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# Thousands rally for improved educational funding in Lansing

By Dan Schneider

ore than 40 from Lowell were among the 11,000 people from districts across the state who rallied in front of the Capitol in Lansing last Tuesday.

The goal of the rally was to push state legislators to improve funding for education.

"There's a shortage in the funding of education," said Lowell Middle School math teacher Kris Kropf, who attended the rally. "We're doing more and more and more with less and less and less, and class sizes keep going up."

Earlier this month, the Lowell Area Schools board of education approved a budget including \$1.4 million in cuts for the 2005-2006 school year. It was the fourth consecutive year of

significant budget cuts for the district and the third in which cuts were made of \$1 million or more.

"Lowell is about as lean as you can get and they (state legislators) have to stop playing politics and start doing what's best for kids," Kropf said.

The K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future organized the Lansing rally in favor of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 4582. The legislation seeks to stabilize state funding for schools by guaranteeing increases at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

"If they were approved, they would very definitely help," Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller said of the legislation.

It would make it easier for school administrators to plan budgets, she said. "Like this year, here we are in the middle of the summer not knowing what the funding will be like for schools, it's very difficult to plan," Miller said.

"It sounds like it would do what it is intended to do, which is fund schools at a minimum level when times are tough," said Melissa Cassalina, a parent with four children in the Lowell school district.

Representative Dave Hildenbrand, whose district includes Lowell, met with some of the people from Lowell during a break in a house session last Tuesday afternoon. Hildenbrand opposes House Bill 4582 on the grounds that guaranteed funding for any one state budget item would hinder the legislature in its budgetary role.



More than 40 people from Lowell were among the 11,000 to attend the rally. The Kent County contingent wore bright green shirts.

- Photo submitted by Mark Lessens

"I'm all for getting funding for schools, but I'm hesitant to get guaranteed funding for any program," he said.

The two bills may

have an uphill battle in the legislature, as state legislators are struggling to balance a tight overall school budget. But even if the bills don't pass, those who

attended feel the rally must have focused legislators thoughts on education.

Rally, continued, pg. 10

## Roadwork nearly complete

By Dan Schneider

Avenue south of Lowell could be open to traffic as soon as Fourth of July weekend.

The road has been closed to through traffic from Grand River Drive to Cascade Road since June 13, when the Kent County Road Commission began repaving it. Since then, south- and northbound traffic has been detoured to Snow Avenue. Road commission work crews started putting down the first of two layers of asphalt last Monday.

Without weather delays, the crews will be putting finishing touches on the work this week. That includes painting centerlines and installing guardrails.

Alden Nash will be reduced to one lane this week from Cascade to I-96. Road crews are milling and repaving that road surface one lane at a time. The work nearing completion was more extensive. The old road surface was ground down, left in place, and compacted in an operation known as "crush and shape."

"It turns into an

aggregate base and we inject brine so it stabilizes it," county road engineer for maintenance and local construction Jeff Kocsis said.

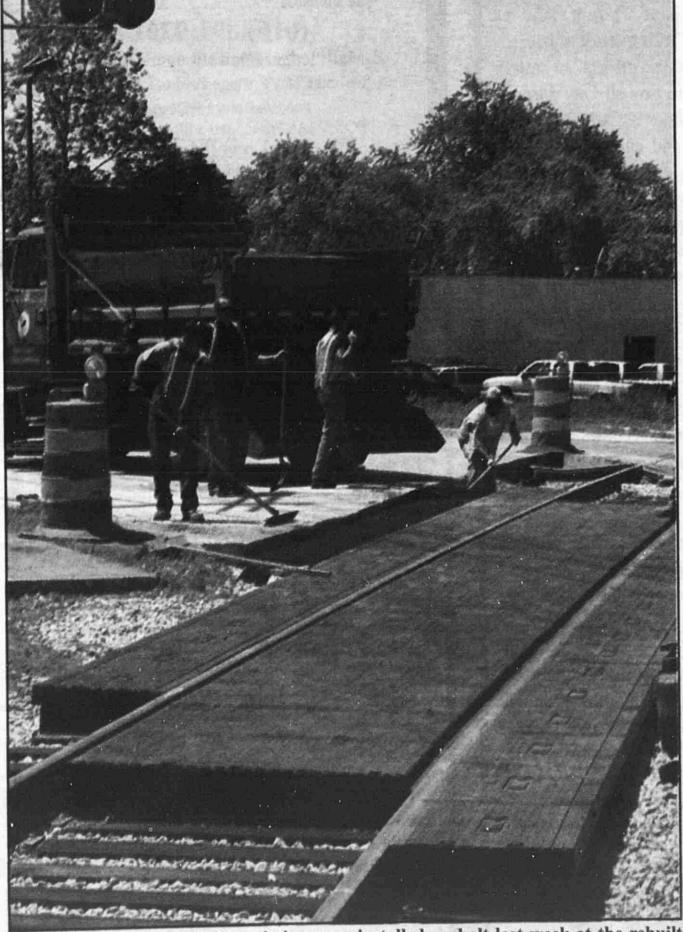
So the old road surface has been recycled into a base for the new road surface. The two layers of pavement add up to three and three quarters inches of asphalt.

Repaving that stretch of road has been on the county schedule since last year. State and federal grants allowed the county to go through with the repaving this year.

One lane of Main Street west of downtown was closed for most of last week. Eastbound traffic was detoured onto Bowes Road.

A work crew from Cleveland installed new railroad tracks at the crossing. The crossing was smooth for cars to begin with, but the rails were in rough shape. New rubber spacers were installed to make the road surface flush with the tracks. The crossing will also get new signals, but their installation should not interfere with traffic.

Roadwork, cont'd., pg. 3



A Kent County Road Commission crew installed asphalt last week at the rebuilt railroad crossing on Main Street west of downtown.





HALBEISEN Bonnie L. Halbeisen, 50, of

Charlotte, Michigan, died

Charlotte Schools. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and enjoyed crochet and embroidery. She is Mrs. Halbeisen was born survived by her husband of June 3, 1955, in Lansing, 19 years, Dennis Halbeisen; of Moten son Douglas; siblings (Carpenter) Meredith (Robert) Kaiser of Fielder. She was employed Duncanville, Texas; Gerald at Sparrow Hospital as a (Julie) Fielder of Potterville; coordinator Daniel Fielder of Largo, for 20 years and as a sub- Fla., Rebecca Cain of stitute paraprofessional for Potterville; mother-in-law

Catherine Halbeisen; in-laws to American Cancer Society Stephen (Valli) Halbeisen, and Eaton Community Katy (Doug) Shumaker, Hospice. Ian Halbeisen, Mary Ann

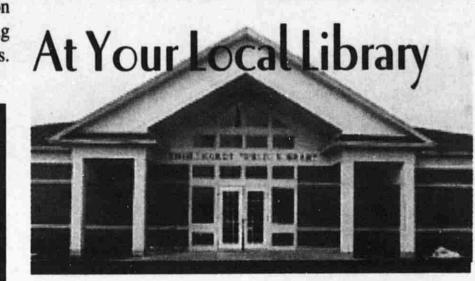
Halbeisen all of Charlotte;

#### WITTENBACH

Mary Ellen Wittenbach, aged Alan (Linda) Halbeisen of Ada; many nieces and 71, of Cheyboygan, formerly nephews. She was preceded of Lowell, died Friday, June in death by her parents, 24, 2005 at her home in daughter Bethany Renee, Cheyboygan due to health niece Heather Fielder. complications, in the care Funeral services were held of Hospice. Mary resided June 22 at Calvary Baptist in the Cheyboygan area for sister Nola. She is survived Church with Pastor Mark the past year and a half. She Booth officiating. Interment was an active member of at West Carmel Cemetery the Cheyboygan Council on in Charlotte. Memorial Aging. She enjoyed working contributions may be made on crafts and ceramics.

Mary was dedicated to her by many cousins. Funeral faith and looked forward services were held Tuesday at to participating in church South Boston Bible Church, activities. Mary was a 1952 Rev. Ronald Tuinstra graduate of Saranac High School and a 1956 graduate contributions may be made of Albion College. She to South Boston Bible assisted her parents in a Church, 6958 Kyser Rd., family-owned business. She Route #3, Lowell 49331 or was preceded in death by her Hospice of the Straits, 722 parents Paul C. and Mildred South St., Cheyboygan, MI (Reeder) Wittenbach, infant 49721.

officiating.



#### USED BOOK SALE AT ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY

A used book sale will be held on Friday, July 8 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. under the tent along the Riverwalk.

The book sale includes fiction, non-fiction, children's self-help and inspirational books, texts, and more. Tapes and CDs will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library.

This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force.

- Dorothy Parker

#### STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005**

To: Mayor Shores, Members of the Lowell City Council and Citizens of Lowell

As provided over the last several years, the State of the City address gives this community the opportunity to review our conditions as a municipality. What has occurred over this last year which affects Lowell? What challenges and opportunities lie ahead? As a City, how do we respond?

At the last City Council meeting, the budget was adopted. As with the previous two budgets, the process continues to be difficult. Total property tax revenues have been projected to increase \$64,000 while total General Fund revenues are expected to decrease approximately \$2,000. Overall, the General Fund balance is just over \$40,000.

Again, the slow Michigan economy and the continued after effects of job losses within this community continue. State Revenue Sharing, though expected to remain at last year's level, is still well over \$100,000 less per year than just four

My pledge continues that fiscal constraints will be utilized in all funds the City has.

Positive economic trends continue for Lowell. Seventy-five residential building permits totaling over 2.8 million dollars were issued for new construction and renovations in 2004. Also, twenty-four commercial permits were undertaken last year amounting to \$855,000. In particular, Crab Apple Cove condominium apartments located at the northwest corner of Valley Vista and Bowes were completed as well as the construction of Clarke Street allowing for the eventual construction of duplex units.

The downtown continues to be strong. A primary concern has been traffic volume and speed along Main Street in the Central Business District. Through the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority, this issue is being closely examined. A speed board funded through the DDA and the Lowell Area Community Fund draws attention to motorists by displaying speeds. Intersection crossings will be provided to aid pedestrians. A mid block crossing by the Riverwalk is being reviewed.

While there is much encouragement about Lowell's future, the City must continue to be proactive.

The following are the goals to be pursued:

· Continue to support the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Historic District Commission as key economic development tools. The DDA as a first priority will assist in projects which provide business growth or retention. The Downtown Historic District Commission has through grants received funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund, provided assistance on a matching basis for 61

building renovation projects totalling \$315,000 This has given new impetus for businesses in the downtown.

- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce as an important part of the City's economic development strategy. As a coordinator of events such as the Summer Concert Series (with the Lowell Area Arts Council), Riverwalk Festival and the Christmas Parade, the Chamber acts as the voice of local businesses and industries.
- · Be in communication with organizations such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Right Place Program, which can promote the growth of businesses. This past year, visits to Attwood, Root Lowell and Metric Manufacturing were made to keep these organizations and the
- · Promote a concerted effort to continue to upgrade City streets. This summer, portions of Grindle Drive will be reconstructed. Federal funding has been sought for Gee Drive reconstruction in 2006.
- · Sidewalks, particularly with school walks and in conjunction with street construction projects, need to be emphasized. Walks on Ridgeview and Beech will be completed this Summer.
- · Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell Area Arts Council, the YMCA and the Kent County Youth Fair as important resources to the City's quality of life.
- Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport, thereby qualifying for State assistance. The attaining of air easements and cutting of trees is scheduled by the Fall.
- Continue to cooperate with the Lowell Area Schools along with Lowell and Vergennes Townships on recreational matters. As part of this cooperative venture, a community walking trails study has been completed. The starting of a trail system is planned by this Fall through the Lowell Area Recreation Authority.
- Plan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment Plants. Wellhead Protection Program and Water Reliability (Master Plan) Study have been started and are toward completion.

As mentioned in previous years, while projects have been provided in our goals, the City places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of

> Respectfully submitted, David M. Pasquale City Manager



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#### LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005** 

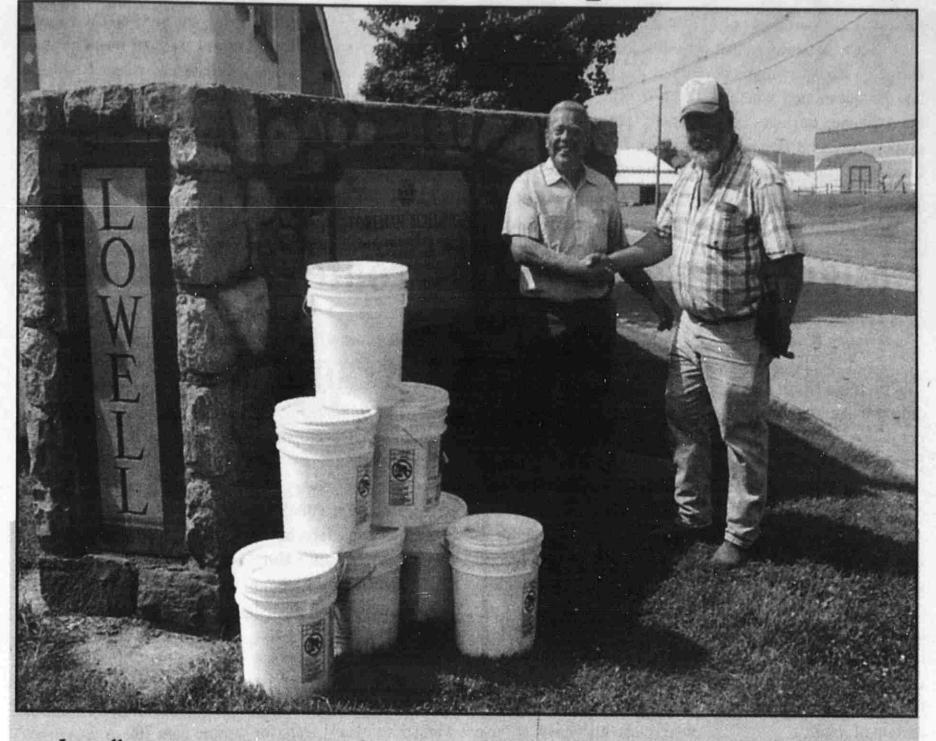
at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

Quality Express LLC has made application for a variance from Section 5.4 I IC of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for vaccums to be located in the front yard of property located at 11729 Fulton Street, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-401-046.

Written comments should be received by Tuesday, July 5, 2005, and can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

### Fair donation of paint



Lowell waste water treatment plant manager Mark Mundt, representing EarthTech, Inc., presented 35 gallons of paint to Lowell Fairgrounds' manager Ron Wenger last Friday. Earth Tech is donating the paint so the Foreman Building on the fairgrounds can be repainted in time for this year's Kent County Youth Fair. The fair takes place Aug. 6-13 this year.

#### Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show scheduled

Gas & Steam Engine Show, be demonstrations of wheat sponsored by the Charlton threshing, stationary bailing Park Gas & Steam Club, will and shingle cutting. Many be held at Historic Charlton antique engines from the Park on Friday, July 8, and Irving Charlton collection Saturday, July 9.

on Friday and at 10 a.m. steam engine. on Saturday with a tractor

The 34th annual Antique parade each day. There will will be on display, as well The event opens at noon as a rare 1863 Westinghouse

Activities include kids' tractor pull and a penny scramble, along with a flea market, craft fair and food concessions.

Owners can register their tractors, gas and steam engines, beginning July 7. Call 269-945-3775 for more information.

**ADA-LOWELL 5** 

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#### Roadwork, cont'd.... From Page 1

news, work crews started demolishing streetcorner curbs in downtown Lowell last Wednesday to make way for new handicapped ramps in the sidewalks. The construction caused little disturbance to traffic. Soon, the Michigan Department of Transportation will paint

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crosswalk lines across Main Street at the sites of the new sidewalk ramps.

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#### SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

This Thursday River City Jazz Ensemble (Big Band) will perform from 7-9 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza. Free admission, handicap/senior parking; bleacher seating is available or bring your lawn chairs!

#### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. will sponsor a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday July 6 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

#### RIVERWALK FESTIVAL

Festivities begin Friday, July 8 for the annual festival in downtown Lowell. Lots of events both Friday and Saturday. Call the chamber at 897-9161 for more information.

#### **USED BOOK SALE**

Friends of Englehardt Library will sponsor a used book sale on Friday, July 8, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, July 9, 10-4 p.m. All kinds of books plus tapes and CDs. Under the striped tent along the Riverwalk. Proceeds will benefit Englehardt Library.

#### ORGANEK FUNDRAISER

A bone marrow drive for Anna Organek will be held on July 10 at the Lena Lou, Ada. \$10 donation at the door. Another drive on July 12 at Lowell High School from 12-8 p.m. Info: visit www.help-anna.org.

#### TOWN BAND FORMING

If you are interested in being part of a town band, please call cell #616-894-4667. For all ages; any musical ability welcome.

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Contact: **Lowell Community Wellness** at (616) 340-7781

for more information.

Lowell Community Wellness is funded through the Lowell Area Community Fund.

the ordinance infringes on a a nice, presentable business

"I want to be able to to our store."

the day. And if the Lowell City promoted the city to cite Council goes by the Lowell Planning Commission's recommendation, Bernard and other business owners complaint basis. According won't have to move their to city staff, Bernard came

reviewed the requirement from such a policy. that allows outdoor displays those displays to be moved in

Charlie Bernard, owner not be required to move

Bernard was surprised

The commission, at of months ago requesting the request of the council, that the council grant relief

within 10 feet of the city's meeting, Bernard presented right-of-way, but requires several examples - for all along Beech Street since

### GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW** 

> June 13, 2005 5 Mile & Parnell

> > Ron Ekins EarthTech Operations

after the business closes. The informational purposes only operate my business and

"That's great," said Bernard upon learning that was what the commission was proposing to do.

to learn that others had outdoor display. This him for not following the ordinance. The city enforces the ordinance on a before the council a couple

use the money where it was and decided her suggestion To Tonia North it really needed, it just made more was a good one. They asked Myers noted

proposed would accommodate passed unanimously by city that route to travel to school. Also, that section of Lincoln Lake has a factory that lets and a church that is added on, provide a better pedestrian along with Hunt's vehicular for the North Kent Transit

"When I heard of the Pasquale and Department of handicap residents. The city. proposal, I just saw a better Public Works director Dan city had earmarked \$6,000,

and he questioned whether keep it neat. I want it to be look nice" and that this done to help. process is a good example received a complaint; 5.

placed along Beech to

- of other businesses that would like you to be fair Shores said she believed went through its process to currently stand in violation, about it," Bernard said. "We "Charlie's wood chips determine what could be

The proposed change property owner's rights and because I want to entice you of government working. now heads to the city council and everybody else to come Shores said the council for review on Tuesday, July

### Designating safer walking routes for children

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

didn't make any sense to put sidewalk along Beech Street, and within a couple included sidewalks being Block Grant money for clerk Betty Morlock said, of weeks she had city staff and the council agreeing Beech streets. Beech Street, Lincoln Lake, said she ends shortly after Birchwood At the Monday night didn't understand why the Court, and only has about two from Beech to Lincoln 512 riders utilize the North city wanted to put sidewalk school children on it. it dead ends after Birchwood Street section that North of Hunt. The proposal of the Kent County program for vehicle traffic on the about 14 school children the council. "I just really riders and the Rockford area,

> section of road. an alternative route, that route, especially for children activity, she said. walking to school.

use of the sidewalks," North said during the city council meeting last week. "I think

as North pointed out, dead

who currently have to use

if we would prioritize and DesJarden met with North but raised that to \$10,000.

Councilman Charles the high that the \$45,799.83 in increase in use over the past The original proposal Community Development several years, which city placed on Ridgeview and this year be redirected "People know it's there to sidewalk could be use.'

From July 2004 to April Birchwood Court, Hunt 2005, the city had a total of Lake and completed Kent Transit program. The The Lincoln Lake/Hunt from Lincoln Lake north city is the third highest user with Plainfield having 2,209 wanted to thank Dan for more than 700.

taking the time to listen to The council noted that as budgets get tighter, the The council also program's funding may have out around the end of school unanimously approved an to be reexamined. Pasquale increase in grant funding said that the city can cap its contribution and once the program which provides money is gone, the program City manager David rides for senior citizens and will stop running within the

#### House GOP approves school funding

me," North said.

have struggled with less Republican colleagues to \$25 more per student under state revenue will receive ensure that local schools the plan. additional funding under a receive their fair share. plan approved last Wednesday by the state House that brings districts will receive a Schools will greater fairness to the school \$175 increase in per-pupil aid funding formula.

(R-Lowell) Hildenbrand

All Michigan school District, funding. Schools receiving their per-pupil Dave less than \$7,200 in perpupil foundation grant

School districts that worked closely with his would receive an additional

In the 86th House Lowell Area receive the additional \$25, bringing funding increase to \$200.

"Making schools are funded well has been one of my priorities since coming to Lansing," said Hildenbrand. "These additional resources are critical in helping young people receive a quality education so they can be successful in the future."

HB 4887 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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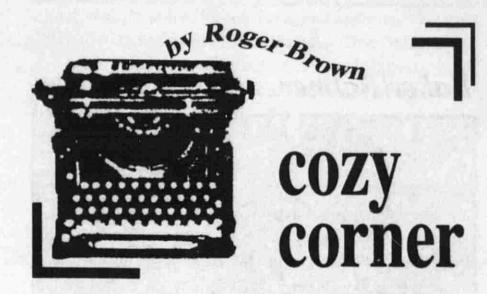
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## THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 29, 2005 PAGE 5 Viewpoint



Where I live, the nearest mall is at least three hours by car. I like it that way. Some women, and perhaps a few guys, have a problem with that particular issue. In fact, homes come on the market because wives become disillusioned with island life and contract a severe case of "mall withdrawal." Happens all the time.

mainland for a doctor appointment. In what must have been an incredibly weak moment, I volunteered to ride along. I knew full well that once in the proximity of the malls we would be sucked in like some mysterious black hole in an outer space movie. Just call me Captain Kirk.

I had not been in a mall since last October. And then it was only to take in the latest Coen Brothers movie. Prior to that, I couldn't tell you when I had been in a mall. We are talkin' years ... not months, weeks or days. I repeat, I like it that way.

Sure enough, after the appointment we were immediately vacuumed up by a large mall. Terese took off to do her thing while I was left to explore the only store remotely tripping my trigger. It took all of ten minutes to take in the Banana Republic. I bought a pair of sunglasses at a kiosk, then found a really comfortable chair in a little rest area. I snoozed a bit the tall box containing my chainsaw-on-a-pole. The box before Terese showed up and we were outta there. All in all, it was a rather painless mall experience.

Then we were off to Costco. These big box stores are a sapling. slightly less annoying than malls. They have enough "guy stuff" displays to hold my interest. I checked out big screen TVs, some handyman junk, books, DVDs and that's about it. I did grab an assortment of Dremmel tool bits and a little chainsaw on a pole for trimming trees. (I will have one of those big plasma TVs before football season. I've got this feeling about the Lions this year.)

I followed my wife around in the food section and curbed my appetite by partaking in all those samples they hand out. I did latch on to a huge container (all containers are huge in these warehouse stores) of really plump, juicy blueberries. It was a four-pound plastic box that probably held two or three quarts of berries. That's a lot of berries for two people, but into the cart it went.

**TENNIS ELBOW** 

the tendons on the outside (or lateral side) of the elbow at a

bony prominence of the upper arm. Although this condition

is called "tennis elbow," it is not limited to tennis players.

Any repetitive motion of the wrist can cause this condition.

Some of these activities include tennis, hedge clipping, ex-

cessive use of a hammer or screwdriver, painting, or any

activity that requires excessive constant gripping or squeez-

outer bony part of the elbow, morning stiffness of the elbow

with persistent aching, soreness in the forearm, and pain

worse when grasping or holding an object. Tennis elbow

usually does not lead to serious problems, although if the

condition continues and is left untreated, loss of motion or

Symptoms of tennis elbow include tenderness on the

Tennis elbow is a condition caused by inflammation of

It was the usual pandemonium at the checkout counter If you have never been in a Costco, the entry traffic is routed past the checkout lines. I guess this is an effort to make you see what everyone else is buying as you enter the store. The hope is that you'll succumb to the "keeping up with the Joneses" syndrome. That's one theory. The other is that Costco has lousy planners on staff.

If you get the sense I might be building up to something, you might be right. Here we are, next in line at the checkout and beginning to unload our cart onto the conveyor. We are at the center of the shopping vortex, or black hole that I alluded to earlier. It was chaos, hub-bub and pandemonium all rolled into one. We were smack in the middle of it.

Imagine the "Jaws" music here as I reach for the huge package of blueberries perched on the shelf at the rear of the cart. I palmed the container like it was a basketball and lifted. In mid-air the container and its lid sort of collapsed. One day last week my wife had to make the trek to the The container separated from the lid and four pounds of juicy, plump blueberries spewed over a wide area.

> The berries went everywhere. They are round and rolled really well on the concrete floor. A huge traffic jam immediately ensued as people tried to circumvent the mess I'd made. Others, the oblivious types like me, tromped right on through, squishing berries all over the place. Two out-ofcontrol little boys, whose mother had already been yelling at them incessantly, began eating the berries off the floor. Of course this made the mother yell even more. A plea for a clean-up crew went out over the public address system. It was quite a show.

> Terese busily proceeded with her check-out and pretended not to notice what was going on around her. She made every effort to distance herself from the culprit, saving me from a lecture there on the spot. I tried to hide behind was tall enough, but nowhere near wide enough to conceal my girth. I must have looked like Yogi Bear hiding behind

> It wasn't long before a clean-up crew was busily rounding up the berries and wiping up the squished ones. One of the crew even hustled off and got us a fresh box of berries. He made certain to load them on the conveyor for

> The next time my wife has an excuse to do a little shopping, I'm guessing she won't invite me along. If she does, I'll simply remind her of the blueberry incident and the invitation will be immediately withdrawn. It may be years before she dares take me shopping again. And, as I mentioned way back at the beginning of this piece, "I like

function of the elbow and forearm can develop. You should

see your physician if you have pain that limits your daily ac-

tivities, pain that continues despite resting and icing the el-

bow, or if any weakness or numbness in the hand develops.

prevent further injury and decrease pain.

pain has gone away.

There are several treatments you can try at home for

If treatment with OTC medications, ice and rest doesn't

inflamed area. Although generally safe, these are usually

limited to 2-3 per year. Surgery is a last resort, and is usually

reserved for those who have had symptoms for more than

6-12 months despite aggressive treatment with nonsurgical

To help prevent tennis elbow from recurring, continue

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

**Ledger Entries** 

#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JUNE 30, 1880**

The Journal is 15 years old this week. Black raspberries and new potatoes are in the market,

and buyers are paying 37 cents for wool. From next week until election the Journal will be delivered to new subscribers for 10 cents a month.

The "boss trip" of the season is the Evening Newssponsored excursion to the White Mountains.

The Marquette & Mackinac railroad is being built Objective: joining the two peninsulas.

#### 100 YEARS JUNE 29, 1905

This issue and all issues until August 10 are missing.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 26, 1930

July 4 will feature horse races - pacers, trotters and runners - at Recreation Park.

Ledger Entries is now a front-page column of gleaned news items, some with comment. One item: many farm animals in Manhattan (New York).

Officer Delaney asks local drivers not to turn around in the middle of a block. Some minor accidents have resulted. Kent County Red Cross addresses the problem of too

many ambulances showing up at an accident scene. Several teachers are recognized by the Tuberculosis Society for conducting 12-week projects of observing several healthy practices (handwashing, healthy diet, etc.) for their classes.

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 30, 1955

Main Street widening is rechecked at residents' request to save as many trees as possible.

tennis elbow. Icing the area twice a day for 20 minutes helps An eager pickpocket badly rips Dennis Bowler's pants; decrease inflammation and relieves pain. Over-the-counter four observant boys run after the thief, chasing him past a anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen may help patrol car. Arrest follows.

decrease the pain and help with healing. Rest the area to All state police, plus 216 National Guardsmen, are assigned to July 4 weekend traffic patrol.

The old blacksmith shop in back of Gee's Hardware

work, your physician may have you use an elbow strap to will be torn down to create parking space. help take the pressure off the inflamed tendon. A course of The wallet from a purse stolen June 17 is recovered physical therapy may be needed to help increase flexibility while the river is down for work on the Showboat. The and strength. Steroid injections can also be made into the young thieves missed finding the hidden \$105 before they

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 25, 1980

The Eastgate Grand Slam Sale is this weekend. People your treatment plan for the prescribed length of time. If pain over Michigan bring their stuff to sell and/or buy.

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I. THE PRINCIPLE OF OBEDIENCE (from the heart) Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe. When we keep God's Word and all its principles, we show that we are really trusting God.

What is the result? It is length of days, long life, and peace. This verse is not a reason why some people live to an old age while others die young. It is not the number of years that you live that counts, it is how you live those years.

II. THE PRINCIPLE OF INTEGRITY (mercy and truth) Mercy is compassion shown toward an offender, while truth means to do all things honestly to the point of not even appearing otherwise.

What are the results? It is favor and good understanding in the sight of both God and man. This means that we will have God's approval and man's also. The one that really counts is God. See Proverbs 16:7.

III. THE PRINCIPLE OF TRUST In all circumstances we are to place our reliance on the integrity, ability and character of God rather than ourselves or other people.

What is the result of trusting God? It is His guidance. His guidance is better than ten thousand human advisers. The God who created the universe knows all about the future and knows the best way for us. "Jesus lead all the way" should be our theme song of life.

IV. THE PRINCIPLE OF DISCERNMENT Too many people think they know what is best for them. I remember reading somewhere: "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are very few old, bold pilots." It is because old pilots use discernment.

What is the result? It is good health. This does not mean that everyone with bad health did not use discernment, nor does it mean that everyone with good health is a discerner.

enjoyed much good physical health but had God's healthy blessings in their lives and ministries.

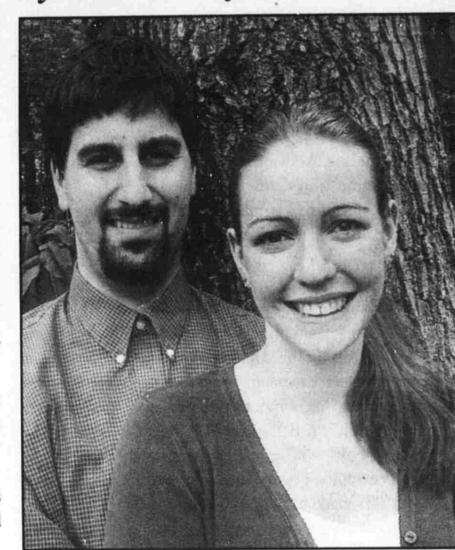
that you cannot out-give God. If you wait to give to the Lord after you pay your bills, you will come up short every time. But if you give to Him first, you will be surprised how far your money stretches. Do not rob God or yourself opinions!

There have been many great people of God who never of obedience to this principle. Tithes are not seeds. Tithes belong to the Lord. Seeds are sown after the tithe is given.

What is the result? It is Prosperity. Prosperity for the V. THE PRINCIPLE OF GIVING This is the principle believer may not be seen in dollars and cents. It could be a car that runs and runs when it should have given up. These are blessings from the Lord, too.

Lord, help me to live by your principles, not by my

## Engagements Ryerson/Moerdyke



Jerry Moerdyke and Jayme Ryerson

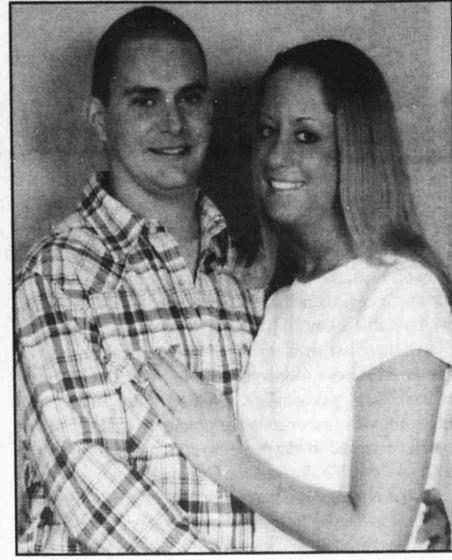
of Lowell will exchange Plante and Moran. marriage vows on July 9, 2005 at Fallasburg Park.

The bride-elect the daughter of Marshall Ryerson of Cascade and the late Gina Ryerson. She is a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a master's degree in

Jayme Ryerson of accounting. She is currently Cascade and Jerry Moerdyke employed in Detroit with

> 2000 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a computer engineering degree. He is employed at Cosworth Technologies in Novi.

#### Baker/Balmer



Nathan Balmer and Elizabeth Baker

their daughter, Elizabeth Lee Grand Ledge. to Nathan Edward Balmer, son of George Balmer of a graduate of Holt High Dimondale and Betty Jo School. He is a commercial Owen of Punta Gorda, Fla.

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The future groom is the College of Education at Rogers. Grand Valley State University, received dean's list recflooring installer for Trust ognition for winter semester

The couple are planning University with a Bachelor to marry July 22, 2005 in

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It was Vacation Bible School, and each evening over 180 children, teens and adult leaders filled the "main tent."

One event featured Bible stories of famous Bible characters such as Samson "the strong man" and Daniel "the lion tamer." The remainder of the time rotated with crafts/ snacks, Bible memory and games.

A highlight was a special musical "show" by the PIC (Puppets In Christ) team. This is a teen ministry group that will be traveling to Guyana, South America, for a 10-day mission trip.

The week-long event was a positive input to the children involved.

At right, "Circus Performers" front row, left to right, were: Leah Jelsma, CiJi Eickhoff, Carter Morehouse, Becky Green, Bryan Burnham and Angelica Williams; back row: Sharon Vosovic, Andy Johnson, Randy Fleenor, Nicole Green and Phil Raimer.

#### College News

Northwood University in Midland has announced its dean's list for spring term. To achieve this recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Jackson.

From Lowell is Ashley Rickert. dean's list. From Alto is Kelley

a student must maintain at cine/Pediatrics at Detroit least a 3.5 grade point av- Medical Center. with a 4.0 grade point aver- erage for the semester and

in secondary education and

will graduate in December.

age. Foster, a 2000 Lowell have at least a 3.3 cumula-High School graduate, is tive grade point average.

**Brett Plattner** received his medical doctor degree Calvin College has from Wayne State Univerannounced its spring 2005 sity on June 7. A 1997 Lowell High School graduate, From Lowell is Eric he received his undergradu-Moulton. From Alto are ate degree in microbiology Adam Boot, Sara Krips, from Kansas State Univer-Brady Foster, who is in Renee Owen and Amanda sity. Plattner will begin his four-year residency in the To receive this honor, specialty of Internal Medi-

Cadet Aaron S. Ritzema

Cadet Aaron S. Ritze- Society, Dames of the Court ma, son of Dion and Cather- Honor for excellence in the ine Ritzema of Alto, gradu- EE Sequence, and was inated from the United States ducted into the Eta Kappa Military Academy on May Nu National Honor Society 28. While at West Point he for EE. Following compleearned his Bachelor of Sci- tion of the Officer Basic ence degree in electrical Course at Ft. Gordon, GA. engineering and was com- Ritzema will be stationed in missioned a second lieuten- Germany as a member of the

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making people neglectful it lets in disaster.

There is a dangerous optimism

of ignorance and indifference.

Kayleigh Page. JULY 1: Brandon Hewitt. JULY 2: Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Rhodes, Tara Sherman, Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Peter Timinski.

Roth, Mary Jo Buechler.

JUNE 30: Sheila Yeiter, JULY 3: Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman. JULY 4: Anne Armstrong, Bob Canfield. Barb Austin, Zachary

Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne JULY 5: Dave Burdette, Ed Walling. Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis,

Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page,

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Page, Devinne Ossewaarde,

JULY 6: Marty DeYoung,

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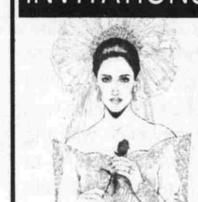
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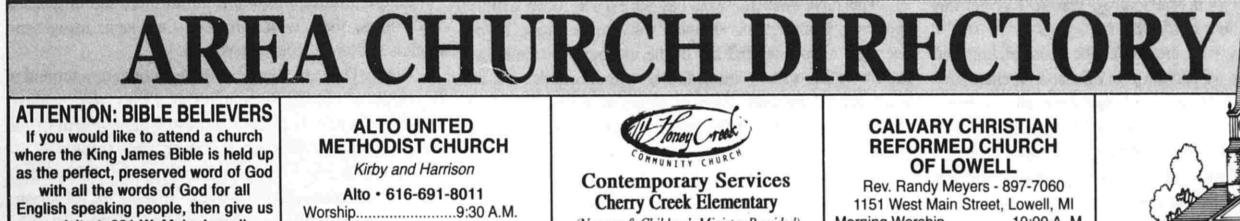
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### DeHaan retires as varsity gymnastics coach after 12 years

By Dan Schneider

gymnastics team, only four

assistant the season before, what I was doing." and the only person The small team she of them are from Lowell gymnasts.

interested in the job when coached her second year did schools, but some come from looking for a new high school gymnastics coach.

"He kind of took a chance on hiring me and I'm glad he did," DeHaan said.

Lowell High School athletic not discourage her. She saw Ionia, Caledonia, Saranac In Michele DeHaan's director Barry Hobrla started it as a sign that something fresh was going to have to continue in Lowell.

So she started offering gymnastics classes at the to step down as head coach old when she took over the "Obviously, it was really Lowell YMCA. That grew in order to spend more coaching job from Annette rough just because I was so into a community education time with her family and Pearson. She was Pearson's young and I didn't know class with beginner gymnasts accomplish more things ages three and four. Most with the community ed

and home-schooling.

"I would say I have happen for gymnastics to close to 140, 150 kids I see in a week," DeHaan said.

She recently decided



Michele DeHaan

or subordinate to a principal farming use

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 20th day of June, 2005,

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP** 

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-05** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.08, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT

REGULATIONS, AND SECTION 5.05 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING

ORDINANCE REGARDING MINIMUM LOT AREA, MAXIMUM LOT AREA FOR

NON-AGRICULTURAL DWELLINGS, AND MINIMUM LOT WIDTH IN THE AG

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

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

at 7:30 p.m., local time.

ABSENT: None. Culbertson and seconded by Wenger.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS: SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION effect.

change the Minimum Lot Area in the AG and effect. District from "3 acres" to "1 acre," change the Minimum Lot Width in the AG District from SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE "330 feet" to "250 feet," and to add footnote (11) to read as follows:

"(11) The maximum lot area in the AG District for non-agricultural single-family residential dwellings shall not exceed five (5) acres, as provided in Section

SECTION 2 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION Abstentions: None 5.05

Section 5.05 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as COUNTY OF KENT amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

5.05 HEIGHT, AREA, AND DIMENSION REGULATIONS

The use of land and buildings in this zoning district, including parcel splits pursuant to Section 5.06, shall meet all regulations in this Ordinance, the Schedule of Regulations, and the following:

Minimum Lot Area: 1 acre 250 feet Minimum Lot Width: 40 feet Front Setback: 25 feet Side Setback: Rear Setback: 70 feet Maximum Lot Area 5 acres\*

\*Maximum Lot Area applies only to nonagricultural single-family dwellings. For purposes of this Ordinance, an "agricultural single-family dwelling" is a single-family dwelling that is incidental to on the same parcel of at least 40 acres, and a "non-agricultural single-family dwelling" is any single-family dwelling other than an agricultural single-family dwelling.

#### **SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY**

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

The table of the Schedule of District SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT Regulations in Section 4.08 of the Bowne As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force

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

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

Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson Nays: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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 June 20, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

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

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

AUTHENTICATED: Chris Wenger, Supervisor

Date Adopted: June 20, 2005 Date Published: June 29, 2005

"By not coaching at the sees stepping down as high school, I'll have more varsity coach as a means of time to spend with the young getting more time to do that ones," DeHaan said.

She still plans to be involved with high school what I'm doing with the example, for years she has (of the varsity team)," she had the varsity team pass out posters at elementary schools to attract kids to the march in parades downtown. They also used to perform

sort of thing.

"I would like to keep gymnastics from the little kids and do some of the perspective of promoting promotional things, and let it around town. As an someone else be in charge

But she'll miss the closeness she's developed sport. The young gymnasts from grade schoolers to varsity gymnasts.

"You've got a place in routines during halftimes at your heart for them, that's basketball games. DeHaan for sure," DeHaan said.

## Rodenhouse named district softball coach of the year

The coaches in Lowell's softball district named Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse the district softball coach of the year this season. He coached his team past Grand Rapids Central and Northview for the Arrows' first softball district championship since 1988. Rodenhouse has coached the Red Arrow softball team for 22 seasons. This year, Lowell's 27-9 record broke the school record for most wins in a season.

### **LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

THE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. JULY HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY -9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY - CLOSED Restoring the Circle

A native dancer in full regalia moves around the dance circle Sunday during the "Restoring the Circle" Pow Wow at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Master of ceremonies Larry Plamondon explained that bustles of feathers, such as the one this dancer wears on his back, take hundreds of hours to make. Native Americans must petition the U.S. government for eagle feathers, Plamondon said, and to receive one is considered a great honor.

#### Festival Fun at St. Patrick

Sunday. Organizers said

At right, Jack and

Mary Rysdyk waltz past

accordianist Virgil Baker

in the music tent at St.

Patrick Parish festival.

Baker and the "Just For

Fun" band provided music

for the event Sunday

afternoon.

St. Patrick Parish in smaller this year than in took place Sunday at 6

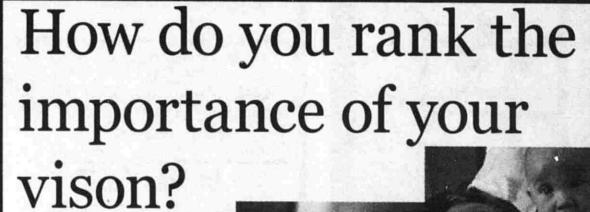
Parnell held its annual years past, due to the heat, p.m. Claude Lambert festival Saturday and but the festival was still a of Rockford was the success. The big drawing winner of the \$20,000 the turnout was somewhat for the cash raffle prize prize. Elaine Chalmers of Grand Rapids won \$2,500 in the raffle and Paul Petrlich of Belmont won \$1,000.

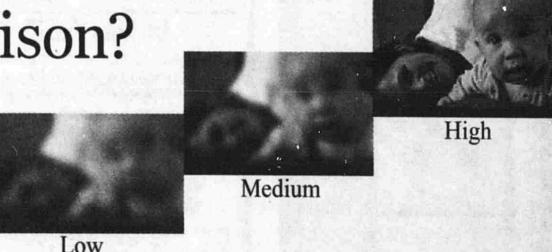
> Carol Lillibridge (in hat) and Ray Conlon, 92, in foreground, and Fred and Margot Reid were among many who waltzed around the music tent Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick Parish festival. The festival featured a 5K run, a Las Vegas Night and Texas Hold'em tournament, Saturday.

Sunday featured Bingo, children's games, 50/50 raffles, horse rides, a petting zoo and a car









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amount of people there flabbergasted everybody," Cassalina said. "I think that, in itself, should make a big impact in what they should be thinking about at the Capitol."

"There were legislators Michigan. around, either on the steps (of the Capitol) because they fully supported it or inside looking out the windows,"

house did pass a bill that would increase the per- said. pupil foundation allowance voted in favor of the bill, and said it would benefit Lowell schools even more.

"We just passed the

Mark Lessens, who attended ago and Lowell schools Avenue. At 1:45 p.m., they would receive \$200 (per marched the short distance Last Thursday, the pupil) extra under the plan to the Capitol building. the house approved," he There, speakers included

Most of the Lowell the sponsors of the bills, a contingent traveled Lansing on a charter bus. The Kent County Education Association helped pay for it, and riders paid \$5 each.

said LAS board member school aid budget a week Lansing Center on Michigan the rally was something she education funding.

"We work second shift Gov. Jennifer Granholm, opportunities to help during the school year," she said. PTA president and a school

Though the turnout for board member from Wayne the rally was impressive, some who attended from Marcy Merritt, a Lowell acknowledge it was custodian at Cherry Creek just a start toward getting The rally met at the Elementary, said attending legislators to prioritize

"We're certainly going to have to write e-mails and make phone calls, the process is really just beginning," Lessens said.

"You have to tell them that this is what you want changed because they are working for us, we elected

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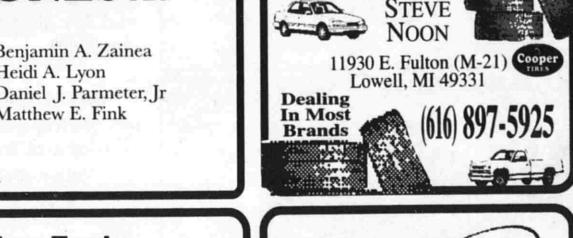
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DYSLEXIA

Treatments of dyslexia will be discussed in this article. Previous articles talked about the definition and scientific research of the disorder, the testing that is used to diagnose it and the talented people who have either been diagnosed with or have symptoms of dyslexia.

For visual dyslexia the best treatment is the Orton-Gillingham method of teaching. This is a multi-sensory approach using the five senses as channels to learning. The primary senses used are visual, auditory and tactile.

Sometimes, the other two senses, the olfactory sense which is the sense of smell, and the gustatory sense which is the sense of taste, are used as well. For instance, in the Orton-Gillingham method, a common technique for learning letter sounds would be for the student to trace the letter of the alphabet in sand, and then say the letter sound at the same time. In this instance, the student is simultaneouly using three channels of learning: the visual channel, auditory channel and tactile channel. This makes a greater impact on

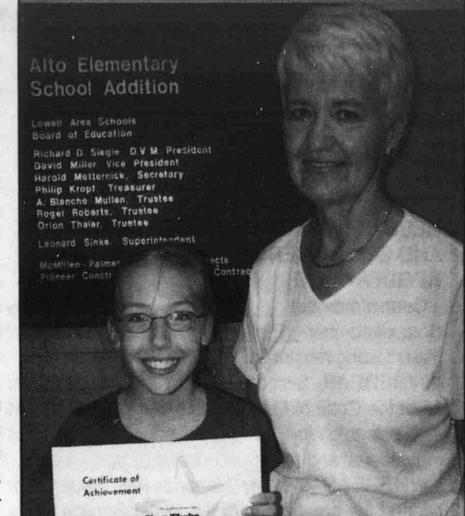
the memory areas of the brain and also supports the visual channel which is struggling because of visual dyslexia.

There are two excellent programs in the Grand Rapids area that use the Orton-Gillingham method: The Children's Learning Center, near downtown Grand Rapids (616-776-6840) and the SLD program, northeast Grand Rapids (616-

Teachers using the Orton-Gillingham approach are well trained, usually beyond their undergraduate degree. Some schools are using this approach to help students who are struggling with reading.

For auditory dyslexia, which is also referred to as an auditory processing disorder, the best treatment is the Fast ForWord computer program. The program was developed after 25 years of research on the neural plasticity of the brain. It retrains the ear or the language listening response. When someone has difficulty processing speech, they can't do an instant replay to recheck what they have heard. This is unlike visual dyslexia since you can check what you saw by looking at the visual stimuli again. Reading becomes very difficult for someone who is not able to accurately hear the phonemic structure of language. For more information on the Fast ForWord program check their website at: www. scientificlearning.com.

Next month, autism and the autistic spectrum disorders will be discussed.



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#### Perfect attendance

Skye Thebo, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Thebo. received an award for having perfect attendance for six years - kindergarten through fifth grade. The fifth grade student at Alto Elementary is pictured with principal Mary Ann Schramm

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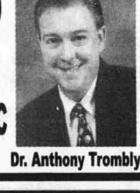
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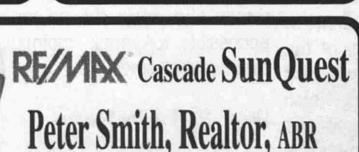
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#### CITY COUNCIL **CITY OF LOWELL**

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN **RESOLUTION NO. 13-05** 

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER** AND SEWER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Myers , supported by Councilmember Councilmember Pfaller, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 25-18 of Article II, Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City authorizes the promulgation of water service rules and regulations: and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared or caused the preparation of the Water Service Rules and Regulation attached hereto as Exhibit A (the Reg. 2. Size of Taps and Services. "Rules and Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve such Rules and Regulations.

#### RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- approved.
- 2. A copy of the Rules and Regulations shall be that of the tap, or of equal area. kept on file in the office of the City Clerk and notice of their adoption shall be published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions to the rescinded.

YEAS: Councilmembers Hodges, Mathews, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

NAYS:Councilmembers none. ABSTAIN: Councilmembers none. ABSENT: Councilmembers none. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: June 20, 2005

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on June 20, 2005, the original of which is on file in my office and and in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature the 20th day of June, 2005.

#### CITY OF LOWELL WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Reg. 1. Services and Connections.

and repair the water transmission main and local distribution lines. It shall also be the responsibility of the City to maintain and repair the first 50' of the it has been set, except upon written permission service line, or to the curb stop box, whichever and supervision by the City Manager or his or her comes first and to maintain and repair all curb designee. cocks, curb boxes and stop cocks; provided, however, the City shall not be responsible for Reg. 8. Accessibility to Meter. maintaining or repairing any portion of the service line which is not located under a public street or meter and keep the meter and meter reader right-of-way. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair all portions of reading at all times. the service line supplying his or her property which is not, as herein provided, to be maintained and Reg. 9. Faulty Meters. repaired by the City. When two or more buildings are supplied through a single service line, the irregularity in the meter is observed by the user, he responsibility for maintaining the service line shall be as follows:

property; and

point where the service line enters his or in Regulation 10. her property.

determined at the time of making application for a Manager or his or her designee accompanied by a NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY the erection of a large building for a business, of the City. If the test indicates the meter is 1. The Rules and Regulations are hereby service necessary to serve such business, factory, deposit will be forfeited to cover testing costs and

#### Reg. 3. Service Connection Fees.

established from time to time by the City Council to the water bills for the disputed period. If the test will be charged. Upon payment of all fees. The indicates the measurements of the meter are in the extent of any conflict herewith are hereby City will provide and install one meter and one user's favor by more than 4%, the deposit will be remote meter reader. In addition, the City will returned and the meter adjusted. No correction will supply one meter yoke assembly. The installation be made to the water bills. of the meter voke assembly shall be the user's responsibility.

#### Reg. 4. Additional Sprinkling, Etc.

Betty R. Morlock time by the City Council, provide and install to the user discontinue the water service. City Clerk additional meter assemblies. The user must arrange for any required plumbing at his or her

#### Reg. 5. Meter Location.

foundation wall of the building served, unless double check valve with an atmospheric vent. otherwise permitted by the City Manager or his or her designee, and in a place which provides public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to protection from theft, freezing, hot water breakage or other damage.

#### Reg. 6. Arrangement of Plumbing.

The user must arrange for the plumbing at his or her own expense in order that (a) there are no fixtures connected between the meter and the local at the location selected by the City.

#### Reg. 7. Setting, Removal and Adjustment

It shall be the responsibility of the City to maintain be set, removed or adjusted only by City employees or under supervision of the City. No meter may be removed by plumbers or others after

The user shall maintain a passageway to the accessible for repair, maintenance, removal and

In the event breakage, stoppage, or other or she shall promptly notify the City Manager or his or her designee. All maintenance and repairs to the meters will be made by the City at its expense a. the property owner first served along the except as hereinafter provided. If a meter installed service line shall be responsible for on a user's premises is stolen, or is damaged by

maintaining and repairing all of the service freezing, hot water, fire or otherwise, due to the act line on his or her property and that portion, of negligence of the user, the cost of repairs or if any, of the service line between the point replacement will be added to user's water bill for where the City is no longer responsible for the next billing period and considered a part of maintenance and repair and the point such bill for that period. The City shall have the where the service line enters his or her sole right to determine who is responsible for damage to meters.

A user shall promptly notify the City Manager b. the next and each succeeding property or his or her designee of any damage to, or the owner served from the service line shall be irregularity in, any meter used by him or her. In responsible for maintenance and repair of case of a disputed account, involving the accuracy the service line on his or her property and of a meter, the meter shall be tested by the City. In that portion, if any, of the service line the event the meter over-registers by 4% or more between the point where the preceding or under-registers 4% or more, the meter shall be property owner's responsibility for adjusted to correct such over- or under-registration maintenance and repair ceases and the and the water bill adjusted accordingly as provided

#### Reg. 10. Testing Meters.

If a user desires to have a meter tested, he or The size of water taps and services shall be she shall make application, in writing, to the City permit for water service. Before making deposit of \$20.00. The test will be made according application for water service, a party contemplating to the usual methods and facilities at the disposal factory, etc. shall determine the size of the tap and measuring within 4% either way from accuracy, the etc. The size of the service shall be the same as any additional costs of removing and replacing the meter will be assumed by the City. If the test indicates the measurements of the meter are in the City's favor by more than 4%, the deposit will be A connection fee for new service as returned, the meter adjusted and corrections made

#### Reg. 11. Tampering with Meter.

If the City finds a meter seal broken or other Meters for Lawn evidence of tampering with the meter, the water bill for the billing period will be estimated. The City will, for a fee established from time to repetition of the offense, the City may upon notice

#### Reg. 12. Protection of Connection with Steam, Etc.

When a meter is used in connection with steam, hot water boilers or hot water heaters it All meters shall be located just within the shall be protected at the user's expense by a

#### Reg. 13. Service Turn On/Turn Off Fees.

A fee, as established from time to time by the City Council, shall be charged to a user when such user requests water service to be shut off or turned on. Such fee shall be due and payable at the time water service is turned back on.

There shall be a fee, as established from time distribution line and (b) the meter may be installed to time by the City Council, to the user of water and/or sanitary sewer service whenever water service is discontinued for the nonpayment of either water service charges or sanitary sewer service charges. Such amount shall be due and Meters will be furnished by the City and shall payableto datebefore water service is reinstated

#### Reg. 14. Filling of Swimming Pool.

Through the domestic water meter at a residence, a user may fill a swimming pool and shall not be charged for sanitary sewer service for the amount of water used to fill the pool. A user shall notify the City prior to filling a swimming pool and must provide the City the beginning and ending meter readings. A swimming pool may be filled from a City fire hydrant at the sole discretion of the City's water department and at a fee established from time to time by the City Council. Upon the request of a swimming pool owner, a pool may be filled from water at the City's bulk water fill station at the sole discretion of the City's Water Department. The pool owner shall be solely responsible for the transportation of such water and shall pay a fee as established from time to time by the City Council for such water.

#### THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 29, 2005 PAGE 13 Lowell athletes moving on to college sports and more

By Dan Schneider

Two recent Lowell graduates who will be playing sports in college are Joe Mendez and Taylor Verdon.

Four-time individual state champion wrestler Joe Mendez will major in medical imaging at Grand Valley State University starting this fall.

"I wanted to stay close to home and they had the programs that I wanted," Mendez said.

He plans to become an X-ray technician after graduating.

He's also looking forward to wrestling on GVSU's club team.

"It's going to be, I think, less stressful than any of the bigger schools I looked at, and it's going to be a lot of un." Mendez said.

extremely excited that a wrestler of Joe's caliber will be coming to Grand Valley," GVSU wrestling coach Dave Mills

Mendez will help the

Ford competes at M.A.C.

Kristi Ford, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High Scho-

Just last month, May 12 and 14, she competed in

ol, has competed each of her four years in track and

the 2005 Mid-American Conference Outdoor Track

and Field Championships, held at the University of

Ohio in Athens. She placed second in the hammer

throw (182'10") and fourth in the high jump (5'7").

The second place finish earns her a spot on the All-

MAC second team. Ford was second highest point sco-

rer for the WMU team, in which the Bronco's earned a

in high jump and hammer throw at a MAC cham-

pionship. Voted by faculty athletic reps at MAC insti-

utions, she earned honors from the MAC conference

and was named to the 2005 Outdoor Track and Field

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GVSU team with some clinics they are holding at Jenison High School this summer. The university



**Taylor Verdon** 

is hosting the National Collegiate Wrestling Association at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids on March 3 and 4. 2006.

Verdon will in sports promotion and management at Northwood University. She's also one of this year's new recruits for the school's volleyball team.

Northwood competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference against schools like GVSU and Ferris State University.



Joe Mendez

years, I've been going up (to Northwood) for sports camps and I've met a lot of people on the team, and I like the size of the school." Verdon said.

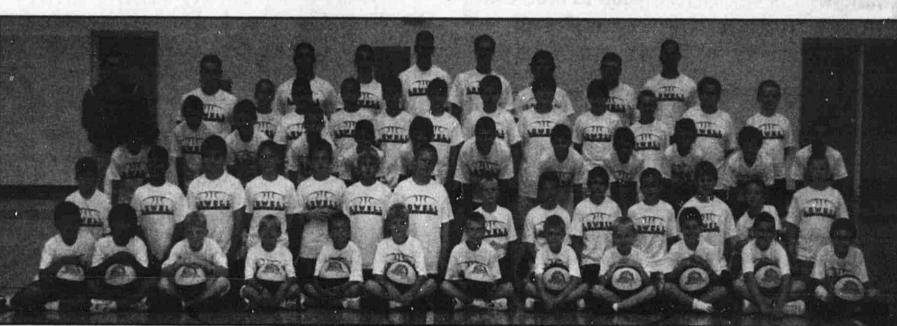
An athletic scholarship also contributed to her decision.

Verdon will likely play defensive specialist or setter, the position she played in high school. Volleyball practice starts in August at Northwood.

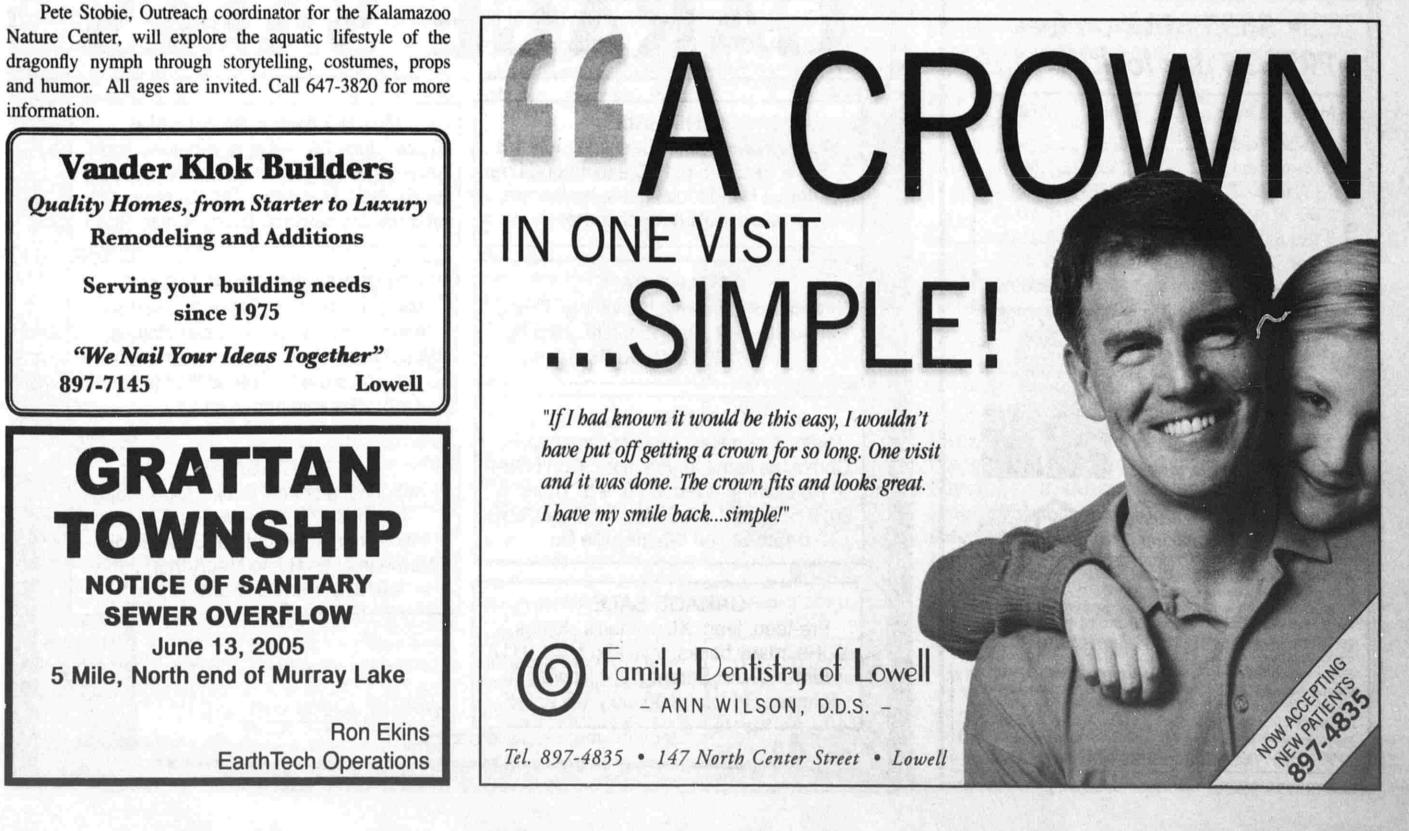
### Summer basketball campers



Pictured above are participants of the 2005 seventh and eighth grade boys Basketball Camp. Individual winners vere Al Calvi, Free Throw champ; Noah Burtt, Lightning champ; Josh Spratt, 1-on-1 champ; Jake Karasiewicz Hot Shot champ; and Kason Cook, Outstanding camper.



Over 50 fifth and sixth grade boys competed in games, contests and drills in the 2005 Basketball Camp. Individual winners were Brandon Butler, Free Throw champ; Blake Lyman, Lightning & Hot Shot champ; Jordan Drake, 1on-1 champ; and Jason Malling, Outstanding camper.



### Commission moves forward on updating master plan

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

After reviewing state law, the Lowell Planning Commission has set motion a plan to update the city's master plan.

With a reevaluation of its action plan completed was last updated in 1995. According to a state law passed in 2001, said city manager David Pasquale, are required to review the

and determine "whether to those laws are changing. update it or whether it is sufficient as is."

by the commission is that Langworthy from LSL the master plan does need to Planning proposed a cost be updated, but money is a of \$23,500 after revising concern. With that in mind, commission member Jim resident Steven Cole, who for July 20 at City Hall, asked if the city could seek Hall recommended a work has worked with a number

more current and updated the amount of \$12,000 or less. plan is, the better for the city, professional planners who

master plan every five years know the state laws and how Development Block Grant The commission had

his initial plan; and Lowell

and that the city should use since the city is planning proposal. Community

monies to help fund the is 10 years old and should project, the commission be updated," said Maryalene The general consensus the updating work: Steve for proposals from various need to start from scratch as firms and individuals before Langworthy proposed." starting the updating work.

> The work session money. meeting, which is scheduled would give the commission other funding, possibly determine what would be offset the cost. Pasquale said Pasquale explained outlined in that request for that could be examined, but he said.

"I do feel that the plan probably not receive an

Chair Clark Jahnke said received two proposals for would have to seek requests LaPonsie. "I don't feel we at least the commission could take a look at what needs to be done and determine a time frame. The other issue is

Commission "We could see that there isn't a lot that needs to be member Garland Berry of city and corporations as members a chance to review through the Lowell Area a lot of money, or that there Hall said he believed the a consultant, proposed an the current master plan and Community Fund, to help is a lot here and we need to

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Can we please have some hockey next year?

It's about time you write about the biplane. That's the only reason I read the paper.

It's too bad that the old Strand Theater is used as a bar. The Arts Council should buy it and use the stage for plays & the upstairs for artists in residence.

Isn't Gov. Granholm a Democrat? She has the authority to temporarily lift the gas tax while pump prices are so high so why doesn't she if Democrats are so great??

I don't understand the mumble jumble either.

Thank you to the Lowell Rotary Club for sponsoring us at the Life Leadership Conference in Tustin. It was great! - Autumn Nethercott. Onwon Griner & Louis Glinzak

that the commission would

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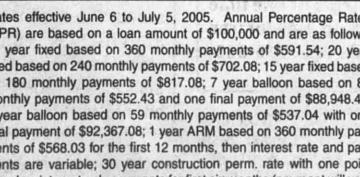
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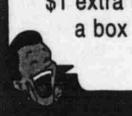
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## Trap shooting team forms at Lowell High School

By Dan Schneider

Members of the newest Lowell High School sports team have been honing their skills at shooting orange clay discs for the past four weeks.

The Kent County Conservation League/ Lowell High School trap shooting team formed this year. They will compete in their first meet, the Scholastic Clay Target Program State Shoot in Mason, July 9.

It was junior Josh Kleczynski's idea.

"He's the one who got this all rolling," said head coach Carter Huyser. "We're green at it, but we're learning as we go."

He saw a segment on the American Shooter program on the Outdoor Life Network. He got together 11 other shooters from school to make up the team. It was approved by the board of education after he talked to high school principal Scott Vashaw.

knew it was possible. I found a couple of guys who shoot out here, because I work at the Kent Conservation League, to be Ave. in Ada Township.



Pat Schoenborn (front row, left to right), Jesse Droog, Tony Mulder, Jenny Humphries, Josh Kleczynski, Cody Chambers; back row: Matt Smith, Sean Adrianse, Ian Fowler, Grady Drown, Andrew Silverman and Matt Burton make up the new Lowell High School trap shooting team.

The team meets for weekly practices Wednesdays the Conservation League grounds on Conservation

the coaches," Kleczynski Normally, practices would have started the first week of the year. But getting all the paperwork together to establish the team delayed things this first year. So some weeks, the team is practicing twice in order to

shoot the minimum number of targets required for entry in the state shoot.

At practice, the shooters line up in groups of five along a pair of concrete arcs at the shooting range.

In rotation, each shooter

puts his--or her, Jenny Humphries is the lone girl on the team--gun on their shoulder. They yell "Pull!" and an orange clay target zings out over the field at about 55 miles per hour, out of a green-roofed bunker.

The targets fly straight out over the field and at angles. A partial hit will knock a few chips off the target without much affecting its trajectory. A square shot blasts the target into tiny fragments. Both count for a point in competition.

Five-person teams compete; each shooter on a team shoots at 100 targets. A perfect team score would be 500.

The top five teams from the state shoot advance to the Grand American, a national competition in Ohio later in the summer.

Even though team is new, Kleczynski thinks they'll make a good showing. The Scholastic Clay Target program itself is only three years old. It's the first time everyone on the team has shot at registered clay targets, but not the first time they've handled shotguns.

"It's mainly people who hunt, who shoot off their backyard throwers, who wanted to come out and try it," Kleczynski said.

The team is divided into a number one and a number two squad, but those designations don't have a lot of meaning this early in the team's existence.

"We haven't had that much time to assess the shooters before we had to get our registration in for the state shoot," conservation league manager and assistant coach Wade Seely said. "It can still be argued who would be in the top squad."

The other two assistant coaches are Bob Humphries and Barry Ott. Such a major competition as the state shoot wasn't necessarily everyone's preferred choice for a first competition. But Huyser hopes to schedule a competitive shoot, perhaps with the team from Sparta, between now and July 9. The state shoot will also be a good opportunity for the Lowell team to meet other teams from this area.





Ian Fowler draws a bead on a clay target during last Wednesday's practice with the Lowell High School trap shooting team.



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