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Counting on fun!

laying a memory game at the Lowell Senior Center last Wednesday were Cherry Creek students Brice Warner (from left), Eva Cain, Coty Curtis, Jace Thomas and Ricky Perezfrom. The second grade classes of Jackie Tousley and Kim Lum have been playing games with seniors at the center once a month on Wednesdays, part of a service learning project. The most recent game was "clock concentration," in which the students tried to flip over analog clocks and their digital counterparts. The point was to learn "telling time with analog clocks," said Tousley, "which aren't around much anymore, but they still have to know how to do that." Past games have involved mathematics with sums of money. In May, the seniors will go to Cherry Creek to have lunch with the students.

Commissioners concerned over hefty price tag on updating master plan

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

owell Planning Commissioners felt some sticker shock last week after receiving the cost for updating their master plan. At the request of commission, Steve the Langworthy of Langworthy, Strader LeBlanc, and Associates, put together the proposal which came in at an estimated cost of \$31,000.

city manager David Pasquale, who told the commission that with a tight city budget, he didn't see where the money would come from. The city has put through a request for \$5,000 from the Community Development Block Grant fund, a federal program that is overseen by Kent County, for work on the master plan. Pasquale said the city might be able to secure more funding from that fund next year.

"That's pretty steep," said

the general fund or other community funds, the city might be able to cover \$20,000 for work on the master plan over a twoyear period.

In reviewing the proposal, it provides for a comprehensive review of the master plan, which has not been done since 1995. The state requires municipalities to review a master plan every five years.

With that in mind,

planning commission chair Clark Jahnke felt the commission members need to spend some time reviewing the proposal and deciding what can be scaled back and what is necessary.

"We need to determine what we really want to keep in our master plan and what we want changed," Jahnke said, adding that commission members should take a look at the city's current master plan along with the proposal.

Pasquale said commission members should also keep in mind that working on a master plan update is a big commitment on their time as well.

"One of the major responsibilities of the planning commission is to provide a master plan," he said.

Because of the price tag, members suggested seeking proposals from other firms. Pasquale said that could be done, but that along with cost, members are going to want to look at which firm will be able to most closely provide the type of services needed.

The commission will review the proposal and discuss it again at the next meeting. Jahnke said the group may want to meet with the city council to discuss what direction the city should take with its master plan.

With some monies from

Opinions from all sides at packed boundary commission hearing

By Dan Schneider

he state boundary commission heard arguments from the community on the issue of annexing 177 acres in Vergennes Township.

People filled every seat in the city council chambers at City Hall and then some for the public hearing last Thursday.

The first to state his case was developer Rob Munger, owner of DuRay Development, LLC. in Kentwood. The company filed a petition for the annexation on Oct. 13, 2004. The land in question is made up of two connected parcels located to the north of Foreman Road and with boundaries on Vergennes Street and Alden Nash Avenue.

Munger pointed out

that the nature of the area surrounding the property has changed.

"This isn't a rural area anymore," he said.

As evidence, he talked about the lights from Lowell High School, Meijer and Harold Zeigler Ford which are visible from the property. He also mentioned Vergennes and Alden Nash as major traffic arteries and the sewer infrastructure owned by Lowell Township that exists on the property.

The development of the land has often been described as urban sprawl by its critics. Munger attempted to turn this argument around, saying, "Higher density of the location will help prevent urban sprawl."

He also made an argument in favor of annexation on grounds, environmental

citing newspaper articles about hazards associated septic systems. with Annexation, he said, was the most logical way for the property to get access to city sewer service.

"I am going to develop this property," Munger said, saying he would build the houses with septic tanks if the annexation failed to go through.

An official position paper from the Lowell City Council relative to the annexation was read by city manager Dave Pasquale in which he states that the city did not initiate or pursue the annexation, but that DuRay Development did; that the city has met with the township several times to discuss a 425 agreement,

by which sewer or other city services could be offered to the development without annexation; and that "the city has not started this action, but is very supportive."Conway from the Grand Rapids law firm Warner, Norcross and Judd, represented Vergennes Township for the majority of its allotted time. She argued that this annexation runs contrary to the boundary commission's stated purpose of maintaining regular city boundaries.

"It makes the city of Lowell more irregular," Conway said.

She compared the annexation to one that failed in the city of Owosso in the 1970s. She read from the court's ruling, which said that annexation would have made the Owosso an "armed

monster with only minimally connected appendages."

She pointed out that the land has no road access to the city. A car leaving the development would have to make at least a three-quarter-mile trip

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be specially assessed:

Lots and Parcels Numbered:

IRBY - Inez Ida Irby, aged her husband Edward Earl 84, formerly of Illinois, Irby. She is survived by her went to be with her Lord son Earl William (Bonnie) and Savior March 1, 2005. Irby; daughter Darlene She is preceded in death by May Good; grandchildren

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND

FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Round Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 1

Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to proceed on petitions filed with the

Township to make certain public improvements consisting of the application of herbicide

treatments for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake (the

"Improvements") in the Township, has made its final determination of a special assessment

district which consists of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted

by the Improvements and against which all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall

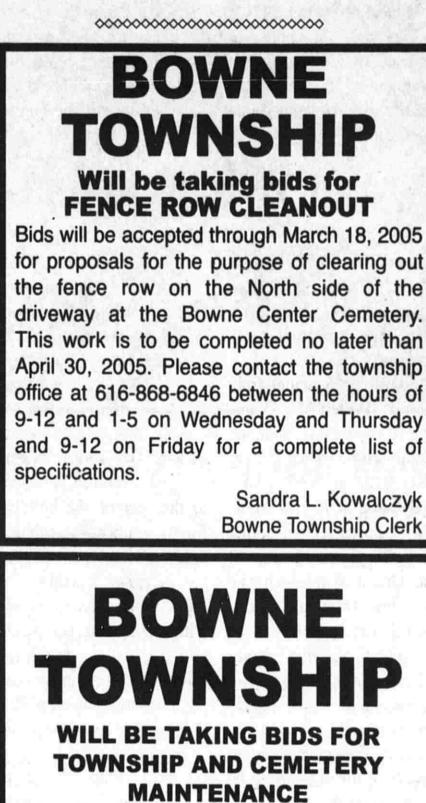
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Inez was raised on a farm in a real concern that her Sluys officiating. Interment Illinois, she was a telephone grandchildren accept the Chapel Hills Cemetery. operator and during WWII Lord as their personal savior Inez was a Godly wife and knew where she would be

Wierenga, aged 90, of East VanderKaay of Portland, Reformed Church, Rev. Oregon: children Mary Kent Fry officiating. Burial (Odis) Moss of Byron at Garfield Park Cemetery. Center, Valerie Johnston of Memorial contributions may Lowell, Scott Wierenga of be made to Third Reformed East Grand Rapids, Joyce Church in Grand Rapids or Wierenga of Kentwood; Hospice of Holland Home. grandchildren Todd Johnston



Bids will be accepted through March 18, 2005 for proposals for the purpose of care and maintenance of the Bowne Center Cemetery, the Fire Station, Historic Township Hall and Colby park for the fiscal year of 2005-2006. Please contact the township office at 616-868-6846 between the hours of 9-12 and 1-5 on Wednesday and Thursday and 9-12 on Friday for a list of specifications

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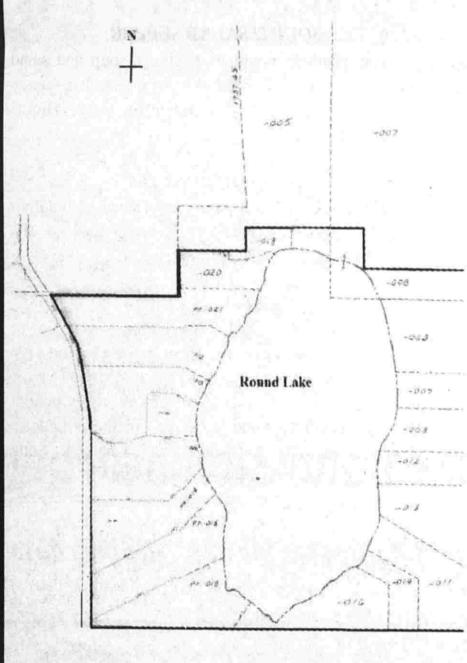
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Boundary of Round Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 1



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Township of Grattan has made and certified a special assessment roll for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district. Pursuant to the resolution of the Township Board adopted on February 14, 2005, the costs of the Improvements are to be periodically redetermined on a yearly basis in accordance with the resolution.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MICHIGAN, IN SAID TOWNSHIP. TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

Lana F. Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

Jennifer Irby, Andrew Irby, mother who loved the Lord when she died and was ready of Atlanta, Sara Johnston Timothy Good; brothers as she showed his love to go home. A memorial of Naples, Nick Johnston Loran Malone, Ivan to her family and friends service was held Saturday of Lowell; one great-Malone; sisters Geneieve by her actions and words. at the Whitneyville Bible grandchild Caleb. Gertrude Hickox, Dorothy Dykstra. She had a love for life and Church, Alto, Rev. Thomas was an accomplished pianist and loved choral singing, art and sewing. She attended the Interlochen Arts Camp, she packed parachutes. and live for the Lord. Inez WIERENGA - Gertrude J. was a charter member of the Grand Rapids Symphony Grand Rapids, went to her Chorus and sang in Third heavenly home on February Reformed Church choir for 27, 2005. Surviving are over 65 years. Those who her beloved husband of 67 knew Gertrude were warmed years, Otto; two brothers by her positive attitude and Louis VanderKaay of gentle spirit. Funeral services Grand Rapids, Matthew were held March 1 in Third

Bowne Township Clerk

Sandra L. Kowalczyk **Bowne Township Clerk**

Masonic Lodge zoning up for change

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Commission has given because the neighborhood meeting on Wednesdays," Pasquale said the parking its approval to change the commercial zoning did not Pasquale said, adding that requirements would be the zoning of the Masonic fit the group's need. Lodge building, which may pave the way for the facility in the form of a letter to to be sold soon.

the planning commission purchasing the building, would need to be addressed, Strader and Associates, unanimously rezoning the site at 119 like to use the facility as they could be worked out. neighborhood commercial public facilities and R-3 to business. The recommended He noted that restaurant use Masonic officials. He does want to do C-3 with heavy change went before the falls under C-2 commercial plan to make some interior industrial," said commission city council Monday, and a and was uncertain where renovations. public hearing is set for its meeting/banquet use fell in next meeting, March 21.

It was the hope of

River Outreach Ministries, could be determined at a for every two persons Inc. had shown a desire in purchasing the building. The Lowell Planning but that interest faded to keep the Rotary Club

the commission that Bruce At its meeting last week, Langlois is interested in the city's zoning.

City

later date.

"I know he would like has a maximum of 50 Rotary Club has used the News, however, came Masonic Lodge site as a meeting place for quite some time.

approved Langlois said he would but Pasquale believed which suggested the Lincoln Lake Ave. from a restaurant and meeting/ Unlike Flat River Outreach zoning, banquet hall because there Ministries, Langlois does multiple family residential is a commercial kitchen not have any plans to expand is going to build a house C-1 neighborhood and large meeting room. the building, according to there and I don't think we

Because he won't be LaPonsie. expanding the building, the manager extra lot that once contained the lodge said the only Masonic Lodge officials that David Pasquale said the a house, could be converted requirement of them for the by changing the zoning, the commission's concern at to parking, Pasquale said. sale was to get the property facility would become more its meeting was the zoning For restaurants, parking rezoned C-1 neighborhood marketable. At one time, Flat itself. The restaurant issues requirements are one space commercial.

allowed. If the facility people, it needs 25 spaces. same for a banquet facility. The

decided to follow the recommendation of plan-Issues such as parking ners' Langworthy, LeBlanc,

> "I don't think anyone Maryalene member

Representatives for

Grand Wittenbach plans to add a body shop

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

limits of Lowell.

before the Lowell Planning convert the site once again residential area. Commission last week to into a body shop, adding discuss the possibility of a a 32 by 60 foot addition body shop at 749 W. Main. to the rear of the building The location, at the corner for the purpose of painting any concerns they or of S. Pleasant, is part of the Grand Wittenbach site and currently houses Ronda Lowell Tire Center.

mission decided to set a booth and would meet with spend some time talking to the city ordinance, the body public hearing for March all current regulations that 28 on the special land use deal with noise levels and out any potential problems space for every 800 gross request. A site plan including details of the layout will be presented at that time.

"About 15 years ago, since the site does border about collision vehicles vehicles.

Scheidel said the building would be outfitted The planning com- including a down draft spray other issues.

The planning commission still had concerns

the site was a body shop," a residential area. The being left outside for a long A local car dealership Scheidel said, adding that commission recommended period of time. Scheidel is looking to re-establish a Wittenbach closed it down screening to eliminate the said typically the body shop body shop within the city because the location was not view. Planning commission would try to get those in large enough. As times have chair Clark Jahnke also within 48 hours, depending Dwayne Scheidel from changed, so have needs, and suggested that the doors on whether the vehicles were Grand Wittenbach came the dealership is looking to to the facility not face the dropped off on a weekend

dealership is willing to work constructed to conceal those with the city to accommodate vehicles from the road. residents may have. With be another department of that in mind. commission Grand Wittenbach like sales. members recommended that used cars, etc., Scheidel with up-to-date equipment Scheidel or representatives said. City manager David from Grand Wittenbach Pasquale said according to their neighbors and working shop is required to have one before the public hearing.

or during the week. He said Scheidel said the some type of blind could be

The body shop would space area and three spaces A concern was raised per stall or service area.

Lowell Community Expo slated for March 26

of Commerce, Lowell Area awareness of the products Schools and ICNB present and services provided and/or the 9th annual Lowell manufactured in the Greater Community Expo at Lowell Lowell area as well as see High School on Saturday, what's happening inside March 26 from 9 a.m. to Lowell Area Schools. 3:30 p.m.

businesses, service groups, day; there are giveaways churches and government and interactive displays; agencies, this event is an door prizes will be raffled all excellent opportunity for the day; and food and beverages

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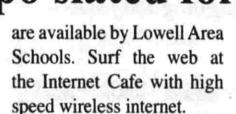
11th and tickets can be picked up

at the ticket booth at Larkin's.

Call 897-7000 for additional details.

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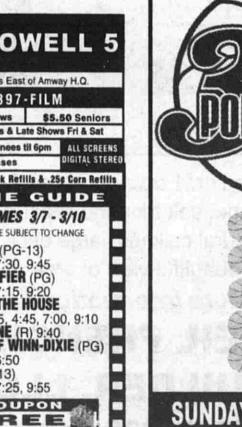


Visit the Expo this org. year and find out why the Greater Lowell area is one are free. of the best places in West Michigan to raise a family or start a business.



For more information contact Liz at the chamber at 897-9161 or check out the web site www.lowellexpo.

Admission and parking



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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 school.

RALLY FOR CROP WALK

The recruiters' Rally for the 11th annual Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk will be Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church. The CROP Walk is May 1. Come and pick up info. on how your organization can be a part of this event. **Ouestions: call 897-5936**

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Lowell High School junior parents will sponsor an ice cream social during the LHS musical "Footloose" on March 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Social starts at 6:30 p.m.; the cost is \$2.

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.

SOUP & SALAD SUPPER

The Youth Fair will be having a soup and salad supper at the Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Small Animal Building fund.

CAN YOU DONATE?

The F.R.O.M. food pantry is in need of potatoes (boxed or canned), canned fruit, beans (canned and dried), hot cereals and hamburger helper.

ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS

Purchase one ticket for \$5 or 6 for \$25 and sign up to win an Orlando condo vacation, a \$3200 value. Noto's Restaurant, Friday, April 22. Proceeds benefit Rotary Scholarship Fund. Tickets available at Ledger/ Buyers Guide, J.B. Harrison, Lowell Chamber, State Farm, Regal and Bernard's Ace Hardware.

Charity sees the need, not the cause. -German proverb



Watch NCAA March Madness games on multiple televisions Massive projection screen for the highlight game Pickup games and other hoops activities in both gyms Shoot around with the high school team

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Let's keep the security in social security

Debbie Stabenow U.S. Senator

great American success story. It represents the best of American values - if you work hard and play by 10 percent.

the rules, you earn a secure retirement and a basic quality of life in your older if something goes terribly Social security is a years. And it works. Before social security, 50 percent loss of a spouse or parent, of older Americans were or disability. It protects you Nearly every working living in poverty. Now, it's whether you are a 25 year American - ' including

than retirement. It covers you old retiree, like my mom. wrong - a financial crisis, conceptions about social

Social security is more my daughter, or a 78- year-

There are missecurity. Here are the facts: old starting your career, like me - pays into social

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SMART FINANCIAL MOVES FOR HOME-BASED BUSINESS OWNERS

When you run your own home-based business, you have the freedom to chart your own course. But this independence comes with a lot of responsibilities. You've got to plan and save for your own retirement. You've got to take care of your own taxes. You've got to deal with business expenses. Consequently, you've got to learn how to make smart financial moves.

these tips in mind

• Set up a retirement plan right away - As soon as deductions you're entitled to claim. you're generating any income, establish a retirement plan. A qualified retirement plan can pay off for you in several ways: Your contributions typically will be tax deductible, your earnings will grow tax deferred, and you'll have a variety of investment options. If your business has no employees except your spouse, you can choose from some attractive your buying power by obtaining group discounts on office plans, including a SEP-IRA and an "owner only".401(k).

· Review your investments - Now that you're selfemployed, you may need to adjust your investment mix. As you know, going into business for yourself is not a risk-free proposition; consequently, you may need to lower the risk level of your investments, or possibly adjust your investment mix to provide you with a greater income stream. Keep in

mind, however, that you'll still need to have considerable term. But privatization is destabilize financial markets, growth potential in your holdings, particularly if you have not the answer, because the drive up interest rates, and many years left until retirement.

• Consistently set money aside for taxes - If you pay your taxes quarterly, as many self-employed people do, you don't want to scramble for cash every three months. So, every time you get paid, put away some money for taxes, preferably in a liquid vehicle, such as a money market account. Generally speaking, it's a good idea to set aside as much as 40 percent of your income. Even if you don't need all that money at tax time, it certainly won't hurt to have it around. If you don't have enough liquid cash to pay your taxes, you may be forced to dip into your investments - and that could slow your progress toward your financial goals.

• Keep track of all potential deductions - Be diligent about claiming all business-related tax deductions that you can get, such as percentages of your mortgage, insurance So, if you're contemplating striking out on your own, and utilities, office supplies, educational materials related to and you're going to be working out of your home, keep your work, etc. You can benefit greatly from working with a tax professional - someone who can tell you exactly what

• Look for "group- buying" opportunities - If you are self-employed, and working out of your home, you can feel isolated. But actually, you're not alone; there are many other by up to 70 percent or home-based workers out there, just like you. And if you can hook up with these people, you may be able to increase supplies, health insurance and other necessities. You can find out more about these group-buying opportunities in magazines and Web sites devoted to entrepreneurs.

Running your own home-based business can be exhilarating - and scary. But by making smart financial moves, you can lower the "fear factor" and devote more of your time and energy to making your business succeed.

College News

than More Michigan Technological 3.99. University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or Nicole Burger. higher. Dr. Les Cook,

1,000 asterisks) earned straight A during the 2004 fall term students were placed on averages of 4.0, with 1024 the fall 2004 dean's list at attaining GPAs from 3.50 to

From the Alto area is vice provost and dean of are Joshua Abdoo, Melissa grade point average during credit hours of coursework Jaime Ekkens, Thomas

Alma College named over 375 students to evaluative grades. the dean's list for outstanding academic performance which ended Dec. 17.

Cori Drenth.

To achieve list status, a student must Design. A 3.5 grade point From the Lowell area maintain a 3.5 or better average in no fewer than 12 student affairs, reports that Collins, Colin Moore* the term, while carrying is required to be eligible for 268 students (indicated by and Rebecca Trierweiler. a minimum of 13 credits, academic honors.

has at least eight of which are

announced that 985 students received academic honors From the Lowell area is for the fall 2004 semester at Ferris State University and dean's Kendall College of Art and

Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fastyou also miss the sense of where you are going and why. - Eddie Cantor



security. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, social security can pay 100 percent benefits owed. We know term challenges, and I numbers just don't add up. plan doesn't do one thing to ensure the long-term security of social security.

will Privatization for those who choose not to participate in privatized average retiree can expect to lose more than \$152,000 retirement.

The administration's plan also privatization includes a "privatization future. tax" that reduces benefits more. Essentially, as the government would initially it back with interest when privatization your benefits.

Ferris State University From the Lowell students who graduated in area are Brian Bodeman. December 2004 include Emily Cyrocki, Robert University officials have Ford. Christine Harwood, Jesse Sefton, Tracy Shinaver and Michele Seth Hay, Samantha Stauffer from the Lowell Johnson, Paul McKay, area; James Kraft and Carl Kimberly Seaman, Megan Kurtz from the Alto area. Shellenbarger, Tracy Shinaver and Michele 4.300 Stauffer. More than

of Kansas From the Alto area are University undergraduate students were Forsberg and Michelle named to its honor roll for Lindale. From the Ada the fall 2004 semester. From the Lowell area is area are Jordan Moore and **Jasmine Steele.** Samuel Yeo.

Carpenter receives auto glass specialists scholarship

Carpenter, pursuing a bachelor's degree Craig a recipient of the 2005 in business administration Auto Glass Specialists with a concentration Scholarship, was presented in insurance and risk with a \$1,000 check at management. Heispresidentthe Michigan Association elect of the Alpha Chapter Agents of Gamma Iota Sigma, the Insurance of Grand international insurance and in Convention Rapids. This scholarship risk management fraternity. The 2003 graduate of is awarded annually to a student interested in the Lowell High School played soccer in high school and insurance field. A junior at Olivet is currently on the team at Olivet College. Carpenter is

College,

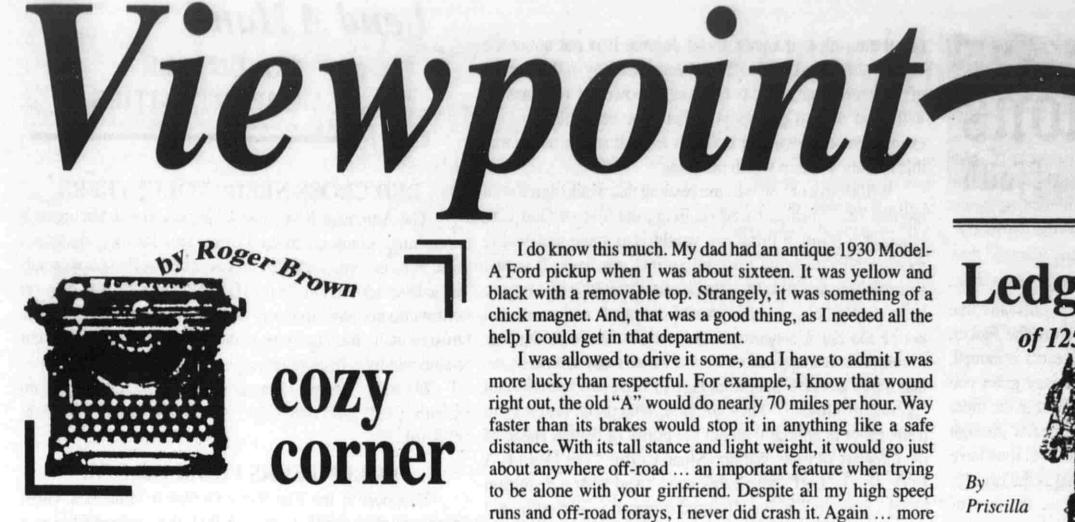


Beyond its deep benefit cuts, privatization would add \$5 trillion in debt over 20 years. Much of that money of its commitments through would be borrowed from 2052. After that, it will be countries like China and able to pay 80 percent of Japan, which already hold half of America's foreignsocial security faces long- owned debt. Our country now faces the largest budget intend to be part of the effort deficit in our history. Taking to strengthen it for the long on even more debt could stifle economic growth. All In fact, the administration's that Americans will own under privatization is nearly \$17,000 in additional debt - the amount of new debt

each man, woman and child require cutting benefits by will be responsible for if we one-third or more - even privatize Social Security.

must reject We privatization schemes that accounts. According to just don't make sense. We the Center for Economic need to work together; there and Policy Research, the are small things we can do now that will have a big impact in strengthening in benefits over a 20-year social security. We also must develop innovative ways to promote savings, so more Americans can save for their

You can help. Visit my web site at www.stabenow. senate.gov/socialsecurity to sign my petition to reject lend workers the money to privatization and to use my open a private account, they social security calculator would require you to pay to see how the President's accounts you retire, thus imposing an would affect your benefits. additional tax and reducing Together, we can keep the social security security in social security.



I recently spent some time with an old friend. When I say "old" friend, I don't mean he's old. I mean our friendship is old. This friend is about five years younger than I am. People aren't "old" until they are at least ten years older than I am.

My son turns 30 in a month. This friend's son is just turning 16. If my definition is applied to their cases, you could be "old" at 40, or even 26. Ouch! But, age is not what we are here ice and skidded into the "A". The incident bent the fenders to talk about. Thank goodness.

During our time together, my friend's soon-to-be-sixteenyear-old son was with us. You parents out there that have been through this know exactly what the hot topic of conversation was. That's right ... cars! In this case, a truck.

It may be a good thing to go through this teenage son business when you are in your fifties. The jury is still out on that. I'm not sure I could take the trials and tribulations at my age. On the other hand, I might be more mature and better equipped mentally to deal with a teenage son now. This truck is a case in point.

out of Montana. It was found using the Internet. Being a dry country truck it is solid and virtually rust free. The idea here is a father and son bonding experience as the truck is fixed up and made road-worthy. See, that's a mature decision on my friend's part. I wouldn't have thought of something like that kind of car that is going to win in a fender bender. Don't buy when my son was sixteen and I was 39. If I had the cash back then, I would have been fixing up a set of wheels for myself.

Ford Ranger pickup. In the few months that it lasted, my son smashed, crashed and rolled that little pickup until it looked like the loser in a demolition derby. A friend of mine nicknamed it the "Stunt Ranger"... a name that still comes up during family discussions.

With this antique Chevy project my friend has undertaken, the son will supposedly learn an appreciation for the vehicle. take pride in its appearance and treat it with respect. There should be none of this side swiping of concrete bridges or rolling it down an embankment at a ski lodge. At least that's learning to drive. the theory. We'll see.

I do know this much. My dad had an antique 1930 Model-A Ford pickup when I was about sixteen. It was yellow and black with a removable top. Strangely, it was something of a chick magnet. And, that was a good thing, as I needed all the help I could get in that department.

I was allowed to drive it some, and I have to admit I was more lucky than respectful. For example, I know that wound right out, the old "A" would do nearly 70 miles per hour. Way faster than its brakes would stop it in anything like a safe distance. With its tall stance and light weight, it would go just about anywhere off-road ... an important feature when trying to be alone with your girlfriend. Despite all my high speed runs and off-road forays, I never did crash it. Again ... more luck than respect.

I did have a rusty old '61 Ford sedan as my first car. The old beater cost \$125.00. I wasn't so lucky with that car. I crashed it into oblivion in about six months. One of these crashes was into the rear of my dad's Model A. The old truck was parked in the driveway. When I came home I couldn't stop on the on the "A" and trashed the front of my car. I caught it good for that one.

My friend is counting on his son's respect for the antique **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL** value of this old truck, plus the truck's inability to reach high **MARCH 10, 1880** speeds, as safety factors. Again, these are mature, and well-Editor's humor: "The doctor is a cure-us man reasoned ideals that a fifty-something father of a teenager perhaps." would come up with.

My guess is, the first time junior is behind the wheel and out Uncle Tom's Cabin at Train's Hall Saturday night. of sight, he's going to see just how fast the old truck will go. I'll The warm sugar socials are getting under way, now also lay money on the old Chevy showing up in the driveway that maples have been tapped. with cornstalks dangling from the undercarriage at least a time Six Lowellians, perhaps more, will go to Texas to buy The truck I heard so much about is a 1951 Chevy purchased or two. I hate to sound pessimistic, but I am a realist. cheap grazing land there. My advice is the same advice my insurance guy offered

me when my kids reached driving age. I didn't take, but would have been smart if I had.

He told me to buy a big, old, cheap, boat of a car ... the The annual meeting of the Old Residents' Association collision insurance, too expensive, and plan on losing your features biographies of several who have passed on. investment ... the kid "will" wreck the car. Buy the car and Deep snow in the U.P. promotes a large deer-kill by When my son turned sixteen, I succumbed to the pressure pay the insurance. Make the kid get a job or collect from his wolves. A trapper has counted 23 dead deer in 21 miles. and bought him a vehicle. It was a used, but very serviceable friends for gas money. That will keep the car in the driveway A Lawton farmer has purchased a 10-horsepower a little more and thus prolong its already short life expectancy. traction engine to work his 80-acre vineyard. That's about it.

After shelling out hard-earned cash for a cute little Musfor the inaugural of President Theodore Roosevelt and tang for my daughter at 16 and the Stunt Ranger for my son. vice president and former senator Charles Fairbanks. I've been down this road. I know now that was awfully good The editor asks again for delinquent subscribers to advice my insurance guy was dispensing. pay up. Some haven't in years.

On second thought, maybe age is what this is all about. I may try to think of myself as young, but boy oh boy, am I ever glad I'm too old to have a sixteen-year-old-son just

To The Editor

To the Editor,

money we pay for drivers training to the Lowell Schools helps pay for those that cannot afford to take drivers training? I've been told that this has been going on for years and I'm the first to complain. Well, how many people really know about this?

Since when is it up to the school district to make sure that every student gets to take drivers training whether they can afford it or not? Since when did driving become a "right" and not a "privilege?"

I know that not everyone can afford to take drivers training but why should those of us that pay for our own children be penalized because we can and do pay for it? If the school district wants to get involved in making sure that \$28,000. everyone takes drivers training, then why not make it part of the curriculum or find some other way, but not with our money.

I'm sorry that not everyone can afford to send their response. child through drivers training but the price should not be increased so that part of my money is used like that without my knowledge.

I have always supported the Lowell school district but I do not support them spending money behind our backs like this. Like I said before, driving is a "privilege" and not a "right." I resent the school deciding for me that I should donate to the underprivileged driving program.

Theresa Mundt

Dear Editor.

I'm writing this to inform the general public about what is happening in the Food Service Dept. at Lowell Area Schools

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Dr. Julius Five years ago, our food service director retired. Instead Klein, says retail sales by telephone and delivery save Did you know that a portion (I heard it was \$50) of the of hiring a new director, the administration hired a private everybody's time. company, Chartwells, to run the department. At that time the administration stated that the only position to be privatized **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** would be the director, and the remaining employees would **MARCH 10, 1955** keep their jobs. At that time, we felt it in our best interest to Don Beachum comes back to Roth and Sons as unionize to protect ourselves. manager after a few months' stay elsewhere. After Chartwells' first year, we went from a balance of Next Monday's village election will also decide

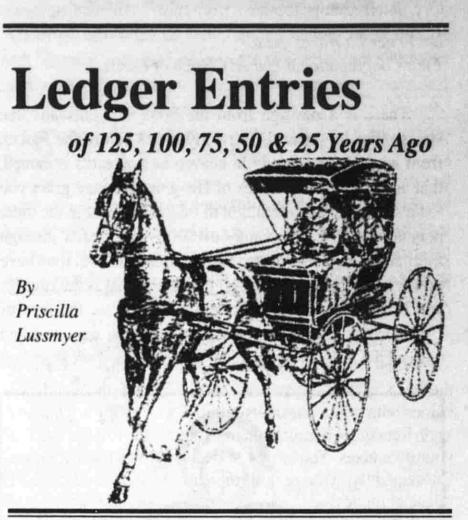
\$80,000 into the red. We have been there ever since.

Now, after five years of Chartwells' operating in the Lowell Church of the Nazarene dedicates its remodeled red, our administration feels that this financial performance sanctuary. merits a bigger portion of the district's business. They This is Board of Review week for the townships. want to make all of the available positions in food service Kerekes brothers' Schussaway Ski Area is listed in the Automobile Club of Michigan's winter sports booklet. (approximately eight) privatized. It's supposed to save

The food service staff has offered to lower starting pay and reduce holidays to meet the savings that Chartwells has offered. As of this writing, we have not received a

Department Our department has endured many cuts in the last three Confusion: the old '79 auto license plates all expire years, as have many other support staff areas. We understand in March. You must buy a new one this month, prorated to all too well about budget cuts. What I don't understand is expire on your next birthday, why privatizing is better. All of us who work here live in this Construction of the new DPW garage at Ottawa and community, pay taxes and have children in the district. We Hudson will begin soon. care not just as employees, but also as parents. We started The school board airs its plan for redistricting to even working for the schools because it allowed us to be a part up class sizes at Alto, Bushnell and Runciman schools. of our children's lives while working and still be a good Because of the snowless winter and optimum temperatures, maple syrup production could be higher parent than usual this spring.

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Ten above zero reported this morning.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 9, 1905

"The greatest ceremony since the Civil War" is held

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 6, 1930 The Board of Trade, after its dinner meeting at City Hall, will see the U.S. Chamber of Commerce film, "The March of Business" at the Strand Theatre.

J. Baxler remembers back to 1873, when Train's lime warehouse collapsed into the pond (north of Main St); barrels of lime exploded and killed many suckers.

An hour radio show March 12 at 9:30 p.m. will feature Will Rogers and Sousa's band.

Frank Beckwith says it's a wonderful sight to see 10,000 baby chicks hatching out at the Foreman Hatchery.

whether Lowell's water will be fluoridated

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 5, 1980

Since the "Bottle Bill" passed two years ago, roadside litter has decreased by 41 percent, says the State Highway

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Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor First Congregational United Church of Christ

There is a passage from the book of Ephesians that states: "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner person, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." What a fantastic understanding



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of relationships. It is not about dogma. It is not about the church you attend. It is not about your theology or the version of scripture you read. It is about a powerful relationship with God that so defines you that your life embodies and exemplifies the love that is God's love. It seems to me that this is truly a vision worth pursuing.

While most of you who are reading this would agree with me that relationships based on living the love of God with others is a positive thing, we would also agree that loving relationships do bring uncertainty into our lives. It is that control thing again. Life seems so much easier when we can be in control, plan our life around our needs and wants and not be too much concerned about others. We basically fear uncertainty. It makes most of us a bit anxious. So much so, that many insecure people engage in what psychiatrists call "premature closure." They are those who prefer certainty to truth, those in church who put the purity of dogma ahead of in April. the integrity of love. William Sloan Coffin, "The Heart Is A Little To The Left" puts it this way: "And what a distortion of the Gospel it is to have limited sympathies and unlimited certainties, when the very reverse - to have limited certainties and unlimited sympathies - is not only more tolerant but far more Christian. For 'who has known the mind of God?' And didn't Saint Paul also insist that if we fail to love we fail in

There is a challenge before all people of compassion, sympathy, love, empathy and that challenge is to live with a mind of faith, a mind open to be in compassionate relationships with all others, to invite people into our lives that we might be the children of God together. Where dogma stands in the way of true compassion and acceptance, then it is the dogma that must be examined for true compassion is of God as seen in the life and teachings, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Please, think about this as you



RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The American Red Cross of West Central Michigan is recruiting volunteers in the Lowell area for local disasters: fire, flood or tornado. When these occur, the Red Cross sends in a Disaster Action Team (DAT) to ensure that disaster clients do not have to worry about food, clothing or a place to stay while the family tends to the matter of putting their home and lives back together.

If you are interested in taking a class to become a team member, call 1-800-482-2411 x3113. Classes will be held

VOLUNTEERS FROM F.R.O.M.

Shoppers at the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift shop made it possible to furnish 60 boxes of food to people in need and help 48 families with emergency services such as utilities, rent, heating fuels, prescriptions, etc. If you have any concerns or questions regarding our services, feel free to contact Roger La Warre, board chairman, at 897-5906.



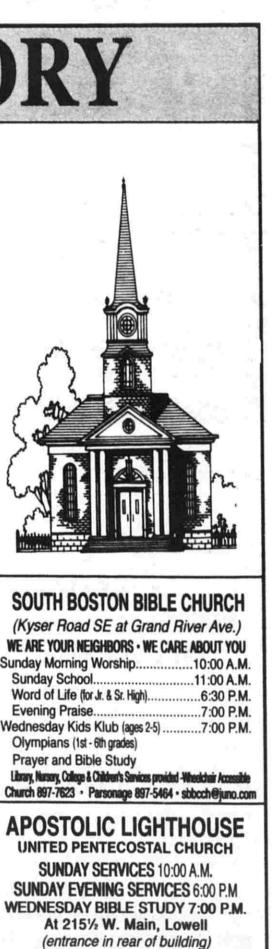
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- MARCH 14: Venita Wheeler, Mike Stevens, Dan Baird, Kari Merriman. Vickie Comdure, Shannon Lambert.
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Local church to host **Social Security seminar**

The First United Methodist Church of Hoover and John P. Tiemstra.

Hoover is professor of business environmental policy. administration and chair of the department of as markets and Christian ethics.

Tiemstra has taught economics at Calvin Lowell will host a seminar on Thursday, College since 1975. His research has focused March 10 to answer questions and issues on methodological issues surrounding the concerning social security. It will be led integration of Christianity and economics by two economics professors, Dr. Woody as well as on government regulation of business, including industrial policy and

The seminar, held in Wesley Hall, is business administration at Aquinas College. intended to be informational and not a time His areas of research and publication include for debate. The event, at 7 p.m., is open to the marketing, markets and public policy as well public and there is no charge, but a free will offering will help cover expenses.

The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it. -Woodrow Wilson



DeWitt of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Payton Grace, born January 25, 2005 at 2:56 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

She was welcomed home by her big brother Easton.

Proud grandparents are Terry and Robin DeWitt of Clare, Barry and Darlene Latham of Lowell and Ron and Jane Smith of Freesoil. She is also blessed with several great-grandparents

Andy and Michelle Garnet Wright of Lowell, Jackson, Vera Havemen of Bud and Bev DeWitt of Flushing and Ray and Ruth Saranac, Pat Latham of Pitts of Coldwater.





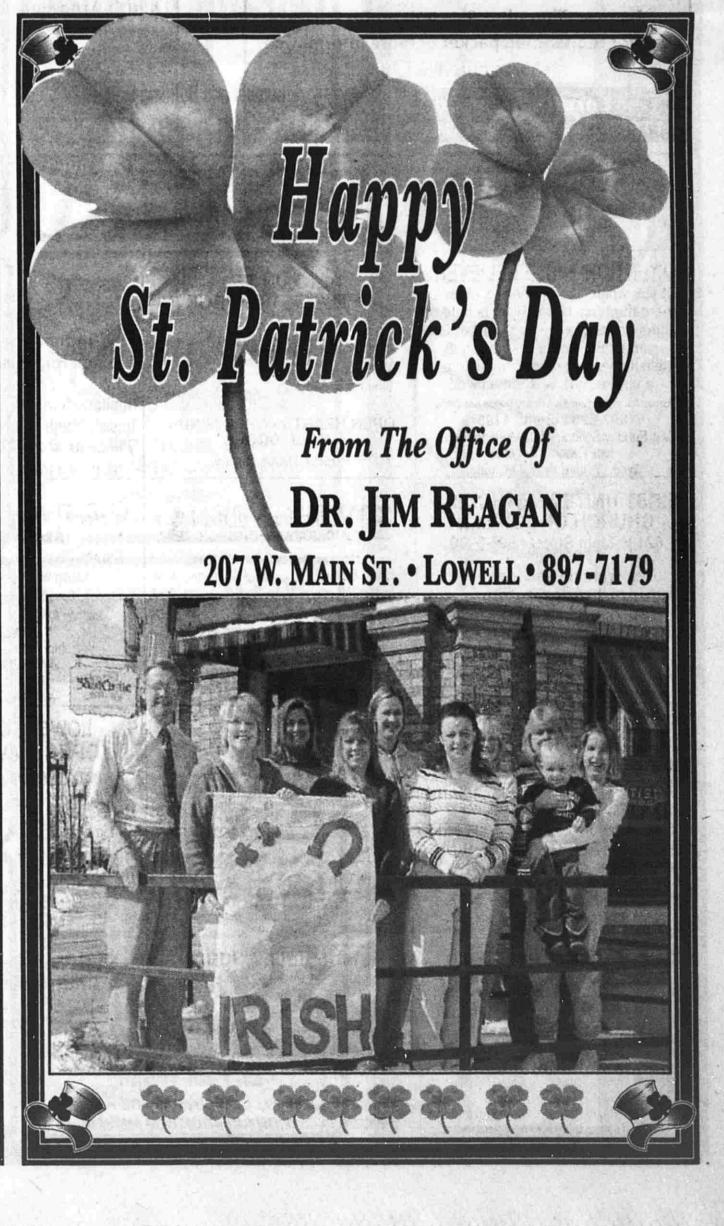


After serving Corporal Heather Huachuca, Arizona on Feb. Command and Control, however she also served with

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

ROSACEA that affects the skin of the usually start between the Topicalantibiotic medication face. It usually starts as a age of 30-50. Rosacea is also prescribed. It usually redness that spreads across seems to get worse with takes a couple of months the nose, cheeks, forehead sun exposure, hot drinks, to see improvement in the and small pimples or acne strenuous exercise and hot be continued indefinitely. will also present. Several blood vessels may become more prominent in areas of cure for rosacea, it can be you're exposed to the sun. rosacea.

cause, but it tends to occur



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In The Service

III Corps in flight operations. Forces months in Baghdad, Iraq, awarded the Joint Service L. Accommodation medal and home duty station at Fort specialist to corporal.

15. Cpl. Sterzick served as to sergeant (E-5) on March an air traffic controller for 5 with an effective date way." Multi National Corps. Her of Dec. 1, 2004. She also main mission in Baghdad serves as a squad leader for John and Helen Sterzick, is was to serve as an air traffic her platoon in the HHC US controller in Army Airspace Army Garrison Command out of Fort Huachuca.

Sgt. Sterzick said



in fair skinned individuals Rosacea is a condition who blush easily. Symptoms temperatures.

Although there is no controlled with medication. There is no specific If left untreated, it tends to contact www.rosacea.org.

American Saranac Legion has displayed great dedication to the Armed by personally five For her efforts, Sterzick was supporting the soldiers of the surrounding community. "It makes significant impact on Sterzick returned to her was laterally promoted from you when you are out there fighting and you know that Sterzick was promoted you have your community behind you every step of the

Sterzick, the daughter of scheduled to remain at Fort Huachuca for the remainder of her Army career which is June 2006.

become worse with time. Treatment will control symptoms and improve the appearance of your skin. Medication works better on pimples and bumps of rosacea while the redness is a little harder to control.

The most commonly prescribed medication is oral tetracycline which is usually taken for several months. chin. Sometimes, alcohol, spicy foods, stress, skin and the medication can You should use a mild soap and always use sunscreen if

For more information



WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

The school year is winding down, and once again our elementary schools have helped develop some wonderful readers. This is always so satisfying to the child, to the teacher and to the child's parents. But there are some children who have fallen behind, and simply are unable to master the skills necessary to become good readers. The adults that are caring for him/her need to ask the question, "Does my child have dyslexia?" This article will present what the symptoms of dyslexia are, based on the definition from the International dyslexia Association.

Dyslexia is a neurologically-based, often familial, disorder which interferes with the acquisition and processing of language. Varying in degree of severity, it is manifested by difficulties in receptive and expressive language, including phonological processing, in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting and sometimes in arithmetic.

Dyslexia is not the result of motivation, sensory impairment, inadequate instructional or environmental opportunities, or other limiting conditions, but may occur together with these onditions.

Although dyslexia is lifelong, individuals frequently respond successfully to timely and appropriate intervention. Emotional disturbances and behavioral difficulties are often secondary results. Characteristics that may accompany dyslexia:

- · Lack of awareness in sounds in words-sound order, rhymes, or sequence of syllables.
- · Difficulty decoding words-single word identification.
- · Poor sequencing of numbers, of letters in words, when read or written (e.g., b-d; sing-sign; left-felt; soiled-solid; 12-21.)
- · Problems with reading comprehension.
- · Difficulty expressing thoughts in written form.

- Delayed spoken language. heard.
- · Difficulty in expressing thoughts orally.
- months and days. problems among relatives.
- · Difficulty with handwriting. · Difficulty in mathematics - often related to sequencing of

steps or directionality or to the language of mathematics. Persons with dyslexia can learn, but they must be taught in a manner appropriate to their particular strengths and weaknesses. Next month "With our Counsel" will discuss famous people in history who have struggled with dyslexia.

To The Editor, continued... From Page 5

then hired in at 1.5 or 2 hours a day. Our school system of our children a secondary interest. doesn't even have a sub pool anymore. We now use a temp service to fill positions. No background checks are required. asking questions. I want the public to be informed of the School employees, however, are required to have a criminal things that are not published in our local papers. background check.

Some of us started as substitutes for food service, than an accounting firm, with the education and well being So why am I writing this? I want you, the public, to start

I'm afraid our administration has become nothing more



• Imprecise or incomplete interpretation of language that is

· Confusion about directions in space or time, right and left, up and down, early and late, yesterday and tomorrow,

• Confusion about right or left handedness. • Similar

Sincerely, **Robin Briggs**

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Lowell High School March Students of the Month

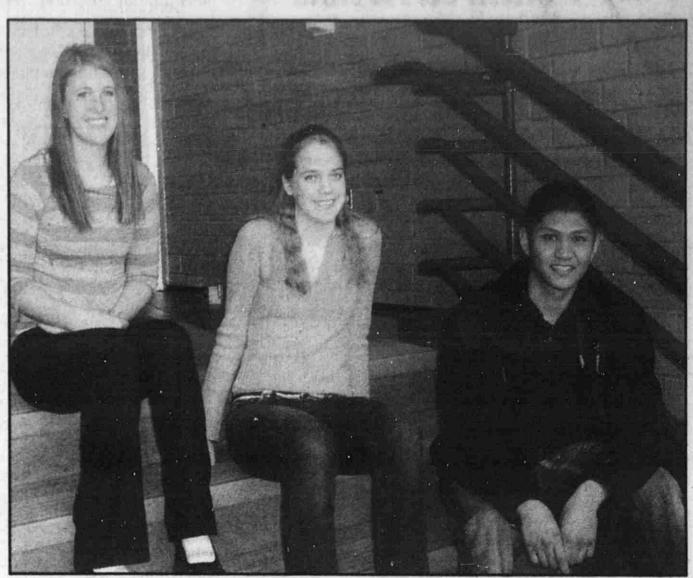
Lowell High School teacher nominator said she the easiest but in which he "students of the month" have been selected for her academics and also March.

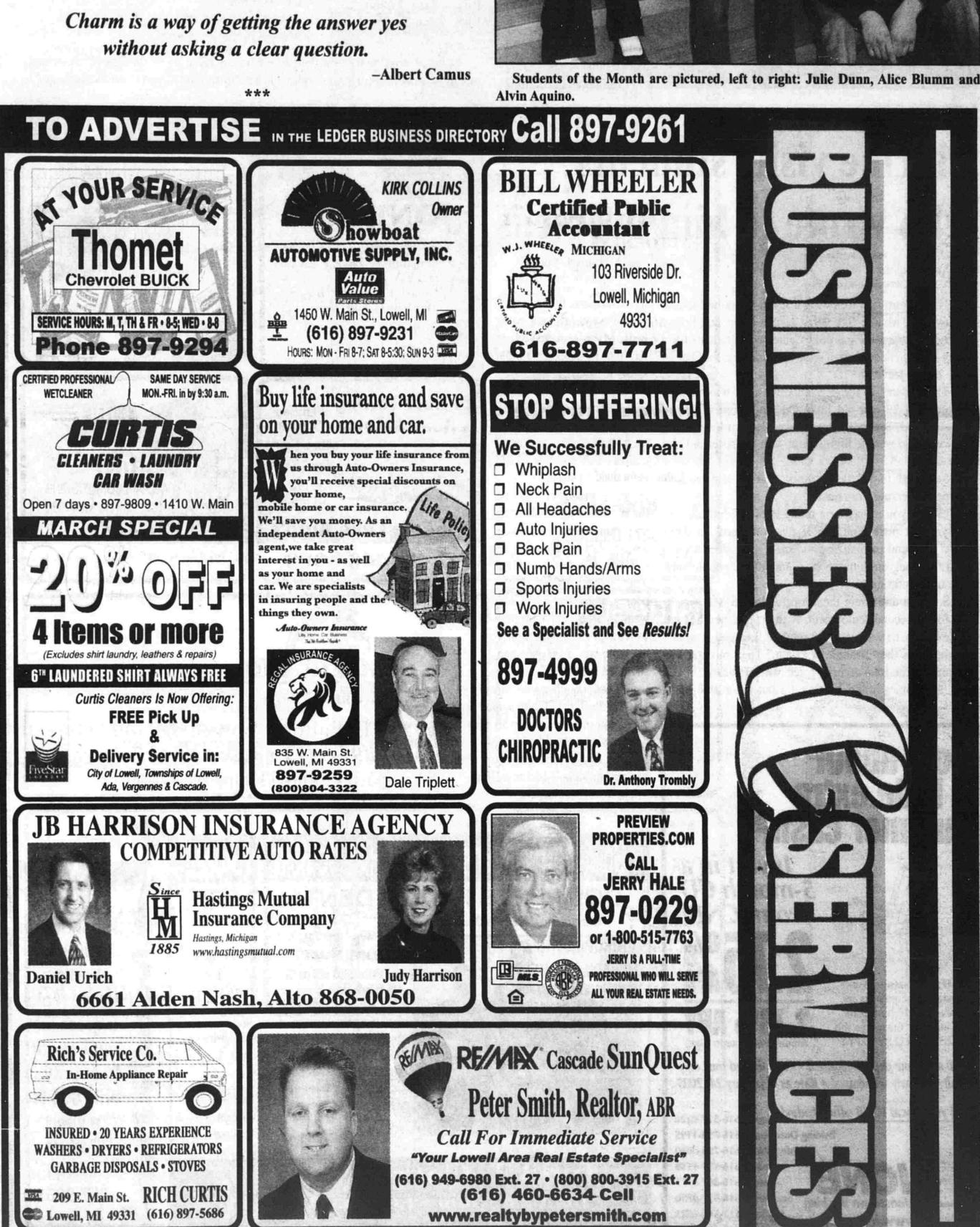
choice of the Agriscience Department. She is the selected by the Technology Lowell. Her extracurricular daughter of Rick Dunn of Department. A senior, he activities include a part Lowell and Kathy Dunn of is the son of Enrique and in the all-school play and Ada. The senior is a member Priscila Aquino of Ada. stage manager for the allof FFA, National Honor Employed at Alticor, he also school musical. She is Society, team and the cheerleading time. Aquino plans to attend section of the Grand Rapids squad. In addition, she is college and work next year. Astronomical Association. active in her church youth His teacher nominator said Her teacher nominator group and 4-H. Dunn plans he worked hard in drawing said Blumm does excellent to attend Michigan State and painting class, and chose work in science and overall University in the fall. Her subjects that weren't always academic excellence.

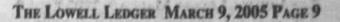
works very hard to maintain showed a strong interest. finds time to participate in by the Science Department. Julie Dunn was the extracurricular activities.

the equestrian enjoys boxing in his free also president of the junior

AliceBlummwaschosen The junior is the daughter Alvin Aquino was of John and Paula Blumm of









By Dan Schneider Born and raised in Grand Haven, watercolor artist Don Holstine has painted a lot of ighthouses.

He's painted familiar



ones like Big Red Holland and Point Betsie in Frankfort, and also lesser known ones elsewhere along the shoreline. Some of them have fresh coats of paint, but, he said. "others have fallen into delapidation."

Holestine's artworks currently on display at the Huntington Galleria include some of those lighthouses.

"I don't have as many lighthouses in this exhibit as I usually would have." he said, adding that there are several paintings from around Lowell the showboat, the backs of buildings over the Flat River, King Milling and Blue Ribbon Feeds. "Every little com-

old businesses that are gradually fading away," said the watercolorist.

He likes to paint the old buildings, old farm scenes, antique barns ... and lighthouses "for the history they carry."

the same way," Holstine said. "I go out and I'll look at them and I'll wonder how many generations have seen this or gone through this."

They are scenes from past times, and he likes their that," he explained. simplicity.

ideas," Holstine said.

more connected to the earth, sometimes using acrylics they came up with their own for accents. His paintings will be on display through Painting was a natural April 11. way for Holstine to connect

At left, Lowell artist Don Holstine with his painting of the Lowell Showboat, one of several currently on display at the Huntington Galleria on E. Main St.

Marine visits students who wrote to him overseas

By Dan Schneider

Home from Iraq following a seven-and-a-half-month have mortars flying in on deployment, Marine Sgt. Jerry Jordan spent last Friday you, but you just kept going afternoon tubing at Pando Ski Center with students from because you expected things Unity High School. Jordan returned from Iraq on Feb. 14 like that to happen," Jordan for a 20-day leave.

The students in Tonya Sandborn's class wrote letters to Jordan, a 29-year-old Lake Odessa native, while he was stationed. Sandborn is a family friend of the Marine sergeant, who went to high school with her sister in Lake Odessa.

Stationed in hostile territory, Jordan said soldiers responses appreciate hearing from home.

"When you're having a really stressful, intense day, and you get mail from people that you know or don't know, any kind of mail is good mail," he said. "It feels good because you think about it and all the people back here are supporting you."

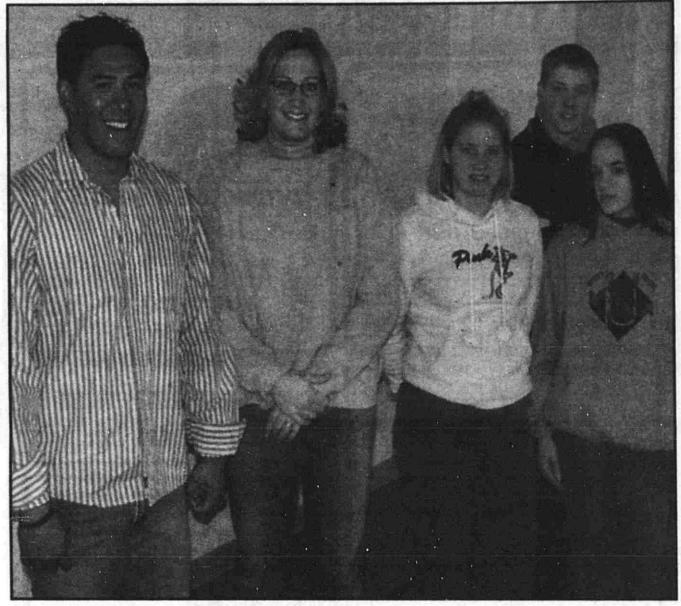
Stressful days were the norm for Jordan who was in people who went or nearly Iraq for his second deployment. With the Marines' Second Force Recon, he was stationed south of Baghdad in what's referred to as the "Triangle of Death." Their mission was to train an elite Iraqi security force called Hillaswat.

"Sometimes you'd be training out there and you'd

Letters in two packages came from about 20 Unity High School students. He tried to answer as many questions as possible in his

"I remember sitting there one day on my day off just sitting there and writing letters," Jordan said.

Some of the classmates who wrote letters knew went to Iraq, and therefore welcomed the opportunity to write to a serviceman stationed there.

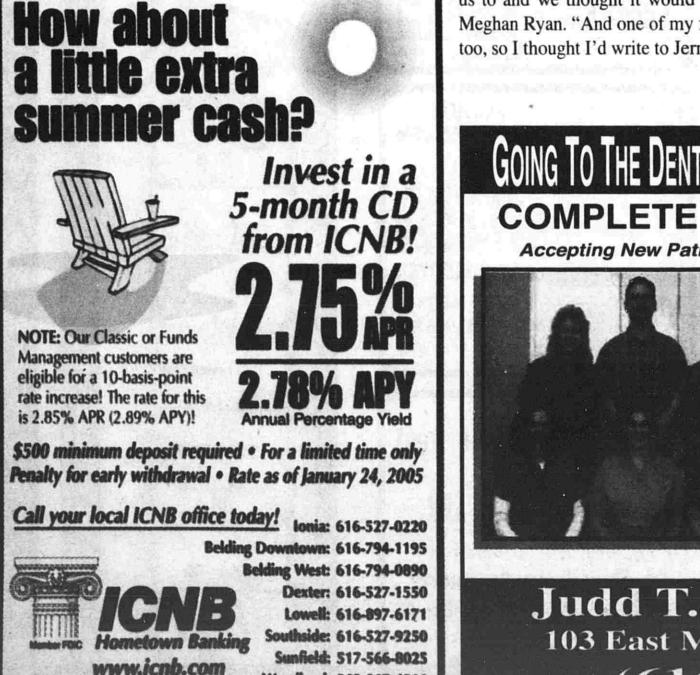


Above, from left, Marine Sgt. Jerry Jordan, Unity High School teacher Tonya Sandborn, and students Meghan Ryan, Alan Boeve and Amanda Reed in the Unity High School gym. Jordan went snow-tubing with the class a week

"I had a brother who almost had to go and so I thought I could write Jerry." Unity senior Amanda Reed said.

"Half of us decided to do it just because Sandborn asked us to and we thought it would be fun," said Unity junior Meghan Ryan. "And one of my friends, he went over there, too, so I thought I'd write to Jerry."

Ryan plans to join the military herself when she graduates from high school. "Just because then I could get my training done and become a firefighter faster," she said. Jordan will be stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, after his leave time is up.



odiand: 269.367.4911



with these places. Having painted for about 15 years, he comes from a family of artists: his father was an art teacher, his sister is an art therapist and his brother is a graphic designer.

Holstine also writes poetry related to the "I look at the old barns subjects in his work. "Over time, after I've been working on a piece

for a while, you get a relationship with the piece and I'll write down the feelings associated with Holstine paints "I think that people were mostly with watercolors,

Spring musical is fancy free and "Footloose"

The cast of Lowell High School's production of "Footloose" cuts loose in the opening number.

By Dan Schneider

rockin' this spring with the off "a few moves" at the musical "Footloose" which opens Thursday.

allegorical tale about what can happen when rock and roll invades a small, rural town. The result is well- Durkee) takes a liking to choreographed musical McCormack immediately, numbers.

moralists. He plays Ren but can he loosen its McCormack, a teenager Puritanical shackles? It from Chicago whose life will take several musical circumstances force him to move to rural Anytown, pull it off. U.S.A. with his mother. It in Iowa, and in the play it is called Bomont.

doesn't appreciate his bigcity airs. Dancing and rock include the title song and and roll are verboten in the small town. Reverend Shaw Moore-played by plicated production, one senior Kyler Krieg, whose singing voice is one of several discovered during rehearsals for the musical- huge cast and elementary is a religious zealot bent on keeping feet firmly planted on the ground in the town of Bomont. When some high schoolers from Bomont High die in a car accident

seem to catch a break. at the door. Call 987-2956.

Early on, he is sternly Lowell High School is reprimanded for showing school by principal Harry Clark (Regan Doyle). He The production is an also loses a job and is pretty bored in the cow-town. Moore's fast-living teenage daughter, Ariel (Amanda which promises further plot Junior Chad Drenth complications. Needless to shakes his hips like Elvis say, McCormack shakes to the dismay of the town things up a bit in Bomont, numbers, but he just might

Besides rock and roll, turns out that Anytown is the orchestra pit features five electrified instruments. Ryder Jones plays both At first, Bomont guitar and Cowboy Bob. Famous songs featured "Let's Hear it for the Boy."

Footloose is a comwith 10-second costume changes and on-the-fly set changes. It incorporates a students even make onenight-only appearances.

It's a big production, and the musical is flying solo this year, financially, due to a tight budget. There after a homecoming dance will be six performances: in a nearby town, Moore March 10, 11, 12, 18 at talks the city council into 7:30 p.m.; March 19 at 2 outlawing dancing in the and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 students/seniors; \$7 McCormack can't general admission; and \$8

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The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal years 2005-2006 at the Bowne Township Historic Hall - 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. "The property tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing." A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Office at the above address Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk



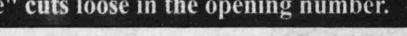
March 19 • 2:00 & 7:30 \$5 Students/Seniors • \$7 General Public \$8 At the Door Tickets or Show Information • 987-2956

Come and Support the Cast, Crew, Musicians from your community.

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March 10, 11, 12, 18 • 7:30рм

Join Us for a Preshow

Ice Cream Social 6:30 PM Show Nights

\$2 Tickets (Advance Sales Requested) Sponsored by the LHS Junior Class

> Tanya Baker Ramsey Charrouf Elly Drain Garrison Fredline **Onwon Griner** Ryder Jones Jenny Kettel Meghan Matthews Joe Mull Andy Oesch Hannah Stewart Nate Vaught Hannah Knudstrup **Rob** Alguire Sam Dilling Nick Gillhespy Brandon Lawrence Molly Richard Mike VanderHart Bill Zinke Nick Freeburg Angela Lachniet Carol Drenth

Sarah Brearley Andrea Converse Chad Drenth Emily Gerard Mallory Hines Heather Jousma Gary Kilgore Kristen McAlpine Lorri Myers Brittany Pabon Brent Sutterfield Cassie Vredevoogo Ben Baughman **Brian Adams** AJ Freeburg Cory Grzyb **Frances Maycroft** Maggie Ryan Coleton Webber Josh Brubaker Doug Halbeison Culver Redd **Bonnie Nethercott**

Lowell Performing Arts Center 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331 Tickets on sale in the Lowell High School Main Office ٠

COMINGEVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the 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

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.

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

MON .: LHS Fellowship of nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. Christian Athletes & 897-2760 or 897-9160. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Women's over 30 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look

MON .: Boy Scout Troop S. Hudson St. 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of the American Sewing of N. Washington St. Call Guild, Plainfield Senior Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Center, 5255 Grand River 4302 for more info.

Education meets 7 p.m. in 231-780-1249 for more in-Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society 2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS support meetings, 7-8:30 meets 7:30 at historic museum.84th/Alden Nash.

3RDMON.: Fallasburg His- Impact, a Wesleyan torical Society board Church, 1070 N. Hudson. meetings at chamber of- Call 897-8304. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited.Call 897-7161 for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. info. or location.

Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wellness Center, Bridge Annalaine's on S. Alden

3RD MON .: Peripheral come. Contact Bev or Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor dinner is provided. Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights

3RD MON.: Lowell Show- Mary School at 7:30 p.m. boat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of 3RD TUES .: Parents of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call American Legion Post 152, Linda: 874-5662; teen 3RD THURS .: 4 Health 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at group: Sarah 281-6588. 7:30 p.m.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Topic: Education for Ex-Sensibly Tops MI#372 Girls Club - Calvary Chris- ceptional Child -IEPC meets at Key Heights Mo- tian Reformed Church. Process. Call 642-6466 for bile Home Park Community Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. info. Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

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

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at

tices by phone at 897-9261. story hour/craft time 9:45 -11:15 a.m./women only at Reformed Church, Call

> 1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

> port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College,

Memorial Fire Station, 315

Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. 897-7842. meeting/program. Call MON .: Lowell Board of Olga616-975-9977 or June THURS .: St. Mary's Pregformation.

> 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Quap.m. New members are welcome.

- Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Fuller NE.

Saranac Needlers, 3RD MON .: Women of the 8:30 p.m., 4 Health Lions Club meets at St., Saranac. All are wel- Nash Ave. at 7 p.m. Melissa, 642-6466. Light

of Columbus #7719 at St.

children w/AD/HD at St. 2NDTHURS .: Genealogy-Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E.

TUES .: Cub Scout Pack 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. Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Hudson St.

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

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

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

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

THURS .: Weight Watchers 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.

nancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS .: Michigan Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; Hepatitis C Foundation p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room.

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

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

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

Wellness Center in Saranac, "Parenting For EVERY OTHER WED .: Success", 7-8:30 p.m.

WED .: Rotary meets at 3RD THURS .: Rubber at 862-8841.

> 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

2ND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC spon- Girls Night Out, 6-9 p.m. sors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free.897-7688.

ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: needleart/quilting bee, 5- 1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

> LOWELL AREA ARTS p.m. Bible Study. COUNCIL: Tues.- Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 or www. lowell artscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 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 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

3RD THURS .: Parents 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: A recruiters' rally for the CROP Walk (May 1) is scheduled for 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church in Lowell. Questions, call 897-5936.

THURS., MARCH 10:

Wedding, Engagement and Anniversary Announcements* are Free in the Ledger. **Birth Announcements without** a photo are free; with a photo are \$5. * Anniversary announcements cannot contain an invitation to a celebration

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Wal Woodland Mall. TUES.: 9:00 a.m. V

at Woodland Mall: 12

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WED., MARCH 9: 8 a.m. Traveling Break Brandywine; 11a.m. p.m. Math Games.

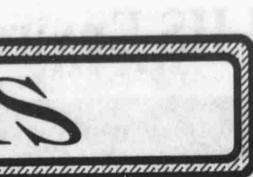
FRI., MARCH 11: a.m. Community Ser Neighbors Lunch; 12 p.m. Bingo.

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

TUES., MARCH 15: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents.

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.



at various businesses in Lowell, Info .: call Liz at the chamber at 897-9161 or www. lowellchamber.org.

SAT., MARCH 12: Foodmobile free food at fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

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

SAT., MARCH 19: Kent County Fair Board will host a soup/salad supper at Lowell Fairgrounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Public welcome. Donations for Small Animal Bldg. fund.

SAT., MARCH 26: Lowell p.m. at high school. Call Liz

Community Expo, 9-3:30 at chamber 897-9161 with questions or for application

Got an Announcement to make?

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lkat	THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m.
Valk 2:45	Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
2.10	FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk Woodland Mall.
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8:30 tfast & 1	FRI., MARCH 18: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 4:30 p.m. Deer Run Fish.
10 nior 2:45	MON., MARCH 21: 12 p.m. Soup & Sandwish.
14: /orld	TUES., MARCH 22: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 12:15 p.m. Alto School Lunch.

WED., MARCH 23: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Sundance Grill."

THURS., MARCH 24: 10 a.m. Women's City Club. FRI., MARCH 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 12:45 p.m.

Shop 28th Mega Mall. MON., MARCH 28: 12:45 p.m. Games at Center

By Dan Schneider

Environmental Club met recycling containers. Dart with school administrators Container Corporation picks Monday to push for lunch them up for free every two tray recycling in its school weeks. The manufacturer cafeteria.

Scott Vashaw and Lowell place throughout the state of Area Schools director of Michigan. The trays can be dining services Chris Nelson converted into park bench listened to their ideas and materials and other recycledwere receptive, the students plastic products. reported.

was completely for it," said the high school in the fall of environmental club program 2003. coordinator and student Lori Smith.

about 400 polystyrene know as much as we do now trays per day. Up to 1,800 and we got shot down," travs are used every day said environmental club from reusable plastic trays we are going to take care of to polystyrene trays as a things. cost-saving measure. Also, Nelson said, the cleaning agents formerly used to wash impact recycling the trays by storing bags of trays in the trays had environmental issues of their own.

Rockford High School has been recycling their polystyrene lunch trays recycling was an easy step tech education class built mice and other varmints," for a year now. This came for the school to take. about through the efforts of members of the school's all obstacles that got in our Foundation. The trailer was sitting out there for two Youth Initiative program, particularly member Colleen Hamilton. Hamilton gave doesn't cost you anything, up a recycling program. said, lunch trays for students into the habit of word around the school meeting.

At Rockford, students The Lowell High School dispose of their trays in of polystyrene containers High school principal has a recycling program in

Lowell students "Mr. Vashaw said he suggested tray recycling for

"We've been trying to get this working for a The high school uses while, but before, we didn't The schools switched got more answers about how

> They were able to a place to put it." address such issues as what custodial staff.

way," Lewis said.

do," Lewis said. "The only



Lowell High School juniors, from left, Nathan Galbreath, Brandon Herring, Benjamin Den Houter and Michael throughout the entire district. president Alex Getz. "We Pretzel enjoy eating hotdogs on polystyrene trays during last Friday's second lunch. The environmental club at the high school hopes to get everyone recycling the trays.

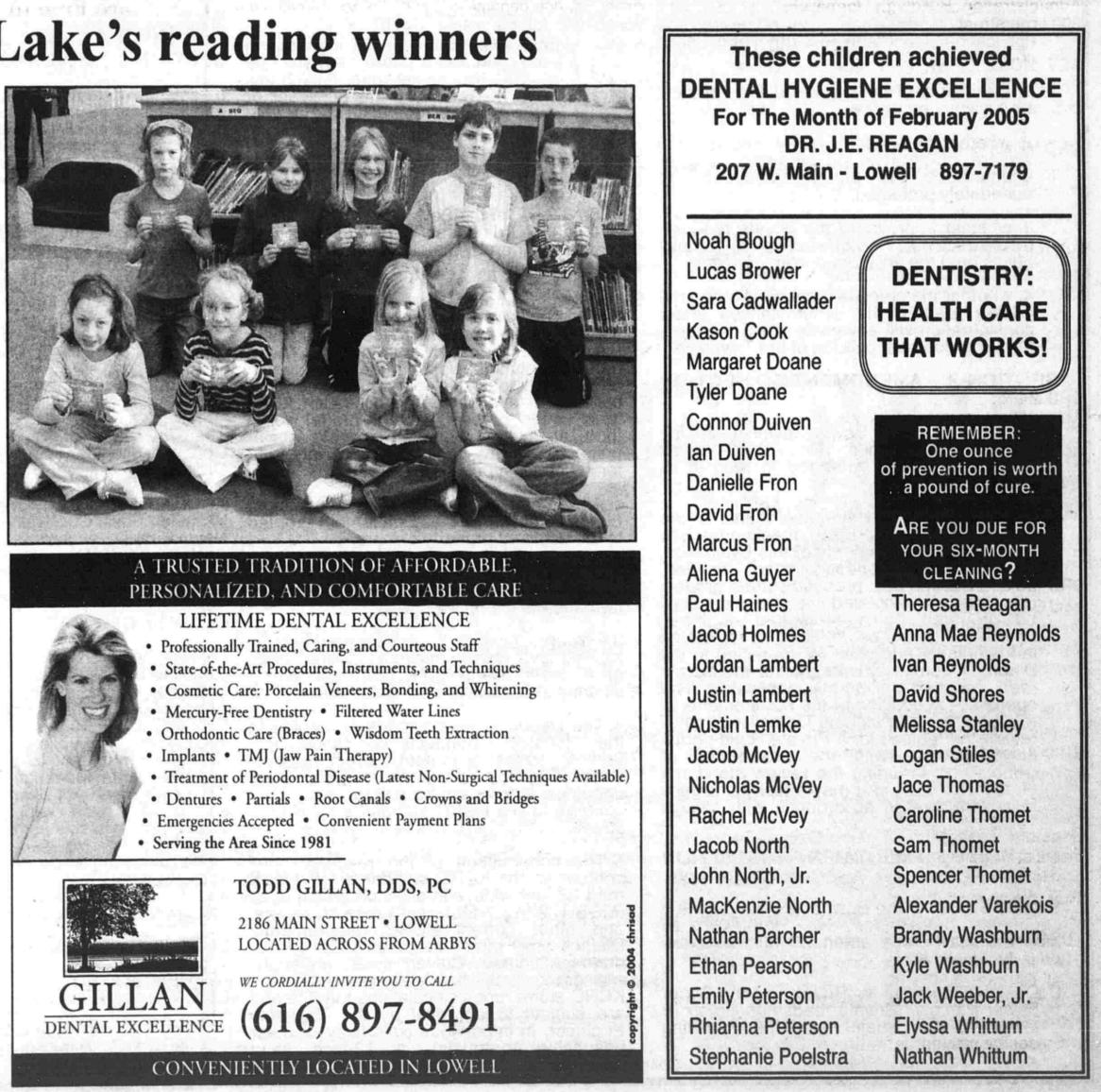
Rockford started out moved to Zeeland, where weeks, it gets real rancid." There weren't many. "It that high school has started

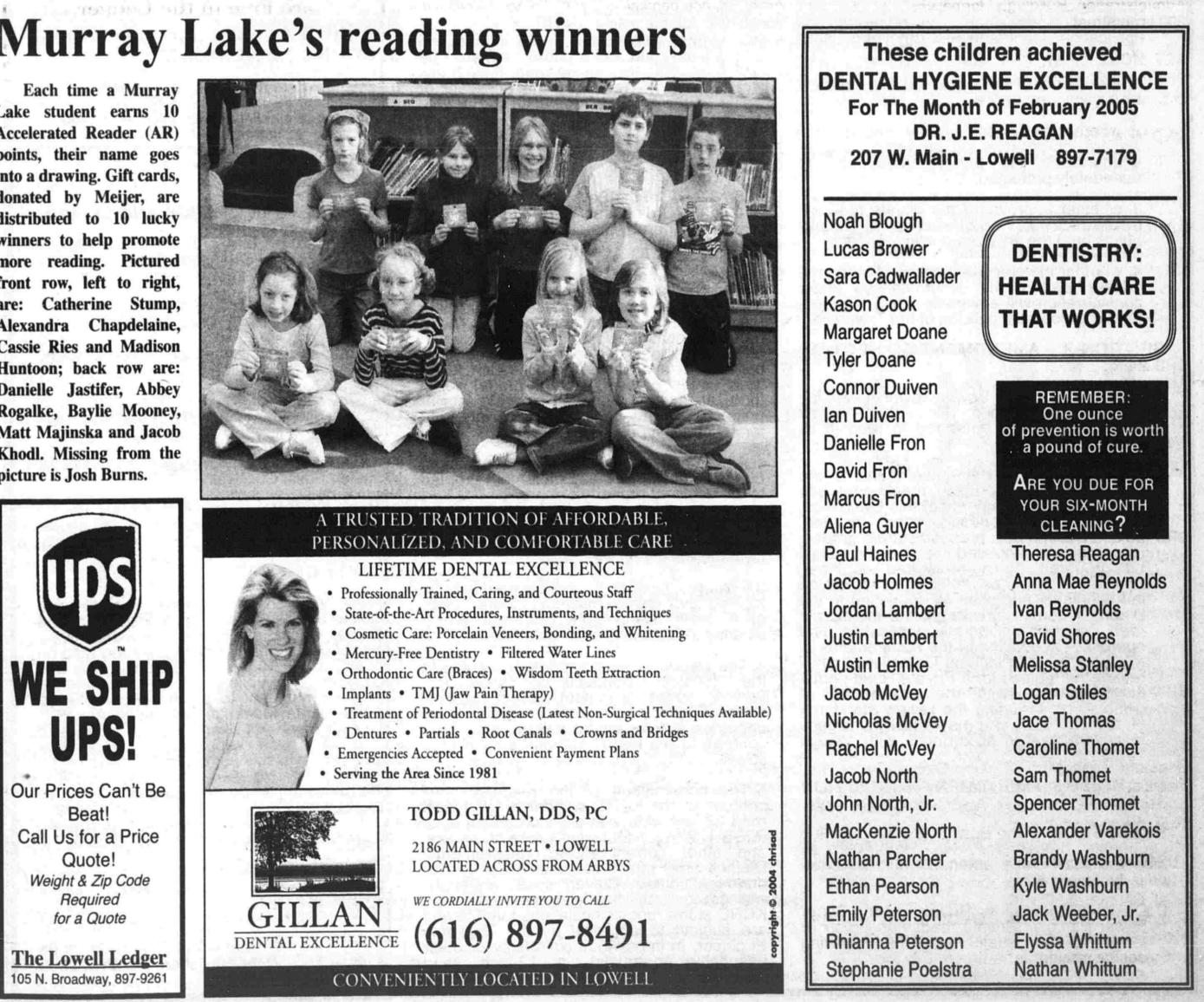
thing you have to do is find time frame makes the Dart program harder to and pest problems. implement.

would have on the school's a semi trailer donated by the Dart recycling program Meijer. Now the bags wait is that the semi sits with Rockford's assistant for pickup in a 10- by 10- decomposing food for two principal Steve Lewis said foot shed. The high school's weeks and it attracts rats and the shed with a \$1,200 grant he said. "You get ketchup, "We were able to hurdle from the Rockford Education mustard and mayonaise

Murray Lake's reading winners

Lake student earns 10 Accelerated Reader (AR) points, their name goes into a drawing. Gift cards, donated by Meijer, are distributed to 10 lucky winners to help promote more reading. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Catherine Stump, Alexandra Chapdelaine, **Cassie Ries and Madison** Huntoon; back row are: Danielle Jastifer, Abbey Rogalke, Baylie Mooney, Matt Majinska and Jacob Khodl. Missing from the picture is Josh Burns.





off, it's not a problem," anything from any of my results at Lowell. custodians about it."

rodents.

constructed or hauled in, At Rockford, Lewis the next step will be to get people, he said, to get the a presentation at Monday's it's just the right thing to Nelson said the two-week recycling are stored in recycling their lunch trays. about tray recycling.

plastic bags to reduce odor Lewis said after student recycling-promotion efforts. "We get heavy plastic compliance at Rockford is "The main deterrer to liners and when you tie them more than 80 percent. Getz is confident the environmental he said. "I haven't heard club can achieve similar

"I'd say if everybody The shed at Rockford (in the club) was here, we'd was built to withstand have about 40 people and they're from all around the Once a storage site is school," Getz said.

There are plenty of

and the second se

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 05-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.24.A., 3.24.B., 3.24.D., 3.24.E., AND 3.24.F. OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 21st day of February, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Christian Wenger, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Tammi Wingeier, David Fuss, Kim Culbertson.

ABSENT: None.

The following ordinance was offered by Kowalczyk and seconded by Culbertson.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.24.A.

Section 3.24.A. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

A. Location Allowed: Private roads are allowed in all zoning districts, except agricultural. The application package, together with the application review fee shall include a written description of the proposed development to be served, name and address of the applicant and detailed site plans and construction plans (see Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance), and a detailed description of how the costs of operation and maintenance will be apportioned and paid for by benefiting property owners. An architect, engineer, or other person will be consulted if deemed necessary. If the Planning Commission approves the application, the building official shall issue a private road construction permit to the applicant upon payment of the permit fee. No construction shall begin on the private road or on adjacent properties that depend on the private road for access until the private road construction permit has been issued. The applicant shall notify the Township at least 72 hours prior to initiation of construction of the private road. During construction, the applicant shall allow the Township to review construction progress for compliance with the approved site plan and construction drawings. In reviewing the application, the Planning Commission shall consider:

1. the impact of the proposed development on adjacent properties;

2. whether the health, safety, and general adequately protected;

points onto the adjacent public road; and

consideration will adversely affect the longterm development policies of the Township.

SECTION 2 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.24.B.

Section 3.24.B. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

B. Site Plans and Construction Plans: A site plan and construction plan, meeting the Site Plan review requirements of this Ordinance, showing the proposed road location, adjacent properties, proposed street grades, drainage, and proposed improvements shall be prepared by a registered engineer, registered landscape architect, or registered land surveyor and shall be submitted to the Planning Commission as part of the private road construction permit application and approval. In addition to the requirements of this section, the Planning Commission shall review the request for a Private Road permit in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 18, including the review standards of section 18.07, and may attach conditions to an approval in accordance with section 18.09.

SECTION 3 - AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.24.D.

Section 3.24.D. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

D. Design Standards for Roads Serving Six or Fewer Parcels: Private roads serving six or fewer parcels shall meet the following design standards:

1. Be constructed in a workmanlike manner upon and parallel to the centerline of an easement established by duly recorded conveyance which is not less than 66 feet in width.

2. The building setback for all yards abutting a private road easement shall be measured from the easement line.

3. The area in which the private road is to be located shall have a minimum cleared width of at least twenty-eight (28) feet, which clearing shall always be maintained.

4. Be constructed to sufficiently control storm water runoff and allow effective storm water drainage, such as by means of ditches constructed parallel to and on either side of the drive, by sloping the sides of the drive from the center thereof, or by other effective methods.

5. Culverts shall be placed at all natural drainage courses or other waterways. Culvert sizes, materials, and grades shall be determined using the KCRC storm runoff calculations formula and are subject to approval by the Township Engineer.

6. Road easements shall respect the physical features and existing terrain of the site to maximize efficiency of design and site aesthetics.

7. Have a sand and gravel base conforming to the current standards in effect for grave roads, established by the Kent County Road. Commission.

8. Have a finished driving surface width of not less than twenty-two (22) feet wide. A road shoulder, composed of four (4) inches of compacted gravel shall be provided on each side of the private road surface, with a minimum width of two (2) feet, containing a slope of twenty-two hundredths (.22) of a foot from the outside edge of the road surface to the toe of the slopes.

9. Be constructed over adequate culverts where necessary.

10. All cul-de-sacs must terminate with turnarounds having a right-of-way radius of 50 feet and a gravel turning radius of 28

11. Roads shall have a minimum length of 300 feet and a maximum length of 1,000 feet without having another means of access to a public road.

12. Corner lots located at the intersection of a private road and a public road shall be accessed from the private road. if such lots are created or owned by the applicant or seller of the property on which the private road is to be located.

welfare of persons or property using or SECTION 4 - AMENDMENT TO SECTION affected by the private road will be 3.24.E.

3. whether approval of the private road will result in fewer individual driveway access Section 3.24.E. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

4. whether the precedent set by allowing the E. Design Standards for Roads Serving private road in the circumstances under Seven or More Parcels: Private roads serving seven or more parcels shall meet the following design standards. These requirements shall apply to the entire length of a private road (including all segments or portions of a private road on which fewer than seven parcels have frontage) when there are a total of seven or more lots or units utilizing any portion of the private road for access to a public street or road.

> 1. All private roads shall have a minimum 66-foot-wide right-of-way easement granted to the adjacent property owners.

> 2. The building setback for all yards abutting a private road easement shall be measured from the easement line.

> 3. The area in which the private road is to be located shall have a minimum cleared width of at least twenty-eight (28) feet, which clearing shall always be maintained.

> 4. The layout of private roads in respect to their location, intersections, cul-de-sacs, vertical street alignment, street grades, street signs, horizontal curves, curb openings at intersecting streets, etc., shall conform to the KCRC standards for platted streets.

road 22 feet wide with a 7-inch gravel base (MDSH, 22A), 7-foot-wide gross shoulders, and other current KCRC requirements. Ditches shall outlet into a cross culvert or Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk drainage course. Culvert sizes, materials, and grades shall be determined using the KCRC storm runoff calculations formula and are subject to approval by the Township Engineer. In impervious soils (clay or other unsuitable materials), a 12-inch sand

subbase, graded parallel to the road surface (extending into the front ditch slope), shall be constructed. Bituminous surfacing and storm sewers will be required.

6. All cul-de-sacs must terminate with turnarounds having a right-of-way radius of 50 feet and a paved turning radius of 28 feet.

7. Location of road easements and site layout must respect the physical features and existing terrain of the sife to maximize efficiency of design and site aesthetics.

8. Roads shall have a minimum length of 300 feet and a maximum length of 2,000 feet without having another means of access to a public road.

9. No private road or road system may serve more than 10 parcels.

Corner lots located at the intersection of a private road and a public road shall be accessed from the private road, if such lots are created or owned by the applicant or seller of the property on which the private road is to be located.

3.24.F.

Section 3.24.F. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

the following occurs:

1. A private road serving less than seven parcels is subsequently intended to serve seven or more parcels.

2. Additional parcels or residential units are added to an existing private road.

3. Extensions or additions are added to an existing private road.

4. The Township determines that an existing private road is unsafe or will not permit reasonable access to firefighting and emergency vehicles year-round to all portions of the private road.

These regulations will apply not only to the new portion of a private street, but the entire length of the private street.

SECTION 6 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED: Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson Navs: None. Abstentions: None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)ss. COUNTY OF KENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the township board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 21, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

5. The construction of the roadway shall This ordinance can be inspected or purchased conform to the KCRC standards for a local at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays

AUTHENTICATED: Chris Wenger, Supervisor

SECTION 5 - AMENDMENT TO SECTION

F. Applicability: These regulations will apply to all private roads created or constructed after the date of adoption of this Ordinance. Furthermore, these regulations will also apply to existing private roads when any of

SECTION 7 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

Date Adopted: Feb. 21, 2005 Date Published: March 9, 2005

Lowell basketball goes out in opening round of district tournament

By Dan Schneider

got a tough draw for the stopping Josh Hettinga's first round of the district outside shooting (he was tournament, losing 56-41 to held scoreless in the game) Forest Hills Northern last and containing Mike Koster Tuesday night.

was all over Lowell for led Lowell offensively with the first half, frustrating 14 points. their offense. The Arrows struggled to get good shots the second half, I thought," and managed only nine Harvey said. points during the half.

tentative and I don't think the second half of play. we played sure-handed and Lowell was making better sure-footed and against a opportunities for themselves good team you need to," on offense and getting the said Lowell coach Jeff defensive stops they couldn't McDonald.

Meanwhile, Forest Hills was coming up with steals played our four seniors and and loose balls to power their they played their butts off offense. The Huskies scored and got some deflections," 29 points in the half, putting McDonald said. "They should the Arrows in a deep hole.

pressure on the basketball and to make them make Northern in the second half quick decisions," said Forest of the game. Hills Northern coach Steve Harvey.

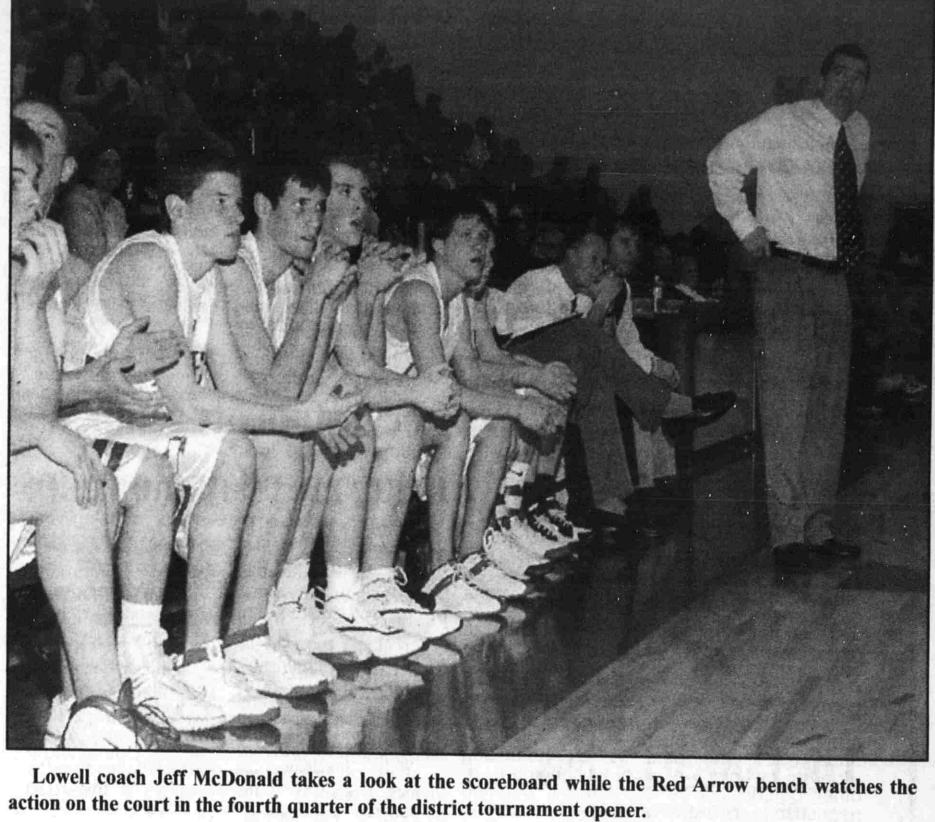
The Huskies' defensive The host Red Arrows efforts concentrated on in general, which they did The Huskies' defense well in the first half. Koster

"Koster got loose in

The Red Arrows as a "We were passive and team, in fact, let loose during get in the first half.

"The second half we feel proud of their efforts in "We tried to put some the last 16 minutes."

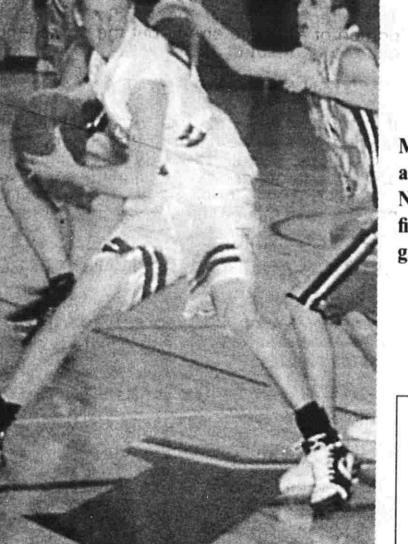
> Lowell outscored



"Coach gave a pretty this is our last game, if we a good team," McDonald good speech at halftime," want to win, we have to pick said. Coster said.

"At the beginning, we

it up." the second half, we thought go down by 20 points against duties with four each.



NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION **LOWELL CHARTER** TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that at the regular meeting of February 22, 2005, the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopted Ordinance No. 01-2005 which amends the zoning map so as to rezone Permanent Parcel Nos. 41-20-05-280-003, 002 and 009 from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential, to Open Space Planned Unit Development, and states terms and conditions of the Final Development Plan of the Cumberland Ridge Planned Unit Development. This rezoning will take effect 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

At left, Lowell's Mike McElroy tries to get around a Forest Hills Northern defender in the first half of last Tuesday's game.



IN ONE VISIT

"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't bave put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back ... simple!"

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Unfortunately, it wasn't eight points for Lowell. the district final, where they didn't hustle very much," enough to overcome the Koster, Kevin Gillman and lost to Forest Hills Central, said senior Shane Stokes. "In halftime deficit. "You can't Ryan Lane split rebounding 60-53.

The season ends for Lowell basketball. Forest Andrew Happie scored Hills Northern advanced to

Gymnasts wrap up the season in Traverse City

By Dan Schneider

team finished out its season Central High School.

The Red Arrows scored despite a day hampered by injuries and circumstance. A knee injury flared up, keeping Leannah Seese out routine of her life up to that of competition. An ankle point, so that was too bad," gymnasts who competed

Kelli injury prevented Kowalski from competing in DeHaan. The Lowell gymnastics her events except for uneven bars. Amanda Rau injured her circumstances, some of the ankle on floor exercise with Red Arrow gymnasts scored regionals at Traverse City vault and bars remaining. who usually don't crack the to count all four scores on Jenna Dickerman's hand top four. Olivia Breuker vault and bars, and to have vault were Rau (8.7) ... grip tore during her uneven competed on vault, and the other girls injured, it was 128.55 as a team to place bars routine, forcing a fall . Rochelle Bieri, filling in at nice to still score 128.55 vaults of the year," DeHaan in what was otherwise one the last minute because of because it really wasn't that said; Dickerman (8.55), (7.65). of her best routines of the Seese's injury, performed a far from what we usually Rebecca Underwood (8.2)

"It was basically the falls.

said Lowell coach Michele on vault and bars. But

Due to beam routine without any score," DeHaan said. "Even and Breuker (7.45).

Lowell only had four enough to make it to state, were Dickerman (7.95), Rau score of 141.8.

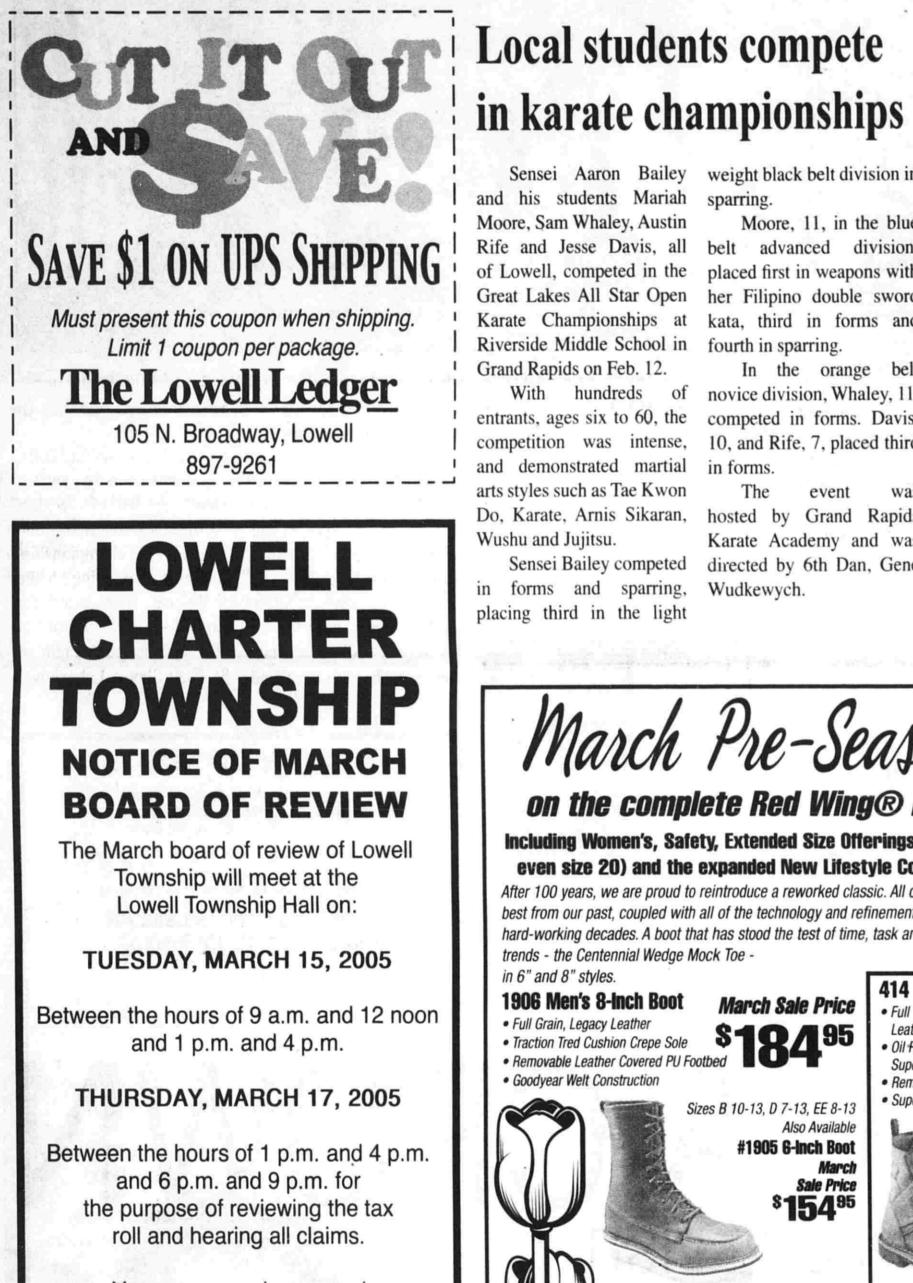
considering these incidents, day. these it was a pretty good day for the Arrows.

> "Just for us to have though it wasn't good

I still think we had a great

Dickerman and Rau fell just short of making state individually, DeHaan said. Lowell's scorers on

"She had one of her best



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> > Linda Regan Lowell Township Clerk

Sensei Aaron Bailey weight black belt division in and his students Mariah sparring.

Moore, 11, in the blue Rife and Jesse Davis, all belt advanced division, of Lowell, competed in the placed first in weapons with Great Lakes All Star Open her Filipino double sword Karate Championships at kata, third in forms and Riverside Middle School in fourth in sparring.

In the orange belt With hundreds of novice division, Whaley, 11, entrants, ages six to 60, the competed in forms. Davis, competition was intense, 10, and Rife, 7, placed third in forms.

The event was Do, Karate, Arnis Sikaran, hosted by Grand Rapids Karate Academy and was Sensei Bailey competed directed by 6th Dan, Gene

forms and sparring, Wudkewych. placing third in the light



Championships.



(7.65), Underwood (6.95) and Kowalski (6.35).

On beam, Dickerman and Underwood scored 8.6; Rau, 8.15; and Bieri, 7.1.

Top scores on floor were made by Dickerman (8.925). Underwood (8.875), Rau (8.85) and Alicia Weeber

The combined Forest Hills team won the regional Bar scores for Lowell championship with a team

Pictured, left to right, are Mariah Moore, Austin Rife and Jesse Davis at Great Lakes All Star Karate



to the Lowell members of the West Michigan Home School

Our souls speak from across the miles, Intertwined, you

Thanks to all who graciously

Lowell wrestles its way into the semifinals at Battle Creek

By Dan Schneider

how the Lowell Red Arrows minutes. Lowell won nine made it to the state finals of the 14 matches. Oxford this year, and he'll tell you briefly held the lead, 16- pin against Rob Karasiewicz two things: hard work and 15, after Kyle Oliver won at 119, a technical fall heart.

teams, and teams with talent, and this team has far and away the biggest hearts of McDevitt chalked up some put Lowell's first points on any I've ever seen," Streic of the reason for the loss the board with a technical

in Battle Creek Friday, wrestling against Oxford, Lowell showed some of the same intensity that beat Sparta in the regional final. The Red Arrows defeated all day long and that tires and takedown against Eric the Wildcats 41-21.

"It was just incredible what these kids were able to do today," Strejc said.

The match started at 135, given. where Lowell's Joe Mendez won by pin in 3:04, Dominic Doyle pinned Oxford's whatsoever and we did it for itself, they're well-Adam Duncan in :59, Ray regardless," Strejc said. coached, they're good kids, Seese pinned Mike Upshur "It's incredible for a team things just went our way," in 3:58, Cory Fitzpatrick that's not even rated in the Middleville coach Tom was pinned at 112 and Chris top 20 in the state to make Lehman said. "There were a we were able to knock off Roeloffs was pinned at 140. Justin Boss won the 130 match for Lowell after Mike May forfeited with a wrist of it the next day against Lowell) and we won some were getting into, we had no injury. Boss had just tied the Middleville Thornapple- big matches today." score at 3 each.

Other than that, every crushed Riverview 63-6 Ask coach Dave Strejc match went the full six Friday to advance to the a 20-13 decision over Ryan against Mike Thomas at 125, "I've coached a lot of Esbaugh in a back-and-forth and a close decision, won in match at 215.

to the Wildcats' nerves in fall at 135. Lowell would In the state quarterfinals their first trip to the state win three other matches. finals since 1999. That year, Matt Francisco won a 6-3 they lost to Lowell in the decision over Travis Young semifinals.

> "I think our kids had butterflies in their stomachs you out," McDevitt said.

gave the team what he called first round. Seese won the the strangest talk he'd ever 103 match by forfeit.

how we had no chance year, their record speaks it to the final four in the state lot of big matches last time two of their state qualifiers tournament."

Kellogg. The Trojans had

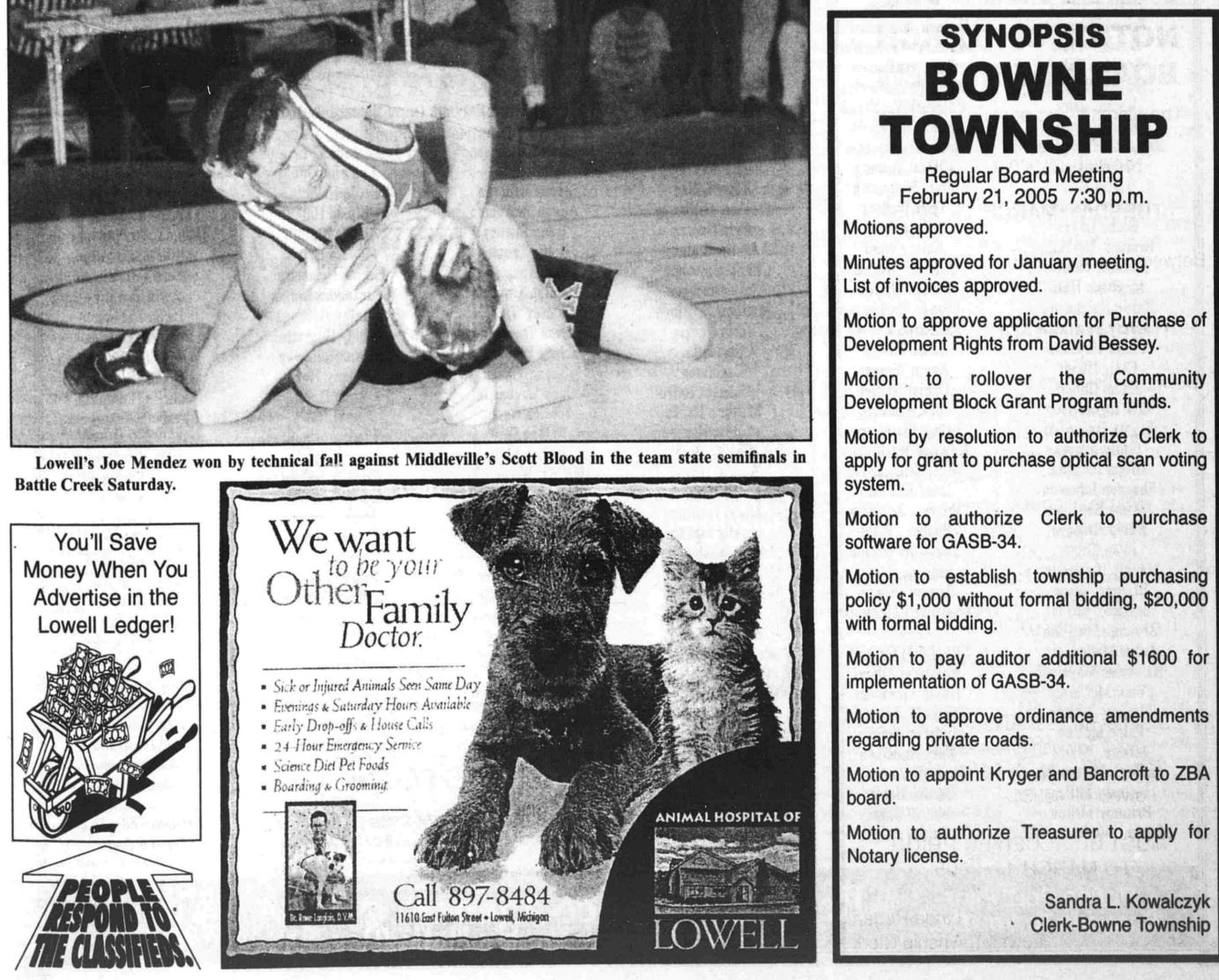
semifinals.

Middleville racked up a the final seconds, against Oxford coach Paul Boss at 130 before Mendez at 171. Brock Graham was victorious in the 189 match on a last-second escape Reeder. That match had After the match, Strejc been scoreless through the

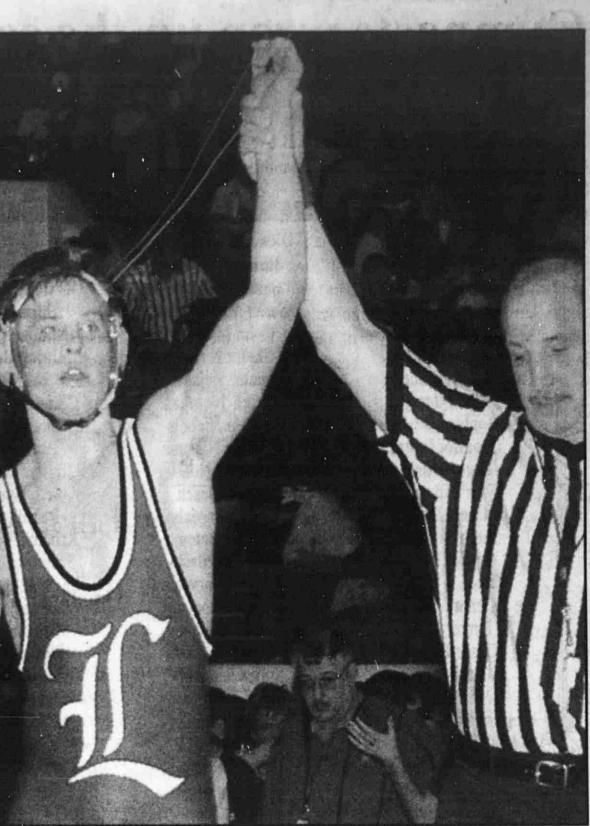
"We know Lowell "I just talked about peaks this time of year every (when Middleville won 43- at 171 and 189," Streic Lowell had a rough time 33 in a crossover match with said. "We knew what we

"I was just pleased that





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Lowell's Brock Graham defeated state qualifier Eric Reeder of Middleville in the

illusions about this match." "It's an amazing feeling

189 match.

then to get in the top four." Mendez said. "We did a lot more than we expected this year. I'm happy with that, I'm sad to see it end."

The senior CO-

just that we made it here, and at the Palace of Auburn Hills. He starts Thursday against Derek Ambs of Jackson Northwest in the first round of the 135 championship. Seese is also going to the individual state finals for captain will wrestle for Lowell. He will wrestle at

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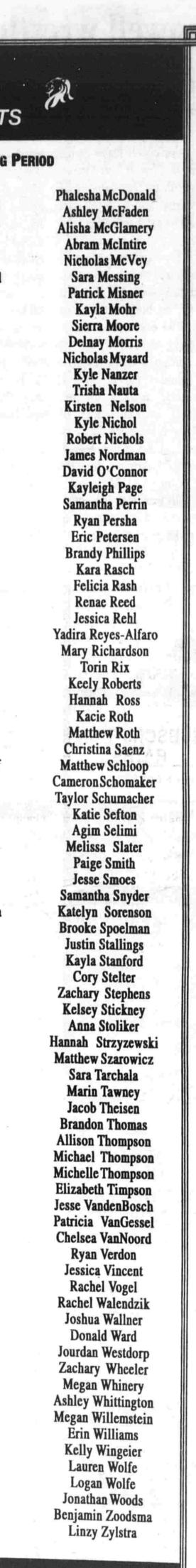
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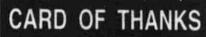
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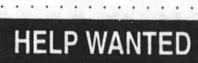
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through Vergennes and Lowell townships before getting to the city. Though the land proposed for annexation is contiguous to the city boundary, Lowell Area Schools' Cherry Creek Elementary property lies between the land and the nearest city road, Foreman.

She also said seweraccess options, short of annexation have not been exhausted. The development could have sewer access if an agreement were reached to allow Lowell Charter Township a larger allocation of the city's water and sewer capacity.

During his rebuttal period, Munger talked about the rights of landowners, calling the land Jim and Birdie Cooks' retirement plan.

"How would you feel if someone asked you to cut the value of your stock?" he said to the commission. He also addressed concerns about the development's possible impact on wetlands that exist on the property.

with wetlands," Munger said.

During the city's rebuttal time, Pasquale expressed concern about allotting more sewer capacity to Lowell Charter Township.

He said, "If we provided the additional capacity, then we would forfeit that capacity for the possibility of development within the city."

the township's In rebuttal, Conway argued that if the city could spare the sewer capacity in the event the property were annexed, it could spare it through an agreement with the township, as well.

Among the 30 people signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the hearing were property owners Jim and Birdie Cook. Jim Cook said it has taken a long time to get a developer interested in the land and people who wanted to preserve the land have had the option to buy it.

"There's no shortcuts for sale, it's been public knowledge for several years," Cook said. "It's our land and it's kind of difficult that every time you want to sell or develop a piece of land, someone will come and tell you how to do it."

Mark Nettleton of the Grand Rapids law firm Mika, Myers, Beckett and Jones spoke to the commission representing Lowell Charter Township.

"We urge you on behalf of Lowell Township not to recommend the annexation," he said.

Many spoke against the annexation during the public comment session. One of the issues was the township government's sovereignty in the enforcement of its master plan.

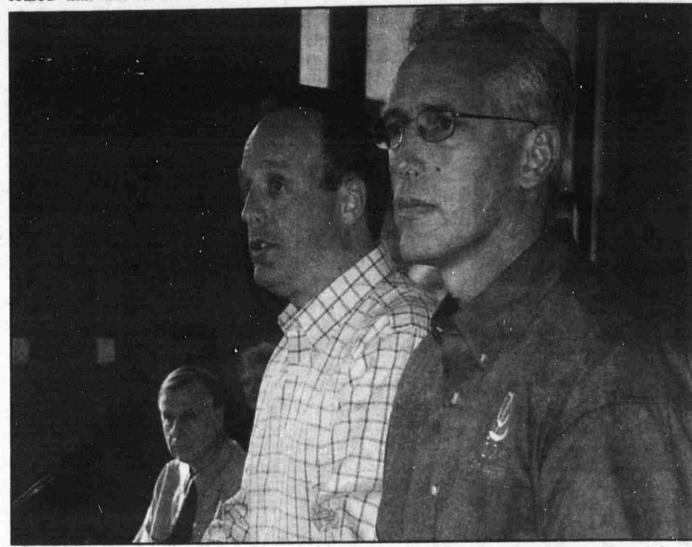
citizens "The of Vergennes Township did not establish the master plan with the intention of it being violated," Jaime Ladd said.

"The reason we are here tonight, if you cut right down to the bottom, is the developer "This property's been doesn't want to comply with the township zoning," said Pete Gustafson.

Many expressed desire for more community cooperation through the development process. Some feared that this annexation issue could cause rift or a negative turning point in the relationship between the city and the townships.

The docket will remain open for 30 days to accept written testimony. DuRay

Development will then have seven days to make rebuttals on that material. It will be a few months thereafter before the commission makes its recommendation.



Rob Munger, owner of DuRay Development, LLC, and Brian Ellens, far right, a DuRay employee, present the case for annexation to the state boundary commission. In the background is Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale.



