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## Lowell's holiday craft tour ready to roll once again



#### By Dan Schneider

A host of houses throughout the Lowell area along with some businesses will be filled with crafts for sale for the ever-popular "Christmas Through Lowell" event.

is always scheduled for the first weekend of hunting season ... this year, Nov. 18-20.

There are 42 houses and churches and 10 businesses listed. Many of the houses feature items by multiple crafters; and there is a wide variety of unique items ... everything from doilies to furniture.

"Christmas Through Lowell" programs with maps are available at numerous downtown shops and at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event. In addition to crafts

on that to call us or silent

about finding the people

responsible. Since vandalism

usually happens at night, in

out of the way places, it can

witnessed by neutral parties,

"Very seldom is it

be hard to find witnesses.

But he's not optimistic

observer."

for sale, a number of organizations are hosting lunches. The Lowell Women's Club is serving a lunch from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nov. 18 and 19 at the chamber of commerce, 113 Now in its 14th year, it Riverwalk Plaza. The First United Methodist Church Women are holding a lunch Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the church at 621 E. Main Street. Vergennes United Methodist Church is hosting a lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Nov. 19; both churches also have crafts for sale. All weekend, "Corner Crafts" at 423 Suffolk is having a bake sale to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries.

> Tour hours of "ChristmasThroughLowell" are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

A banner over downtown Main Street advertises the "Christmas Through Lowell" craft tour, which takes place Nov. 18-20.

## **Remaining seats in showboat amphitheater vandalized**

By Dan Schneider

Since 1997. when Loretta Lynn performed the last concert in front of them, the showboat amphitheater has stood in disuse at the north end of Riverwalk Plaza.

Aside from a few fishermen casting lines from the former showboat stage, walkers using the area as a shortcut to Lafayette Street, and Unity High students hanging out there during lunchbreaks, the timeworn amphitheater showboat has been nearly forgotten. That makes deciding what to do with the wooden bleacher seats, which were smashed by vandals, a tough proposition.

Lowell Area Schools owns the property, which is located behind Unity High School.

"We've got to make a decision," said Lowell Area Schools director of transportationandoperations Larry Mikulski. "Either we abandon it completely and pull everything out of there or we put some money into it and fix it up again."

The vandalism occurred some time before Oct. 21. The boards were old and

weathered in the first place, and the vandals were able to break about one-third of them. Now, the boards lie

in an angular disarray, with splintered edges propped up by the metal bleacher brackets.

The Lowell police currently have no leads in the case.

"If we had some leads or



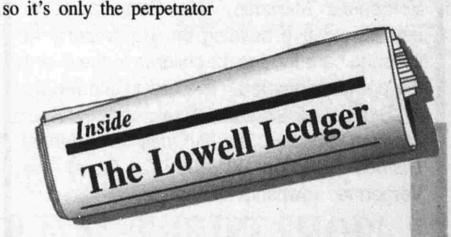
The wooden benches of the old showboat amphitheater were damaged by vandals.

and their associates that suspects, then we would be would know about it," pursuing that," police chief Jim Valentine said. "We Valentine said. Though the spot is out would encourage anybody who does have information

of the public eye, Valentine said there have not been complaints about illegal activity there in the past.

Some might argue that the vandals did the city a favor. Something will now have to be done about the

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#### KENT

January 24, 1935, in Grand Thursday, November 3, 2005. Jim drove truck all Howard City; the mother his life, then settled in with of his children Barbara Superior Transit in the later Kent and her daughter Toni years. he was fortunate enough Jim will not be alone, his business from which he way for him on May 24, to every one. Jim is survived Reynolds Cemetery. by his wife of 16 years, Janice (Boos-Davis) Kent: mother Julia K. Wolf, Byron Center; two brothers Richard (Ila) Horton, Middleville, Edward (Hillie) Horton, Kentwood; foster sister Lyla Spaman, New Mexico; special "little" stepsister Nyla (Robert) Smith, Wayland. Through his siblings he had quite a few nieces and nephews. "Dad" will be missed by his loving children Julie (Thomas) Fick, Lowell, John (Diane) Kent, Newaygo, Mark (Sandy) Kent, Dorr, Jamie Sue (Chad) Boomershine, Allendale, Jami Lea Davis, Howard City, Hugh James Area Schools, died on Davis II, Howard City, November 6, 2005 in Grand Joel (Tammy) Davis, Kent Rapids after a hard fought

City, Steve Horton, Upper James Harland Kent, born Peninsula, Terry Horton, Hastings; 18 grandchildren; Rapids, died suddenly at seven great-grandchildren; St. Mary's Hospital on mother-in-law Letty Boos and aunt Vea both of There and family, all of Grant, to find a family- oriented daughter Donna cleared the retired when he was 62. He 2005. Funeral services were did not have any hobbies, he held Monday at Heckman only had a love: of family, Funeral Home in Howard real and extended. Friends City with Pastor Tom Ball and acquaintances, he talked officiating and burial in the



MILLER

Shari (Benninghoff) Miller, superintendent of Lowell

## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing for a proposed Special Exception Use Permit will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 17, 2005, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell

Heather Strejc, of 1170 Grindle Drive, Lowell, MI, is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a group child care facility, the home and property located at that same address in the Southwest quarter of Section 36 of Vergennes Township. Ms. Strejc plans to use an existing building on the property in which to care for 7 to 12 children in the event the permit is granted. The use is allowed as a Special Exception Use under "R-2" Medium Density Single-Family Residential District, Section 201.306, C., 2., of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 7:00 pm on November 17, 2005.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

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of doctoral degree. Shari used Home. her vast knowledge to help students, teachers and parents during her distinguished career in education. She taught Spanish and English at Hicksville High School in Ohio and at Snider High School in Fort Wayne. She served two years as president of the Fort Wayne Education Association. After teaching for 25 years, Shari became assistant principal at an Northrop High School in Fort Wayne. She went on to serve as an assistant superintendent in North Newton, Indiana, Dorothy Heise Randall, aged Hospital in Eagle River. She are pending at this time. and then as the deputy 83, died of cancer November was born on September 17, superintendent in Lansing. 1, 2005 at Heartland Health For the past three years, Care and Hospice. She Shari has greatly enjoyed was preceded in death being the superintendent by her husband Elwin E. of Lowell Area Schools. Randall. She is survived Throughout the years, her by two brothers Charles unwavering commitment (Joyce) Heise of Hastings, to quality education for all Arlen (Barbara) Heise of has served and will continue Woodland; sister Leona to serve as an inspiration (Dr. Richard) Rasmussen of to those who worked with East Grand Rapids; nieces against discrimination, Shari (Jason) Algeo, Lexie and devoted her life to bettering Tory Flynn, Sarah Allaben;

in her academic career. After 4 p.m. this Wednesday in the wishes cremation has taken being named valedictorian Commons area of the high place and a private family MA from St. Francis College memorial contributions to next to her husband



## RANDALL



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

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

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

Judy and Lewis Pitsch have made application for a variance from 4.1.2 Table of General Bulk Regulations of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a lot with road frontage on Bewell Avenue of 57.45 feet where 165 feet are required for Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-09-401-009.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

battle with breast cancer. the lives of children. She nephews Kenneth (Karen) 1926 in Ionia, the daughter Born in 1950 in Hicksville, shared precious time with her Heise, Shawn Heise, Kevin of the late Archie and Ohio, Shari learned about own children and husband Algeo, Randy (Carolynne) Edith (Smith) Mallet. She hard work and dedication traveling throughout the Allaben, John Allaben. graduated from Lakeview from a very early age. The Caribbean and relaxing She was on the Board of High School in 1944 and daughter of Wayne and at the lake. Simply being Community Concert Ass'n, moved to Watersmeet after Eleanore Benninghoff, Shari together as a family was worked for Grand Rapids retirement in 1989. Eleanor worked with her parents blissful. Shari is survived Symphony for years, was was a member of the Eagle and three sisters on their by her husband Ned Miller; one of the soprano soloists in River Baptist Church. family farm. She applied daughter Holly (Kyle) Kirby, Park Congregational Church Survivors include two that diligent work ethic to son Andrew (Lindsay) choir, past president of the daughters Diana (David) academic pursuits, to Miller; grandson Miller Lowell General Federation Shank, Susan Osburn, both her career aspirations, and Kirby; sisters Elizabeth of Women's Club, Vergennes of Lowell; four sons Roger her relationships with (Harold) Palmer, Diane Cooperative Club, Garden (Mary) Caudill of Hanover, family and friends. Those (Robert) Gilbert, Susan Lore Club of Lowell, VP and Kan., Howard (Annette) who knew Shari know she (Michael) Fyfe; aunt Ruth secretary of the Maude Fase Smith and Steven Smith, had an insatiable desire for Darcy. Visitations with the Guild of Ada Congregational both of Lowell, and Thomas knowledge that was evident family will be held from 2 - Church. In respect of her Smith of Watersmeet; seven grandchildren; six greatgrandchildren; sister Marion Eastside High School school Freshman Center and service will be held with Maneke of Big Rapids. She Butler, Indiana, she a memorial service at 7 p.m. Rev. Gary Burdick of Ada was preceded in death by attended Indiana University in the Lowell Performing Congregational Church, her husband Howard in at Bloomington, graduating Arts Center. In lieu of officiating. Interment in 1979; sisters Lillian, Ruby with honors. She received her flowers, the family suggests Woodland Park, Woodland, and Donna; brother Clayton. Funeral services were held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Shari Miller Scholarship of 58 years. She was a Nov. 1 at the Wandersee and returned to Indiana Fund of Lowell Area Schools great, courageous lady who Funeral Home in Bruce University to pursue her or Hospice of Holland loved a life of dignity, Crossing, commitment and service. The family would appreciate any memorial donations Bobbie E. Wilkerson Sr., to the American Diabetes aged 64, of Saranac, formerly Association of Grand of Lowell, passed away Rapids, 648 Monroe NW, unexpectedly November 5, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 2005 in Bradenton, Florida. or the American Cancer He is survived by his wife Society, 400 Ann St. NW, Joyce; children Ronald Ste. 202, Grand Rapids, MI (Cheryl) Wilkerson, Debbie 49504.

#### SMITH

Eleanor B. Smith, aged 79 11 grandchildren. Bob was of Watersmeet, Mich., died very proud of being a 30on Friday, October 28, 2005 year employee of the King at Eagle River Memorial Milling Co. Funeral services

## **Music benefit** for Hospice of **Michigan Saturday**

her. As a champion of Diana (Bob) Nelson, Brenda Saturday at Deer Run Golf entertainment. Cover charge diversity and a warrior (Jeff) Cross, Rebecca Club Saturday will benefit is \$10 and there is a cash bar. Hospice of Michigan. Four West Michigan employees of bands: The Harry Harris the Compuware Corporation Project, Lucky Dog, Just are the sponsors. Hospice Because and ThornApple of Michigan is a nonprofit will play a variety of musical health care organization styles such as jazz, blues, providing care for people bluegrass, classic rock, and with terminal illness and celtic. The event, from 6 to their families. 11:30 p.m., features door

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WILKERSON

(Mark) Friesner, Melodie

(Rich) Anderson, Bobbie

Jr. (Fabiola) Wilkerson:

## Lowell Area Schools loses superintendent District's schools closed Wednesday in honor of Shari Miller

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools lost its committed leader over the weekend.

Superintendent Shari Miller lost her battle with breast cancer at about 1 p.m. Sunday. She was 55 years old.

When the district hired her as superintendent. school board president Nancy Hopkins said, "The goal of the district was, in very general terms, to take a good district and make it a great district."

Miller came to Lowell in October of 2002 with a resume packed with educational experience. She had been a high school teacher in Ohio and in Indiana. She was an assistant principal at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne and an assistant superintendent in North Newton, Ind. She came to Lowell after serving as the deputy superintendent for Lansing Schools.

In only three years, she was able to make an impact, Hopkins said. This included helping introduce new teaching methods, and pushing forward the goals for student performance.

"We are much, much farther along in these things than when she came to the district," Hopkins said. "The sad thing is not knowing how far she could have taken us had she stayed with the district."

She is remembered for being a catalyst for the district and having a passion for learning and for students.

"She brought new energy, new ideas, and new tools," Hopkins said "She was able to bring people along with that ... and say 'this is something we can do together and that will benefit our kids' and it was contagious."

Curriculum development was one



Shari Miller "The sad thing is not knowing how far she could have taken us."

assistant superintendent for day or night," Kasmer said. Vashaw said. curriculum and instruction "She did a lot for this district, Mark Kasmer said she kept both up front and behind the the teachers. the district on the cutting scenes." edge of educational ideas.

pushing us beyond what's happen in the district that because she came from a currently going on and looking ahead to what kids will need in the future," She had a personal role in the micro-managing, she was Kasmer said. "She has done a development of the string just doing a great job of lot for this district in helping orchestra, from writing the supporting us." the district move forward in grant to getting funding for providing new opportunities it to promoting the orchestra were canceled in honor for kids."

He also remembers knowledge.

-Nancy Hopkins, LAS board of education president

One of the new to the high school and Miller was "always opportunities Miller made talking to teachers here was close to her heart was secondary experience," the string orchestra program. throughout the community.

was beyond the call of duty. peers, serving as chair school Freshman Center. "She spent an inordinate of the Kent Intermediate

her death.

Technology was another area where Miller pushed the district forward. She had another role in addition to being superintendent; she was also the district's director of technology. She established two teams to improve the technology infrastructure and its use in the district. One team worked with hardware and software, another team developed instructional methods using technology. Miller was also instrumental in developing the district's technology curriculum.

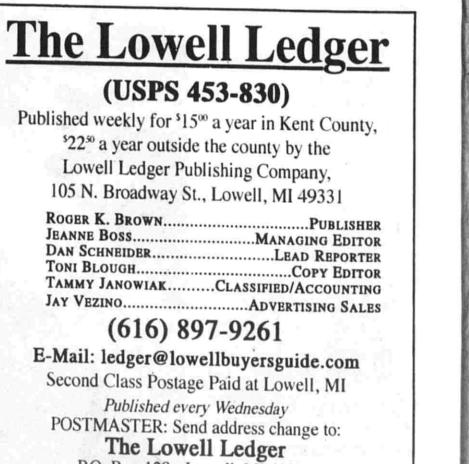
Computers are now much more pervasive throughout the district. There are new projectors in classrooms in Lowell which allow teachers to utilize the new, digital teaching tools that come with many modern text books.

Miller made it a priority to be close to the action in the district, making frequent classroom visits to listen to and encourage students. "She always came to events, whether they were musical or athletic," Lowell

of her top priorities, and amount of time on this job, High School principal Scott She was also close to

Vashaw said. "She wasn't

All Wednesday's classes of Miller. A community Another priority of celebration of her life her own love of gaining Miller's was diversity is scheduled for 7 p.m. education. Something she Wednesday in the Lowell "She was an avid reader wanted every student to Performing Arts Center at and continually looked for graduate from the district the high school. A visitation new ideas that would help with was a respect for with Miller's family will be support kids," Kasmer said. diversity. She was recognized held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the And her commitment for her efforts among her commons area of the high







Superintendents Association Diversity Committee until

"She loved coming



#### LAAC RECEPTION

The LAAC exhibit "Sleigh Bells and Holly: A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts" will start with a reception this Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6-8 p.m. for all artists involved. It runs through Dec. 23 at 149 S. Hudson St.

#### VETERANS SPEAK AT LPAC

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present "Lowell veterans tell their stories: WWII - Battle of the Bulge" this Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the LHS Performing Arts Center. T/3 Glenn Marks, Bill Johnson and Col. George (Bill) Sefton are panelists.

#### **REUNION PLANNING MEETING**

The LHS Class of 1976 will have a 30-year reunion planning meeting at Larkin's on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. Please attend or call Jim Reagan at 897-9656 if you would like to help.

#### DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry is in need of boxed potatoes, soda crackers, soup, stewed tomatoes, canned fruit and toilet tissue.

#### FOODMOBILE

Anyone living in the Greater Lowell area is welcome to stop at the Foodmobile for free food this Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10-11 a.m. Bring your own box or bag. The food (mostly produce) is at the Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Building.

#### **HOSPICE BENEFIT**

West Michigan Employees of Compuware Corporation will sponsor a Musical Celebration to benefit Hospice of MI on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Deer Run Golf Club, 6-11:30 p.m. \$10 admission at door/ cash bar. Live entertainment/door prizes! Contact: Kim. Triplett @compuware.com or rcinder@hom.org.

### CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

Pick up your flier at local merchants for the 14th annual arts/crafts event Nov. 18, 19 and 20. Call the chamber at 897-9161 or visit www.lowell chamber.org.

#### **ART OF THE VIOLIN 2005**

LHS Performing Arts Theatre will present the Art of the Violin 2005 on Friday, Dec. 9. Silent auction:6:45 p.m.; concert 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser concert to support Lowell schools orchestra program.

#### **CALL FOR AUDITIONS**

The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for dinner theatre productions in April of "On Golden Pond." Auditions are Feb. 21 and 22, 6-9 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St. Call 897-8545 for more info. or to borrow a script.

## **Developer offers sidewalk across street in exchange for waiver**

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

In hopes of getting a sidewalk waiver, a local developer offered to put sidewalk on the west side of North Jefferson, across from his property.

Builders, picked up on a suggestion from councilman Jim Pfaller that the council might consider a sidewalk to get the waiver for his extended on that side of the sidewalk not matching the ordinance was in place residents would be pleased

waiver for the company's property at 885, 875 and street or not. project if the company 855 N. Jefferson. The first would be willing to put the try was at a council meeting jeopardize public safety same amount of sidewalk two weeks ago which ended by predicting the future," on the opposite side of the in a deadlock of 2-2 since Myers said. street.

The waiver would Myers was absent. otherwise be denied which Kevin Kat, of Holwerda was re-enforced with a 3- night's meeting said he and the sidewalk ends on 2 vote at Monday night's couldn't favor the waiver the other side just after the council meeting. It was the because it wasn't known adjoining property. There is second attempt of Kat's whether sidewalk would be also concern about the new

mayor pro tem Charles

"I don't feel we should

Part of Kat's argument was that there is no sidewalk Myers at Monday on one side of the property existing one which, because before Holwerda decided to be burdened with such a of the grade, is higher than to develop the property and task. the proposed sidewalk.

After talking landscapers, Kat said, it well. became clear that a sevenfoot retaining wall might not on the west side of the street

prevent the sidewalk from instead, both Myers and washing out.

proposed on the site from the cost on the houses down, sidewalk cleared. Kat explained.

Council that the developer was aware

## **City council gives wireless** company 30 days to pay up

#### J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

will give a local wireless company 30 days to settle its debt with the city and establish a new lease agreement ... otherwise the resolved. city will have its equipment removed for its tower.

At its Monday night Mathews made the motion to Pfaller. give David Yomtoob, owner tower. Several weeks ago arrangements. Yomtoob came before the

city council trying to get a Valentine emphasized that new lease agreement for a this is simply a matter of Lowell City Council company that wishes to take someone not paying their over his services.

> After several letters, the council decided it was rental fees, and Lowell Light time for the matter to be and Power general manager

money from the vendors and those fees are usually around we're not getting anything \$200 to \$500 a month with meeting, councilman Al for it," said councilman Jim the medium being about

of Airwave, the deadline to 30-day timeframe to give by foot, but that is for items pay off the \$9,000 owed to Yomtoob's customers an attached to water towers and the city in back rent on the opportunity to make other similar height structures,

bills.

The city did look into Tom Richards said from his "Somebody is collecting unscientific research that \$350. For shorter towers, the Mathews requested the fee is sometimes calculated he said. Yomtoob had said Chief of police Jim rental fees are usually based on a per foot basis.

> Yomtoob has 30 days from Monday night's council meeting to resolve the debt.



#### J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

recommendation from Lowell Light and Power prepare the study. Richards manager Tom recommended general Richards for a different Financial Solutions at review the city's water company, the city council \$19,000. opted to go with city manager Dave Pasquale's not the lowest bidder (ACT methodology in establishing endorsement of an Ann Finance from Mason had a those rates. Arbor firm to perform a cost bid of \$12,000), Pasquale

study on the city's water and felt after presenting the wastewater rates.

a cost of \$12,500, to a few extra dollars.

## Amphitheater damage, continued...From Page 1

bleachers, which were in design plans for the space. bad shape to begin with and They depicted tent-like overgrown with weeds. But roofs over the amphitheater. t may be a while before anything gets done.

"The damage is very expensive and now, because it isn't used very much ... is built. the city or the school going to put money into that?" Pasquale said, Mikulski asked.

The city has looked at ways to improve the Main Street. amphitheater in the past

time looking at various alternatives of what we could do," city manager

Dave Pasquale said. A few years ago architects were hired to



aesthetically similar the Rapid bus terminal in downtown Grand Rapids. The structure was never

The Lowell public, put higher priority on making improvements closer to

"We had spent some people are more interested in the Riverwalk area and to have events there and to have the Showboat there." he said.

Another idea was to convert the space into some kind of park. Plans included



Call Penny at (616) 897-6880

councilman Jim Hodges The grade has already were lukewarm to the idea. reduced the number of houses Hodges said by placing sidewalk on the back of three to two. The developer the property, owners would was looking to eliminate the have to go around the block sidewalk in an effort to keep to maintain and keep the

As a property owner members who is required to do that, noted that the sidewalk Myers said he is not certain

The council decided to to of the grading problems as let staff review the matter and present it to the council As for putting sidewalk at its next meeting Nov. 21.

## **City chooses firm for water**/ wastewater treatment study Contract awarded to Ann Arbor firm

options to the city auditor, The council selected that Tetra Tech offered a lot Despite a glowing Tetra Tech, which submitted more in its proposal for only

The company will Utility perform a study that will and wastewater rates and AlthoughTetraTechwas help the city set up a solid

to

cascading down the hill at the north end, with a fountain visible from King Street. The city removed some old chain link fencing from the spot, painted a concrete retaining wall green, and removed some posts from along the riverbank, but that was as far as the modifications progressed.

picnic tables and a waterfall

"It just seems that

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Now that vandalism rendered the stands has an eyesore, albeit a fairly innocuous one, it will likely inspire new discussion about what to do with the amphitheater. Mikulski said both the city and school district will be involved in those discussions.

# Viewpoint-

## To The Editor

#### Dear Editor.

Our community has just suffered the loss of a tremendous individual. Shari Miller, superintendent of Lowell Public Schools, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005.

Mrs. Miller's years as a superintendent were a contribution to our school district, and to the lives and futures of our community's children. Her enthusiasm and passion for education were admirable. She unified our community through her leadership and commitment to education, and proved that in the face of differences it is possible for people to work together to create a community.

The strength and courage she displayed in her fight against cancer is an inspiration to the rest of us who stand for the betterment of our neighborhoods and the world. As former President Ronald Reagan once said, "The great leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things; he is the one who gets the people to do the greatest things."

To her family and friends, our hearts go out to you as you mourn the loss of Shari Miller, and know that her legacy remains as one of hope and inspiration to the lives of those she touched.



A resting place for our heroes: Great Lakes National Cemetery With Senator Carl Levin

Last month, the Great Lakes National Cemetery was dedicated in Holly, Michigan, the 122nd such cemetery in the country. The first national veterans' cemeteries were ones to rest. created in 1862, during the darkest hours of the Civil War, through legislation signed by President Abraham Lincoln. Through the years, the national cemetery system has been America's way of saying a final "thank you" to those who have served in uniform. The site in Holly now takes its place them. Whether lost on the battlefield as a youth or passing among them as a sacred American shrine.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery is the second national veterans' cemetery in Michigan, joining the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, which opened in 1943. These two facilities are, in many ways, a recognition of Michigan's contributions to our national defense. During World War II, southeast Michigan was known for its indispensable role in the American "Arsenal of Democracy." But Michigan not only produced the materials to fight the war; we also sent many of our brave men and women to help win the war.

including almost 480,000 veterans living within 75 miles of the new site in Holly. These proud men and women are heroes will find rest. veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam

Era, the Gulf War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, some of Michigan's finest young men and women are deployed around the world. They honor our nation with their service. They too will be honored by this nation for their bravery and courage.

Reaching this point was a long, hard struggle that took The editor notes that the row of wooden buildings the efforts of so many. I was able to secure the initial Senate along Main Street is an invitation for fire. Great caution and approval for the cemetery in 1999 and funding for the site in watchfulness are required. A few street lamps on Main 2000, but it took until October 2005 for the burials to begin and Bridge streets would be nice. The marshal offers -- a long process, which seemed even longer to the many 25¢ a head for local boys to round up cattle wandering the families who were eager to put the remains of their loved streets and drive them to his enclosure.

But the journey was worth it. The Great Lakes National Grattan has the illness in three families, and one death. Cemetery will offer our veterans a final resting place with the dignity and recognition they deserve. Our veterans have **100 YEARS, THE LOWELL LEDGER** always kept faith with us, and we must keep faith with **NOVEMBER 9, 1905** Less than six months after the big fire of April 11, the quietly many decades later, every veteran is a patriot. And new Negonce Block is open for business. our nation's commitment to them today is the same as it was Fred Arthur's buggy catches on a post when his horse 140 years ago when President Lincoln pledged in his second panics and jumps into the river at the temporary narrow inaugural address "to care for him who shall have borne the board span of the Main St. bridge. Fred is safe and the horse battle and for his widow and his orphan." swims out. "It is now possible to pass from one end of For the living, this cemetery will bring the comfort that the village to the other wihout walking in the mud." comes from having loved ones close by and will provide the Jesse Frost of Grattan has an ear of corn with 1,264

assurance that these final resting places will be tended with kernels, but Chris Klumpp has one with 1,437 kernels. reverence and dignity.

We can never repay our debt to our veterans, but we can be proud that the Great Lakes National Cemetery will Michigan is now home to nearly one million veterans, provide veterans and their families the final honor they have earned. In Holly - in that beautiful, serene place - our



#### SORTING IT OUT

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) holds title to 4.5 million acres of state owned land in Michigan. The department's stated objective is to manage these lands to conserve, protect and provide public use and enjoyment of the natural resource, recreational, ecological, cultural and historical values of these lands for present and future generations of Michigan citizens and visitors to the state. To this end, the DNR is reviewing state owned land

to determine if the property helps to fulfill its mission. This summer's drought was the worst since 1901. The process is to identify and retain parcels that meet Armistice Day Nov. 11 will include speeches at the high predetermined requirements. The holdings that don't make school, free movies at the Strand Theatre and a free supper the cut will be transferred to local governments, conservation for veterans at City Hall. organizations, exchanged, or sold to the public. Sale proceeds will be used to help pay for the acquisition of parcels that **50 YEARS, THE LOWELL LEDGER** do have value within existing boundaries or are adjacent to **NOVEMBER 10, 1955** other state owned land.

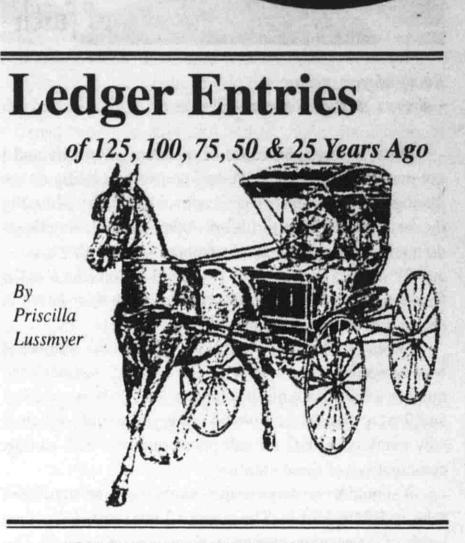
The review process involves evaluating a different sewer/water services to the entire village. group of 10 counties every six months. After the initial Council complains to the State Highway Department review by DNR wildlife, fisheries, forest, and recreation for leaving intersections unfinished during Main Street specialists, a recommendation is made and the public will repaying this summer. The cross country team takes then have an opportunity to comment at public meetings or fifth place in the state meet. on line. After that, the DNR Review Committee will make a Now that M-21 has been widened, Garden Lore Club recommendation to the Natural Resources Commission and authorizes the state to remove the "gates to Lowell" stone the DNR Director. The Director will make the final decision structure Outdoors, cont'd., pg. 7

## Letters... We love to hear from you! \_\_\_\_

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Sincerely, Rep. Dave Hildenbrand



**125 YEARS, THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 10, 1880** 

"Saturday was a raw, wintry, snowy, slushy, dismal day."

A case of diphtheria has been reported in Segwun.

#### **75 YEARS, THE LOWELL LEDGER** AND THE ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 6, 1930**

A U of M geology professor announces that two whale skeletons have been unearthed near Alpena and Ann Arbor, 20 to 30 thousand years old.

Some farmers have barred all hunting on their land because of cut fences and gates left open.

Village Council circulates petitions for extending

Hunters are heading north for the opening of deer season Nov. 15, even though it opens on the same date down here now.

#### **25 YEARS, THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 5, 1980**

Dan Vos Construction of Ada is reconstructing the Ada Covered Bridge, destroyed by fire last year. Consumers Power offers rewards for identifying those who shoot out insulators on poles.

Teacher Jerry Biernacki interprets the new high school library mural to the board; it was designed by Joe Kinnebrew and painted by students and staff this summer.

The Ben Franklin store will have a "Going Out of Business" sale until the first of the year.

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Randy Meyers, pastor Calvary Christian Reformed Church

What is the significance of numbers? My wife and I got married on the 13th. We had no problem lining up the photographer, flowers or cake. Each said the 13th was usually the last calendar date to fill up. Other than 13, Americans do not have many "unlucky" numbers. On the other hand, 7 and 21 seem to be "lucky" if you gamble. Consider also the function of the number 1. Sports' fans raise their hands in the air and cheer "We're number one!"

When we lived in China we noticed the number 4 was avoided because it sounds like "death." Speaking the number 250 is like calling someone "nuts." However, 6, 8 fringes of his kingdom. Creation was disordered. Children and 9 were "lucky" and would bring you wealth, which is why many paid extra for cell phone numbers with various "thoughts were only evil all the time." combinations of these numbers.

It should be no surprise that numbers played significant roles in Biblical times. The number 3 represented the three levels of the cosmos: heaven, earth and the underworld. The number 4 represented the four directions of the "flat" earth: north, south, east west. Adding them up gave you 7, multiplying them gave you 12, and both represented completeness or wholeness.

It is significant then that the Genesis 1 account of creation repeats the phrase "and God saw that it was good" 6 times (2 sets of 3) plus the 7th "very good" underlining and emphasizing the refrain and creating the complete number 7. This liturgical phrase set the religious tone of worship for and then re-read Genesis 1, a significant number of times. this creation hymn culminating on the Sabbath 7th day.

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It is also significant that the creation narrative is laid out in 2 sets of 3 days (1-3 and 4-6). While each day in the first set defines the boundaries of huge cosmic containers, the days in the second fill with 2 types of created objects those "container days" thus signifying that God created the complete or whole (12=2x3x2) cosmos from chaos (Genesis 1:2).

Why? First, to show that there is only one true God and everything else is a creature. The other pagan religions of the day claimed there were many gods like the sun, moon, stars, water, plants, animals, and even (as in the case of Pharaohs and Kings) certain people. Second, God assigned all people their task of ordering, naming and combating disorder in creation which makes sense since we were all made in God's own image, we should all act like God.

But often we do not, and Adam and Eve did not either. People have disobeyed God more times than there are stars in the heavens. The initial disobedient selfishness of "believing the lie and eating the fruit," which had been preserved in the center of the garden, banished God's children to the killed. Children wandered. People worshiped objects. Their

This is the setting in which Genesis 1 speaks loud and clear. Worship God! Obey God's words and you will have life and rest! You are not slaves- you were created in the image of God. Return your divine calling of ordering creation and give allegiance only to the one who deserves all our praise!

Our culture is rife with self-image problems, elevates self to god-status, and removes God from the center of every aspect of life. We need to hear Genesis 1 over and over. But first Google "constricting the cosmic dance" by Hyers and read his fascination article, order and read a copy of John Timmer's "Like Sand, Like Stars: a Fresh Look at Genesis,"

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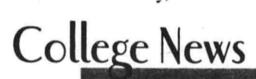
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Kyli Marie Curtis



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Lowell High School in Northwood University's



## Arrivals

## Curtis

introduce their daughter, Kyli Marie. She was born on October 17, 2005, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Bucky and Kathy Curtis of Lowell, and Rick and Linda Pokorzynski of Rockford. Great-grandparents are Jack and Ann Kempker of Lowell, and Eugene and Patricia Pokorzynski of Alpena. Great-great-grandma

Also welcoming Kyli Andy and Nicole Curtis home are many aunts, uncles of Rockford are proud to and cousins.

Fayne Kempker of Holland.

NOV. 14: David Durkee, Doris Rhines. Tom Roudabush, Dan NOV. 15: Beth Stouffer, Wingeier Jr., Rachel Burns, Dave Hildenbrand, Emily Zachary Ligman, Justin Myers, Gina Gildner, Doug Warren, N. Stephen Kelley. Decker, Alyssa Rash.

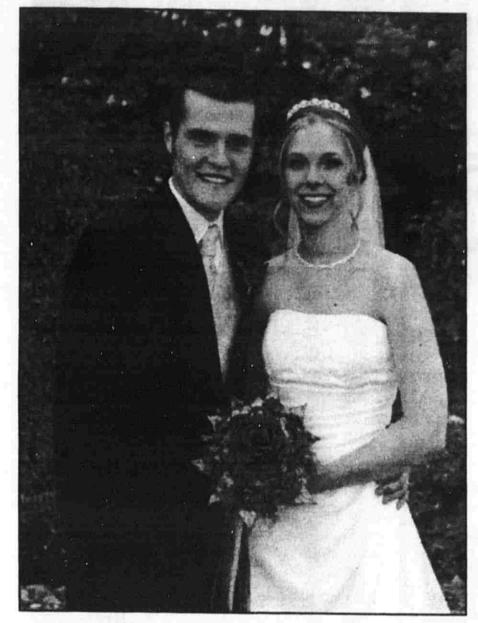
graduate (2005) and former 3-0 victory over Saginaw Red Arrow volleyball setter Valley State University Oct. Taylor Verdon played her 28. She recorded four digs first college game at center and one block in the game.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pullen

The September 17, Ashley 2005, wedding of Brandy bride's Jo Haybarker and Andrew Heather Haybarker. Pullen took place at Fallasburg Park in Lowell.

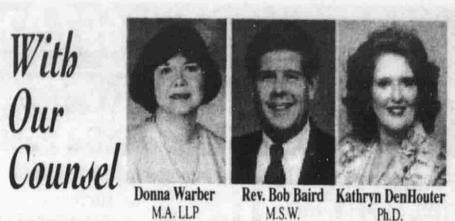
Kraig and Jody Haybarker Kenyon. Ushers were of Lowell and Jim and Jenny Jason Haybarker and Justin Shea.

Jenny Stever. Bridesmaids were Michele Ford and

Haybarker. The attendant

Best man was Brad Shea. Groomsmen were Parents of the couple are Adam Kuzmin and Lee **Dillinger** 

> Master and mistress of ceremonies were Greg and Beth Ball.



#### AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

In previous articles we have defined ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and have reviewed the presenting symptoms of ASD. It is important to remember that every individual with this disorder has a unique combination of these symptoms. There are no two alike.

Last month we reviewed the assessment tools that are used to diagnose an individual with ASD. This month, the treatment options will be presented.

Most professionals agree that individuals with ASD respond well to a highly structured, specialized program. The Autism Society of America suggests that parents ask the following questions to determine which treatment program would be the most suitable for their child.

1.) Has the treatment been validated scientifically has outcome research been done)?

2.) Are there specific assessment procedures? 3.) Will there be any harm toward my child from the

treatment? 4.) How will the possible failure of the treatment affect

our family? 5.) How will the treatment be integrated into the family

nd the school life of our child?

The most successful treatment method for children with



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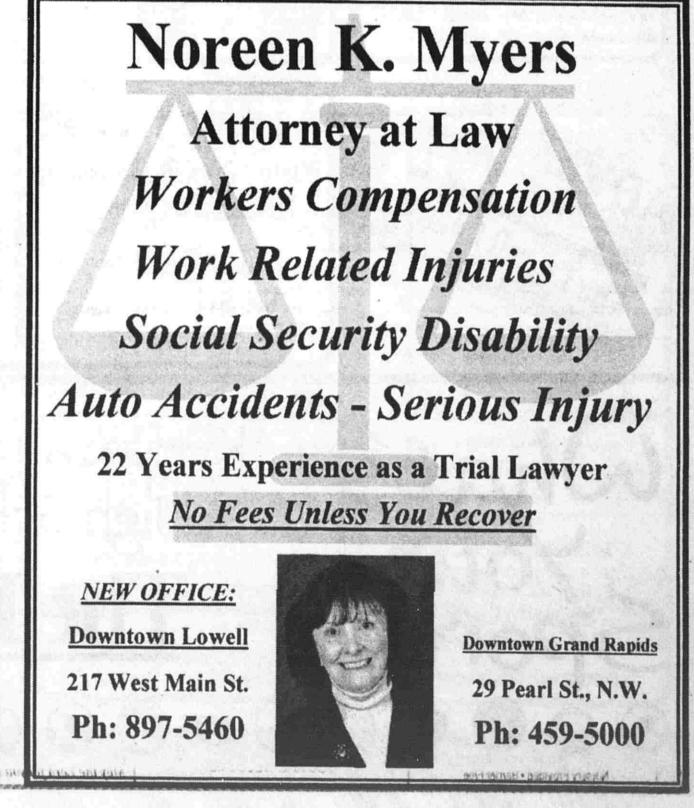
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land

Kent County counties specific knowledge of local sure to make your concerns known by attending the public meetings. Information on specific counties and public meeting dates can be found at the DNR web forests, in addition to local balanced perspective on the site at www.michigan.gov/ dnrlandreview.

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on the disposition of the process comes at a time when easements to private land widespread development is make getting back to nature and absorbing wildlife habitat convenient for most people adjacent to it and other open spaces in Michigan. The foresight have yet to be reviewed. at an alarming rate. It is and work of others has As citizens, we may have encouraging to know that provided us with a special state government is making a opportunity to connect with property and its value, so be deliberate effort to protect as natural surroundings. Find much of our land and water some way to regularly enjoy as possible for the benefit of this opportunity. Doing so plants, wildlife and people. will add another dimension State recreation areas, to your life which can game areas, parks, and provide you with a more





Maid of honor was

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autism is ABA or Applied Behavior Analysis. The basic research has been done by Ivar Lovaas and his colleagues at the University of California. This treatment calls for an intensive, one-on-one child/teacher interaction for 40 hours a week. The goal of behavioral management is to reinforce desirable behaviors and reduce undesirable ones. What works is their consistent use of reinforcements and strong one-on-one teaching methods with the child.

Children older than three years of age usually have school-based, individualized, special education. Often different localities offer different methods, but all should provide a structure that will help the child learn social skills and functional communication.

As soon as the child's disability has been identified, instruction should begin. Effective programs will teach with an emphasis on early communication skills and appropriate social interaction skills.

During elementary school years, the child will receive help in the skill areas where they need support. Ideally the curriculum will be adapted to the individual child's needs.

In many schools today, the child will participate in an inclusion program where the child is in the regular classroom most of the day, but has special instruction for part of the day.

Children with autism (even mild forms) need particular help with organizing academic tasks and skills for living in a community. All through your child's academic career, parents need to be the advocate for their child to help him/ her have the best educational experience possible. The collaboration between teachers and the child's parents is a critical part of helping your child find his/her way in the

Next month we will look at the unique needs of the adolescent with autism.

going to achieve your long-term financial goals, you'll need to make sure you've got the proper coverage to protect yourself and your family. Unfortunately, many people aren't doing this, as these

numbers show:

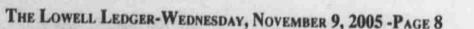
• The average household requires more than \$450,000 in life insurance, yet has only about \$126,000 in coverage, according to a recent report issued by the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

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## **Business Matters**

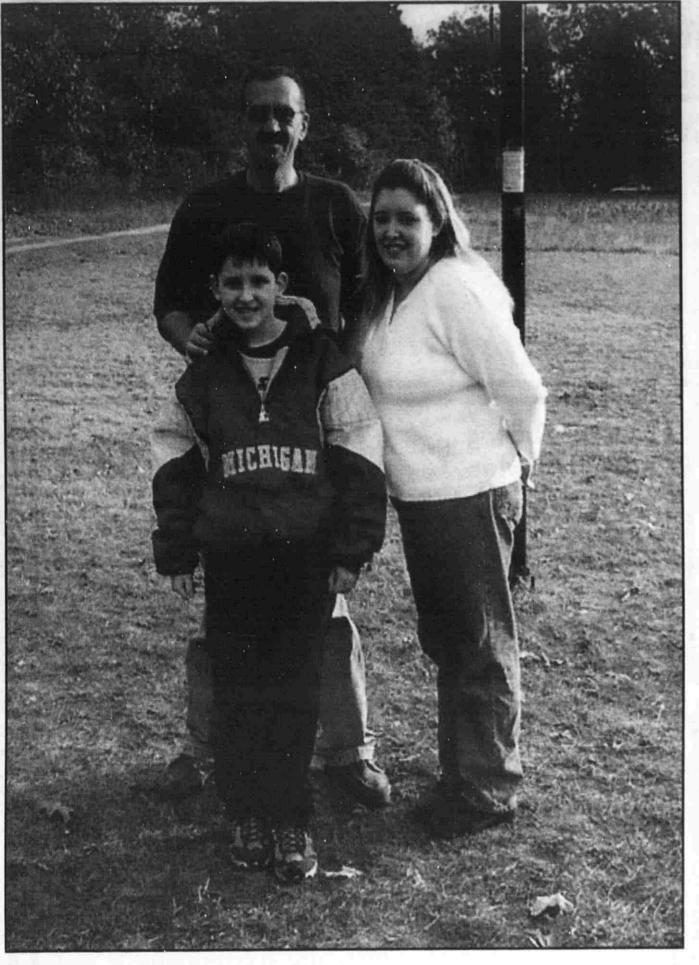
Hospital's Legacy of four of the awards each year. Foundation Board.

Doctors Jim Lang and Leaders Award dinner Oct. Gauthier was recognized for Paul Gauthier of the Lowell 20. Gauthier also received a his work with patients and Family Medical Center were "Legacy of Leaders" award for his involvement in the given recognition for 25 years at the dinner. The hospital growth of the hospital as a in practice at Metropolitan typically presents three or member on the Metropolitan





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## Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit young cancer patient

#### By Dan Schneider

he loved to play football, life.

because, as a six year old, big deal." Falsetta was diagnosed with chemotherapy treatments for 16 months and had brain

old and a student at Cherry can't play contact sports. Creek Elementary. The cancer was declared to be in and throw a football, but he Friday, Nov. 18 at the Ionia remission in July, and he is can't play with other kids Knights of Columbus Hall

and Nicklas Falsetta. A to find other sports." spaghetti dinner is being held to benefit Nicklas, play golf. an eight-year-old cancer survivor still struggling Falsetta said. "He just didn't Ionia. with a variety of medical realize that until recently." onditions.

off chemotherapy treatment. By the time he was six But the effects of the cancer he likes NASCAR and the years old, Nicklas Falsetta and the treatments continue was an avid ice skater. And to have an impact on his music. This summer, he went

"Before he got sick, Tim McGraw. So it was hard for him he was already ice skating, to find out he could no he was already playing treatments for his blackouts longer hit the gridiron, and football," his mother, Lisa and disorders at hospitals hockey was another sport Falsetta said. "He's five feet in Grand Rapids. So he he couldn't play. This is (tall) at eight, so sports are a travels to Ann Arbor once

Falsetta experiences go more often in the future. brain cancer. He underwent blackouts and lives with an The treatments cost between impulse disorder and mood \$250 and \$300 each, and are disorder. Because of the not covered by the Falsettas' effects of the chemotherapy, He is now eight years he must wear leg braces. He

"He can stand around

## New business aims to keep Lowell's pets looking pretty, punky

By Dan Schneider

A place where pets can June. go from dirty to dapper now Lowell.

opened for business two weeks ago in Diane Smith's The shop caters to dogs and said. There are tools to learn on Smith's mind for years.

Smith said.

Rapids Public Schools as whole process. a teacher and guidance her daughter Leah started taking classes at the Paragon School of Pet Grooming in room of her house with an

Jenison. They graduated in entrance from the driveway.

exists on Lafayette Street in mother at the shop in mid- on a raised platform, and December after completing cupboards and racks with

University. There is a lot involved in home at 618 N. Lafayette. pet grooming school, Smith variety of products, such as

cats. It's a project that's been and ways to cut each breed, as well as standard looks for "I had thought about it each breed as determined for a long time and finally by the American Kennel when I was retired it was Club. But the majority of like, 'okay, time to start," time at the school is spent would like their poolle to learning how to help pets look like Joey Ramone. She retired from Grand feel comfortable with the Leah Smith specializes in

"It was much more counselor in June of 2004. involved than I thought it appointment from 9 a.m. - 6 In January 2005, she and was going to be," Smith p.m., which is also the best said

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Smith can order a oatmeal shampoos for dogs with sensitive skin. The standard pet wash involves three-part regimen of a different soaps.

For pet owners who punk pooch styling.

The shop is open by time to make appointments Her shop is located in a The number is 745-1258.

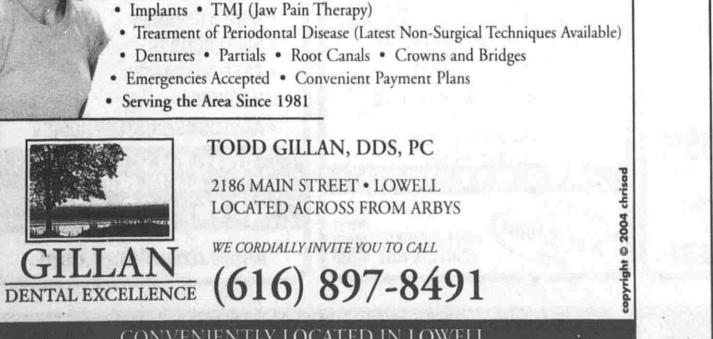


shop opened two weeks ago in her house on Lafavette Street.



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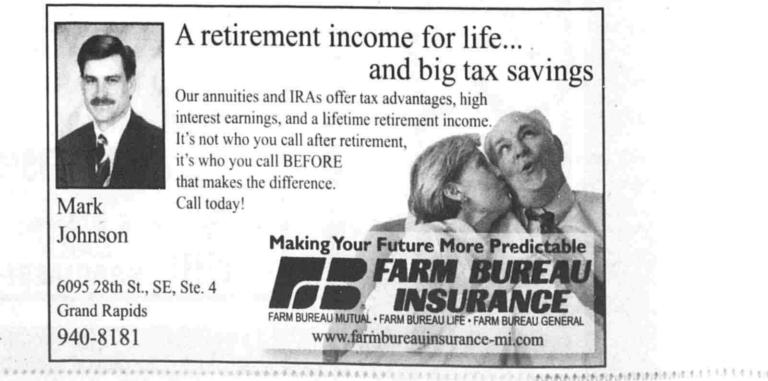
and the second secon

An avid sports fan, Redwings; also country to see his favorite musician.

He can't receive a month, and may have to insurance

is why a That fundraising spaghetti dinner is being held for Nicklas because he can't be tackled," from 4-8 p.m. There will At left: Tom. Lisa Lisa Falsetta said. "So he has be a 50-50 raffle and silent auction. All proceeds benefit He is learning how to Nicklas. The Ionia Knights of Columbus Hall is located "He likes croquet," Lisa at 115 South Steele Street in

Diane Smith, with her dog Libby Lou, is the owner of Wags Pet Grooming. The



## **First Baptist's "Trunk and Treat**" declared successful

attended "Trunk and Treat" at First Baptist Church on Halloween night. They watched puppets, ate popcorn and cotton candy,

and trick or treated at many ... providing a well-lit safe decorated trunks between 5:30 and 8 p.m. (Members decorate the trunk of their participating, the second vehicle, provide a game to annual event was a huge play and hand out candy success.

place for children.) With over 600 people



David Mersman manned the "Awana Color Wheel" at the First Baptist Church of Lowell's "Trunk and Treat" Halloween event.



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"Sleigh Bells and Holly"

at Lowell Area Arts Council The Lowell Area Arts Council has decked its halls for "Sleigh Bells and Holly," its annual holiday fine art and gift gallery sale. More than 30 artists and artisans have created the work currently for sale at 149 S. Hudson Street. Items include pottery, paintings, art cards, beeswax candles, photography, wood boxes and carvings, handmade natural soaps, sculpture blown glass, ornaments, jewelry and several other creations. Many of the artists are from the Lowell area and all of them have been active volunteers and members of the arts council. An artists' reception is being held Thursday from 6 to 8 CUT IT OUT SAVE \$1 ON UPS SHIPPING Must present this coupon when The Lowell Ledger shipping. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell Limit 1 coupon per package 897-9261 ANY HAPPY HOUR TANNING SESSION MIT-NEW COUPON MUST BE PRESEN ANY HAPPY HOUR LOTION DEAL EACH VISIT. Good for all custor st present coupon. Expires 1 \$200 CARIBBEAN ICEBERG DELUXE OR FRUIT SMOOTHIE DON'T SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS. 16 oz. grande ADA SALON ONLY Must present coupon. Expires 12/2/05 \$900

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## Large deer population, low corn stalks could make for successful hunting season

**Bv** Dan Schneider

gearing up for another gun antlerless deer on private herd. This year's patch is a deer season. The season land. These counties have blue vertical oval showing a opens Tuesday in Michigan. deer populations above hind view of a deer standing Over the last three years, DNR management goals. more than half of the state's The late firearm deer season Hunter," "Deer 2005" and total deer harvest has come lasts from Dec. 19 to Jan.1. from the southern part of the state. The Michigan has been harvested than in Department of Natural most years by this time, Resources expects that trend which means deer will have Flat River State Game Area to continue this year. Deer less cover to hide in. populations in Kent County, for example, are similar to some more opportunities," Hours of operation are 8-9 last year.

"Kent County, taken as a whole, as a deer find acorns to eat may attract 15-21; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov management unit, numbers a lot of deer. are stable," DNR wildlife biologist Nick Kalejs said. seems to be above average "We're talking, as a county in many areas," Kalejs said. average, (numbers of) deer in the low 30s per square cooperator patches to

counties are among the 16 where DNR biologists gather counties where the Michigan information such as sex, age Department of Natural and antler development. The

Resources will allow late information helps the DNR Hunters in Lowell are firearm deer hunting for manage Michigan's deer

Kalejs said more corn

Kalejs said.

Forests where deer can Nov. 14; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov.

"Acorn DNR The uses

encourage hunters to bring Kent, Ionia and Barry their deer to check stations,

in snow with "Successful "Management Cooperator" written on it.

The deer check station closest to Lowell is in the in Belding. Its address is "That might create 6640 Long Lake Road a.m. and 3-4 p.m. through 22-30 (except closed Nov. production 24-27); and 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Dec. 1-January. The station is closed all other holidays and weekends.

> More information on this year's deer hunting season can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

## Heart health important for safe deer hunting experience

again - getting up at the crack you may be putting yourself of dawn in the cold on Nov. at a risk of a heart attack. 15, the first day of firearm deer season in Michigan, er that their sport is actually to hunt down that big buck. an athletic event and that But, every year, the media the excitement and exertion reports of the first day of the take a toll on their bodies," hunt include the first stories said Bill Buck, Community of hunters suffering heart Liaison Project coordinator attacks while in the woods. for Spectrum Health Heart-If you're not prepared or Reach and a volunteer for haven't exercised much in sociation. "Hunters should

mountain lions

Conservancy is urging Peninsulas.

Michigan's gun deer hunters

The Michigan Wildlife both the Upper and Lower

to report sightings of cougars Nov. 15 more cougars are

(mountain lions) again this seen in Michigan than on

fall. For the last seven years, any other date," said R.

the nonprofit organization, Charles McLravy, president

based near Lansing, has of the Conservancy. "Deer

conducted research on hunter reports have helped

the big predators, which identify cougar home ranges were once thought to have in years past, so we are again vanished from the state by asking the state's 750,000

It's that time of the year the year since the last hunt,

"Hunters rarely consid-

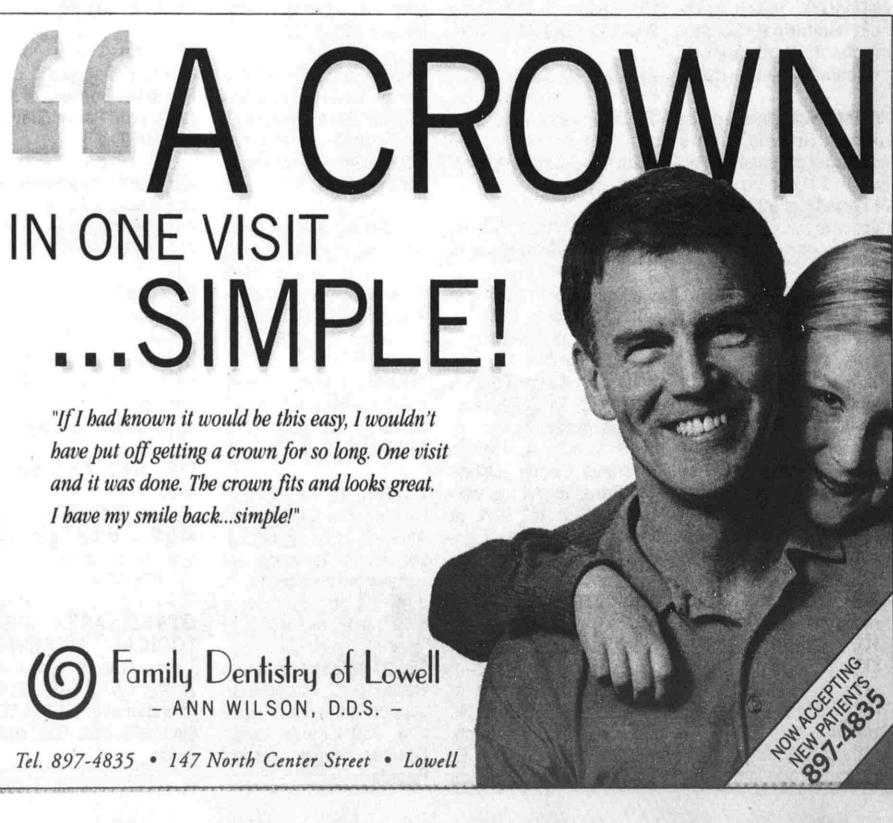
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start training and condition- ol levels, and make sure that their heart and circulatory er major risk factor for heart system sometimes suffers attack and heart disease. the consequences."

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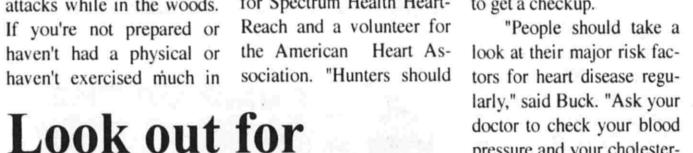




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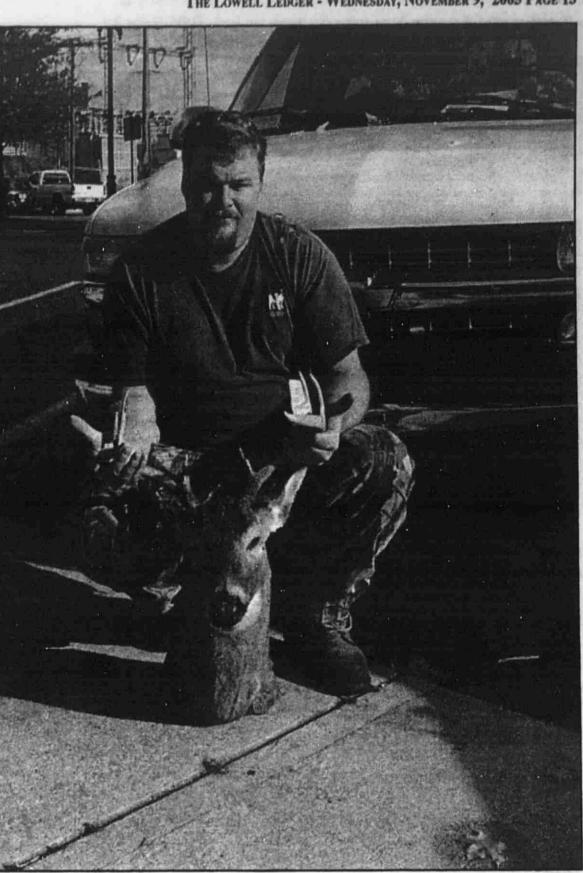
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#### the early 1900s. Field work gun hunters for help in by the Wildlife Conservancy obtaining information about has detected cougars in Mountain Lions, widely-separated areas of cont'd., pg. 18 **GREG VAN STRIEN HEATING AND PLUMBING**

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Harrison Copeland got this eight-point buck with a bow at about 4:30 p.m. last Monday, hunting on land near Rockford. The bow deer season started Oct. 1 and goes until Nov. 14, the day before the firearm deer season starts. Bow deer season will resume Dec. 1 until Jan. 1.

emergency services if they

should take this opportunity woods and not to hunt alone. program called "Just Move" Also bring a cell phone along available at americanheart.

the chest that lasts more immediately.

Studies show that being than a few minutes or goes ing months before they 'per- strenuous exercise is recom- physically fit lowers heart away and comes back again. form,' but most don't and mended." Smoking is anoth- disease risk even in people Also, the pain spreads to the who have other risk factors shoulders, neck and arms like high blood pressure and and is often accompanied Other tips that are rec- high blood cholesterol. To by lightheadedness, sweat-Hunters who have not ommended include avoid- help anyone start a physical ing, nausea and shortness been to their doctor in the ing eating a heavy breakfast fitness program, the Ameri- of breath. Stroke is also a year since the last hunt before heading out into the can Heart Association has a concern while hunting, and its warning signs include a sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, Warning signs of a heart and a sudden dizziness and tors for heart disease regu- are needed, and have friends attack are an uncomfortable loss of coordination. Both larly," said Buck. "Ask your or family know where you pressure, fullness, squeez- are medical emergencies doctor to check your blood are and when you are sched- ing or pain in the center of and 911 needs to be accessed



Events" are free to any 5:45 p.m. nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & TUES .: Cub Scout Pack

SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- 292-6039 for more info. tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES .: Weight Watchers 5 p.m. Call Larry at at Alto United Methodist 754-7104. Public welcome. Church, corner of Kirby &

MON.: LHS Fellowship of Register 1 1/2 hrs. before Christian Athletes & meeting. 800-651-6000. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

mous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Com- TUES .: Women's Commumunity Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weighins. Brenda 897-9141.

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 Public invited. p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

MON.: Lowell Board of 897-2760 or 897-9160. Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 1ST TUES .: Adults with 300 High Street.

munication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Ma- 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell sonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 2ND WED .: Support group pregnant teens and teen p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Memorial Fire Station, 315 for Peripheral Neuropathy, Main, Belding. Dinner at S. Hudson St. 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post Guild, Plainfield Senior #8303, 3116 Alden Nash Center, 5255 Grand River S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Bowne Town- Olga 616-975-9977/June open play, all levels, walkship Historical Society 231-780-1249 info. meets 7:30 at historic

3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 Church, 201 N. Washingtorical Society board p.m. 3D archery range ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register meetings at chamber of- open to public daily except fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. Tues. evenings. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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 .: THURS .: Pottery classes 10 a.m. meeting. LARC Community Rm., 725 Saranac Needlers, at Franciscan Life Process Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. needleart/quilting bee, 5- Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. radio repeater system.

boat Garden Club meetings St., Saranac. All are wel- THURS .: St. Mary's Preg- Averill Historical Museum Nazarene at 7 p.m.

3100 Alden Nash S.E. at Mary School at 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. Sensibly Tops MI#372 Luke's Lutheran Church, p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks meets at Key Heights Mo- 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Cancer Center, Grand

Notices in the "Coming Bldg. Weigh-ins are at

Saranac areas. Keep no- 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 tices by phone at 897-9261. p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616)

Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m.

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

nity Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 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 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 Reformed Church. Call

(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.

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

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

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refresh-

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS THURS.: Saranac Area - Mothers of Preschoolers Musicians and Singers 3RD MON .: Women of the ... because mothering practice at Saranac High Impact Church, 1070 N. 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy

8:30 p.m., 4 Health 897-7842. 3RD MON .: Lowell Show- Wellness Center, Bridge dinner is provided.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis 2ND&4THTUES .: Knights a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: American Legion Post 152, of Columbus #7719 at St. 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

**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.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON 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 play, all levels, walk- ins 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.

Women's Club, noon in women, Ada 752-8300. Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids.Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, ments/ 7 p.m. program 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin ins. Jan 897-5759.

Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, ers at Lowell Nazarene 1/2 hr. before the meeting For info. 1-800-651-6000.

> School Band Rm. Choir:6-Maatman, 897-5981

are held in the Fellowship come. Contact Bev or nancy Crisis Center, 402 of Ada, located at 7144 Hall at the Church of the Melissa, 642-6466. Light Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11

> **1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30

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.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371.

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

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

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

3RD THURS.: 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.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for 2ND WED.: Lowell pregnant/breastfeeding

> 1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen a family style turkey & MOPS support group for dressing dinner, 5:30 p.m. moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. THURS., NOV. 10: Local Shop, 9-10 a.m. Hudson. 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

FRI .: Arts/Crafts volunmuseum,84th/Alden Nash. 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua- THURS .: Weight Watch- teers, 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; sponsors 145.27 MHz area

FRI., SAT. AND SUN .: Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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

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

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

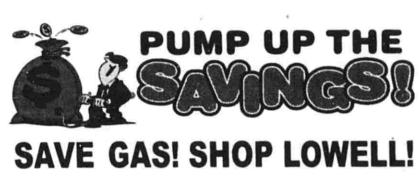
LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowell artscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m. Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./ Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

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

NOW THROUGH JAN. 8: Frederik Meijer Gardens invites the public to attend the Garden's "Polar Express" event. For more info. call 975-3155.

United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. will serve Adults \$8; 5-12 \$2.



### LOWELL SENIOR WEEKL

MON.: 9 a.m. Wall Woodland Mall; 10 a.m. Exercise Class.

TUES .: 9 a.m. Wal Woodland Mall: 10 a.m. Exercise Class

#### SPEC

WED., NOV. 9: 12 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., NOV. 10 a.m. Glass show Kalamazoo \$10.

FRI., NOV. 11: 12 Birthday/Annivers Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bir

MON., NOV. 14: 12 Potato Bar; 12:45 Movie.

WED., NOV. 16: 8

veterans speak at LHS Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. on WWII Battle of the Bulge.

FRI., NOV. 11: Family Portraits at Impact Church, 5-9 p.m.; also Sat., Nov. 12, 9-5 p.m. All proceeds donated to Impact Bldg. fund. Call 897-8304.\$25 minimum.

SAT., NOV. 12: Musical Celebration to benefit Hospice of Michigan at Deer Run Golf Club, \$10 admis-Contact sion. Kim.Triplett@compuware. com or rcinder@hom.org.

NOV. 12: SAT., Foodmobile, free food, at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag.

SUN., NOV. 13: 7th annual Taste of Vegetarian at Cherry Creek, 4-6 p.m. Free event sponsored by Riverside Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists.

SUN., NOV. 13: Annual Lodge of Sorrow will be conducted at Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding at 3 p.m. Open to the public; refreshments served.

FRI., NOV. 18: Spaghetti dinner at Ionia Knights of Columbus Hall, 4 - 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Nic WED., NOV. 9: Snow Falsetta, diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

SAT., NOV. 19: Single adults 39 and holding. Small group meeting for coffee at Voyages Coffee

<b>R NEIGHBORS CALENDAR L<i>Y ACTIVITIES</i> 897-5949</b>	
lk at 0:30 s.	THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
lk at 0:30 s.	FRI.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.9:30 a.m. Exercise Class.
CIAL EVENTS	
2:45	a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Bob Evans," 12:45 p.m. Alto School Lunch.
v in	THURS., NOV. 17: 12:45 p.m. Shop Target.
p.m. sary ingo. p.m.	FRI., NOV. 18: Christmas Through Lowell; 12 p.m. Pizza At Schneider Manor; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
p.m.	MON., NOV. 21: 12 p.m. Pancake Lunch; 12:45
8:30	p.m. Shop at Ionia Meijer & Sav-A-Lot.

## Lowell football falls to Hudsonville in district final

## Eagles bring dominant running offense to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

team was faced with the touchdown by DeWeerd. daunting task of stopping not one, but two bulldozers drive, Lowell quarterback in Friday's 28-17 loss to Keith Nichol ran the ball Hudsonville in the division 49 yards down to the 2 district final at Red Arrow Hudsonville 31. But three Stadium.

bulldozers were Andrew ensuing Hudsonville drive, DeWeerd and Cody Weiss. Lowell's Mike McElroy And the Eagles drove those stopped a touchdown. bulldozers for 390 of the Twice. 407 rushing yards. They also accounted for all four of touchdown saving stop on Hudsonville's scores, with a breakaway run by Weiss. two touchdowns apiece.

of a physical nature like threw to the back corner of that," Lowell coach Noel the end zone, McElroy was Dean said.

Lowell was the first on the board with a 41-yard the Lowell 20, Nichol was field goal by Ben Hanson. just about to get slammed The Eagles took the lead in when he threw a long bomb the second quarter on a run downfield to Brock Graham. by DeWeerd. Then, after Graham got under it, made recovering a fumble deep in the catch, sprinted down the Eagles and another 1:12 was left on the clock. bargain." Lowell territory, Weiss ran the field before cutting hard interception stopped the The Eagles stayed in control in another touchdown.

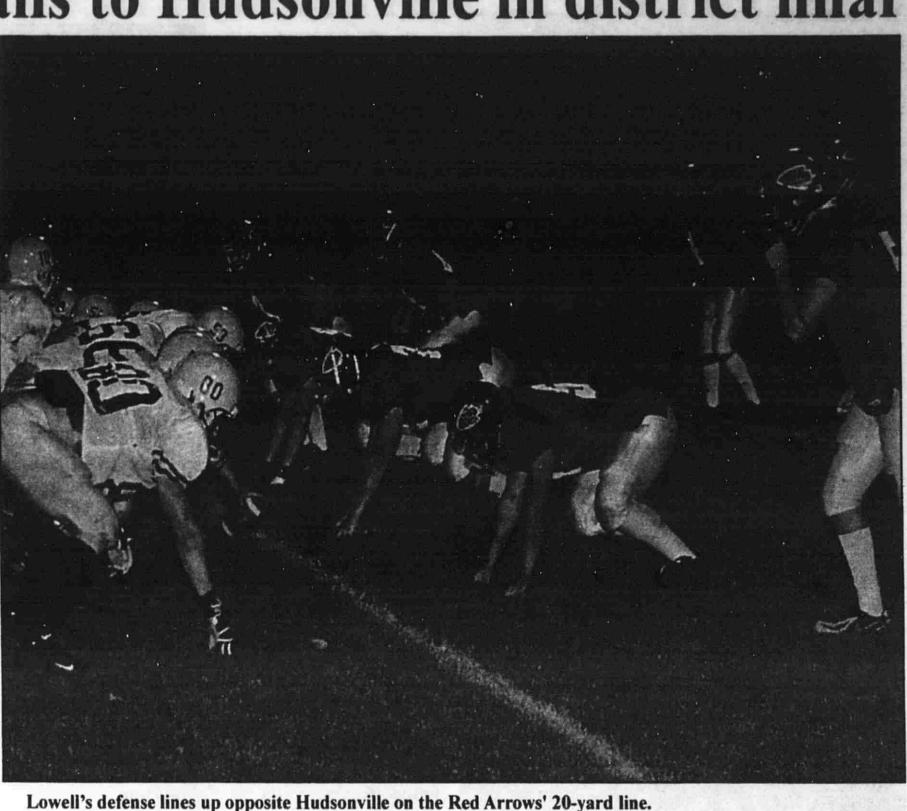
Hudsonville

on the opening drive of The Red Arrow football the second half, another

Then, on the following plays later, his pass to Brad The names of the Shea was intercepted. On the

First, he made a Then, when Hudsonville "We haven't seen backs quarterback Josh Lucas there to intercept it.

On first and 10 from to the right. The maneuver Arrows short in a comeback to get the win. scored left the Hudsonville defense bid. DeWeerd ran in another



nowhere near him and he touchdown in the fourth cruised in for a touchdown. quarter to widen the gap. That score put Lowell

back in the game. But another high-flying, 20-yard

## Lowell cross country runner competes in state meet

The Lowell Arrows were represented at kilometers in 20:33. She broke 19 minutes in the run. the Michigan High School Athletic division 1 cross country state country race of the year. finals Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in running at state, I thought division 1 race. It is quite an Brooklyn, Mich.

Junior Fitzpatrick wore the red VanderWarf said. "There at that level."

placed 174th out of 238 The race can be somewhat Association's runners at the toughest cross intimidating for someone

> she ran well," Lowell accomplishment to run with Monica cross country coach Clay the best runners in the state

Red and white and ran the five were 47 girls alone that new to the meet, knowing "Being her first time the caliber of runners in the



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Lowell fought it tough home bleachers were still full when the time expired. Arrows for another good

Dean said. "This is a group Nichol found Shea for that was 4-5 as freshmen and

coming in.

feet clapping, thanking the blue," Duram said.

The ground game was carries. the whole story for the

"I hand it to our kids." Hudsonville offense. Lowell limited Lucas to three of 13 passing for only 16 yards. they were 9-2, district finals. Nichol completed seven of a fumble recovered by touchdown pass. But only They held up their end of the 18 passes for 144 yards but threw three interceptions. The Lowell lines Graham was the leading gave the Eagles the tough, receiver, catching three physical game Hudsonville passes for 106 yards; 80 to the end. Most of the coach Dave Duram expected of them were on the third quarter touchdown run. "In the past, we've Lowell rushed for 154 yards For the last 45 seconds, the come over here and they've in the game. Gabe Delnick Lowell crowd was on its just beat us up black and was the leading Red Arrow rusher with 86 vards on 13



## Lowell basketball beats Huskies, picks up first loss at FHC

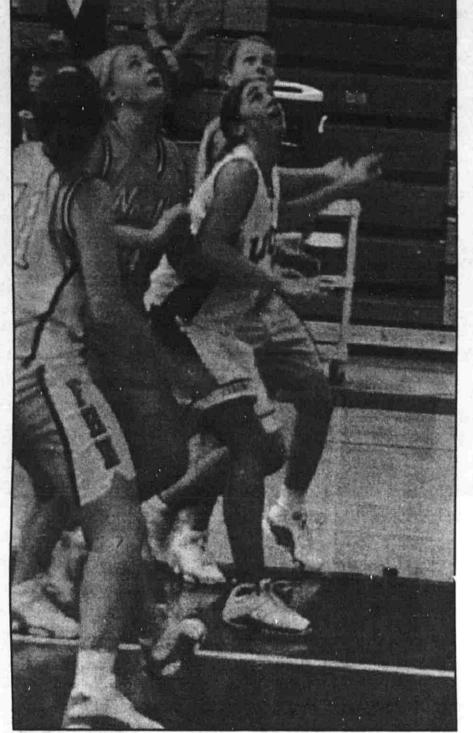
#### **By Dan Schneider**

The Lowell another mark in the column last Tuesday with a 59-36 dismantling of Forest Hills Northern.

Lowell got off to a fast start when Brittany Bueche hit nothing but net on the quarter. This, combined

Arrows' first possession. A with efficiently feeding the scoring opportunity. Lowell by halftime. was up 17-7 after the first quarter and pretty much ran the show the entire game.

frequently in the second



Lowell's Brook VanEck works to get position for a rebound.

steal on an inbounds pass ball inside, enabled Lowell immediately set up another to extend the lead to 30-18

"I thought that was one of our better games, putting everything together again," They stole the ball Lowell coach Dee Crowley said. "We had a lot of people scoring and looking to score. We played good team defense."

> Bueche led the Arrows in scoring with 15 points. She hit four 3-pointers on the night. Brook VanEck scored 11. Chelsea Harrison and Kelsey Crowley each scored eight.

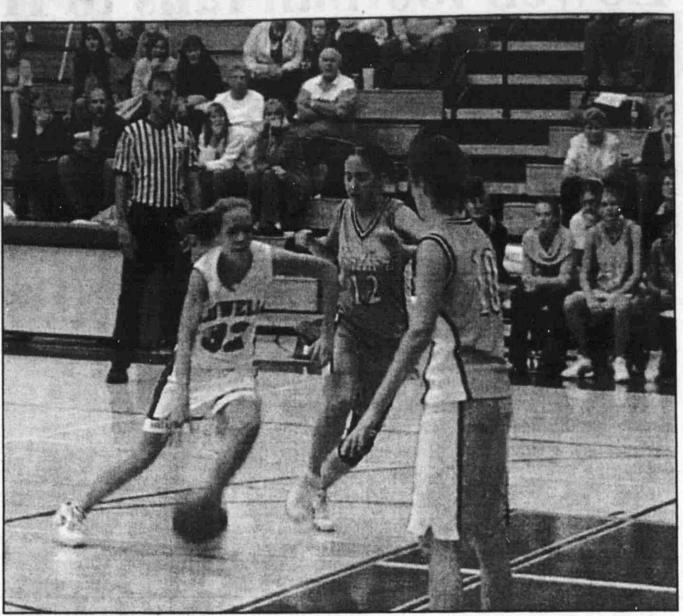
> Crowley and Amanda Geelhoed each had five rebounds to lead the team. The pair combined for seven offensive rebounds in the game. Nicole Shepard led Lowell in assists with three.

Defensively, Lowell held the OK White's leading were up by 11 at halftime. forced 16 turnovers in the in the fourth. game.

posting a 55-46 upset win.

"Basically, we didn't come ready to play," 18 points and hit four from OK White. The Arrows by a paying adult. Crowley said of Lowell's downtown for the second locked up the conference Then it's off to the first loss this season.

after one quarter and never Lowell in rebounds with



Lowell's Kelsey Crowley drives the lane against Huskies' defenders.

relinquished the lead. They scorer, Emily Rosenzweig, Lowell trimmed the lead to to 10 points in the game. six during the third quarter, Lowell had seven steals and but couldn't close that deficit

The Arrows were only Last Thursday, Forest seven of 35 shooting in the Hills Central caught the second half, and hit only 10 Red Arrows on their heels, of 25 from the free throw line.

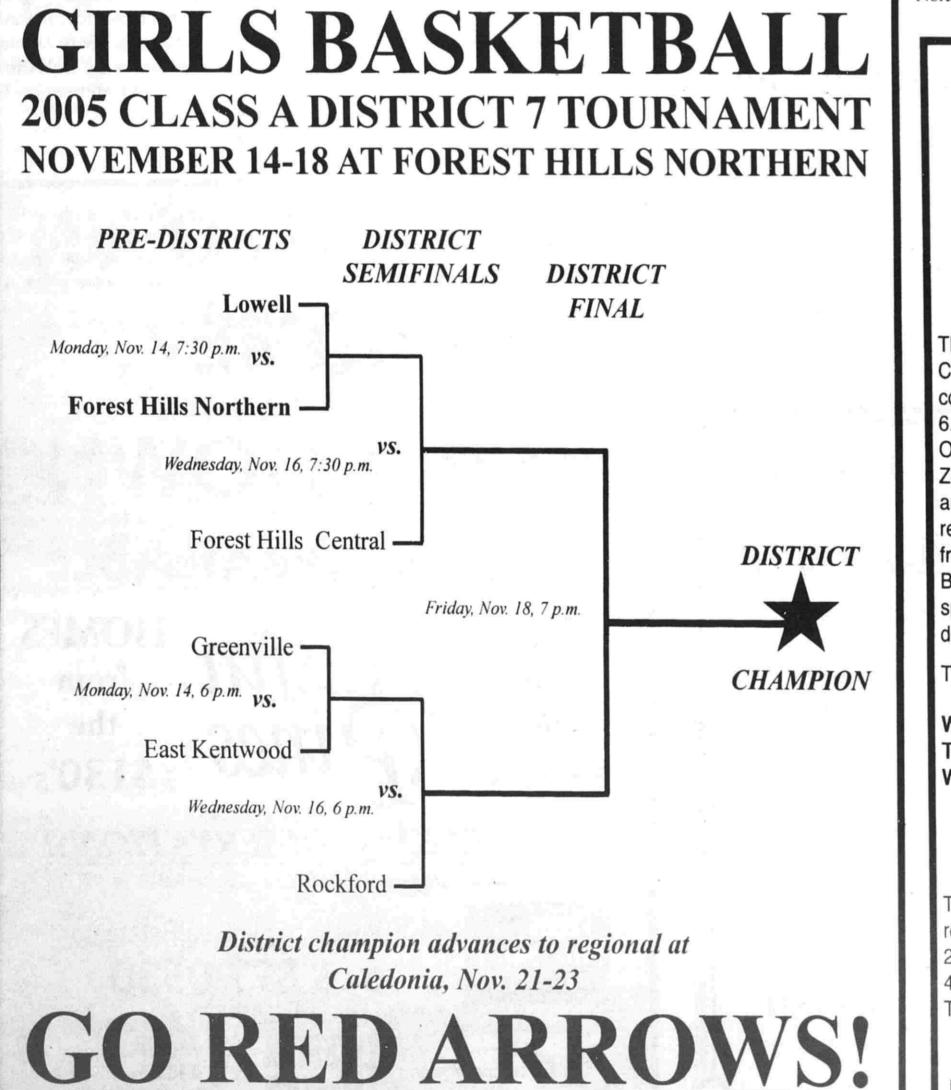
straight game. VanEck The Rangers led 15-10 added 11 points and led

seven. Crowley and Shepard final game of the conference each had three assists.

how the team will react to the first loss of the season.

challenge or they can let it completely take away their confidence," Crowley said.

Lowell Northview Tuesday for the Northern at 7:30 p.m.



Lowell Charter Township Planning

Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Sections 6.6.2 through 6.7.4 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance which pertains to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals. The proposed amendments provide specific standards for the review of variance requests, prohibit the Board from granting use variances and prohibit the Board from hearing appeals pertaining to special land uses and planned unit developments.

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005 TIME: 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

season. The Red Arrows Crowley said it is up host a crossover game with to the players to determine OK Green champions Unity Christian Thursday. In an effort to pack the stands, "We can take it as a all Lowell High School students with valid student identification will get free admission to Thursday's The loss will not impact game. Elementary students Bueche led Lowell with Lowell's standing in the getinfree when accompanied

championship a few games playoffs. Districts start Monday with Lowell playing hosted Forest Hills Northern at

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

The hearing will be held as follows:

## Lowell High School FFA competes at national convention

from the Lowell FFA can handle a dairy animal included Kelly Foote, in national contests, listening attended the National FFA and present it for judging. Katie Serne, Marie Wade, to motivational speakers and Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, Oct. 26-29.

Grady Drown earned award. a gold award by placing 11th in the National Dairy Issues contest, the Lowell possible annexation of the Kentucky Derby Museum at Handler's event. In this team advanced to the land at Vergennes and Alden Churchill Downs. contest, students are judged semifinal round and earned Nash.

A total of 15 students based on how well they a Silver Award. Members Drown is the first student Stephanie Wade, Katie Ward, attending the agricultural from Lowell to earn this Shelly Wernet and Michelle career show, students toured

Wolf. The team prepared a the Louisville Slugger In the Agricultural presentation based on the factory and visited the

In addition to competing



## Identity theft telemarketing schemes return

not-call laws, dishonest confidential information. telemarketers continue to create scams to trick you into never call you to ask for Sometimes they just claim giving them your valuable Social Security numbers and to be your bank or the president of the Better them to mail the materials, personal information. Con other private information. In government. This scam Business Bureau of Western then check it out with artists call consumers in the fact, most courts follow up is often directed at senior Michigan, said "ID theft your loal BBB or other Western Michigan area with tricks like these:

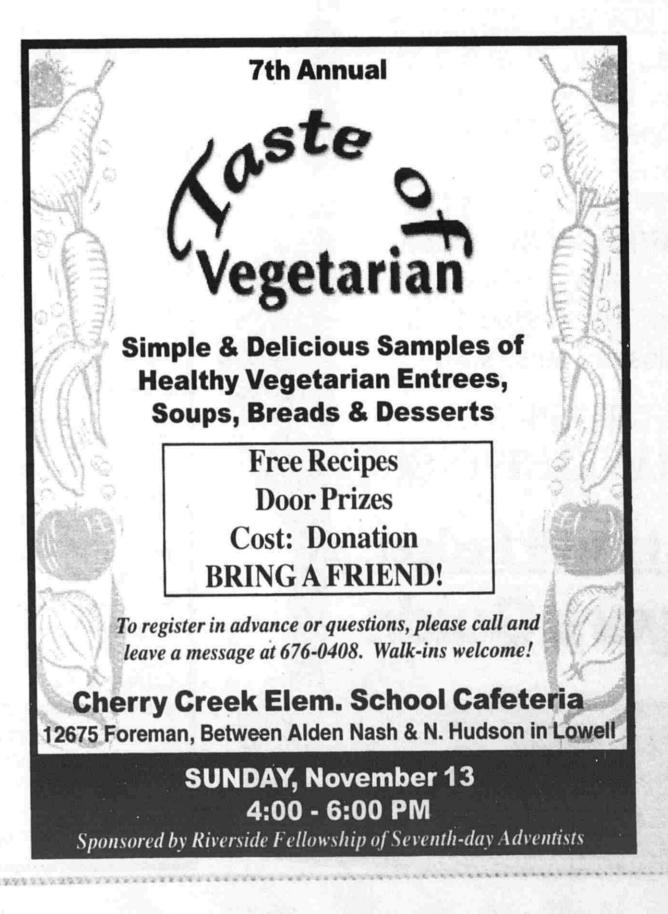
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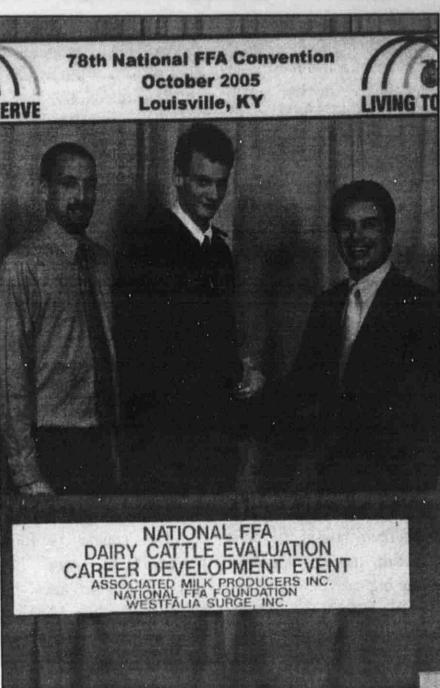
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scammers are The reasons they give more creative in seeking FTC.gov web site." • Your information is on you don't matter. Never give key information from





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Above: Grady Drown, center, is pictured with Lowell FFA advisor Kevin Nugent, left, and Donn DeVelder, Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Drown earned a gold award in the Dairy Handler's event.

At left: Team members in the Agricultural Issues contest, left to right, are: Lowell FFA advisor Kevin Nugent, Katie Serne, Shelly Wernet, Kelly Foote, Michelle Wolf, Stephanie Wade, Katie Ward, Marie Wade, and Bruce Bye, Elanco Animal Health.

the phone and asks for Ken Vander Meeden, sensitive information. Ask getting information agency like the

Contact the BBB at number, credit card numbers to say this but it is almost org or call 1-800-684-3222.



Mozzarella FRI: cheese sticks w/pizza sauce (Alto & Murray Lake - hamburger on bun also offered), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

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## Lowell couple presented with "Angels in Adoption" award

of Lowell were honored on Congressman Vern Ehlers on Sept. 13. Nov. 7 with the prestigious for "making a difference in Angels in Adoption award the lives of children through four years and in their 20's, foster daughters through Thus, the family now numbers at a ceremony at Catholic adoption or foster care are very special to four Catholic Social Services. seven. Social Services in Grand advocacy." The couple was teenage sisters: Rachelle, 16; In 2004, the younger Rapids.

The

Ryan and Amara Kyes Catholic Social Services and Bush, in Washington D.C. of abuse and neglect, the on Oct. 11, 2005, the family

honored with more than Phalesha, 14; Noelle, 12; and sisters joined. In December honor to receive this national Kyes were 190 other national winners, Vonda, 11. Removed from 2004, Makayla was born award," Amara said. "We nominated for the award by including First Lady Laura their mother's care because to Amara and Ryan and took the girls in to make a

two older girls came to live celebrated the finalization of The Kyes, married for with the Kyes in 2003 as the adoptions of the four girls.

"It was such a great

## Mountain Lions, continued...From Page 13

this endangered species. We especially urge them to take video or Washtenaw and Jackson contact the Conservancy at Wildlife Conservancy, PO still cameras to their bline counties, where there have 517-641-7677 or by email Box 393, Bath, MI 48808. Conservancy is a nonprofit in addition to several rare when hunting this fall. Excellent photographs of cougars' tracks in Michigan A horse killed in Jackson Report" is available by free for distribution at wildlife have been taken by hunters, County on Aug. 31 was the contacting the Conservancy organizational meetings, Conservancy has restored more website highlights some expanded use of trail cameras by hunters boosts the odds of getting more photographs of the big cats."

sighting reports.

been numerous recent at wildlife@miwildlife.org. Large quantities of the citizens group established in reports of cougar sightings. A "Cougar Observation brochure can be obtained 1982 to restore Michigan's creation of many backyard victim of a cougar attack.

The cougar is fully- Conservancy protected by state law, (www.miwildlife.org). The and the Conservancy has Conservancy also has an While the Conservancy established the Michigan informative brochure titled is interested in all cougar Cougar Protection Fund to "Living With Cougars the increase awareness of their In Michigan," which is organization is making a presence and biology, aid available free of charge by special appeal to hunters future research, and help sending a business-sized. in Southern Michigan, curb illegal killing. Hunters self-addressed

stamped

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who are uninsured or pay for college. underinsured, you need to take action soon - because much insurance you'll need get older. no one can predict the at different stages of your future.

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## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 21, 2005, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Josh Brewer, the owner of Arrowhead Golf Course, is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to build a pole building for storage. The property is located north of Two Mile Rd. on the east side of Alden Nash NE, permanent parcel number 41-16-10-300-008. The request is to add a building to a golf course and modify the front yard setback for an accessory building, and is permitted as a Special Exception Use under Section 201.402 B. 5., and 201.304 C. 6. of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

## THANKSGIVING DEADLINES

Deadline for the November 28 edition of the **BUYERS GUIDE** is

Wed., Nov. 23 at noon. If you require a proof your deadline is Tuesday at 5 p.m.

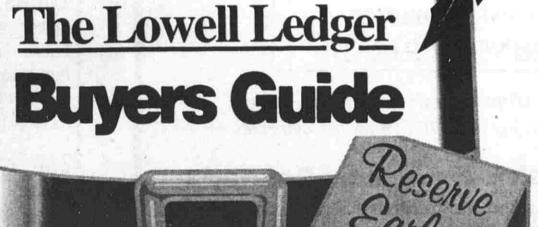
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### **EVENTS**

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sightin at their new facility at 8731 West Riverside Drive, with the entrance at the corner of Ivan Road and Riverside Dr. The sight-in will be November 12th and 13th from 10 per gun with a 20 round limit. Targets and assistance will be provided. The public is welcome. See www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org for more information.

SARANAC FFA - Alumni card party, Nov. 12, 7 pm at the middle school. 

SNOW UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave SE will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing dinner on Wednesday, November 9, starting at 5:30 pm. Adults \$8, ages 5-12 \$2.

## PERSONALS

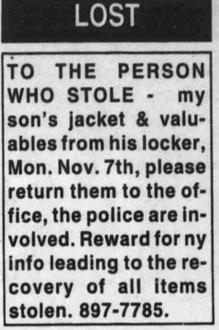
THE DIAMOND IS BACK after a two week absence things have not changed much. Still looking for attractive & charming female companion to enjoy a quiet dinner for two, walks & fine wines, grilling & golfing, dancing & yes even talking. The holiday season is coming so, to all "Happy Holidays". Respond to Diamond Inn Ruff, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or diamondinnruff@sbcglobal.net

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kitchen, seats 150, Call 897







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SALES

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