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Miracle on the mat!

Lowell wrestlers topple Sparta; Red Arrows bound for state

By Dan Schneider

he Lowell Red Arrow wrestlers defied all odds and surprised everyone in attendance with an upset victory over Sparta in the regional finals at home.

Lowell won the match on a tiebreaker criterion, most matches won. The final score was 32-32.

Lowell won eight of its 14 matches. It was the only regional championship match in any division in the state to end in a tiebreaker.

Lowell co-captain Joe Mendez passed an individual milestone during the match. He won his 200th career victory, pinning Rob Yahrmarkt in 5:25 in the 135-weight match.

The Red Arrows travel to Battle Creek Friday to compete in the Division 2 state finals. It's the second year in a row they had to get through Sparta to get there. This season, though, Lowell was the underdog, and it took a major upset win to get back to the finals.

Regional champs, cont'd., pg. 14



The Red Arrow wrestling team celebrates after defeating Sparta to win the regional championship. Lowell will wrestle Oxford in the first round of the state finals Friday at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

City tries to clear the air before annexation hearing Thursday

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

There is one thing of Lowell and Vergennes Township residents can bet on for this week: there will be a public hearing on the annexation of 177 acres from Vergennes to the city of Lowell.

boundary state commission is set to hold the hearing at 4 p.m. Thursday at the City Hall. Because of the amount of discussion concerning the annexation, the crowd is expected to be Talks between the city and township continue on a 425 agreement. Such an agreement would provide tax

sharing between the two municipalities and through negotiations, under what jurisdiction and when the property would fall.

While those talks are ongoing, Lowell city manager David Pasquale said he doubts whether any agreement will be in place before the hearing.

"At this point, the one thing you can be certain of is there will be a hearing on Thursday," Pasquale said.

In the 425 agreement talks, the township suggested that the two attorneys representing Vergennes and the city of Lowell meet behind closed doors to hammer out some of the

details in the agreement. However, the city council at its last meeting rejected the idea, concerned in part because of some of the controversy surrounding the annexation process and how

the city has been viewed.

At the recommendation of councilman Jim Pfaller,

Annexation, cont'd., pg. 8

LAAC presents conceptual plans for Riverwalk site

J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Proposed plans on what to do with the space that currently houses the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Public Works sign shop met with a cool reception from the Lowell City Council last week.

A facilities committee from the Lowell Area Arts Council presented certainly may not be the final used for constructing

the proposed plans to the city council. The informal discussion was to update councilmembers and city staff on what has taken place since the initial request of relocating the LAAC to the city's riverwalk across from the Lowell showboat.

Jim White, chairman of theLAAC facilities committee, said the plan presented was not one "cast in stone" and plan that comes before the city. White acknowledged that there were still some things that needed to be ironed out before any moving took place: one being what would happen to the city's sign shop. The space where the LAAC proposes to move to on the riverwalk, located next to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, is currently

signs and painting, and is a temporary shelter for stray animals, said DPW director Dan DesJarden. Currently the city has no place for the sign shop. DesJarden said there was some discussion about grant money that could be obtained to help relocate the sign shop.

White said the LAAC is not trying to take anything Riverwalk plans, cont'd., pg. 17 The Lowell Ledger Homeless Fire Truck ... Page 8 LIVE 5 Logo Contest Winner ... and Da Moonlight Returns ... Page 10 Costumes Acquired ... Page 11



PORTER - Wayne C. Porter, sisters Liz-Betty (Marty) aged 47, of Lowell, passed Eckerman, Linda (Brian) away suddenly February 21. Crane; brother-in-law Mike 2005 in Orlando, Florida. (Mary) Dev; sisters-in-He is survived by his wife law Susan (Mark) Ewing, Barbara (nee Dey); two sons Mary (Jim) Wernet, Laura Donald of Lake Ann, Mich., (Frank) Leasure, Kathe Richard at home; brothers (David) Biggs; mother-in-Les (Debbie) Porter, law Dolores Dey; many Joseph Porter, Lynn Porter; nieces and nephews, great-

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **NOTICE OF**

PUBLIC HEARING

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, PO Box 208, Lowell Michigan 49331, to accept public comment on the following applications:

Lone Pine Development Co. LLC is 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. purpose of the amendment is to allow singlefamily home sites to be developed under the R-2 zoning requirements.

David Stockreef is requesting a private road review on the existing private Alden Pines Dr. The Stockreef's are creating a new parcel located at the road entrance that will front on the private road. A land division on any existing private road requires upgrading to the current private road standards. Waivers are requested on upgrading the road. The property is located at 11960 Alden Pines Dr Lowell in the NE quarter of section 28, parcel # 41-16-028-200-008.

The proposed zoning map amendment application and the private road review 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 PM on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

was preceded in death by his programs where he served was a nationally recognized parents Donald and Vivian as president of the Lowell and respected senior vice (Holmes) Porter, father-in- Youth Football as well as president with Primerica law George Dey, brother- a coach in the program. Financial Services for 21 in-law Scott Averill. Wayne Wayne encouraged his years. Funeral services were was active in football at whole family to follow held Saturday at St. Mary Mona Shores High School the Green Bay Packers as Church, Lowell, and Grand Valley State avidly as he did. Whenever George Fekete and Rev. University. He remained possible, Wayne could be

nephews, cousins. Wayne involved in Lowell football found on a golf course. He

Willie Fred Tyler officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to CASA. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 633 Third Avenue, New York. NY 10017-6706, www.

Hardt Happenings SWEET, named personal sentative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative

Kent District Library is hosting its second annual "Teen Poetry Contest" during March. Between now and March 31, teens can pick up a set of rules and entry form at any branch, or visit www.kdl.org. A winner will be selected at each of the 18 branches, and that person will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Schuler Books & Music. Winning entries will be posted online and in a special 2005 poetry booklet.

For more information, call the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-178,968-DE

ESTATE of

Melvin Clifford Sweet Date of birth: 05/26/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent MELVIN CLIFFORD SWEET, who igan, died 12/30/2004. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

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02/23/2005 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Craig A. Bruggink P.L.C. P-29358 429 Turner NW lived at 829 Parkway Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich- 616-456-5048

notice.

Melvin Sweet 707 Green Acres Bellaire, MI 49615 231-675-6107

within 4 months after the

date of publication of this

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 18, 2005

Mayor Shores welcomed Boy Scout Troop 102. Scout Master Tim VanderWulp explained the scouts are working toward citizenship within the community.

Minutes of the January 3, 2005 meeting were approved as presented and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to allocate \$52,799.83 as presented for the Beech and Ridgeview sidewalk improvements and the North Kent Transit assistance as well as submitting a request of \$5,000 for a Master Plan update.
- Motion to adopt the resolution for collecting Grand Rapids Community College summer taxes for 2005.
- Motion to strike \$638.62 from the 1999 delinguent tax roll.
- Motion to adopt the resolution honoring Michigan Municipal League Executive Director George D. Goodman on his
- Motion to adopt the resolution instituting the Clean Michigan Initiative Abandoned Well Management program.
- Motion to adopt the resolution for entering into grant agreement with the State of Michigan regarding the new voting system.
- Motion to table the private street issued involving 911, 925 and 951 Grindle for 60 days (second meeting in March) until the developer can return to the City Council.

Motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2005.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

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New store helps you sell in cyberspace

By Dan Schneider

Selling things on the eBay auction web site has proven popular enough that even in Lowell there is a business devoted to the

trading assistants for about

For a percentage of what at home," Amy Reedy said. the item brings at auction on the eBay web site, the thing they have posted on Reedys will photograph the eBay, and also the largest, item, write a description of is an industrial planer from

business, we were filling up

"It's picking up in the things E-Seller4U posts for people are smaller and shipped via UPS.

The Reedys are not So far, the strangest employed by the web site and are not a subsidiary.

"We're totally on our own," Reedy said. To be trading assistants,

they had to meet criteria. This includes keeping up a 98 percent positive feedback rating from buyers (theirs is 99.3 percent positive).

The Reedy's experience with eBay also can help people understand the economics of selling by online auction.

"eBay has opened up the world," Reedy said. "Its no longer just the people who can afford to travel and get these things from people. So it totally changes the valuing process of items."

Currently, the office is open from 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays. It's a parttime line of work for both Reedys. Amy works in the Saranac schools and Don works in real estate. But the popularity of the service may change that.

"It's getting more and more busy," Reedy said. "It's going to have to be one of our full-time jobs assistants." Amy and Don out of their home, but have would have filled the entire shortly

> The service has its own web site, e-seller4u.com

Amy Reedy with a vase she is selling for a customer on eBay.

freight cargo box. Most of and have been registered space. Rep. Hildenbrand participates in "March is Reading" month

E-Seller4Uhas occupied it, post it on the site for a a sawmill in Grand Rapids,

the storefront at 119 West seven-day auction, handle bought by a company in

Main Street since January. buyers' questions and ship New York state and later

The eBay web site calls the item. They had been shipped to the Philippines.

such enterprises "trading operating the posting service The piece of machinery

Reedy have been selling since become busy enough office. It was shipped out

items on eBay since 1997 to need their own office of Grand Rapids in a sea-

Hildenbrand, R-Lowell, will the opportunity to spend be visiting local elementary time reading to them. It is reading to students to are our future workers and

leaders," said Hildenbrand.

learn how to read. Not only reading is such a creative

Rep. Dave "I'm excited that I have outlet and helps shape our "I look forward to any

schools in the 86th District important that each child chance given to me to get into the classrooms and talk promote "March is Reading" will it help them get through with students. Reading to school and find a job, but them is a great way to show

them that when you learn to read, you can do anything."

For more information on Rep. Hildenbrand, visit online office at www. gophouse.com/hildenbrand

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. Call 897-5150 or 897-8754.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Class of 2007 will sponsor an indoor garage sale on Saturday, March 5, 9-2 p.m. in Lowell High School cafeteria. 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, 1 p.m. buffet. Call Mary 863-683-6336.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Parents and interested persons are welcome to attend the Academic Boosters meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room of the high

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Various merchants in Lowell are promoting a "girls night out," Thursday, March 10, 6-9 p.m. Call the chamber (897-9161) or visit the website www. lowellchamber.org

FOODMOBILE

Anyone living in the Greater Lowell area is invited to stop at the Foodmobile at the Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Building, on Saturday, March 12 between 10 and 11 a.m. to pick up free produce. Bring own bag or box. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lowell Senior Center is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 19 from 8-11 a.m. \$2.50 includes eggs, sausage, juice and coffee.

COMMUNITY EXPO

Lowell Community Expo, Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Lowell High School. Call chamber 897-9161 for application.





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11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331

Tickets on sale in the Lowell High School Main Office

With Shari Miller Lowell Schools Superintendent

We are very fortunate in the Lowell area to have strong parent and community support. Through these articles, we try to address areas that may be of interest to you. This week I would like to address the work of the Board of Education and ways in which our Board receives communication.

The Lowell Board of Education is composed of seven members from our community. Board members participate in a variety of meetings in order to receive information from parents and community members. Each month the Board conducts two regular sessions: one session is the formal Board meeting and the second session is the Board workshop.

The regular Board meeting is where the Board conducts business and votes upon the issues that are brought before them. Board members also hear reports from teachers, administrators, staff and students. Often, students are recognized at the Board meeting for either academic or extracurricular achievements. Principals and other administrators attend each regular Board meeting and report on building and department activities. Individuals have an opportunity to address the Board of Education during the public comment portion of the meeting. These meetings are taped and shown on the Lowell Cable Channel.

The Board also participates each month in a workshop. Board members roll up their sleeves and spend time discussing current issues in the district. They gather information and learn about business items that will be brought forward for action in a future regular Board meeting. Board members provide oversight for the district, set policy for the district,

and monitor district activities. They review the strategic initiatives of the district and participate in goal setting based upon an analysis of relevant data.

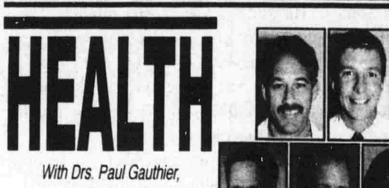
Board members gather information in a variety of ways. They serve on district committees and then report back to the full Board. Board members also receive a Board Update each week. The Update contains a written report of the events of the week. Central Office Administrators Connie Gillette, Mark Kasmer, Pam Thomas and I provide information. Additionally, principals and other administrators write articles each month regarding the specific work in their schools. Building newsletters, notes from parent and student meetings, and other relevant information are included for Board members' review. This type of "homework assignment" provides Board members with a broad overview of many of the district and school projects and activities.

Board members gather information informally.

Parents and community members often stop to talk with Board members in the grocery store, in church, or at the hardware. Board members receive phone calls at home and have an email address that goes to the Board President and then is forwarded to the rest of the Board. This email is boardofed@lowellschools.com.

We appreciate the leadership, time and energy that our Board members contribute to the Lowell Area Schools.

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



Wayne A. Christenson III.

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

RED WINE AND PROSTATE CANCER

Many studies have shown that moderate wine drinking benefits the cardiovascular system by lowering the risk of heart attack and increasing HDL (the "good" cholesterol). A recent study from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle shows that men who drink four or more glasses of red

wine per week are half as likely to develop prostate cancer as nondrinkers. The risk reduction for high grade prostate tumors is even more impressive.

The researchers believe the beneficial effect of red wine is due to resveratrol which is abundant in the skin of red grapes but less so in white grapes. This compound is also found in peanuts and raspberries. Unfortunately, white wine, beer and hard liquor seem to have no protective effect on prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer remains a leading cause of cancer morbidity and mortality among men. We recommend all men over the age of 50 have annual digital rectal exams and PSA screening (prostate blood test). If there is a family history of prostate cancer, screening should begin at age 40. Prostate cancer is very treatable if detected early enough.

This recent study is good news for men. Red wine in moderation not only protects against heart disease but also significantly decreases our risk for prostate cancer.



CITY OF LOWELL'S POSITION ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 177 **ACRES NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF VERGENNES ROAD AND ALDEN NASH**

Over the past several weeks, much has been written and spoken about the proposed annexation of 177 acres in Vergennes Township to the City of Lowell. In an effort to clarify our position, the following public message is provided:

First, the City has never initiated or pursued the annexation. The developers, DuRay Development, have approached the City to provide public utilities and ultimately annexation for new housing. DuRay has applied to the State Boundary Commission for annexation, not the City.

Second, Vergennes Township approached the City regarding a 425 agreement which would provide a tax sharing arrangement for the property in question. The City has met several times with township officials to provide such an agreement and continues to do so.

Thus, the City has not started this action, but is very supportive. The City of Lowell can provide a full range of services including water and sanitary sewer, police protection, electric and cable TV as well as street maintenance. These services will be available to these new residents of our community.

Most importantly, the City believes in cooperation with our neighbors. We have always been a part of every initiative to foster this. The Lowell Area Recreation Authority, which endeavors to create a community wide trail system from Vergennes to the City through Lowell Charter Township, has been supported strongly by the City. Further, the City has joined the townships and the Lowell Area Schools to meet quarterly as the Lowell Area Community Leadership Council, where administrators and elected representatives discuss common concerns There has also been a long standing relationship with the Fire Department.

In conclusion, the City of Lowell would work very hard with DuRay to provide a quality development. Environment and traffic concerns will be accounted and addressed by staff as well as appointed and elected officials. We wish to see this as a development the community can be proud of.

> **Lowell City Council** David M. Pasquale, City Manager

The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.



Longer days and more sunshine promise the arrival of a new season. Soon we can bike, hike, camp, golf or engage in a number of other outdoor activities in relative comfort.

The snow and ice are melting away and ... what's this? .. empty beer cans and discarded fast food wrappers? Yes, unfortunately, you will probably find trash left behind in the woods, along trails and in parking areas. It would seem that if one is able to carry full containers in, it would be easy to carry the empty packages out, but that logic escapes some people. The unsightly debris will remain unless someone picks it up.

This spring when you are out biking, walking, fishing, scouting for turkeys, or whatever gets you out in the woods and fields, make an effort to clean up the area. If you don't,

Be prepared to carry out trash you might find as you roam the backcountry. Save the plastic bags from shopping trips and stuff a bag or two in your pocket or backpack. The bags are easy to carry, can be tied at the top, and are easily dropped in a convenient trash container.

I believe there are more people willing to pick up trash than those who choose to leave it behind, so if we all put forth a little effort, the job will get done. Pitch in and help make our time outdoors more enjoyable.

LOOK AT ME NOW!!

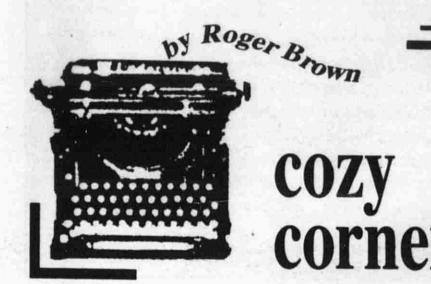
Bob Dedert shown here working on the parallel bars with Physical Therapist, Jay Maglasang, is a recent success story. Bob was admitted to the Laurels of Kent after an operation left him confined to a wheelchair. After receiving physical and occuptional therapy from the Laurels Rehab Team, Bob is now walking independently with no assistive devices. Congratulations, Bob!





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Viewpoint-



We have lost a member of our family. My daughter's family recently traveled from their home in China to New Zealand. The trip was a vacation during the Chinese New Year holiday. Upon reaching their destination, and getting ready for bed, it was discovered that "Hop-a-To" was missing! My daughter has lived in mortal fear of this event for nearly eight years. Now it had happened, and on the first day of a long-planned vacation.

Hop-a-To is/was my granddaughter's "security blanket." I bought him as a gift when Madison (known to me, and subsequently you readers, as Jim Smith) was born. He came from Cousins' Hallmark Shop in Lowell. Karin Hale, the proprietor, helped me pick him out. Hop-a-To was an incredibly soft, stuffed bunny rabbit. His body was pale blue and his ears were a creamy white. He was rather expensive and I cringed at digging that deep for a stuffed animal. Hadguy, I would have paid a hundred times the price.

items she had available to sleep with. When she began to talk, the little rabbit was given the Hop-a-To tag. Our best guess is the name came from being told rabbits go hippityhop, or here comes your rabbit, "hopping to you." Whatever the case, Hop-a-To was the little bunny's name thereafter.

Hop-a-To wasn't just for sleeping. If Jim was upset, nervous, hurt, or just tired and cranky, Mom needed to have the little blue rabbit handy. The effect Hop-a-To had on Jim was nothing short of magical. He could calm fears. He could dry tears. He could sweeten the foulest moods. Now you can understand why my daughter lived in mortal fear of losing the little fuzzball.

incident was at an Ann Taylor shop in a mall. Jim was having a problem with shopping, so Hop-a-To came to the rescue. In the confusion of checking out and rounding up children, Hop-a-To was left behind. His absence wasn't noticed until of Hop-a-To better than I am. bedtime. Pure panic set in!

The next morning my daughter re-traced her previous day. Fortunately, somebody at the dress shop had enough presence of mind to put Hop-a-To under the counter instead of in the trash. After years of being drug around by a little kid and sopping up tears, Hop-a-To looked like he belonged in the trash.

Old Hop-a-To was looking pretty rough when I last saw him in November. His stuffing was mostly missing. The stuffing left was matted into clumps. His coat was paper thin and faded. He had been washed way too many times. From the number of crude repair stitches on his body, you'd think he belonged to Dr. Frankenstein. Despite his rough looks, he could still work that old magic on Jim.

Hop-a-To's front paws were sewn together. Jim would always slip her dainty little hand along his belly and through his joined front legs. She would then palm his face like a baseball and rub his silky little nose with the tip of her index finger. "Presto-chango" a sobbing kid with a skinned knee was all better ... a crabby and whining kid settled down ... a kid upset about having to go to bed was dozing off. He was an amazing little rabbit.

So, what happened to Hop-a-to? On their vacation the family flew Singapore Airlines from Singapore to New Zealand. It was a very long flight, and the kids napped using the airline's pillows and blankets. My daughter's best guess is that Hop-a-To was rolled up in a blanket and overlooked I known how attached Jim would become to the fuzzy little as she rounded up everyone's belongings upon arrival. Seriously, I can't believe this happened. I think my daughter From a baby, Jim always chose Hop-a-To over all the would be more apt to leave behind Jim's little brother Boog before she'd forget Hop-a-To.

The next day my daughter put Singapore Airlines on full alert for the missing Hop-a-To. No luck. It appears that he is officially missing in action. It is a sad and rather inglorious end for such a remarkable little rabbit.

You probably wonder how Jim is doing without her lifelong friend. Her mom says the first night was rather traumatic. Now, it has become a life altering experience. Jim has put up an incredibly strong front. She states matterof-factly that she is almost eight years old and doesn't need to sleep with a stuffed animal. That's about all she has to say on the subject of Hop-a-To. She immediately moves on There were some close calls over the years. One notable to a new topic of conversation. A very grown-up attitude, Thornapple.

> After reading over what I have here so far, and finding month. myself forcing back a tear. I think Jim is handling the loss

Is anyone else tired of hearing about the DuRay

Development? Nobody wants to see building in our

backyards. But did you buy or build a house in Lowell? If

you did, you either directly or indirectly developed a piece

view, buy it. It worked for us. Please stop the whining!

of new consumers that won't need to visit existing sources.

it costs an average of \$1.35 for every \$1.00 collected in

Feb. 16 Ledger. Concerned citizens are not saying that the

land must never be developed! The hope is to keep it a part

of Vergennes and be developed with density per their master

plan for the good of the entire area, with buffer zones and

no commercial spaces. Trails and parks to be enjoyed by all

would be a nice bonus ("no trespassing" signs unnecessary).

The developer says he will build with green spaces, but it

was revealed that he is fighting a lawsuit for reneging on this

Also, I wish to respond to Bradley Potter's letter in the

John Nash of Bowne shot an eagle weighing 15 pounds

the way from Germany for that purpose."

More rain and more mud this week.

Ledger Entries

Priscilla

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

with a seven-foot wingspread. Sixty-six men have died in Michigan's pine woods this

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

MARCH 3, 1880

"A lady is studying in the state university who came all

There are several new ads in this week's Journal, says

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100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 2, 1905

The C. Guy Perry's entertained the Moonshine Pedro Club Thursday evening.

And the Fred McKay's entertained the Poverty Club and the Jolly Twenty Club Saturday evening.

Mrs. Halsted was thrown from a sleigh on Main Street, fracturing a bone in her left limb.

Work on the Grand Rapids and Ionia Electric Line will begin as soon as weather permits, Pres. Hopkins says. It will include three bridges over the Grand River and one over the

Lowell Light and Power minimum charge is \$5 a

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **FEBRUARY 27, 1930**

There are 235 postal workers and their wives who enjoy a banquet at City Hall at the first meeting of the year for the Michigan Inter-County Postal Workers.

Methodists celebrate Washington's birthday with 125 attending a banquet and program.

Lowell Granite Co. installs a large air compressor and the latest sandblasting equipment, to meet demand.

of land yourself. You ruined somebody's view, place to hike The Legion Post is buying 10,000 pine seedlings to or some critter's habitat. What we say is, if you like the plant on land surrounding the village.

> The old Smyrna dam breaks off under ice and water pressure and is being patched until the new dam is finished.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 3, 1955

The postwar increase in birthrates is now bulging After attending the land annexation info. session Feb. 16, I feel compelled to express a "heads up" to the community at attendance up through the fourth grade, says Supt. Gumser. large and particularly to those who own or earn their living The Masons are sponsoring a dance at the Masonic Hall

Friday with Bob Mattison's orchestra.

at a business in Lowell. As printed in the Ledger a couple of Boston Township has a big problem with uncontrolled proposed 177 acres are annexed to the city, it is the intent dumping and has been told that a zoning ordinance would

of DuRay to request high density zoning for a development be the best solution. complete with commercial/retail/ office/doctor buildings. In Alto makes plans for a Ground Observer Corps and will other words, a "mini-me" town just north of town. Hundreds

build a tower for the operation. It's time to register for spring elections.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 27, 1980**

Lowell's ice hockey team beats Forest Hills Central for he Ford cup.

It's moving time for St. Mary's; services will be held in the new church, starting this Sunday.

Kimberley and Christopher Kamphuis, along with several other children born in Korea, become naturalized citizens in Grand Rapids Federal Court. Farmers can get the latest livestock reports, updated

three times a day, by calling a Lansing telephone number. Kent Skills Center gets a brand new, damaged-in-transit

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To The Editor

(In re Ledger, Feb. 9, "Downtown loses oldest ...)" Good lord, Mr. Ford, what have you done?

The passing of the downtown hardware store by whatever name is the fin du mond. "Hahn's" was always my run of country, more than any hardware store anyplace. They would loan - yes - loan you things. One September, I was doing some awful high-wire painting and went in search of an ice chopper for "prep" work. Sears at Woodland was an early stop, but seeking something like that in the summer ...? Almost apologetically I checked into Hahn's, and there she blew."

There was also the time (I can tell it now) when I was weeks ago and confirmed by the developer last night, if the unsure how an oak stain would look on fixed wood in the house. Himself told me to take it home for a try and, just amazing, put a little thinner in the can to top it off if the stuff was not right for the job. I bought it, however, in not one of my wiser moves.

Descending into the establishment's catacombs was Good-bye increased sales and night skies. Hello Lowell tax almost an honour. The place reminded me of my cellar but increase to provide governmental services? In Michigan, with things of actual value.

One writer to the Ledger (Feb. 16) concerning this taxes. disaster for traditional values said that working at the hardware store taught him "many hard-working ethics." Give it up, fella. Every time I get interested in hard work, disaster inevitably follows.

Bob Ford made only one material error in the interview, referring to the new stuff on the west side of town as "progress" which finally overwhelmed him. Not much of those developments, sir, are progress. I see it everywhere, so ours is not a significant human advance. Bon voyage.

Respectfully, very issue in a development in Gaines Charter Township.

G. M. Ross

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 9 El Camino from Chevrolet.



Newlyweds Jessica and James Roush pictured with their wedding party at Bucuti Beach, Aruba.

Bucuti Beach Resort's cian and the bride works in setting for a romantic wedding of 2004. for Jessica and James Roush. of Lowell.

Vows were exchanged 6, 2004.

The groom is an electrimany anniversaries."

"Dream Beach of the World" IP Telephony. She received on the island of Aruba was the her business degree in June

"Aruba is a beautiful island and the warmth of the people made it a perfect place during an intimate wed- to start our lives as a married ding ceremony on August couple. We hope to return to Aruba and Bucuti to celebrate



Dr. Roger La Warre First Congregational United Church of Christ

There is a much quoted scripture among Christian brothers and sisters. It goes like this: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16) When this is quoted, at least by many of those that seeking to let a brother or sister know that they don't fit into the equation of God's kingdom unless they believe in Jesus.

Engagements

Mathews/Sells

of Lowell are pleased to December 2005. announce the engagement of their daughter Abbey the son of Bruce and Susan Mathews, of Lowell, to Chris Sells of Norton Shores. Sells, of Norton Shores.

graduated from Lowell High is School in 2001. She attended Community College and Cornerstone University and will graduate in May 2006. is currently attending Grand Rapids Community College, for June 4, 2005.

Al and Jayne Mathews where she will graduate in

The future groom is He graduated from Mona bride-elect Shores High School in 2000, attending Muskegon

A wedding is planned



Chris Sells and Abbey Mathews

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It is almost as if we unintentionally, I believe, see ourselves

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to participate in a 10-week summer teen volunteer

conference room on April 14 at 7 p.m. Registration is necessary to attend. Call Barb Wingard at 252-7009 for more information or contact your school counselor for

There is an invitation that these two verses bring to worshiping Jesus over and above worshiping God - almost "all people. It is an invitation to let go of the mind-set, the like there are two separate entities. This is unfortunate, when innuendos and the phobias that cause us to condemn others it happens, for two reasons. One, the early church did not until they measure up to our own standards. It is an invitation worship but one, true and almighty God, the Lord of life and to know that God is not going to abandon us - never has death, the conqueror of all that is evil and sinful - the God abandoned us - to our worst instincts or mean spiritedness. of grace and mercy, forgiveness and power. We, on the other It is an invitation to know that who ever you are, God, in the hand, have found it easier to relate to Jesus and therefore, life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus, has fulfilled have learned to talk of Jesus in terms that can sound as if we all that is needed for you and for me to see the power of true love and forgiveness. We can be assured of God's love and The second unfortunate aspect of this "automatic" use we can find a home in the community of God's people that of John's gospel is that we see John 3:16 and overlook the will enable us to grow and nurture our life in that love. God assurance of God's love that is given in verse 17: "Indeed, (a does not desire that we should continue to hurt each other statement that emphasizes the importance and finality of this and the natural world. The non-condemning God does seek pronouncement) God did not send the Son into the world to us, invites us, to turn from our condemning and self-serving I have heard, it is quoted with just a touch of condemnation, condemn the world, but in order that the world might be ways so that abundant life can overflow us. Think about it saved through him (through God's loving and revealing please.

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FRI: Pepperoni pizza sandwich, pineapple, salad, milk.

"Harp Throbs and Celtic Lore" at Franciscan Life Process Center

Lovers of the harp and those who enjoy the frolicking lyrics of Irish music should reserve their seats soon for "Harp Throbs and Celtic Lore," the Franciscan Life Process Center's musical event which celebrates the coming of St. Patrick's Day.

Bagpipes played by Celtic multi-instrumentalist Dave Stuart O'Neil will welcome guests to the Saturday, March 12 (7 p.m.) and Sunday, March 13 (3 p.m.) performances at the center, 11650 Downes St.

Thirteen harpists will play Irish music in solo, duets and group harmony, while a vocalist and other instrumentalists add variety to each day's performance.

The talent of music educators and music therapists on staff at the center will also be on display for your enjoyment.

Tickets are \$15 per person, \$25 for a couple, and \$50 for a family of four or more. Coffee, tea, punch and dessert are included. Proceeds benefit the center's music programming which offers music therapy for persons with autism or other special needs. For tickets, call the center at 897-7842.

Pictured are children listening intently as Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E, practices a portion of music she will perform during "Harp Throbs and Celtic Lore." After learning how a harp works, each child was invited to make their own music by strumming and picking the strings.



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the fall 2004 semester. From the Lowell area Batt, Anne Beenen, Amanda Bouwkamp, Kelsey Capps, Katherine Cornish, Ryan Curtis, Betsy Eldridge, Tiffany Gauger, David Johnson, Ashley Kehoe, Caleb O'Boyle, Anthony Pedley.

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About 2,800 students were among the December

MARCH 4: Pat Fonger, graduates at Central Michigan Scott Vashaw, Bryce Tulppo, From Lowell are Lisa Bryan (BAA), Jonathon Milley (BSBA) and William

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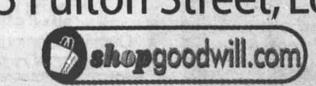
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Fire truck will stay in storage until new home is constructed

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The city's 1946 fire display spot on Main Street anymore. That's because with the relocation of Touch of Country, the fire engine had to be moved and put in storage until a new home could be found-or as fire chief Frank Martin hopes, constructed.

"King Milling was very generous to let us display the engine there for the past several years," Martin said, "and we always knew there would come a time when it might have to be moved." That time came a few weeks ago when the Lowell Area Fire Department relocated the truck from the building at Broadway and Main.

2000 the truck has left the truck was used in the funeral procession of former fire chief Frank Baker.

On Friday, Martin

be until its new home is completed, a task Martin is now working on.

said he drove the truck to it is create a glass house Mt. Pleasant created for an a storage place in Lowell that would be located near antique fire truck it owned building. That year, the fire Township, where it will the Look Memorial Fire during his tenure there.

> City manager David pavilion with glass on the Pasquale said this is similar sides and lighting inside so "What I want to do with to a structure that the city of people could view the engine

at night. The building would also be designed so the truck could be taken out and used in parades and other city Martin envisions a functions. Moving the truck

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Annexation, cont'd...From Page 1

would be done because the chamber wants to maintain Myers. its own autonomy by having

where the sign shop could be councilmembers noted, was site to the community. relocated. The proposal calls that it would create some

said since the building is both organizations to use. When first approached owned by the city, he saw

away, adding that future space for the LAAC, part opportunity for the city to be feet running mainly across plans include looking at of the concept, as several able to offer another meeting the front of the building.

"There would still be a meeting room and LAAC for the chamber to retain all shared space for the LAAC some shared space," said of its space at 113 Riverwalk and the chamber. "With LAAC executive director Plaza. It would gain an extra the arts council there [on the Lorain Smalligan. A second office, but would keep its riverwalk], it would give entrance would open up gallery space and separate both the arts council and the into an area that would be entrance. White said this chamber more exposure," part of the LAAC gallery said councilman Charles and behind, there would be only a conceptual idea with a shared copy machine and At the same time, Myers workspace for volunteers of

The gallery space would and looking at costs.

and other activities.

open during special events different again.

Riverwalk Plaza.

Behind the gallery would be its Tuesday night meeting was the fifth drawing done. would lead to public restrooms which would be the project could look

White said this was Smalligan said the LAAC planned to maintain its the committee planning to currently location on move into the next phase of Broadway as well as have putting together drawings the second location on

To the Editor, continued... From Page 5

concerned about annexation are people that have lived here did not initiate the paperwork for this annexation. Only the for 30+ years or have moved into homes built long ago and have not contributed to urban sprawl one bit! If newcomers live in areas that were planned to be high density, so be it. The objection is this is not environmentally- nor locationappropriate land to change to city density for the inordinate richness of a few at the expense of so much.

This is a critical location, and now is the imperative time to band together to expand in an intelligent way. What happens here sets the tone for future development of all touching parcels, perhaps even if only connected by a sly "hanging chad." With hundreds more adjacent acres owned by people ok with city annexation, and the city of Lowell eager to gobble that land, Lowell businesses had best beware indeed; they may face the same fate as Hahn Hardware and so many others when consumers are diverted to other shopping areas!

Dear Editor.

Thank you for printing my letter to the editor in your Feb. 23 issue. A telephone caller asked me to clarify a potentially misleading statement in my letter. I wrote, "The city of Lowell is seeking to annex 177 acres from Vergennes Township to be used for a high density, mixed

Also, an overwhelming number of those rightfully use development by DuRay Developers." The city of Lowell landowner, a majority of persons owning land located on the property, or a prospective landowner with a valid option to purchase may legally submit the actual application to annex. DuRay Developers submitted the paperwork requesting annexation with the blessing and full cooperation of the city

The caller made no comment about the city of Lowell's desire to increase service expenses beyond the income received from this development. The caller made 'no comment about the city of Lowell's desire to place new commercial ventures in an area lying outside downtown Lowell. The caller made no comment about the demand this development will place on the Lowell sewer system.

Don't substitute finger-pointing for legitimate selfinterest. This development is a terrible idea for the city of Lowell. It's a terrible idea for Vergennes Township. Please Daina Ward come to the Michigan Boundary Commission hearing on Thursday, March 3 at 4 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Tell the boundary commissioners how you feel about increasing your expenses, limiting your ability to attract new industry, threatening your downtown development, and alienating your neighbors. This isn't good for anybody.

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LHS junior is LIVE 5 logo contest winner

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by the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer received a \$500 savings bond donated by Ionia County Excellence (LIVE 5), now in its fifth year. He is pictured National Bank as well as a prize package donated by with Amanda Geiger, a member of the LIVE

marketing committee, which conceived of the logo contest as a way to promote the class's bridge project. The bridge part of the Lowell Area slogan

Austin Blough won the bridge logo contest sponsored Communities," was chosen from among 15 entries. He eja Salon, North Country Trail Association, Pep Talk, Flat River Grill, Little Caesar's, E-Seller4U Bridging Communities

and Springrove Variety. Geiger is handing Blough a certificate denoting the amount of the savings bond. A junior at Lowell High School, Blough recently placed second in the regional graphic design competition of Business Professionals of America. Lowell High School students took four of the top five places.

Thebes Players present "Escanaba in da Moonlight"

A dinner theatre production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight" will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players later this month. The play by Jeff Daniels is being directed by Jim Ball and produced by Debra Duiven.

The hilarious comedy is a tall tale of humor, horror and heart with a super Yooper cast: Albert Soady (Ken Parrish), Reuben Soady (Jim Ball), Remnar Soady (Leonard Cradit), Jimmer Negamanee (Rick Davenport), Ranger Tom (Rick Thomson) and Wolf Moon Dance (Anne Hoyt).

The production will be held at Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main St. on Friday and Saturday, March 11, 12, 18, 19. Doors open for dinner at 6:30 p.m.; the play begins at 7:30 p.m. There is also a Sunday matinee, March 13. Dinner is at 12:30 p.m.; the play begins at 1:30 p.m.

Dinner and theatre tickets are \$21-26; theatre tickets only: \$8-10. Reservations are

The menu consists of pasties, white and red chili, salad bar, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. A cash bar is available as well.

To purchase tickets call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell 897-8545 or visit the website: www.lowellartscouncil.org

> Cast members pictured left to right are: Albert Soady (Ken Parrish), Reuben Soady (Jim Ball), Remnar Soady (Leonard Cradit) and Ranger Tom (Rick Thomson).



School library receives donation for new books

The Alto Lions Club donated \$500 to the Alto School Library to purchase new Accelerated Reading (AR) books for its students. Pictured at right in the library are Alto Elementary students Kathy Mosher, Sydney Bishop, Kendall Solon, Jason Strickland and Josh Gee enjoying the new books. Every year the Lions Club generously donates time and money to the school library media program.

LOWELL **AREA SCHOOLS**

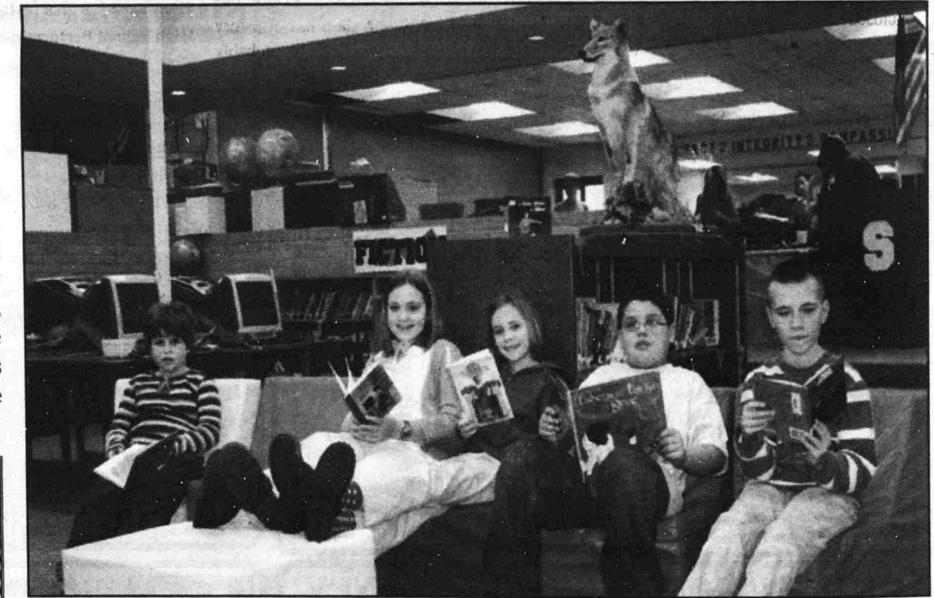
Community members and parents are invited to attend school meetings regarding the 2005-06 budget. Learn more about the budget process and contribute ideas on how to prepare for next year's budget.

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

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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Shop closing and community effort provide costumes galore for LHS drama dept.

By Dan Schneider

at Lowell High School Drenth returned some purchased all of the costumes costumes to the shop. in a costume shop recently.

12 Santa outfits, chicken things," Drenth said. low price of \$5,000.

years, the Vegas years, or if it was the black leather suit Special. Whatever the up front for the costumes, different storefronts in has made the costume room at Lowell High School a lot more crowded.

Lowell Area Arts Council's said. Thebes Players, the LHS drama department bought community have already the costumes after the shop exceeded \$1,000. The a bit of history because this closed last December. It Lowell Area Community costume shop has a history took 24 volunteers three Fund granted \$1,500 and that goes back to probably all the costumes from the Foundation, \$750. Both explained. storefront on Center Street the arts council and the Lowell. Before that could accepting donations. Among to date in what Drenth and prop storage room at the Community Expo. high school. The purchase The real community roughly quadrupled the size effort was in moving the of their costume collection. behemoth collection from

The drama department last December when Carol arrived.

Five pink rabbit suits, for the last few years to rent said.

costume pieces-for the low, "As You Like It." The shop's business. owner, Dave Scoby, said It was unclear at press he was planning to sell the shop Illusions when he

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

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

Mari C. Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

clerk@vergennestwp.org.

3:00 p.m.

The mass acquisition Grand Rapids to Lowell, and of costumes had its genesis in making sense of it once it

"We might have spent two or three hours just "We've been going there sorting the wigs," Drenth

Costumes were found in The high school drama every nook and cranny of the suits, jester suits, an Elvis department first rented shop. Volunteers discovered suit, a variety of polyester 1950s-style, thin-lapelled military hats in drawers and thin-lapelled tuxedos suits from Illusions for near the ceiling in one of the ... wigs, hats, yoda mask. the 2003 production of back rooms. An elaborate All told, they purchased "Grease." The most recent robe was discovered under more than 400 full costumes costumes had been rented boxes of heating and cooling and about 1,500 individual for the fall production of parts, Scoby's main line of

Scoby renamed the

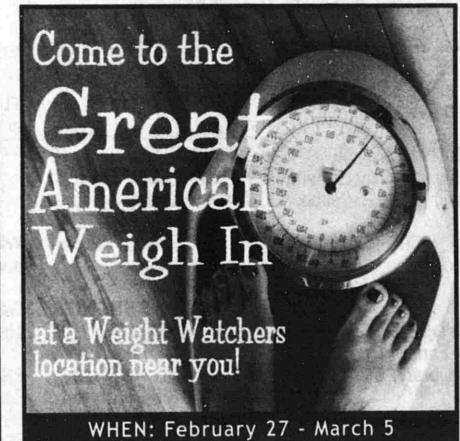
time whether the Elvis building. Drenth wondered bought it in 1993. It had costume was from his early what would become of the previously been called Otte and VanHaften. In about a A price was agreed century of existence, the from the 1968 Comeback upon. The arts council paid shop has occupied several nature of the Elvis costume, and fundraising efforts are Grand Rapids. Volunteers however, it is clear that underway to reimburse the discovered hat boxes from cost. The community has the turn of the 19th century the Illusions Costume Shop been enthusiastic from the with the name "Madeline-Jeanne Custom Made Hats.' "Everybody thought it Many of the costumes are would be a no-brainer, easy old, as well. The collection In cooperation with the to get done," Hommowun includes costumes from an Elizabethan theater in

"We probably preserved "Footloose," which features entirely different costumes, opens March 10 at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. weeks in January to move the Lowell Education the 19th century," Drenth the arts council. Several

NE in Grand Rapids to drama department are still hours have been logged the project. Hommowun had to make wear the costumes around high school drama parents, very positively, and very boxes. modifications to the costume for the March 26 Lowell members of the Thebes productively to make this The drama department Players and supporters of happen," Drenth said.

Cast members from the spring musical "Footloose" model some of the costumes purchased. Pictured are Cassie Vredevoogd (flapper girl), Alden Nyson (gangster), Joe Mull (penguin), Autumn Nethercott (can-can dancer), Ramsey Charrouf (dog), Brent Sutterfield (King Arthur) and Ashleigh Jack (well-dressed woman with big hat).

Donations of materials plans to raise additional volunteers have devoted to organize the costumes money for the continued A total of 275 volunteer more than one entire day to have come from a variety upkeep of its costumes, of places. Curtis Cleaners including dry cleaning "This happened because in Lowell donated hangers. and such. They may set happen, Lowell Performing the fundraising ideas is dubbed "Project Costumes." Lowell supporters of the arts Meijer donated boxes and up a means to rent out Arts Center director George to recruit LHS actors to Volunteers have included came together very quickly, hangers. Alticor donated the costumes to raise maintenance money.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 11.5-3 AND 11.5-5 OF CHAPTER 11.5, "HISTORIC DISTRICT," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 05-1 amending Sections 11.5-3 and 11.5-5 of Chapter 11.5, "Historic District," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on February 22, 2005. Ordinance No. 05- 1 requires certification by applicants proposing work on historic resources subject to the provisions of Chapter 11.5 that such resource will contain a smoke alarm or fire alarm system meeting the requirements of the State Construction Code:

Ordinance No. 05-1 is effective ten days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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COMNGENER

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Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Flat River nonprofit organization in LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6the Lowell. Ada. Alto & Saranac areas. Keep no- TUES .: Women's Commutices brief; may submit by nity Bible Study. Free mail, but will accept no- nursery and preschool tices by phone at 897-9261. story hour/craft time 9:45 -

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

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

Christian Athletes & 897-2760 or 897-9160. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

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

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

Administration Building, formation. 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum,84th/Alden Nash. 3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- Impact, a Wesleyan

torical Society board 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.

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

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

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

6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. TUES.: Take Off Pounds Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. bile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce @ imagesofvision.com.

Woodcarvers meet at

11:15 a.m./women only at Reformed Church, Call

torical Society at O'Brien Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. 2ND WED .: Support group Public invited.

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-MON.: LHS Fellowship of nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 social: 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call MON.: Lowell Board of Olga 616-975-9977 or June THURS.: St. Mary's Preg- Averill Historical Museum Education meets 7 p.m. in 231-780-1249 for more in- nancy Crisis Center, 402

> 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua- women/adolescents.11 Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393. p.m. New members are

- Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 1ST THURS .: 4-H drama

Saranac Needlers, 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 welcome. Contact Bey or Melissa, 642-6466, Light

Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

children w/AD/HD at St.

32156 4 Mile NE/ E.

Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call

EVERY OTHER WED.:

group: Sarah 281-6588.

Hudson St.

Luke's Lutheran Church,

dinner is provided. Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

of Columbus #7719 at St. ing at 7:30 p.m. 3RD TUES .: Parents of

> Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Topic: Education for Exceptional Child -IEPC Process. Call 642-6466 for

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N.

WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet 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.

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. 897-7842.

Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750

> 8 p.m.; Thurs, and Fri.: 9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call club meeting, Lowell 647-3920. Middle School choir room.

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

2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E.. 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meet-

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-

Saranac. "Parenting For

3RD THURS.: Rubber at 862-8841.

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

3RD THURS .: Parents 8754. Show proof of in-Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializ- Room at 1 p.m. Program: ing; 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, Pancake breakfast \$3; ac-7144 Headley, Ada.

only, March 19, 10-5 p.m.

at 4Health Wellness Cen-

ter in Saranac. Bring

scrapbooking supplies,

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CLUB MEETINGS: (AA)

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8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri: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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p.m. 1320 E. Main (Moose

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Main St. Call 897-2037.

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p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

Call 676-9346.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Ama- SUN., MARCH 6: Lowell teur Radio Club, Lowell Day in Lakeland, 1 p.m. Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake buffet at Huntington Hills NE. 9 a.m. social time: 10 Golf and Country Club, a.m. meeting. LARC spon- Duff Rd. 863-683-6336 sors 145.27 MHz area Mary. radio repeater system.

3RD SAT.: Scrapbooking letic Booster Club regular the holidays, one Saturday

come; S.S.#'s required. lounge at 7 p.m.

THURS.. MARCH 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet in Schneider Manor Activity Jean Shores.

SAT., MARCH 5: Indoor Garage Sale at LHS cafeteria, 9-2 p.m. Adm.: \$1. Sponsored by Class of '07. Concession open.

Syrup Festival at Wittenbach and Wege Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. tivity booklet, \$3.

SAT., MARCH 5: Maple

MON., MARCH 7: Ath-

meeting in high school staff

THURS., MARCH 10: Lowell 1st United Methodist Church will hold a seminar at 7 p.m. in the Wesley Hall on social security or in security. Open to the public, no charge, free will offering to cover expenses.

THURS., MARCH 10: Academic Boosters will meet at 8:30 a.m. in volunteer room of the high school. Parents and those interested are welcome to attend.

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. lowellchamber.org.

SAT., MARCH 19: Pancake breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 8-11 a.m. \$2.50 includes eggs, sausage, juice and coffee.

LOWELL LEDGER **OFFICE HOURS:** M-Th: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. CLOSED SAT. & SUN.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

897-5949

Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 Woodland Mall.

TUES .: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 o.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., MARCH 2: 10 . p.m. Math Games. a.m. Blood Pressure: 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Math Games; 12:45 p.m. Shop

FRI., MARCH 4: 9 a.m. Bowling; 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 4:30 p.m. Deer Run Fish Fry.

MON., MARCH 7: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12 p.m. Potato Bar: 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

TUES., MARCH 8: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents: 4:30 p.m. Sam's

WED., MARCH 9: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast Brandywine; 11a.m. & 1

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

MON., MARCH 14: 12:45 p.m. Shop World Market & Steak & Shake.

TUES., MARCH 15: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandpar-

WED., MARCH 16: Bosnia Shoppers, 12:45 p.m. Games at Center: 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer. THURS., MARCH 17:

4:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Stew Dinner.

Public hearing seeks community input on land annexation

By Dan Schneider

to weigh in on the petitioned Vergennes Township. Elementary School.

The state boundary recommendation to approve or deny the annexation protection.

the corner of Alden Nash the petition broke. They Lowell and we need it."

body charged with evaluating filed the petition for the with his company's plans such petitions, will hold a annexation last October. The for the project. public hearing March 3 at 4 company has an option to buy p.m. in the council chambers the land. DuRay owner Rob received positive feedback been asking anyone to show of representation from the of Lowell City Hall. The Munger said the company aboutbuilding adevelopment up on our behalf." public testimony is part of wants the annexation so at the site. what the commission takes a development built there into account when making its would have access to city number of phone calls of truckloads. utilities and fire and police support," Munger said. "I

Avenue and Vergennes hold that the annexation Lowell area residents Street. It consists of an L- is merely an attempt to these benefits as creation Marsha Wilcox, a member commission shaped piece connected at side-step township zoning of construction jobs and of Vergennes Township's Christine Holmes said. one corner to a rectangular standards in favor of the population growth to benefit open space committee. "It annexation to the city of piece which backs up to city's, which allows higher the retail in town. Still, he doesn't seem really even can be submitted on the Lowell of 177 acres in property of Cherry Creek density. Munger has said doesn't expect too many sensible to take a big flying case for 30 days following A Kentwood developer, township keeping the zoning in favor of the development set up another one. It's called DuRay Development will commission, the governing DuRay Development, LLC, rights, it would interfere at Thursday's meeting.

had one guy call in the other about Opponents of the day who said this is going urbanism' and 'village The parcel of land annexation have been to be one of the biggest concept' and 'walkable under consideration when a couple of weeks before the in question is located on outspoken since news of economic things to hit community' development several months later they decision is made.

on the record that with the from the public to turn out leap out into the country and the hearing. After April 4, "Unless someone has good for the core city."

a gripe ... they don't talk," He also said he has Munger said. "And I haven't

"Ihavehadatremendous their kindred to be out in

but we already have that right meet and make their

commission, composed But opponents expect comments from the three commission meets to make

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Munger listed some of in the city of Lowell," said recommendation," boundary

urban sprawl and it's never have seven days to make rebuttals on issues raised boundary in the public hearing and written comments.

usually takes a county and state, will hear few months before the parties involved-Vergennes its recommendations to the Township, the city of Lowell director of the department of "Developers often talk and DuRay Development-in labor and economic growth. things like 'new addition to public comment. Once the case is in the "They take them director's hands, it is usually

Lowell Middle School student wins America and Me essay contest

Alexandra Herb, an eighth grade student at Lowell Middle School, has been named a local winner in the 36th annual America & Me Essay Contest. For her first place essay, she will receive an award certificate for the achievement and her name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. Herb now advances to the state level competition. In April, the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected and receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2004-2005 America & Me Essay Contest, which is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic this year was "My American Hero." Pictured are Alexandra Herb and Lowell Middle School teacher Cinda Bender.

Watercraft renewals are easy online

-Jean Houston

With the start of the craft, can now renew online residents to take advantage days. of the convenience and time registration watercraft

renewal. Owners of boats, including personal water-

boating season just weeks at www.Michigan.gov/sos away, Secretary of State Terri as of March 1. Registration Lynn Land is encouraging decals are mailed within 10

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Hall and Colby park for the fiscal year of

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE **BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 11:00 A.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

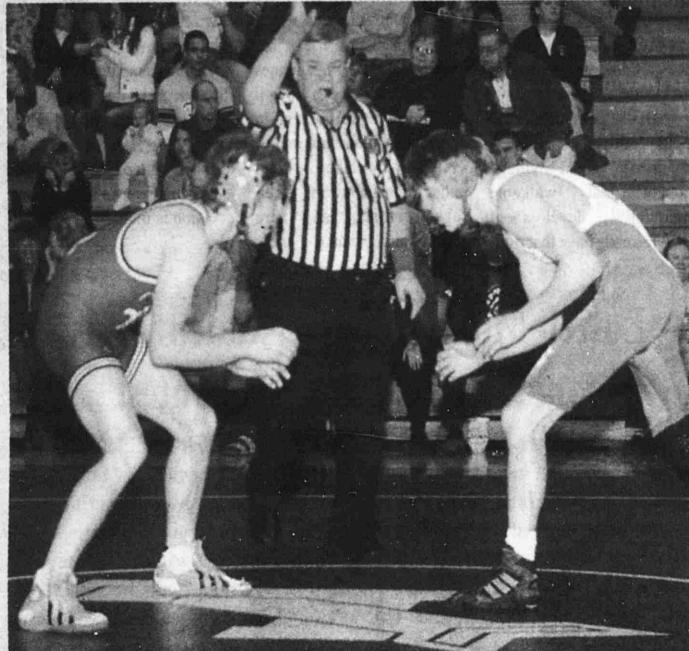
Regional Champs, continued... From Page 1

from after he won a key upset Boss pinned Dustin Miller, up 3-0. at 189 with a 6-4 decision an opponent who had pinned "The team," he said. "I last meeting. just fed off the energy from

victory over Northview in second reversal and near-fall.

Lowell's Brock Graham the semifinal, when in the Doyle scored a takedown in knew right where it came 130-weight match Justin the tiebreaker to put Lowell

Ray Seese won by pin over Sparta's Zac Ridgeway. him in the first round of their in 1:54 in the 103-weight match to put Lowell up 9-The finals match started 0. Rob Karasiewicz major with a thrilling upset at 275. decisioned Sparta's Cody That energy started with Dominic Doyle held his own Stamann at 119. That put the first match of the final. through three rounds against Lowell up 13-6 after Sparta's There had been rumblings Sparta's Dan McCotter, then Dustin Canterbury pinned of it in Lowell's 39-18 tied the match on a last- Cory Fitzpatrick in the 112



Lowell's Ryan Karasiewicz faced off against Sparta's Samuel Sokolowski. Karasiewicz on the match in overtime.

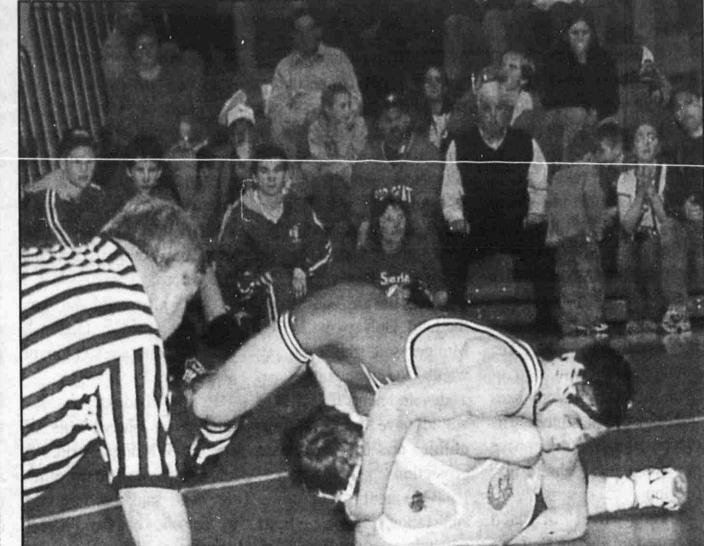
Notice Lowell Area Residents

There will be a Public Hearing in front of the State of Michigan Boundary Commission on Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 4:00 PM in the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers regarding the proposed annexation of 177 acres from Vergennes Township to the City of Lowell for the reported purpose of a mixed-use high-density development. You are encouraged to give your opinion on this matter, and may do so in person or in writing. For information on the land proposed for annexation and to review the issues important to Vergennes Township, please visit the Township's web site at www.vergennestwp.org.

What to expect if you attend:

- Lowell City, Vergennes Twp, and the Applicant (the developer) will each have about 20 minutes to give a presentation of their individual points of view.
- The meeting will then be opened to public comment. You will be asked to sign in if you wish to address the commission.
- We recommend you support your point of view with something in writing to leave with the commission.
- The number of people speaking does matter to the outcome. The hearing will continue until all are given the opportunity to speak.
- If you speak: be straightforward, be factual and be brief. Emotional outbursts reflect negatively.
- You can submit other material after the hearing. The public comment portion of the hearing remains open for 30 days afterwards; contact Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk, at 897-5671 x2 or clerk@vergennestwp.org for more information.
- It may be 30 days or more before the Boundary Commission's decision is made, so don't expect a result that night.

Mari Stone



Lowell's Joe Mendez attempts to put Sparta's Rob Yahrmarkt on his back.

respectively, by Sparta's Vanderhyde. Armock twins, Matt and Mark.

on top 19-18.

major decision to Sparta's Tyler Plew at 140.

Lowell was at 145. Ryan over Jordan Morse. Karasiewicz and Sparta's Sam Sokolowski battled to the victory, but Lowell coach a 2-2 tie. Karasiewicz won Dave Strejc said, "Our kids with a takedown.

8-0 last time. I wanted that they had to give tonight." match back bad."

Mike Thomas and Boss Fleet lost a 15-5 major think we're the better team. were pinned at 125 and 130, decision against Kyle We just didn't prove it

Matt Francisco scored a major decision for Lowell, Mendez's pin put Lowell 18-6 in the 171-weight Chris Roeloffs lost a match with Ridgeway.

Then Ryan Esbaugh 7:45 p.m. won the three points Lowell A key match for needed with an 8-6 decision Kearsley 38-37 to make it to

It was an uphill fight for like to fight uphill. There were "I knew I had to throw four major upsets starting something," the Lowell co- with heavyweight. These captain said. "He beat me kids gave it everything that Sparta didn't, according

The win tied the score to coach Ron Helmboldt.

"I would say Lowell Sparta's Jason Brew deserved to win," Helmboldt pinned Jon Fleet in 3:49 at said. "We were the better 152. Then Lowell's Alex team coming in and I still

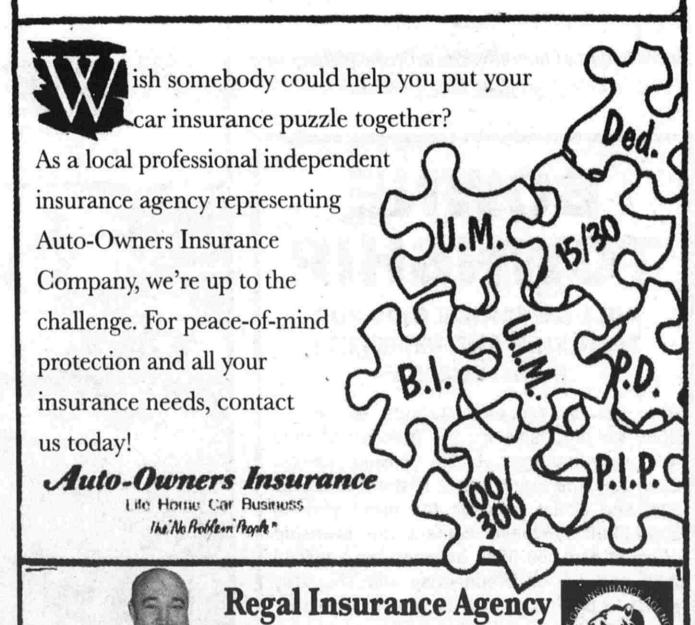
Lowell will take on Oxford Friday night at the state quarterfinals in the match. That set up Graham's Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. The match starts at

Oxford made it past Flint

Two Lowell wrestlers qualified for the individual state finals, Saturday at Muskegon Reeths Puffer. Mendez won a regional

championship at 135 by defeating Sparta's Yahrmarkt 9-4. Seese will be going to the state finals as well at 103. He lost a 4-0 decision in the consolation final to Forest Hills Northern's Jerrod Hoxie, but finished in the top four to qualify for state.

Puzzled?



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Red Arrows stop late run, beat Cedar Springs at home

By Dan Schneider

do all season while beating game. Cedar Springs 41-34.

Springs earlier in the season. held on for the victory. Friday's win was significant

rally and kept its lead to close game with two minutes his Redhawks in the first half really made us work and stay had that tonight," McDonald In its last home regular the buzzer. Seven times this left and we sealed the deal," of the game. season game, the Lowell season, the Red Arrows had said Lowell coach Jeff varsity basketball team did led at the two-minute mark, McDonald. "I'm ecstatic for extremely impatient in the said. "They make you work, game of the regular season at

Lowell held the lead regular season." It wasn't the win, solidly throughout the first

however, that was important- half. But the Redhawks came Kyler Krieg, Keven Gilman, floor the first or second pass, defending Lowell's guard OK Gold crossover game. Lowell had done that seven roaring back and closed the Shane Stokes and Mike you're not going to get a shot play. But Lowell was able to times prior to the game, gap to two points in the final Koster. Koster led Lowell against a defensive team." takeadvantage of mismatches district tournament this including beating Cedar minutes. The Red Arrows offensively with 13 points.

"We now have a monkey Andy Secor credited the Redhawks to be patient. because Lowell stopped a off our back because it was a Lowell defense for frustrating "It was a slow, grind- have an advantage in the Hills Northern in first-round

Cedar Springs coach it wasn't easy to force the

"I just thought we were a lot out of you," McDonald

what it had been unable to only to end up losing the our seniors to get a win out first half offensively," Secor they make you fight through Middleville by a score of 49here on the last night of the said. "Lowell's a very good screens like crazy." defensive team and usually He was referring to when you come down the defense did a good job points for the Arrows in the

According to McDonald, inside.

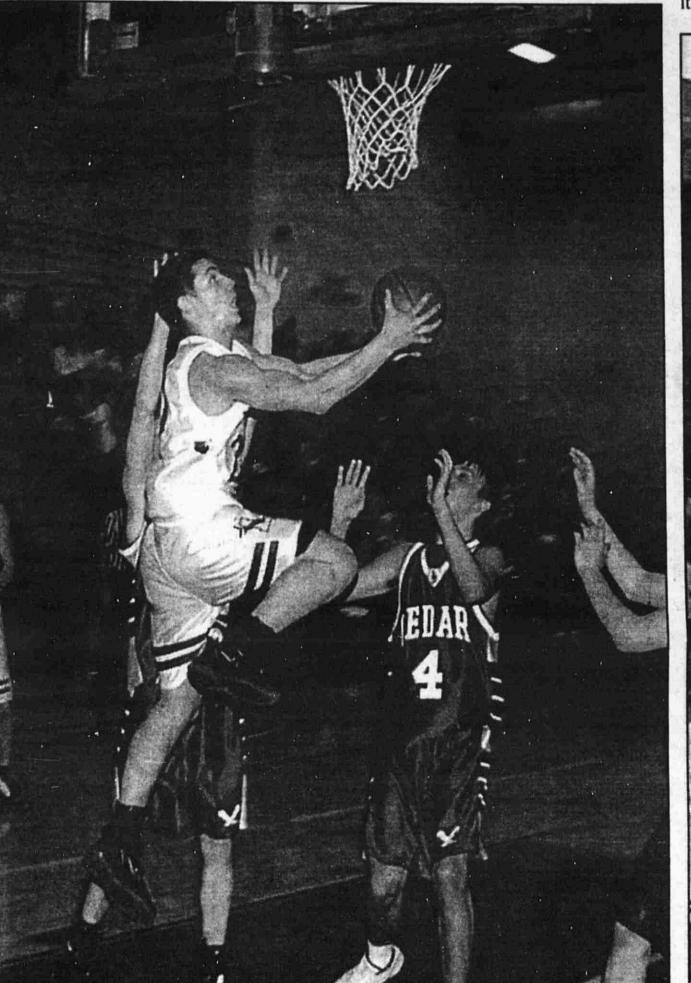
it-out kind of game ... they paint and we felt like we action Tuesday night.

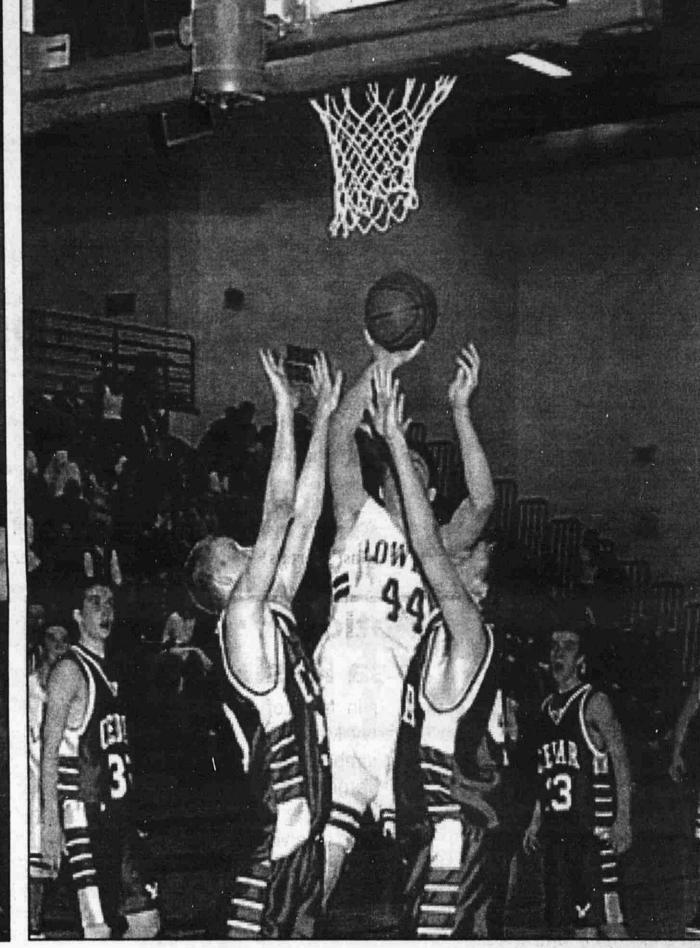
in our stance, and that takes explained.

Lowell lost its final

38. Josh Hettinga and Mike The Cedar Springs McElroy each scored eight

week, with second-round "There's not a lot of action starting Wednesday nights when we feel like we night. Lowell played Forest





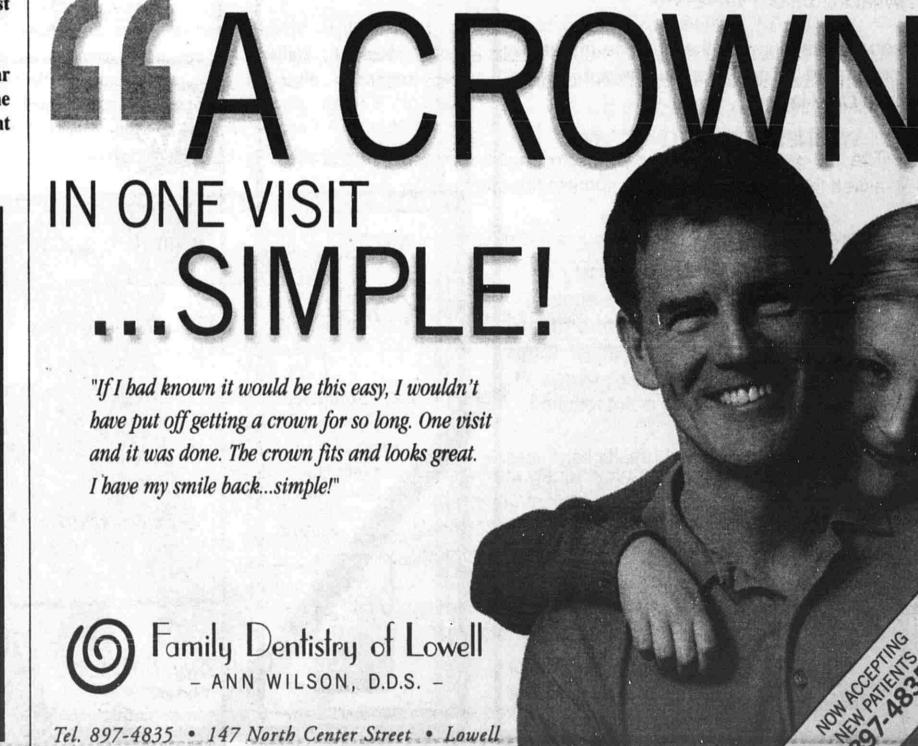
Above, left: Lowell's Mike Koster sinks a reverse layup in the second quarter of last Tuesday's game against Cedar Springs.

Above, right: Lowell's Brad Shea is mauled by Cedar Springs' defenders as he goes up for a shot. He made the shot and sunk a free throw to complete the three-point

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Hockey season comes to a close with two tough losses

By Dan Schneider

to Northview and East Kentwood game.

the Wildcats beat Lowell- Caledonia coach Mike third period, the priority was a team that played in the Caledonia 8-1 at Griff's Ice Ballard. House in Grand Rapids. The

In the final game of the away from our offensive Lowell-Caledonia goals in Ballard knew it was going capabilities," said Lowell- the second period. In the to be a rocky road against

Lowell scored a goal time.

Red Arrows were playing and kept it close for most The Lowell-Caledonia without starting center Ted of the first quarter. But full roster and had everybody hockey team finished out McCoy. McCoy was resting defensive mistakes toward playing and having fun from losses an ankle injury for the East the end allowed Northview there," Ballard said.

to get ahead 3-1. A few more getting all the players ice first tier of the OK hockey

Lowell-Caledonia lost Going into Monday's "Of course, that takes defensive mistakes cost game at East Kentwood, the game against the Falcons 11-1, which brought the 2004-2005 season to a down season but hopefully

just be competitive and give

them the best game we can playing on the varsity level and stick in there," he said. and we'll be ready for next vear," Ballard said. "Cory Kowalski is definitely our most improved player this year in the nets and we're looking forward to having "It's been an up and him back for next year."

Volleyball wins crossover, falls in first round of district play

Late start stalls Red Arrows in tournament match against Mount Pleasant

By Dan Schneider

volleyball team's season Gigi Peal had expected all first round of the district the district championship,

The Red Arrows fell to games to one. host Mount Pleasant in three

The Lowell varsity 19. Going in, Lowell coach tournament.

games 25-16, 25-17, 25- struggled with nerves in the service aces. Samantha Mol

in Mount Pleasant in the Rockford went on to win halfway through the third had 16 digs for Lowell 18. game which was too late," defensively. defeating Cadillac three Peal said.

Peal said the Arrows assists for Lowell and five last Monday.

"They didn't really get Kristin Johnson followed grew higher, the Red Arrows it "probably one of the best came to an end last Saturday the teams to be contenders. into it and start playing until with nine. Katie McElroy prevailed 25-18, 25-20, 25- matches we've put together

Taylor Verdon had 23 Center in a crossover match night," said Peal.

In three games that coming together as well as led Lowell in kills with 10; were all close as the score they have all season, calling

"They were all close "I had girls doing stuff Lowell beat Byron games, it was just a nice that we've been working on all year and we finally got it

Club forms to support boys basketball, first event planned

By Dan Schneider

in Lowell formed with the intention of supporting its event. boys basketball program.

Similar to the watched coach (Jeff) organizers feel Lowell and summer basketball \$15 for adults, \$11 for high a treasurer, a merchandise

NOTICE OF MEETING OF

BOARD OF REVIEW

receive and review the various Assessment

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

AT 10:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing

appeals and a continuation thereof, will be

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

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Touchdown Club but for McDonald up there working boys basketball needs more leagues. The club also school students and \$8 for coordinator and a publicist. CITY OF LOWELL basketball.

explained. The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to

resources to progress to plans to hire in specialized students grades K-8. further levels. The club's basketball teachers from The 3-Point Club focus is on boys basketball goal is to raise some of those time to time. resources by consolidating On March 20, the club registering with the state said, once it gets "on its Lowell's enthusiasm for will host its first fundraiser of Michigan as a non- feet.' "There are a lot of Lowell High School. It's organize future fundraisers for what Dee Crowley has

in the Freshman Center at profit organization. It will people who support the a March Madness family and seek donations to raise done in this town," he said. basketball team but there party, with televisions and a money for the basketball was no organization to projection screen displaying program. Club membership about the upcoming March put it all together," Rich the NCAA tournament's is currently \$25.

The club will support includes all-you-can-eatfood fraction of the success the an e-mail to three pointclub K-12 boys basketball. This and the main and auxiliary Touchdown Club has had, @bigsprings.net.

basketball, the 3-Point Club his butt off and raising the includes funding things gyms open for basketball for that would be a good thing," is looking for members and level of the program," said such as basketball camps, all ages. Varsity basketball Rich said. "The biggest planning its first fundraising Nat Rich, one of the club's clinics, purchasing uniforms players will be on hand to thing is to find people to and training materials, and play H-O-R-S-E and other help out." "Several people have The 3-Point Club's sponsoring teams in spring hoops games. Admission is Needed in particular are

is in the process now of but it could expand, Rich

For more information Madness fundraiser or the 3-Sweet 16 games. The event "If we can have a Point Club in general, send

LHS senior earns academic all-state honors

academic all-state honors of 3.5 or above and be named by the Basketball Coaches to an all-state basketball of only nine girls from Class Association of Michigan. To team. Gallert has a 3.87 A schools to receive the

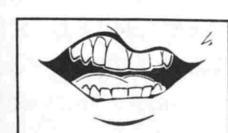
was recently awarded grade point average (GPA) all-state.

Lowell High School earn the award, basketball GPA and was named to the award and the only Class A

senior Kendra Gallert players must maintain a Associated Press first team player from West Michigan to receive it. The point guard was one Gallert holds school

> records for career assists (255) and most three-point baskets in a season (60). A four-year varsity player, Gallert scored 899 career points. The Lowell girls basketball team was 85-10 over the four seasons she played.





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Snowshoeing third-graders stay on top of the elements

Third grade students from St. Patrick School learned the art of snowshoeing at the Wittenbach Center on February 23. They attended with their physical education teacher Missy Harrison, who is part of the Share-Time program at Lowell. The Lowell Elementary physical education teachers are promoting student participation in healthy activities for lifelong fitness. At right, the third grade physical education class of Missy Harrison is ready to hike the trails at the Wittenbach Center.

Fire truck, continued... From Page 8

in and out of the building on the Look Memorial Fund and Main Street was somewhat other community sources. difficult, the reason why available for city events, he for this," Martin said.

months, Martin hopes fire emergencies. to secure plans for the structure and then determine ago, the city had the truck costs. Along with possible restored by Lowell Auto and donations to keep costs has used it as a show piece down, he plans to seek since then funding from such funds as

Smalligan said the plan

was the fifth drawing done.

Riverwalk plans,

plans include looking at into an area that would be where the sign shop could be part of the LAAC gallery relocated. The proposal calls and behind, there would be for the chamber to retain all a shared copy machine and of its space at 113 Riverwalk workspace for volunteers of Plaza. It would gain an extra both organizations to use. office, but would keep its gallery space and separate take up about 1,940 square entrance. White said this feet running mainly across would be done because the the front of the building. chamber wants to maintain Behind the gallery would be its own autonomy by having a meeting room and LAAC its own space.

When first approached would lead to public in April about creating restrooms which would be space for the LAAC, part open during special events of the concept, as several and other activities. councilmembers noted, was that it would create some only a conceptual idea with shared space for the LAAC the committee planning to and the chamber. "With move into the next phase of the arts council there [on the putting together drawings riverwalk], it would give and looking at costs. both the arts council and the chamber more exposure," shown to the council at said councilman Charles its Tuesday night meeting

At the same time, Myers White said by the time the said since the building is final plans are completed owned by the city, he saw the project could look this new created space as an different again. Both White opportunity for the city to be and Smalligan said the able to offer another meeting LAAC planned to maintain site to the community. its currently location on

"There would still be Broadway as well as have some shared space," said the second location on LAAC executive director Riverwalk Plaza. Lorain Smalligan. A second

the truck was not always community sees our need

The new structure may truck owned by the city, of Public Works (S. Hudson) said it was a state-of-theor on the south side of the art truck and today is still in good working order, During the next few although it is not used for heritage.

About eight years a bipartisan organization district," Hildenbrand said.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP continued... From Page 1 NOTICE away, adding that future entrance would open up **BOARD OF REVIEW**

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES** TOWNSHIP HALL 10381 BAILEY DRIVE, LOWELL, MI, 49331 The gallery space would **MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005**

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from offices. A third entrance 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and also on 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 White said this was purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

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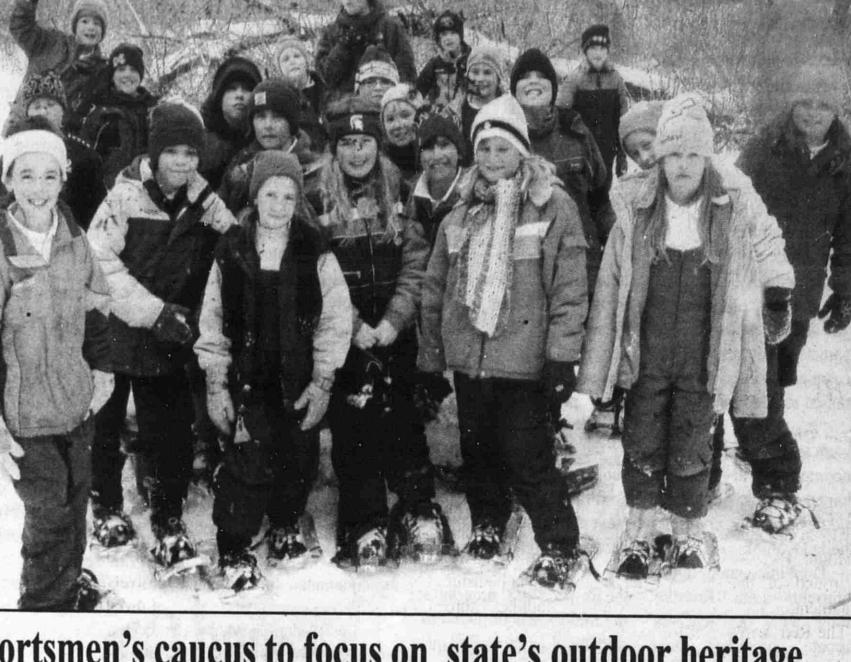
1. To appear at the Board of Review. call 897-5671 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment to appear in person.

By letter addressed to:

Vergennes Township Assessor P.O. Box 208 Lowell, MI 49331-0208

Letters must be received by March 11, 2005

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk



Sportsmen's caucus to focus on state's outdoor heritage

Recently the Michigan the Michigan House and with family and friends on the next generation has the

formed to protect the rights of "Growing up hunting and hunters, anglers and trappers, fishing in Kent County, I

Legislative Sportsmen's Senate. The Republican the lakes and streams, in the same chance to appreciate Caucus was joined by State co-chairs are state Sen. woods, and fields. Those the land and water we've Rep. Dave Hildenbrand, R- Michelle McManus, R-Lake experiences are some of my been blessed with Lowell, to focus on ways to Leelanau, and state Rep. most memorable, and I want Michigan." protect Michigan's outdoor David Palsrok, R- Manistee. to do all I can to ensure that "There is a rich heritage

The sportsmen's caucus, of sportsmanship in my is made up of members in remember the time spent

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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> Linda Regan Lowell Township Clerk

Middle school holds assemblies for "Respect YES!" campaign

By Dan Schneider

took place last Friday at YES stands for "Yourself, Middle School addressing the topic of The diversity council at the Respect YES! T-shirts for

long assemblies, one for middle school. Skits, video clips and recitations focused Respect YES has included students' attention on the presentations and other character trait respect, and activities during each of the Grand Rapids donated a principal Linda dressed as Aretha Franklin.

encompasses all the other subjects of anti-bullying character traits," explained (sixth graders), respect middle school counselor (seventh graders) and sexual Sheila Dubbink

Dubbink and fellow helped the school's diversity

YES!" campaign throughout the next two years. A series of assemblies the current school year. Each other and School." middle school consists of 31 There were three hour- students, with representation for each grade.

> hour-long assemblies, Warren contact classes. Through program, Dubbink and Roesfler have talked harassment (eighth graders).

This is the first year of counselor Lara Roesfler, the Respect YES! program at along with the teachers' the middle school. Dubbink climate committee, have said it will be developed into

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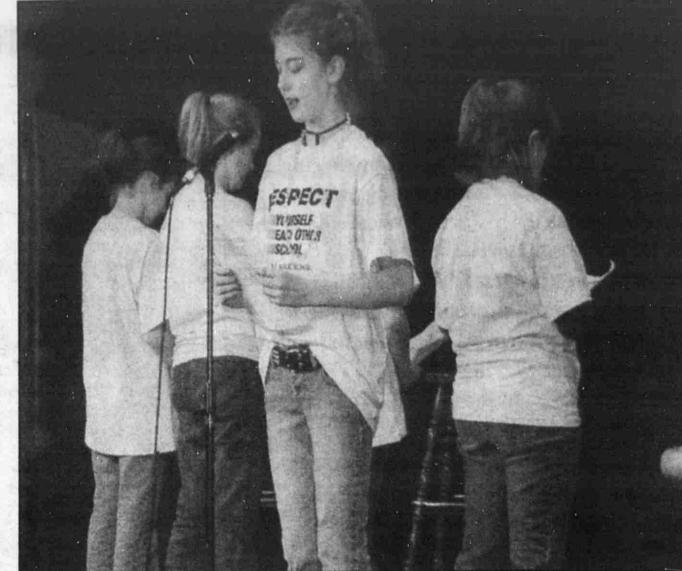
691-8450 before

council put on a "Respect a three-year program over

"Each year we'll add something new," she said. Students and staff wore

the event. Lowell High School assistant principal Kevin Pearson printed the shirts, which the students purchased at-cost before the

Spectrum Graphics in 20-foot-long banner with a Respect YES! logo for the middle school. Signed by to the three grades on the all the students, the banner now hangs in the school



Lowell Middle School sixth grade student Jillian O'Haire reads the opening stanzas of "My Declaration of Self-Esteem," a poem by Virginia Satire. The reading was part of a respect assembly that took place last Friday at the middle school. The five girls read the poem shortly before principal Linda Warren sang "Respect" dressed as Aretha Franklin

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To the lady in the white Grand Prix who dropped grandkids at Cherry Creek last Thursday: The speed limit on Gee Dr. is 25 MPH. Passing a car right after the turn off Lincoln Lake is dangerous.

Thank you coach and Mrs. McDonald for all your time and energy on Saturdays with the sixth grade basketball teams. Great coaching.

It's so fun to see the snowmen and other snow creations around town. I really enjoy driving around and seeing all your creations.

> I really miss Sound Off when it's not in the paper. It has become one of my favorite sections.

Keep sports off the front page. They have a section of their own keep it there. You don't see news in the sports section.

Freshman (Eastside) parents last Tuesday (2/22) night - Where were you? There were only about 50 there. Teachers gave an excellent presentation on your kids' upcoming Service Learning project. Make the effort! Don't whine when your kids start going down the wrong road-you have to get involved!

Did y'all know that there are profs at all the local colleges that would love to help you with our growth and development issues? Make a long term plan to avoid poor planning urban sprawl!

Al Eckman - keep up the fine job!

Why is it that certain people can access the food pantry every week and others can only access it twice a year?

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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to set a public hearing for February 22. 2005 to consider an ordinance amendment to the Historic District Ordinance.
- Motion to approve the resolution to amend the Oakwood Cemetery Rules and Regulations regarding repurchasing cemetery grave spaces for \$100 per space.
- Motion to approve the secondhand dealer license for Daily Cash Outlet, 423 W. Main for a period of one year.

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331



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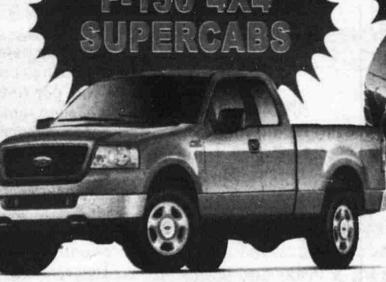
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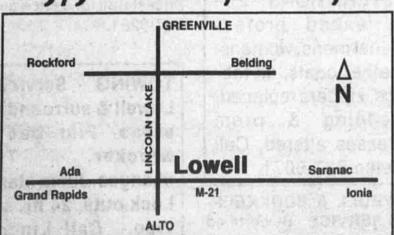


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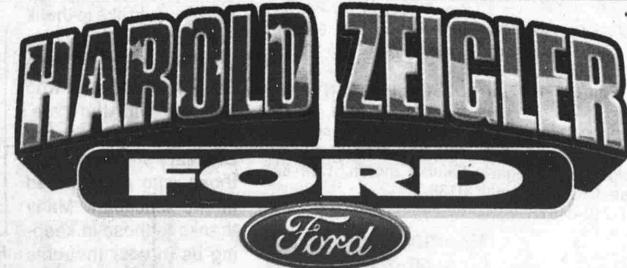


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