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# Anonymous tip causes lockdown at middle school

By Dan Schneider

owell Middle
School was
under police
lockdown for five hours
last Thursday after an early
morning anonymous phone
call claimed a gun was in
the building.

The lockdown lasted until early in the afternoon, when police completed a search of the building without finding a gun. Normal school activities resumed around 1 p.m. The last police officer left the building at 2 p.m.

The middle school

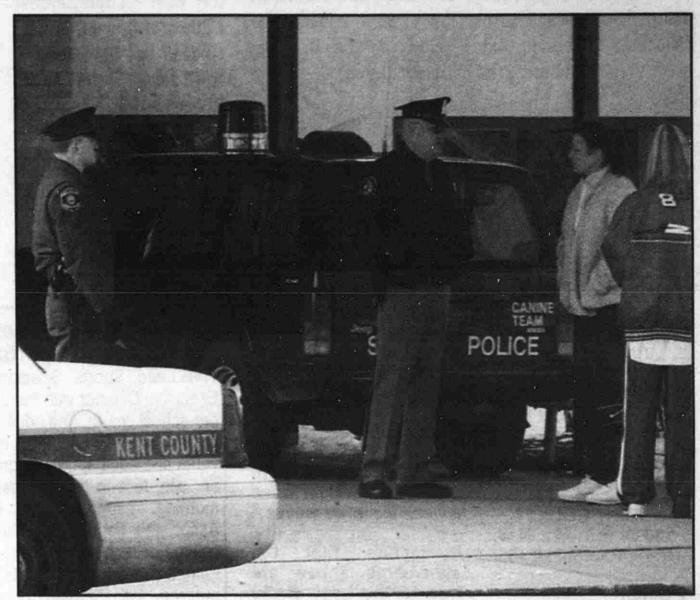
received the anonymous call at 7:45 a.m., shortly after school started. According to Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller, it was a "very short conversation, absolutely no details."

Middle school principal
Linda Warren instructed
teachers to keep students in
classrooms. Lowell police
responded to investigate the
threat; state police troopers
conducted a search of the
building with tracking dogs.

Police searched lockers while school staff monitored hallways and bathrooms. Students went to lunch as usual, but were searched

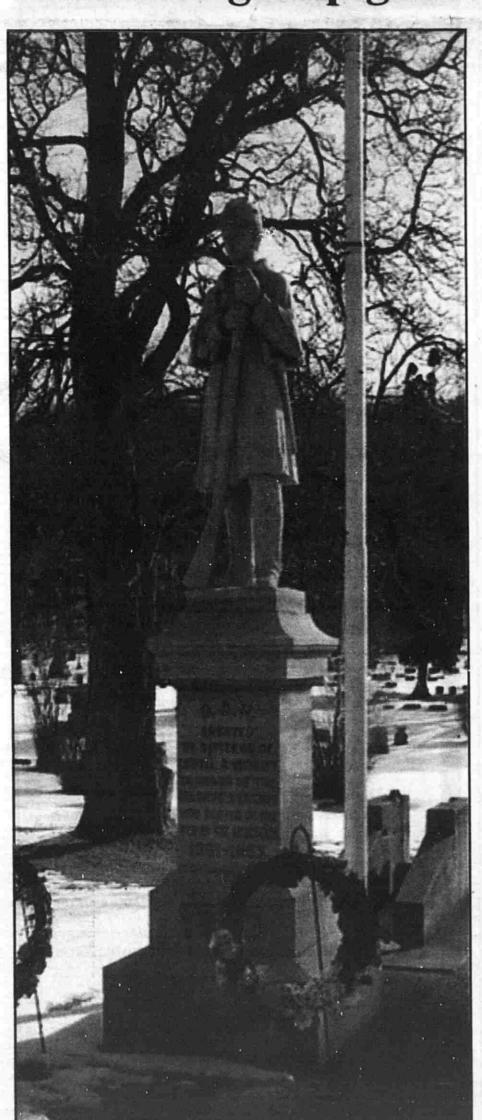
on the way with metaldetecting batons. With approximately 1,000 attending students Lowell Middle School, batons were brought in from Grand Rapids Public Schools and the Transportation Security Administration at Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Students were allowed to enter and leave the building under special circumstances, such as pre-arranged pick-ups for doctor's appointments.

School lockdown, cont'd., pg. 10



Law enforcement officials restricted access to Lowell Middle School for five hours last Thursday following an anonymous phone call claiming a gun was in the building.

## Civil War group gets city support to repair Oakwood monument



The Civil War monument at Oakwood Cemetery.

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Grand Rapids
Civil War
organization
is leading the charge
to renovate and repair
Oakwood Cemetery's
civil war monument.

At its meeting Monday night, Bruce Butgereit, civil war memorials officer for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1, came before the Lowell City Council seeking its support for fundraising to start renovating the 105-year-old monument.

"We know economic times like this we can't come in with our hands out and expect the local government to pay for all of this," Butgereit said, adding the group has fundraising plans in place. The council gave its support, offering suggestions for fundraising such as seeking a grant from the Lowell Community Fund. The Sons are planning a special event set for April 16 at the Wittenbach Center.

The monument was installed on Memorial Day in 1900 by the local Women's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the Civil War Veterans group

and one of the first veterans' organizations in the United States. According the Butgereit, the GAR was dedicated to helping its veterans by establishing veterans' homes, pensions, and aid for Civil War widows and children along with preserving the memory of the Civil War and what it was about.

As the group began to die out, it established the Sons, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861—1865, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Auxiliary to the Sons, and the Women's Relief Corps—all five groups are under the umbrella of the Allied Orders—to help preserve the memory of

those who fought in the Civil War and to continue the work of the GAR.

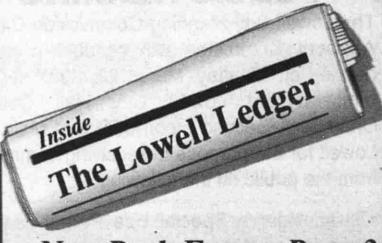
Along with providing educational programs, the Sons also work on renovating the memorials and monuments to those veterans.

The Lowell monument, Civil War monument, cont'd., pg. 11

### Un"bearably" chilly Easter predicted



"Stumpy," the Bowes Road bear, tries on some ears for Easter. The bear has stayed fashionably with the season through the duration of his half-a-year existence. A chainsaw woodcarver rendered the bear out of a stump in Mark and Theresa Mundt's front yard shortly after the Kent County Youth Fair last August.



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OSBORNE aged 86, of Lowell, was in-law Joe Wilczewski. victorious over her short She is survived by her battle with cancer, as daughter Errolyn (Lyle) she left her earthly home Weeks of Lowell; son for her heavenly home Peter (Jane) Osborne on March 16, 2005. She of Middleville; brother was preceded in death Richard (Zoa) Speerstra by her parents Ben and of Lowell; brother-in-Tillie Speerstra; Errol law Sam (Jeannette) (Blackie) Osborne; her Yeiter of Lowell; seven son Vern Osborne; her grandchildren;

Irene sisters Alice Wilczewski, Osborne, Ida B. Yeiter; brother-

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from the public on the following:

use permit is required.

many nieces and nephews. Irene was a fixture on Main Street in Lowell, working many years at Speerstra Insurance. She made the daily trip to the bank by walking. Irene was also the Vergennes Township clerk for many years. In agreement with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson St., on Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m. with Dr. Roger La Warre and Rev. James Ashby officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.

great-grandchildren;



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The book series by branch will present the information, call 647-Mike Thaler is for kids program on Tuesday, 3920 or for other ages six and up. During April 5 at 6:30 p.m. branch locations and the program, they will (647-3920); the Alto discussions call 784hear a story from Mrs. branch, on Wednesday, 2007.

April 6 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820).

> APRIL BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library invites Beamster, the librarian, adult readers to get sing songs with Miss La together and discuss the If your kids complain Note, the music teacher, book "Beach Music" by of boredom during eat a delectable soup Pat Conroy on Tuesday. spring break, bring served by Wanda Belch, April 12 at 10 a.m. them to "Experience a the cafeteria director, Copies of the title are Day in Black Lagoon and play games with Mr. available at the checkout

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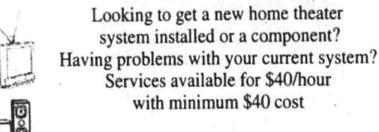
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## Masonic building rezoned for business

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council

from public facilities and more

> received on the rezoning; business zoning, instead. councilman Jim Pfaller. however, questioned if the Ministries had plans to zoning would fit the property relocate to the facility

to Bruce P. Langlois.

By J. Lobdell

Park.

Contributing Writer

a new fee schedule for the

large pavilion at Creekside

in its current state. City but manager David Pasquale were needed - one being would have to be addressed said as long as there are additional height to the and would be done with a no expansions to the site, building for an elevator. The site plan review, Pasquale the Masonic Lodge to sell the facility could be used group had planned to use the said. its property at 119 Lincoln regardless of whether the entire site for its facility with setbacks are met or not.

New fees established for park pavilion

city of Lowell has introduced be for both residents and residents and people outside implemented, will be

At the recommendation recommended a change who could rent the pavilion instituting the fees at the

of the Parks and Recreation in the fee structure, said for them," Pfaller said. "We first of the year due to earlier

Commission, the Lowell councilman Jim Pfaller have to help recoup some of reservations, the new fees

City Council approved new who sits on the Parks and the costs, so we had to adjust will go into effect on July 1

\$75 deposit will be required residents are allowed to rent thought it was a good idea the commission to then have

public hearing on whether the except probably C-2, that it property. property should be rezoned would meet," Pasquale said.

In studying the site business owner, combined with the one in Business District zoning. Rockford, to sell the property At the recommendation of business zoning. planners, the commission

To help cover costs, the retaining \$60. The fees will

meeting. Starting July 1, a Currently, only city

with \$25 returned to the pavilion. A \$75 deposit

renter if the pavilion is left is required with it being

The city will retain \$50 in good condition. Under the

as a rental fee. Beginning current regulations, there is

Jan. 1, 2006, the deposit no fee schedule for non-

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satisfactory condition. returned if the pavilion is left

Kimberly Rae Seaman, or greater (4.0 scale) for the

of Lowell, was among the previous three consecutive

full-time and part-time semesters; part-time students

non-residents.

fees at its Monday night Recreation Commission. the fee structure."

will increase to \$100 with

\$40 returned and the city

hopes of having off-street the planning commission,

multiple family residential and at the request of Flat Masonic representatives would like to continue to neighborhood business River Outreach Ministries, that he was interested in to have the Rotary Club (C-1 zoning). Doing so Inc., the Lowell Planning purchasing the building and meetings at the facility and is would clear the way for the Commission reviewed property, indicating the planning some renovations Masonic Lodge, which has the site for a C-2 Central only requirement was that to the building, but no they get the neighborhood expansion.

"From No public comment was suggested the neighborhood understanding, they are not city council unanimously adding anything, nor have approved the rezoning. Flat River Outreach plans to do so," Pasquale

The issue of off- street

Due to maintenance that somebody always old fees. Pfaller said because

and other costs, city staff knows someone in the city there was concern about

and maintain the parks.

major renovations parking, currently available,

According to a letter to

"I'm not sure if there parking. The organization Langlois is interested in meeting, the council held a is any commercial zoning, opted out of purchasing the using the site for restaurant/ meeting/banquet use. Langlois, a local Pasquale said it is his told understanding that Langlois

Following the planning my commission's lead, the

COMMUNITY EXPO The Lowell Community Expo is this Saturday,

12:30 p.m. \$25 top prize each group. Refreshments

People who have already

and run through the end of

"We discussed about reserved the pavilion, before

having a fee schedule for the new fee structure was

of the city but it never fails grandfathered in under the

Mayor Jeanne Shores the year. It was decided by

since it costs quite a bit of the fees raised the first of the

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The F.R.O.M. food pantry is in need of potatoes

/cookies, clown and Easter bunny.

The 2005 Lowell Moose 809 Easter egg hunt will

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A panel of survivors from battles on the USS Hale and Franklin will speak tonight, March 23 at Lowell High School at 7 p.m. Presented in cooperation with Lowell Museum and Calvin College.

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY The Lowell branch YMCA will host Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 2 at Cherry Creek Elementary

from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. W. MICH. BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER Lena Lou in Ada will have a West Michigan

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### **Protecting the Great Lakes**

You can see them from the moon, about 239,000 miles Lakes requires action on many fronts. away. They cover more than 94,000 square miles. They hold so much water that if it were spread evenly across the Programs Act, which I authored, to strengthen water quality lower 48 states, those states would be under more than nine feet of water. They are, of course, the Great Lakes.

We are temporary stewards of this unique national treasure, the largest fresh water system in the world. About 10 percent of the U.S. population relies on the Great Lakes for drinking water. Commercial and recreational fishers ply have been significantly reduced. the waters of the Great Lakes for the 179 species of fish found in the lakes. The Great Lakes basin encompasses Legacy Act to provide up to \$50 million to the Environmental eight states and the province of Ontario with more than 31 Protection Agency to clean up contaminated sediments at million people living in the area.

The Great Lakes also face many challenges. Several invasive aquatic species have made their way into the Great Lakes watershed where they out-compete native species for

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The United States and Canada have identified 43 severely degraded areas, known as Areas of Concern, in the Great Lakes Basin: 26 in U.S. waters, 17 in Canadian waters and five shared by the two countries. Contaminated sediments in the tributaries that feed into the Great Lakes are at risk of being swept into the lakes.

Meeting the challenge of stewardship of the Great lack of coordination on a restoration strategy.

In 1990, Congress enacted the Great Lakes Critical standards in the Great Lakes region. One part of that legislation, the Great Lakes Initiative, created water quality criteria to protect human health, aquatic life and wildlife. As these new water quality standards have been established in each of the Great Lakes states, direct toxic water discharges

In 2002, I worked with others to enact the Great Lakes Areas of Concern. I am pleased the President has submitted a budget for fiscal year 2006 that requests full funding for this important program.

In 2003, I introduced the National Aquatic Invasive food and habitat and are an economic drain. For example, Species Act to stop the introduction of new species into the Great Lakes region spends about \$30 million per year the Great Lakes, and I will be re-introducing this bipartisan to keep water pipes from becoming clogged with zebra legislation in the coming weeks. The legislation would require the Coast Guard to implement a ballast water of Americans depend on our wise actions today. Every year, fish advisories are issued in each Great treatment standard by 2011 so that ships entering the Great

Lakes move beyond ballast water exchange and have the technology on board to treat water as it is being discharged. Technology will hopefully move us past the No Ballast on Board, or "NOBOB," problem in the Great Lakes.

These efforts are aimed at two very specific threats to the Great Lakes, but we have other commitments to meet if we are to fulfill our duty to protect the lakes. As the General Accounting Office, now known as the Government Accountability Office, reported in 2003, limited funding has been a barrier to restoring the Great Lakes as well as the

As co-chairs of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, and I reintroduced the Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Act in March to honor the federal commitment to restore and protect the Great Lakes.

The legislation addresses three concerns raised by the GAO. First, it would authorize additional funding - \$6 billion over 10 years for the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office - to provide grants to the Great Lakes states, municipalities and others. Second, the legislation would establish a Great Lakes Interagency Task Force in order to coordinate federal activities in the Great Lakes. Third, it would give the Great Lakes National Program Office the mandate to work with other federal agencies and Canada to identify and measure water quality and other environmental factors on a regular basis.

Everyone agrees the Great Lakes are a unique and invaluable resource. The federal government must do its part to meet the demands of stewardship and enhance the restoration and protection of the lakes. Future generations

•• Look for consistency. Try to find funds that perform well year after year, even in difficult market environments. While no fund can guarantee strong - or even positive -

market averages.

• Study the fund's managers. As you consider a mutual fund, find out as much as you can about its managers. How long have they been on the job? What sort of performance have they turned in? What's their investment philosophy? It's essential you know what to expect from a fund's managers, and what their relation has been to the fund's performance. In fact, if new managers have just come aboard, you might

want to suspend judgment on the fund's past performance. · Watch out for volatility. All mutual funds will fluctuate in price. You're better off looking for those funds with histories of relatively low volatility. Of course, some funds - such as growth funds - are, by nature, more volatile than other types of funds, such as bond funds.

• Look at "value" -not just price. Mutual funds come with different fee and expense structures. Generally speaking, of course, higher expenses will cut into a fund's overall return, so you will want to pay attention to these costs. And yet, even the "cheapest" funds aren't good values if they don't meet your needs. So look first for those funds that can help diversify your portfolio.

· Compare similar funds. If you are choosing between

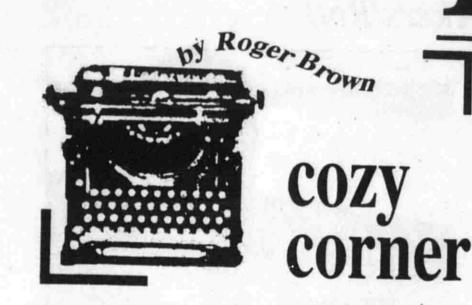
funds, make sure you are comparing funds that are similar in investment philosophy and size. It makes little sense to compare an aggressive growth fund's performance and returns all the time, some funds continually outperform the outlook with that of a growth-and-income fund.

• Invest for the long term. When you buy mutual funds, choose those that you can envision holding for several years. If you sell funds that you've owned less than a year, you might incur short-term capital gains, which are typically taxed at higher rates than long-term gains. But even more importantly, the more time you give a high-quality mutual fund, the greater the likelihood that it will overcome "down" periods and reward you with a strong performance.

By observing these basic guidelines, you may be able to avoid some unpleasant surprises - while you build a portfolio of mutual funds that can help you meet your longterm investment goals.







Top Ten Reasons Why There Is No "Cozy Corner" This

- 1. Our Internet server is down. This means typing a column on the computer, printing it out, faxing it and forcing someone at the Ledger office to retype it. The "Cozy Corner" isn't worth that kind of effort.
- 2. The server thing is a bigger problem because the Ledger office is shorthanded this week. Spring break vacations. No exams, and they still get a spring break. I don't get it
- 3. Despite these issues, I attempted to write a column anyway. A short way into it, the power went out and I lost everything.
- 4. I didn't try to resurrect it, or reconstruct it because I was already floundering ... part way into the second paragraph.

I thought about writing several weeks ago but I guess I

lacked the courage. You know how you can believe strongly

To The Editor

5. DSL down? Power outage? Lousy material? Is somebody trying to tell me something???

6. This DSL problem forcing me to compose copy, then have someone re-set it in type made me reminisce about the old days. Of course, this made me realize that I've been churning this garbage out for way too many years. Time to

- 7. I just did a "Bob Villa's Evil Twin" column last
- 8. My son was here for a visit last week. He'll be 30 next month. I considered him as a possible topic, but he's really over me writing about the time he pooped in a urinal at Disney World.
- 9. I considered having the Ledger download a humorous thing about dogs a sister-in-law found on the Internet and forwarded. Sure, this idea skirted the server problem, but I thought such a move might be pushing my occasionaldesperation-writer's block-plagiarism thing just a little too

10. And finally (trumpet fanfare please) ... The top reason there is no column this week ... (Yes, I know Letterman works from 10-1). We are in the middle of producing our monthly publication and my wife is bugging me to hurry up with the computer. Yes, when all else fails, blame your shortcomings on your spouse. That's our secret to nearly 33 years of wedded bliss.

The value of such essays is seeing the social betterment

## Ledger Entries



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### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 24, 1880

Night-cap socials at the Grange hall in Keene tonight and at Walker's in Vergennes tomorrow (night caps are

Mr. Crane, the portrait painter, is showing his work at the east store of Music Hall block.

Burglars broke into the new post office building in Grand Rapids early Saturday. Last week the foundations for two new buildings on the

bridge; this week the framing is done.

Most businesses in town are in favor of paving. Sensible, says the editor.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 23, 1905

The Ledger popularity contest will close in four weeks. that earlier times set out to create. Little Lowell had three Mrs. Frank Finch has 4605 votes; second place has 2080, wards in the fin de siecle! Moreover, I was told by the and there's one name with six votes.

former superintendent (shortly before he went off to greener Green ribbons and green bottles decorated the high [?] pastures) that Lowell's first high school graduating class school for St. Patrick's Day.

> The high school English 2 class, having finished "Silas Marner," moves on to "A Tale of Two Cities."

> A large number attended Mrs. Ford's rag bee in Vergennes one day last week.

> W.A. Covert, who has worked for Mark Ruben for years, has bought a dry goods store in Saranac.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

MARCH 20, 1930 John Aussicker, starting up the basement acetylene gas generator for lighting, is slightly injured as his house is destroyed by the vertical force of the explosion.

The teamwork of Earl Dowling of King Milling and deputy Charles Knapp sends a team of three alfalfa seed

thieves to prison. The Grand Rapids Anti-Tuberculosis Society will sponsor a free chest clinic at City Hall next Wednesday.

The successful Fineis Oils ball team is organizing for city to create such an institution? Answer: they heavily this year's schedule of three games a week.

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** MARCH 24, 1955

Today is BIE (business-industry-education) day and teachers are touring three Lowell industries.

are not immigrants with sand still between their toes. It is Twelve boy scouts paddle from the scout cabin to the right-wingers who have set pale green eyes on public Fallasburg Park (portage at the power house), cook dinner and coast back downstream to Lowell.

It's the new year after elections for the Village Council and the 1955 budget and tax rate (one-mill increase) are school because there was too much religion home work. set.

David Coons will give an organ recital at the Methodist Church Sunday, celebrating its 100th birthday. The Walters, father and sons, will play a trumpet trio.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 19, 1980

The DNR allocates funds to help replace the 85-year-old upper bridge (Division Street), closed as unsafe last year.

"Iceberging," youngsters poling down the river on ice a privilege to be in such schools, and you checked ethnicity floes, is reported and warned against. Police, fire and rescue took four juveniles out of Grand River Saturday.

> Robert Tisch and others speak to a packed house. The G.M. Ross "Tisch Amendment" would assess property taxes according to services-received.

> > Campfire Girls entertain Cumberland Manor seniors at their monthly birthday party.

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the other three elementary schools? Every week we can all Lake. If the other schools are not submitting pictures, perhaps a call from the Ledger requesting some might help. The Lowell Area Schools "Directions" is even worse.

In the March 2005 edition, five out of six elementary pictures were of Murray Lake. (I understand that the Ledger is not

We still enjoy The Lowell Ledger and we are having Schools and created by the early 1920s. Cleansed of the fun each week guessing how many pictures of each school anti-Catholicism of the previous century, its mission was

To the Editor,

The fine colour reproduction of the 1899 photograph of the East Ward School is actually moving--when compared to the present horror. I first entered the rink in the late 1960s, but not until the article did I learn the venerable history of the building.

was in the 1880s. God knows where it met, but imagine a no-account, just getting started place like Lowell scraping together a high school. Do the word analysis. The town in something but are afraid to speak out for fear of ... pulled it off because such a project was social progress. Education meant a virtuous society, a solidly nineteenth Well, I found my courage and my topic is Easter. To century American idea. This winter's Meetings of the Michigan Academy were at Eastern Michigan University, but cosmic affairs in Grand

One morning several years ago I walked by Royal

taxed themselves in the 1920s and beyond because it was

about it," the most subversive element in America today

education (with all its faults)." That is a segue to ...

As Richard M. Nixon used to say, "Make no mistake

The article on page 10, "Diversity speech for teachers"

silliness. My grandmother took my mother out of Catholic

"Nana" knew this was not Ireland anymore, and her daughter

would not come up from nothing as she had to. Harriett Jr.

went to P.S. 28, of the great empire the New York Public

to take the Italians, the Micks, eastern European Jews, and

from the degenerate conservatism south of the Ohio. It was

walk into a store nowadays and see rows and rows of candy, toys and trimmings to celebrate the holiday, one might Rapids prevented my usual contribution. E.M.U. rightly believe this is what Easter is about rather than celebrating the joyous resurrection of God's Son, Jesus, from the grave. boasts that in 1849 the legislature created the State Normal School as the first institution here to train teachers for the It must grieve Jesus to think the torture and pain he endured for all mankind has been replaced by a bunny bringing public schools. Both men and women were to be admitted sweets. And sadder still is knowing many parents can't even to this professional calling. Imagine teaching by a trained corps, not some lash-up British method. I wonder how many teach their children what Easter is about. I'd encourage everyone to attend a place of worship and "Ipsies" taught in Lowell over the decades.

celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

In the name of my risen Savior, Jesus, Oak's Dondero High School and the cornerstone, 1927. A Sharon A. Vosovic huge edifice built for the ages! What did it take for a small

Dear Editor,

Letter to the Editor.

whatever.

Why are there so many pictures in the Ledger of the events happening at Murray Lake Elementary and not of count on seeing at least two pictures, if not more, of Murray

associated with the Directions).

will be in it.

Cristina Buechler southern blacks, and make good citizens. Such a difference

at the door.

Dr. Roger La Warre First Congregational United Church of Christ

In the gospel of Matthew, the 25th chapter beginning with the 31st verse, there is a vision of God gathering humanity together in the Last Days. The vision gives us a great insight into God's expectations for humankind. That one God. expectation is best defined by the word compassion. The word compassion does not, as you know, mean to feel sorry for someone. Like sympathy, it means to have the capacity to feel with others, to enter into their point of view and to this. realize that they have the same fears and sorrows, the same basic hopes and aspirations for their families as you and I do. Compassion is what this story of Last Days is all about.

Compassion is also what this Easter season is all about. You and I can scarcely imagine someone willing to place his/her life on the line out of a compassion for all humanity rooted and grounded in love for God. Yet, the Easter story of Christianity points to one named Jesus who was killed by the Roman occupying forces in the first century because his love and compassion for all humanity was offensive to the narrow-minded, fear-filled leaders of first century Judaism. Like so many religious communities, the religious community of Jesus' day was fearful of its survival and lashed out in ways that even violated their own laws. We see that same fearfulness aroused in the militant piety of fundamentalism and no religion in the 20th century has escaped it. Every fundamentalist movement, whether in Judaism, Christianity or Islam, is convinced that the modern secular establishment wants to destroy it. This is not to say that fundamentalism is inherently violent. It is not. But, when the conflict of the culture becomes entrenched in religion, as in the middle east, or Afghanistan, fundamentalists get sucked into the violence and become part of the problem. Compassion is compartmentalized out of what becomes a sacred duty to protect one's faith by attacking and, eventually, even hating MARCH 24: Joe Vezino

The basic understanding of compassion is captured in Edwards, Angela Titcombe, what we call the golden rule. This "rule" originated about Marian Rutherford. 500 years before the time of Jesus, expressed by Confucius MARCH 25: Chris Yeiter, as: "Do not do to others as you would not have done to you." Shirley Carigon, Sari Jesus taught this by telling his followers to love even their VanKeulen, Andy Quada.

enemies and never to judge or retaliate. If someone struck you on the right cheek, you were to turn the other cheek to

In an article published in AARP Magazine, March/April 2005, Karen Armstrong speaks of Rabbi Hillel as an older contemporary of Jesus and says, "(He) taught the golden rule in a particularly emphatic way. One day a heathen asked him to sum up the whole of Jewish teaching while standing on one leg. Hillel stood on one leg and replied, 'That which is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the Torah; the rest is commentary; go and learn it!"

As Armstrong points out, this statement is particularly extraordinary in that Hillel did not mention any of the complexities of the Mosaic Law - not event the belief in

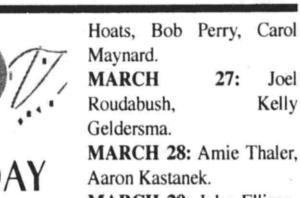
Easter challenges all of us to recapture the essence of compassion in a living, breathing, inclusive and active faith. Matthew 25: 31+ gives us the vision. Please, think about

### Good Friday service

The Lowell Area St., will consist of readings

Mary Church, 402 Amity welcome to attend.

Ministerium, made up and prayers as well as an of the pastors of Lowell enactment of the Living area churches, will have Stations of the Cross by the their annual Good Friday youth of St. Mary Parish. Ecumenical Service on The service will conclude Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. with "Were you There" and The serwice, held at St. a silent dismissal. All are



Jr., Candy Speerstra, Isobel

MARCH 26: Margaret

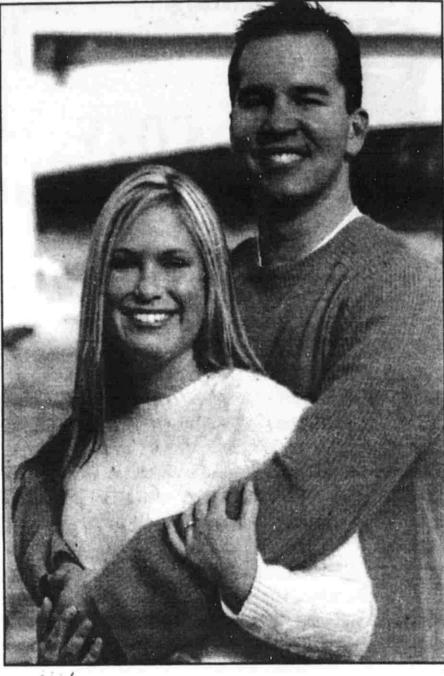
Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Maynard **27:** Joel MARCH Kelly Geldersma.

Aaron Kastanek. MARCH 29: John Ellison, Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Schafer Eiseman, Laura Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Casey Yonker. Brianna Homrich.

MARCH 30: Erin Wade, Deb Maxim, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley, Patrick Drake.

# Engagements

### Akers/Roll



Katie Akers and Adam Roll

Ken and Kathy Akers and Lori Roll of Spring of Lowell are pleased to Lake. announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie to May 12, 2005. Adam Roll, son of Robert

.11:20 A.M

.6:00 P.M.

The couple will wed on

-Alexander Graham Bell

When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.

# Engagements

### Burgess/Brachman

for a June 11, 2005, wedding is a third grade teacher. are Erin Patrice Burgess of Brachman of Palos Hills, Brachman of Palos Hills, Ill.

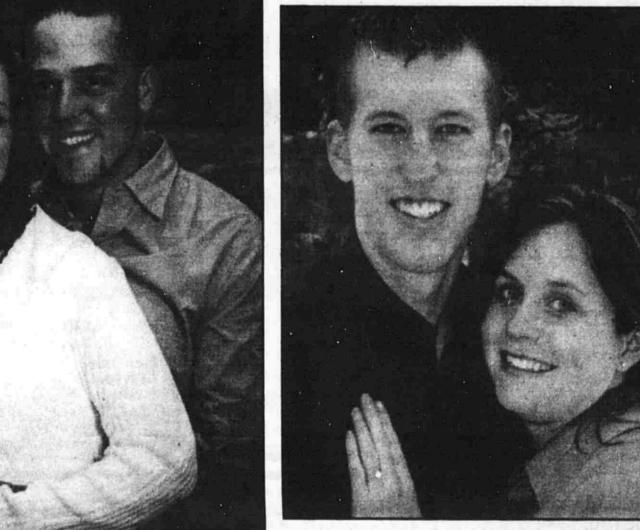
daughter of Sandra Burgess with a business degree and of Lowell and David currently works with Padnos Burgess of Milwaukee, Wis. Louis Iron and Metal Co. in She is a graduate of Lowell Grand Rapids. High School and Grand

Burri/Baker

Announcing their plans Valley State University and

The groom-elect is the Lowell and Zachary William son of Mark and Andreatte He graduated from Grand The bride-to-be is the Valley State University

### Zachary Brachman and Erin Burgess Baker/Demsich



Christopher Demsich and Andrea Baker

of Lowell are pleased to Kellogg High School in Christopher Demsich, son of Norm and Angela Demsich of Frankenmuth.

Central Michigan

Bert and Karen Baker University. The bride-to-be Lowell are happy to is employed at State Farm announce the engagement Insurance Company. The of their daughter, Andrea to groom-elect works at The Bank of New York.

An October 29, 2005 wedding is planned at St. The couple are graduates Patrick's Church of Parnell.

## Motivational

# exhibition in Lowell

team, will be held Friday. April 15 at 7 p.m. in the using feats of strength with Lowell Performing Arts student participation, humor

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by and horseshoes like they were clay.

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The Conquerors will also visit schools in the Lowell and Ionia areas, and a motivational message.

The event is free and by IMPACT Lowell. For church in information Bruce 897-9783, as breaking concrete blocks, @imagesofvision.com or snapping Louisville Slugger Mike Benson at 616-797baseball bats like twigs, and 0049 http://www.impact-

### Call for artists

The exhibit, "Heart of opening reception for the a Drum," will be held at the event, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council - arts council, will be held on Hudson Street Gallery from Sunday, June 5 from 1:30 -

June 5 - July 23. Heart of a Drum is an exhibition of original from submissions at the artworks, creative writings, discretion of the LAAC recorded readings or music, Gallery Native Americans of the this exhibition. Native Americans of the lowellartscouncil.org. Great Lakes Region. An

3:30 p.m. Works will be selected

Committee and videotaped performance representatives on the basis art originally created by of their appropriateness for Great Lakes Region or by For an entry form,

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## High school lunch tray recycling wins approval

By Dan Schneider

used at Lowell High School will soon be on their way to for free. becoming park benches and picnic tables, instead of on

president Alex Getz.

"We're just glad to Hamilton, a student from "We certainly are pleased see it's finally happening Rockford High School, met that we can do it." with the club and Lowell because we haven't liked seeing all those trays going into the garbage, it's such a March 7. She talked about from school lunch rooms waste," Getz said. The club had worked she helped initiate at her

for the better part of a year to convince school officials to implement a recycling keep out rodents. program. Cost was an issue. but the club found a free

recycling every other week, them," Getz said.

pickups was an issue, as gave the final approval It will be a welcome Chris Nelson was concerned program. food left on the trays would pose a health hazard and at the high school and see

attract vermin. Colleen how it goes," Miller said.

the tray recycling program since 1990.

shed built tight enough to of environmental detriment, "I think the fact that it polystyrene was recyclable worked so well at Rockford so we thought a good way to recycling program through and it's starting to spread let people know would be to

"We're going to pilot it state of Michigan.

Dart Container has been school officials Monday, recycling polystyrene foam

"At the time, people school, including the storage really thought there was a lot and people didn't think that Pemberton said.

recycling facilities in the washed, dried and stored in Semi trucks deliver polystyrene. An extruder

Dart Container Corp. The through the districts, so start with the schools," Dart baled foam products to heats and compresses the Polystyrene lunch trays company picks up trays for we were able to convince recycling coordinator Sue the centers. After the foam fluff. A pelletizer chops the is manually inspected to molten polystyrene into tiny Last year, the company remove large contaminants, pellets, which are loaded The time between superintendent Shari Miller processed 120.4 tons of it moves on a conveyor onto a truck and taken to post-consumer polystyrene belt to a grinder that breaks factories where recycled dining services director to begin the recycling foam. Dart operates four it into fluff. The fluff is plastic products are made.

Polystyrene is a rigid

Trays, cont'd., page 9

### Murray Lake likes "Mustangs" mascot

Rose Ford and family, and

a silo, then mixed with other

In the Murray Lake suggestions and the student Zach Crawford family Lizards, Mustangs and that was chosen; Callie and mascot and logo.

Elementary mascot and logo on the choices, and the each received a \$10 Meijer contest, the "Mustangs" was Mustangs received over gift card for also choosing the overwhelming winner. 100 votes more than its "Mustangs" as their mascot About 50 families offered nearest competitor. The suggestion.

The student council council narrowed the choices received a \$25 Meijer gift plans on selling T-shirts and to five: Muskies, Minnows, card for creating the logo hats that include the new

The student body voted Leah Brogger and family

### seedlings. Mixed with other plastic, likely contain some types of plastic, it can be percentage of polystyrene. used to make plastic lumber for benches, tables, and the

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Trays, continued...

type of plastic. On its own, like. The outdoor lunch

it can be made into things tables at the high school,

like rulers and flats for which are made of recycled

By Dan Schneider

Riverside Park in Lowell

crew team approached the

From page 8

this year's crew season.

longer accommodate them. it may be a while before that long enough to meet the The township began The township's original can happen. considering the installation plans for the park included a

after the Lowell High School the river. With the idea that a meeting. Among these is able to raise the money to

crew team's 60-foot length

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The township board requirement for launching of the floating dock last year lookout platform built over discussed impediments the shells.

board about the possibility floating dock could serve the township budget, which purchase the extra sections meet Michigan Department floating dock of holding their practices at as a lookout as well as a could only pay for four themselves, outside factors of Environmental Quality planned for the Grand River the park. The crew team had launch for the crew boats, sections of the floating dock may still delay the project. floodplain requirements. previously practiced at Forest or "shells," the township this year. A minimum of Before the floating docks Charter Township may not Hills Public Schools' facility decided to pursue the 16 dock sections would be can be installed, excavation become a reality in time for downriver, but it could no installation of the docks. But required to create a dock work must be completed to

to the dock at Monday's If the crew team was

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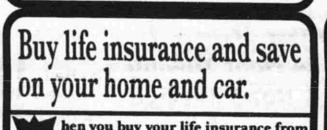
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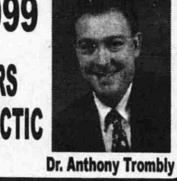
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## If it looks like Lowell - it's the logos

By Dan Schneider

Just before the turn of Departments' the 20th century, Lowell was shoulder patches. starting to take a new interest in its city image.



Works garage.

In May of 1999, the city council approved a flashy new logo for the town. That project started when Lowell Light and Power wanted to update its look. A design firm in Muskegon turned out elliptical logos for the municipal power and cable company and for the city of shape or form has graced slogan in the logo says Lowell itself.

rendering of a red riverboat longtime resident of this with 12 points. trucks to city letterhead.

the Lowell Police

showboat, with its paddlewheel, has become as ubiquitous in Lowell as red flannel underwear in Cedar Springs.

hanging from

in Grand Rapids

showboat as being a symbol chugging along in front of a manager Dave Pasquale.

The city's logo-a River since 1932. Any logo was a hexagonal crest League convention and they town would be quick to say

"We're trying to keep press conference. While search telephone company

the operation of the school the search continued at records to attempt to trace

Lowell police chief Jim to the Kent County Circuit details, but said the threat

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Master bathroom has a shower room, double vanity and linen closet. Master

bedroom has a large walk-in closet, tray ceiling with ambiance lighting and

private sitting deck overlooking beautiful wooded setting. Two bedrooms with

oversized closets and a third very large bedroom, or great play room for the

Main floor has a large living area with bay window. Fover has coat closet and

room for a hutch or desk. Garage enters into 1/2 bath, coat closet and kitchen

Bsmt. has large mechanical/storage room. Full bath plumbed for future.

Storm/storage room under front porch. And enough room left over for a large

rec. room or bedroom with rec. room and a slider, leading out to back yard

Contact:

Travis A. Miller Agustus Const. Co. 616-292-6826

Come see us at the Lowell Expo March 26th

Two story with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and laundry upstairs.

area. Dining has beautiful view from French doors leading to deck.

enjoyment. Still time to pick colors.

Valentine said at a 10 a.m. Court to obtain a warrant to level was minimal.

day as normal as possible the school, Lowell police the call.

under the circumstances," detective James Hinton went

School lockdown, continued... From Page 1

nearly Lowell's official city flag in the council

street signs and chambers of City Hall.

of what sets Lowell apart or Alexander Calder's from the hundreds of other "La Grande Vitesse" small towns in America.

The showboat was the the giant, red-orange steel centerpiece of the old city stabile is depicted even on of Lowell logo, as well. That the city's manhole covers. logo, which served the city "Many people in Lowell for many years, showed a just seem to visualize the stern-wheeler showboat of Lowell," said Lowell city setting sun. Four of the five showboats constructed in Which is no wonder, the institution's history since a showboat in some were sidewheelers. The the east bank of the Flat "Showboat City." The old Municipal

encircling "City of Lowell"- that the showboat-and the prominently in Lowell's flag, said is now on everything from community spirit that built it as well. The city of Lowell department of public works and rebuilt it-are a big part first acquired an official

Authorities didn't give



The city logo on the side of a Lowell Department of Public Works truck driven by Scott Fosburg.

A contest was proposed. Several entries design. Lowell had a city flag.

the word "Lowell" explained. as a riverboat floating

it's depicting where the morning. had a parade of flags and we two rivers come together on

The flag has historicallooking streetlights that received. make up the final two Ls in panel of Lowell. A clockface adds chose to the Main Street theme. Lowell-resident Gauger's original design Ginny Gauger's had a red paddlewheel.

"I was kind of going for red, white and blue .. The flag depicts you know, patriotic," she

The finalized flag stayed along on blue waves. with white, blue and black. "The blue re- And the time on the clock presents water," Gauger reads 8 o'clock, which is the said. "If you look at it, time City Hall opens in the

## CITY HAL City logo on a sign installed last year outside City Hall.

the

Michigan

# The showboat features never had a flag," Shores the side of the L.

"There's some

dication that it's probably a false alarm," Miller said. "It's not a situation can at Lowell High School.

where we're going to evacuate kids because of any heinous threat," Valentine said. "It's just precautions we are taking." The district has had a

plan in place for responding

to such threats since the after the 1999 shootings at spring of 1995, when a pipe Columbine High School bomb exploded in a garbage near Littleton, Colo.

Last Thursday's incident "Our school district was not the first time police has been well ahead of the responded to a weapons' curve for school security," threat at the middle school. Valentine said, adding most Three students were school districts didn't put expelled from the school such plans in place until last May after administrators discovered a small container of gasoline in a student's

Four students had apparently planned to create a series of explosions at the school. It was concluded that they lacked the technical knowledge to carry out the plan, and had lost interest by the time the gasoline was discovered.

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## Lowell FFA members come home state champions

By Dan Schneider

FFA presentation, basically a skitheld enactment of a city meeting at Michigan about the annexation. seven FFA members from kind of a unique twist that Lowell competed in the would give them an edge in State Leadership contests or the contest because it was received awards.

Three teams from advisor Kevin Nugent. Lowell competed in the State FFA Leadership contests, members took on the roles including the first-in-state of Agricultural Issues team of governments, the farmer/ Julie Dunn, Kelly Foote, landowner and the developer. Katie Serne, Marie Wade, The team has been rehearsing Katie Ward, Shelley Wernet since before Thanksgiving and Michelle Wolf.

Their project is based on topic last September. 177 acres of former farmland in Vergennes Township. A spent building and painting developer has petitioned to props, including backdrops have the land annexed to representing City Hall and a the city of Lowell. The state developer's office. boundary commission heard the case earlier this month at trailer for all of our stuff," Lowell City Hall. Serne said.

"Last year we did farmland preservation and the trailer to Louisville, then we saw the (developer's) Ky., in October when they of Louis Glinzak, Adam that they could run a meeting State Degree is awarded to sign go up," Wade said.

"In the beginning, we convention. were just going to do it on the development, and then, been together since they "How to Build a Successful received annexation came into it and were sophomores and they Freestall Dairy Barn." In recognition as well. it got complicated," Wernet did an Agricultural Issues this contest, the students had addition to winning

The girls did wide- Chinese apples. meetings.

information and experience the Demonstration team students had to demonstrate bestow upon a member. The money requirement.

interviewing on this one for three years," leaders, the Serne said. "We've gone to Bergy, Audrey Blodger, Mike Recognition for having an Louis Glinzak, Hannah Stephanie Wade also developer, local Farm Bureau state every year, but this is Clover, Rachel Folkersma, above average grade point Knudstrup, Amy Junewick attended as delegates from officials and neighbors of the first time we took first. Josh Phelps, Kelsey Ward through high school. the land to be annexed. They It's a good thing there's and Jack Weeber received

to put together a 15-minute

"They thought this was

so close to home," said FFA

For the skit, the team

city and township

and began researching the

A lot of time has been

"We have our own

"We've been working props and visual aids. Ward, Wernet and Wolfe received this award. Blake Bergy, Dakota received also attended various city seven of us because it took a Silver Award in the Jr. received the State FFA

The team will haul Kelly Foote; front row: Marie Wade, Katie Ward and Julie Dunn.

received a Silver Award for Procedure.

The seven seniors have their demonstration titled project on the importation of to prepare a 10-15 minute Agricultural Issues contest,

High Conduct of Meetings Degree, the highest award

Pictured is the Agricultural Issue team, back row, left to right: Shelly Wernet, Katie Serne, Michelle Wolf and

These students also received the Outstanding They participated in the

participate in the national Ingraham and Ben Ritzema using correct Parliamentary senior members who have student compete in the State shown they have earned FFA Talent competition. members a certain amount or have Tiffany Kidder auditioned invested a set number of and was chosen to perform hours in an FFA Supervised in front of over 1,500 at the Agricultural Experience Convention session held at project. Dan Harden, Phil the Wharton Center. She presentation complete with Dunn, Foote, Serne, Wade, Hogan and John Rasch also sang "Complicated" by Carolyn Dawn Johnson.

Lowell also had a

Grady Drown and and Samantha Mol each the Lowell FFA chapter. Junior Award. This award is convention sessions and similar to the State Degree voted on the State FFA In other contests, contest. These middle school the State Association can but with smaller time and officers for the coming year.

## Civil War monument, continued ... From Page 1

worked with a Grand Rapids it can be repaired. sculptor who can repair the

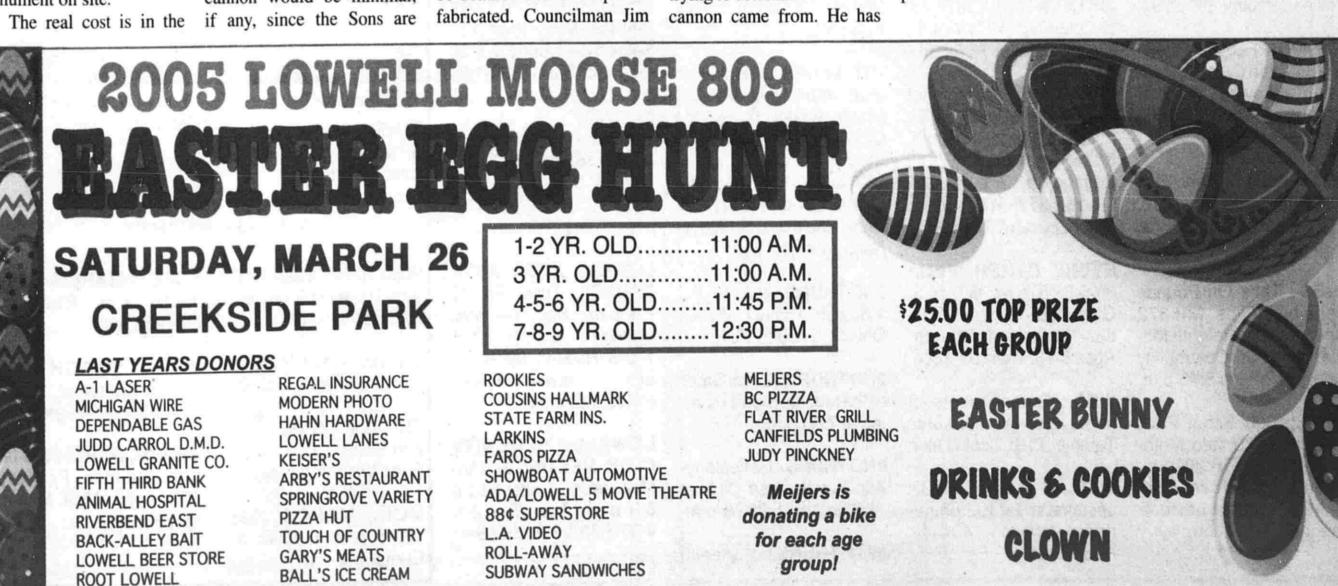
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features a young soldier cannon. Currently, the cannon familiar with people who Pfaller recommended that researched records in Lowell is 189. Through the number, boy with a gun and separate sits on two cement slabs and can do that work. The group talk to the Kent and national records held by Butgereit said he is hoping to cannon. The soldier statue up until a couple of days ago would like to have a new Intermediate School District the Sons, coming up with pinpoint more information is a famous one and it is was not even secured down carriage built for the cannon which offers a CNC program little information. He does about it. believed that the boy who it since the bolts holding it were which, if purchased outright, and said those students could know that the cannon was in Oakwood Cemetery, DeJong, the city's sexton, Butgereit said. The soldier's has since taken care of that, students at the high school's plans."

cannon would be minimal, be donated and metal pieces trying to determine where the pounds and its serial number 827-3369.

SUBWAY SANDWICHES

was modeled after is buried broken, Butgereit said. Don would cost about \$13,000. make anything "as long as built by the Massachusetts have information about the Butgereit said the they have the drawings and company Cyrus Alger & Co. monument, the cannon, The cannon was built in the Lowell Grand Army gun is broken off and could although Butgereit said he woodworking shop have As part of the renovation 1856 and probably saw action of the Republic chapter be repaired for about \$300 to has recommended that the already volunteered to build project, the group likes to in the Civil War. It appears to or the Women's Relief \$400. Butgereit said he has cannon be put in storage until the carriage and he can provide information about the be a naval cannon, which will Corps is encouraged to get blueprints for them to monument. Butgereit said he determine the type of carriage contact Butgereit at civil-The cost for cleaning the follow. Wood would need to has run into some road blocks constructed. It weighs 938 war@comcast.net or call



## COMNGEVENIS

Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Flat River WED .: Tri-town Conserva-Events" are free to any Woodcarvers meet at 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 tices by phone at 897-9261. story hour/craft time 9:45 -

tion Club trap & skeet Reformed Church. Call league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- 897-7060 or 897-7555. 5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome. 1ST TUES .: Grattan His-

Bingo. Doors open:11 a.m.; Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Public invited. Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every 1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup- 2ND WED .: Lowell 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.

drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell

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 THURS.: Weight Watch-

Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum.84th/Alden Nash.

torical Society board Church, 1070 N. Hudson. meetings at chamber of Call 897-8304. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. info. or location.

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

3RD MON.: Peripheral 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at group: Sarah 281-6588. 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** TUES.: Take Off Pounds 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Sensibly Tops MI#372 tian Reformed Church. meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694 Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES .: Cub Scout Pack noon, Lowell Masonic ing at 7:30 p.m. 3188 at 1st United Meth-Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake, odist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, upstairs at 1st Congrega-897-9782 / email: bruce @

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11:15 a.m./women only at SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian

torical Society at O'Brien SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 Room of Grattan Township

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

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

(YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315

Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. ers at Lowell Nazarene Process Center, 9:30 a.m.meeting/program. Call Church, 201 N. Washing-MON.: Lowell Board of Olga616-975-9977 or June ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register Education meets 7 p.m. in 231-780-1249 for more in-

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

Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call

Linda: 874-5662: teen

tional Church, 404 N.

Hudson St.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers THURS.: Pottery classes ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 3RD MON.: Fallasburg His- Impact, a Wesleyan 897-7842.

All invited. Call 897-7161 for 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Amity St., non-denomina-Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393. St., Saranac, All are wel-

Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided. Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. 2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights Community Campus, 750 of Columbus #7719 at St.

Mary School at 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of 3RD TUES .: Parents of club meeting, Lowell children w/AD/HD at St. Middle School choir room. Luke's Lutheran Church, Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. 32156 4 Mile NE/ E.

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

2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E., Girls Club - Calvary Chris- 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran

WED .: Rotary meets at of the Moose, men's meet-

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health

tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.:GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 9:30 p.m.Round Robin open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

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

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.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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.

at Franciscan Life Process

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 tional help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays:

come. Contact Bev or 1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent

**1ST THURS.:** 4-H drama

Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

2ND THURS.: Loyal Order

Saranac. "Parenting For Success", 7-8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. Topic: The Effects of Media on your Children.Call 642-6466 for info. and to

3RD THURS.: Rubber Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

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

3RD THURS.: Parents 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.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

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

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

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

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

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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., 6clown, refreshments.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

897-8565.

SAT., MARCH 26: Lowell Community Expo, 9-3:30 p.m. at high school. Call Liz at chamber 897-9161 with questions or for application.

SAT., MARCH 26: Lowell Moose 809 Easter egg hunt at Creekside Park.

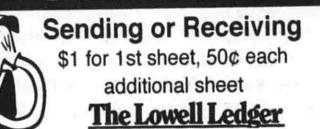
Starts 11 a.m. w/1-3 yrs.; 11:45 4-6 yrs.; 12:30 p.m. 7-9 yrs. Easter bunny,

SAT., APRIL 2: Lowell YMCA Healthy Kids Day, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

SAT., APRIL 2: West MI Bluegrass Music Assoc. fundraiser at Lena Lou. Open jamming: 5 p.m. bands: 7:30 p.m. Cost:\$5.

TUES., APRIL 5: Steven Tchozeski will speak at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. on Native Americans at 7 p.m. Public

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

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

THURS., MARCH 24: 10

a.m. Women's City Club.

12:45 p.m. Games at

at Woodland Mall: 12:45

Woodland Mall.

.m. Bible Study.

Grandparents. WED., MARCH 30: Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45

p.m. Shop at Meijer.

TUES., MARCH 29:

10:15 a.m. Reading

FRI., MARCH 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 12:45 p.m. THURS., MARCH 31: 12 Shop 28th Mega Mall. MON., MARCH 28:

p.m. Salmon Patties: 12:45 p.m. Visit Meyer May House.

## Motorcycle license deadline fast approaching

Secretary of State and vehicle registrations Terri Lynn Land reminds on the same renewal cycle residents that as they give makes sense, saves time and their motorcycles spring limits transactions with the tuneups, they should also department. make sure their registrations

motorcycle registrations the owner's birthday. expire on March 31. The date to the owner's birthday, aligning motorcycle registrations with those renewed by Internet, touch-

said. "Putting motorcycle sos.

vehicles.

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are renewed by March 31. transition, fees will be Under Public Act 163 prorated for this first renewal of 2004, this is the last year cycle based on the number that all individually owned of months from April 1 to

If renewed after March law changes the expiration 31, a \$10 late fee will be assessed. Registrations may be

of other privately owned tone telephone, mail or in person at a branch office. "We've made it easier for For more information, visit motorcyclists to remember the Department of State web to renew their tabs," Land site at www.Michigan.gov/

Sgt. Tim Sitzer visited Lowell Cub Scout pack 3188 last Tuesday evening. His son Alec is a member of the pack and Sitzer recently returned from a year-long deployment in Iraq. That came following a year deployed stateside in Georgia, which amounted to two years the 32-year-old Army National Guardsman was away from his family. In Iraq, he was attached to a Chinook helicopter company.

The scouts presented Sitzer with a posterboard they had signed. It contained pictures of Sitzer taken in Iraq. The pack learned about honor in recognizing Sitzer for his military service.

Pictured is Sitzer in the back row, left, next to his wife Lisa. Their son Alec is standing between them.

Mark

DISCOVER

## Township, continued...From page 9

not properly met when the board review the ordinance. lee-way in the ordinance. original excavations were The expanding business It is not a new issue for the completed for the park. Fill wants to add an employee, township. A past attempt "compensatory cut," which home. the MDEQ requires to maintain floodplain levels, needs to be enlarged.

Also discussed by the board was the township's home occupation ordinance. The ordinance regulates home-based businesses within the township's residential districts.

Wisdom Consulting Service, Inc., a home-based company on Cascade Road, had written a letter to the township requesting that the

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Attorney at Law

was added to the floodplain and the ordinance does to change the ordinance for the construction of not allow a home-based failed, township clerk Linda the restroom facilities company to employ workers Regan said. At least part at the park. The original who are not residents of the of the reason it failed, she A lengthy hearing by be too difficult to enforce the township's zoning board the number if non-resident of appeals failed to find any employees were allowed.

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# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

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## VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

\* Indicates a home game Cherry Creek Field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

3/30 at 4 p.m.	Forest Hills Central*
4/12	Caledonia
4/14 at 4 p.m.	Thornapple Kellogg (2)*
4/16 at 10 a.m.	Lowell Invitational*
4/18 at 4 p.m.	Portland (2)*
4/20 at 4 p.m.	Ionia (2)
4/21 at 4 p.m.	Forest Hills Eastern
4/27	Greenville
4/29	Unity Christian (2)*
5/2	East Grand Rapids*
5/4	Cedar Springs
5/6	Northview (2)*
5/9	Greenville*
5/11	East Grand Rapids
5/13	Sparta (2)
5/14 at 10 a.m.	Otsego Tournament
5/16	Cedar Springs*
5/18	Kenowa Hills (2)*
5/20 at 4 p.m.	Lakewood*
5/25	Crossover (2)

## **VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL**

\* Indicates a home game Cherry Creek Field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

3/30 at 4 p.m.	Forest Hills Central*
4/12	Caledonia
4/14 at 4 p.m.	Thornapple Kellogg (2)*
.4/16 (TBA)	E. Kentwood Tournament
4/18 at 4 p.m.	Portland (2)*
4/20 at 4 p.m.	Ionia (2)
4/21 at 4 p.m.	Forest Hills Eastern
4/23 at 9 a.m.	Hamilton Tournament
4/26	GR Christian
4/27	Greenville
4/29	Unity Christian (2)
5/2	East Grand Rapids*
5/4	Cedar Springs
5/6	Northview (2)*
5/9	Greenville*
5/11	East Grand Rapids
5/13	Sparta (2)
5/16	Cedar Springs*
5/18	Kenowa Hills (2)*
5/24 at 4 p.m.	Lowell Invitational*
5/25	Crossover (2)

### **BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**

**VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER** \* Indicates a home game Red Arrow Stadium Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated

3/28 at 5:45 p.m.	Caledonia*
3/30 at 5:45 p.m.	Forest Hills Eastern*
4/12	Thornapple Kellogg
4/13	Rockford*
4/16 at 12:45 p.m.	Jenison*
4/18	Sparta
4/20 at 7:15 p.m.	East Grand Rapids
4/25	Kenowa Hills*
4/27	Northview*
4/29	Fruitport
5/2 at 7:15 p.m.	Greenville
5/4	Unity Christian*
5/9	Cedar Springs*

5/14 at 12:45 p.m. Zeeland\* Crossover w/Gold

5/18 (TBA) **OK Tournament** 5/23 (TBA) OK Tournament 5/25 (TBA) OK Tournament

Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

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4/14	Sparta
4/16 at 9 a.m.	Hastings Relays
4/19	East Grand Rapids
4/21	Kenowa Hills*
4/23 at 9:30 a.m.	Caledonia Relays
4/26	Northview*
4/28	Greenville
5/3	Unity Christian*
5/5	Cedar Springs*
5/7 at 8:30 a.m.	Lowell Invitational*
5/12 (TBA)	Conference at Northy

Conference at Northview

Forest Hills Eastern Lakewood\* 4/16 at 9:30 a.m. Lowell Invitational\* Unity Christian\* 4/23 at 9 a.m. **Big Rapids Tournament** Sparta East Grand Rapids 4/30 at 9:30 a.m. Caledonia Tournament 5/2 Kenowa Hills 5/4 Northview\* NorthPointe Christian\* 5/9 Greenville\* Cedar Springs\* 5/14 (TBA) Conference (Northview) Crossover (Gold)

**VARSITY BOYS TENNIS** 

\* Indicates a home game at High School Tennis Courts.

All matches begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated.

Thornapple Kellogg

## **VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE**

3/29 at 5:30 p.m. 4/12 at 6 p.m. 4/14 at 6:30 p.m. 4/16 at 12:30 p.m. 4/19 at 6:15 p.m. 4/23 at 5 p.m. 4/26 (TBA) Holland 4/28 at 6 p.m. 4/30 at 12 p.m. 5/3 at 6 p.m. 5/5 at 6:30 p.m. Holt\* ·5/7 at 12:30 p.m. 5/10 at 5 p.m. 5/12 at 6 p.m. 5/17 at 7 p.m. 5/19 at 5:30 p.m.

5/25 at 6:30 p.m.

\* Indicates a home game Portage Northern Holland Christian Portage Central\* Okemos West Ottawa Culver Academy\* Catholic Central Portage Central Rockford\* West Ottawa\* East Kentwood Holland Christian\* Grand Haven Catholic Central\*

Okemos\*

5/13 (TBA)

### VARSITY GIRLS GOLF \* Indicates a home game at Deer Run Golf Course.

All games begi	in at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated.
/11	Forest Hills Eastern*
/13	Unity Christian*
/15	Lakewood*
/20	Cedar Springs*
/21	Thornapple Kellogg*
/23 at 8:30 a.m.	Jenison Invitational
/25 at 12:05 p.m.	FHN Invitational (Egypt Valley
/27	East Grand Rapids
/29	G.R. Christian*
/2	Kenowa Hills
/4	Northview*
/6 at 9 a.m.	Kenowa Hills Tournament
/9	Greenville*

5/16 at 8 a.m.

Forest Hills Central'

Conference (Boulder Crk)

## Lowell junior varsity powerlifters take second in state

Lowell High School's Plainwell.

team took second place a first-place finish for the at 181, he squatted 585, and judged on technique. off-season conditioning for basketball and wrestling," Saturday at the Michigan junior varsity Red Arrows. benched 260 and dead-lifted The best score is taken from football players, and many said Lowell coach Noel High School Powerlifting Goodrich took first in state 550 for the top score. state at the junior varsity level.

Powerlifters make

each discipline.

At the varsity level for three attempts each at squat, full varsity team to the state season.

Lowell, Gabe Delnick took bench and dead lift. They powerlifting finals this year. Cameron Blake made first place in state. Lifting are scored for weight lifted The sportfunctions mainly as kids this year involved in had other commitments Dean. Lowell didn't take a during the winter sports

## Pre-spring rowing simulations held at Lowell High School

High School this year.

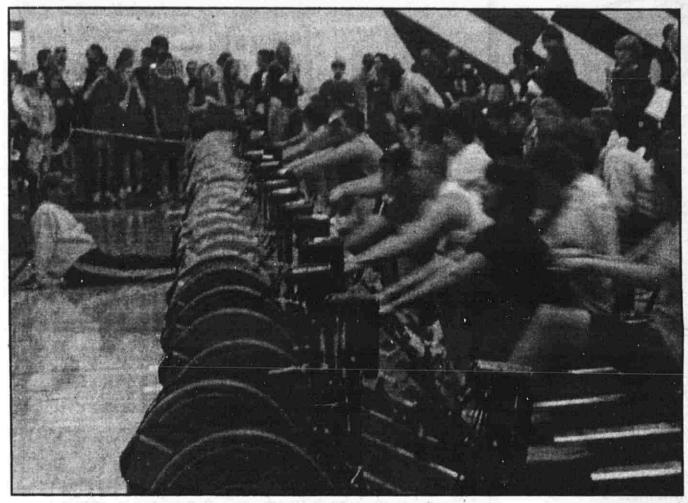
1,500-meter race. Since out of 62 competitors. the Grand River is still The Spring Sprints event too cold for rowing, the is a prequel to the spring

the Forest Hills Central called ergometers, instead were Lowell, East Grand crew team held their annual of actual boats on real Rapids, Forest Hills Central, Spring Sprints at Lowell water. Sophomore Heide Forest Hills Northern, Forest Cadwallader, also on the Hills Eastern, Northview The Red Arrow crew LHS crew team, took third and Rockford. team claimed three top-10 place in the 1,500-meter finishes in the competition. novice event. There were Freshman Carla Hessler a total of 85 competitors in took first place in the high the girls novice event. In school girls novice division the high school boys novice with a time of 5:57.9 in the race, P.J. Nito placed sixth

The Grand Rapids competition took place crew season in the area Rowing Association and using rowing simulators, High schools participating

> At right: Lowell crew team members, from left, Hannah Cunningham, Carla Hessler and Jennifer Hamilton competed in the Grand Rapids Spring Sprints crew competition. Hessler took first place in the girls novice 1,500-meter





The Grand Rapids Rowing Association and Forest Hills Central crew team held their annual simulated rowing event at Lowell High School, Saturday. Pictured are high school rowers using "ergometers," which simulate actual rowing.



## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of March 14, 2005

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the second blood drive of the year yielded 95 pints. Last Friday students who participated in Model UN brought back 17 medals with the freshmen dominating the competition. The Student Council met with the administration regarding the budget and students are developing ideas to help save money. The student musical "Footloose" is excellent and there are more performances this weekend. Students have participated in diversity training activities and are developing a school action plan to establish student awareness of tolerance. Spring break is almost here!

REPORTS - Middle School Update: Students from the Middle School Diversity Council put on a diversity skit that had been part of a Respect YES assembly they

had performed earlier at the middle school. REPORTS - Murray Lake School Update: A group of Murray Lake students were on hand to present their

PowerPoint creation showing the learning taking place at each grade level.

**ACTION ITEMS** -

Accepted the following gifts:

Stock Lumber donation of lumber to build an alligator tank at the Wittenbach Center valued at \$111.33.

Alticor donation of computers valued at \$4200 to be used by the technology department.

Approved the Educators Preferred Corporation (EPC) Severance Plan pending the completion of a letter of agreement with the

Approved the Non-Union Employment Agreement Revision **CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/adopted were:

· Minutes for February 14, 2005 Regular Meeting, February 22, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, February 28, 2005 Special Meeting and Closed Session, and the February 28, 2005 Workshop and Closed Session

The following payment of bills for February 2005: \$ 978,809.12 GENERAL FUND SCHOOL SERVICES FUND \$72,245.95 A. Food Service Fund B. Athletic Fund 2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

Personnel – Leave of Absence

 Board Bylaws Revision Overnight Student Trips

**BUDGET UPDATE** - Connie Gillette encouraged people to be held at Kent ISD on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. to be collected and reviewed by the end of March. discuss school funding.

FACILITY UPDATE - Larry Mikulski introduced Greg Mackey from Honeywell who shared a PowerPoint demonstration of the building retrofits they completed to make Lowell Area Schools more energy efficient. The energy savings will pay for the facility upgrades and Honeywell guarantees this promise or will pay the difference. Ed Hull demonstrated the Johnson Controls computer program that allows staff to interconnect and manage a wide range of facility systems.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on a new 3rd grade curriculum the district is reviewing that deals with bullying prevention. The district continues to measure the

academic progress of students by using achievement tests. PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Todd Smithee - kindergarten schedule, Michelle McDonald - kindergarten schedule, Theresa Mundt - drivers training cost, and Carmon Campbell - severance agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller congratulated the student achievements in the Model UN competition. Students in the school musical "Footloose" put on a great production. High school student, Joe Mendez, received : standing ovation at the Palace of Auburn Hills when he took his 4th straight individual state title in wrestling. The district's Champions of Diversity Committee will be conducting a spring and fall community workshop for diversity awareness. The Freshman Class just completed a study of the book Walk to Freedom and demonstrated their ability to comprehend complex ideas presented in the book. The Lowell Community EXPO will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at attend the county legislative committee "Grassroots" meeting to Lowell High School. Kindergarten schedule survey results will

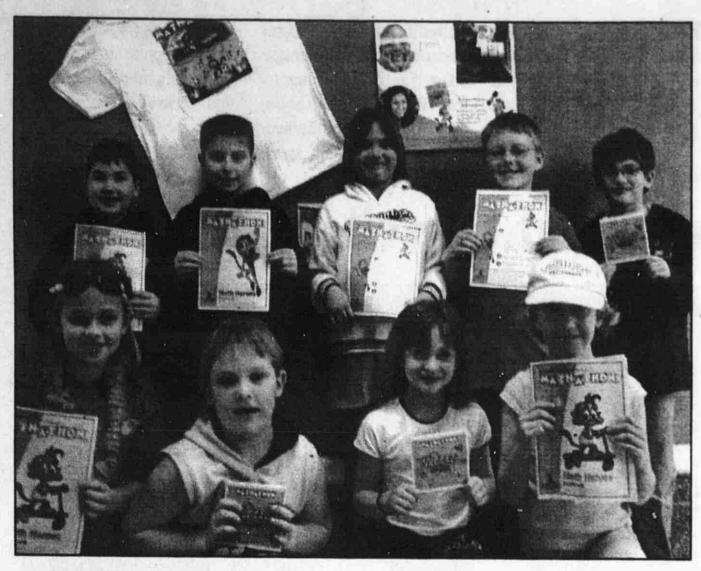
**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** 

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

**Board Meeting** Monday, April 18, 2005 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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## Elementary math-a-thons reach successful conclusions



Pictured, front row, left to right, from Murray Lake Elementary, are: Kiersten Ashenbremer, Karson Murley, Kailee Dawson and Alexandra Chapdelaine; back row: Michael Swiger, Damien Hutton, Abbey Flentje, Caleb Flentje and Zach Dawson.

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who participated in the in an amount-per-problem Math-A-Thon at Murray or a one-time donation. totaling \$3,865.

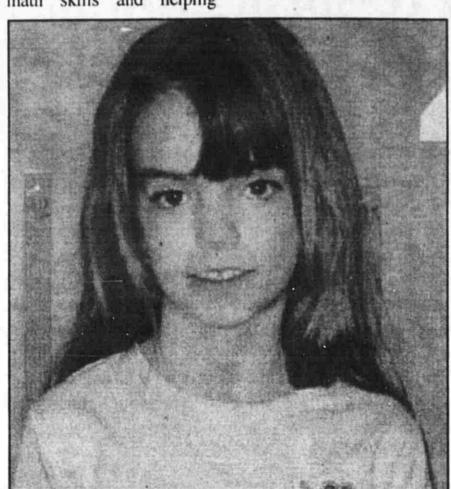
approximately 200 math math skills and helping problems, while having friends and family pledge donations for each problem they solved.

The Math-A-Thon at Cherry Creek Elementary raised \$4,376.09 this year and had 84 participants.

The math program encourages kids from indergarten to ninth grade to use their math skills to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Students obtain pledges from

There were 65 students family members and friends, fight childhood cancer in the

Second grader, Maggie Lake Elementary. Each Then they go to work using Doane collected the most raised over \$100 for the St. the Math-A-Thon workbook pledges, \$242. For her Jude Children's Hospital, or interactive CD - adding, outstanding effort, she won subtracting, multiplying a super slim portable CD solved and dividing - honing their player.



Maggie Doane

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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP **PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, reviewing and adopting the annual budget for the 2004/ 2005 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2005 in the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 7:00

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

All interested parties are welcome. A copy of the proposed budgets can be viewed at the Township Hall prior to the public hearing.

Lana F. Green, Clerk

## Area martial artists dominate national tournament

Young Olympic hopefuls plan to travel to China for training

Murray Lake staff person of the month

Rob Coffey and Mariah Moore competed in the Chicago, hosted hundreds in Grand Rapids on Jan. 12. Kick; fourth in Sparring. Americans Self Defense on had to first pre-qualify by earned first in Forms, Self- Demonstration

Joan Weeber was named

administrative

staff member of the month at

assistant was previously

an administrative assistant

at Bushnell Elementary

before coming to Murray

Lake this year. A lifelong

resident of the Lowell area

and a Lowell High School

graduate. Weeber has

worked six years for Lowell

I get to deal with students,

parents and a great staff.

Murray Lake Elementary

is an exciting place to be!"

staff members, they said,

"She always goes above

and beyond with a big smile

on her face. She is very

welcoming to parents and

quotes, " Joan is my 'right

hand lady.' I would be lost

without her. She has played

a major role in getting this

school off and running. She

is a professional who is very

thorough and dedicated.

She also has a great sense

of humor. I am extremely

pleased to have her as my

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assistant and my friend."

Weeber assists Brent

Noskey

community members too."

Nominated by fellow

"I enjoy my job because

Area Schools.

said Weeber.

Noskey,

Murray Lake.

Murray Lake for February.

of young martial artists

The event, held in Michigan State Tournament Punch and Most Powerful

At the state level, Coffey from all over the Midwest. placed first in Forms and Moore, a member

placing third or better in the Defense, Most Powerful performed to oriental music

with their original Dragon performed a Wushu Kata Dance. Full Force placed using a broad-sword.

third overall in this event. Next, Coffey and Moore tournament would be an To participate, entrants fourth in Sparring; Moore Full Force, Michigan's choreographed an event incredible accomplishment. which requires two or more To sweep a national martial artists to perform tournament is unheard of a synchronized martial and truly amazing due to the arts routine. They are fact that at the national level; judged on originality, skill, you are competing against entertainment and overall the best of the best from cohesiveness. With over 15 across the country. I'm just teams of all belt ranks and really proud of my students. ages from 6-18 entering this They work hard and it competition, the Lowell duo shows," said Sensei Aaron placed second

in his division.

and Weapons when she the United States.

The duo recently competition, Coffey placed received personal invitations first in Forms and Sparring from Grand Master Wu Bin, Jet Li's personal coach. completely to represent the USA and swept her division taking train at his world renowned first in Forms, Sparring, Wushu Training center in Self-Defense, The Three Beijing, China in June, 2005 Strike, as two of the top athletes in

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Bowne Township Clerk

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ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES Register by May 6 Monday: Co-ed (Church & Open) • Tuesday: Women • Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Men Begins Mon, May 16; Tues, May 17; Wed, May 18; Thurs, May 19; Fri, May 20 Teams will play 12 games. \$460.00 for all teams.

T-BALL April 18-June 6 Preschool-1st Grade Mondays or Tuesdays, 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Member: \$30 • Program: \$40 • Non-Mem: \$49

SOCCER LEAGUES Register by March 28 INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE (3-5 years) Thursdays (6-7 p.m.) or Saturday mornings Member: \$30 • Program Member: \$40 • Non-Member: \$49 RECREATIONAL LEAGUE (Grades K-5)

Member: \$34 • Program Member: \$47 • Non-Member: \$60 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

We are joining a middle school league with other communities in the area. Games will be at "bome" in Lowell, as well as "away" at other area schools. Member: \$34 • Program Member: \$47 • Non-Member: \$60

ROKEN KARATE (ages 6+) All classes held at the Lowell YMCA in the Teen Center BEGINNER: Tues. & Thurs: 6-7:00 p.m. • ADV. BEGINNER: Tues. & Thurs: 7:10-8:25 p.m.

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Betty R. Morlock City Clerk YAY!! The Lowell FFA Jr. High Conduct of Meetings Team took silver at the State Convention!!!!

Congratulations to Dakota, Mike, Rachel, Audrey, Jack, Blake, and Kelsey for getting a silver at the State Convention!!! You guys did awesome!!!

Did anyone know that hte Lowell FFA Ag. Issues team took gold at FFA State Convention? Congrats girls. You did spectacular!

> To my good friend Morgan: Thank you for being there for me today. You knew exactly what to say! It brightened my day!

Congrats Lowell FFA!!! We did great at State!!! - Rachel F.

Congrats to all the cast members in "Footloose." It was a great musical and I'm sure many people would agree with me. Thank you for putting on such a great show!

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Marcey and Verna are still at it. Doing their best to keep us old folks happy, healthy and well fed. We love you, may God bless. - Just one of the oldies.

Be careful what you wish for. Socialism and socialized medicine doesn't work. Just look to Europe for proof. God bless our president and the United States of America!

I think we need a skatepark in Lowell for the kids. All the places kids have to skate, people are throwing them out and I believe they need a place to skate.

To the person who stole \$220 from me at Dollar General, I am a single mother of two and on disability. It is hard to make it when people like you are out there!

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### **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 14, 2005, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted two ordinances amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of each of the amending ordinances can be summarized as follows:

AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance adds Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District, and Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District, to the Zoning Ordinance. These articles replace Article 6, the A Agricultural District, in its entirety.

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

Certain special land uses are permitted if approved by the Planning Commission. These include agricultural labor housing, kennels,

**Grattan Township** 

A-1 Zoning

greenhouses nurseries, removal of sand. and resources, processing of agricultural products and other special land uses.

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

2. A-2 Agricultural District. The A-2 District is intended for low density

residential development in a rural environment, but including farm land and providing for protection of valued natural features.

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

Special land uses, subject to approval by the Planning Commission, include kennels and veterinary hospitals, greenhouses and nurseries, communications towers, removal of sand, gravel and other resources,

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EXHIBIT B **Grattan Township** A-2 Zoning District



minimum lot width, yard sizes, maximum width to depth coverage. dwelling unit

other provisions. 3. Other Provisions in the Ordinance. Sections 3.49, 14.14 and 14A.14 of the Township Zoning Ordinance have been amended so as to make appropriate references to the A-1 and the A-2 zoning districts and so as to adopt certain minor changes in these existing provisions. Other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance have also been amended to make appropriate references to the A-1 and/or the A-2 zoning districts, instead of the A Agricultural District.

Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance amends Section 5.03 of the Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to the Zoning Map, so as to rezone lands in the Township as follows:

1. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the A-1 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township A-1 Zoning." 2. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the A-2 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township A-2 Zoning

Effective Date. The amending ordinances will become effective March 24, 2005; provided, however, that the above-stated ordinance to rezone the described lands will become effective only on or following the effective date of the ordinance adopting Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District, and Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District.

A copy of the amending ordinances may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours. Dated: March 15, 2005

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