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New Lowell Habitat for Humanity house dedicated

By Dan Schneider

When the Ledger last reported on the Kent County Habitat for Humanity house in Lowell last December, it was just a wood frame on a concrete-slab foundation. The weather was cold and several inches of snow fell before the roof was completely sheeted.

On Monday, the sun shone on a dedication ceremony held to celebrate the completion of the house. Debbie and Scott Baldwin are ready to move into their new home. Their daughters—Kaitlyn, 5, and Rachel, 4—are excited, as well.

"They're going, 'When are we moving?' and they're young enough where you have to go 'This many more days,'" Debbie Baldwin said.

Volunteers from the Lowell, Ada and Rockford areas helped build the house. The family was grateful for the help they received.

"They were just willing to be there and they had fun working," Baldwin said.

A lot of the volunteers learned something about building, according to Habitat for Humanity construction site supervisor Bill Moerdyk.

"There was a continual

supply of volunteers and that's what it takes," he said. "For a lot of people who don't do any building at all, they were surprised they could do the finishing as well as the framing."

The people involved in a Habitat building project create more than just walls and a roof, Moerdyk said.

"There's just a variety of people who make up what a Habitat house is," he said. "There's business people here (at the dedication), but there's also what you might call the common people, who just want to help someone get a new start."

To Scott Baldwin, the new house was nothing short of a new start.

"Every now and then, you think God doesn't come through for you and then he does something big and this was huge," he said. "It (Habitat for Humanity) really is a family and that's how they made us feel. And what a way to start a spring for my family—a house of our own, and no more apartments. Thank God, that's all I can say."

The dedication was short with a few prayers and brief words from some of the people involved in the project. Although simple, it was still an emotional event for the homeowners.

"I made Scott talk because I knew I would have ended up crying halfway through saying something," Baldwin said.

Scott Baldwin kept his remarks short and simple.

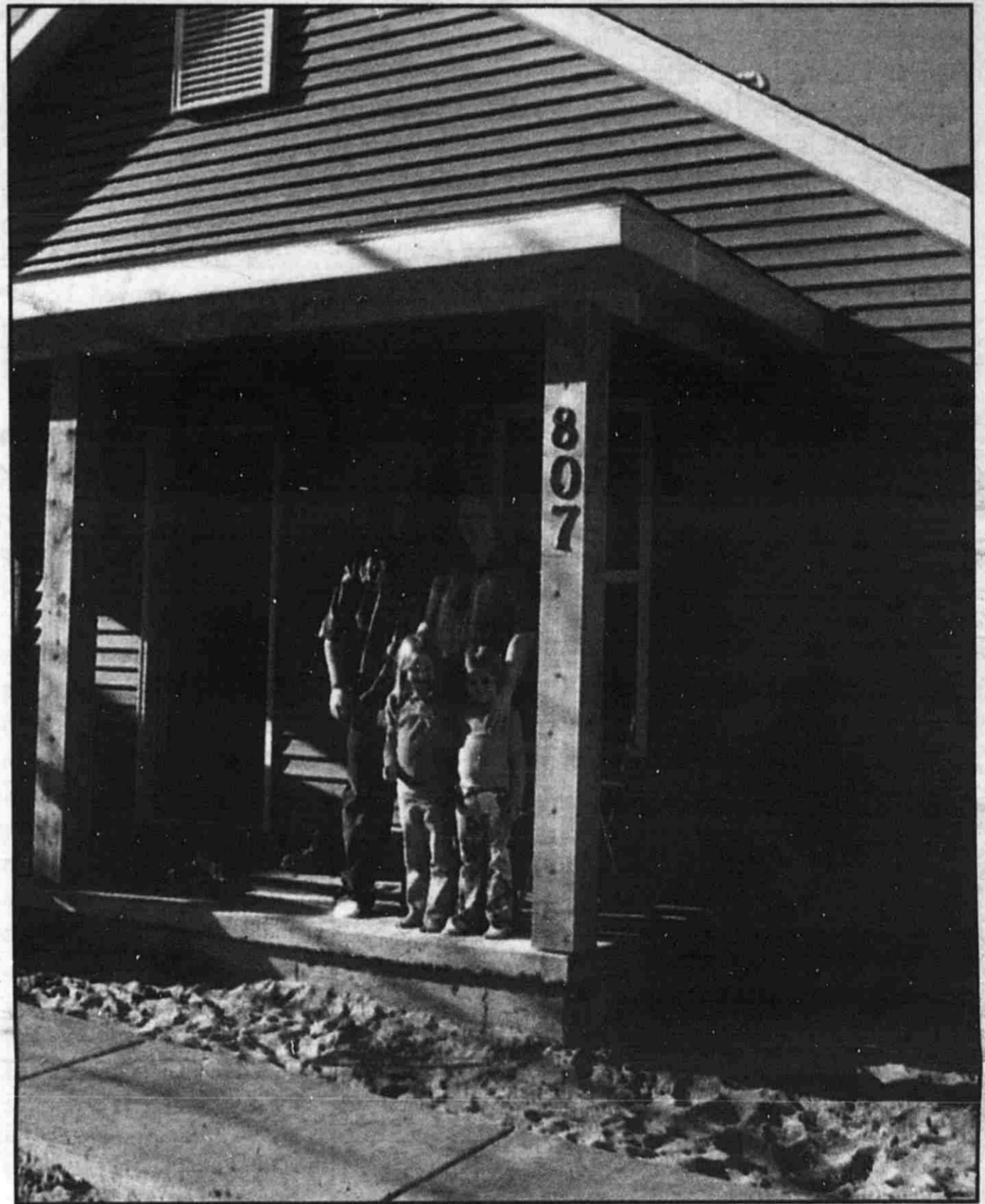
"It's spring, and spring brings new life and what a great day to start a new life," he said.

As Habitat homeowners, the Baldwins contributed their own work, "sweat equity." This process of becoming a homeowner was more unusual than just going out and buying a house.

"You want to move in. It's not like the house is already built ... you have to wait for the house to be built," Baldwin said.

The family spent the weekend packing and started moving in as soon as the dedication was over.

Representatives from the Lowell Rotary Club, Root-Lowell Manufacturing and the Lowell Area Community Fund were on hand for the dedication. Several groups donated money, material or volunteer time to the project. The Lowell Rotary Club and Root Lowell



Scott and Debbie Baldwin with their daughters, Kaitlyn and Rachel, on the front porch of their recently completed Habitat for Humanity home on Bowes Road. The house was dedicated in a short ceremony, Monday.

Manufacturing played an especially large role in the project. The Lowell Area Community Fund granted \$15,000 toward the house's construction and the city of Lowell donated the land on which it sits.

Before the dedication, the children present kept

busy unearthing rocks from the sand in the front yard.

"We'll have a huge giant sandbox for a few months, which the kids will love," Baldwin said.

Sod, trees and bushes will be planted on the

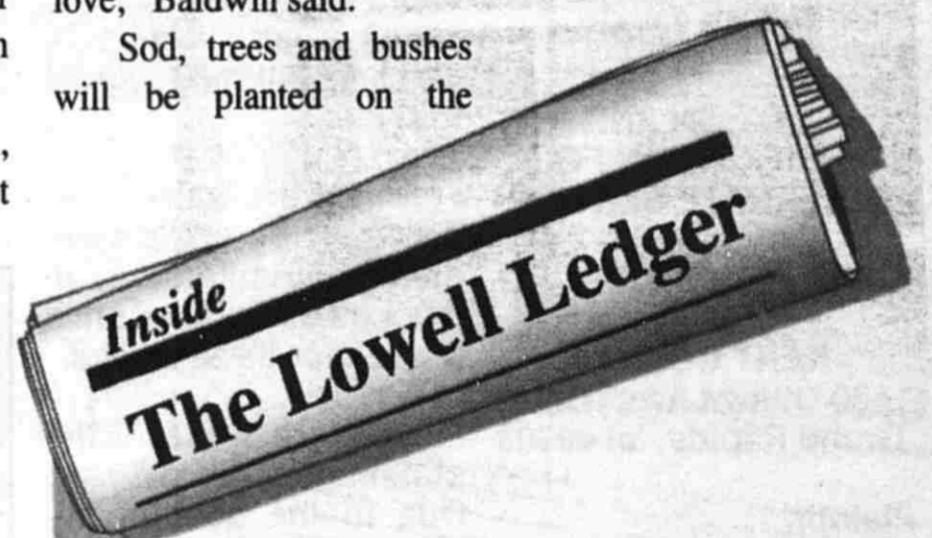
property in June, during Jimmie Carter Work Week.

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Thousands of colored eggs found at Creekside park

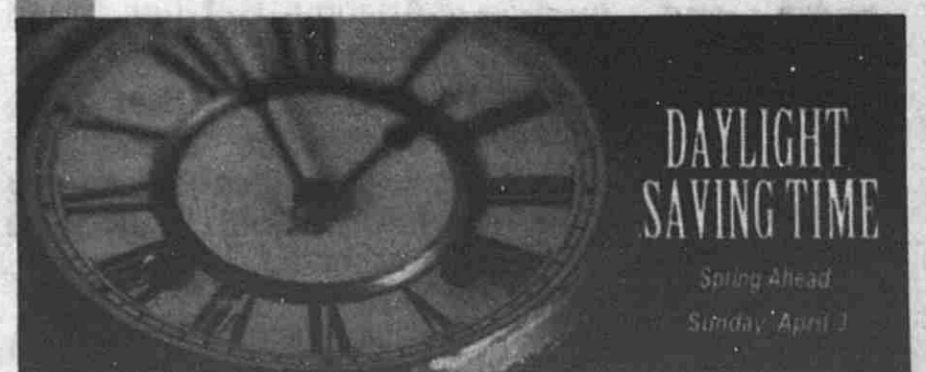
Two-and-a-half-year-old Stephanie Bukala (left) found this blue egg during the 16th annual Easter egg hunt held Saturday at Creekside Park by the Lowell Moose Lodge #809 and the Women of the Moose #1388. The Moose colored and hid 7,560 eggs throughout the park. Meijer donated two bikes per age group for the top two egg finders. Taking top honors were Cassie Kinyon in the 0-2 age group, Abby White in the three-year-old age group, Ben Labbezoo in the 4-6 age group and Justin Barrett in the 7-9 age group. Winners in the upper age groups also received a \$25 check while the younger winners received \$15 and a giant stuffed rabbit.



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Obituaries

KIRKBY - Frances Clara Kirky, aged 89, went to sleep in the arms of Jesus at home with her family at her bedside, on March 27, 2005. Frances was preceded in death by her parents Bertha and Frank Pierce, husband Gerald Kirky, sister Evelyn Mathis and one grandchild Jessica Heather Kirky. She is survived by her son John; daughter-in-law Jan; granddaughter Catharine Frances Hunt; grandson-in-law Joshua Hunt. She was a longtime member of the Ionia Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Ionia. She was known for all the work she did for her Lord and Savior, and will be sadly missed. Funeral services were held at the Ionia Seventh-Day Adventist church on March 30, Pastor James Micheff, Jr. officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice of Grand Rapids, Ionia Seventh-Day Adventist Elementary School, or Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Church of the Nazarene held a prayer service Thursday morning for Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged Florida woman. At the time, her parents had been trying unsuccessfully to get federal courts to order re-insertion of a feeding tube that was keeping her alive. Last Thursday the Supreme Court refused to order its re-insertion. The tube was removed Friday, March 18. Doctors expected Schiavo to survive only

about two weeks without the feeding tube. Nationally, many expect the case to set precedents in arenas ranging from civil liberties to the balance of government power. While state and federal courts have upheld the husband's decision to remove her feeding tube, the president of the United States and the governor of Florida have taken measures to get the tube re-inserted. For Lowell Church of the Nazarene assistant pastor Roger Blough, it was a simpler matter of doing

what he could to preserve Schiavo's life. "I felt led by the Lord to do this on her behalf," Blough said. "Things aren't going well for her in the courts." Those who attended the local service were among many nationwide who have turned to prayer to affect Schiavo's plight. Over the past several days, prayer services have been held outside court buildings and the hospice where Schiavo is staying. Unfortunately, Blough

said, his prayer service was put together at the last minute and not many were able to attend. "It was kind of impromptu. If we had a little more time, it probably would have been better," Blough said. "We probably had about 10 people come through." But Blough isn't discouraged. "God can take our human efforts and, even if they're futile, He can use them," Blough said.

Advance medical law directives not just for seniors

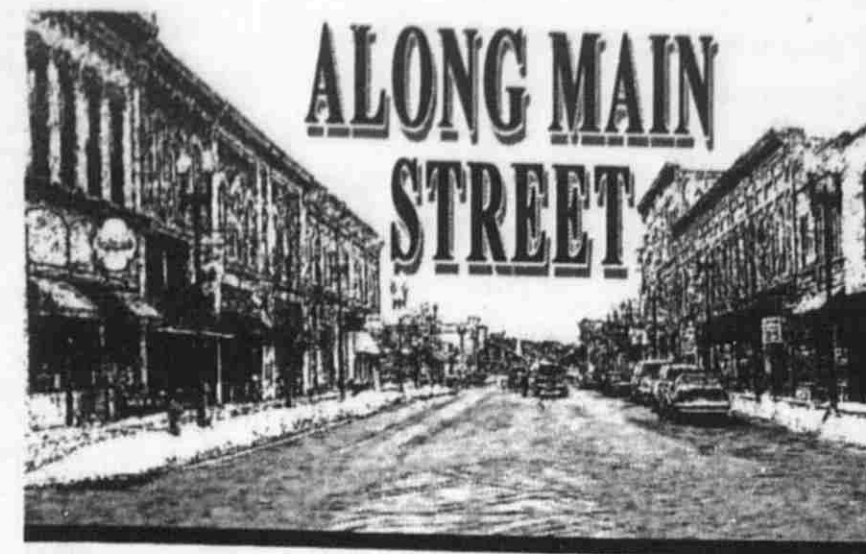
The tragic Terri Schiavo case clearly points out the need for all people age 18 and older to complete a simple advance medical directive to appoint someone to make health care decisions for them if they become ill and cannot make decisions themselves. In Michigan, the only form of advance medical directive that is recognized by state statute is a durable power of attorney for health care. Living wills are not recognized by state law. By completing a durable power of attorney for health care

form, a patient's desire to accept or refuse medical treatment is honored if the patient is unable to participate in medical treatment decisions. "Some of the most tragic cases are when a young adult becomes incapacitated and there is no indication of their preferences for medical care," said John MacKeigan, MD, a Grand Rapids colorectal surgeon and Michigan State Medical Society president. "Decisions can be heartrending and end up in the courts." When the Patient

Advocate Act was passed in Michigan in 1990, the Michigan State Medical Society, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association and the State Bar of Michigan worked together to develop a durable power of attorney for health care form specific to Michigan law. By completing the "user friendly" eight-page form, a patient may appoint another adult - maybe a spouse, adult child, or trusted friend - to serve as a "patient advocate." The patient advocate then has all of the same decision-making power as the patient if the patient cannot communicate because of illness.

The form allows patients to indicate, in writing, the specific preferences that they do or do not want regarding their care, including decisions about life-sustaining treatments when noted clearly in the form. Two copies of the form and educational brochure may be obtained by sending \$2 to Patient Advocate, P.O. Box 950, East Lansing, MI 48826. The form is a legally binding document and does not require an attorney, but a physician or attorney should be consulted if questions arise.

From the Michigan State Medical Society



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 Bluegrass Music Assoc. Fundraiser on Saturday, April 2. Jamming: 5 p.m.; bands: 7:30 p.m. Cover charge: \$5.

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Visit the Grand Rapids Museum Saturday, April 2 - April 10. Lots of hands-on activities, games and entertainment for kids during spring break. The Grossology exhibit is there as well for an additional \$2.

FOODMOBILE
Free produce will be available to people in the Greater Lowell area at the Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 9 from 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag; distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING
The regular business meeting for the athletic boosters will be held after spring break on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

THEBES PLAYERS DINNER THEATRE
The production "Wedding of the Year" will be at Larkin's Other Place on Friday and Saturday, April 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; dinner at 6:30 p.m.; play at 7:30 p.m. Also

Sunday, April 24, matinee production only at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$21-\$26 (dinner and theatre); \$8-\$10 (theatre only). Call Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 for more information.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOLERS
Call Carol Briggs at 987-2516 to see if your 3 to 4 1/2 year old preschooler qualifies for free screening. Appointments are available on April 21 and 22 and are held at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth St. Deadline for scheduling is April 18.

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, 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.

No contraband found in middle school locker searches

By Dan Schneider

After a gun threat via telephone prompted a locker search at Lowell Middle School Thursday, March 17, police and teachers searching the lockers came up with... nothing.

No gun. No pocket knives. No drugs... a false alarm. The most harmful thing the locker searches uncovered was one lid of chewing tobacco.

"I did see a tin of chewing tobacco, but that's it," said middle school

principal Linda Warren.

It was a thorough search. All 400 lockers--the students share lockers--were physically searched and run past with a tracking dog.

"Bags and coats and anything that was in the locker was searched," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine. "To the credit of our schools and the student body, no contraband was found."

Valentine said this was especially impressive since the searches were conducted

in an emergency situation, with no advance notice given to the students.

"I've heard of other places where they've had to do emergency searches and they've found all sorts of stuff," Valentine said. "That was the pleasant thing that occurred during this whole ordeal was we didn't find any illegal contraband at all. It was a very pleasant surprise and it kind of breaks the stereotypes of a school environment."

It wasn't a surprise to

Warren, however.

"I've been saying that all along: we have a great school here," Warren said. "I'm very proud of the kids and the way they handled themselves. They followed what their teachers asked them to do and everyone was very cooperative. I do think our community should be proud of our kids."

Eighth grade special education teacher Diane Heikkila said the students were patient in the classrooms. Heikkila was

one of the teachers who helped conduct the locker searches.

"Being a parent of a sixth grader and a teacher at the school, I was very impressed that nothing was found," she said.

According to Lowell

police detective James Hinton, police are following various leads but efforts to trace the call have turned up "nothing concrete." Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should call the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.

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MOTION AND VERIFICATION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 05-01987-DO

KENT COUNTY
180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Plaintiff
ROBERT DELAROSA
311 Cherry St. S.E. Apt. #1 Grand Rapids, MI 49503

v
Defendant
CAMINA FLORES

Service of process upon CAMINA FLORES cannot reasonably be made as otherwise provided in MCR 2.105, as shown in the following verification of process server.

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I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

3-10-05
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(616) 454-4974

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Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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Ceremony brief, but emotional for new homeowners

Every year former president, Jimmie Carter travels to a different part of the world to lead groups working on Habitat houses. For a week in June, he'll be in Detroit and Benton Harbor.

It was clear after the dedication that the new house would have a profound impact on the Baldwin's lives. Long before construction even started, Scott Baldwin was on his

way to a better life with a job at the Kent County Habitat for Humanity Restore, a surplus building supply store in Grand Rapids.

"Last year in January, I lost my job at Meijer and we were down and out a long time," he said. "So I just started volunteering and finally they put me on part time and I worked up from there."

He is now the warehouse supervisor at the Restore.

Debbie Baldwin works at the Lowell Subway.

Habitat for Humanity of Kent County is always working to acquire new land on which to build houses for families. The Baldwin's is the fourth house Habitat for Humanity has built in Lowell. Landowners interested in donating property, or selling it at a tax-deductible discount, can contact Habitat for Humanity resource development

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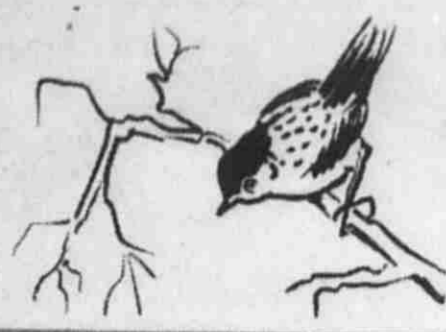
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Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



BLUEBIRDS

The birds must have returned very early or they never left because I saw small flocks of bluebirds on several occasions weeks ago. It was unusually cold and there was plenty of snow on the ground. For sure, it is time to put up nest boxes.

Bluebird numbers are increasing in spite of losses due to development and intense farming practices. The popular songbird has, for a long time, drawn the attention of folks who have been concerned enough to provide secure nesting

opportunities. Over the years, everyone from backyard birders to scout groups has made a project of building bluebird houses.

My daughter made one when she was a Bluebird (how appropriate). To avoid disappointing a very enthusiastic young lady, she was advised that the birds might not always take up residence. We put the house up next to our garden and a few days later, a pair of bluebirds were building a nest. That was the only season the box was used at that site. I think the area was too wooded for them.

Bluebirds prefer open grassy fields in which to feed on a variety of insects and seek edge cover for seeds and berries. If you have access to habitat like this in which to hang nest boxes, you can help the birds by buying or building bluebird houses.

Other species of birds have benefited from different types of man-made nesting places. For example, wrens and wood ducks use nest boxes, robins will build on a covered shelf, ospreys like pole platforms, and the common loon nests on floating platforms.

It is important to follow suitable plans for the construction and placement of platforms and nest boxes. Improper construction or placement can expose birds to a number of hazards including predators which are a danger to nesting birds, their eggs and offspring. Locate a book or go on-line to find information about a particular species and plans for building boxes or platforms.

Sharing the experience of building birdhouses with children is a great way to help them develop an interest in nature. It is also an opportunity for a family to spend time together while accomplishing a worthwhile goal.

One of the most serious problems for birds and other wildlife is the lack of suitable habitat. Birds once found insects and seeds in the field where that new house with the manicured lawn now sits and the dead trees cut down there were their home. By providing a nesting place and food for the birds, we can enjoy watching and listening to them while we help them to go about the business of maintaining their rightful place in the world.

that qualifies as a home office, you can typically deduct a percentage of your total ownership costs, including mortgage interest, insurance, repairs, security system expenses, taxes and utilities.

Other deductible expenses

Even if you don't qualify for the home office deduction, you may still be able to claim some expenses connected with your home-based business. In fact, you may even be able to deduct your mortgage interest and real estate taxes as itemized deductions on Schedule A.

Other deductions may include office supplies, postage and a new telephone line. And you can also deduct many of the same items that any small-business owner might claim: professional memberships, subscriptions to publications covering your industry, relevant continuing education classes, etc. Plus, you may be able to depreciate the expense of computers and office furniture. However, the deduction of some of these expenses may be limited, since they cannot be used to create a tax loss.

See your tax adviser

Many people believe that home-based businesses are tempting targets for tax audits, but that's not necessarily so. What might raise a "red flag" in the eyes of the IRS is if you claim deductions and expenses out of proportion to your income. Consequently, if you're running a business from home, you must work closely with a professional tax adviser. A tax adviser can also keep you informed on changes in the laws that may affect you. So, get the help you need - you'll be glad you did.

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Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

cozy corner

My old mower entered its semi-retirement years. It's going to the hangar where there is a little grass I'm responsible for. This move will save me the backbreaking task of loading the thing into my pickup. A 22-inch push mower is not terribly heavy, but it certainly is awkward. Of course, I'm too proud to use ramps, get help, or in any way be sensible about loading it in my truck. I just take more lbuprofen.

I doubt housewives have any sentimental attachment to the tools of their trade ... say vacuum cleaners. I do think guys get attached to their mowers. I know I do. I'll bet I could go way, way back to those pre-teen years when I was first told mowing the lawn was my job ... or else! I could describe in pretty good detail the mower I had to use. Furthermore, I'll bet I could create a pretty good timeline of my life based solely on the various lawnmowers I've had at my disposal over the years. Is that sick, or what?

The reason us guys remember our mowers is because even the best ones require some maintenance. Checking oil, adding gas, general cleaning, changing filters, sharpening blades, etc., are just a few of the tasks a lawnmower will force you to learn. The old junkers are even more demanding. You might be forced to do a tune-up, maybe some welding ... who knows what skills you might pick up from a lawnmower? We get intimate with our lawnmowers. It's no wonder we remember them like girlfriends.

The mower that just went into semi-retirement has been a pretty good mower. It has always been easy to start, and that alone moves it well up on my life's list of mowers. It is a 22-inch Murray with a 6 h.p. Briggs & Stratton engine. I bought it on sale when we moved into our current house not quite three years ago. There's that timeline thing.

This particular mower led a pretty tough life. We purchased our house from an old widow lady. The surrounding jungle had been allowed to grow right up to the house. With a chainsaw, machete, ax and my little Murray lawnmower, I've pushed that jungle back to a respectable distance.

The little mower served more like a brush hog and, of course, it paid the price. The engine shaft has been straightened twice, countless new blades have been installed, the deck has been welded, it has new wheels and there are all kinds of hammer marks where it has been beaten back into shape. The little mower has earned its semi-retirement mowing the little flat patch of grass at the hangar.

The replacement is almost a clone. The old mower had been so tough and reliable, not to mention cheap, I bought another one just like it. The new mower does have a bagger. Thanks to the efforts of its predecessor, we have established a halfway decent lawn.

When I got the new mower home from the store, I was going to put it right to work. I took it out of the box, assembled the handle and bagger, poured in the oil and topped it with fuel. Following directions and labels, I pressed the primer, depressed the blade-lock safety handle and gave her a pull. Nothing! More pulls. More nothing. Not a cough, wheeze, gasp, snort or sputter. Nothing!!!

Over all these lawn mowing years, I've learned enough about engines to be dangerous. I checked for spark. I knew I had fuel because the plug was wet. I dried it, re-installed it and pulled some more. More nothing. I was getting steamed. Brand new mower! Right out of the box! Won't even try to start! Piece of junk!

This is a true story. I know a guy who had a habitually temperamental lawnmower. One Saturday morning he pulled his guts out trying to start the mower, with no success. As his wife watched from the kitchen sink, he calmly walked to the storage shed, returned with an ax and committed mower murder. A neighbor boy cut his grass after that.

Fetching an ax did cross my mind. So did taking the mower back to the store and giving them a piece of my mind. Since I don't have any mind to spare, I got a soda from the fridge, sat on my truck's tailgate and thought through the problem. After awhile my gaze came upon the gas can. It was a red plastic five-gallon job. I have several around the premises. I couldn't believe I could be that stupid, but I went over and sniffed the spout of the gas can anyway.

I dumped the diesel fuel out of my new mower, replaced it with gasoline, hit the primer, pulled the rope and she started right up. It smoked pretty good until the diesel was worked through the system, but other than that, no harm done. Boy, am I glad I didn't haul the mower back to the store and give 'em an ear full!

The red gas can with diesel fuel in it is now well marked. My new mower starts and works like a dream. And, this little story will definitely be a highlight on my lifetime mower timeline.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Joe Mendez on his outstanding accomplishment. Having been friends with this incredible family for most of my life, however, I am none too surprised at such greatness.

Joe, you come from a family known for its abilities which range from the artistic to the athletic and are just all-around amazing people. I am confident that many doors will be opened as a result of the hard work put forth these past four years and that any college (Western???) will be thrilled to have this remarkable young man in their program.

Great job Joe! We are all very proud of you!!!

Sincerely,
Mary Doyle
Reno, NV

Sincerely, Brian Burke

Letters, Letters, Letters ...

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Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 31, 1880

Register by Saturday if you wish to vote Monday. Mrs. Parrish went to the city to buy millinery goods and will have new rooms here.

Correspondents, please get election news in early Tuesday if possible.

The new firm of Kopf and Hill is shipping furniture to Ionia, Grand Rapids and Detroit.

Real estate in Keene is going even higher.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 30, 1905

Voting Yes on an amendment to the Michigan constitution will bring federal dollars to improving country roads (Michigan leaves them to local option).

Last chance to vote for the popular lady to win the sewing machine.

School news from the student paper "Adelphic" tells where teachers will spend spring vacation.

Deaths of train passengers increased by 64.5 percent in 1904 over 1903.

Alto has no houses to rent, as the demand from Grand Rapids' people grows.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 27, 1930

Willard S. Winegar retires from Winegar-Hartman Drug Store. He started in 1878 with Hunt & Hunter.

Retired baseball great, catcher Jim McGuire, visits Lowell. He started in 1886 with Indianapolis.

"Uncle Marcus' Cozy Corner; a friendly office in a friendly town" calls for fewer paroles and restoration of the death penalty, again.

A reported 3,000 people showed up at the Boyne River to dip smelt into bushel baskets in this year's run.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 31, 1955

Maureen Rankin and Eleanor VanderHeuvel are co-valectorianians, with Barbara Burtle and Cary Stiff co-salutatorians in a virtual dead heat that required "slide rules, formulas and the fourth dimension" to sort out.

Removal of a hill and rerouting Thornapple River are parts of the new Ada bridge project.

Widening Main Street is held up by the new attorney general's veto of a payment option; the legislature may reverse his action.

The Ledger's Roger Tusken is managing editor of the new Suburban Life mailed this week to Cascade, Ada and Eastmont areas.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 26, 1980

Jimmy's Grill, rebuilt after a tragic fire in 1976, reopens.

Bluebirds and crocuses have been spotted, balanced by the first snow shoveling of the spring on Monday.

Census Bureau packets arrive in the mail this week, to be filled in and mailed back by April 1.

The current economic recession hits Michigan hard, with the auto industry triggering unemployment and inflation.

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Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational United Church of Christ

There is a passage in Paul's writings from Romans, the eighth chapter, verse 38 and it says, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." I believe that you and I can never be separated from the love of God. I believe this as surely as I believe that Christ is Lord. In fact, it is the inability to be separated from the love of God that puts real meaning into the exclamation "Christ is Lord." Think with me for a few minutes.

"Lord" is a title that points to God's power made visible and completely available to all living beings when we speak of Christ as Lord, we are affirming that

Congratulations • Congratulations

The members of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) MI 372 Lowell would like to congratulate **LOREN BARTON**

on becoming our Chapter King.

Loren had lost 79.50 pounds to his goal. He did this in 26 weeks. He walks daily and you have probably seen him walking down Main Street in Lowell.

We are very proud of him for his accomplishment. We would also like to congratulate all members who have lost weight in the last year.

Good luck to all of you in reaching your goal.

God has made available to all a love that is life shaping, a love that is stronger than any hate or ill-will, yet, a love that draws out an awareness of a "poison" called fearfulness and insecurity that has us wondering if God is present or if God is truly all that we believe God to be. Sometimes the simple task of naming "Christ as Lord" will even draw us to be aware of the distance from God in our life. At other times, "Christ is Lord" rolls off our tongue with a confidence and strengthening power that enables us to address even the worst pain of our life.

I would encourage you to know God through the life and teachings of Jesus, to read the Biblical story with the recognition that Paul is writing the letter to the Romans from a perspective of non-scientific sophistication. In Paul's world, things still happen because angels and principalities are saturating the air, causing all manner of evil and disease. Even with this perspective, Paul knew a power in his life that was of God, above and beyond human or celestial domination. We may come to understand God's power from differing perspectives but we still call the greatest of God's power Love. When we recognize you and I are not able to be separated from that Love of God, it is then we glimpse a reality beyond ourselves called "Christ is Lord."

I encourage you in trusting in God's love even when you do not feel it, when you question it, even when you are not getting answers or sensing God's leading. God's love is not accessed by right doctrine, correct style of prayer, clear moral imperatives or anything else you can think of. God's love is an ever present reality seeking you and me now and in the not yet. "Christ is Lord" affirms this and arises out of God's action, not ours. Please, think about this.

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'Hardt Happenings



Englehardt Library welcomes author of "The Caregiver"

Lois Hauck, author of "The Caregiver," will speak at the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library on April 14 at 7 p.m.

Hauck, herself a care-giver, will talk about her book, share her involvement with the Ronald McDonald House, and answer questions about caregiving in general.

She received her bachelor of science degree in education. After raising a family, she entered the field of home-health care as a caregiver. Her book is fictitious but the facts are real; emotions fluctuate from shock and sadness to laughter and smiles.

There is no charge for the event sponsored by The MeadoWood Foundation for Cultural Engagement.

Happy Birthday

MARCH 31: Katelynn Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough.

APRIL 1: Christopher Volland, Denny McClure, Kurt Wernet, Blanche Mullen.

APRIL 2: Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec Newhouse, Chris Rittersdorf, Blake Bergy, Nicole Wilcox, Alex Hazard.

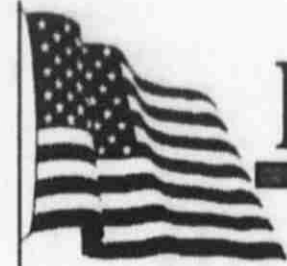
APRIL 3: Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes, Darwin Lambert.

APRIL 4: Troy Pethers.

APRIL 5: Doug Klahn, Esther Clemenz.

APRIL 6: Carol Hovinga, Brad Yonker, Fran Clouser, Connie Vaughn, Pearl Peckham, Malley Cahoon, Cheryl Foster.

In The Service



Pvt. Ryan Datema (Churches) has successfully completed the Army's 16 weeks of Advanced Individual Training in Ft. Eustis, Va. He graduated fourth in his class with honors.

Prior to his recent training, he graduated from nine weeks of Basic Combat Training in Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Datema will be specializing as a crew chief on the UH-60, also known as the Blackhawk helicopter.

He will continue his training with the Army

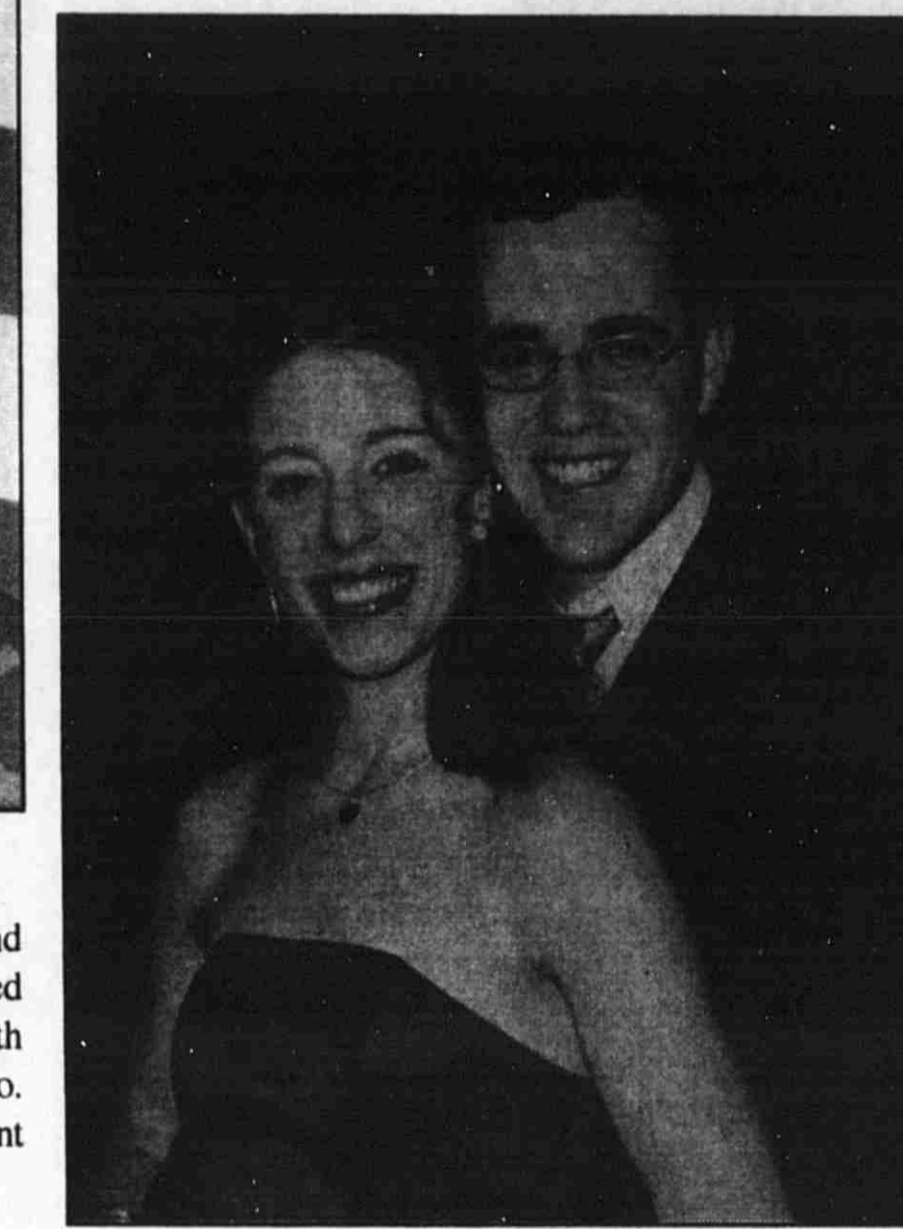


Pvt. Ryan Datema (Churches)

National Guard in Grand Ledge and will be deployed in August for an 18-month assignment in Kosovo. Datema is the son of Brent and Nancy Churches.

Engagements

Young/Fogarty



Jana Marie Young and Joshua Fogarty

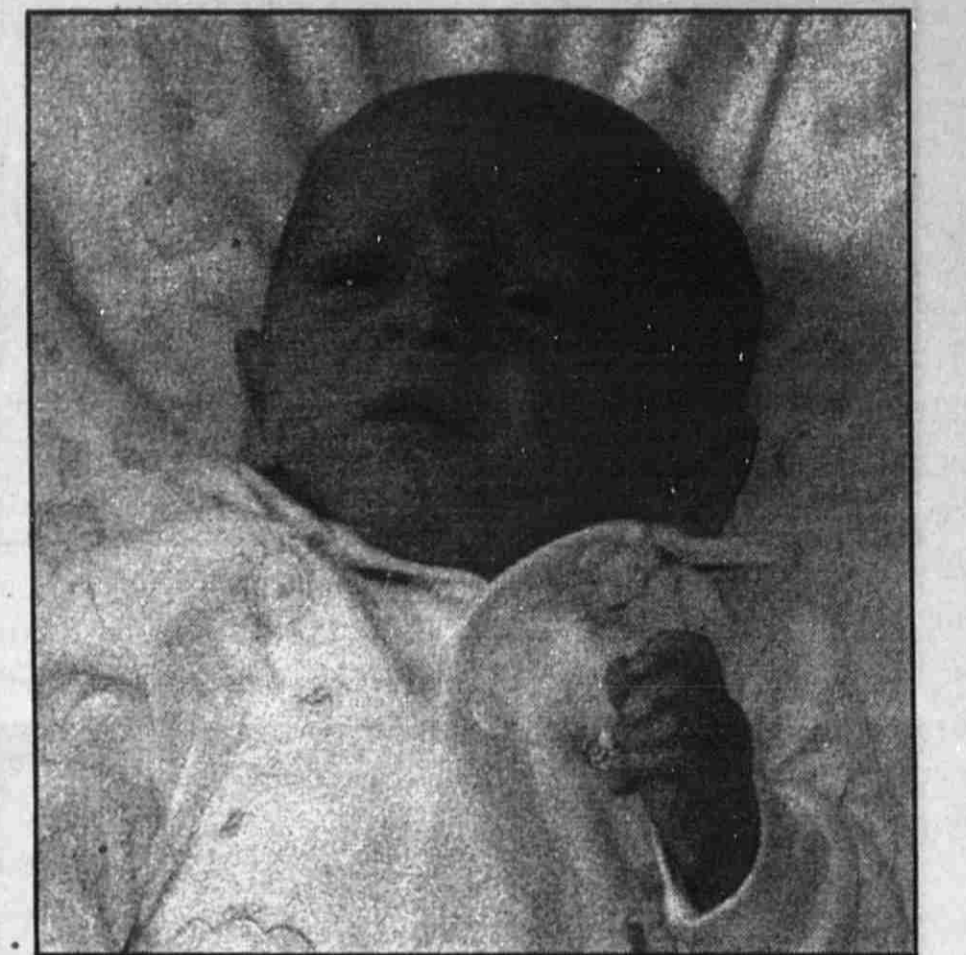
Jana Marie Young of Ada and Joshua Fogarty of Fort Wayne, Indiana, are engaged and planning a July 2, 2005 wedding at Fallasburg Park in Lowell.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rob and Annette Young of Ada. She graduated from Lowell High School in 2001 and will

graduate from Michigan Technological University in April 2005.

The future groom is the son of Mike and Jackie Fogarty of Port Huron, Mich. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2003 and is currently employed by G.E. in Fort Wayne.

New Arrivals



Colin Scott Kelley

Brian and Jennifer Kelley of Saranac are happy to announce the birth of their son, Colin Scott, He was born February 12, 2005, weighing 4 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 17 1/2 inches.

He is welcomed home by big brother Randy. Proud grandparents are

Steve Kelley of Newport News, VA, Char and Mike Kooistra of Lowell and John and Shirley Shippy of Wyoming.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Graham of Lowell, Edrie Patterson of Wyoming and John and Genevieve Shippy of Wyoming.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteer tutors needed

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Monday, April 4 for prospective volunteer tutors. The session will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library NE in the VanderVeen Center at 6:30 p.m.

It allows persons interested in becoming

volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its programs. Following the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

Tutors do not need to speak another language to tutor English as a Second Language (ESL). The session lasts one hour and registration is required. Call 459-5151.

College News

Kelley M. Jackson, a junior at Northwood University in Midland, has been named to the dean's list for winter term.

She is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Jackson of Alto.

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<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service..... 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour..... 11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C. Wed. 6:15 & 8:30 P.M. Contact Church Office for Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA..... 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Church School..... 10:15-11:15 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre..... Pastor Shannon Hanley..... C.E. Director Barrier-Free..... Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	<p>ADA-LOWELL 5 M-21 5 Minutes East of Arway H.Q. 997-FILM</p> <p>\$5.25 Kids all shows \$5.50 Seniors \$6.00 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat \$6.75 DAILY Matinees 11-3pm FULL SCREEN DIGITAL STEREO No. 1000 Estimates from 8oz. Drink Bottles & 25¢ Core Bottles</p> <p>MOVIE GUIDE</p> <p>FREE SPRING MATINEES FOR EVERYONE SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 & 11 AM GARFIELD (PG) SHOWTIMES 3/28 - 3/29 TITLES & TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p>MISS CONGONIAITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13) 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10 ICE PRINCESS (G) 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00 THE RING TWO (PG-13) 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 ROBOTS (PG) 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35 THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25</p> <p>COUPON FREE 20 DRINK with \$2.50 purchase of any soft drink BEST DEAL in Chevrolet City www.adalowell5.com</p>	

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Civil war dudes: Civil War re-enactors Tim Towles, Larry Henley and Bill Adams (from left to right), members of the Fifth Kentucky Infantry, C Company, displayed items related to the craft of Civil War re-enactment at the Expo.

Eclectic community Expo showcases Lowell

By Dan Schneider

The ninth annual Lowell Community Expo took place Saturday at Lowell High School. Attendees were exposed to a wide variety of businesses and organizations that call this town and surrounding area home.

The event turned out to be bigger than last year, and even bigger than the event's organizers at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce had originally anticipated. After 151 booths were all accounted for at the registration deadline, room was made for nine more.

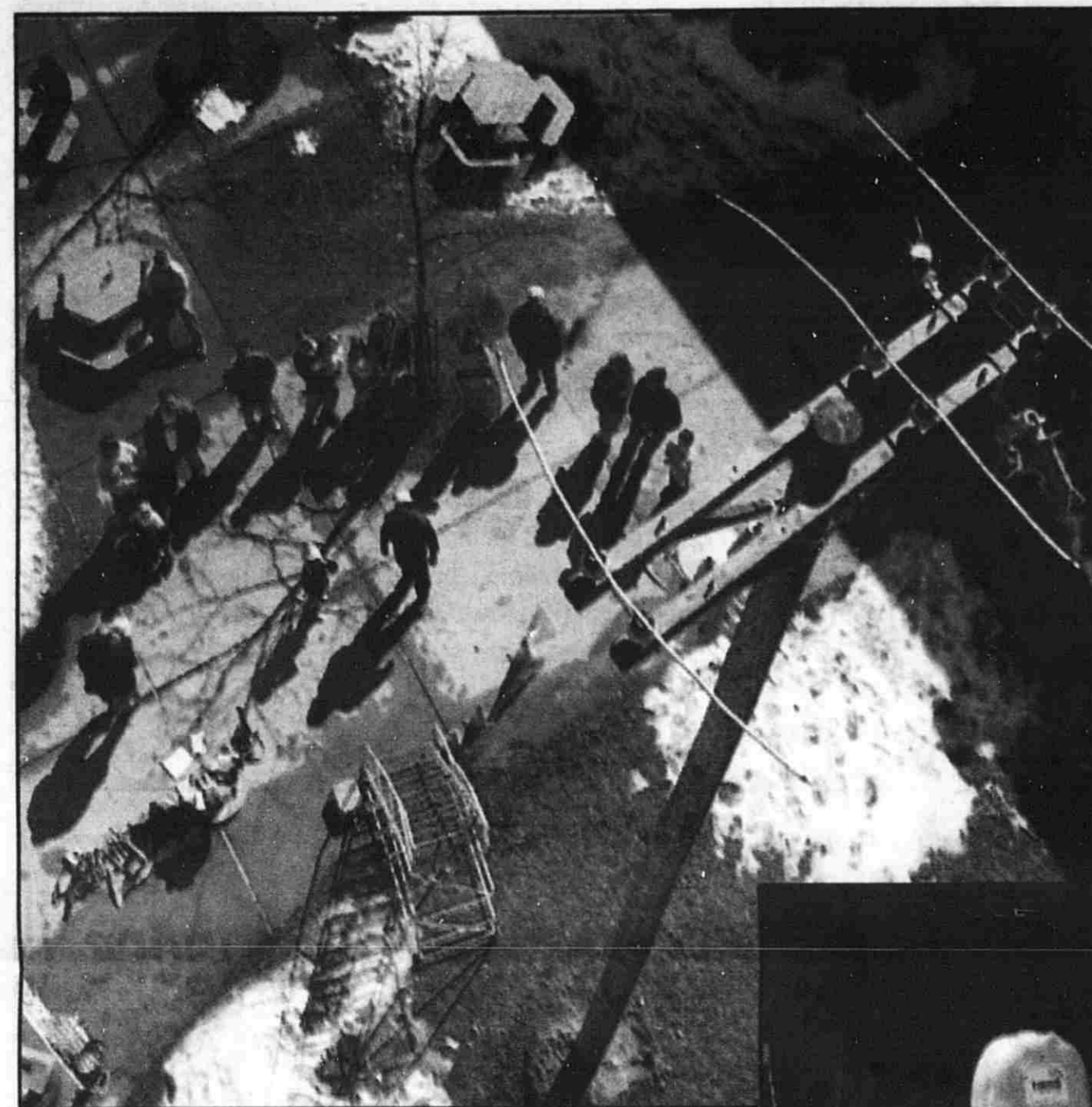
Local businesses promoted products and services ranging from drinking water purifiers to organic lawn fertilizers; organizations ranged from historical groups to churches. Many sought volunteers, including the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence, which filled a sign-up sheet with names of volunteers

interested in helping build a bridge in the Cooper Woodland Preserve in May.

Two animals were in attendance, an Irish wolfhound and a Saint Bernard, as well as several people dressed up as animals. Mascots included the chamber's duck and the Easter Bunny who stopped by before officiating over the Moose's annual Easter egg hunt at Creekside Park. Actors from the Lowell High School drama department paraded around in pink polyester tuxedos and dog suits, some of the recently-acquired costumes.

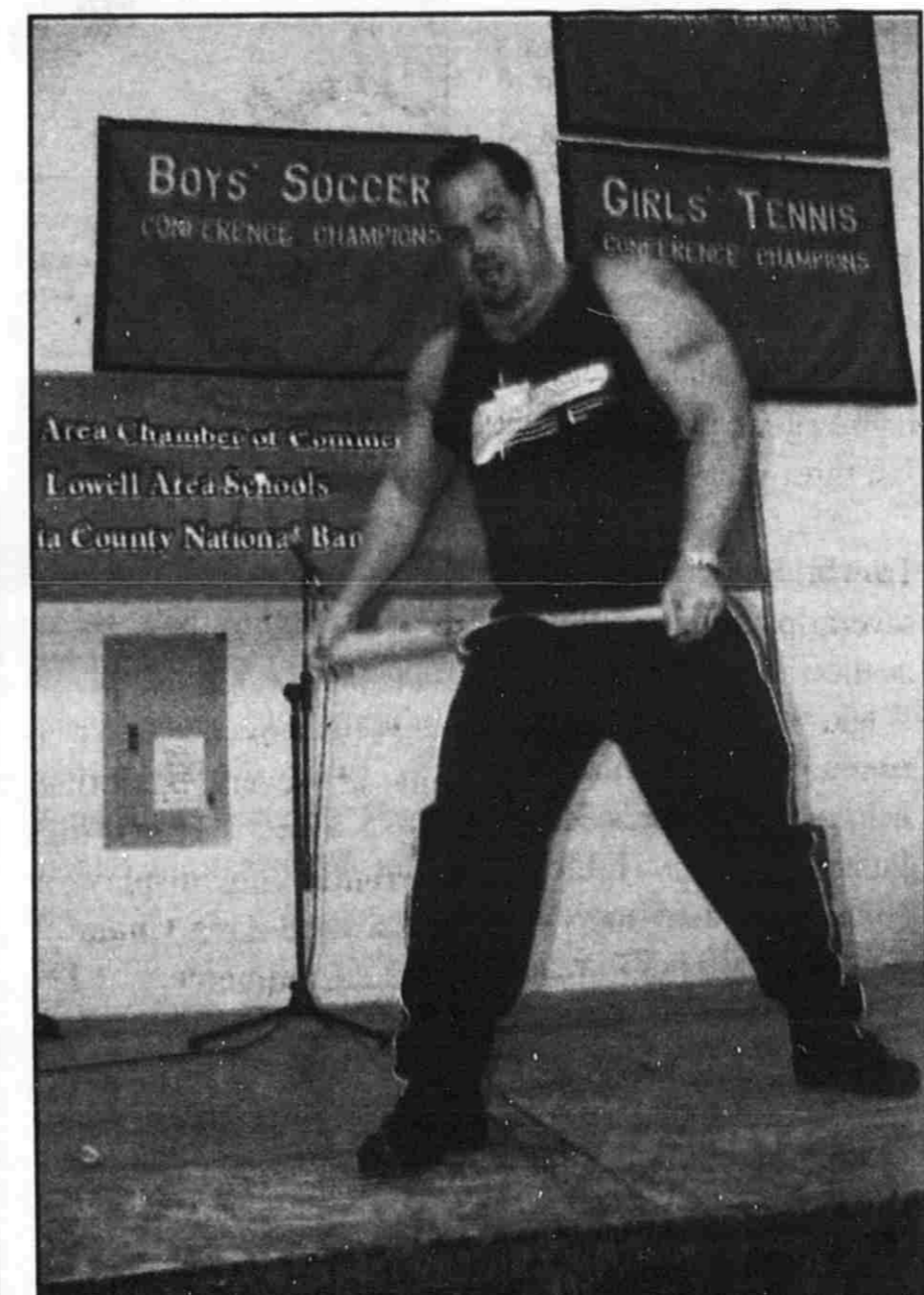
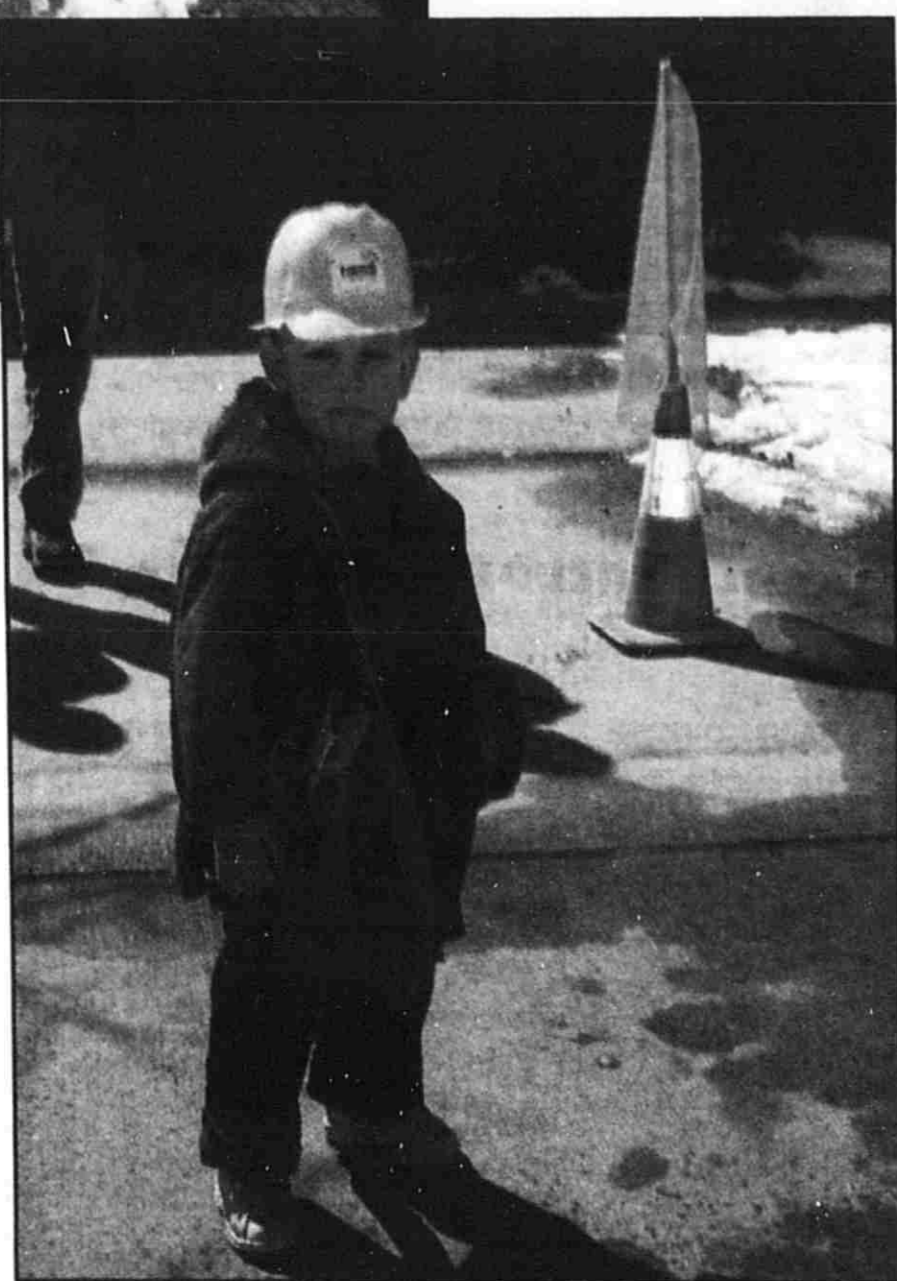
Civil War re-enactors from the Fifth Kentucky Infantry, C Company,

displayed items related to the craft of Civil War re-enactment at the Expo. Bill Adams, the company's captain, lives in Lowell. The re-enactors brought along hard tack, the not-entirely-appetizing main staple of the Civil War soldier's diet. Their clothes were hand made from hand-woven wool and cotton cloth. The company will participate in infantry drills April 15-17 at Camp Henley, Mich., and Medich Battalion drills April 22-24 in Saline, Mich. The first major re-enactment the company will participate in this year will take place Memorial Day weekend at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich.



The view from above in a bucket truck. Lowell Light and Power set up an example of a neighborhood utility pole array outside the high school to demonstrate its tools and safety practices.

Elliot Kelley, 2, at right, got suited up in a harness for a ride in Lowell Light and Power's bucket truck.



Strongman Mike Benson (above) twisted a horseshoe into an S-shape and broke this Louisville Slugger baseball bat on the entertainment stage at the Lowell Community Expo. This picture shows Benson just as the bat was about to break. His act was a preview of an event to take place Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Benson is a member of the Conquerors, a strength and motivational team.

Nature scenes, flowers featured prominently in current chamber art show

By Dan Schneider

A new exhibit of artworks at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a familiar name: Ann Trowbridge.

Her pieces replace black and white photographs done by her husband, Ira Trowbridge and another artist, Greg Bliss. The mostly watercolor paintings have a lot in common with the photographs, previously on display.

Trowbridge studied fine arts at Aquinas College in the 1970s. When she started a family, she had less time for painting. But for the last 15 years, since her children left for college, she has been pursuing art more seriously, again.

"This is a common story you'll hear from a lot of women," she said.

She began painting with watercolors because they were affordable and accessible, and has been dabbling in pastels for the last three years.

A florist by trade, Trowbridge has included several paintings of flowers in the show. Her "Hibiscus 1" and "Hibiscus 2" are fairly minimal compositions, with few layers of color needed to get across the idea of flower petals. Her familiarity with flowers allows her to render them with less paint, she said.

"My hands are on flowers every day, and I really think I just know flowers a lot better than other people know flowers because I work with them all the time," Trowbridge said.

Another painting is of Queen Anne's lace and hollyhocks.

"I wanted to do Queen Anne's lace for a long time and that was growing in my backyard along with the hollyhocks," she explained.

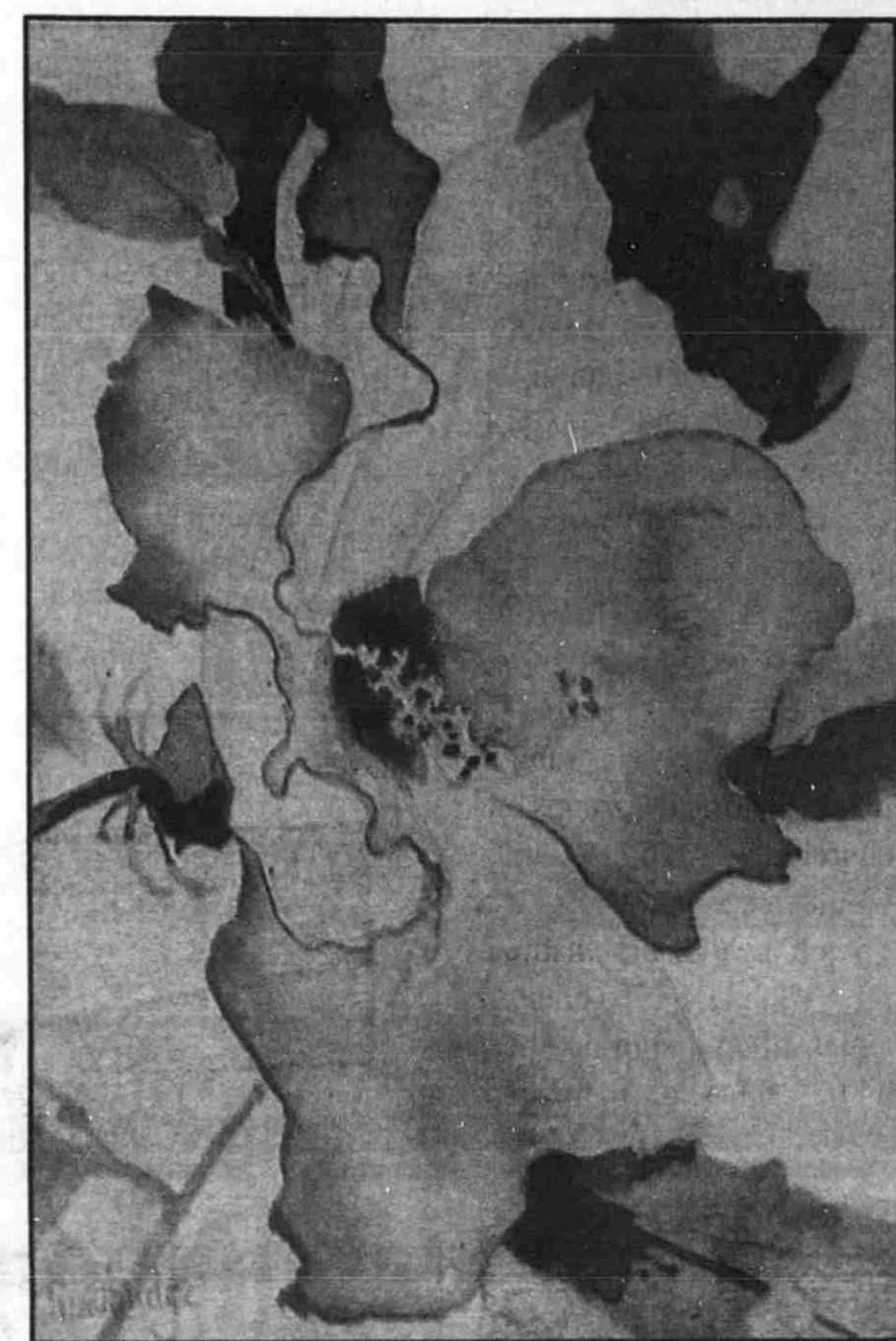
Trowbridge used a liquid cement to mask off the intricate petals of the white flower. She removed the mask later, and it allowed her to keep the white bright, and still "flood the background with color."

Other painting projects take her farther afield. She'll often go with her husband on canoe trips, and while he photographs the rivers, she paints them.

Though she lives in Grand Rapids, Trowbridge has done a lot of painting in the Lowell area. One of her pieces at the chamber is of the stream at Fallasburg Park. She has also painted in Ball's Softee Creme garden

with her regular Tuesday painting group.

Trowbridge's work, which includes some fruit still life and nature scenes, will be on display through April 19.



"Hibiscus 1," above, is one of several paintings by Ann Trowbridge currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The show consists of mostly watercolor paintings of flowers and nature scenes.



"Trio," top, is one of Trowbridge's pastel works. "Fallasburg," above, is a watercolor painting of a local nature scene.

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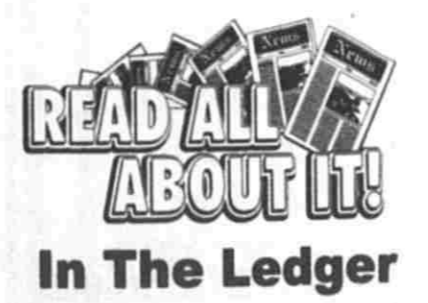
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out local art?



Opening at the Lowell Area Arts Council this Friday is a unique show ... The Zipcode show is unique in that all of the work on display has been created by artists who "live, labor or learn" in Lowell. Pictured are "Three Very Curious Cats," a ceramic work by Elizabeth Ripley. An opening reception will be held Sunday, April 3, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. People's Choice awards are given in the exhibition, with a \$200 first prize, \$100 for second place and a box of art supplies for third.

Free preschool developmental screening offered

Lowell Area Schools will offer developmental screening, free of charge, to preschoolers 3 to 4-1/2 years old in April. If your child seems to be growing and learning at a slower rate than other children the same age, has speech difficulties or the family meets income guidelines, you should call for a screening appointment.

The screening is held to identify children who may benefit from early educational intervention in one of the following specialized preschool programs: Early Childhood Special Education Classroom Program; Readiness Preschool for 4 year olds; Head Start for 3 and 4 year olds.

The screening will be held Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22 at Bushnell Elementary from 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. by appointment only. Call Carol Briggs at 987-2516 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m., deadline to schedule is Monday, April 18.

Your child's social security card, official/county birth certificate (if possible), and immunization records should accompany you. If you think your child is eligible for one of the income-based programs, proof of household income (pay stub, tax return) is necessary.

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Lowell YMCA hosts Healthy Kids Day Saturday

Cherry Creek Elementary will be swarming with kids and families this Saturday, April 2 with the celebration of YMCA Healthy Kids Day. The activity-filled festival, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., celebrates the day's key call to action, "Put Play in Your Day." Over 1,250 YMCAs are expected to participate in the festival nationwide.

Activities at the school include Ident-A-Kid, police department demonstrations, family fitness assessments and nutritious snacks; parents as well as their kids are invited to participate.

"With nine million U.S. children overweight - more than double the percentage in 1980 - increasing the levels of physical activity in the lives of our children is a critical component of this country's efforts to fight childhood obesity," said Maegan Malone, fitness coordinator at the Lowell YMCA. "According to the Kent County Health Department, 61.5 percent of United States children, ages 9-13, do not participate in any organized physical activity outside of school and 22.6 percent do not participate in any free time physical activity. The Lowell Branch YMCA is committed to helping these young people get healthier."

The local YMCA will be hosting representatives from Ident-A-Kid, Lowell Police Dept. and Camp Manitowish, who will be creating children's identity packets, testing bicycle helmets and promoting strong families.

"The day is designed to celebrate healthy living, encourage kids and families to get excited about physical fun and activity and, most importantly, just play," said Malone.

For more information call 897-8445 or visit www.grymca.org.



Tanner Barnes (left) and Emily Judd colored Easter eggs, Ukrainian style, last Thursday in Linda Busman's second grade class at Alto Elementary. Busman, whose father's side of the family is Ukrainian, has decorated eggs with her class for several years.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 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 Sunday except holidays.

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

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

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

MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

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

3RD MON.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

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

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

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

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

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

TUES.: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

1ST TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

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

THIRD TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/program. Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 for more information. Trunk show by Linda MacPhee, sewing expert. \$3 members; \$5 non-members.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. New members are welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needleers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

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

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

WED.: Rotary meets at noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congrega-

tional Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

WED.: Tri-town Conservation 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, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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.

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.

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. 897-7842.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy 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 Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750 Fuller NE.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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

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

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

2ND THURS.: Genealogy- Alto Family Tree Club at

Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Parenting For Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Topic: The Effects of Media on your Children. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

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

3RD THURS.: 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, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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

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

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

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun. 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$150; members free. 897-7688.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. - Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 or www.lowellartsCouncil.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 OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURS., MARCH 31: Harker Middle School will have a Community Expo Night of area businesses and organizations from 7-9 p.m. Saranac Middle School Parents/Student Group; no adm. charge.

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 starts at 5 p.m.; bands begin playing at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.

FRI., APRIL 22: Lowell Rotary Club auction and raffle at Noto's. Tickets: \$5 donation for Orlando condo vacation \$3200 value. To benefit Rotary scholarship fund.

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

THURS., APRIL 7: Vergennes Co-op Club meets at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor activity room. Program by Shirley Graham.

SAT., APRIL 9: Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds from 10-11 a.m. Distributed by F.R.O.M. to people in Greater Lowell area.

WED., APRIL 13: Snow United Methodist Church will serve a turkey and dressing dinner, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children 5-12, \$2.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

897-5949

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

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

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

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 30: Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop at Meijer.

THURS., MARCH 31: 12 p.m. Salmon Patties; 12:45 p.m. Meyer May House.

FRI., APRIL 1: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 12:45 p.m. Bowling.

MON., APRIL 4: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12 p.m. Soup & Sandwich; 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

TUES., APRIL 5: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Brann's.

WED., APRIL 6: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast IHOP; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure.

THURS., APRIL 7: 12:45 p.m. Frederik Meijer Gardens.

FRI., APRIL 8: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 11: 12:45 p.m. Movie at Center "Fly Away Home."

TUES., APRIL 12: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 12 p.m. Pizza Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Shop K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.

WED., APRIL 13: Bosnia Shoppers 12:45 p.m. Games at Center; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., APRIL 14: 4:30 p.m. Dinner at "Big Old Fish."

FRI., APRIL 15: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 18: 12:45 p.m. Shop Perrigo.

TUES., APRIL 19: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 12 p.m. Volunteer Luncheon.

WED., APRIL 20: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Real Food."

Lowell hosts state youth wrestling championships

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School will be the site of this year's Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA) team dual meet state championships, Saturday.

Youth wrestling teams in Lowell have qualified at both the elementary (sixth grade and under) and middle school (sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade) levels.

The elementary team, coached by Noel Dean and Brian Krajewski, went 11-1 in dual meets this season. It beat teams like Lapeer East, Grandville, Corunna and St. Johns. The middle school team, coached by Jim Fleet, Randy Toomey and Dan Pabone, lost only one dual meet this season. It competed in tournaments at Portage and Kenowa Hills.

The middle school MYWA team took first place at the central regional dual meet championships at Michigan State University, finishing ahead of Hartland and Lapeer East.

"This is the culmination of a great season for these kids," Dean said of Saturday's state finals.

The meet starts at 9 a.m. at the high school.



The Lowell elementary youth wrestling team will compete Saturday in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association state team dual meet finals at Lowell High School. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Derek Krajewski (55), Zeth Dean (60), Nate Limmex (65), Jacob Stephens (70), Kanon Dean (75), Joe Sweet (80); back row: Jacob Sweet (84), Foster Nethercot (84), Jordan Drake (88), Dan Fleet (115), Luke Stephens (130) and Jacob Murray (HVW). Team members not pictured are Austin Lemke (93) and Eli Scobey (102).

Middle school volleyball team finishes winning season



Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Lindsay Hyatt and Brittney Kaminski; second row: Katy Fetterhoff, Ashley Hoekstra, Jourdan Westdorp, Olivia Abram and Mary Richardson; third row: Linnea Churches, Kirsten Nelson, Ashley Gaskin and Morgan Nelson. Missing from the photo is Chelsea VanNoord.

The Lowell eighth grade white volleyball team tied for third place in the Forest Hills Northern tournament. Out of 25 teams, it beat Hudsonville, Northview, EGR, Holland Christian, Eastern and Belding; they lost a close one to Kenowa Hills in the semifinals 21-13, 16-21, 2-7.

The team served at 88 percent with 287 points and 73 aces. They had 62 kills, 28 assists and 6 blocks.

Individual highlights included the following: Brittney Kaminski had 73 points, 15 aces, 4 kills, 1 block; Mary Richardson made 42 points, 6 aces; Katy Fetterhoff claimed 32 points, 7 aces, 13 kills, 16 assists; Olivia Abram had 37 points, 14 aces, 7 kills; Chelsea VanNoord made 18 kills, 4 blocks; Morgan Nelson had 39 points, 10 in row and 9 in row with 12 aces and 10

kills; Ashley Hoekstra claimed 38 points, 11 aces.

F.R.O.M. PARTICIPATES IN "FEED THE HUNGRY" CAMPAIGN

For the fourth year, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is participating in the "feed the hungry" campaign in order to share in the million dollar Feinstein Foundation Challenge.

Each year Alan Shawn Feinstein divides one million dollars among hunger fighting agencies, using it to help them raise funds. Agencies like F.R.O.M. track donations of foods and money donated during the months of March and April and report them to the Feinstein Foundation. The million dollars will then be divided proportionately among all agencies that participate.

If you would like to donate at this time, please bring nonperishable food items to the F.R.O.M. Food Pantry or to the Thrift Store. Monetary contributions should be made payable to F.R.O.M. and mailed to: Dr. Roger LaWarre, 404 N. Hudson St.; Lowell, MI 49331.

Please help feed the hungry in our community. The need is greater than ever!

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The Lowell Middle School wrestling team, front row, left to right, are: Torsten Boss, Jordan Drake, Jake Fillingham, Ryan Dean, Timmy Gingerich; middle row: Dan Fleet, Luke Brower, Matt Griffioen, Keith Williams, Abe McIntire, Brett LaFave; back: coach Scott Fleet, coach Randy Toomey, Thomas Fleet, coach Jim Fleet, Josh Drake, Mark Ford, John Drier, Rocky Pabone, Cody Toomey and coach Dan Pabone.

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St. Pat's students learn Irish dancing



Students and staff at St. Patrick School celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a wonderful performance by the Donahue School of Irish Dance. On March 16, dancers from the Heinzman Irish Dancers performed; some of the second grade students were able to try their hand (feet) at Irish dancing. Pictured is one of the Heinzman Irish Dancers instructing Ann Fife and Rosie Hoseth-Hooker on the art.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 05-02

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6.06 AND 7.06 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO AMEND SECTION 8.06 OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 21st day of March, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., local time.
PRESENT: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss & Culbertson
ABSENT: None.

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

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - REPEAL OF SECTION 6.06
Section 6.06 (accessory buildings in the R-1 District) of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2 - REPEAL OF SECTION 7.06
Section 7.06 (accessory buildings in the R-2 District) of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8.06
Section 8.06 of the Bowne Township Zoning

Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Two-Family dwellings: Two-family dwellings must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Each dwelling must contain complete and separate facilities as required for a single housekeeping unit.
2. Each dwelling must have its own separate means of access.
3. Be connected to a public sanitary sewer service and water supply if available, otherwise the Zoning Administrator and County Health Department shall determine that a septic system will safely accommodate such dwellings without endangering adjacent properties.

SECTION 4 - 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.

SECTION 5 - 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 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE

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

I'd like to thank one of the wonderful "Behind the Scenes" staff at Cherry Creek Elementary. Paula Doane helped my son Thursday afternoon. He was very upset, and she stepped in to make sure he was okay.

Red flashers on a school bus mean "STOP," NOT suggestion - law. People are reporting plate numbers. Police say that ticket costs \$250. For the sake of children and YOUR pocketbook, STOP!

A word of thanks to the Lowell Area Fire Dept. for the pancake breakfast - It was excellent!

Looking forward to your coverage on Model UN. The kids did great. Congratulations to them.

What Lowell needs is a quarter-mile drag strip. It would bring in more visitors and it would be great entertainment on a Saturday night.

To the lady in the silver car who parks at Creekside - I know what you're doing and it's wrong.

To whoever doesn't like looking at my butt crack, at least I'm working! Thanks, the window washer.

Kudos to Keiser's and Fifth/Third Bank for allowing girl scouts to sell cookies there. You're great to this community.

Lowell post office is about as obsolete as the horse and buggy for the handicaps and seniors. Look at the wheelchair ramp, the doors, the steps, no handicap parking or slot at the curb.

I thought I had a better idea, but nope, I'd still love to see a drag strip built in this town.

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

ADOPTED:
Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss & Culbertson
Nays: None
Abstentions:

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 March 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.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:
Chris Wenger, Supervisor
Date Adopted: March 21, 2005
Date Published: March 30, 2005

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