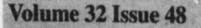
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# Not enough traffic for signal on Main Street, says MDOT

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By Dan Schneider

ith new shops opening every year in Lowell's historic downtown district, the area is becoming more and more appealing for visiting shoppers.

And Main Street, also known as state highway M-21, hasn't gotten any less popular with cars, semi-trucks or any of the other types of traffic that constantly flow through Lowell.

To some, including downtown business owners, those two facts are in conflict with each other. The shop owners, who envision Lowell as a place where people can spend an afternoon shopping, eating and enjoying the river views, see free pedestrian movement as a vital part of that future. And the constant flow of traffic makes it hard for pedestrians.



Heavy traffic, such as this rush hour traffic photographed Monday evening, is sometimes a problem for pedestrians trying to cross Main Street.

## Lowell Harvest Festival this weekend

The annual Lowell Harvest Celebration hits the ground running this Saturday.

First on the list of events is the inaugural Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk. The race begins at 8 a.m. on the north side of City Hall on Avery Street. More information and an application are available by calling Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.

> After a good run of 3.1 miles or so, there's no better way to wind down than by building a scarecrow. Visit the Lowell Fairgrounds between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and use your creative juices to build a scarecrow for Main Street; all supplies are provided.

> While the scarecrows are being built, chili will be cooked. Larkin's fourth annual Chili Madness Chili Cook-off gets started at 11 a.m. as several chili artists heat up their pots. Public tasting is from 3-7 p.m. There will also be bluegrass music at Larkin's from 2-6 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Lowell Area Historical Museum's third annual historic home tour will get started at 10 a.m. with various historic homes and businesses throughout Lowell. Tours lasts until 5 p.m.

Take a stroll along Lowell's Riverwalk Plaza where antiques will be for sale from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Vendor space is still available. Contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 for more details.



## City changes waste hauler- costs remain the same

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

he city of Lowell will be changing its waste hauler, but residents-for nowwon't have to worry about a price increase, for waste, yard and recycling services. At its Monday night Lowell City meeting, Council, acting on a recommendation from city staff, unanimously agreed to change haulers from Waste goes into effect Nov. 1 with the contract concluding Oct. 31, 2008.

City manager David Pasquale said the city was coming to the end of a three-year contract with current waste hauler Waste Management. According to city policy, staff sought bids with four companies; only two, Allied and Waste Management, submitted bids for the services.

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Allied because of cost and record of service in the community.

For waste haul services, Allied came in almost 25 cents less than Waste Management with a bid of \$1.01 per bag for the first year. There would be a threeand four-cent increase per year over the next two years of the contract.

As for recycling, Allied was 45 cents less, coming in at \$2.83 per month per resident for the first year

remainder of the contract. In yard waste, the company was 70 cents cheaper at 96 cents per bag the first year and increasing about three cents per year after that.

City residents currently pay \$1 per bag for garbage and rubbish, and yard waste. The city's current cost is much less than that. For now, the city council decided not to change those rates until the next budget period, since combined garbage and yard waste, the

Pedestrian movement is an important part of making Lowell what Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker calls a "destination city."

"We think it's vital to the downtown ambiance we're trying to create," Baker said. "I just think it's very important for us to make it a more pedestrian-friendly street."

It has been a topic of discussion for more than a year at meetings of Lowell's Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The DDA started with a desire for a signal light, preferably at Main Street's intersection with Monroe Street. But the Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) shot that idea down, citing too little traffic on Monroe to warrant a signal. When five representatives from M-DOT came to last Thursday's meeting, they restated that obstacle.

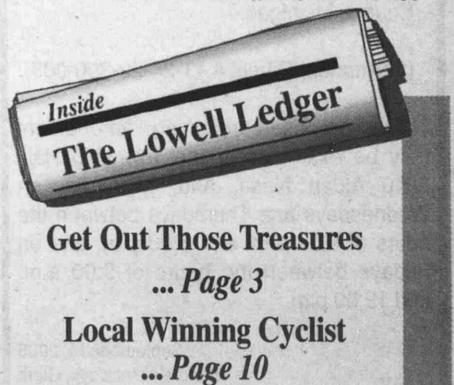
"These warrants are very strict," said Art Green, development manager for the Grand Region, which consists of eight counties including Kent.

Traffic volume on cross streets is at the top of the list of warrants the state uses to determine whether traffic signals are justified. And it is traffic volume, not speed, that is hampering pedestrian crossing of Main Street. This has been reinforced since the Lowell Police Department began using its speed board on Main Street.

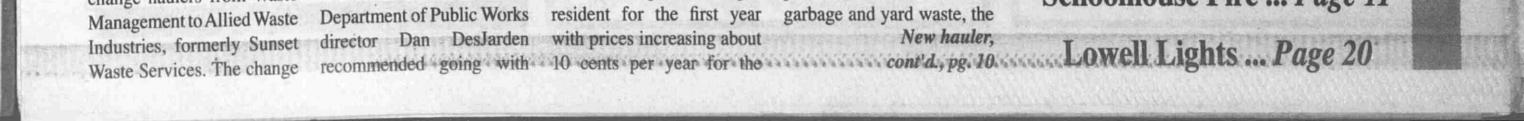
"The studies we have done so far show that traffic is moving at legal speeds," DDA board member Dean Lonick said.

The DDA hired the engineering company Wade Trim to

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#### BROWER

Betty June (Smith) Brower, into a hard working farmer's Beverly (Wm.) Sherd, of John and Ethel (Leffew) Pastor William Osborne Whittum of Lowell; sisteraged 82, of Grand Rapids, wife. Along with helping Beatrice Trissel, Barbara Eakins. She was united in officiating. child of God, loving, in the barns and fields she Straub; brothers Orland and marriage to Clarence Coffey Salem Township Cemetery, of Lowell; mother-inprecious and devoted wife, was known for her cooking, Jim Smith. Preceding her on December 28, 1941, Burnips. mother, grandmother and canning and sewing skills. in death were her parents, and he preceded her in contributions may be made Lowell; also nieces and great-grandmother passed Later she was employed an infant son, brothers and death on April 8, 2000. She to the Burnips Wesleyan nephews. Funeral services away Thursday, September at Wurzburg's Department sisters Beulah Lenherr, was a member of Burnips Church, Allegan County were held September 27 at 29, 2005. Born to Oklin and Store and retired from Oklin Smith Jr., Beryl Wesleyan Church for over Medical Care Facility or the Evergreen Missionary Jessie Smith on May 28, Gibson's in Greenville in Timmerman, Jerry Smith, 50 years. Surviving are five Wings of Hope Hospice. 1923, she graduated from 1984. Mrs. Brower was a son-in-law Paul Tousley. children and their spouses, Godwin High School and member of the Unit of the The service for Mrs. Brower John and Esther Coffey of was a civil employee with American Legion Merritt the U.S. Air Force. She Lamb Post #102 Auxiliary. 3 at the Pederson Funeral Yates of Hastings, Russell of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, the family requests memorial married John on March 21, Those grateful for her life Home with The Rev. Dr. E. and Barbara Coffey of formerly of Lowell, passed 1943, and as a young bride and cherishing her memory Roger La Warre of the First Cleveland, TN, Sherrill and away peacefully September to The Whittum Children's

Sandra L. Kowalczyk

Clerk

# John; children Jill (Al 2005, at the Allegan County sisters Claude E. Eakins, Gwendolyn; Congregational Church, Matthew Miller of Elwood, 29, 2005 in Gainesville, FL. Trust Fund. United Church of Christ of IN, Judy and Jody Boyles of He was born on September Lowell officiating, followed Hamilton; 21 grandchildren; 15, 1938. He was preceded by interment at Chapel 11 great-grandchildren; in death by his father Carroll Robert A. Young, aged 44,

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** BOWNE TOWNSHIP **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN **PROPERTY IN SECTION 22 FROM AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT** 

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday October 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the rezoning requested by David Mielke and Christine Sannes from AG Agricultura District to R-1 Rural Residential District for the following property:

12387 - 92nd Street, S.E.

The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22 T5N, R9W, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan.

(Permanent Parcel # 41-24-22-300-003)

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> September 14, 2005 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk **Bowne Township**

purpose: In the matter of ROGER EDWARD ERICKSON. deceased TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

• LEGAL NOTICE •

The children and/or issue of deceased children of Margaret Raterink. children and/or issue of deceased children of David Verburg and children and/or issue of deceased children of Donald Verburg whose address (es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may

be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing

will be held on October 20, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge Janet A. Haynes for the following To approve the sale of real estate in the above estate in order to liquidate the estate for distribution purposes.

September 27, 2005 Craig A. Bruggink P-29358 429 Turner Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504

(616) 456-5048

Marilyn Griffith 1353 Northrup N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49544 (616) 791-2218

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2005** 7:30 P.M. Motions approved:

**SYNOPSIS** 

Minutes of August meetings. List of all invoices paid. Ordinance Amendment 05-05

for Sections 4.08 and 5.05 regarding minimum lot area, minimum lot width, rear set back maximum lot area in AG district. Increase mileage from 40.5 to 48.5 thru 12/31/05.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the township hall or on the website www.bownetwp.cc.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Clerk

children Johnston), Jackie Tousley, Medical Care Facility, Marge Bailke, Rose Hand, Nathan and Elyssa both at John (Laura) Brower, Jr.; surrounded by her family. Ruthie Johnson. Funeral home; father Doyle (Iris) eight grandchildren; four Mrs. Coffey was born Service was held Saturday at Whittum of Newaygo; great-grandchildren. She December 11, 1920, in Burnips Wesleyan Church, brothers Michael Whittum she changed from a city girl is also survived by sisters Dayton, TN, the daughter Pastor Chad McCallum and of Saginaw, Clarence (Nikki) Interment in-law Glenda Guernsey Memorial law Dawn Guernsey of Church, Lowell, Rev. Rick Ferguson officiating. Interment Merriman was held Monday, October Hamilton, Eileen and Alvin Gary B. Potter, aged 67, Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made

#### YOUNG

Hill Memorial Gardens. three brothers Kenneth and Potter and brother Roger of Lowell, passed away The family requests that Doris Eakins of CA, Frank Potter. He is survived by unexpectedly. He was donations be made to and Janet Eakins of Alto, his children Tami Potter of preceded in death by his Visiting Nurses Hospice or Delbert and Sandy Eakins Laverne, CA, Toni Potter of parents Hugh and Florence First Congregational Church of Dowling; three sisters Kingman, AZ, Jacob Potter Young. He is survived by of Lowell in lieu of flowers. Hazel Engle of Battle Creek, of Florida; mother Dorothy his children Bobbie Jo Betty Miller of Marshall, Potter of Lowell; sisters (Dustin Ewing) Young, Joyce Askew of Tennessee; Judy (Alan) Baird of Lowell, Morris Robert Young; step-Leila Coffey, aged 84, of several nieces and nephews. Carol Baer of Saranac; son Robbie Boisvenue; Salem Township, Hamilton, She was preceded in death brother Ronald Potter of step-mother Marcie Young; went to be with Jesus on by one son Gary Paul in Lowell; many nieces and step-brother James (Sharon) nephews. A memorial McFall; many relatives. gathering was held October Graveside service will be held Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 1 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Dr. Henry G. Whittum, aged Roger La Warre of the First 42, went to be with his Lord Congregational Church and Savior on September officiating. Visitation will be 23, 2005. He was preceded Wednesday from 2-4 and 7in death by his mother 9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral

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# Time to get out those attic treasures

The Lowell Area His- scribed by museum director ibles--even a tantalist. A tan- is \$5 per item. Lunch and torical Museum is one of the Judy Straub as a "very enter- talist is a small cabinet that sponsors of this year's "Attic Treasures Roadshow."

Saturday, Oct. 15 at Saranac of various old objects. High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Glen Rairigh, of year's event included toys, Americana Auctions, de- vases, some sports collect-

taining" one-man appraiser and storyteller, will be on The event will take place hand to give oral appraisals

designed to keep the house Items brought to last that only their owner would know how to open them. The cost for appraisals work.

homemade baked goods will holds liquor decantors and is be for sale. Besides creating exposure, the event raises help out of the family li- money for the 10 small-town quor: they were designed so museums who put it on. All are members of the Tri-Rivers Historical Museum Net-



Members of the Tri-Rivers Historical Museum Network, Joan McCord of Ionia Museum, Janet VanWyck of Bowne Township Museum and Judy Straub of Lowell Area Historical Museum, are busy getting fliers ready for the "Appraisal Road Show" at Saranac High School. Ten museums are sponsoring "Attic Treasures Roadshow."

Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but follows religiously the new. Henry David Thoreau (1817 - 1862

# **Fire Prevention** Week is Oct. 9-15

honor of Fire Prevention you go out, blow out!" encourage to protect themselves and their families by installing and testing smoke alarms and using precautions while burning candles.

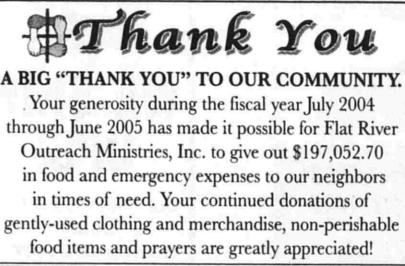
realize that they are at greater smoke alarms present. Four danger from fire at home than anywhere else," said Andy Neumann, State Fire Marshal. "Fortunately, there are many things residents can do to make their homes safer. Fire Prevention Week is the time when we reach out to the community oneon-one, teaching people of every age how to prevent fires. This year, we'll be focusing in particular on candle fires, a serious and growing part of the fire problem.'

Fire Prevention Week has been sponsored nationwide for 83 years by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This

Gov. Jennifer Granholm year's theme is: "Use issued a proclamation in Candles with Care: When Week from Oct. 9-15 to Home candle fires have homeowners risen steadily over the last decade.

In 2004, there were 141 reported fire deaths in Michigan. Only 16.3 percent of the homes where "Many people don't a fire death occurred had Fire prevention,





**LOWELL AREA** SCHOOLS "Superintendent's and **Board Members' Night In"** 

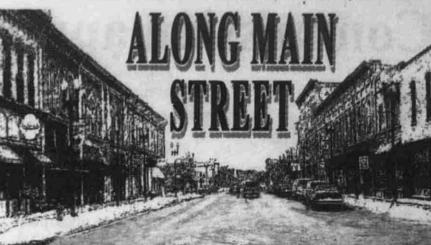
Interim Superintendent Pat Murphy along with a couple of Board Members will be available on the following date to answer any questions from staff members or members of the community and to hear comments and suggestions:

Thursday, October 20, 2005 7:00 PM

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES LHS conferences: Wed., Oct. 5, 3-6 p.m.; Tues., Oct. 11, 3:30 - 7 p.m. Call 987-2900.

#### FALLASBURG FEST ON CABLE TV

The 37th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival will be shown on Lowell Cable channel 20 on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 5 10 a.m.; Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 8, 10

#### SENIOR PARENTS

There will be information on the 2006 Senior class trip at the LHS conferences Oct. 5 & 11. Visit the Senior class bake sale table.

#### HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The Lowell Area Historical Museum's 3rd annual Historic Home Tour is this Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets/maps are \$10 at the Museum, Chimera Design, Chamber, Springrove Variety, Dream Pieces, Curves, Huntington Bank, Hearthstone Design, Touch of Country or Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide. Tickets available the day of for \$12 at the mentioned locations, not at the homes.

#### **HARVEST HUSTLE 5K**

Lowell Community Wellness's 5K run/walk this Saturday at 8 a.m. \$15 pre-registration at chamber and Lowell YMCA branch; \$20 day of race per person.

#### CHILI MADNESS CHILI COOK-OFF

Larkin's chili cook-off this Saturday on Broadway St. Cooking begins at 11 a.m.; tasting 3-7 p.m.; music 2-6.

#### **FOODMOBILE -FREE FOOD**

The Foodmobile will be at the Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. on S. Broadway on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until food is gone. Bring your own box or bag. This food is available to anyone living in the greater Lowell area. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

#### SCARECROW BUILDING HOE- DOWN

Build a scarecrow for Main St. at the Lowell Fairgrounds this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everything is supplied.

#### **BRING A FRIEND SKATING**

Flat River Neighborhood Girl Scouts will have a skating party Sunday, Oct. 9. Registration: 1-1:30 p.m.; Skating: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bring non-perishable food item to be donated to Flat River Food Pantry. For info, call Marilyn 791-2428.

#### STUDENTS/ PSAT

College-bound sophomores or juniors should consider taking the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Cost: \$14. Register ASAP in Student Service Center. Make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools.

#### LHS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Interested parents should meet in the volunteer room at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 for Academic Boosters meeting.

#### ATTIC TREASURES ROADSHOW

Tri-Rivers Historical Museum Network presents Attic Treasures Roadshow, Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Saranac High School. \$5. Lunch/baked goods for sale. Info. call the Lowell museum 897-7688.

#### DRIVER'S TRAINING - SEGMENT 2

Held on Nov. 7, 8, 9, from 3-5 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Students must attend all classes to receive certificate. Registration: Monday, Oct. 10 - Friday, Oct. 21. Students must bring \$30 to main office and must show log sheetsand Level 1 License 1st day of class.

#### **CALL FOR AUDITIONS**

The Thebes Players are seeking actors for "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue. Production dates are Feb. 3, 4, 10 - 12 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Auditions: Nov. 1 and 2, 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe. Call backs are Nov. 3. For info. and to borrow a script call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or email www.lowellartscouncil.org.

## **Commission approves guidelines for city's master plan**

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer** 

The Lowell Planning Commission has pushed back its starting date on reviewing and updating the city's master plan so as to have enough time to send out and review proposals from possible firms.

Last week, the commission approved a set of guidelines prepared by city staff that are to be sent out to consulting and planning firms seeking request for

city's master plan. With that in mind, city manager David Pasquale explained it will not meet its original deadline of the first of the year to start the process of updating.

In fact, proposals are hnke said. due back Dec. 1 with the planning commission expected to review them at its December work session. Traditionally, the commission does not have a regular meeting in December, so the which the city could cover, next meeting to approve a said Pasquale, if split up firm would be in January.

With that in mind, chair proposals to work on the Clark Jahnke suggested that sought and received a pro-

the start date be pushed back to March 1, giving the commission time to review proposals and select a firm.

"This will still allow us use of the grant money," Ja-

The commission received a \$5,000 Community Development Block Grant to be used on the master plan project. The study is expected to cost about \$20,000, over a two-year period.

The commission had 2008.

posal from Steve Langworthy of Langworthy, LeBlanc, Strader, and Associates; it came in higher than expected. Langworthy said there could handle itself and suggested putting together a list of what the group wanted to accomplish with the update.

With its limited funds in mind, the commission had The review will take about two years and is expected to be completed by Feb. 28, outside of its city limits, and

to focus on areas such as the M-21 corridor, central business districts, and surrounding areas. Councilman Jim Commission members said are items the commission Pfaller said he would like to see the plan also include the just completed wellhead protection study, which was added to the guidelines.

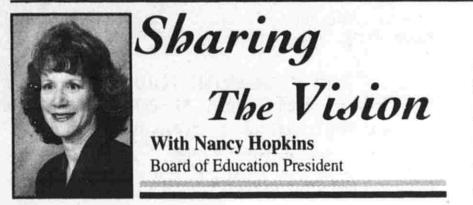
> The commission also wants to study the areas quale said a municipality can plan up to two miles

> > With Drs. Paul Gauthier

Jim Lang,

Wayne A. Christenson III,

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



The following message was sent to district staff on Friday, September 23. It is shared here with the community. All:

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Thursday evening unanimously voted to select Pat Murphy as the district's interim superintendent.

Pat will serve as interim superintendent until Shari Miller is able to return to the district. Shari is on medical leave while receiving treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

All of us on the Lowell Board of Education are committed to making decisions that are child-focused and in the best interest of the community. We believe Pat shares those values and will work with our staff, the board and our administrative team to provide stability and guidance for our district.

Pat comes to Lowell from the Godwin Heights Public Schools, where he retired after 41 years in education. Our interviews with Pat found him to be a caring and thoughtful leader who, despite his recent retirement, remains so committed to children and their academic success that he couldn't resist the opportunity to continue his career in education.

The Lowell Board of Education was unanimous in its desire to seek an interim superintendent to fill in for Shari. We are also unanimous in our desire to create, through our work with the administration and staff, a cohesive team dedicated to stimulating and supporting student achievement.

As before, we encourage you to keep Shari in your thoughts and prayers. We would also encourage you to welcome Pat to our district and work collaboratively with him to create the best possible learning environment for our children.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com



**INFLUENZA** 

People are often confused about what is really the flu and what is a common cold. Sometimes it can be hard to tell, as they both share many symptoms. The flu usually starts suddenly and hits hard. Temperatures run 101 to 104 degrees. Patients typically experience a severe headache, bad muscle aches, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat and a runny nose. Colds typically start gradually, with sneezing, a slight elevation in temperature (99-100 degrees), mild muscle aches and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting are not typical, predominant symptoms of the true influenza virus. There is no cure for the flu or a cold. These are viruses which are not affected by antibiotics. Your body must fight off the infection. To help your body fight the flu, drink plenty of fluids, stay home and rest while you have a fever, avoid alcohol and smoking, and gargle with warm salt water to help with a sore throat. Over-the-counter flu medications contain a variety of ingredients designed to help with all of your symptoms. Some prescription medications help reduce the duration and severity of symptoms, but only if they are

started soon after symptoms begin.

The flu is spread by coughing, sneezing, and hand-tohand contact. The best way to prevent infection is by good hand washing, or receiving a flu shot.

Most of the time you do not need to see your doctor for the flu. You should see your doctor, though, if you have other chronic medical problems, a cold that lasts longer than 10 days, ear ache or drainage from your ear, persistent temperature of 102 or higher, shortness of breath,

The commission wants it is important that there be coordination between adjoining townships on how those areas are developed. they saw the updating process as a chance to open dialogue with the township on areas surrounding the city.

The master plan came up after discussions revealed it had not been reviewed staff develop the guidelines. beyond the city limits. Pas- in the given time frame provided by the state. The state recommends a review of the master plan every 10 years.







A couple columns back I mentioned a problem with my old airplane. The problem has become an ongoing saga. In fact, the absence of a column last week was due to this mess I've found myself in. The original plan was to get the plane fixed, tucked away for the winter and then tell the story. Now, a month later, the story is still evolving. Guess I can safely bring you up to speed and have plenty material left for a future column, or two.

We'll begin back in April with a notice in the Florida Antique Biplane Association newsletter. The notice concerned a Florida-based airplane engine re-builder with a Continental W-670 engine core. The re-builder was looking to make someone a good deal on a rebuilt engine. My airplane was sporting a very tired W-670, so I made some calls.

The engine shop came highly recommended by association members. The shop owner was eager to work a deal to help him with some "cash flow" problems. The next thing you know, we were talking a "too-good-to-be-true, bargain basement price." I bit.

Like every paid-programming ad on TV, there was a "But wait. There's more!" Part of the deal included mechanic to drive down from the engine shop, remove my engine and drive it back to the shop. The reverse was agreed upon when the engine was done. This meant no mechanic's

costs on my end, and better still, no transportation expense. Always remember folks ... when it sounds too good to be

The project dragged on, and we missed a couple deadlines, sort of. I'd found myself involved with some southern "good-ole-boys named Bobby, Leroy and Hollis" who were extremely difficult to pin down to anything. The original plan had been to get the plane back in the air around Memorial Day so that I could fly it out of the Keys and back to Michigan before hurricane season settled in. My phone calls, intended to move things along, were smoothed over with a lot of "aww shucks and y'alls."

The engine was finally back on the plane in August. Leroy and I worked two days on the installation. I insisted that he go up with me on the first test flight. I looped him. That got a big "SHOEEEE!" out of him.

We had already weathered Hurricane Dennis, and the plane would also ride out Katrina before I had time away from work to fly it out of here. Finally, on the Thursday before Labor Day weekend, Terese and I loaded up and took off on a little adventure getting the plane back to Michigan. I had test-flown the new engine a whopping hour or two.

Our first leg took us over 30 miles of open water, then sixty miles of The Everglades. After another hundred miles Cain." flying over mostly sugar cane fields, we arrived at the airport where the engine shop is located. Bobby, Leroy, Hollis and a pound the boys scrambled all over the engine trying to dry up some oil leaks and adjust the oil pressure. They were satisfied that things were "just dandy" with the engine. I got a slap on the back and headed north.

We motored on up through the center of Florida in typical open cockpit style. That is ... low and slow, taking in the sights and even the smells along the way. The engine seemed fine.

We had a terrible time trying to get the engine started at

# To The Editor

#### Dear Editor,

I have lived in Lowell for just over a year now, after marrying a man who grew up here. I have been told numerous times what a nice small town this is in which to live and raise a family. Well, I certainly didn't see any of those small town values on Friday, Sept. 23.

I had come home from working all day and was relaxing when I heard a lot of kids yelling and running around on my lawn. I looked out the window and saw 50 plus kids and parents preparing for the homecoming parade - on my lawn. The kids were taking the apples from my tree and smashing them together or throwing them at each other. My yard was a mess! And the parents stood around and said nothing!!!

Of course I was hot. I went out and yelled at the kids a normal voice) to get off my lawn and leave my apples alone. Everyone looked at me as if I were the one who had offended. Give me a break!

What happened to the values taught in the schools aren't two of those Respect and Responsibility? Those kids were old enough to know better (at least middle school age) and the parents certainly knew better. Shame on you! Shame on all of you who did nothing!

My husband reminded me that he used to do naughty things as a kid, too, but that he never would have done them in front of adults. Have parents become as complacent as their children in regards to other people's property? Do they not care unless it is their own possessions being vandalized? What next? Will they pass by someone being harmed or bullied and not do anything? Will they watch a woman being beaten and not call the police? Will they say, "It is I visit. not my responsibility?"

Wake up, people! Our children learn by what we do and by what we do not do. Shame on you.

> Sincerely, Hot in Lowell Di Rathbun

I think it's just wonderful that Lowell Schools support **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** a crew team. They are able to compete with area schools AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 2, 1930 in this sport. Without Lowell Township allowing them A five-month Child Study course sponsored by MSC to use the docks on the Grand River, there would be no Extension will start soon at Bostwick Lake and Sparta. program. I look forward to the upcoming season and hope the community continues to support this ever popular sport. Tuberculosis is still the chief killer between 15 and 45 The coaches involved are very dedicated to the success of years of age. Fineis gas stations are distributing Wright-designed this program. balsa wood toy airplanes.

#### Dear Editor.

It was such a joy to see the story about Lila Thaler in the September 28 issue of the Ledger.

If Lowell becomes a city, it will have two members Each week I am reminded of how much Lowell will and parents (they wouldn't have heard me if I'd spoken in forever mean to me. When I was a young boy in the '50s, my of the County Board of Commissioners, plus one for the township: more clout. mom dropped me, and I think my sisters as well, off at the With both quarterbacks not present and a case of Thaler's house on North Monroe St. Lila was our babysitter, fumbles, the Red Arrows lost to East last Friday, 58-0. and I still have vivid memories of graham crackers covered Cross-country is doing much better. in peanut butter. Lila's generosity and calm demeanor remind George F. and Dana Johnson, pictured with Carl Mapes, me of the kindness and love I came to know as a paperboy will lead the Red Cross-Red Feather drive. Note: They're in Lowell. She is one of many people who nurtured me and my dad and mom. my love of Lowell.

> I have lived on the west coast for almost half my life, but Lowell will always be my home. Lila now lives near my mother at the Clark Retirement Community. It is always a joy to see her and Gladys Thorne, and several other ladies who I came to know in Lowell over 50 years ago.

Thanks for reminding me how important my roots are. Sesquicentennial celebration. Lowell, and dear folks like Lila Thaler, will always be my "Off the Blotter" has a long 11 items this week, nine of neighbors. I hope to see some of you at Christmastime when them fender-benders.

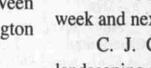
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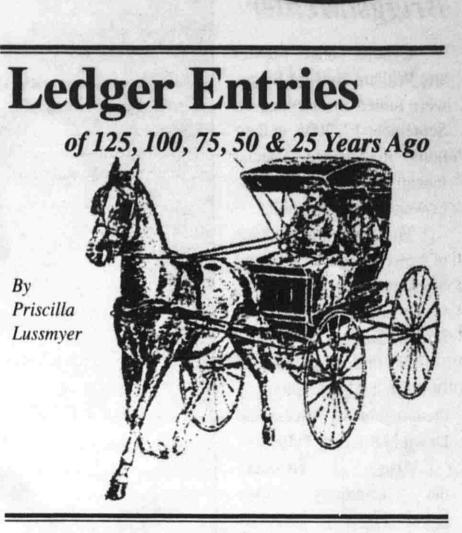
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Laura Telman

Tim VanderVeen





#### **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 6, 1880**

Good demand for carpenters this fall. Work and good pay for everybody.

"Berrien County raises yams. Wayne County raises

Excellent grapes are available at two and one-half cents

There were 44,480 baskets of peaches shipped out of Lowell this season.

A terrible cyclone hit part of Eaton County Saturday night, with loss of property and lives.

#### **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 5, 1905**

Rev. Russell Bready of the Methodist Church has a novel plan for financing the new parsonage with "shares of stock" at \$12 each, each donor foregoing interest.

The Beef Trust has been prosecuted by Uncle Sam, so neat prices are falling

Common Council is receiving petitions from neighborhoods for street lights to be placed at various intersections

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is good for illness, bright eyes, sweet breath and good looks.

Lowell Merchants will play the Nationals, an all-star lineup (Fitzsimmons, Terry, Durocher, etc.) next Saturday.

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 6, 1955**

Village Council votes for a \$230,000 expansion of the sewer and water systems.

#### **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 1, 1980**

Planning will begin tomorrow at City Hall for Lowell's

"The Godfather," parts one and two, are playing this week and next at the Strand Theatre.

C. J. Christoff & Sons completes phase 1 of the landscaping project, with hills, pond and plantings; phase 2 will be employee recreation areas.

Weddings my

## **Briggs/Mettler**

Cynthia Jean Mettler and William Howard Briggs were united in marriage on September 17, 2005, at their home in Saranac. Special music was provided by the Lowell String Ensemble.

The groom, a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University, is the son of Howard and Barbara Briggs of Lowell.

The bride, a graduate of Beaverton High School, is the daughter of Vincent and Dawn Mettler of Midland.

attending Also the ceremony were Pauline grandmothers Burtle of Lowell and Alice Steadman of Buffalo, New York.



Mr. and Mrs. William Briggs

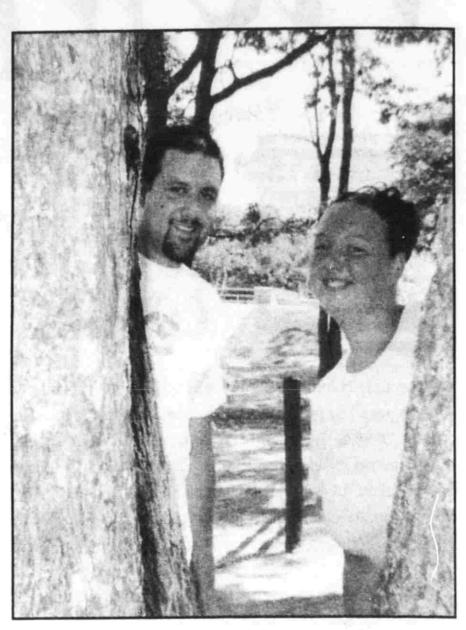
# Engagements

#### Porter/Wendt

Leanne Porter and Curtis Wendt, both of Lowell, will exchange wedding vows aboard the Carnival Cruise Line on Nov. 13, 2005.

bride-to-be The graduated from Lowell High School in 2000 and currently works as a customer service rep/data entry. She is the daughter of Kevin and Gabriele Porter of Lowell.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School and currently works as an automotive technician. He is the son of Jeffrey Wendt of Baroda and Christina Wendt of Auburn Hills.





don't have to light the kerosene lamp for light at night (I just did that 3 weeks ago in a U.P. power outage). I'm glad I'm sitting at a much better computer than the dinosaur I got to

I am also thankful for a God who has better things for us. He really does have good things in mind for us, and it the word, you would find God has an improvement program for living, and by choosing such things as patience, good friends, obedience, trust, wisdom, fellowship, accountability, Every generation is looking for a better way to do contentment, peace and prayer, you would truly experience

During these four weeks of October, I'd like to

to have to do that at the cabin of my youth). I'm glad I look at four other keys to personal improvement and an inner makeover. Interestingly, in this day of "new and improved," our level of appreciation for the "old ways" is steadily decreasing along with a sort of disbelief that any work on in tech school in the '70s. I'm thankful for better credible level of wisdom could have existed prior to our technologically enlightened age.

Modern man has cast off a high view of scripture, insisting that it is hopelessly outdated, ancient words is more than just interesting to check through the Bible for marooned on a desert island of worn out middle east culture. those times He tells us what is "better" for us. You'll find it Yet, study the Mayans, the Incas, the pyramids ... and we to be enlightening ... and challenging, too. If you looked up come up woefully short of the know-how of such preceding civilizations. And when we take a look at the Bible, we find it thoroughly consistent, self-authenticated, relevant and sufficient for today. Notice God's "improvement formula" in Psalm 119:72 - "The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces."



David O. Sims, pastor First Baptist Church

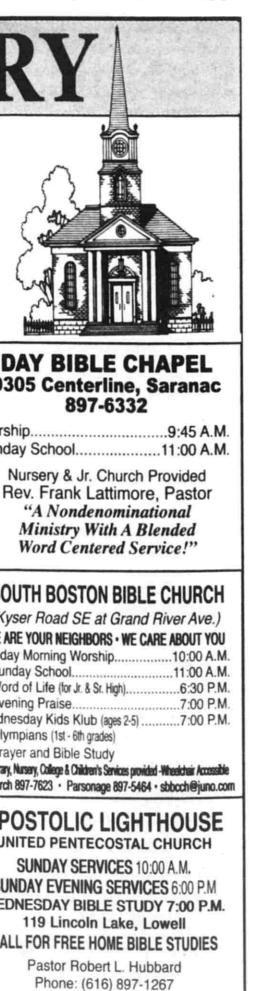
Extreme Makeover. Home Improvement. "New and Improved!" So go some of the titles and slogans of the TV shows and commercials along with the countless sales fliers that cram our mailboxes and bloat our newspapers.

whatever. And, aren't we glad for every helpful improvement? a better life. I'm glad I don't have to carry the water at home (I used

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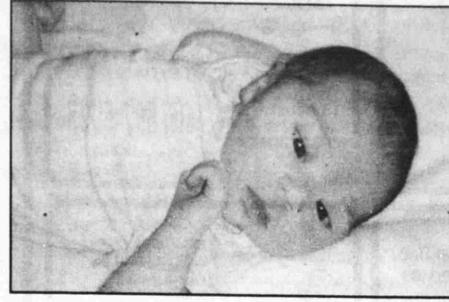
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#### Tesimu



Adriyanna Teatu Tesimu

Lowell and Sammy Tesimu Doris Tesimu of the Solomon on September 11, 2005, in aunt, Tabitha May of Lowell, Roswell, New Mexico. Proud

Adriyanna Teatu Tesimu are Jay and Oranda May was born to Tara May of of Lowell and Godwin and of the Solomon Islands Islands. Godparents are her and Sammy Ramoni of the grandparents Solomon Islands.

Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Cameron Kiczenski, Ralph Clouser.

OCT. 7: Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.

OCT. 8: Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers, Chris Borton.

OCT. 6: Steven J. Ayres, OCT 9: Jerrid Uzarski, Clouser.

> OCT. 10: Traci Newhouse, Michele DeHaan.

> OCT. 11: Susan Merriman, Ashley Hendrick.

OCT. 12: Neille Stephens, Becky Batt.

and Melissa Pate. Welcoming her home

Books are well written or badly written.

\*\*\* There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book.

inches.

announce the birth

Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

aunts and uncles.

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So note with me how to find a BETTER life: 1) A it is to use trouble for good, to let it push you closer to God personal word from God offers more than all that money than away from Him, and to trust Him for still being good can buy. King David recorded this truth, a man who had even when things feel so bad. Only God's speech, His Word, it all! Things can be stolen or lost, but the gift of hearing can make us better instead of bitter. And His Word has come and having a Word from God in your mind, spirit and soul to us, written and living. Jesus is The WORD and receiving cannot. Things are useless in the hour of death, just when Him alone is the only way to surely find a better life here God's promises become most dear!

2) Living by God's Word enables the blessings of God for good. Lining yourself up with God's principles and truth puts you in a place of being "in sync" with Him. To have God for us is so much more valuable than whatever temporary assets our funds can purchase.

Walking in God's Word provides wisdom for lifechoices. (see 119:66) It brings good judgment and discernment and an ability to sort out good from bad, better from best.

Listening to God's Word reveals the purposes for human affliction. (see 119:59,67,71,75) How much better



and forever. (John 1:1,12; 3:36)





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11 oz. and measuring 20

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**Jacob Phillip Davidson** 

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Monday, Oct. 10 for prospective volunteer tutors. The session is held at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand

VOLUNTEER

Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE on the third floor in the Vander Veen Center. The information session allows persons interested in becoming tutors to find out more about the council and its programs. It is free and lasts one hour. Registration is

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necessary. Call 459-5151.

"Consumers information that's not only his baby sister, Madelyn Heights, and Charles and for them," said AARP by calling 1-888-687-2277. Elizabeth. She was born Robin Pate of Metamora; Michigan State director

With enrollment for the Steve Gools. "This 24-page new Medicare prescription booklet is an indispensable drug benefit right around the tool for doing just that. With corner, AARP is offering a insurers and others about to free new publication to help start marketing their drug those eligible make informed policies to those who are decisions about whether the eligible, now is the time to get credible information need from AARP."

The booklet is "The New clear and reliable, but that Medicare Prescription Drug will help cut through the Coverage: What You Need red tape and make the to Know." It is available of Kathleen Pate of Sterling enrollment process work online at www.aarp.org or

August 31, 2005, at 12:44 great-grandparents Kenneth p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 1 Anderson of Lowell, Jean  $\mathcal{O}$ oz. and measuring 20 1/2 Pate of Harrison Twp., and Golan Cecila Raska of Sterling Proud parents are Roger Heights, as well as many Announcement to make? Wedding, Engagement and Anniversary Announcements\* are Free in the Ledger. **Birth Announcements without** a photo are free; with a photo are <sup>\$5</sup>. \* Anniversary announcements cannot contain an invitation to a celebration **BANK TELLER** ICNB has a fulltime position open for Bank Teller at our Lowell office. This is an excellent career opportunity for an individual seeking a pleasant work environment with opportunity for advancement. The ideal candidate will possess excellent customer service skills; the ability to process paying and receiving transactions accurately using a computer; and possess an ability and eagerness to learn ICNB offers an excellent fringe benefit package for fulltime positions. It is complete with health, dental and vision insurance, 401(k) and other paid benefits. All qualified candidates should stop by any of our locations to complete an application or submi their resume to: **Attn: Human Resources Director** ICNB 302 W. Main St. ICNB Ionia, MI 48846 Fax: 616-527-8734 Email: wiebera@icnb.com



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a late afternoon fuel stop. This, coupled with the discovery up the Cumberland River to Lake Barkley. The weather that my tachometer cable had broken, caused a considerable was perfect and flying just doesn't get much better than this delay. A local Good Samaritan loaned me an old tach and cable that we jury-rigged in the airplane. We flew on up into Georgia and got a room for the night. We hadn't gotten as far as we had hoped.

morning. Our route took us over some very rugged and engine had run for a whopping twelve hours. desolate yellow pine forest. Those rugged pines were pretty much what we had flown over in northern Florida, more failure at a remote airstrip with no services, mechanics, of the same in Georgia and still more as we flew on into Alabama. I got in the habit of looking for places I might be engine failure on the ground. able to "put down" if the engine quit. There weren't many.

increase in oil consumption. Also, the oil leaks hadn't been corrected and the plane needed to be wiped down at each stop. The difficulty in starting was also getting to be more Bobby and other mechanics. They all had a lot of advice to than an annoyance. I was beginning to think maybe Bobby try this and that, but nothing worked. hadn't been such a bargain after all.

Near Huntsville, Alabama, we picked up the Tennessee wife. She had been a real trooper about the whole thing, River and followed it on up toward our ultimate destination but was beginning to develop an attitude. Her opinion of for the day, an airstrip operated by the Lake Barkley State flying cross-country in an antique biplane was rapidly Park Lodge in western Kentucky. We continued up the heading south. After getting a eyeful of Bobby's operation, Tennessee River, across the Land-Between-The-Lakes and experiencing the engine failure, then calculating all the

was. We did a little sight-seeing tour around the lodge and lake, then put down at the strip.

I "greased" a landing (nobody to see it), taxied to the to leave you here and pick this up next week. As Granny ramp, idled back to scope out a place to park and the engine Trying to make up time, we got an early start the next quit. It hasn't run since. Not even a cough. The "re-built"

The bad news was, we had experienced an engine hangars, etc. The good news was, we had experienced an

It was late Friday afternoon of a holiday weekend. At fuel stops I was becoming concerned about an We had been flying for two days and were tired. We got a room at the lodge and chose to address the problem in the morning. Sleeping on it didn't help. Nor did phone calls to

So, there I was stranded in western Kentucky with my



fields, pine forest, rivers, etc., it's safe to say she may choose to stay home next time. Like I said, this story is becoming a saga. I'm going

used to say on the "Beverly Hillbillies" ... "Y'all come back

"what-ifs" of going down in the ocean, Everglades, cane

now, ya hear?" Sounds like Bobby and the boys. I feel about airplanes the way I feel about

diets. It seems to me they are wonderful things for other people to go on. - Jean Kerr



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Martiness Concerned and Second Second Seconds Partie Concerns

# Local athlete finding success in cycling, triathlons

#### **By Dan Schneider**

The countryside around fall of his junior year of high bicycling than the roads on the east side of the state.

That's one of the reasons why 2004 Lowell Scott Riddle likes coming home in the

"It's a lot harder to because there aren't the nice country roads," Riddle said. "So I like going home where there's the good roads."

Riddle, 19, is a sophomore in the predental cycling season. program at the University of Michigan. He rides with all cycling, all road racing in the U of M cycling team, but the spring," Riddle said. also keeps up an ambitious schedule of bicycle racing and triathlons on his own. His most recent triathlon was Autumn Colors in Grattan. Clarkston, Sept. 18. He won the event.

said.

Alto has better roads for school and began racing in 2003. His first were the regular Wednesday night races at Grattan Raceway.

"I kind of got started at High School graduate and Grattan and that got me a little bit of experience, and I went on to the other ones," Riddle said.

His first major road race ride out here in Ann Arbor was the 2003 Major Taylor Race State Championships held in Grand Blanc. He won the junior category for ages 17-18

Spring is his major

"What I'll usually do is He'll ride two races

a week when he's home for the summer, including Wednesday nights at

Toward the end of summer, he transitions to "That was the first triathlons. Riddle placed triathlon I ever won," Riddle seventh Sept. 10 at the Reeds Lake Triathlon in East Grand He started cycling in the Rapids. The next-youngest

**MONEY DOESN'T GROW** 

**ON TREES!** 



Scott Riddle pulled away from the pack to win Category 3 of the June 5 Dan Cihak Memorial Tour of Cedar Creek in Twin Lake, Mich.

athlete in the top 10 was 27

Riddle ran cross country event.

years old.

his least favorite triathlon Marathon Oct. 23.

definitely my down side," more excited about biking in Riddle said.

During the summer, he local lakes. But he spends while keeping up with his for Ironman Hawaii. most of his time riding and studies. "One of his biggest

Colors Triathlon. His next Susan Riddle, said.

in high school. Swimming is event will be the Detroit

"It's kind of my off-"For triathlons, it's season for bicycling. I get the spring," Riddle said.

issues is how does he work ended with the Autumn same time," his mother, everybody wants to get to."

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city should break about even has worked on keeping the company would agree to an on costs.

up the cost for recycling; helped. Allied officials said going. there was a question about keeping an accurate count on the number of residents who do use the service. City

they would look into seeing of that, as well.

reached. The Allied official at the meeting also said the

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His cycling goal is to compete in the National Championships in the 19-23 age group. For triathlons, he plans to compete in the Wisconsin Ironman next In the winter, he uses a fall. His goal there will be does do some swimming in bike trainer to stay in shape a top-three finish to qualify

"Hawaii is cool, of Riddle said. Riddle's triathlon season so much and study at the "It's the one pretty much

recycling records updated as annual review with the city The city does pick much as possible, which has council on how things were

As part of the agreement. if they could help keep track the council stipulated that all the current times and As far as the city being days for waste haul removal clerk Betty Morlock said she able to contact Allied in and other related services regards to complaints from were to remain the same. either the city or residents, Councilman Charles Myers the company offered felt this was important for three numbers at which residents who were already. representatives could be used to the current schedule.

# **Arson blamed in Grattan** one-room schoolhouse fire

#### **By Dan Schneider**

local fire officials said.

"We know it was fairly quickly." arson but exactly what the accelerant was don't know." Grattan Fire Department deputy chief Anna Ward said.

The out of the front.

"We were able to stop taught there. it, which I was pleasantly

house in Grattan Township building and smoke coming the schoolhouse. Friday was intentionally set, out of the eaves. But we

we School, after the farmer who donated the land on which it was built, the building and arrived on the scene in schoolhouse was closed in tanker. time to see flames coming the mid-1950s, grades one through eight were being

"My daughter, I think, surprised, but the whole was in the second grade

top of it was gone," Ward there (when it was closed), so said. "When we got there, that must have been 1956 or The fire that damaged an there were flames coming so," said Glenn Lyons, who abandoned one-room school out of the front peak of the lives down the street from

> The building has been were able to knock it down boarded up for years. Its floor was gone, having rotted Known as the Talbot away, long before the fire.

About a dozen firefighters responded to the blaze. Grattan Township Fire is located at the corner Department sent two engines department of Five Mile and Murray and a tanker. Cannonsburg received the call at 5:30 a.m. Lake Avenue. When the Fire Department sent a

> The long-abandoned **Talbot School in Grattan** Township after being damaged by fire early Friday morning.



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Notices in the "Coming Bldg. Weigh-ins are at Events" are free to any 5:45 p.m. nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & TUES .: Cub Scout Pack Saranac areas. Keep notices by phone at 897-9261.

tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES .: Weight Watchers 5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

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 Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weighins. Brenda 897-9141.

drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 Reformed Church. Call p.m. at Cherry Creek El- 897-7060 or 897-7555. ementary. Call Dave

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

Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street

munication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding, Dinner at S. Hudson St. 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

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

3RD MON.: Fallasburg His- 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 torical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

3RD MON.: Peripheral Hudson. Call 897-8304. Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Community Rm., 725 Saranac Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Show- Wellness Center, Bridge boat Garden Club meetings are held in the Fellowship come. Contact Bev or Hall at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. Sensibly Tops MI#372 Luke's Lutheran Church. meets at Key Heights Mo- 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Cancer Center, Grand

3188 meets at 1st United tices brief; may submit by Methodist Church (as long mail. but will accept no- as there is school). 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616) SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- 292-6039 for more info.

> at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1 1/2 hrs. before meeting, 800-651-6000.

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

TUES.: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 -11:15 a.m./women only at 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open MON .: Women's over 30 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian play, all levels, walk- ins

(YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. 1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien MON .: Boy Scout Troop Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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

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

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

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/ program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 for more information.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, p.m. 3D archery range open to public daily except Tues. evenings.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering Impact Church, 1070 N.

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4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis 2ND&4THTUES.: Knights a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD TUES.:** Parents of bile Home Park Community Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda Rapids.

at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588.

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

WED .: Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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

1ST WED .: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED .: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple. 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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

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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.

THURS .: St. Marv's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational 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. 250 Cherry, Lacks

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

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

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

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Library from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, Topic: "Financial Planning for Special Needs Children." 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to pre-register.

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

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

Supporting Parents group, 145.27 MHz area radio Franciscan Life Process Center, Call 897-7842.

FRI., SAT. AND SUN .: 3RD THURS.: LaLeche Averill Historical Museum League of Ada, Cascade, of Ada, located at 7144 Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializ-Headley. Hours are 1-4 ing: meeting 7. Support p.m. or by appointment. Call pregnant/ for 676-9346. breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300 LOWELLAREA HISTORI-

1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

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

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

2ND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meetrepeater system

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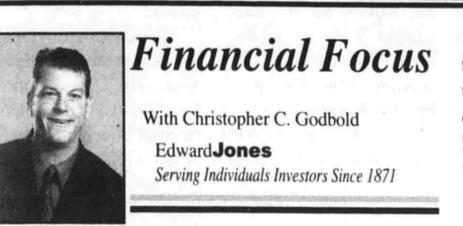
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The poet Joyce Kilmer had it right: "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." Here in Michigan, we're blessed with a canopy of trees as rich and varied as anywhere in the world. But one of our favorites, the ash tree, is being threatened by a shiny green beetle from Asia.

In 2001, ash trees started dying at an alarming rate around Detroit Metro Airport: In five short years, a beetle known as the emerald ash borer has infested an area the size of Delaware, leaving millions of ash trees dead in its wake. The pest most likely arrived in the Detroit area through the prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer. channels of international trade. Through the movement of infested wood and nursery products from the area, the ash borer has reached Ohio, Indiana, Ontario and Maryland.

Last century, our cities faced a similar crisis due to



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you will be joining one of the fastest growing industries in sure they understand their clients' hopes, fears, goals, famthe country, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

the devastation wrought by Dutch elm disease, a fun- the emerald ash borer, the State of Michigan and the U.S. gus that decimated most of the elm trees common in city Department of Agriculture have instituted a quarantine that streetscapes. As the elms died off, they were replaced with limits, and in some cases prohibits, the movement of at-risk hardy ash trees, attractive to arborists and homeowners be- wood throughout the state. Already, chipping facilities have cause of their resistance to Dutch elm disease and the gypsy closed and quarantine checkpoints have been scaled back. I moth and their ability to flourish in Michigan's unpredict- have worked closely with Gov. Granholm, Sen. Stabenow able weather. Ironically, we face the same crisis again as the ash trees planted to replace the elm are now under attack cure additional funding to contain and stop the spread of the from the emerald ash borer.

best scientists have been hard at work researching ways to of the beetle further north. combat the beetle through insecticides or other treatments. To date, few treatments have been found that are fully suc- to control the ash borer's spread, we must also work in each cessful in preventing healthy ash trees from future infestation. Because of this, state and federal agricultural officials have instead focused on tree removal and containment to

In September, the first detection of the beetle in the Upper Peninsula was made at Brimley State Park, which au- identified by local authorities, you can call your local govthorities believe was most likely caused by firewood brought from below the Mackinac Bridge. To slow the spread of 325-0023) for assistance.

At the same time, the need for financial advice appears to be greater than ever. The enormous "baby boom" generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) will be retiring over the next few decades. Consequently, you will find a huge market of people needing professional advice on how to accumulate enough assets for a comfortable retirement - and how to manage these assets when they do retire. Characteristics of Successful Investment Representa-

tives If you are already working in another profession, you may think it's too late to switch careers and become an investment representative. But that is not the case; many successful advisors have worked for many years in other ar-

eas sor, you will likely need to possess these traits:

If you decide to become an investment representative, advisors are, first and foremost, good listeners. They make ronment and many other topics. ily situation, risk tolerance and investment preferences. And where you work, you may have a supervisor, but you are

## When selling a vehicle beware ... new laws could affect you

Submitted by Roger Parent Kent County Sheriff Dept.

The effective date for being sold is transferred. Public Act No. 493 started Oct. 1, 2005. This law deals with abandoned vehicles months. "Record of Sale" will handle paperwork when the reassigned title or a form making final disposition of or document that includes an impounded or abandoned the name, address, driver's vehicle. Some language has been changed to help towing companies recover fees involving the towing and storage of these vehicles.

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of State's office to assure that the title of the vehicle

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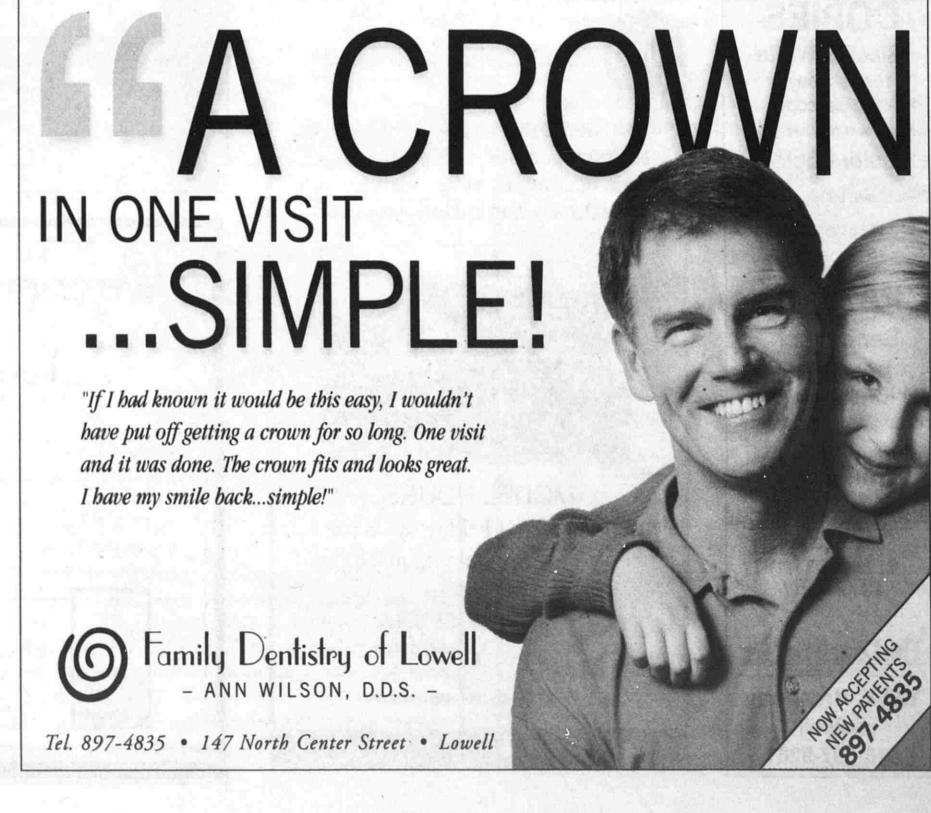
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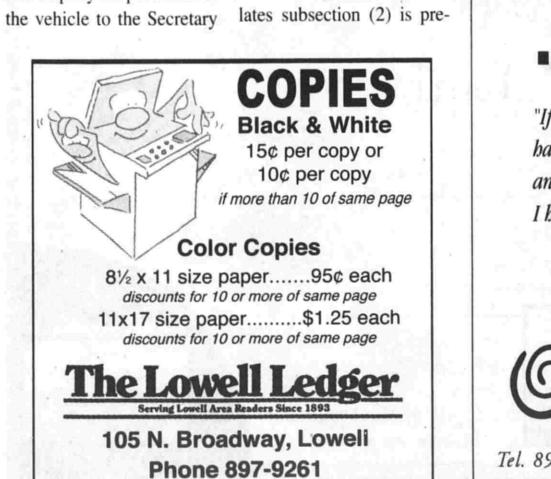
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for those who sell a vehicle, vehicle to did not transfer privately, to go to the Secre- the title into their name.

sued by a towing company It will be very important if the person they sold the





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and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to identify and seemerald ash borer. The USDA recently provided an addi-Since discovering the emerald ash borer, Michigan's tional \$2.1 million to Michigan this year to stem the spread

> While I will continue to fight for additional resources community to aid in the eradication and replanting effort. I urge all Michiganders to stay vigilant and check ash trees for signs of emerald ash borer infestation, evidenced by small D-shaped exit holes where ash borer larvae have emerged.

> If you suspect an infestation that has not been already ernment or the Michigan Department of Agriculture (1-866-

they have the ability to clearly explain possible solutions for their clients' needs.

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> Ability to work independently - Depending on the one who will be almost completely responsible for how your run your business.

Explore your options

Between the great income potential and the ability to help people achieve their cherished goals, you will find few careers that offer as much satisfaction as that of an investment representative. So, if you're interested, start looking around. If you work with an advisor already, ask how he or she got started. Or call a local financial-services firm and find out about their employment opportunities and training

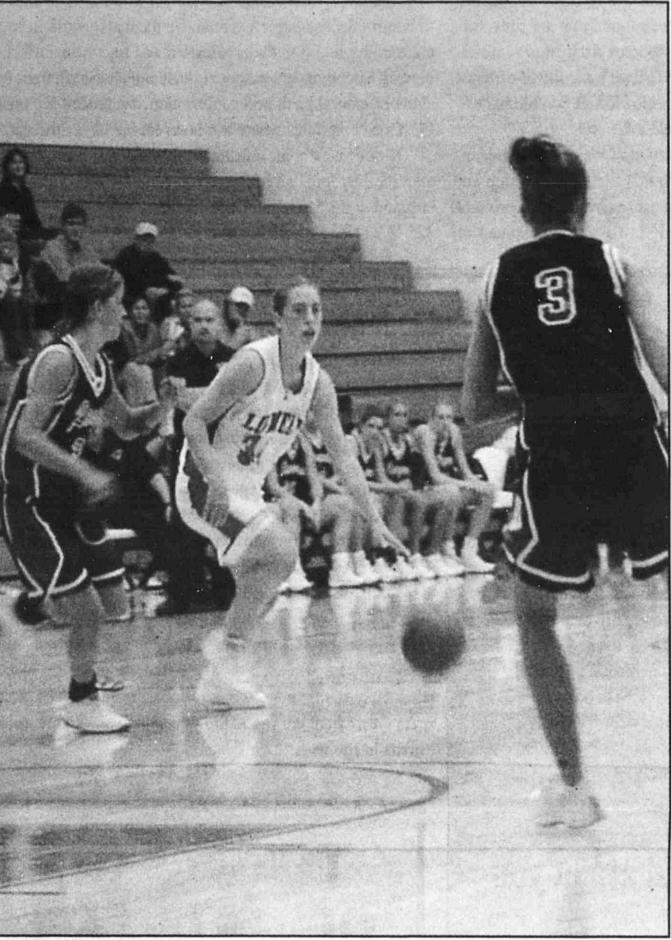
But don't wait too long. It can take some time to build a career as an investment representative - so take action soon.

# Lowell beats two Forest Hills teams in one week

#### By Dan Schneider

game for 16 minutes.

The Red Arrows won 22-21 at halftime.



wouldn't guess it was a close Crowley to put Lowell up scoreboard. The plays went up a shot while falling to the second half. like this: defensive rebound, floor. The basket dropped. Lowell was up 30-21 before another strong performance strong suit. Down 9-7 after the Rangers could catch their on the boards, and converted the first quarter, Lowell breath.

> And they didn't look rebounds into scores. back from there. The Arrows allowed only 12 points in offense with 22 points, points in the second. the second half while hitting becoming the first to top the shots, getting rebounds and 20-point mark in a single combination of steals right forcing turnovers.

> one of those threes to get Geelhoed added seven. After we stole the ball four or us going, and we hit those a cold first half behind the five times in a minute and two, so that took off some arc. Lowell hit 6 three- scored." of the pressure," said Lowell pointers in the second half. coach Dee Crowley. "We Lowell committed only six contests on the schedule this did that the other night at turnovers while forcing 17 week. The Arrows hosted Northern where we just had from the Rangers. a combination of steals and that really fires the girls up." led Lowell on the boards in last week's Class B state

> Lowell won the game with five rebounds each. poll. Lowell plays at Grand against Forest Hills Northern Crowley and Nicole Shepard Rapids Christian Saturday. 49-33.

On defense against the outrebounded Forest Hills in Class A in the same poll. Rangers, Lowell did a good Central, 26-20. job of preventing shots. Even

The events that quickly Lowell; three-pointer by though the score was close dispatched Forest Hills Looking at Lowell's the game 62-33. But the unfolded for Lowell in Brittany Lyman; steal; in the first half, Lowell took Northern 49-33. Crowley final score at the end of last score was tied at 11 after the opening minutes of Brittany Bueche triple; steal; more shots than Forest Hills had 16 points, Lyman scored week's basketball win over one quarter, and it took a the second half gave a nothing; defensive rebound; Central, 27-16. The Arrows nine and Brook VanEck, Forest Hills Central, most last-second layup by Kelsey very different look to the inside to Lyman, who forced hit more of their shots in the seven.

Crowley and Geelhoed received honorable mention each had three assists. Lowell The Eagles were ranked sixth

Last Tuesday, the Arrows





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Above: Lowell's Nicole Shepard (in home whites) moves the ball around the top of the key during last Thursday's game against Forest Hills Central.

At right: Lowell's Kelsey Crowley defends against Forest Hills Central's Brittany Bowen. The Red Arrow defense allowed the Rangers to score only 12 points in the second half of the game.



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The middle two quarters They also benefited from were once again Lowell's five of their 10 offensive outscored the Huskies 31-15 in the third and fourth

Lyman led the Lowell quarters, allowing only six "We had a stretch of a game this season. Bueche in a row," Crowley said. "We just needed to hit scored 12 points and Amanda "We had one stretch where

> Lowell has a pair of tough Ionia Tuesday. The Bulldogs

# Lowell football wins big over Reeths-Puffer

## Red Arrows run the clock against Rockets

#### By Dan Schneider

of Muskegon Reeths- only score of the game. Puffer Friday at Red Arrow Stadium.

of Lowell's defense, which touchdown passes. Nichol Nichol carried the ball 13 limited the Rockets to only also ran in a score from three times for 128 yards. Gabe 61 yards on the ground and yards out. 52 yards passing.

win over Greenville was clock running with a 29-yard defense with five tackles old-school Lowell, and touchdown run. big passing is the current standard, then Friday's Red held the score at 43-7 the Hills Northern on Friday. A Arrows were somewhere in remainder of the game for win would qualify Lowell between. Lowell ran for 216 Lowell. vards and passed for 240.

mix," Lowell coach Noel was nice, and Keith (Nichol) them 42-14. Dean said. "It was great to have our kids come out and execute and play the way we have."

Ouarterback Keith Nichol threw for three Lowell touchdowns and ran the other three in himself. The game got off to a rough start for Nichol, who was hurried into throwing an interception on the first play of the game. But the defense sacked Reeths-Puffer quarterback Jonathan Sykes on a fourth and five try. With the ball back, Nichol made up for the pick by leading a 70-yard scoring drive capped by a 24-yard touchdown pass to Brad Shea. A 38-yard pass to Shea on the third play of the drive put Lowell in scoring position.

After stopping Reeths Puffer's next drive, Nichol found Shea again for a 49yard gain that put Lowell on the Reeths-Puffer 10yard line. Add a five-yard facemask penalty against the Rockets, and it set the stage for Nichol to run in Lowell's second score. Kory Stevens ran in the two-point conversion.

Reeths-Puffer's next possession took the game



into the second quarter and made some great decisions," Lowell's offense was the ball into the end zone. Dean said. hitting on all cylinders in the Sykes ran the ball in from the Red Arrows' 43-7 stomping one-yard line for the Rockets' 15 passing attempts for 240

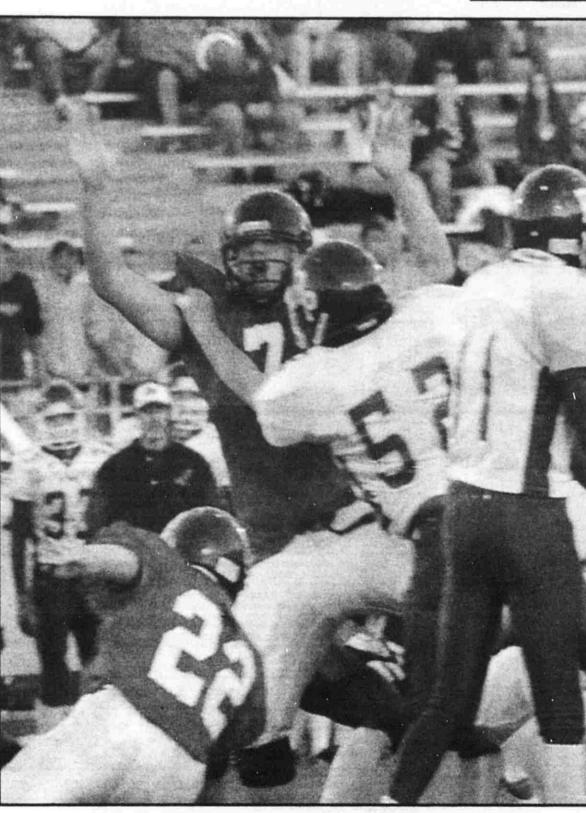
Nichol found Brock Graham for 109 yards. McElroy had The same can be said and Mike McElroy for short three receptions for 68 yards.

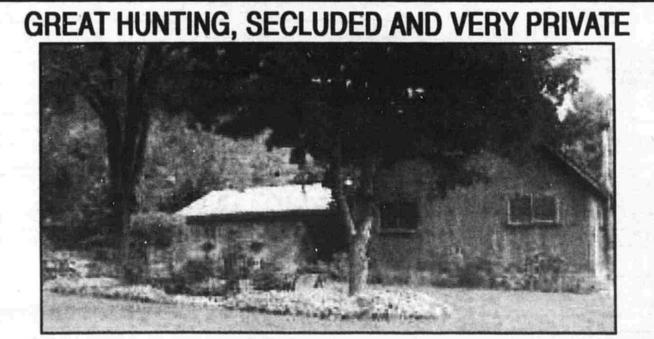
If the running-dominated third quarter, Nichol set the Justin Harden led the Lowell

The second string

Nichol completed 10 of yards. Shea was the leading In the second quarter, receiver with three catches Delnick ran 61 yards on nine On first and ten in the carries. Ryan Mechaney and each

Lowell travels to Forest for the playoffs. The Arrows "Our receivers were and the Huskies last met "It was just a good open a lot tonight, so that in 2002, when Lowell beat



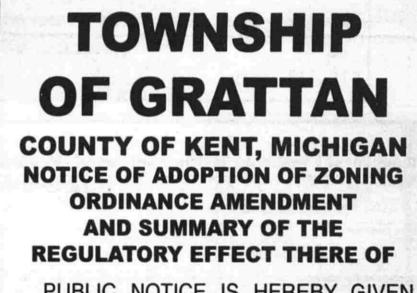


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Above: Lowell's Brad Shea takes a pass for a big gain in the first quarter of the Red Arrows' win over Muskegon **Reeths-Puffer.** 

At Left: Lowell's Dominic Doyle tries to get a hand up to block a pass by Muskegon Reeths-Puffer's Jonathan Sykes (#11). The Red Arrows held the Rockets to only 52 passing yards in the win.



PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 8, 2005 the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance to amend existing sections of the Zoning Ordinance which pertain to agricultural signs and roadside stands. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance are summarized below.

The ordinance amends, in part, Section 16.05 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering signs in agricultural districts. The amendments pertain to restrictions on the type, size and other aspects of signs for farms, roadside stands and agricultural processing. The ordinance also makes minor, sign-related amendments in Section 3.28 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering roadside stands, and in Section 13.15 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering agricultural processing.

The ordinance will become effective October 12, 2005. A copy of the amending ordinance can be examined or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: September 29, 2005

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

# Lowell tennis finishes in middle of OK White pack

#### **Bv** Dan Schneider

Last Monday, the Lowell girls tennis team became the first team in school history to defeat Forest Hills Central in a varsity match.

"It was a good victory win that one," said Lowell coach Bonnie Wall.

five flights and a come-from- Zuiderveen won 6-2, 6-2. behind victory in second

team continued its late-

Forest Hills Central, 155-

By Dan Schneider

Country Club.

Porter

In first doubles, Becky Plummer and Kelly Koning rallied back from a first-set loss to win 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Lindsay Aiken and and we were real happy to Terrah Tawney won 6-3, for a shut-out victory. 6-4 at second doubles. The fourth doubles team of singles 6-2, 6-2. With decisive wins in Tanya Baker and Melissa

doubles, the Red Arrows second singles 6-3, 6-4.

season trend of low scores shot 38. Wittenbach was last Thursday turned out to

last Monday at Centennial right behind them with a 39. be disappointing for the Red 314.

The Red Arrows edged was made by Ryan Kalman. score was 368 for 18 holes,

The Lowell boys golf scorers' list. Mundt shot 37

win. Eric Mundt and Rich what we expect from them, in the district.

Wittenbach from his usual competitive," said Lowell conditions made

unseated Kyle so we should be pretty

**Districts disappointing for Lowell golf** 

for nine holes while Porter at the Cascades in Jackson

Lowell's fourth score, a 41, Arrows, however. Lowell's

166 for their third conference they're back to shooting place finish out of 13 teams qualified as an individual

place at the top of Lowell's coach Gary Fredline.

singles, 6-0, 6-0.

O and O victories this year," doubles 7-5, 6-1. Wall said. "We sometimes call her our 'bagel queen.""

Lowell took two flights 7-6(4), 6-4.

in a loss to Northview Priscilla Farias won last Wednesday. Aiken the OK White conference

The district tournament

"We're coming along, good enough for only a 10th best news for Lowell. He

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doubles 6-0, 6-4. Baker Northern. That put them in Lawrence placed sixth. "Heather has had several and Zuiderveen won third

Paula Lawrence and Katie Barnes went to three "Bagel" is tennis lingo sets in a loss at fourth doubles. So did Irwin at Kayla Irwin won fourth fourth singles. Farias lost a close second singles match,

Lowell placed fourth in second singles. Spratt

difficult, accounting for some

of the problems. Okemos,

the district champions, were

able to win with a score of

for the regional tournament

Crossing Golf Club in

Vicksburg. His score of 83

was

Kyle

performance

Wet, cool, windy to be held Friday at Angels

golf

fourth place in the conference overall this season.

The fourth doubles team of Baker and Zuiderveen placed third, Lowell's best finish in a flight.

placed sixth in first singles. Farias finished fourth in took fourth place in third doubles team of Aiken schools. and Tawney took fourth in the third-place match. The third doubles team of

# Wittenbach's Lowell varsity soccer wins two

Lowell boys soccer team. Lowell Greenville last Tuesday and

struggled, however, with at Petoskey. several challenging schools



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was his poorest this year for

18 holes, but was the fifth best score among individual golfers whose teams did not qualify for regionals. The top six teams qualified for Reeths-Puffer Thursday and Forest Hills Northern regionals, as did the top six

teams The remainder of the Red Arrow squad finished the season Monday at the conference tournament at Silver Lake Country Club.

individuals outside of those

dispatched the Huskies, 6- Heather Spratt won third and Tawney won second tournament at Forest Hills Julie Geelhoed and Paula Wall said small mistakes led to disappointments

> in several flights at the conference tournament. "We're going to go into regionals wanting to Rachelle Levingston eliminate some of those

disappointments because we're going to see a lot of the same teams," she said. Lowell's Division 2

singles. Irwin placed fifth regional tournament will in fourth singles. Plummer take place Thursday at and Koning finished fourth Forest Hills Central and in first singles. The second Forest Hills Northern high

On Tuesday, the Red place, losing to Northview Arrows hosted Grand Rapids West Catholic.

hosted

Two wins last week on the non-conference improved the record of the schedule. Lowell is 4-4-3 overall this season.

The Arrows hope to make that into a winning beat the Yellowjackets 6-1. record by the end of this They hosted Muskegon week. They traveled to pulled out a 3-1 victory. Tuesday and host Forest Lowell is undefeated 3- Hills Central on Thursday. 0 in conference play so far Lowell plays another nonthis year. The Arrows have conference game Saturday

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# Lowell cross country runs at Johnson Park, Carson City

By Dan Schneider

Park last Wednesday as the Lowell's top seven. Lowell Red Arrows took on the Cedar Springs Redhawks very well as a pack," Lowell with a time of 23:52. Becky

large boys teams, which working on the times, getting place with a time of 25:11. made things crowded in the times down." the starting boxes. The Lowell team lost by a score better against the Redhawks, been a drawback for the Red of 20-36. Landon Peacock finishing only three points Arrow girls in a tight race of Cedar Springs won the behind with the score 26- like this one. race in 16:58. Keaton Dilly 29. was Lowell's top finisher in third place with a time of Cramer won the race in it's difficult to obtain the 18:17. Jon Riddle (18:48) 20:28. finished fifth in the race. Kyle Ingebretson was eighth top finisher for Lowell, in competed Saturday in the in 19:07 followed by Andy second place with a time of A-B division of the Carson Mark (19:15) in ninth place. 20:38. Monica Fitzpatrick City Crystal Invitational. Michael Schumm (19:23) (21:24) finished third in the The boys' team finished

finished 11th followed by race. Hayley Getzen (23:02), It was nothing but bright Justin Boss (19:40). Kirk Katie Riddle (23:10) and red uniforms on the cross Geldersma finished 15th in Erin Beddows (23:16) country course at Johnson a time of 20:00 to round out finished seventh, eighth and

in a non-conference meet. coach Clay VanderWarf DeLiefde rounded out Both schools fielded said. "Now we've just been Lowell's top seven in 16th

Karen Judd was the

ninth, respectively. In 12th "They've been running place was Emily Hauschild

VanderWarf said having The girls' team faired such a small team may have

"The issue with the girls Cedar Springs' Katy has been just being so small; depth of runners," he said.

Both Lowell teams



Park.

10th with a score of 395. Ingebretson (112th, 18:41) 20:49), Getzen (80th, Rockford won the race with a score of 81.

finishers were: Dilly (30th, 17:24), Mark (47th, 17:50),

# **Lowell wrestlers** qualify for "Border Wars" Nine Lowell wrestlers Francisco placed second (55 pounds) fourth in the 7-

Sept. 24 for the Border Fall Championships that will be held on Nov. 5 and 6 in

Holt Lowell eighth grader, Jackson Morse (112 pounds) took third place in the 15-18 year old division and first in the 110-pound weight class in the 13-14 age division.

Robbie Karasiewicz, a Lowell High School junior, took first place in the 135pound division; he won four matches en route to the

the 15-18 age In senior Matt



The Lowell boys junior varsity soccer team took first place in the junior varsity tournament Sept. 24 at East Lansing. The Red Arrows defeated Portage Northern, East Lansing and Mason to win the championship. All three of those schools have state-ranked varsity soccer teams. Bud Shepard scored two goals for Lowell and had an assist. Jerry Adams scored two goals for Lowell; he also received seven stitches in between games on a cut over his eye. His second goal was scored after receiving the stitches.

Coach Mike Lincolnhol called it "a nice win for the team and the program." He also credited Greg Harreld, Katlin Manszewski, Yujiro Uchida and Jim Nordman with outstanding performances in the games.





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The Lowell girls team takes off from the starting line in last Wednesday's race at Johnson

12th with a score of 391. Lowell's top five Clarkston won the girls' race 24:15). with a score of 59.

Schumm (97th, 18:23), finishers were: Judd (33rd, Riddle (109th, 18:37) and 20:17), Fitzpatrick (53rd,

The girls' team finished 22:01), Riddle (95th, 22:33), and Paige Senters (130th,

Lowell's next meet is Lowell's top five Wednesday against Forest Hills Northern.

Wrestling

pounds; and junior Brandon Murray placed fourth at 145 pounds.

The following Lowell youth also placed: Tyler Jack (103 pounds) first in the 13-14 age division; Bailey Jack qualifier.

qualified at Grandville on at 215 pounds; junior Ray 8 age division; and Austin Seese placed second at 125 Endsley (90 pounds) in the 11-12 age division.

The Lowell Wrestling Club's next event will be Oct. 16 at Lowell High School. It is also a Border Wars Wrestling national

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER** TOWNSHIP **PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning .Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Joseph Merriman to rezone property located at 5214 Bancroft Avenue SE from Prime Agricultural to Rural Agricultural (AG-2). This property consists of 80 acres and the property is described as follows:

The North one-half (N 1/2) of the Northeast one-quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 33, Town 6 North, Range 9 West.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: TIME:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP HALL** 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

## **Frequent fall gardening questions and answers**

make the transition from the be wrong? outdoor growing season to winter downtime, there's no lack of gardening questions. Q. I planted burning bushes for fall color, but

again this year the leaves

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ELEMENTARY MENU Week of October 10, 2005

Chicken MON: nuggets (Alto & Murray Lake - fish patty on bun also offered), potato rounds, assorted fruit, Goldfish crackers, milk

TUES: Macaroni & cheese (Alto & Murray Lake - chicken patty also offered), broccoli fruit. assorted cinnamon roll, milk.

WED: Cheese pizza (Alto & Murray Lake stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered), oven baked beans assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Spaghetti & w/garlic meatsauce toast (Alto & Murray Lake - hot dog on bun also offered), green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Hamburger on bun (Alto & Murray Lake - stacked turkey/ cheese on bun also offered), oven French fries, assorted fruit, chocolate pudding, milk.

As gardeners begin to didn't turn red. What could plants are dormant but plants to bloom in fall,

burning bush, needs plenty aims of mulching are to keep cool temperatures and of sunlight to develop its the flower buds from being then unusually warm trademark bright red foliage. damaged by low temps and weather. Pushed into early Transplanting plants to to prevent frost heaving, dormancy by the drought sunnier areas or trimming which occurs when alternate and cool temps, the away overhanging branches freezing and thawing of plants are then fooled into from nearby trees or shrubs the soil pushes the plants flowering by the late warm may help. If bushes already right out of the ground in spell. Buds that open in receive full sun, you might late winter or early spring. the fall won't be available try having a soil test done Besides straw, you can also to bloom next spring, but burning bushes prefer a use chopped cornstalks, hay, generally only a few buds slightly acidic soil and will corn cobs or bark chips. Add jump the gun and bloom not develop color well in material and let it settle, an alkaline soil. Another then add more as needed to possibility is that you have form a 2- or 3-inch layer. another type of shrub Uncover in spring as new entirely, one that simply growth begins, but recover doesn't turn red in the fall.

planted strawberries last spring and one or more of my forsythia am wondering when I should bushes produce a few flowers cover them with straw for in late fall. Is this unusual? the winter.

A. Apply mulch after for some spring-blooming

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if cold temps threaten.

Q. Every few years,

A. It's fairly common

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before temperatures drop especially if dry summer A. Euonymus alatus, or below 20 degrees F. The weather is followed by

Neumann. "It is critical to

install smoke alarms and

test them once a month and

your alarm for life."

candles safely,

early, so you shouldn't notice What was I seeing? much reduction in the spring flower display.

O. Doing some night (lightning there hadn't been any before.

## Fire prevention, cont'd... From Page 3

percent of those devices State Fire Marshal is urging sounds. A downloadable did not work, most often residents to install smoke copy of a home fire escape because of missing, dead alarms on every level of the grid is available on the home and in every bedroom, NFPA web site. Every plan or disconnected batteries. "Half of all home test them monthly and change should identify two ways fire deaths in Michigan the batteries annually. All out of every room, name

p.m. and 6 a.m.," said 10 years. replace batteries annually. home fire escape plan so as possible. And, if the smoke alarm , they know what to do when In addition to using little as two minutes to escape org.

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You need to look close at the To call a whole nation of people the heartless enemy, traffic lanes on Foreman by Cherry Creek. I'm not sure why is as ridiculous as saying we should be using an illegal every American citizen is lovright hand turn lane. ing and caring.

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# New lightbulbs for city streets

#### By Dan Schneider

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Lowell's Main Street will be brighter at night after the installation of new bulbs in all 163 old-time looking downtown streetlights.

The new bulbs will actually be smaller wattage than the ones currently on the lampposts. They will be 100 watts instead of 175. But the current lightbulbs are between six and eight years old and have outlived their peak brightness.

"The new 100 watt light bulbs that are going up will probably look brighter than the (eight)-year-old 175-watt bulbs," electrical contractor Clark Jahnke said.

He is part owner of Spring Electric, Inc., the company that submitted the winning bid. Replacing the bulbs and ballasts on the lamps will cost the city \$21,785. Jahnke said the project will take about a month to complete: two

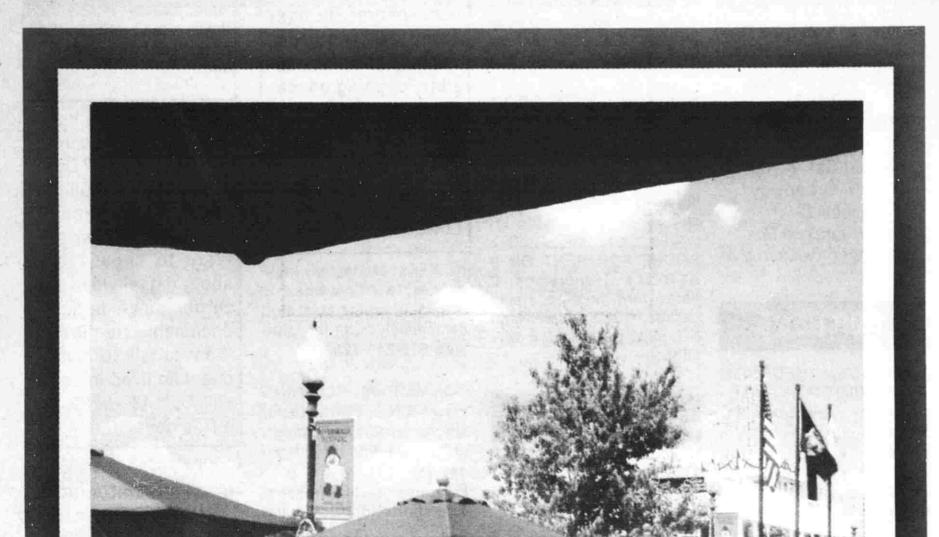
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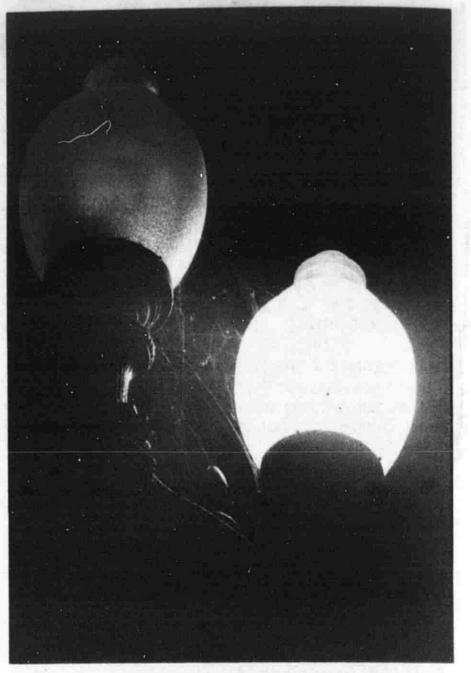
The city asked the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to look into the streetlights earlier this year to try to find a way to cut energy costs. The first idea was to replace the double fixtures with single lights on top of the poles. But after this configuration was tested on a few poles at the east end of town, the DDA decided to look for another option for aesthetic reasons. So at last Thursday's meeting, they decided to reduce the wattage of the bulbs.

"They're the same fixtures, we're not going to be changing the fixtures at all," Jahnke said.

The city is anticipating a four-year payback on the light replacement project. Even after a few years, the reduced wattage will not likely have a very negative impact on the amount of light on the downtown sidewalks.

"It hasn't dimmed the light that much that there's a





Cobwebs and extinguished lightbulbs will be a thing of the past for Lowell's downtown streetlights after a project is completed to replace the lightbulbs in 163 fixtures.

safety concern," city manager Dave Pasquale said in reference to some lights near the Englehardt Library that have already been replaced as a test project.

The first of the original street lights were installed in 1997, with the project being completed in 1999. One side benefit of replacing the light bulbs in addition to lowering the city's costs is that several bulbs which don't work will be replaced in the process.

Another benefit will be more efficient light output.

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So the lower-powered bulbs will be good news to the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association. The club's James C. Veen Observatory, located on Kissing Rock Avenue, has for years been the victim of increasing light pollution.

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draw up some preliminary ideas to make crossing the street easier. The plans included measures ranging from sidewalk bump-outs to mid-street pedestrian islands. Green said the measures depicted in the plans, particularly the six-foot pedestrian medians, would likely cause problems for state plow crews in the winter.

"I don't think we're going to be in favor of a six-foot median," he said.

Green said a 12-foot-wide median would be more in line with what the department has done in the past. But to install that width on Main Street would cost streetside parking, something downtown merchants are not likely to give up.

Green also said the new crosswalk lines that have been painted on Main Street should be given a chance to prove whether or not they are effective. Other ideas that have been put in place include the red banner strung across Main Street asking motorists to "Protect our Pedestrians."



