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# Freshmen Center service project benefits Grand Rapids charity camp

"Our primary goal was to broaden the kids sense of community and to help them realize they are part of a bigger community than just the Lowell area." - Jamie Christians



By Dan Schneider

reshmen at Lowell High School split into two groups at the end of last week to do service work in different places.

The East House visited the woods near Hopkins, where they did a variety of work at Camp Mel Trotter, a charity that provides a summer camp experience for underprivileged youth from inner-city Grand Rapids. The West House went to Grand Rapids' inner city, where they undertook a large-scale neighborhood cleanup project on the southeast side.

West House students joined with freshmen from Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills

Team two consisted of five LHS freshmen and three freshmen from Ottawa Hills on Thursday. In about two hours of work, they were able to take a backyard that looked like a jungle of brush, fallen magnolia petals, and construction debris and clean it out completely. Two tires, several trash bags and a large pile of sticks were removed.

Comments from group two members were brief at the end of the day of work.

"We did what we needed to get done," Ottawa Hills freshman Antonio Banks said. "It was fun, hard work."

LHS freshman Drake Chittenden had a similar reaction.

"I thought it was a good

Students from the West House of the Freshman Center at Lowell High School teamed up with freshmen from Ottawa Hills High School to clean up a neighborhood on Grand Rapids' southeast side. Pictured, left to right, are members of team two: Bo Adams, Jermaine Baker, Becca Happie, Drake Chittenden, Antonio Banks and Chance DeBee, loading up a pile of brush from the backyard of a house on Alexander Street.

High School. Together, the group numbered nearly 350. In teams of about 10 students each, they flooded an area eight city blocks long and six city blocks wide. Some groups cleaned up litter along the sidewalks, others did yard work and light home improvements for residents, many of whom were senior citizens.

accomplishment," he said.

During the first day, most of the litter was cleaned up from the neighborhood. Friday, the groups continued work on individual houses and planted a few landscape plots. Rain cut the day short, however.

Freshmen Center project, cont'd., pg. 12

# Lowell celebrates Spirit of Community this Friday Kraig and Jody Haybarker recognized as "People" of the Year

### By Dan Schneider

owell will once again take time to recognize the people who have made this place what it is with the "Spirit of Community" celebration this Friday in the Lowell Performing Arts Center (LPAC).

For the fifth year, the collective awards presentation will confer recognition for people's contributions to the community in the form of three different awards.

This year's Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award is going to Kraig and Jody Haybarker. The couple grew up in Lowell

and have become active in many aspects of the community.

"Kraig and Jody are basically a class act," said Jim White, last year's person of the year and a member of the committee that selected the recipients of this year's award.

"They're just classy people who are not about being showy but about being helpful wherever they can in the community."

That includes the Flat **River Outreach Ministries** food pantry, which Jody Haybarker has been director of since 1989 when it

was still the First United Methodist Church food pantry.

"They have been committed to ending hunger for as long as I've known them and I've known them for 14 years," Flat River Outreach Ministries board chairman Roger La Warre said. "That really does exemplify what we value as a community in terms of compassion."

Both have been very involved in the annual CROP walk in Lowell. Jody Haybarker has walked in

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# Voters will choose new board member May 3

### By Dan Schneider

candidates the on are ballot for next Tuesday's Lowell Area Schools board of education election.

Sterling Massey and James Turner are running for the school board seat currently held by Jim Reagan, who is not running for re-election. The election

Massey, 44, is the director of treatment services. West Michigan programs, for Project Rehab, Inc. He believes his experience as a social worker and therapist would serve him well on the school board.

"I have 20 years of experience working with children and their families for the benefit of the children," Massey said.

nonprofit organization will be of benefit as the school district continues to confront increasing requirements while facing budget constraints. Nonprofits, he said, have been through some of the economic hard knocks that are now hitting schools.

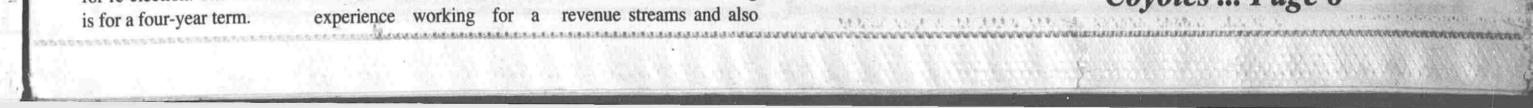
"In the nonprofit sector we've had to come up with creative ways He also thinks his to deal with decreasing

keep up services that are up to our standards," he said.

Massey has children in the school district, which he said is the first reason he decided to run for the school board seat.

"My wife and I decided we would do whatever it took to be involved in their education," he explained.

> School board election, cont'd., pg. 4



2005 at Spectrum Health Saginaw on February 15, Patrick Cemetery.

HEFFRON - Clayton T. PHILLIPS - Dale J. away Saturday, April 23, Grayling. He was born in officiating. Grand Rapids. Mass of parents Roger and Joanne Prill, aged 69, of Clearwater, Christian burial was offered Phillips of Lovells; fiancee FL, formerly of Grand Tuesday at St. Patrick Alice Duby; children Joshua Rapids, died April 22, 2005 Catholic Church, Parnell, Phillips, Terese Phillips both at Sunset Point Nursing with Father Rock Badgerow of Lowell; brother Roger Home. He was a pressman presiding. Interment in St. Phillips of Lovells; sister for Grand Rapids Label Co. Debra VanAnDoll (Donald) He enjoyed motorcycling

### LEGAL NOTICE •

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO. 05-179,380-DE

Estate of LUANNE MEULENDYK. deceased

Date of birth: 11/19/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent LUANNE and the named/proposed MEULENDYK, who lived at 1912 Fruitwood NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the date of publication died 03/25/2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOAN 410 Bridge St. NW KOPPENOL, named personal representative 616-454-4119 or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49504

NOTICETOCREDITORS: Grand Rapids, MI 49503, personal representative within 4 months after of this notice. 04/18/2005

> Susan M. Potyrai P-46249 Grand Rapids, MI 49504

> > Joan Koppenol 1107 Northrup NW

To our Son, Grandson, Brother, Uncle, Nephew and Friend, **STEVEN MORLOCK** 

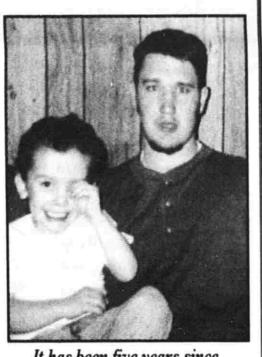
who was taken to Heaven on April 28, 2000 LORD DID YOU On earth, that night, when Steve died; Lord, did you stand by Him and wait? Did you hold his hand, and when it was time? Did you take him on that

final walk thru Heaven's gate? Lord, did you smile when you walked him into Heaven, to live with you? Did you know on that night, I gave up;

I thought my life was thru. Lord, did those who went before us, greet him with open arms and a kiss? Did you know my heart was broken on that night,

and his love I knew I would miss. Lord, did you carry the Cain of Abel, made from a split piece of wood? Did you take it back to heaven; it was made from your cross, where your Mother once stood Lord, did you take back the stone that stood in place where you once laid. This was at the time you died;

this was the gift you gave, with your life you paid. Lord, did you know, of course you know, you are God and we thank you.



It has been five years since Steve's new life began. The next time we see him is when.. All our love, Dad, Mom, Jamie, Tyler, Kyle, family and friends

### **BOWNE TOWNSHIP CITY OF LOWELL** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **VERGENNES TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

### **ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION**

The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, April 30, 2005 for any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the May 3, 2005 School Election.

Sandra Kowalczyk **Bowne Township** 10am - 2pm 8240 Alden Nash Alto, MI 49302 (616) 868-6846

Linda S. Regan Lowell Charter Township 10am - 2pm 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7600

**Betty Morlock** City of Lowell 8am - 2pm 301 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8457

Mari Stone Vergennes Township 10am - 2pm 10381 Bailey Dr Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5671

dear friend Linda Phillips. faith. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Rev. Hubert family and combined these He was a member of the of 20 years, Marcia Prill; son J. Sprik; daughters Patrice in her passion for genealogy. Moose Lodge, as well as Charles Vernon Prill of MI; (Harry) DeHaan, Christine She has been a member of an avid hunter, fisherman daughters Debra Dalstra of (Doug) DeHaan both of the NSCDXVIIC, member and gardener. The memorial MI, Lynn Kiltz of Wyoming, Wayland, Carol (Eric) of the Then and Now service will be Saturday, MI; stepdaughter Margaret Carlson of Lansing, Janet Historical Society of Eastern Heffron, aged 74, of Grattan Phillips, of Lovells, MI, died April 30 at 3 p.m. at Lovells Ann Atwood of Lowell; (Tom) Smart of Jenison, Allegan County, member Township, Belding, passed Saturday April 23, 2005, in Chapel, Pastor Dean Coursey stepsons Kenneth Geer of Michelle (Bill) Morgan of of the General Society of Grand Rapids, James Geer Alto; son Paul (Kelly) Sprik Mayflower Descendants. of Sparta; brother Donald of Grand Rapids; brother member of LaGrave Avenue Butterworth Campus in 1957. He is survived by his PRILL - Charles Vernon Prill of Grand Rapids; sister Francis E. (Sally) Schwartz Christian Reformed Church Sharon Latch of Rockford; of Carroll, Ohio; sister Joan in Grand Rapids. Funeral 16 grandchildren; one great- (Oren) Dewey of Columbus, services were held Friday at grandchild.

by her parents and grandson.

of Alaska; former wife and and was of the Lutheran Surviving are her husband great love for history and Ohio; brothers-in-law Calvin LaGrave Avenue Christian Sprik, Dale and Ginger Sprik Reformed Church, with SPRIK - Barbara Ann of Grand Rapids, Ronald Dr. Stan Mast officiating. Sprik, aged 69, of Wayland, and Judy Sprik of Belding; Graveside service at went to be with her Lord and sisters-in-law Lila Vonk of Elmwood Savior on Sunday, April 17, Grand Rapids, Thelma and Memorial 2005. She was born October John Zandstra of Greenburg, may be made to the Then 7, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio, IN, Cecile and James and Now Historical Society to William Edward and Hoekstra of Seattle; 18 of Eastern Allegan Co., c/o Dorothy Hetzer Schwartz. grandchildren; four great- 532 N. Main St., Wayland She was preceded in death grandchildren. She had a 49348.



### Thursday morning, May 5 starting at 10 A.M. LOCATION: 11505 Cascade Road, Lowell, MI 49331.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-96 East of Grand Rapids or west of Lansing to the Lowell exit # 52 (Alden Nash Ave.) north to Cascade Ave. then west. Or south of Lowell on Alden Nash 3 miles to Cascade Ave. then west. North side of the road. (Kent Co.) Off street parking.

Rolie & Jenny Lubbinge are retiring, have sold their home and moving into condo. Selling large list of clean well cared for equipment, guns, tools, marine and household items featuring a 1995 Kubota Mod. L-4200 diesel 4-wheel drive tractor with front-end loader, 3pt. soft door cab in excellent condition, only 580 one-owner hours. Some 3pt. items. Large list of good shop, lawn & garden tools. Honda generator. Utility trailer. (3) Winchester .22 rifles, Sears 30-30 lever, dog-eared double 12 ga. and Ithaca 410 lever. Rem. 12ga. autoload and Ruger Standard Mod. .22 autoload pistol.

Also nice list of items from the house including clean, late model furniture and sm. Chest freezer. See complete listing and 38 photos at our web site at www.artsmithauctions.com or call for a flier. Art Smith Auctioneers "The Sound That Sells" 616-696-2598

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# 11<sup>th</sup> annual CROP walk this Sunday

Walk will start this Sunday money raised in the walk Senior Neighbors' meals on Street. afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with each year stays in Lowell. wheels program. registration beginning at 1 The remainder is used by p.m.

CROP Walk in Lowell. Over the previous 10 years, the event has raised in Lowell, 75 percent goes is two miles long, the other or by calling First United approximately \$226,000 to to the food pantry of Flat is six. Both start and end Methodist Church at 897help stop hunger worldwide River Outreach Ministries at First United Methodist 5936.

This year's CROP and locally. A quarter of the and the rest goes to Lowell Church, 621 East Main the Church World Service most active states for CROP walker. Participants can This is the 11th annual to fight hunger throughout Walk. the world.

Michigan is one of the up to walk or to sponsor a

Of the portion that stays walk routes available. One available at your church

# "Spring into the Past" this weekend

The Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Fallasburg Historical Village and Schoolhouse are participating in this weekend's "Spring into the Past" tour.

Ten small-town historical museums in Ionia and eastern Kent counties are on the tour. The museums will be open from and Sunday, and many will offer special activities.

Historical Museum will provide hands-on activities during which participants can learn the farming techniques used by early 7688) or the Fallasburg settlers and pioneers, and the ways they conducted 7161). everydaylife.TheFallasburg Cubs will play a vintage be participating include: baseball game Saturday at 1 Averill Historical Museum p.m. in the Historic Village of Ada, Belding Museum-11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday of Fallasburg. The Boston- Belrockton Dormitory. Saranac Historical Depot Bowne Township Historical

The Lowell Area Museum is hosting a bake sale.

> For more information the Lowell Area call Historical Museum (897-Historical Society (897-

Museums which will

Museum, Boston-Saranac Historical Historical Museum.

# **City accepts \$2,000 bid from business** owners for Riverside Drive property

### By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

Several patrons of the Backwater Café have mentioned to owners' Jeff and Bif Altoft how cool it would be if they added a deck out back.

"It really wouldn't be that cool," said Bif Altoft. "First, there are a lot of bugs that come off the river."

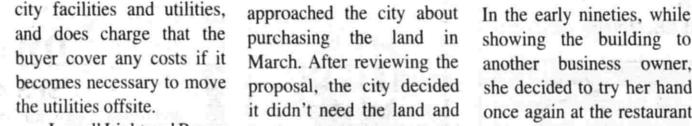
There is also the fact that a deck can only be used when the restaurant's during the nicer months project would get underway. of the year. Instead, the "We've kind of been in a location from 1981 to 1983. mashed potatoes. Altofts are looking to put holding pattern," she said, glass windows on the back adding that they are waiting of their restaurant, located at 109 Riverside Dr., so their patrons can enjoy a view of the river-minus the bugs-while having now, the plan is to have the dinner.

"That has sort of been a dream of ours to do," she said.

The project which includes an expanded kitchen and handicap accessible restrooms brings the owners one step closer to reality as the Lowell City Council accepted their bid of \$2,000 for property adjoining the restaurant, at 111 Riverside Drive. Currently, Lowell Light and Power has facilities on that site.

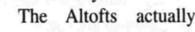
The sale of the property, however, does require easements to all

In The Ledger



Lowell Light and Power executive director Tom Richards said the company hopes to eventually reduce or eliminate its facilities on the site, but could not give a definite timeline as to when parcel. that would happen.

Nor could Altoft state for the city to finalize the sale before moving forward on design plans, financing and construction. But right project completed before the end of the year.

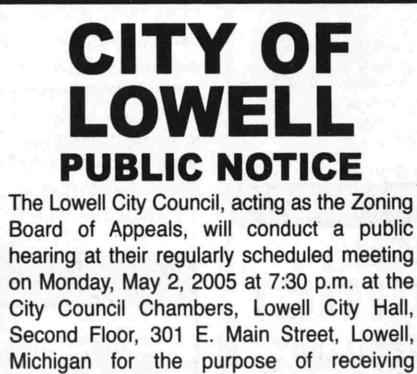




proposal, the city decided it didn't need the land and put it up for bid. The Altofts' was the only bid, offering \$2,000. City manager David Pasquale reviewed it with the city assessor, who felt it was a fair price for the

Bif Altoft began her menu," Altoft said. Those restaurant career with The Ranch House, which baked bread, soups made operated in the same from scratch, and real

city facilities and utilities, approached the city about In the early nineties, while she decided to try her hand once again at the restaurant business, and opened the Backwater Café in 1992. The restaurant has



Patricia Horn wishes to construct a six foot high fence at her residence at 504 Lincoln Lake (northwest corner of Lincoln Lake and Howard). The portion of property within the Howard Street front vard area is limited to three feet. Thus, a variance has been petitioned.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.



It's not too late to sign seek per-mile pledges or In Lowell, there are two flat donations. Forms are

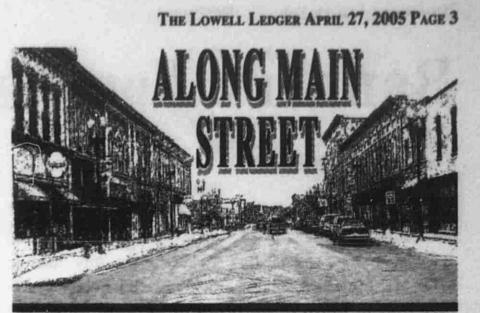
> Museum, Fallasburg Historical Village and Schoolhouse, Flat River Historical Museum (Greenville), Fighting Falcon Museum (Greenville), Freeport Historical Society, Ionia County Historical Society-Blanchard House and Museum, Lowell Area



become known for its farmstyle type food featuring items "that at one time used to be on a restaurant's items included homemade

comments from the public on the following:

Betty R. Morlock **City Clerk** 616-897-8457



**TRYOUTS FOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL** Girls 12U fast pitch softball tryouts, Saturday, April 30, 1-4 p.m. at Lowell High School Softball Field. Registration:12:30-1 p.m. Call Leann at 868-2065 or check out the website www.lowell-softball.org.

### WORKSHOP FOR ACT TEST

An ACT test preparation workshop will be held April 28 at LHS from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$38; Next ACT test: June 11. Call SSC at 987-2908 with questions. Sponsored by Academic Boosters.

### TOTS SPRING SALE

The TOTS annual spring almost new sale will be April 30, 9-noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Free to participate or shop. Reserve your spot with Kathy at 987-2532.

### TEST OUT OF A COURSE

High school students interested in testing out of a class (exception Government and Physical Ed.) this summer should see their high school counselor or Mrs. Dubbink at the middle school by May 1.

### **CROP HUNGER WALK**

The 11th annual CROP Walk, Sunday, May 1 beginning at 1 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church. 2 mile and 6 mile walk. Call 897-5936 for info. or to sponsor a walker.

### GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE

Large donation trucks will be in the Cherry Creek parking lot and at the Goodwill Outlet store the week of May 2-6. Please donate your gently used clothing, toys, books, sports equip., etc., to school to donate to Goodwill.

### **5TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION**

Parents of fifth graders are invited to the LMS Cafetorium on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. for an orientation.Murray Lake students visit LMS on May 9, Cherry Creek students, May 10 & 11, Alto students on May 11.

### SENIOR NEIGHBORS FUNDRAISER

A Night to Remember, the annual fundraising event of Senior Neighbors, Inc., will take place on May 10 at the Centennial Country Club in Grand Rapids. Call 459-6019 by April 30 to reserve your spot. \$35 per person. Lowell is one of six centers in Kent County.

### TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR **COUNTRY ROOTS BAND**

A.R.G.Y.L. presents the Country Roots Band on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in Lowell Performing Arts Center. Call Al Eckman at 987-2966 for info. and tickets. \$5 general admission or purchase at the door.

### LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will host its 2nd annual gathering on Saturday, May 28. A brunch is at 11 a.m.; following are a musical program, door prize drawings, tours of the school. For information call 987-2500 or go to www.lowellschools.com: Alumni Information.

### **BEGINNING ORCHESTRA**

Current 6th graders entering 7th grade have the opportunity to take beginning orchestra in the fall. Call LMS orchestra at 987-2868.

### **ORCHESTRA CLASS**

Current string players interested in a high school orchestra class for the '05-'06 school year can sign up by calling 987-2868.

### F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

Needed are boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, tuna helper, tuna, pork and beans, and bar soaps at the F.R.O.M. food pantry.

# Banners, flags, balloons - ordinance stands as is

### By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

With local car dealerships remaining silent, and after researching other cities, the Lowell Planning Commission has decided to leave its ordinance alone regarding banners and flags.

August, commission was asked by former Vennen owners (and representatives for the city's dealerships), to rescind or Allegan Township, where for PA announcements. loosen up the ordinance that only allows a 21-day, once-a-year window for the display of flags, balloons, banners and pennants.

Deb Hinton. at the suggestion of Jack Bos, one of the new owners of Vennen, and Allegan.

one of the lots is located, but that Lowell's city ordinance let the ordinance stand. The process, the new owners that might be made in the

different-good, bad or Imperial Municipal Services, general manager Tom suggested the city take a right-no different than issuing violation notices. look at other communities any other city, no different that have dealerships. Bos than any other downtown," the ordinance, court action around lines and requiring is part owner of the Grand Hinton said, adding that can be taken. City manager line men and specialized dealership, which owns in Grandville, where most David Pasquale said before crews to remove them. One car lots in Grand Rapids, of the car dealerships have the ordinance review, the recent incident involved the Coopersville, Grandville been grandfathered in, the city was in the process of a balloon on a long tether city's revised ordinance is taking Vennen to court, that wrapped itself around Hinton said she didn't even more restrictive than but dismissed it since the a 138,000 volt line; it cost have a chance to contact Lowell's, not even allowing commission had, at that time, \$1,800 in overtime to

With Hinton's report was able to get information and no discussion for the past process would start over for safety issue, and Richards from Coopersville and 10 months over the request, all the dealerships, Pasquale encouraged the commission make a presentation to the Grandville only to discover the commission decided to said, adding that since this to emphasize any changes

With a wife who

school looks from in front

Commission member is not much different from moratorium on violators was have taken over Vennen. rescinded in January with "I find that we are no the city's building inspector, Lowell Light and Power If violators do not obey create a hazard, wrapping

placed a moratorium. At this point, the

remove it.

# School board election, continued .... From Page 1

in Lowell Area Schools said it is important for the "find ways to include our includes sitting on the Cost district to involve the public parent input formally in our Containment committee, which met for the past eight months, charged with coming up with ideas to ease the school's budget pinch. Massey is also a member of that," Massey said. Champions of Diversity and

His current involvement Key Communicators. He important for the district to "early enough in the process meeting process." to have an impact."

> "I think the Cost teaches in the Grand Rapids Containment committee Public Schools, Massey has is an excellent example of some perspective on how

He also said it is of a classroom.

If you can't sleep, then get up and do something instead of lying there and worrying. It's the worry that gets you, not the loss of sleep.



Turner, 57, is a retired waste treatment plant Rapids. Having worked in

vou think?" Massey said.

what motivated him to run for school board. "The public has been with each other in order to extremely good to me, given keep the curriculum at the very well by the district," me a decent retirement. Turner said. "I feel it's my responsibility to give back to the community."

the public sector is part of

Turner also has two daughters who graduated from Lowell High School and grandchildren in the district.

make the best use of its Independent Union and resources by investing in early childhood education. "I think that early

childhood is where we have the best chance to achieve our goals," Turner said. "Their brain development, because it's been stimulated at that time, will make them better off down the road.

"If we really invest in child development, it's going to help us meet our No Child Left Behind goals." Turner is on the Industry

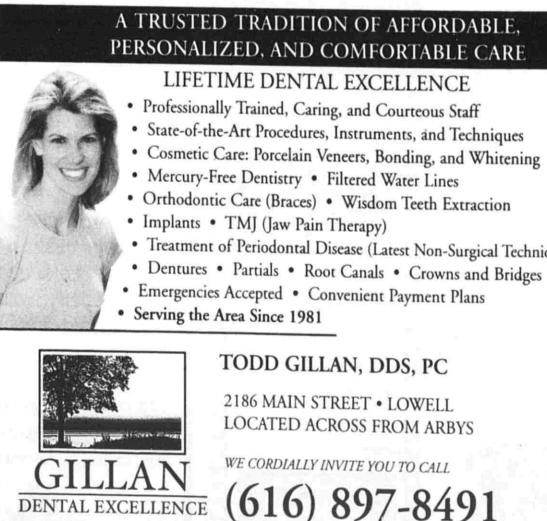
"I have the benefit of Council at the Gerald R. the time people can express being able to go back home Ford Job Corps Center in their grievances," Turner and say 'Teacher, what do Grand Rapids. One of two in the state, it is a training center where students can earn high school diplomas, operator for the city of Grand G.E.Ds and learn trades crowded meetings. such as security, carpentry and food service.

Turner said, "We interact with what is needed in the community."

Turner is on the board of directors of the Grand Rapids Municipal Employees Credit Union. He spent 17 years on the grievance committee of the He said the district can Grand Rapids Employees eight years as its chief negotiator.

"I've had probably 25 years of experience in the field of employee relations, from the employee side of things," he said.

Turner has made suggestions to the school administration to improve public access to the school board, such as moving the public comment session to the beginning of meetings. "Things are voted on by



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

Following discussions, Richards said balloons can

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ordinance. Richards said the power company has been able to recoup the costs of removing the item from those who put it up, but not with some debate over the safety issue.

The planning commission did leave an opening for further discussion. Commission member Jim Hall said that while the issue will not be brought back on the agenda, anyone who wishes It does become a to present an idea or reopen discussions is invited to commission.

said.

He also suggested booking the city council chambers at City Hall for Neither candidate is

proposing a revolution of On the Industry Council, thought from the present school board.

"I think they've done job corps center consistent Turner said. "I think I could add something to make the whole thing better.'

Massey said, "I'm running on a platform that we're a good, solid, strong school district. I believe the way we get to the next level is by focusing on soliciting good information and input regarding our schools."

State legislation has put some changes in place for this year's school board election. In addition to the election being held in May rather than June, voters will cast their ballots at the same precinct they did during last November's general election. Anyone with questions about where to vote should contact their city or township clerk.

kindergarten.

To The Editor

### Dear Editor

We really appreciate the Lowell Ledger for the great article on the F.R.O.M. Thrift Shop. The article pointed out, very appropriately, the need for more space for the the Thrift Shop and the Food Pantry. Even so, we still very much need donations of gently used clothing and household items, as well as canned and/or boxed food items. (Prayers and money are always welcome as well!)

> Marge Rehl F.R.O.M. volunteer

Dear Editor,

I sure did enjoy your story about the Roomba.

I finally got to read the Lowell Ledger Friday at breakfast and hadn't quite finished it when the maintenance man came to repair my dishwasher. When he knocked I told him to come in, finished reading and burst out laughing. He wondered what was so funny. Then I let him read the paper so we could laugh together.

Thanks for a wonderful morning. You see, I don't get too much to laugh about since I am physically challenged and had been thinking about getting a Roomba for myself. I don't have a dog or a piano so I think I'd be safe in that denartment

• We laughed all the way through the repair of my

At about seven or eight he ran into a storm door at his grandma's house. The door was being slammed shut by a cousin and Casey put an arm through the non-safety glass pane. It took about forty stitches to close the gash in his forearm

As he got older the stunts shifted from accidents resulting from horesplay to premeditated stupidity. Skiing through thicks woods, riding out shopping cart crashes, jumping bicycles and skateboards were everyday occurances. I just kept shaking my head and muttering.

One summer he got into model rocketry. He crashed If you are like me, there are a lot of commercials on all his model rockets, but had engines left over. He put the engines in a bag on the back porch, lit the bag and stepped what product or service is being advertised. Okay, so you're back to see what would happen. He didn't step back far smarter than I am and do get the message in these ads. That's enough and ended up looking like Yosemite Sam after a bomb goes off in his face. Lucky he didn't burn the house

Another time he and a friend (a frequent accomplice) **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL** were camping on an island in the Flat River. They tried to get a fire going and used gasoline from the boat motor gas **APRIL 28, 1880** Frank Howard, drum major of the Lowell Cornet tank. You guessed it. The fired raced back to the gas tank, Band, is also drilling the Grange Band.

It looks like the wheat crop could be the largest and Another event had Casey in a giant tractor inner tube Finally, at the end of the ad the kid has grown, has his at the top of the biggest sand dune at Silver Lake. The tube best ever, this year. The editor complains that the break in the Main Street own kid, who proceeds to whack himself in the head with a gained speed rapidly and Casey was too afraid to bail out. bridge is being repaired with wood instead of iron. plastic bat. The kid-turned-parent then mutters something The tube crested a smaller dune and went airborne. The The Bankrupt Store is coming back to Lowell and will about his kid never growing to such and such an age. The resulting crash should have killed him, but he got out of it be the main store in the Music Hall block.

As he grew older he progressed through the really **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** Stuff with motors. He even went into the army and drove an **APRIL 27, 1905** Whatever the ad is promoting doesn't matter. My son, M-1A1 Abrams main battle tank. He once got one of those Sam Vandenbroeck is arrested for firing birdshot into foursome doing a charivari on Sam and his bride. R.B. Boylan has all sorts of tools and appliances for sale cheap, saved from the fire. He hasn't changed much. Just a couple years ago he and Baker Weldon Smith has bought a gasoline engine

Casey's life resembles the storyline from that timeless some pals (including that Quada kid accomplice I mentioned to run his ice cream freezer. The ice cream is made with classic, "Jackass, The Movie." If you haven't seen the movie, earlier) were caught at their old tricks. They were taking Jersey cream no matter, you should get the drift from a few instances I'm turns putting an electronic dog collar around their respective Persons setting fires in Oakwood Cemetery will be fined, by order of the Board of Health. necks and driving a neighbor kid's go-cart through the wire A.L. Coons has overalls with six pockets for 50

So, Casey is thirty years old. Unbelieveably, he's not some aches and pains, I'm sure. Lots of great memories and stories though. Lots of gray hairs for old dad too.

Casey still races mountain bikes. There are lots of A battle between city and rural county commissioners There was another cast later on ... this time an arm. I crashes involved in that. Guess that's why he likes it. I just includes nomination of Mrs. Nellie McPherson of can't really tell you what happened that time either. I was wish he'd settle down and raise a family. I want to see his Vergennes for chairman, which she promptly declines. too busy muttering something about the kid not living to see kid whack himself with a bat, then listen for the resulting Veterans of the Spanish, Civil and Mexican wars are reminded to register for their yearly \$1000 exemption on mutters from Casey. Paybacks, you know. their real estate.

> dishwasher and you never saw anyone so happy that she could wash dishes in hot water.

I have the wonderful appreciated thing called the Signs establishing protected spawning and fish refuges dishwasher that cleans all my dishes without getting my are placed for the first time in Michigan. People who doubt astronomers' predictions can hand in the water. I say hand because I only have one that is double-check next Monday's time schedule predicted for useable, and that makes it very difficult. the solar eclipse. Enough already, all I meant to say was thanks for the

pleasant morning.

Lillian Anderson

Letter to the Editor,

The residents in Grattan had better start going to the Again Cherry Creek is reserved from Chatham to the meetings at their township hall ... the township board railroad bridge for kids under 12 to try trout-fishing meetings and especially the planning commission meetings. Women of Eastern Star from all over Michigan gather Things are way out of control. Just weeks ago the zoning to honor Frances Jefferies with a banquet and reception. ordinance was dramatically changed. On the surface the Plans are started to construct a community mausoleum changes made sound promising ... "Farmland Preservation." across the street from Oakwood Cemetery. Author Glendon Swarthout's story, "A Horse for Mrs. In reality all it accomplished was taking money out of the pockets of the large parcel owners, better known as farmers. Custer," is bought by Columbia Pictures Corporation. Would someone tell me how you're preserving farmland if **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER** you are taking money away from the farmers?

It's absurd to think that having less density (fewer lots **APRIL 23, 1980** Melinda McCain is the new head of Senior or houses per acreage) will promote some sort of rural Neighbors. feeling. The old ordinance allowed property owners to have The Saranac school board cuts 11 employees and hires three-acre lots. Now the minimum lot size needs to be five Albert Butler of Howell as the new superintendent. acres. This has a multiple whammy effect. Fewer building Chief Hazy Cloud Park at Ada receives extensive sites will be available. They will be much more expensive riprapping to repair damage from recent high water on the because they'll each have to bear a greater share of costs Grand River. common to a new development. And the worst part is that Lt. Gov. James Brickley announces \$30,000 even more farmland than ever will be gobbled up. You do in scholarships for the best student ideas on energy To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 10 conservation.

his first cast before he was out of diapers.

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TV that are funny, and/or memorable, but you have no idea not really the point here. Smartypants.

One such commercial tracks a kid's life to adulthood. down. In the first scene the kid whacks himself in the head with a plastic bat. The parent exlaims that the kid will never live to such and such an age. On it goes through the poor kid's life. He falls off his bike and gets creamed playing football. Each time the parent mutters something about the kid not living blew it up, set the island on fire, etc., e to another age level.

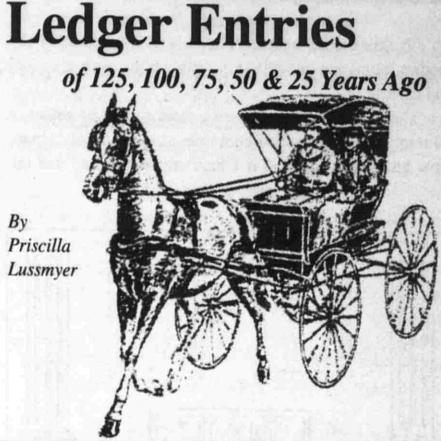
cycle is complete. I think the ad has something to do with with a back injury that will haunt him for life. plastics, but then I may be confused with that scene in "The Graduate." You know ... "I have one word for you, dangerous stuff. Stuff like dirtbikes, Jeeps, Harleys, etc. Benjamin."

our youngest, turns thirty today. When looking back on his 65 ton behemoths airborne off a berm and broke an axle. life, I was reminded of that commercial and how many times Even "Jackass, The Movie" can't top that stunt. They only we shook our heads and wondered if the kid would live to had golf carts and rental cars. adulthood. Plastics, or no plastics.

about the share with you from the Casey version.

I wish Casey's mother were handy as I write this. Terese fence perimeter triggering the shock device on the collar. remembers the details of these events much better than I do. We got started early, when Casey was only about two. He too much the worse for wear. A few scars here and there, broke a foot jumping off furniture or something. We never did get the straight story on that one. Bottom line ... he had





The editor leaves on a three-week trip to Texas.

### **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** AND THE ALTO SOLO **APRIL 24, 1930**

Peter Fineis announces building a 200,000 gallon storage tank at St. Johns, for distributing the new Dixie Oil products

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** APRIL 28, 1955

The state lets bids for widening Main Street, plus Hudson to Spring, to be finished by Sept. 15.



### Rev. Randy Meyers

### Calvary Christian Reformed Church

"Nothing good happens after 2 a.m.," I remember my mother telling me one morning I came home well after that and curfew.

Those were the days when people started to gather at 10 p.m. and the so-called cool ones showed up at 11 p.m. Now adays I'm satisfied if I have my son in bed and the



Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sunday School Hour. **Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times** Numsery Provided - Batrier Free YOU ARE WELCOME!

dirty dishes done by 10. No time to be cool after that. Just enough time to skim the paper for sermon illustrations, catch some of the old evening news, and hit the hay.

David wrote Psalm 77 one night when he could not sleep. For he said God kept his eyes from closing. Occasionally I have that productive late night blessing. One morning I awoke with a start, could not sleep, and wrote an entire sermon before the sun came up. Another time I checked my computer to see an e-mail from a friend in China. He said he was moved to prayer and tears on my behalf. It was good encouragement and I fell fast asleep, well sort of, as I pondered the content of his middle of the night prayer.

Recently I woke up at 2 a.m. which was an hour earlier than my usual middle of the night stirrings. I was groggy so I thought I'd stay in bed, but then the greatest idea of all time t me. A book! Title, subtitle, and several chapters flashed hit before my eyes as if they were my very last moments. I toyed with the idea of getting up, turning on the computer, and starting to write but figured if it was meant to last and

I woke up late that morning, 7:45 a.m., partially because of the mental gymnastics that evening. Over oatmeal, I thought and thought about the book I knew was somewhere in my head. Slowly the title and one chapter came limping to me. I guess I should have gotten up after all, but soothed my soul with, "Is anything good written after 2 a.m.?" Sure if you are David. Maybe if you are me. Next time I vow



Saturday was the start of three Adopt-A-Highway pickup dates scheduled for 2005. It runs through May

Volunteer cleanup crews meet with local Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) coordinators to receive gloves, trash bags and other materials before they report to their sites to clean debris from Michigan roads, bridges and freeways.

"The Adopt-A-Highway program is a valuable asset to MDOT and provides a great opportunity for people to give something back to their community," said State Transportation director Gloria J. Jeff. "Without these volunteers, we could not handle all of the services that they provide to the state." Additional pickups are scheduled for July 9-17 and

Sept. 10-18.

Individuals, companies and organizations, are invited to participate. More information is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/ mdot. Select "Projects and Programs," "Highway Programs," and "Adopt-A-Highway."

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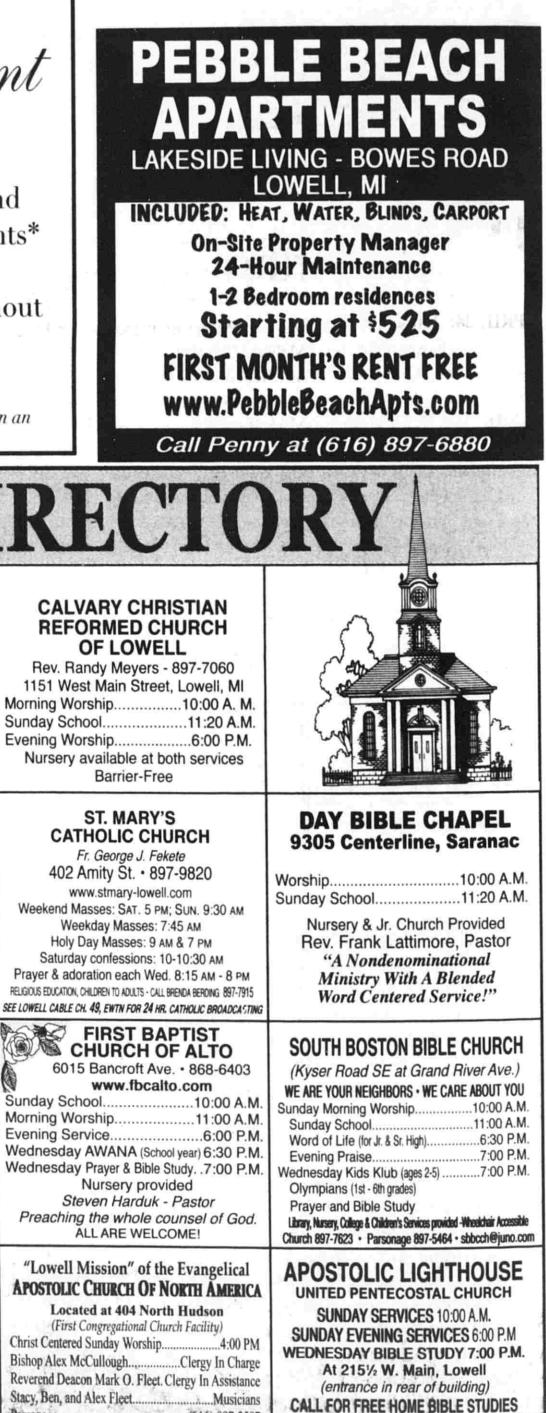
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# VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

# Ventriloquist to perform at First United Methodist Church

Chalk artist and ventriloquist Rod Snow will Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. entertain with his program "Chalk for Christ" at the BFA degree from Kendall First United Methodist School of Design and was

Church, 621 E. Main., on a commercial artist and Snow graduated with a

# Tappy Dirthday-

APRIL 28: Terese Brown, MAY 3: Wilma Roudabush, Tim Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand.

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teacher in community art programs. Now married, he is the father of two. and travels throughout the United States with his fulltime Chalk-art Ministry.

taken.

# Humane Society joins Paws in nat'l. adoptathon

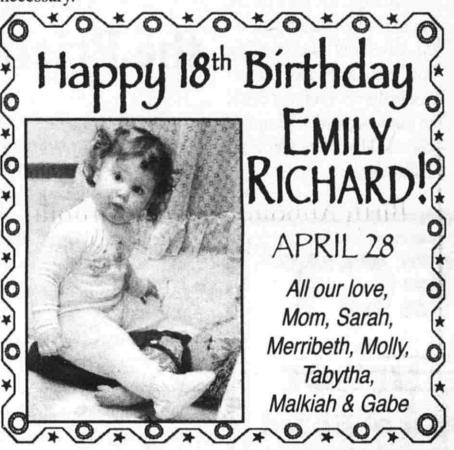
The Humane Society of Kent County will be joining Paws with thousands of other animal welfare organizations in an international Pet Adoptathon from April 29 - May 1.

The Englehardt branch will offer another book discussion "We're doing a variety of things to help boost pet for adults on Tuesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Call 647-3920 or adoptions during this important weekend," said Veronica stop by the checkout desk for the featured title. Minard, Animal Care and Placement coordinator. "In addition to being out in the community with animals Friday night and Saturday, we'll be hosting an open house on Poetry is the silence and speech Sunday."

The open house will feature a variety of companion animals (cats, dogs, kittens, puppies) available for adoption at reduced rates, microchipping services, professional pet photography and children's activities.

Dogs and puppies will be \$75 or less; cats and kittens will be \$50 or less. All adoption fees include a veterinary exam, disease screening, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery a pet identification microchip and a bag of premium food.

The open house on Sunday will be at the Humane Society, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids from 12-4 p.m. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not necessary





The Family Fun night will include a hot dog and barbecue dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. The public is invited and a free will offering will be



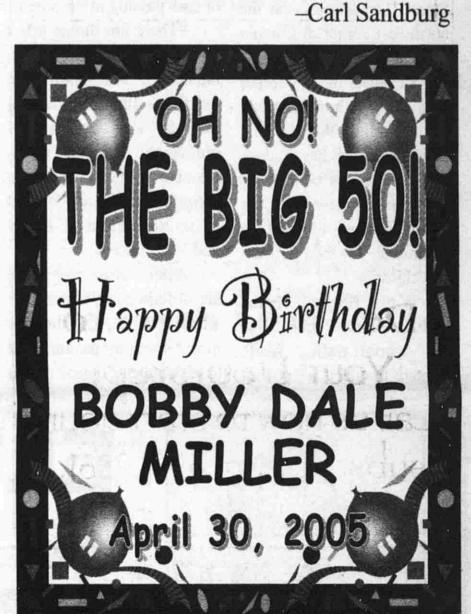
TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION The Englehardt branch invites teen readers, ages 13 and

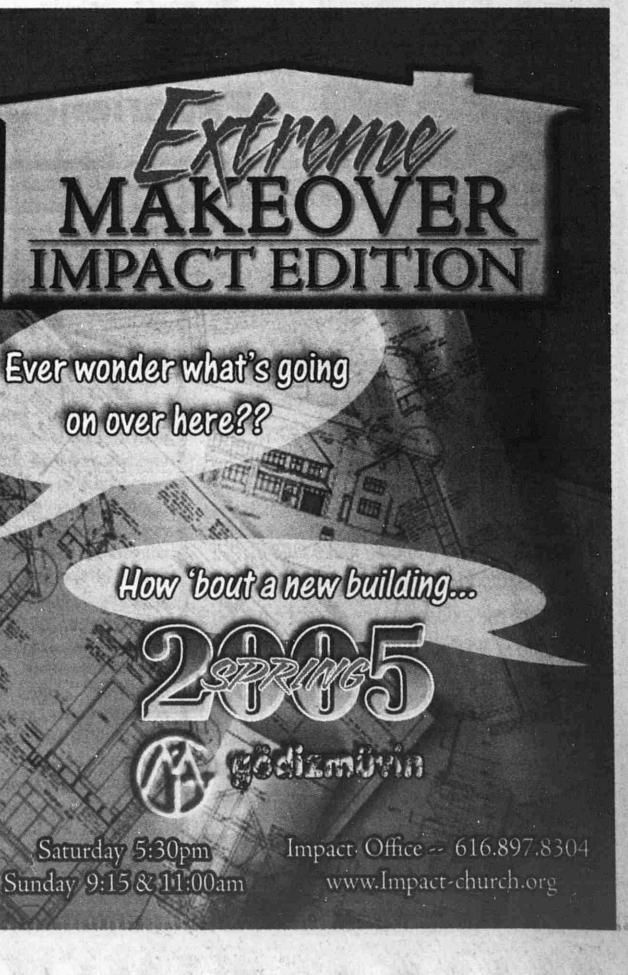
older, to get together for a friendly, informal book discussion on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the branch at 647-3920. The library is located at 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell.

### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

between a wet struggling root of a flower and a sunlit blossom of that flower.





### THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 27, 2005 PAGE 8 Coyotes a fact of life as people move into the countryside

### By Dan Schneider

Two reports have emerged so far this year describing the increasingly 27 in the backyard of her looked out the kitchen

around Lowell.

Cathy Ciganek saw a coyote the morning of March Sunday morning and I

brash antics of the coyotes residence in the Stoneridge apartment complex.

"I was making toast

**Planning commission recommends** denial of six-foot fence variance

### By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

A Lowell family hoping to get a six-foot fence in a secondary front yard for safety reasons learned that it might not be possible.

Patricia Horn, co-owner of a home with her son Tim Wolfe at 504 Lincoln Lake, asked the Lowell Planning Commission for a variance allowing her son to erect a six-foot fence along Howard Street. The home is on the or cars passing in the street. northwest corner of Lincoln Lake and Howard

Because of its corner lot status, the home has two front yards. Wolfer said their backyard has a deck and a large Koi pond filled with the Japanese fish. The greenspace for their animals and Main streets. and children.

such a busy street due which the request did not said could start 15 feet from to school traffic, Wolfe meet-the commission voted the sidewalk. wanted to place a six-foot to recommend denial of the

fence about three feet from request. The zoning board the sidewalk along Howard of appeals makes the final issues.

commission But member pointed out that this would homeowner does have two create a hazard for the options. The six-foot fence neighbors trying to back out is allowed through the of their driveway. "You're ordinance, provided it is 15 taking away that person's feet from the sidewalk. line of sight," Barry said, adding that it would make it a huge chunk of yard for our difficult for someone to see animals and our children pedestrians on the sidewalk and their friends to play in."

"There are things that I would like to do at my home, could be put up three feet but I can't," said commission from the sidewalk, Pasquale member Jim Hall, adding explained. This would not that it was because of impair sight lines. ordinance requirements. He also noted the planning wanted to pursue the request. commission recently denied but did weigh his options on family wanted to create a a similar request at Amity the three-foot fence, asking

With Howard being six criteria for a variance- be allowed, which Pasquale

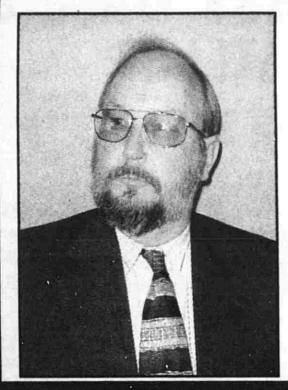
Street for security and safety decision and will review it at its Monday night meeting.

> City manager Garland Barry David Pasquale said the

> > "That would take away Wolfe said.

A three-foot fence

Wolfe said he still how it could be tapered and After reviewing the where the six-foot part could



not the other way around.

**Jim Turner Lowell School Board** May 3 **Communication, Cooperation** Experience

ELECT

My wife Pat and I have lived in the Lowell School District for 35 years. Both of our daughters attended Lowell Schools and graduated from the same. We have 7 grandchildren al of whom attend Lowell Schools.

We have enjoyed participating in school activities, both with our children and with our grandchildren and view family participation as an essential part of the educational experience.

I am retired from the city of Grand Rapids where I was employed for 30 years, most of which I spent representing other employees. Because of these activities I have become

very familiar with the workings of local governments and boards.

I presently sit on the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps **Center Industry Council** and also serve as Director on the G.R.M.E.C.U. Board window and I saw what I toy Australian shepherd) thought was a dog coming through the field in from the west," Ciganek said.

What she perceived as said a dog was actually a coyote, and it behaved casually

it wasn't walking slow,' Ciganek said. "I've never several years. But this is the seen one this close to people first time she had seen one Kalejs said. before. I've seen them, but in broad daylight. out in the country."

"They're just terrible this year," said Jill Moore, who is used to hearing covotes barking and yipping at night near her home on at all." Grindle Dr.

Australian shepherd -- a dog County, said it is not about the size of a rabbit-at her kennel nearly became breakfast for a covote. Fortunately, Moore had recently acquired a German areas where people do live you have regional growth, rescue dog.

"The the reason coyote dropped him (the unusual

was because the (German) shepherd body-slammed him (the covote)," Moore

Moore, the dog catcher for the city of Lowell, "It wasn't running and said she has heard coyotes outside her house for

"All of a sudden, these guys are getting really bold," she said. "We're on on the dirt part of Grindle, but

Last Friday, a toy DNR biologist for Kent

said.

Coyotes are in even

# Hildenbrand introduces the Pricing Modernization Act

the economy and accountability.

could soon lessen under law that requires almost the Pricing Modernization every item in a store, from Act introduced recently by Chap Stick to refrigerators, Rep. Dave Hildenbrand to have a price tag. which focuses on consumer Excluding food and overprotection, strengthening the the-counter medication, economy and accountability the Pricing Modernization while easing red tape for Act would eliminate the retailers.

"The Modernization Act updates individual item, but would a 30-year-old law so that require a retailer to post a it continues to protect sign indicating the price the Pricing Modernization Michigan while making Michigan's above, below or adjacent business more competitive," said Hildenbrand, "We need to put Michigan price check scanners, some less than \$2 and not more back on the cutting edge printable and nonprintable, than \$10.

Bipartisan legislation technology by creating the store. Quarterly audits focuses on consumer an environment where we of scanners will take place protection, strengthening can compete in the new to ensure they are 98 percent economy. accurate.

Michigan is the only Regulations on retailers state in the nation with this requirement of retailers Pricing to affix a price tag to each consumers of an item immediately environment to the item which clearly states a detailed description R-Lowell. of the product. In addition, of business and retail must be installed throughout



I believe that we as a school district have a responsibility to live within our means,

therefore available funds must be spent where we get the most educational value for our dollars.

I do not believe we should make cuts in early childhood development programs as cuts here will jeopardize the district's future. standing in No Child Left Behind.

We must provide an equal opportunity for all our children to have a good education by doing what we can as a school system to make the educational experience fit for all families.

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Educational needs should drive the budget The Board should have open communications with the public.

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urbanized counties o southeast Michigan, such as Wayne County. As people increasingly move into formerly agricultural areas, contact with covotes is bound to occur.

"Folks have pets and coyotes are equal opportunity predators,"

Development previously open spaces also puts habitat pressure Michigan's covote population. Since covotes we're not in the boondocks can co-exist with humans. this pressure may not have Nick Kaleis, Michigan the same detrimental effect it has on several other animal populations. But unusual for coyotes to co- it means people will be exist in close proximity to sighting more coyotes. "I -think it's safe to say that. "They get along well in especially in areas where shepherd named Cinder that because they're pretty wary habitat is lost and that may was trained as a search and and adaptable animals," he explain why people are

seeing coyotes more than in the past," Kaleis said.

"We are building upon our heritage of consumer protection," Hildenbrand said. "In order to keep our residents safe as they purchase goods, we are creating a modern set of checks and balances establishing tougher by penalties for those who do not comply with the law."

Penalties for retailers who wrongly charge customers will double under Act. Customers would get the difference they were wrongly charged plus an amount equal to 20 times the difference which is not Hildenbrand, cont'd., pg. 22

# Planning commission sends revised residential sign ordinance to council

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer** 

Keeping its fingers crossed that the city council will approve it, the Lowell Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve its second revised residential sign ordinance.

The commission, which has been working on the residential sign ordinance

only a few minor changes. than three square feet and The first proposal was shot down by the council because it felt it was too vague and needed more specifics the ordinance would be on what was considered residential signage and what was not.

Under the new proposal, the commission amended the section of exempted signs to include address, for almost a year, sent its owner and occupant name

second proposal, making signs that are no larger attached to a mailbox, light fixture, or exterior wall.

A new addition to included: residential ground signs. One sign would be allowed per lot or parcel; it could not be any greater than three feet; it could be placed in the front yard; and it could not be any closer

National Arbor Day - April 29 - tree planting tips

is this Friday, April 29. to do it correctly, advises Tree Planting Tips ... Everyone grab a shovel and the International Society of get ready to plant a tree. But Arboriculture (ISA). How a tips to remember when wait.

National Arbor Day make sure you know how difference in the world. tree is planted, and initially Before planting a tree maintained, makes all the spring:

There are a few simple planting your tree this

# Use caution with outdoor fires

danger increasing Michigan," northern danger high" and "1.500-acre forest fire evacuation in Roscommon County." But some well-intentioned folks just don't seem to get it.

not issued, if they left the arrives in the mail." fire unattended, or if proper not taken.

and

The headlines certainly charged to the person found the ground is not covered should get our attention: responsible. Depending on size of the fire and whatever damages occurred, remains in effect today, suppression charges can be and its overall purpose is several thousand dollars, far to prevent fires and outline exceeding a misdemeanor penalties for those people citation.

a Roscommon County man from local fire departments Each year thousands paid the state Department of and township officials in of Michiganders use fire Natural Resources \$4,600 southern Michigan, and from as a means to clean up for expenses incurred by the the DNR or USDA Forest yard waste and dispose of DNR to suppress a wildfire. Service in the remainder of brush. Unfortunately, many "Every week during fire the state," Kollmeyer said. of these fires get away and season, the department sends "The DNR issues nearly become a wildfire. Although out bills for suppression 140,000 burning permits these people never intended costs to burners who are each season." to have their fire escape, responsible for escaped they have, in fact, broken fires," said Paul Kollmeyer, Michigan's forest lands that the law. A violation of DNR fire prevention are blackened by wildfire, Michigan's Forest Fire Law specialist. "Most people are such as last weekend's forest occurs if a burn permit was quite surprised when the bill fire that burned 1,557 acres

state's The precautions, such as having comprehensive forest fire and yard debris pose a tools or water handy, were law was enacted in 1903. In special danger because of 1923, this law was amended its proximity to homes and Negligent people who to extend fire protection to other structures. "People fail to take appropriate the entire state and turn over today don't live in isolation precautions and allow their fire control responsibility like the pioneers of early fire to escape can be charged to the Department of Michigan settlements," with a misdemeanor. In Conservation. Two years Kollmeyer said. addition, the law states all later, a burning permit law costs associated with the was passed, which required suppression of a wildfire, citizens to obtain a permit damages resulting for the burning of leaves, from that fire, can be brush or stumps, whenever

with snow.

The Forest Fire Law who are negligent. "Burn In 2004, for example, permits can be obtained

> Although it often is in southeastern Roscommon first County, burning household

> > Individuals and insurance companies pay for

> > > Outdoor fire caution. cont'd., pg. 11



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setback distance.

City manager David Pasquale said in most cases, the front yard set back is about 34 feet, which means the sign would have to be at least 15 feet back.

The commission held a public hearing on the matter at its Monday night meeting with no comments received.

than half of the required had little say on the revised proposal, except to vote on it and send it on to the city council.

The council is expected to review the new proposal its regular meeting on May 2 at City Hall.

The issue of residential ground signs occurred when Josh Langdon was cited for having one on his The commission members property. He pointed out

that according to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, cities could regulate such signage but could not prohibit it.

Since the city ordinance not allow for such did signs in residential area, the planning commission was required to review and change the ordinance. A moratorium has been until the new effect ordinance is adopted.

for planting. the width of the root ball. Do NOT dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides

outward.

hrough

containers.

For bareroot trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water.

Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Carefully cut circling any roots. Remove the top half of pressed peat/paper

Balled and Burlapped

all of the ropes cut. Pull the Dig the hole 2-3 times burlap at least 1/3 of the way one year. down; slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away of the hole slant gradually the top of the basket.

Plant the Tree. Gently place the tree in the hole. Partially backfill with the soil from the hole. water to settle the soil, then finish back-filling the hole. Tamp the soil gently, but do

not step on the root ball.

A few pointers ... Remove tags and labels.

tree has a large crown, or if and maintenance is advised the planting is situated on a to contact an ISA Certified site where wind or people Arborist.

Prepare the perfect hole ("B&B") trees should have may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of

> Prune only the damaged branches.

Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to fertilize.

Spread 2"-3" of mulch over the planting area, but do not place it up against the trunk.

Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.

Anyone with questions regarding choosing the Do not stake unless the right tree or proper planting

Hello, My name is Sterling D. Massey

I'm a candidate for the Lowell School Board. I'd like your vote of support. I appreciate our community's beauty and serenity. I also value the importance of making informed decisions.

So, I've decided not to litter our

neighborhoods with those ugly political signs. Instead, I've decided to give you a summary of my history and intent so that you can decide using pertinent information.

### **Personal History:**

• Lowell Township resident since 1995. · 3 children who attend elementary school in

the Lowell District · Married to a Grand Rapids Public School

Teacher · Participated with various Lowell Schools

committees and work groups during the past 4 years

· Master's of Arts Degree in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy · Bachelor's of Social Work, with Child Welfare concentration

### **Professional Experience**

• 23 years in as a Social Worker, 14 of which are in Child Welfare · 8 years as Director at a nonprofit behavioral health firm • 3 years as adjunct instructor at a local University-Behavioral Sciences

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Providing the best education for Lowell's children necessitates:

1. Effective communication

2. Substantial input from all vested parties

3. Good will

4. The Commitment to objectively view all sides of every issue. 5. The understanding that IT STARTS WITH US ALL.

I'd like to hear your views about how best to represent our community on this board. I invite you to send them and any related questions or comments to my e-mail address Sterls1@aol.com. I'll respond as quickly and completely as possible.

Let me have your vote. You'll be glad you did.

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# To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

the math. Let's say that next year demand for housing in Dear Editor, Grattan Township will create a need for 50 new homes. Under the old zoning with a three-acre minimum lot size, 150 acres would be developed. With the new zoning of fiveacre minimums, we will now develop at least 250 acres.

Most residents would like to think that the township board and the planning commission are working in the best interests of the community. Some of these elected officials and appointees are doing the best job they can. Some of the other officials seem to enjoy the prestige and the control that feeling of being in charge! The recently elected township supervisor is learning the new job, but he doesn't stand a On any given day, one can drive past any of the buildings of chance against a couple of the trustees. Those trustees do whatever they feel like.

life difficult, look at how much is spent on legal fees. Over the last couple of years Grattan Township has spent an average of over \$134,000 in attorney fees. To put this in perspective we can look at Lowell Township, which happens to use the same law firm. Their annual legal fees are just over \$19,000. Grattan spends seven times what Lowell spends! And even more remarkable is that Lowell Township has some great developments going on like the new Meijer store, the Whispering Hills housing development, Cumberland Ridge require the township to seek legal counsel.

On May 4, 2005 at 7 p.m., the Grattan Township Planning Commission is having a public hearing to discuss more ordinance changes to give the township additional control over your life and property. May I suggest that you get off your Layzboy and go to this and other township dictates. meetings? They are wasting your tax dollars and making zoning changes that are making your property less valuable. Who needs it!

> John Scott, Grand Rapids resident and Grattan Township property owner

am the American Flag that is displayed at the Lowell Red Arrow baseball field. I would like to ask the superintendent of Lowell Area Schools why I am not displayed properly. It does not surprise me that you do not observe proper flag etiquette, as you have been ignoring it for quite some time. The graduating class of 2004 had a beautiful ceremony in Red Arrow Stadium as I flew proudly from the top of the flagpole. Too bad you did not take the time to lower me to half staff. The rest of America had me at half staff mourning the death of President Ronald Reagan. Lowell Area Schools and see me flown in various positions. I might be at half staff on one side of the high school, As an example of just how much the township is making and full staff on the other side. When flying at half staff at Bushnell, you let me get tangled and tattered in the branches of the tree that is next to the staff. Last year you left me displayed at both the ball field, and at the Wittenbach Center until I was a faded shredded mess barely recognizable as the symbol of your nation. I flew that way day and night until an ordinary citizen, disgusted with the way you were treating me, respectfully lowered me and disposed of me in a dignified manner. You fly me at the ball field all night long without any illumination. I know that you have been made displayed improperly.

You state that Lowell Area Schools places a value on Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Respect. I ask you which of these values you are following as you

officially born on June 14, 1777, after the First Flag Act of the Continental Congress. I accompanied General Washington throughout the long bloody battles of the Revolution, and

flew proudly as General Cornwallis surrendered to him at Yorktown. I too have values. My 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies that were tired of being oppressed and started this whole freedom thing that you seem to take for granted. The 50 white stars on a field of blue represent the states in the Union. They also represent a new constellation in the sky for the world to recognize. My colors have significance also. My Red symbolizes hardiness and valor. The White I display stands for purity and innocence. And the Blue on me represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. On the morning of Sept. 14, 1814, a lawyer on board a ship outside Baltimore Harbor saw me flying over Fort McHenry. I was ripped, shredded, and torn by cannon fire. He was so moved that he wrote a poem about me. It was later put to music, perhaps you have heard of it.

I fly over the USS Arizona and the hundreds of American Sailors entombed forever inside her. I was raised on a water pipe on top of Mt. Surabachi by a group of war-weary Marines after a long and bloody battle at Iwo Jima. Perhaps you remember back in 1969 when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldren placed me on the surface of the moon and saluted me. Another recent and more poignant image is that of the New York City Firefighters finding me and placing me atop of the rubble that had once been the World Trade Center. I have had the honor and privilege to be draped over the caskets of veterans who have died defending the freedoms Condos along with many more projects that actually do aware of my situation in the past but you still allow me to be I represent. I am then folded crisply and with honor, and given to a grieving widow or family member.

Mrs. Miller, I am the symbol of YOUR country. Your ancestors looked to me with hope of a new life filled with freedom. Thousands of American men and women have fail to display me in the manner that proper flag etiquette died defending me and preserving your freedom. Please, do not disregard the sacrifice that they have made. Please do Allow me to give you a brief history lesson. I was not dishonor the men and women in our Armed Forces that are defending you today. Please fly me properly, or don't fly me at all. I am not just a piece of cloth. I AM YOUR FLAG -Signed, Old Glory



Fred Maier, USN (retired)

Outdoors **Dave Stegehuis** 

### **OFF ROAD**

In the early '80s, a motorcycle manufacturer came out with a motorized tricycle with large balloon tires. The vehicle was commonly called a three-wheeler and could be ridden over difficult terrain. It was the forerunner of a class of vehicles soon to be called all-terrain vehicles or ATVs.

The three-wheelers had one serious shortcoming ... that was inherent instability. The vehicle was prone to tipping over in turns. The basic concept was carried forward and a forth wheel was added for stability. This was just the beginning of the evolution of the ATV. Many of the surviving snowmobile manufacturers got into the ATV business. Competition and public demand encouraged manufacturers to continually raise the engineering bar.

Today, the rugged- looking machines feature disk brakes, 4-WD, 4- wheel independent suspension, automatic transmissions and built-in GPS. The engines now have displacements from 90cc to over 750cc.

The machines have been adopted by a variety of users such as farmers, ranchers, utility companies, railroads,

hunters, fishermen and recreational riders. ATVs can carry a rider to out-of-the-way places that are inaccessible by conventional vehicles. They are, of course, also fun to ride. Often family groups create a day or weekend outing around motor-sport activities.

Recreational ATV riders have joined snowmobile and are generally offered a free safety course. Most dealers off-road motorcycle riders in the quest for space to pursue have information on when and where classes are held. One their sport. Finding a place to operate ATVs on public land source for information on where riding is permitted, rules takes some research. These vehicles are equipped with of operation, and safety training is the Michigan Off-Road aggressive tires and when operated at higher speeds can Vehicle Guide provided by the Michigan Department of cause soil erosion and damage plant communities. For this Natural Resources. reason, operation on public land (state and federal) is strictly With proper training and respect for the land and others controlled. Regulations are different for state and federal who share the outdoors, ATV riding can be an enjoyable lands outdoor experience.

# Outdoor fires, continued ... From Page 9

the damages that result from negligent burning. In early April, an Upper Peninsula man was burning debris that ignited a seven-acre grass fire, which destroyed two barns causing an estimated \$20,000 in damages. And losses in the Stephan Bridge

\$5.5 million.

To avoid this costly expense, the DNR recommends the following safety precautions for any outdoor burning:



There are potential hazards associated with ATV operation and for that reason there are rules regarding the age of riders, required safety equipment, and training. It would be wise for anyone to complete a safety course before participating in the sport. Buyers of new vehicles

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Road Fire in 1990, which destroyed 76 homes east of Grayling, were estimated at

- · Always obtain a burning permit from your local fire agency. · Monitor the weather and
- never burn on windy days.
- Have water and tools available to extinguish any sparks and flames.
- · You have a duty to remain with your fire until it is completely extinguished.
- Remove all combustibles near the fire area.
- If your fire escapes, immediately call 911 or your local fire dispatch.

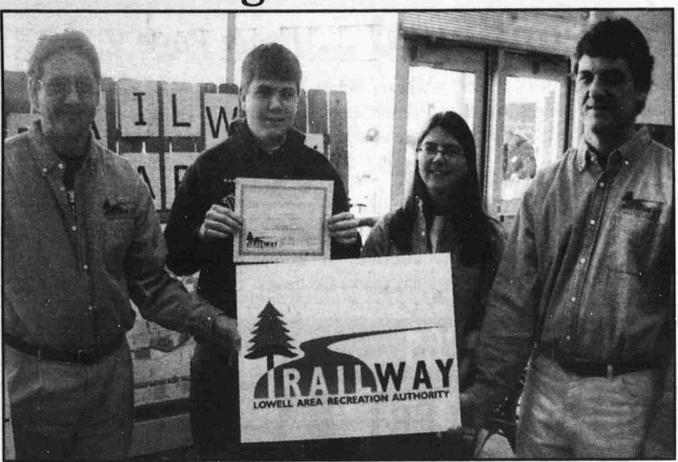
# Murray Lake Elementary students volunteer to stay after school

Over 340 Murray Lake Elementary students stayed after school for an all-school Fun Night they earned for "March is Reading" month. The event was a reward for the over 2,700 "at home" reading hours they accumulated during the month.

Fourth grader Matt Majinska said, "I read over 15 hours during March, and it was worth it. I had a great time, plus I love to read."

Following an after school recess, juggler and comedian extraordinaire Josh Casey entertained the group with a performance which included juggling up to six items at a time and catching a guitar on his chin. Murray Lake student Katelyn Kazcanowski commented, "The

# LARA logo contest winner



Brennan Heldt, a junior at Northview High School, won the Lowell Area Recreation Authority's logo contest. His entry was chosen from among 21 logos submitted. For his effort, he received a \$500 savings bond from Ionia County National Bank. Heldt is pictured second from left with LARA board members, Jim Pfaller, Betsy Davidson and Al Halbeisen.



# COME JOIN THE FUNS

**Bushnell Elementary & Cherry Creek Elementary** invite you to attend the annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 28, 2005

Bushnell Activities (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)

- · Book Fair in the Media Center Cookie Decorating
- Bookmark Making
- A Maraca Walk
- . Family Links will raffle off two "Book and Board Game Baskets"
- Cherry Creek Activities (6:30 8:00 p.m.)
- . Ice Cream Social Enjoy ice cream in the cafeteria (50 cents per dish), served by our teachers and support staff.
- · Family Portrait Photographers from Geskus will be in the gym for families who have pre-arranged to have their picture taken. Please call the school office by April 27th to set up an appointment for your family photo session.
- · Meeting for parents of students who will be attending Middle School in the fall.
- Jazz Band in the cafeteria.
- . Family Links will raffle off four baskets: Lowell, U of M, Movie & MSU

comedian was the best part of the night. It was so cool when he did his juggling on the pogo stick."

Following a pizza dinner and music, the students headed outside for evening games and activities. "I really liked all the games we got to play outside," said fourth grader Heather Dimmick.

"I thought dancing on the stage was the most fun," said student Kolby Kloosterman.

Students also earned a movie and a popcorn night, a Frisbee team assembly, choosing their classroom seats, and a

Crazy Days week, for obtaining each weekly 500-hour reading goal in March.

Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey said, "Fun Night was a big hit. It did make for a very long day, but there isn't too much I wouldn't do to get kids to read at home. A student's reading ability is directly tied to how well he or she will do in school. This night was well worth the effort. The volunteers were outstanding. I think we will begin resting up for next year."

At right, juggler Josh Casey entertains students during Fun Night.

# Freshmen Center project, continued ... From Page 1

the service project.

East House students had brought rain coats to wooden platforms for the camp Hopkins, so the weather goats at the camp's barnyard didn't slow them down too area. much. Their main focus was to get the 180-acre appreciative that as soon as camp ready for the summer the kids left their pen, they camp season. This included were up on the platforms maintenance tasks like bouncing up and down," said clearing brush from trails. Lowell Freshmen Center

the students also did teacher Jamie Christians. "I was dry Friday, we were projects that included digging didn't see them get off those able to get a lot of work sediment out of a choked platforms the whole time we done," said Ben Botwinski, creek bed, demolishing a were there." the LHS teacher primarily concrete slide, building park responsible for organizing benches and replacing cabin side neighborhood, the floors.

They also built some students was visible at the

"The goats were so do in an area of about 200

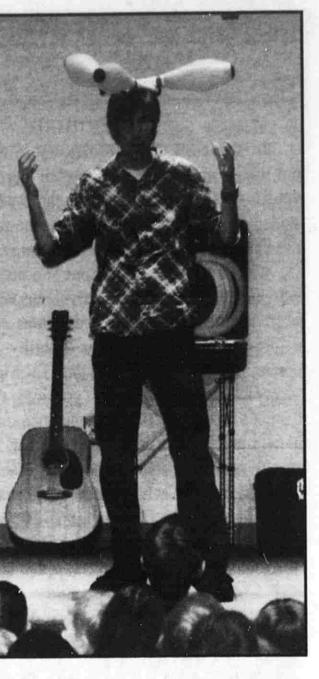




Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2005. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell,



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



acres," Christians said. spent the night at the camp. They also went through

cleaning up a woods or a neighborhood. "Our primary goal was to broaden the kids sense of community and to help them realize they are part of a bigger community than just the Lowell area," Christians

Similar to the southeast

"It was overwhelming

The LHS freshmen

impact of a large group of

to see what 160 kids could

team-building exercises on

the low ropes course at the

project was about more than

But for both houses, the

"I think we dispelled some of the myths about what kids think it's like to live there," Botwinski said of the city project.

He said it showed the kids, "I don't have to be scared to walk downtown. I don't have to be scared of the people I meet."

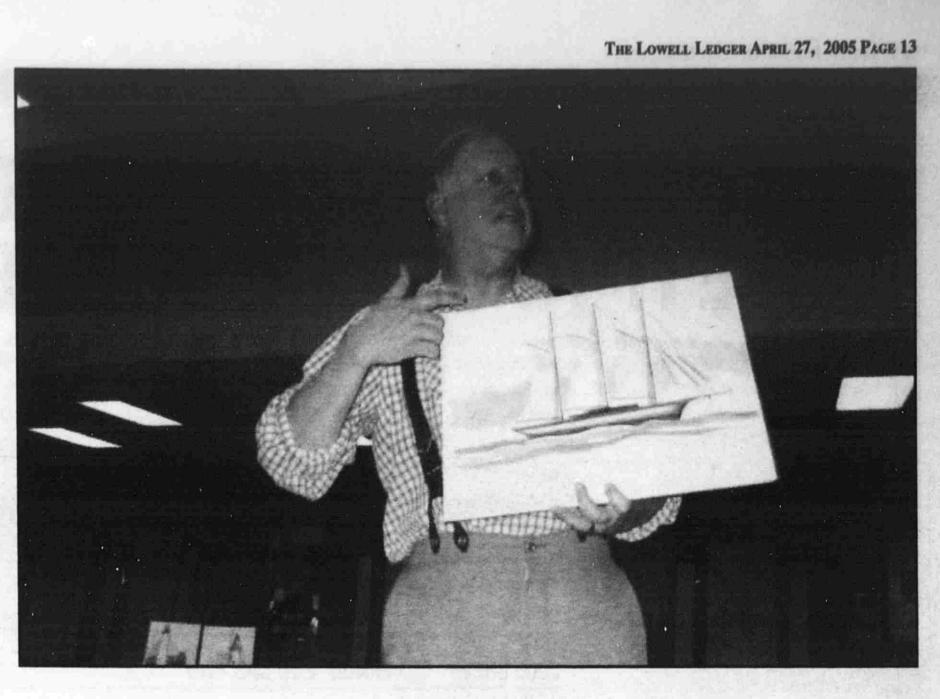
The Lowell students were also able to meet students from Ottawa Hills, when otherwise they probably wouldn't have had the occasion to do so.

"In general, I think there is a lot more comfort between the two schools,' Botwinski said. Another service learning

project will be in the works for next year. This was the first time a service learning project involved an entire grade level of students.

# **Cherry Creek Elementary students** enjoy "edutainment"

Fourth grade students at Cherry Creek Elementary experienced going back in time on Wednesday, April 20. Michael Deren "edutained" (or educated through entertainment) them with a performance as a schooner captain on the Great Lakes. His performance included lessons in geography, transportation, environmental studies, and a vast overview of the history of Michigan. Both students and teachers were actively involved, and Deren brought the social studies and science curriculums to life. Funding for this program was provided by the Family Links **Organization of Cherry Creek Elementary.** 



# Spirit of Community, continued... From Page 1

the walk.

They are involved with the First United Methodist Church, Each year, she coordinates center director Christine during the celebration, High School. Providing Ray Quada. Quada, who including Sunday school and a team of local gardeners, Beachler. Hoats also comes as well. Displayed in the entertainment during the served in government and coordinating youth activities. making sure they plant the in once a week to listen to hallway of Lowell High reception will be the Lowell volunteer capacities in They are both involved with flowers needed to create the students read in classrooms School, the brass leaves Middle School Red Arrow Lowell, embodied the spirit scouting--Jody as a cub floral arrangements at the art at Cherry Creek. She is allow people to honor orchestra. At 7:30 the the event celebrates. scout leader and Kraig with fair. boy scout troop 102. Kraig "Rick and Carol have and one of his sons are the been a part of Fallasburg only father and son to have for a very long time," said both earned the Eagle rank Michelle Ellison, who in Troop 102.

original organizers of Christmas Through Lowell. is they are very involved Kraig spent several evenings in their church, and their last Christmas reading stories to children aboard the showboat. He wears a red suit in the annual Lowell during and after as volunteers Santa Parade but, according for the festival. to La Warre, that's not the only time he exhibits the Wilcox Community Service spirit of Christmas.

Claus in his heart," he said.

Council's Arty Award also Hoats was an elementary goes to a husband-and-wife teacher in Lowell schools duo this year: Rick and Carol for many years. For two Briggs. The two have been years before she retired, involved as volunteers for Hoats was the media center the Fallasburg Arts Festival coordinator at Cherry Creek since the late 1980s. For Elementary.

information booth. Carol checking out books, listening read for the 100th time. very has been in charge of the to children read aloud, and decorations for the event. advising current media leaves will be dedicated to the LPAC at Lowell 2001 as a way to honor

organizes the art fair at the Jody is one of the Lowell Area Arts Council. "Another important thing church has a food booth at Fallasburg.'

So they are busy before,

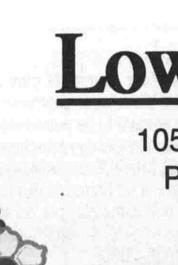
This year's Marsha Award, which recognizes its "Kraig is truly Santa recipient for contributions to education in Lowell, will be The Lowell Area Arts presented to Margaret Hoats.

every one since the first many years, Rick has done Since retirement, she according to Cherry Creek school system. They also awards presentation will walk 11 years ago. A few the heavy lifting work of has volunteered hundreds of principal Maureen Dorough, raise money for the Lowell begin; it is free and open years back, the Haybarkers setting up the entertainment hours in the media center at and patiently listens even as Education Foundation. were the grand marshals for stage and the arts council's Cherry Creek. This includes the most popular books are The celebration begins at 7 p.m. with punch and Community Celebration Many new Tribute Tree cookies in the hallway next began in the spring of

enthusiastic in this capacity, individuals for helping the



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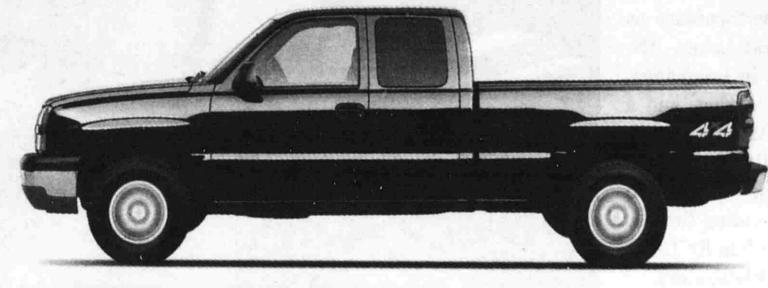
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the top three places in the 100-meter dash, Cahoon taking first in 13.9. Karen Judd won the 3200-meter run for Lowell. Austyn Foster bested the 400 meter. The boys team fell to

By Dan Schneider

claimed their first victory,

The Red Arrows

were helped by strong performances in the field events. Lowell swept the top four places in pole vault and high jump. Rebekah Woods.

8'0" vault was enough for

first place in that event while

Jasmine Holliman won

the shot put event, throwing the shot 30'6.25". Malley

Cahoon threw the discus 87'4" to take first in that

The Lowell girls swept

Amy VanEns took first high jump, clearing 5'5".

last Thursday at home.

the Knights, 75-62, but

Track, cont'd., page 18



Lowell's Karen Judd took over first place for the third lap of the 1600-meter run but fell to second during the last lap.

Regular Meeting of April 18, 2005

Vice-President, gave a report to the Board in the absence of Justin Quist. Brooke announced that May 19 is the senior trip and senior release day, and graduation will be held on Sunday, June 5. Athletics are going well. The Student Council will be meeting next week to talk about elections and more community service projects for next school year, and they will Saturday, May 7 at the new DeVos Center.

Girls get first track

Boys team still waiting

for season's first victory

win against Kenowa Hills

### STUDENT RECOGNITION

BPA: The Board presented certificates to Scott Beatson who took 1st - Lowell High School. place in Graphic Design at the State Business Professionals Association competition and Kelsey Crowley who placed 5th in Keyboarding Production. Scott and Kelsey qualify to go to the BPA Nationals in Anaheim, California.

### **Band Students:**

Certificates were handed out to recognize Nick Myers and Adam Ingraham who were chosen to perform with the MSBOA District Ten High School Honors Band. Nick Myers also made the All-State Honors Band. Audrey Fleet also received a certificate for scoring a 96 in Proficiency I at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. STUDENT REPORTS -

FFA: Kevin Nugent along with FFA members Katie Serne, Marie Wade, Katie Ward and Shelly Wernet reported on their activities this school

### **REPORTS** -

TOTS/Curiosity Corner Preschool Update: Kathy Cole gave an update on the TOTS/Curiosity Corner Preschool rograms.

### Alto Elementary School Update

Mary Ann Schramm along with students Marissa Hills, Jason Strickland, Shelby Gaskin, and Michelle Foote gave PowerPoint demonstrations highlighting the school improvement activities for Alto Elementary School. Alto teacher Mark MacDonald also emphasized that students are being taught to obtain adequate verifiable data from the internet to include in student reports.

### Cost Containment Committee Recommendations

Mike Blough reported on recommendations made by the Cost Containment Committee to cut \$1 million from the 2005-06 budget. Options given were Early Retirement Incentive, Shorten School Year (cut days but make up instruction time by adding minutes), Outsource Bus Maintenance, Outsource Copy Center and Warehouse Operations, Secure Additional Grants, Find Another Program to Offset the Cost of Unity and Community Ed, Generate Dollars by Selling the Monroe Street Site.

### High School Counselors

Bob VanBelois, Tory Parsons, and Mary Moore updated the Board on STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Brooke Liu, Student Council their counseling activities at the high school. They also announced that Marie Lazar & Kristen McAlpine qualified for the National Merit Scholarship.

### MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD -

The Board announced that Margaret Hoats is the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. The annual award is presented to also be meeting with the Alto 2nd semester student council. Prom is those individuals who have made long and worthwhile contributions to the school and the community. The formal presentation will be made at the Spirit of Community Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2005 at the

### ACTION ITEMS

Accepted the following gifts:

- Alticor donation of used computers and monitors valued at \$4900 to be used by the technology department. · Kim Pallottini donation of diapers valued at \$45 to be used by the
- TOTS Program and donation of baby items valued at \$500 to be used by the Teen moms. The Damm Family donation of videos valued at \$45 to be used by
- Curiosity Corner Preschool. • Betty Brink donation of 150 books valued at \$540 to be used by the

Middle School Media Center and the Gifted & Talented program. Adopted the resolution naming Michigan Teacher Day as Tuesday, May 3 and purchase reading materials for each of the school libraries. Adopted the resolution naming Peter Haefner as the designated electoral representative for the ISD Election and Patrick Nugent as the alternate representative.

### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- Minutes for March 14, 2005 Regular Meeting and March 28, 2005 Workshop The following payment of bills for March 2005:
- GENERAL FUND. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
- A. Food Service Fund. B. Athletic Fund.. 2004 Debt Fund.
- 2004 Energy Bond Fund.
- TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.
- Personnel Report

 Shared Time Program at St. Patrick School **BUDGET UPDATE** - Connie Gillette reported that there is still no word from Lansing on the school financing for 2005-06 and that more

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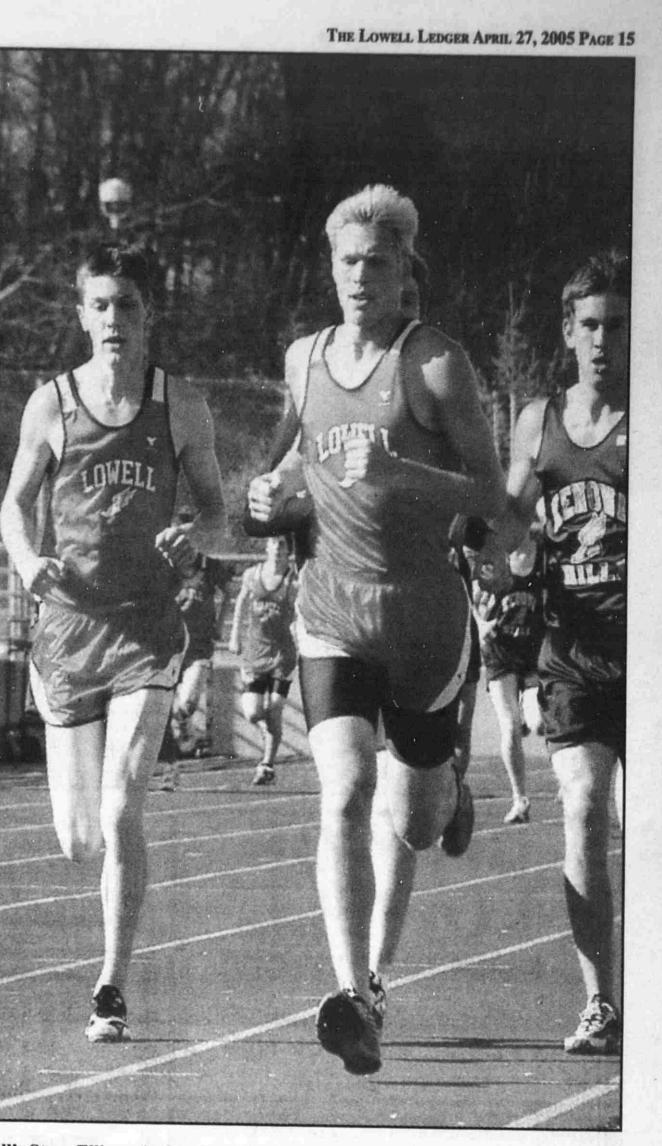
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Lowell's Steve Ellison (in front) and Andy Mark finished one-two in the 1600-meter run last Thursday against Kenowa Hills.

# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

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should be known after the May 19 Revenue Consensus Conference. A list of potential cuts will be reported at the May 9 Board meeting, and a community budget meeting will be held on May 16 to discuss the recommendations. The severance package being offered to teachers has seen a number of teachers interested. The district will be handling new teacher applications via the internet using GreatSchoolJobs.com. Several generic positions were posted and so far there have been 1200 applications received.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) level test for grades 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9 being administered in its pilot year. MAP is a computerized adaptive test where the difficulty of the test is adjusted to the student's performance. The advantage of this testing process is that teachers receive immediate feedback and can then personalize instruction based on the student's

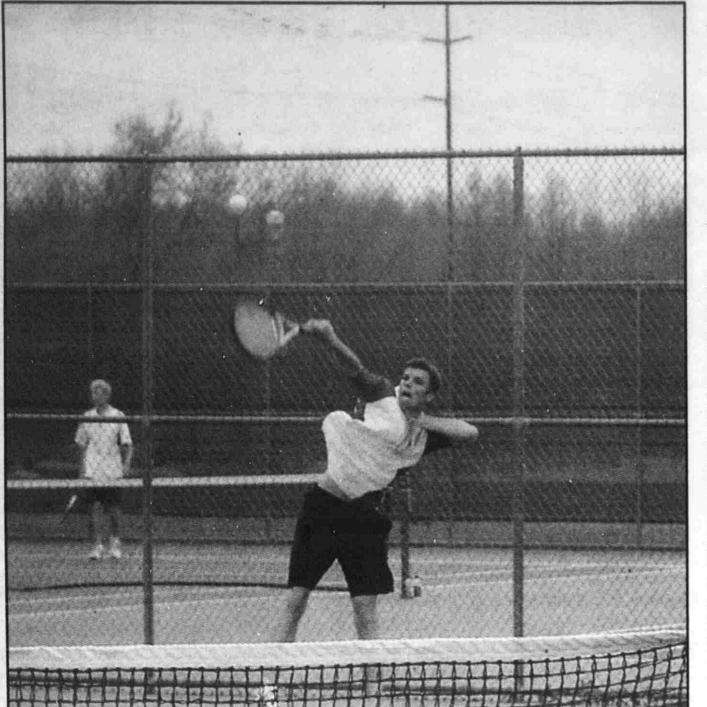
**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - The following people addressed the Board: Todd Smithee - district communications, Vicki Fredline - lost benefits for support staff member, Sonnie Sullivan - her child's health concerns. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller had Linda Warren give a brief report on the status of the middle school air quality. Mrs. Warren shared that an environmental firm was called in to check the air quality. They found no problems and the report was sent to the County agency to verify the report. The Health Department reviewed the reports and told Linda she was doing all that she could to make sure that the school was environmentally safe. Shari then expressed her excitement to hear about the two students who qualified for the National Merit Scholarship. Shari thanked the presenters for their reports: Mary Ann Schramm, Kathy Cole, high school counselors. A May 16 board workshop is planned for 7 p.m. in the Board room and community members are welcome to attend and give input on potential cuts for next school year. On Saturday, April 23, there will be a work day at Alto Elementary to work on the new playground being installed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Board Workshop Monday, April 25, 2005 - 5:00 p.m. - Bus Garage then move to Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Monday, May 9, 2005 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m. Please visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us We Value:

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**CITY OF** LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING OF SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY** 

Chapter 20 Section 20.04 C and D of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Lowell states "No sign(s) shall be placed in, upon or over any public street right-of-way, alley, or other public place, except as may be otherwise permitted by this ordinance or other ordinances of the City of Lowell" and "No light pole, utility pole, or other supporting member shall be used for the placement of any sign unless specifically designed and approved for such use".

Any sign(s) placed in the above areas will be

IN ONE VISIT

removed Lowell

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James Valentine, Chief of Police Lowell Police Department

FACROW

# **Boys tennis claims** second tournament win

individual

won

opponents.

### **Bv** Dan Schneider

tennis team took first place Hobrla was the tournament fourth singles for Lowell. last Monday at the Portland Invitational Tournament.

The Arrows' score was 27. Host Portland finished while scored 19 points and Ithaca also defeated all of their perennial OK White power scored 10.

"It was a really good day, we were excited to win," Lowell lost 6-2 in a league- The Red Arrows travel to Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said. "I think it's probably Unity Christian. Hobrla beat on Saturday. the first time in recorded Andrew Meyer 6-3, 6-1 to history that a Lowell team win third singles. has won two tournaments in the season, a boys team."

Travis Trapp won the said.

# Girls soccer keeps winning

season, the Lowell varsity girls soccer team had wins

Lowell's Brett Hobrla

serves against Unity

Christian's Andrew Meyer.

Hobrla won the third

**NOTICE OF REZONING** 

LOWELL

CHARTER

TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that at the regular

meeting of April 18, 2005, the Lowell

Township Board approved the Planning

Commission's recommendation and rezoned

property located at 5960 Alden Nash S.E.,

Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-34-300-016,

from AG-1, Prime Agricultural, to Light

Industrial. This rezoning will take effect 7 days

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

Lowell Charter Township

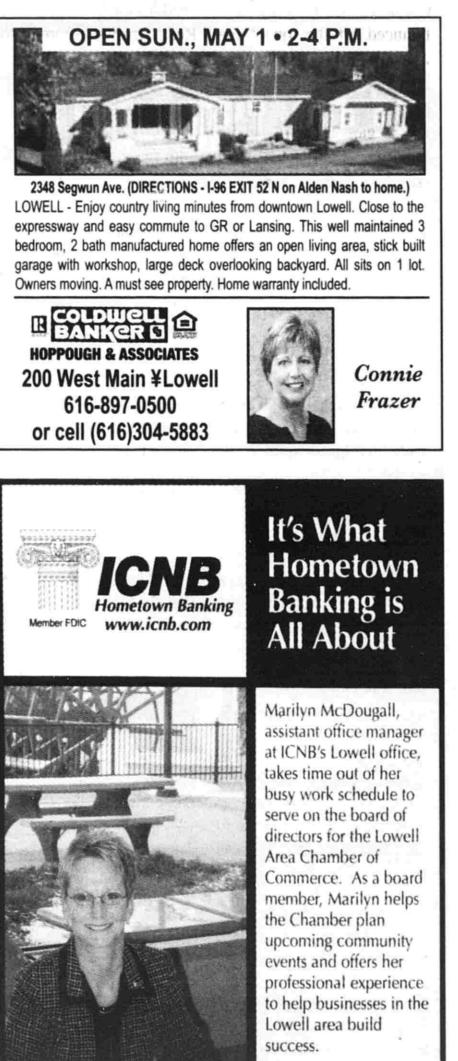
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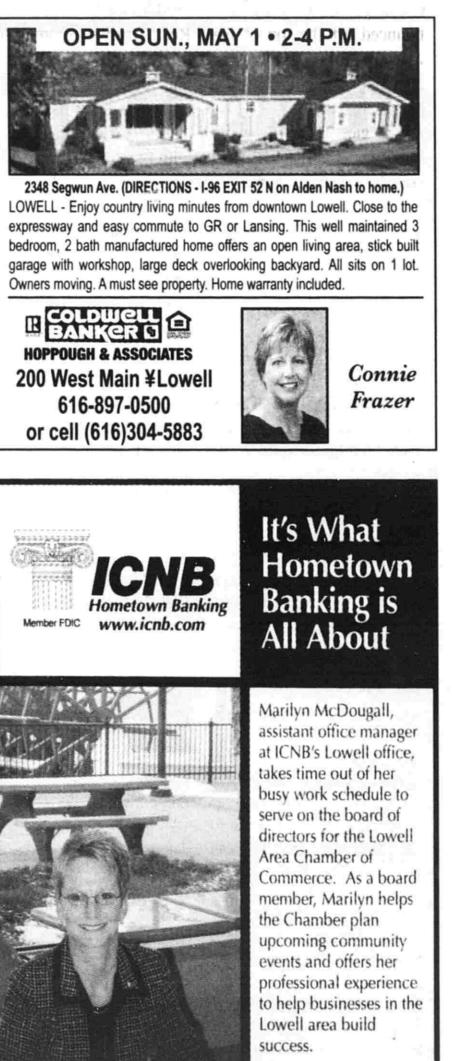
singles match 6-3, 6-1.

With an undefeated

Rapids last week. White conference play with Monday.

of 2-0. That win boosted Friday. Lowell's record to 6-0-1 for

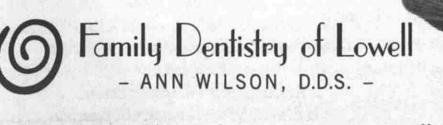






"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back ... simple!"

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championship Brett McMahon the tournament in

McMahon beat Andrew The Lowell varsity boys at second singles. Brett Dekkinga 6-3, 6-4 to win champion at third singles He was 9-0 for the season

Unity Christian is a fourth singles. The fourth perennial tennis power in with 24 doubles team of Brandon the OK White. This week, Lansing-Waverly Lawrence and Ben Ritzema Lowell takes on another when they travel to East At home last Wednesday Grand Rapids Wednesday. opener dual match against the Caledonia Tournament

> Over the weekend, rain cancelled the Big Rapids "Brett's playing some Tournament. Plans are to really strong tennis," Wall reschedule for May 3.

at Sparta and East Grand the season. It was their fifth shut-out victory. Their only Lowell opened OK win that was not a shutout was the season-opener a 9-0 win at Sparta last against Caledonia with a score of 4-2. Lowell faced The Arrows defeated Kenowa Hills Monday and East Grand Rapids last host Northview Wednesday. Wednesday by a score The team travels to Fruitport

# Lacrosse gets second win in cold wind, rain, snow

**By Dan Schneider** 

Playing in blowing rain and snow Michigan teams at East Saturday, the Lowell varsity lacrosse team beat They likely got more of a two teams met last year, two goals in the first half. games left to play, the Red road trip, played at Holland the varsity B team from the climatic change than they scored a goal in each But Lowell took the lead in Arrows are well on pace to Tuesday, travel to Grand Culver Military Academy, bargained for. 4-2.

B and junior varsity--up freezing rain and winds Austin Blough scored in the fourth quarter. cold, from Indiana to play some coming off the lake." Grand Rapids High School. had lost 7-5 when these

The academy brought Lowell coach Eric Bredin Solon scored on an assist by Scott Devereaux. David lacrosse is a varsity sport at Central away on Saturday. three teams--varsity A and said. "There was snow and from Greg Wierenga. Then Gallagher scored unassisted Lowell High School.

The Red Arrows, who

# Lowell baseball wins one at Portland, two at FHE

### **By Dan Schneider**

The Lowell baseball squad was on both sides of 1 loss as Lowell struggled in the first inning and the a win out of reach for the two blowouts last Monday at Portland.

doubleheader was an 11- first four Portland batters more runs in the fifth to put game of the doubleheader. with "throwing strikes," Raiders went up 4-0 by the Red Arrows. according to coach Juston end of it.

The first game of the Miller. Lowell walked the

Portland scored five winning side in the second

# Softball wins four road games

### **Bv** Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity Bob Rodenhouse. softball team put together winning four of their five Portland. games.

win in the first game of a doubleheader at Portland pitching and good teams, last Monday. No team scored and when you can beat until the top of the seventh Portland, you know you're inning. Ashleigh Inman hit pretty decent yourselves." a base hit. Ashley Nawrocki advanced her to second with 0 lead in the first game a sacrifice bunt. Then Becky of a doubleheader last Plummer hit a triple that Wednesday. Then the visiting bounced off the top of the Red Arrows scored four fence to score Inman for the runs in the sixth on three hits only run of the game.

in the game. One Portland baserunner got on via an error, preventing a perfect game. The Raiders' pitcher had a perfect game going until the seventh inning.

the night, Portland scored in the sixth inning off an error at third for the only run of the game.

hits in that game but we loaded the bases in the sixth inning and we couldn't

score," said Lowell coach

So the Red Arrows a successful run last week, split the doubleheader with

"It's always nice to beat It started with a 1-0 Portland," Rodenhouse said "They always have good

Ionia got out to a 3and three Ionia errors. The Plummer gave up no hits game-winner was an RBI single from Andrea Dewey with two outs to drive home Brittany Bueche.

Lowell won game two 3-1, scoring one in the first and two in the second. Inman In the second game of had the game-winning RBI single that drove in two runs with two outs.

Plummer secured both wins against Ionia for a 5-"Lowell only had three 3 record so far this season. Against Ionia, she struck out seven batters in game one and six in game two, and walked no one.

Katie McElroy pitched last Thursday against the Wednesday at Greenville, fledgling Forest Hills Eastern. The Red Arrows won that game 21-0.

Lowell had a 4-0 lead until Baseball, cont'd. Lowell's next game the bottom of the fourth page 18 the OK White conference Crab Apple opener. They play at Unity Christian on Friday. 1- Condominiums **Models Open** Wed.-Thurs. -Fri. 4:00 to 6:00 PM Sat. & Sun. 12:00 to 4:00 PM Located at the corner of Bowes Rd. and Valley Vista Dr. in Lowell Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk www.crabapplecove.us ll Alumni Gathering RDAY, MAY 28, 2005 **Brunch and Program** 11700 Vergennes Road • Lowell, Michigan **ERVATION FORM** CITY (Work)\_ HONE (Home)\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS\_ @\$18 each=\_\_\_Check Enclosed for name tag\_ 005, payable to: **Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation** 300 High Street Lowell, MI 49331 will secure your reservations at the ual Lowell All Alumni Gathering us for a memorable time!



Notice for Testing Optical Scan Computer Program for the School Election.

Notice is hereby given that the Optical Scan Computer Program Testing for the May 3, 2005 School Election will be conducted Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302.

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an unassisted goal in the second quarter.

coming in the sixth game against West Ottawa. period of play for the win. the third quarter with a goal best last year's three-win Rapids Catholic Central

Last Tuesday, the With its second win Arrows lost a 13-2 decision Culver also managed of the season, and 11 Lowell, in the middle of a "It was just icey cold," In the first quarter, Mitch by Greg Huiser on an assist season. This is the first year Thursday and face Portage



"Each game we scored in the first inning, but this But Lowell was on the time we got on top, stayed on top and the guys didn't lose focus," Miller said.

Tim Droese got the win at the mound for Lowell.

At Ionia last Wednesday,

inning. The Bulldogs scored three in that inning and ended up winning 11-8. Game two of the doubleheader was suspended due to darkness.

Lowell won two fiveinning games last Thursday at Forest Hills Eastern; they won the first 11-0, scoring in



# **Girls golf splits last** week's dual matches

golf team started last week Stuewe scored a 51. with a 213-235 victory over Golf Club Wednesday.

Mandy Gunberg led the Red Arrows and the field

Lowell's Mandy Gunberg tees off on hole number two last Thursday at Deer Run Golf Club Gunberg had the low score of the match with a 46.

The Lowell girls varsity with a 46 for nine holes. Stef Middleville by a score of Cedar Springs' first Cedar Springs at Deer Run three scorers each shot a 58. Lowell's Brittany Foley was

close behind with a 59. The Red Arrows' undefeated streak in dual meets came to an end last

# Baseball, **continued...**From page 17

people who haven't played," every inning. Tony Adrianse went Miller said three for four with two Quinn was walked to doubles. David Kern also base twice in the game and hit a double in that game. managed to score two runs. one on a triple by Jason Spencer Quinn stole two bases and Jay Ryan got his Welsch. Ryan Kalman went second win of the year at the 2-3 in the game with a mound.

Zach Burger pitched for Lowell's second win of the night, a 7-0 victory. "We played a lot of travel to Unity Christian.

# Track,

several recorded strong 10:40. Lowell also won the performances. Eric Dean 1600-meter relay. won the pole vault, clearing Both the boys team and 10'6". Tom Doll won the the girls team lost to East 100-meter dash with a time Grand Rapids last Tuesday of 11.93. Steve Ellison by the same score: 82-55. (4:47) and Andy Mark (4:49) The girls team opened finished first and second, their OK White season with a 96-42 loss to Sparta respectively, in the 1600 meter. Adam VanderPols Thursday, April 14. The boys won the 400 meter in a close team lost 132-5 that day. finish with a time of 56.3. Lowell hosted

Regan Doyle in 46.8. Mark on Thursday. won the 3200-meter run in

Assisting in planning routes, vehicle scheduling, and maintenance scheduling for vehicles, also responsible for communication functions to ensure economical utilization of all company vehicles. Candidates who have prior experience working for trucking firms or within transportation departments of manufacturers are preferred. Ideal candidates will have dispatch experience with Less Than Truckload (LTL), Truckload (TL), or Broker transportation experience. Additional duties may also include conducting physical inventories, updating inventory lists, and creating bills of lading. Successful candidates will have already obtained a high school diploma, be proficient utilizing MS Word and MS Excel applications, possess strong data entry skills, and be committed to working within a drug free environment. This long term/ possible permanent opportunity has working hours of 10 am - 7 pm. Fax resumes to the attn. of Angela (616-897-4801)

# **TOWNSHIP OF** GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Dld Belding Road, within the Township, on a proposed ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

amending ordinances are the following:

the Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to private pertaining to site plan review. A private road only in accordance with a special land use granted by the Planning Commission after specified; upon approval of a private road special land use, a private road construction permit must be obtained from the building inspector, upon submission of a site plan and other materials.

construction of private roads are specified. An indemnity agreement and private road maintenance agreement are required.

Standards for approval of a private road located in the A-1 or A-2 districts are set forth in the amending ordinance. Other matters in the ordinance include prohibition of the use of private roads for commercial or industrial purposes, except with respect to service drives or shared driveways; time limit on commencement of private road construction; and other matters. The amending ordinance provisions in Section 3.25 with respect to which a public hearing has not previously ordinance. been held.

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includes the following additional or revised amending ordinance. Site plan review by the Planning Commission address, up to the time of the public hearing. is required for platted subdivisions; all Dated: April 8, 2005 residential developments containing three or more lots: all land divisions which result in three or more lots, including the remnant lot

or parcel; any expansion, alteration or changes in uses that require site plan review. In addition, site plan approval includes, where applicable, lands which are offered as part of a common promotional plan for sale or conveyance, in connection with lands that are otherwise subject to site plan review, including lands which are contiguous thereto, as the term is defined in the amending ordinance and within the time specified in the ordinance.

The amending ordinance and the public hearing on May 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the hearing includes only those amendments in said Article 17 with respect to which a public hearing has not previously been held.

2. Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance would add a new Article 14C to the Township Zoning The principal provisions of the proposed Ordinance, covering planned unit developments (PUDs). The Amending ordinance includes 1. Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance provisions on the minimum qualifying conditions includes certain revisions in Section 3.25 of for PUDs; procedures for Planning Commission and Township Board review of applications for roads and driveways and Article 17, PUDs; the required contents and information to be included in development plans for proposed may be constructed, extended or upgraded PUDs; standards under which development plans for PUDs would be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and public notice and public hearing, in Township Board; procedures for approval of accordance with Article 13 of the zoning changes in an approved PUD; provisions on the ordinance. Application requirements are imposing of terms and conditions on PUD approval; time limitations for the commencement construction of an approved PUD; of performance guarantees and other provisions.

3. Ordinance No. 3. This ordinance would amend Article 19 of the Township Zoning Minimum standards for the design and Ordinance, pertaining to administration and enforcement, in its entirety. The amending ordinance includes provisions on requirements for building permits and zoning compliance permits; requirements for certificates of occupancy and payment of applicable fees and reimbursement of Township expenses in zoning proceedings; the issuance of stop-work orders; requirements for performance guaranties; and penalties for violations of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other matters pertaining to enforcement of the ordinance.

Further, the amending ordinance amends and the public hearing covers only those Section 21.01 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the severability of provisions in the

All interested persons may attend the public The proposed amending ordinance hearing and comment on the proposed Written comments provisions in Article 17 of the zoning concerning the ordinance may be submitted to ordinance, pertaining to site plan review: the Township office, at the above-stated

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

195-203. Lowell remains undefeated in OK White dual competition. The Arrows played in

the Forest Hills Northern Invitational Monday. They travel to East Grand Rapids Wednesday and host Grand Thursday as they fell to Rapids Christian on Friday.

> The next game, the league-opener, is Wednesday at Greenville. On Friday, they

## **continued...***From page 15*

Winning the 300-meter Northview Tuesday and the hurdles for Lowell was teams travel to Greenville

### TRANSPORTATION DISPATCHER



## **Financial Focus**

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### **Diversify Your Mutual Fund Holdings**

You've probably heard that it's important to diversify your investments. And it's true: By spreading your money among a range of financial vehicles - stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, etc. - you can give yourself more opportunities for success, and you'll reduce the chances of being hurt by a downturn that primarily affects one type of asset. So here's the big question: How do you diversify?

You'd need to spend a great deal of money to build a diversified portfolio containing a variety of individual investments. Consequently, you may want to invest in mutual funds which, by definition, offer significantly more diversification than investments in solitary stocks or individual bonds.

The More, The Merrier?

Each mutual fund contains dozens, or even hundreds, of securities, so it's tempting to think that the more funds you own, the better diversified you'll be.

But that's not always the case. Suppose, for example, that you are interested in "growth" funds - those mutual funds whose investment goal is long-term capital appreciation. These types of funds invest heavily in stocks of growing companies that are more likely to reinvest their profits into growing their business, rather than paying cash dividends to shareholders. Although there are hundreds of different growth funds, many of them look alike. If you bought several growth

### **BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 05-03**

### 9.06.H. OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING effect. **ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.**

Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force Township Hall on the 18th day of April, 2005, at and effect. 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Christian Wenger, Sandra L. This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) Kowalczyk, Tammi Wingeier, David Fuss, Kim days after publication hereof. Culbertson. ABSENT: None.

The following ordinance was offered by Culbertson and seconded by Fuss

### THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

### SECTION 1 -

**AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9.06.H.** 

Section 9.06.H. of the Bowne Township STATE OF MICHIGAN Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its COUNTY OF KENT entirety as follows:

H. The provisions of Section 3.02 shall not apply to garages, carports or other accessory buildings for multiple-family dwellings. Not more than 2 garage or carport spaces shall be permitted for each dwelling unit of a multiple-family dwelling use. Each garage and carport shall be set back a minimum of 35 feet from any property line abutting a street and shall be set back at least 30 feet from all other property lines and buildings or structures Not more than 2 accessory buildings, other than garages or carports, shall be permitted for a multiple-family dwelling use and such accessory buildings shall not be located within any front yard and not closer than 30 feet from any property line. No garage, carport, or other accessory building shall be used for dwelling purposes.

### funds, you would probably wind up with many similar stocks in slightly different packages. And if one of your funds is adversely affected by market circumstances, the others might be similarly hit, so you could end up losing the key benefit of mutual funds: diversification.

How can you avoid buying a bunch of nearly identical growth funds? Review the prospectuses or annual reports of all the funds you're considering. These documents typically list their funds' individual holdings and the percentages of different types of assets.

Types of Funds

Thus far, we've mostly discussed growth funds. To create a diversified mutual fund portfolio, though, you'll need to consider other types of funds, such as:

· Growth-and-income funds - As the name suggests, growth-and-income funds strive to achieve a mix of capital growth and current income. These types of funds invest in dividend-paying stocks and some bonds.

· Bond funds - You can find mutual funds that focus on corporate, Treasury or municipal bonds. While all these funds seek to provide income, they differ in risk level and tax consequences.

· International funds - International funds invest in stocks in non-U.S. companies. Although such funds can achieve large gains, they are frequently volatile, as they are subject to currency fluctuation and other risks inherent in foreign investments.

Not all types of mutual funds are particularly helpful in building a diversified portfolio. For example, some investors purchase "sector" funds, which primarily invest in the stocks of a particular industry or segment of the economy, such as technology, health care or financial services. Sector funds are, by design, less diversified than other types of mutual funds; as a result, they are generally more risky.

**Choose Your Funds Wisely** With the thousands of mutual funds available, how can

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 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION ordinance, which shall remain in full force and

**SECTION 3 – FULL FORCE AND EFFECT** As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No.

### SECTION 4 – EFFECTIVE DATE

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

### ADOPTED:

Aves: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson. Navs: None. Abstentions: None.

)SS.

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 April 18, 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

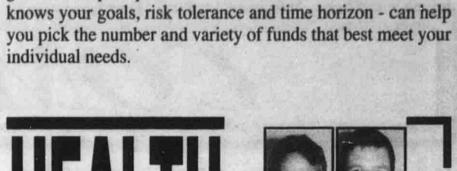
AUTHENTICATED: Chris Wenger, Supervisor

### **SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY**

L.C. M. Company

Date Adopted: April 18, 2005 If any provision of this ordinance or the Date Published: April 27, 2005 THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 27, 2005 PAGE 19

you choose the mix that is right for you? You might want to



get some help. A qualified investment adviser - someone who



### Ringworm

Ringworm is a skin infection caused by a fungus. It is not caused by a worm. It can affect any area of the skin, including the scalp. The affected area typically appears red, itchy and scaling. They are often more red on the outside and normal color on the inside. It usually appears as a ring. It will cause bald patches on the scalp.

This infection can be treated at home with good results. You must keep the area clean and dry. Apply an over-thecounter antifungal cream twice per day for four weeks.

Ringworm is contagious. It can be passed person to person by direct skin contact, or by contact with infected tems such as combs, clothing, or pool/shower surfaces. It can also be transmitted by animals, including dogs, cats, cows and horses.





the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Cubmaster Bruce Doll, tices brief; may submit by imagesofvision.com. mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261. TUES .: Flat River Hudson St.

SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES .: Women's Commu- league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome. nursery and preschool

Bingo. Doors open:11:30 a.m.; 1st game: 1:30 p.m. Reformed Church. Call 9:30 p.m.Round Robin at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except 1ST TUES .: Grattan His- 5759. holidays.

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

MON .: Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Com- 897-2760 or 897-9160. munity Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weight ins.

MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek El- 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794. ementary. Call Dave Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look (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- Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/ 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.

3RDMON .: Fallasburg His- ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at torical Society board Impact, a Wesleyan meetings at chamber of Church, 1070 N. Hudson. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. Call 897-8304. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON .: Women of the

3RD MON .: Peripheral St., Saranac. All are wel-Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 dinner is provided. Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON .: Lowell Show- of Columbus #7719 at St. boat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fel- 3RD TUES .: Parents of club meeting, Lowell lowship Hall.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. meets at Key Heights Mo- Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Church, 2700 E. Fulton. bile Home Park Community tian Reformed Church.

Events" are free to any 3188 at 1st United Meth- noon, Lowell Masonic nonprofit organization in odist Church, 6:30 p.m. Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. Saranac areas. Keep no- 897-9782/email: bruce @ WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON

Woodcarvers meet at

nity Bible Study. Free story hour/craft time 9:45 - 1ST WED .: GR area SUN .: V.F.W. Post 8303 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup- grounds. Call 897-6050. port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

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

Memorial Fire Station, 315 3RD WED .: GR area S. Hudson St.

THIRD TUES .: G.R. Chap- 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round ter of the American Sewing Robin open play, all levels, Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River program. Olga 616-975- THURS .: Weight Watch-9977/June 231-780-1249 for more information. Trunk Church, 201 N. Washingshow by Linda MacPhee, sewing expert.\$3 members: \$5 non-members.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering mat-

2ND & 4TH TUES .: Amity St., non-denomina-Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 4 Health a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: Wellness Center, Bridge come. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light

> 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call 1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED .: Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order or

Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Cub Scout Pack WED .: Rotary meets at of the Moose, men's meet- artscouncil.org.

upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N.

WED .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet 10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 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 Fair-

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

Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

ers at Lowell Nazarene ton 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 tional help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 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 Middle School choir room Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

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

ing at 7:30 p.m.

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

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Parenting For 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Topic: Medication, Behavior and Your Child. Call FLAT RIVER OUT-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 Call SSC at 987-2908 to 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 mile. Call 897-5936 for Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 walker. a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

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

5759.

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 HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free.897-7688

ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Cal 647-3920

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

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 www. lowell

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 897-8565.

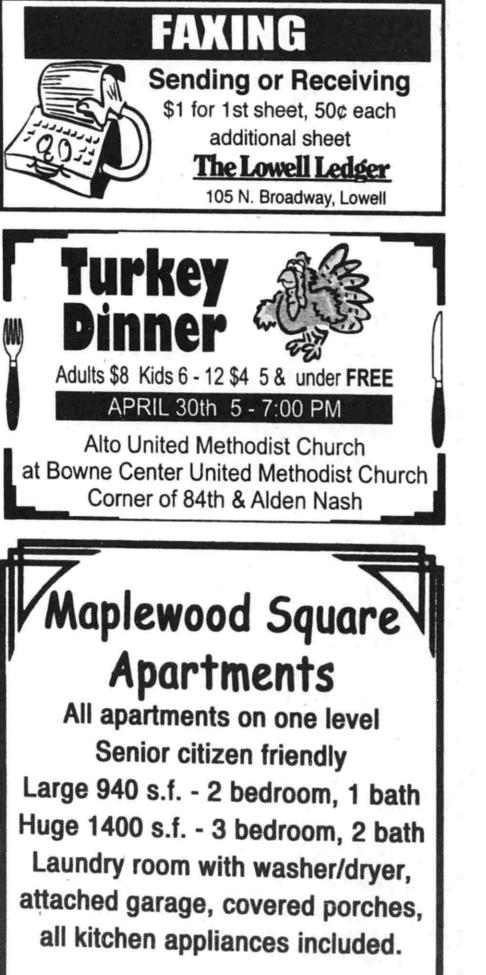
REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURS., APRIL 28: ACT test preparation workshop at LHS, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. register.Cost: \$38.

SAT., APRIL 30: TOTS annual spring almost new sale, 9-12 p.m. Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space.

SUN., MAY 1: CROP Walk at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church, beginning at 1 p.m. 2 mile and 6 info. or to sponsor a

MON., MAY 2: Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, dinner at 6:30



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Contact: Michael Nosko at 616-682-1581 www.maplewoodsquareapts.com

p.m., 211 E. Main St Belding. Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.w/ K-9 team from Ionia Post of the Mi State Police. All Masons are invited.

MON., MAY 2: Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

TUES., MAY 3: 5th grade parent orientation at LMS cafetorium at 7 p.m.

THURS., MAY 5: Vergennes Co-op Club meets at Schneider Manor Activity Room at 1 p.m. Program: Marsha Wilcox.

FRI., MAY 6: 1st United Methodist Church will present Rod Snow, ventriloguist/chalk artist at 7:30 p.m. Hot dog & B.B.Q. dinner. Free will offering.

WED., MAY 11: Snow United Methodist Church family style pork & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; 5-12: \$2.

SAT., MAY 14: Country Roots Band in LPAC at LHS at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 or call Al Eckman at 987-2966 Also available at the door

TUES., MAY 17: Rex Collins Memorial golf outing. Call 897-2184 for entry

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The Ledger 897-0787 Anything Goes

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Nothing is more irritating than Lowell's cable going out in the middle of a program, then to get a late fee for being 1 day late.

To the person that doesn't want sports on the front page of our papers: It's about the best thing we have going on around here.

### I completely agree with the kind words for Ms. Annie Charles. Your child is so lucky to have her for a teacher. There is none better than that sweet lady. We all love her tons.

VFW Bingo -you people need to get it together before everyone quits coming.

Is there anywhere in town to get some good steak fajitas?

What's the best kept secret in Bowne Center? It's the newly remodeled Ladies Aide Museum. It is great!

Why does Lowell need a Secretary of State's office? We can go to Ionia.

Why is it so hard to throw my Buyers Guide on my porch instead of my roof or the mud puddle?

Is it just me or does anyone else find it odd that there is always a gas crisis on the weekend, and that gas can jump up one day and down the next

and then back up.

All interested in having a skate park for the kids in Lowell please come to the city hall meeting Saturday May14 at 8:30 a.m. We need ideas and the kids need our help to get this going.

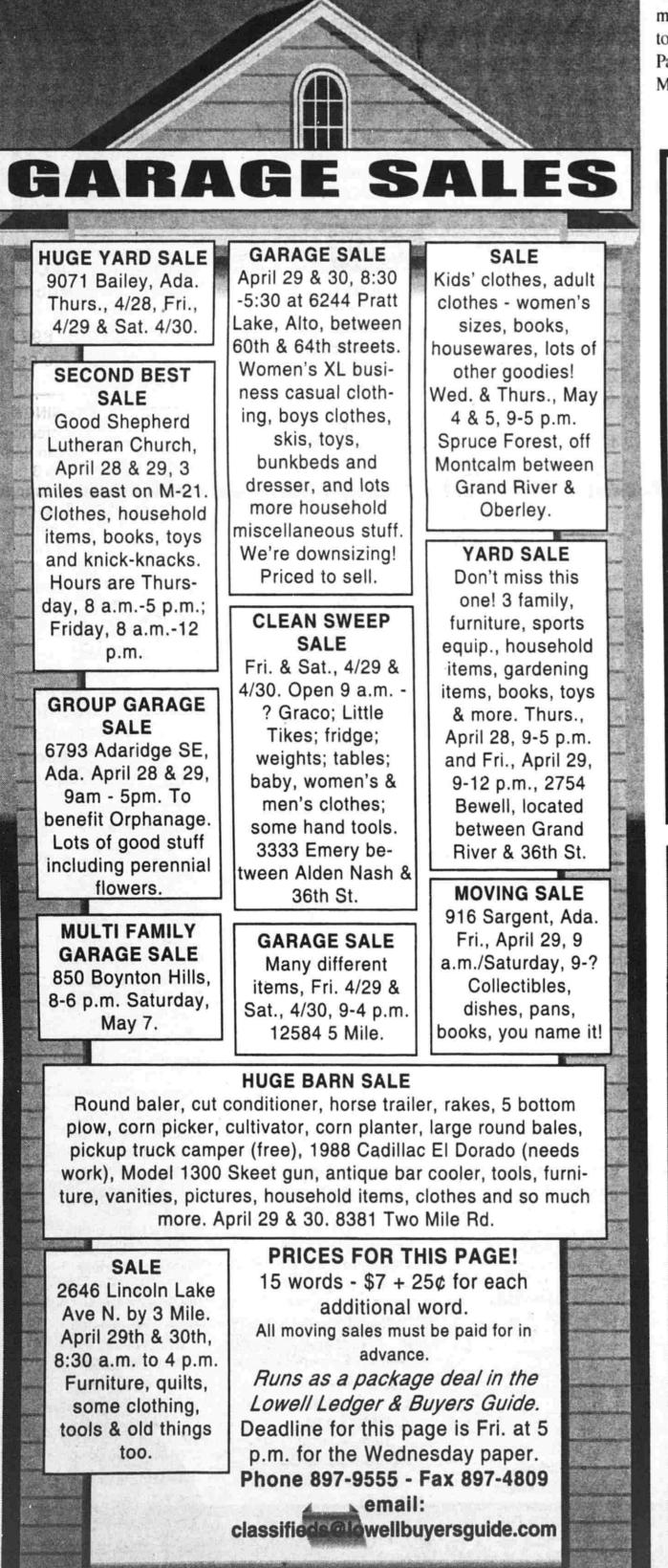
A big thank you to those responsible for the changing themes on the Showboat. Adult and children watch for the special lighted displays.

A huge thank you to Mr. Noskey and the staff and parents from

### Hildenbrand, cont'd. ... From Page 8 "Last week Meijer our state more appealing

build 50 new stores in the next five years. We want many of these 50 new stores to locate in Michigan. Pricing Passing the ModernizationActwillmake

announced they intend to for retailers like Meijer to do business and will put of Michigan on a level playing field with our neighboring states. We cannot afford not to implement this law," Hildenbrand said





With bipartisan support and more than one-third representatives cosponsoring the legislation, HB 4636 is expected to be referred to the House Commerce Committee in the coming weeks.

Murray Lake. Fun

Night was great and

so are you!! The kids

had a terrific time!!

Thank you, Lowell

Freshman staff, for

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MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath trailer in Lowell trailer park. Excellent starter home; in good condition. \$2,000. Call 269-838-8943.

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HOUSE FOR SALE - Lowel Schools, 2.5 acres, 6 years old, 3 bedroom, possible 4th, 1 1/2 bath, 1,763 sq. ft., walkout ranch. 4 miles from town, \$180.000. Call 897-7770.

'98 JEEP CHEROKEE - Burgundy, 4x4, loaded, 4 dr. 62,000 miles. \$7,300. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

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FOR SALE - 2002 Honda Rebel, 250cc, black, under 1,600 miles. Excellent condition. Asking \$3,000. Call 897-5241 and leave message.

\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/plush mattress. Bought, never used. Cost \$800. 517-719-8062.

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### EVENTS

CENTURY POST PUB - 203 E. Main St. Lowell. Live music on Fri. & Sat. nights. Jam Session Wed. nights.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY s Saturday, May 7th at Rook ies Sportcards Plus, 106 W Main, Lowell, 897-5650 Something for everyone! Bring the whole family! . . . . . . . . . . . . .

CHEAP DATE NIGHT Every Friday night all spring & summer long! One hour of bowling and a game of putt putt golf plus unlimited visits to the new hot dog bar!! Up to 6 people only \$20 - after 5pm. \* New auto-scoring RollAway - 805 E Main, Lowell, MI 897-0001.

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WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352.

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RUCK DRIVERS WANTED Local company looking for experienced semi truck drivers. Must have good drivers record, CDL-A license, 3 years experience minimum and a neat, clean appearance. Job consists of mostly Michigan runs with semi and flatbed trailers hauling precast concrete. Applicants must be able to tie down loads and some light labor. Home nights and weekends. Health Insurance, 401(K). Contact Timpson Transport, Inc. 616-897-9032 or fax resume to 616-897-5905.

DRILLER'S ASSIS-TANT - for geotechnical/envi ronmental drilling out of Lowell office **Position** requires heavy lifting, good driving record & fre quent in-state, overnight travel. CDI Class A & 40-hour **HAZWOPER** training a plus, but will train Resumes can be faxed to 269-345-4945 or mailed to West Michigan Drilling, 2960 Interstate Pkwy, Kalamazoo, MI 49048.

MANPOWER IS RE CRUITING FOR CUSTOMER SER VICE SPECIALIST Ideal candidates wi have prior experience working within an insurance agency. Position will start as parttime (1-5 p.m.), but may become full time. Candidates will need to be comfortable entering data into customer specific software program, answe phones, greet clients, handle paperwork & accept customer payments. Fax resumes to Mark at 897-4801

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL is currently seeking a Varsity Wrestling Coach. Those interested should send a re-Barry Hobria, Athletic Direcat 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331.

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FREE TO GOOD HOME Male purebred golden lab 21 months old. Call 897-

FOUND DOG - Young fe-

### HELP WANTED

MANPOWER IS RE-CRUITING FOR A PART-TIME ADMIN-**ISTRATIVE ASSIS-**TANT - Successful candidates will be able to utilize MS office applications - including MS Publisher, be able to use the Internet. email & be comfortable working within a "Windows" environment Other duties include telemarketing, coordinating mass mailings. faxes & some letter generation. This is a long-term position hours are flexible between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m & will be around 15 hours per week. Fax resumes to Mark at 897-4801.

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/ 2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-

HALL FOR RENT - Meetings. banquets, family gatherings, best rates in town! 616-262-9114.

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**3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT IN LOWELL - Close** to schools & downtown. No pets, non-smoking. \$700 per month plus utilities & one month deposit. Call 897-9331.

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### SERVICES

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### SERVICES

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