student Council will be joined by the Alto Student Council at their upcoming as a result of this project. meeting at the high school. A blood drive sponsored by the Student Council will be held on March 4.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

· Sheri Woolery donation of infant formula, infant car seat carrier and infant stroller to be used by the Unity planned for one day this spring. High School nursery.

\$3950 to be used by the technology department. Approved the amendment to the 2004-2005 general fund, members recently received diversity training by Dr. Steve

Approved the Driver Training Program Fees at \$280 for science textbooks will be reviewed in the near future.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

· Minutes for January 10, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, January 10, 2005 Regular Meeting, and January 24, 2005 Workshop

• The following payment of bills for January 2005: GENERAL FUND. ..\$1,079,106.45 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

> A. Food Service Fund. .\$67,128.44 ..\$6,019.85 B. Athletic Fund.,

2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND. ..\$9,587.42 2004 ENERGY BOND FUND. ..\$135,926.00 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. ..\$30,796.75

Schools of Choice Resolution

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Honeywell projects taking place in the buildings. Larry and a representative from Honeywell will be at the March Board meeting to give a final report and share cost savings to the Regional contests. Shari thanked Kevin Nugent for

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - Larry Mikulski and parent, Dee McKendrick, reported on the Safe Walk to School program. Collaboration with the City's Dept. of Public Works and the Police Department has made this endeavor a success. Another Walk to School day is being

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on · Alticor donation of computer monitors valued at the MEAP testing changes. This year's 11th graders will be taking the MEAP just prior to Spring Break. Staff Robbins entitled "Unintentional Intolerance". New

TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Shari Miller updated the Board on district technology. Computer labs have been added at Cherry Creek, Middle School and High School. K-12 Technology Curriculum continues to be developed and software is continually being analyzed to meet student

BOARD BYLAWS REVISION - Due to changes in election law, the Board bylaws need to be revised concerning the school election. This item will be brought to the March meeting for adoption on its second reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller congratulated Dee Crowley and Susan Langford as well as high school students who participated in the Business Professionals Association (BPA) Regional Competition. · Overnight Student Trip - LHS Dance Team to Detroit Nine out of the 12 students who attended advanced to State Competition. On February 2, 59 FFA members from FACILITY UPDATE - Larry Mikulski reported on the Lowell traveled to Saranac to compete in the District Leadership contest. Of the twelve teams Lowell had competing at the district contests, five of them advanced his great efforts with the FFA. School building visits are highlights of the work week, and Shari offered thanks to parents and staff for all their efforts in helping students

PRINCIPAL WEEK RECOGNITION - Board members presented principals with leadership books in honor of Principals Week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop Monday, February 28, 2005 - 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

> **Board Meeting** Monday, March 14, 2005 Runciman Administration Building -Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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Lowell stuffs Greenville 51-29, falters at Unity

By Dan Schneider

varsity half, but they'd started too decisively last week against Greenville.

The host Red Arrows combination of them playing beat the Yellow Jackets 51-29 in what was primarily a defensive game. And for the duration of the points for Lowell. game. Lowell also forced harder offensively.

the first and outscored the scored seven. Jackets in each subsequent 11 at halftime, after which overall this season. Greenville brought in some

good defense and a lack of discipline on our part." Josh Hettinga led the defense worked well for Lowell offense, scoring 14 Lowell, whose full-court points and hitting two 3press frustrated Greenville pointers. Brad Shea had 11

Greenville coach Rick

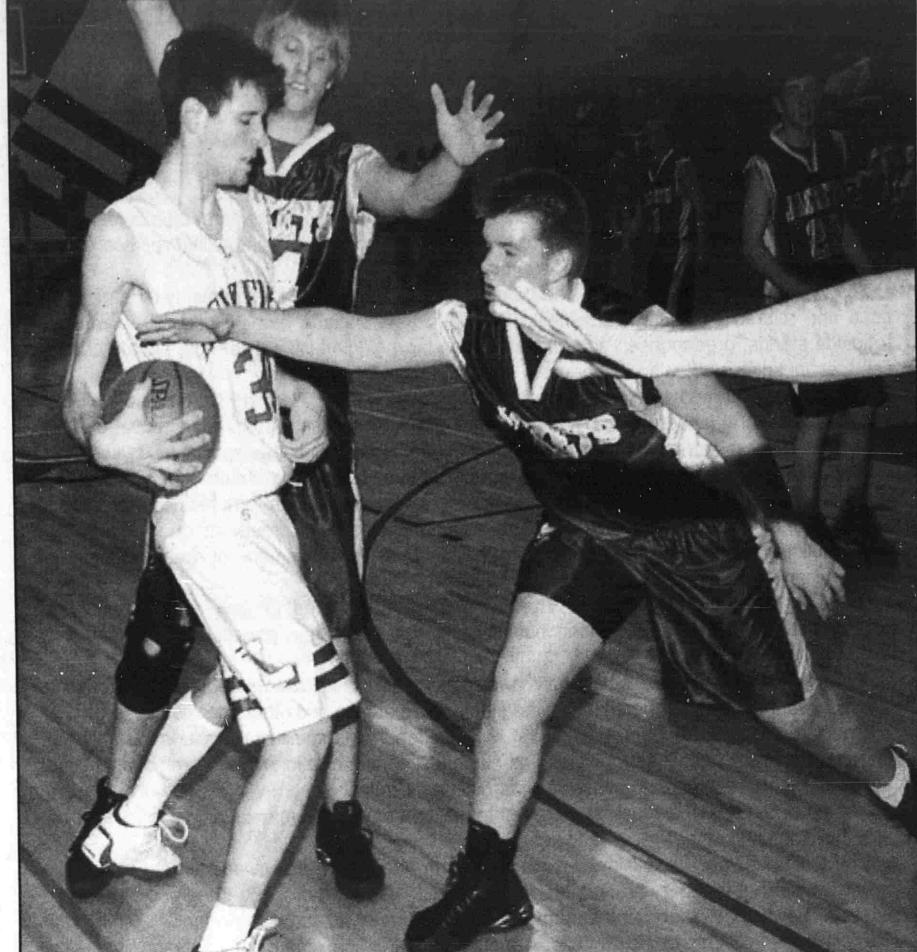
Lewis blamed the loss on "a

far behind.

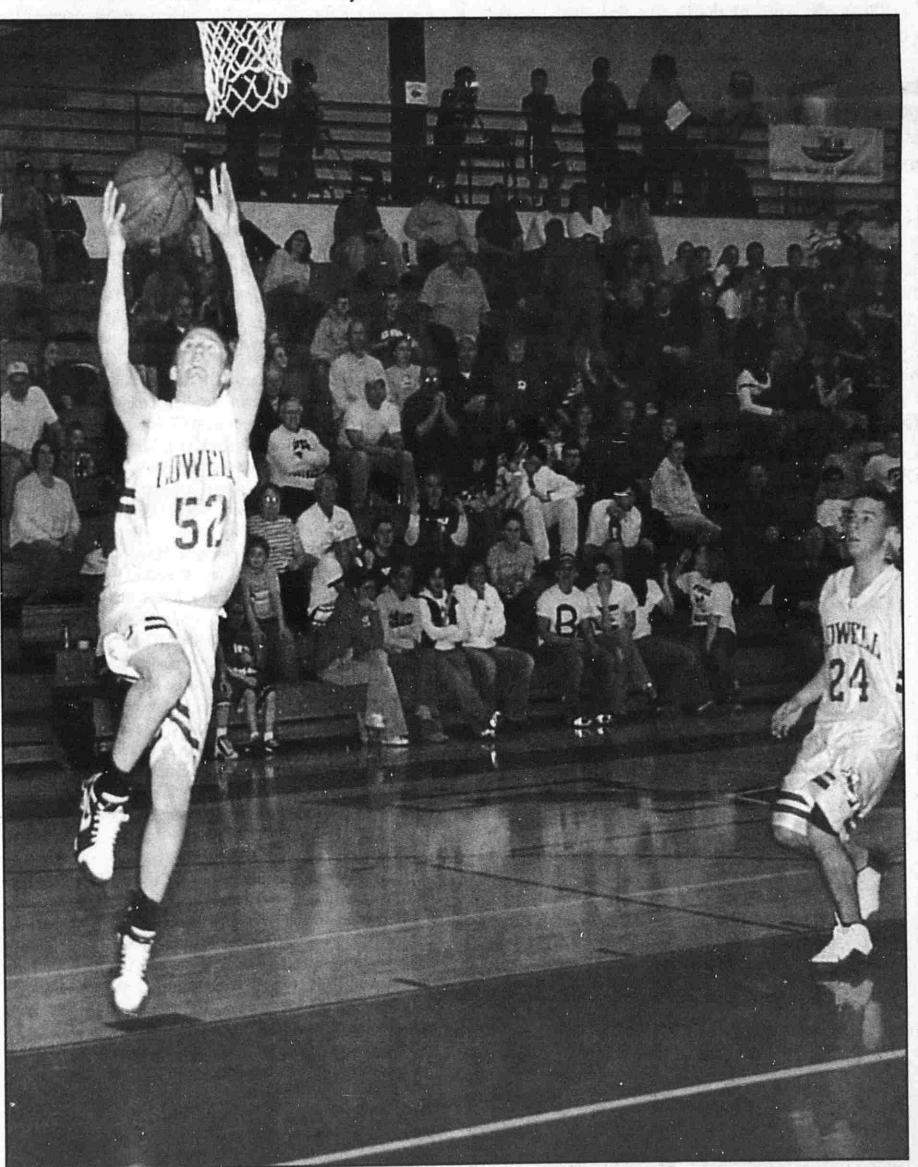
Greenville to work on the suffered a road loss last outside, which made things Friday at Unity Christian. Lowell led in the first Lowell had the run of the quarter but the Crusaders court for the first half. The had a strong second quarter Arrows allowed only three and held on to the lead for points in the first quarter, all the remainder of the game. of them from free throws. Hettinga led Lowell with They were up 15-3 after 12 points and Mike Koster

The Red Arrows are guarter. The score was 28- 5-8 in conference and 7-11

They faced Cedar new players and started Springs at home Tuesday putting an offense together. and will play a crossover Greenville matched up with game with the OK Gold Lowell better in the second conference Friday.



Lowell's Casey Randolph holds the ball as time runs out last Tuesday against Greenville.



Lowell's Mike McElroy goes up for a fast-break layup as a Greenville defender runs past behind him. Lowell's defense created several fast-break opportunities against the Yellow Jackets.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning two ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance would add Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District and Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District to the zoning ordinance. These articles would replace current Article 6, the A Agricultural District, in its entirety.

1. A-1 Agricultural District. The proposed A-1 District is intended primarily for agricultural uses and related agricultural activities. Permitted uses include farming and farm dwellings, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, non-farm single-family dwellings, private stables, commercial riding stables and other uses.

Certain special land uses are permitted if approved by the Planning Commission. These include agricultural labor housing, kennels, retail greenhouses and nurseries, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the number of lots that may be created out of a parcel of land, in addition to an existing principal dwelling. Lots created for non-farm residential purposes are to be of a specified minimum size. The district includes other provisions on minimum yard sizes, building height, maximum lot coverage, minimum and maximum lot area, minimum lot width, minimum dwelling size and other provisions.

2. A-2 Agricultural District. The A-2 District is intended for low density residential development in a rural environment, but including farm land and providing for protection of valued natural features.

Permitted uses include single-family dwellings, general and specialized farming, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, private stables, cemeteries and other specified uses.

Special land uses, subject to approval by the Planning Commission, include kennels and veterinary hospitals, retail greenhouses and nurseries, communications towers, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products, country clubs and golf courses, athletic grounds, bed and breakfast establishments, churches, commercial riding stables, public utility buildings and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the maximum number of lots, in addition to an existing principal dwelling, that may be created out of a parcel of land, based on the gross area of the parcel. The district includes other provisions on minimum lot area, minimum lot width, yard sizes, maximum width to depth ratio, agricultural buffer, maximum lot coverage, minimum dwelling unit size and other provisions.

3. Other Provisions in the Ordinance. Sections 3.49 and 14.17 of the Township zoning ordinance would be amended so as to make appropriate references to the A-1 and the A-2 zoning districts and so as to adopt certain minor changes in the existing provisions.

Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance would amend Section 5.03 of the zoning ordinance pertaining to the zoning map, so as to rezone lands in the Township as follows:

1. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-1 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-1 Zoning."

2. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-2 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-2 Zoning District."

3. The above-stated ordinance to rezone the described lands would become effective only on or following the effective date of the ordinance adopting proposed Article 6, the A-Agricultural District, and proposed Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing on the above-stated amending ordinances. Written comments concerning the ordinances may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 7, 2005 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

EXBHIBIT A Grattan Township Proposed A-1 Zoning

EXBHIBIT B Grattan Township Proposed A-2 Zoning District



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Gladys Thorne

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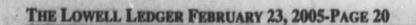
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