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Additional holiday patrols lead to 13 arrests in Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Lowell police put in extra hours during the holidays in an effort to crack down on drunk driving.

From Dec. 19 to Dec. 23, Lowell Police Department patrol officers logged about 23 hours of overtime, paid for by a grant from the Michigan Office

of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). During that time, a total of 43 vehicles were stopped, leading to 13 arrests.

One arrest was made for drunk driving; five for alcohol-related offenses such as minors in possession or drivers with open intoxicants in their vehicles; three for driving on suspended licenses; and four from outstanding warrants on misdemeanor

charges. During the additional patrols, two speeding citations and 11 other citations were issued. Officers gave 36 verbal warnings.

The OHSP offers the grant in hopes that stepped up patrols will make people think twice before drinking alcohol irresponsibly during the holidays.

"It's geared towards the holiday time periods when

there tends to be more parties, and people tend to excessively consume alcohol," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine.

The extra patrols, he explained, are designed to be a deterrent as well as an enforcement action. They are publicized beforehand, so people are aware that police will be out in greater numbers. The extra one or two

squad cars that were on the road, Valentine said, should have been a visible reminder to people while they were making party plans.

Lowell police participated in similar enforcement efforts in the past, having logged overtime around Christmas 2004. In 2000, Lowell police and other law enforcement agencies took part in a special patrol effort

along the M-21 corridor. This was also funded by the OHSP with similar goals in mind.

The Lowell Police Department will periodically add patrols through the OHSP program. These will primarily be scheduled around holidays when parties involving alcohol are more frequent than at other times of the year.

Shop class has new dimension with addition of metals

By Dan Schneider

Walter Henschke, 63, is a retired metal fabricator.

For the past year or so, he has been volunteering in the industrial arts classroom at Lowell

High School. He teaches students the basics of industrial metalworking by making hammers.

"We take a piece of raw material and we make a hammer out of it," Henschke said.

The heads of the hammers are made from small blocks of steel shaped on a machine called a Bridgeport.

"Best machine ever invented, Henschke said. "Leave it to the Yankees."

The Bridgeport machine holds a piece of metal at various angles and shaves away material with a high-speed rotating blade. It's used to put an angle at one end of the hammer head. The handle is turned on a lathe and made out of aluminum.

On a Wednesday afternoon late in the fall semester, LHS freshman Jeffrey Johnson was putting the finishing touches on a hammer handle. He said he would consider a career in metal fabricating.

"It's what my dad does," Johnson said.

Henschke, a native of Germany, learned his trade there. "I learned it in a shipyard in the city of Hamburg," he said.

He came to the U.S. with his family in 1958 when he was 17. His brother had already immigrated, and convinced the family to move. By the time Henschke's family arrived, however, his brother had been drafted into the Army and was stationed back in Germany.

Henschke was later drafted himself. He served in an Army artillery unit in Bac Lui in Vietnam.

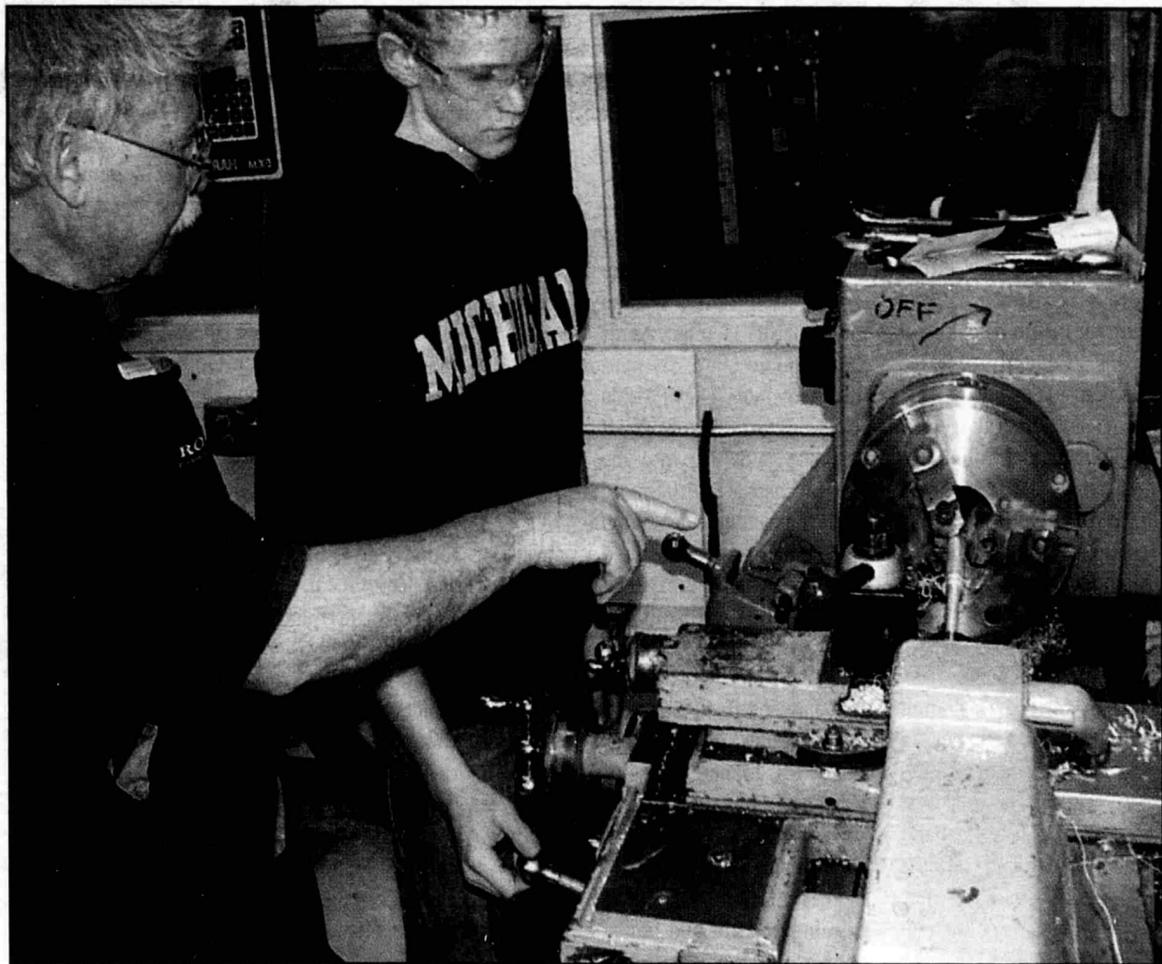
Returning to the states, he eventually got his citizenship, and then worked in a Detroit factory making gears for General Motors. Three years ago, multiple strokes forced him to retire. Not long after that, then-Lowell High School shop teacher Curt Kaeb convinced Henschke to move to Lowell with his family.

"I think Lowell is a good town," Henschke said.

He has a son who is a sophomore at Lowell High School and a daughter who is a senior. They have adjusted well to the small-town life and are building a house here.

Henschke adds another dimension to the industrial arts class at the high school. While shop class and industrial arts are fading away at many school districts across the state and country, Tony Ellis's class is thriving at Lowell. There are

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Retired metal fabricator Walter Henschke helps Lowell High School freshman Jeffrey Johnson turn a hammer handle on a metal lathe.

Friends remember woman killed in car crash

By Dan Schneider

A car accident Saturday morning took the life of a 22-year-old Lowell woman.

The accident happened at 10 a.m. Sunny Moyer was driving eastbound on Sayles Road in Keene Township in

Ionia County when her car slid in front of an oncoming truck. The driver of the truck, a 34-year-old from Lowell, was not injured.

Moyer recently completed the pre-med program at Grand Valley State University. She hadn't decided on a medical specialty to pursue. But it

wouldn't have mattered, her father said, since all the medical fields involve working to help people.

"She wanted to be a doctor, wanted to help people, that's just what she did," Robert Moyer said. "She loved people, that's the best way to describe her."

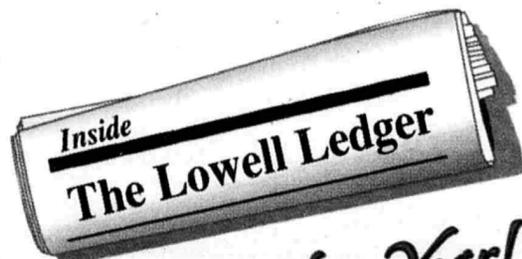
And she never had a

shortage of people around her.

"Practically every weekend we had a house full of girls over," her father said. "She was very sociable."

Before she was born, her parents heard the name

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Obituaries



CARVER

SPC Dane O. Carver, aged 20, of Freeport, died serving his country December 26, 2005 in Iraq. He is the loving son of Donald and Candace Carver of Freeport; dearest brother of Kirsten (Kenneth) Jamison of Grandville, Ingrid (Daniel) Ivey of Wichita Falls, Texas; grandmother Jacqueline Sorensen of Lowell; nephew Ethan Ivey; beloved fiancée Karla Holwerda of Grand Rapids; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 5 at the Calvary Church, 777 E. Beltline NE and I96, Grand Rapids, Lt. Col. Chaplin Will Hensen officiating. Burial in Interment Friday at 1:30 p.m., Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Dane's family.

HARRIS

Anna Juliet Harris, aged 70, of Grattan Township, Belding, died at home on December 23, 2005. She was born in Grand Rapids on September 13, 1935, the daughter of John E. and Ann Shafer Tracy. She was married to Howard W. Harris on April 15, 1976.

Afman and a grandson on the way; his mother Veronica Hopkins of Florida; brother George Hopkins Jr. of Maine. Gary graduated from Rider University with a BS degree and also from Aquinas College with an MM degree. He worked as investment executive for Ionia County National Bank in Lowell and Ionia. He was known for his outstanding work ethic. Traveling was always his goal. Memorial services have taken place. For those who wish, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.



MOYER

Sunny Ann Moyer, aged 22, of Lowell, passed away December 31, 2005 of accidental automobile injuries. She is survived by her parents Robert and Ramona Moyer; brother Nicholas; fiance all of Lowell; fiance Chad Nowak of Lowell; grandfather Raymond (Mary) Badge of Georgia; aunts and uncles Holly (John) Witter, James (Cheryl) Moyer, Tom (Marlene) Swart, Dave (Charlene) Bigelow; several cousins. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel with Dr. Michael Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital.

ROSKAMP

Anna Marie Roskamp, aged 87 of Lowell, passed away December 29, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Irvin Roskamp, parents Bill and Rose Schaffer, four brothers, three sisters, great-grandson Gabriel Lynn. She is survived by her children David (Martha) Roskamp of Lowell, James (Kathryn) Roskamp of Vassar, Marybeth (John) Ford of Cedar Springs; grandchildren Mike (Donna) Roskamp of Howell, Lisa (Jeff) Boles of Belding, Kristin (Joe) Peters of Attica, Eric (Laurie) Roskamp of Davidson, Jeannette (Matt) Folcik of Clio, LeeAnne Smith and friend Jason of Grand Rapids, Christopher (Rebecca) Johnson of Cedar Springs; great-grandchildren

Alicia (Bryan) Johnson, Jordan, Bryce and Brian Roskamp, Samantha and Lauren Peters, TaPanga Thompson, Sydney Folcik, Lillianna Marie Berg, Sierra, Alexis Johnson; stepgrandchildren Michelle, Cindy, Ladonna Boles; sister Pauline Drummond of West Branch; many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian burial was held December 31 at St. Mary Church, Lowell, Rev. George Fekete, Celebrant. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, 11650 Downes St. SE, Lowell 49331.



SANDERS

Vivian "Maureen" Sanders (Laux), aged 89, of Zephyrhills, Florida, formerly of Lowell, passed away Monday, December 26, 2005, at her residence after a prolonged illness. She was born June 10, 1916 in Lansing. She worked for many years at Carbonneau Industries in Grand Rapids. Maureen was a past member of the First United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star organization. She was a member of Betmar Acres Shuffleboard Club. She was inducted into The Florida State Shuffleboard Hall of Fame and also into the Central District Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Maureen represented the United States at the International Shuffleboard Tournament in Japan in the 1980's. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Clifford Sanders; four daughters Carol Briggs of Lowell, Joanne Maass of Graham, Wash., Maryanne Smith of Zephyrhills, Fla., Lois Maass of Las Vegas, Nev.; son Ronald Sanders of Farmington Hills and Janice Laux of Cache, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son Bill Laux of Cache, Okla. and first husband Lyle Laux. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

SCOTT

Madeline "Lucy" Scott, aged 50, of Alto, passed away December 26, 2005. She is survived by her husband Jerry; sons Joseph (Pamela) Scott of Caledonia, David (Jaime) Scott of Alto; two granddaughters Jasmine and Kylie; three sisters; many nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held December 31 at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell.

TIMMER

Lorna Jane Timmer, aged 82, of Grandville, happily went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 29, 2005. She had been a longtime member of Maple Hill United Brethren Church and was a dedicated employee of Smiths Industries for 26 years until she retired. She was preceded in death by her husband Chester and son James. She will be lovingly remembered by her children Judith and Gary Velthouse of Lowell, Jack and Connie Timmer of Grandville; daughter-in-law Nancy Timmer of Holland; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters Elsie and Roger VerStrat, Genevieve Snyder; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Dorothy Allen, Lillian Timmer, Velma Timmer, Allen and Ann Timmer, Roger and Doris Timmer, Gilbert and Shirley Saunders; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. at Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, 4145 Chicago Dr., Grandville, with Rev. Earl Thomas officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to SECOM or Brookcrest Christian Nursing Home.

TOTTEN

Marjorie O. Totten (Pursley), aged 87 of Clark Retirement Community, formerly of Lowell, passed away December 30, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Rex and daughter-in-law Sandra Pursley. She is survived by her children Albert Pursley of Holland, Thomas (Luzia) Pursley of Texas, Geraldine (Bill) Schultz of Grand Rapids, Candy (Russ) Borner of New York, Roxie (Larry) Cook of California; brother-in-law Gerald Totten; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 4 at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St., with Dr. Michael Conklin officiating. Interment at Rosedale Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to the Clark Retirement Community (Benevolent Fund) or to the American Cancer Society.

WASHBURN

Raymond Charles Washburn, aged 65, of Luther, formerly of Ada, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family following a brief battle with cancer. He was born on February 10, 1939, in Grand Rapids to R.C. and Virginia (McLaughlin) Washburn. He attended Ada area schools and served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He became employed as a meat cutter in Grand Rapids; relocated to Luther and was a member of Amvets Post 1988 near Baldwin; also worked part time at Logger's Landing in Luther. Survivors include children Ronald (Tammy) Washburn of Alto, Cheryl Lynn Washburn of Smyrna; grandchildren Bradley Washburn, Kyle Washburn; mother Virginia Washburn of Lowell; siblings Leonard (Janet) of Ada, Carol Kuiper of Luther, Kathy Holmes of Wyoming, Howard (Janice) of Twin Lake, Sherry DeVries of Holland; many nieces, nephews, friends including special friends Ruth Bonhoff and John Roslanic. He was preceded in death by his father. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 7, at 2 p.m. at Verdun Funeral Home, 585 7th St., Baldwin. The family will greet visitors beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

WOSINSKI

Florence (Heather) Wosinski, aged 89 of Parnell, went to be in God's eternal light on January 1, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Sr. of 50+ years, son-in-law David Myers, grandson Steven Myers, five sisters and four brothers. Florence is survived by her daughter Margaret Myers and very special friend Chuck Cerny, Joseph (Joyce) Wosinski, Earl Jr. (Dolores) Wosinski, Janet (Forrest) Breimayer, Phillip (Kathy) Wosinski, Kenneth (Barb) Wosinski, Donald Wosinski and fiancée Janet Miner; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sisters Margaret Skinner, Katherine Frazee; sister-in-law Phyllis VandePanne; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian burial will be offered Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Parnell, Rev. Rock Badgerow presiding. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home or St. Patrick Church.

2006 - a new goal for this year's community weight loss challenge

By Dan Schneider

Teams are forming now for the 2006 Lowell Community Weight Loss Challenge.

It is the second year Lowell Community Wellness has put on the event, which used a team approach last year to encourage the people of Lowell to lose 2005 cumulative pounds.

Not much has changed for this year. The goal has increased to 2006 pounds to reflect the year on the current calendar. But people will still team up in groups of four to encourage each other to stay active and eat healthy.

This year's kick-off and

initial weigh-in is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the Lowell YMCA branch. Team weigh-ins will be held at the YMCA every Tuesday for the next 10 weeks; the challenge, however, has been shortened by a week to exclude spring break when many teams were unable to report for the final weigh-in.

An entire four-member team weighs in, all at the same time on a big scale donated for the event by Kent Butchers' Supply.

The weight loss challenge has a title sponsor this year. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan will contribute funds to help cover event expenses and weekly prizes. The health insurance company will

also provide health tips for participants at weekly weigh-ins.

Lowell Community Wellness director Patty Sellner said encouraging a healthy lifestyle is the most important goal of the weight loss challenge. It is more important than simply losing weight, she said. "We don't use fad diets or anything like that; it's about an active lifestyle and better eating habits," Sellner said. The admission fee for each four-person team is \$40. Proceeds from the challenge will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. and Lowell Community Wellness.

Last year, participants in the challenge fell just

six pounds short of the goal, losing 1999 pounds. But Sellner said the event created enough excitement that there is still buzz about it around Lowell.

"People are still talking about last year and looking forward to this year," Sellner said. "Hopefully we'll have as much fun as we did last year."

Families and co-workers frequently formed teams last year. The challenge was especially popular at Lowell Area Schools, with the staff at Bushnell Elementary, by percentage, having the highest rate of participation. The challenge even inspired a more healthy menu to Bushnell's hot lunches.

People don't have to assemble their own full teams to participate. Individuals who want to sign up can be assigned to teams by calling Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781. That is also the number to call for more information about the weight-loss challenge. Application forms are available at the Lowell YMCA and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. A PDF file of the registration form is available at the web site kaleidoscope-lowell.org under "Community Calendar" and look at Jan. 10.

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"Sunny" and liked the sound of it. Her father said he never would have guessed how completely she would have lived up to it.

"She exceeded any expectations I ever could have had for a daughter," he said.

She made friends through school, and many golfers from Deer Run Golf Club remember her. She worked there as a bartender, server and beverage cart driver.

"While she was there, she took up golfing," her father said.

Sunny Moyer graduated from Lowell High School in 2001. She played basketball and volleyball all four years at Lowell.

Dee Crowley was coaching her first year of varsity basketball during Moyer's senior season. She remembers Moyer's smile and positive attitude, but also her determination.

"She was a very determined young lady," Crowley said. "If she wanted to get something accomplished, she was going to go after it and get it done."

In addition to her father, Moyer is survived by her mother Ramona, younger brother Nick and fiancée Chad Nowak.

Call 647-3920 for more information.

At Your Local Library



"FRIENDS" MEETING

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 200 N. Monroe St. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. The

Friends' group conducts book sales and other fundraisers to help purchase library materials and pay for programs. It is open to adults, and participation level is at one's discretion.

HAWAIIAN LUAU
To shake off those winter blues, several branches of the Kent District Library are offering a "Hawaiian Luau" for children six and under. They will enjoy Hawaiian crafts, games and even some hula dancing.

The program will be held at the Alto branch on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. (647-3820); at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920).

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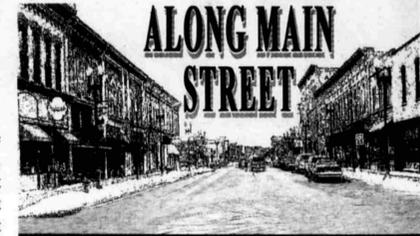
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BLOOD DRIVE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Michigan Community Blood Centers will have a blood drive this Wednesday, 10305 Blue Water Hwy., 3-7 p.m. To schedule an appointment or questions, call Virginia at 897-4569.

LHS FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Attend the financial aid program in the Lowell Performing Arts Center, Thursday, Jan. 5, 7-8 p.m. and receive info. about filling out the Federal Application for Student Aid from Joann Litton, Financial Aid officer at GVSU. Call 987-2908 with questions.

PASSPORT TO EUROPE

Artwork of the European Continent and British Isles by Lowell area artists is now on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council until Feb. 4. Meet the artists at a reception on Jan. 8, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The regular business meeting of the Lowell Athletic Boosters Club will be held Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

FOODMOBILE

People living in the Greater Lowell area are welcome to free food at the Foodmobile at the Lowell Fairgrounds, Saturday, Jan. 14, 10-11 a.m. or until the mostly produce is gone. Bring your own box or bag. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

CORRECTION

The article "Council takes first step in revising charter; sets meeting dates" in the Dec. 28 Lowell Ledger indicated that City Hall would be closed for Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 16). It should have read that City Hall will be open that day, just no meeting that evening.

Congratulations!

To our beautiful granddaughter
TIFFANY VENNEMAN
for making the dean's list at
Grand Valley State University.

We love you Sniffer!
Grandpa Robby, Grandma Nancy & Sis Cassidy

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26, 2005 and Monday, January 2, 2006 for New Year's Day.

The City of Lowell residents who uses Allied/Sunset Waste orange bags or cart service will have their refuse and recycle picked up on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th AND JANUARY 6th** due to the Christmas and New Year holidays



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On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Mueller
Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

Editor's Note: Steve Mueller has graciously consented to keep Ledger subscribers up-to-date on the happenings at the Wittenbach/Wege Center. We welcome him and hope our readers enjoy his input.

COYOTES SAVE DUCKS

During the past two weeks coyote sightings were reported to me at the Wittenbach/Wege Center (WWC). One was north of the WWC off Bailey and the other just to the east of the center on Vergennes.

It may seem that coyotes living in duck nesting areas would reduce duck populations by eating eggs or birds before the ducks make it to water. It is correct coyotes do take ducks but interestingly they save more than they kill.

National Biological Survey research scientists have found that fox populations increase in areas where predator control programs have reduced the numbers of coyotes. Foxes are more effective duck hunters than coyotes and coyotes effectively reduce fox numbers.

Many people support tax-based predator control programs and support tax-based duck population recovery projects such as flooding areas that were historically wetlands. The reason these areas are no longer wetlands is because people spent tax dollars to drain them for farming and to eliminate wetland species we don't like such as mosquitoes. Ducks disappeared with wetland disappearance.

With the loss of wetlands we also lose spawning beds for fish like the northern pike. Then tax dollars are used to support fish hatcheries for restocking pike to lakes and to recreate wetlands.

Tax-based programs supported killing wolves in Michigan in the past. Wolves kept coyote numbers low. It does not make economic sense to use taxes to eliminate

predators and then use tax dollars to pay for the services the predator provide.

Nature niches are intricate systems that function quite well until people decide to reshape them. When large predators live close to humans, there are occasions a predator will take a domestic animal. It costs less for tax payers to support removal of specific problem animals than general removal of predators. This is what we personally do in our homes when mice get in. We do not try to kill all mice in our neighborhood fields. We target the problem animals.

Coyotes are seldom a problem in our area. They ineffectively help reduce the excessively large deer population that is devastating native vegetation in our area and damaging forest regeneration. Interestingly, the large deer population causes a greater negative economic impact than coyotes. Kent County has the highest Michigan car insurance expenditure due to car/deer collisions. Deer also reduce native insect pollinators by over browsing needed wildflowers. Michigan's threatened and endangered plants receive tax-based recovery program dollars while deer reduce survival of those very plants. Farmers rent insect pollinators for their crops. Fewer insects from fewer surviving wildflowers result in fewer birds in your yard.

It saves tax dollars to allow coyote populations to live because coyotes do not get paid tax dollars to reduce

excessive browsing on vegetation. When the coyote bounty was in effect, those regularly hunting coyotes killed the pups because they could return for another litter and maintain a sustainable income from tax payers. It is more cost effective for taxpayers to support occasional killing of particular problem individuals. Today the general killing of coyotes to reduce predators continues to cost increased spending of tax and private dollars.

Ecological/economic studies show when coyotes are removed, coyote social structure is greatly damaged and more rapid reproduction occurs. This results in rapid increases in populations that spread into new areas. This creates more problem animal encounters for tax dollar control. A cost/benefit analysis has repeatedly verified that predator reduction programs are not economically sound.

But how is it the coyotes help duck populations increase? They help keep fox populations in check which allows for greater duck nest productivity. Plus there are the other benefits I described. Scientific analysis often provides answers we do not want to believe. Choosing preferred beliefs rather than evidence based analysis conclusions may result in wasted tax dollars.

Coyotes live in our area but are not abundant. Foxes live in our area but are not abundant. Life is very hard for all wildlife. Most coyote pups never live a year.

Shop class, continued

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more than 100 students split among five classes; the spring semester class has a waiting list. And contrary to the old stereotype, it is not a "boys only" class.

"It's just something different and my dad is an engineer," said junior Monica Fitzpatrick, who

signed up for this spring's class.

Introductory students make noise makers and other basic projects to become familiar with the woodworking tools.

In the more advanced classes, students design and build projects to meet specific needs. Currently, the advanced classes are making podiums for Lowell High School teachers. They learn the manufacturing process from start to finish:

determining what each teacher needs in a podium, designing the podium, making a cost analysis, and then building the podium.

The work is done on all new equipment paid for by a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. The goal of the class is to give students an introduction to the manufacturing world.

"Industry, they get people and they're green as can be," Ellis said. "We're gearing the class to further

that kind of seeding ... planting the seed."

Henschke works with students when they have down time from their podiums and other projects.

It gives them an introduction to a whole new set of tools.

"We're introducing them so when they walk into the factory and the guy says, 'We have so many lathes,' they know what the guy is talking about," Henschke said.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Chip Geldersma received Realtor of the Month in December 2005.

This award recognizes Geldersma for his outstanding success and achievements.



Chip Geldersma

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by Roger Brown

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This volunteer dock project is getting the best of me. Big days of manual labor. Big Meals at night. Sleeping like a log. Getting up too late to write a column.

This week's offering is something off the Internet that I've been saving for just such an emergency. It seems appropriate in that the very first Baby Boomer turned sixty on Sunday.

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, '40s, '50s '60s and even into the '70s ...

First we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

After that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles or similarly protected cabinet doors. When we rode our bikes we had no helmets. Later, we hitchhiked all over the place.

We would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup on a warm day was a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with our friends, from one bottle and no one actually died!

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were OKAY!

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have PlayStations, Nintendo's, X-Boxes ... no video games at all. There were not 99 channels on the TV. We had no video tapes, no DVD's, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet, no Internet chat rooms ... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside to find them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt. The worms did not live in us forever. We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell or just walked in to talk to them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success, responsibility and we learned how to deal with it all!

And, if you've bothered to read all of this, you are probably one of us ... CONGRATUATIONS!!!

The e-mail I received had a postscript suggesting that this piece be shared with others who had the good fortune to grow up before the lawyers and government regulated our lives for our own good. It was also suggested that it be forwarded to our kids so they would know how brave their parents are.

The article closed with the question, "Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?" My answer is, "Sort of ... but I'd rather go out and buy a Red Rider BB gun!"

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading your year in review. It was wonderful this year how you noted our local women and men in the military.

One thing I feel you failed to note in this review is

about Joe Mendez, the 2005 graduate of Lowell High School and how he achieved the status of being only the 10th person in the state of Michigan to have wrestled at four different weight classes and to go all the way each year to win the State Championship title.

Our community should be reminded of these young men and women who have succeeded also.

Thank you.
Michelle Ripley



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER IRA "CATCH-UP" LIMITS

Now that it's 2006, you are one year closer to retirement. Of course, if you are still in your twenties, this milestone may not mean that much to you. But if you are 50 or older, the prospect of actually becoming a retiree looms larger as the years go by. Fortunately, it's just become a little easier to build savings for your retirement years. Why? Because, starting Jan. 1, you can put in \$1,000 in "catch-up" contributions to your traditional or Roth IRA, up from \$500 in 2005. So, given the \$4,000 annual limit for regular contributions, you can put in a total of \$5,000 to your IRA in 2006.

Fully funding your IRA should be one of your top investment priorities. Keep in mind that IRAs offer two major benefits:

• Tax advantages - If you have a traditional IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred, so your money can grow faster than it would in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. (You will eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, but, then, you may be in a lower tax bracket.) Also, depending on your income level, your contributions may be tax-deductible. When you have a

Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes. You can also take out earnings, free of taxes, as long as you don't begin withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.

• Variety of investment options - You can invest your IRA in virtually any security you choose - stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, etc. In fact, you're not confined to just one type of investment within your IRA; you can create a diversified portfolio containing a variety of holdings.

Given these tax advantages and this investment flexibility, it's almost certainly a good idea to "max out" on your IRA every single year. Of course, it's not always that easy to come up with \$5,000 at one time, but you don't have to. You can fund your IRA over the course of a year by putting in about \$416 per month. And, to make it even easier for you to completely fund your IRA, you could have that \$416 moved automatically, via a bank authorization, from your checking or savings account to your IRA.

On the other hand, if you can possibly afford to pay the full \$5,000 in the first few weeks of the year, you may well end up with more money in the long run. That's because you'll be giving your money more time to grow - and, as an investor, time can be your greatest ally.

But, however you do it - over 12 months or right away - put the full amount into your IRA. Along with your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles you have available. And now that you are on the "plus" side of 50, you'll want to really focus your efforts on making sure you have the resources available to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 5, 1881

"Wheat 90c, hay \$10 a ton, pork \$4.75 per cwt." The Lowell post office did nearly \$900 worth of business in the last quarter of 1880.

Five applications came in two days for the principalship of Lowell Union School.

George Reuter, teacher at Star School in Bowne, wishes to thank his 77 scholars for valuable presents received.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 4, 1906

Lowell businessmen have agreed to close evenings during the winter months, starting tonight.

"Mrs. Frank Converse has been granted a divorce through Attorney R.E. Springett."

"You will not find beauty through rouge--it comes only to those that take Rocky Mountain Tea."

Much coming and going with visiting and college vacations this week; also a number of families moving.

Contracts are let for one of the longest ditches in Michigan, passing through VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Cass and St. Joseph counties.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 1, 1931

A third generator, ordered when the new dam was built, is installed for backup and for increased power demands throughout Lowell.

Otto Wisner is proprietor of the new Sinclair gas and oil station at Center and Main.

State tax commissioner M.B. McPherson gives some statistics, including that the total levy for all purposes in Michigan is at almost \$265 million.

Michigan's population is increasing faster than any states except Florida and California.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 5, 1956

Brickwork on the new elementary school building progresses rapidly.

The C&O Railroad plans to close the Clarksville depot, which the C. H. Runciman company opposes, having an elevator there.

The Michigan Department of Health reports 195,000 births in Michigan in 1955, about 3,000 more than in 1954.

Lowell Light & Power produced a record 1,115,960 kilowatts of electricity in November. It has been in existence 60 years.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DECEMBER 31, 1981

Grand Rapids Junior College will offer an eight-week course for newsletter editors, starting in February.

The Red Cross announces a free blood pressure clinic each Thursday at the Grand Rapids headquarters.

City council is discussing whether to prohibit cross-connections between public water systems and private wells or sewer systems.

State Savings Bank ad: "Scrooge had a good idea. He just carried it too far."

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Reflections of faith

Dean Bailey, pastor
Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

Here it is again - a new year, called 2006. We want 2006 to be better than 2005. We want to do better than we did in 2005. We hope, we pray, we wish for "betterness" in 2006.

The unknown year stretches out before us with numerous days, fresh and clean because they've not yet been lived. No one has traveled through them, they have yet to register our footprints, our fingerprints. They invite us into our future, a new future.

In the gospel of Mark, the author tells us that Simon, Andrew, James and John were minding their own fishing business when suddenly their lives changed dramatically, they entered into a new future. But not because of a new year ... because of a new person. Jesus entered their lives, and invited them into their futures with the words, "Follow me." (Mark 1:16-20)

You see, with Jesus as our leader, the future, while still unknown, has purpose, direction and adventure.

There is an old story about the man who hired a native guide to lead him through the jungle of Africa. As the wilderness became more and more dense, the man got nervous, and he said to the guide, "Are you sure you know where we are going? You have no map, no compass, and there is no path!" The guide answered him, "My friend, in this jungle, I am the path! Just stay close and follow me."

By following Jesus into 2006 we will be on the path to fill the fresh days of our new future with truth and love and selfless service - that is really living.

Proper vehicle maintenance can help conserve fuel

Higher gas prices are making motorists more conscious about conserving fuel to save money and preserve natural resources.

What many motorists don't realize is they can help increase fuel economy by keeping up with their vehicle's scheduled maintenance, which is found in the vehicle's Owner's Manual.

Following are some helpful maintenance tips:

- Fix it up. Something as simple as replacing a faulty oxygen sensor can boost gas mileage up to 40 percent! Gasoline savings based on \$3.07 per gallon, range from 13 cents to \$1.20 per gallon.
- Fresh air. A clogged air filter can decrease gas

mileage by up to 10 percent, so see your Owner's Manual for information about when to change your filter. In addition, the air filter helps protect the inside of the engine from impurities. The potential gas savings from keeping a clog-free air filter can be up to 31 cents per gallon.

- Fill those tires. Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Poorly inflated tires create rolling resistance and reduce fuel economy. Properly inflated tires can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent. And underinflation is the leading cause of tire failures/blowouts.

Bringing your car in for an inspection can help it

run better, last longer, retain value and provide optimal safety and security. The following inspections are recommended:

- Batteries: Weak batteries can lead to breakdowns - possibly at the worst time and place.
- Brakes: An expert inspection can determine whether brakes are functioning properly with full braking capability.
- Windshield wipers: Old or worn windshield wipers can lead to poor visibility.
- Headlamps: Properly aimed headlamps are a must for optimal visibility.
- Oil: Change the oil and filter at recommended intervals to minimize

engine wear and reduce the possibility of internal damage. Many 2004 and newer vehicles follow the Simplified Maintenance schedule which can save both oil and money. Check your vehicle's Owner's Manual for recommended intervals.

- Fluid levels: Improper fluid levels - including coolant, oil, power steering, transmission, brake fluid and even washer solvent - can negatively affect vehicle performance, durability and safety.
- Belts and hoses: A broken belt or ruptured hose can cause costly engine damage and travel delays.

HEALTH



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

COLIC IN INFANTS

Some babies cry for more than three hours a day, for several days a week, and for longer than three weeks. This crying is called colic.

Any baby can get colic. Having colic doesn't mean that there is anything wrong with your child. The crying usually starts in the late afternoon or evening. The baby might show a red face and have clenched fists. They might pull their legs up against their stomach. It might look like they are in pain.

Colic can start in babies as young as two weeks. It typically will go away by the time the baby is three to four months old. Even though colic is common, doctors are not sure what causes it.

If your doctor confirms that your baby has colic, and no other organic reason for the persistent crying, treatment is usually directed at comfort measures. Holding and rocking the child may help. Keep feeding the child as you always have. If you are breast feeding, continue to do it.

Changing formulas will not help. Always burp your baby after a feeding. Some herbal teas such as chamomile tea may help. Only small amounts of the tea should be given; talk to your doctor before doing so.

There is no medicine available in the United States that works for colic. Products that are advertised as cures do not help, so save your money.

Happy Birthday

- JAN. 5:** Ryan Sauber, Craig Carpenter, Pauline LaDue, Genie Southwick, Jody Ann Young.
- JAN. 9:** Jordan Potter, Helen Guastavino.
- JAN. 10:** Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin D. Brenk I, Jared Felling, Mike Barnes.
- JAN. 11:** Katie Plutschow, Ian Blodger, Marian Guastavino.
- JAN. 7:** Lois Seese, Helga Wester, Bob Leyman, Karen Cummings.

New year brings new leadership to Lowell Little League

By Dan Schneider

With the start of the 2006 season, Lowell Little League will have new faces on its board.

League leadership has issued letters requesting the resignation of three league officers and one board member. A letter went to president Ed Parks, who was arrested last Sept. 7 on charges of embezzlement. The case is still in court. Park's wife, club secretary Pam Parks, also received a letter requesting her resignation as did treasurer Pam Lepzinski and board member Kevin Schultz.

But the league is looking to do more than refresh the ranks of its leadership.

"This whole thing doesn't revolve around the legal proceedings," said Dan Stephens, league vice president and acting president. "I just think that there's more potential than what we have done over the past few years."

He is especially hoping to capitalize on the energy new parental involvement can bring to the league.

"We have a lot of people coming in who have a lot of enthusiasm," Stephens

said. "It's time we get some people in who are invested for the next seven or 10 years, who want to be part of it."

Last year, the league saw one of its best seasons, Stephens said. Numbers of players were higher, players' skills were improved, outfield fencing was added to the ball fields, and the teams had their best showing yet in district competition. Board member Daniel Boon said the league hopes to build on that with improved leadership. The league plans to send as many

board members and officers as possible to national Little League Headquarters in Indianapolis for a training workshop.

"We're hoping to have a few people go down there and experience that and bring that knowledge back here," Boon said.

Some of the planned changes to the league will be put in place specifically to avoid problems like the embezzlement case. The board plans to make the league's books more open to the public. An annual audit of the league's books will be instituted.

"We definitely don't want to give the community a sense that we're falling into the same bad habits," Boon said.

According to Stephens, the league is hoping to make the work more enjoyable for board members by delegating responsibilities more efficiently for lighter workloads.

One of the people enthusiastic about the future of the league is Lowell High School varsity baseball coach Justin Miller.

"I'd like to get some of my boys (from the varsity team) down there and involved, whether it's umpiring or mentoring," Miller said. "My main focus right now is helping Dan and the rest of the board with getting things rolling. We need to work on them having an extremely positive experience with the Lowell Little League."

He said Little League is an important experience

for youth, whether they continue to pursue baseball or not.

"I know the importance it had in my life coming up," Miller said. "Players get to know each other and respect each other, not only outside of the game but within the game."

Most importantly, Stephens wanted to emphasize that there will be a Lowell Little League this year. Practice will start in early April.

"I want the community to be at ease and to know there is going to be a Little League this year," Stephens said. "It's going to be there and it's going to be better."

A meeting will be held Jan. 23 at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for people interested in volunteering for the Little League. The league will be looking for candidates to fill board positions and other volunteers. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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include a TB skin test, volunteer uniform, and hospital orientation. Parking is free in a safe neighborhood (1919 Boston S.E.). Volunteers also receive a free meal any day they work a four-hour shift.

For more information or to request an application call Barb at 252-7009.



Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: Once I put assets in a trust, is it possible for me to get them back out? Once they are in trust, who controls those assets?

JONATHAN SAYS: As long as the trust you transferred the assets to is a revocable trust, then the assets can be taken out of that trust. If the trust is an irrevocable trust, once the assets are in the trust, the terms of that trust dictate how and when those assets can come back out.

The person who controls trust assets is the trustee of the trust. Consequently, whoever is acting as trustee of the trust is in charge of managing and investing those assets on behalf of the beneficiaries of the trust.

Since the grantor or the creator of the revocable trust can revoke that trust at any time, then that individual, even if he or she is not the trustee, has the ability to revoke the trust and have whatever assets in that trust distributed to him or her.

DEAR JONATHAN: I want to make a cash gift to my son through my trust. My concern is what happens if the size of my estate either deteriorates in value or grows larger - the cash gift may end up being too small or too large depending on the circumstances. What do you do in this case?

JONATHAN SAYS: Rather than gift your son a fixed dollar amount, it would probably be a better idea to gift him a percentage of the estate. By using a percentage rather than fixed numbers, the amount he is getting will automatically go down if the estate's value goes down and will automatically go up if the estate increases in value. The only thing you need to determine is the percentage you want to use.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have always been a "do-it-yourself" person and I am thinking of drafting my own estate planning documents. Although it is really not a money issue because I consider it to be a challenge, I could save the costs of an

Legal Ease, cont'd., pg. 11



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WED: Pizza lunchable: mini bagel, pizza sauce, mozzarella cheese, pepperoni, whole kernel corn, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Footlong on bun, baked beans, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Sausage pizza, green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed new Master Plan.

The proposed new Master Plan is intended to serve as a guide for future development and land use within Bowne Township. The proposed new Master Plan contains information about current and past conditions in the community, goals for the future of the Township, and a future land use map illustrating development patterns and intended land uses throughout the Township. The proposed Master Plan will replace in its entirety the current Land Use Plan adopted in 2000.

Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan does not change any ordinance or regulation regarding the use of land. Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan also does not mean that any property will be immediately rezoned to match the Plan.

Interested parties may be heard at the January 12 public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk at P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The proposed Master Plan may be copied or examined at the historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., 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.

December 21, 2005
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
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Proposed population goals strike a better balance for deer herd

The only sure things in Michigan deer management are: (1) the herd size will go up and down and (2) people will disagree about what to do when it's up or down. We are fortunate in Michigan to have a public that cares about white-tailed deer.

Wildlife managers for the Department of Natural Resources are holding a series of statewide meetings to gather public input on recommended deer population goals through 2010. The recommendations were presented to the Natural Resources Commission last November. The statewide meetings are a way for wildlife managers to involve citizens in determining the goals for Deer Management

Units (DMUs) in each of Michigan's eight Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

"The deer population goals we recommended at the NRC meeting reflect the first time the DNR has proposed goals for each of the state's DMUs," said Rodney Clute, DNR big-game specialist. "Current

on resource and social conditions present in 2010.

The DNR deer population goals through 2010 call for between 1.28 million and 1.56 million white-tailed deer in the state.

The recommended deer population goals through 2010 in the Upper Peninsula include calling for a population between 323,000 and 411,000 deer, which is below the current goal of 475,000, but close to the current estimated population of 336,000 deer. Harsh winters make it impractical to sustain larger deer numbers. For

In the Northern Lower Peninsula, the proposed goal through 2010 is 459,000 to 546,000 deer, which is within the range of the current estimated population of 498,000 and current goal of 538,000 deer.

The Southern Lower Peninsula calls for a population between 501,000 and 602,000 deer, which is within range of the current goal of 566,000 deer, but far lower than the current estimated population of 868,000 deer.

Wildlife managers say the proposed goals will help the DNR manage the deer herd in Michigan to support a healthy population without causing problems for the environment or the public.

All the values and problems that deer bring to Michigan must be weighed when considering population goals. Among the values is the economic boost to the state provided by hunting.

Deer hunters contribute \$500 million to the state's economy each year. On the other hand, deer damage in agricultural areas reduces the profits for farmers and orchard owners, and car-vehicle accidents are above acceptable levels in many areas.

Wildlife managers must weigh other factors, such as the regeneration of forests and woodlots, changes in forest structure, land use and fragmentation, and the age and health of deer, including the risk for wildlife diseases in deer. Michigan's history of scientific management began in 1921, when the Department of Conservation (precursor to the DNR) was created. In 1928, the Game Division was established and the pool of scientific data on deer in Michigan began to accumulate. Throughout the 1930s and 1940s, deer management techniques were introduced, refined and sometimes abandoned.

Forest succession also was changing the landscape. By the 1960s, mature stands of timber lacking in deer food existed on logged-over lands, and there was not much logging to produce new browse. As a result, the habitat for deer in northern Michigan collapsed, and even the increased presence of deer in southern Michigan did not prevent a major decline in the herd from 1.5 million in 1949 to only 500,000 in 1972. Although many blamed the decreasing herd on antlerless hunting, DNR wildlife managers

understood that habitat improvement was the real answer.

Between 1972 and 1987, about \$20 million was invested in habitat improvements for deer. Specific impacts included the creation, seeding, cultivation and maintenance of more than 70,000 acres of forest openings. A total of 5,113 acres of critical deer range were purchased, and more than 137,292 acres were improved.

The deer range improvement program was a success and following several mild winters in the 1980s, the herd reached a new peak of about two million deer in 1989. That was just too many deer, and DNR wildlife managers have continued to work with hunters and landowners to set new management goals based upon the biology of deer, habitat quality, interaction with other wildlife species and social issues. Deer are highly adaptable animals and have adapted to increasing land use and fragmentation. This has led to an increase in human/deer conflicts.

"Deer management is a complex science, and often not an exact one. Public involvement in the deer population goal setting process is critical so wildlife managers know what the public expects from the state in terms of deer population," said DNR Wildlife division chief Bill Moritz. "I encourage the public to attend these meetings and offer their comments in order to assist us in maintaining a healthy deer herd in our state."

For more information visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.



goals were established in 1999 for each WMU. The proposed goals will guide management for the next five years at which time they will be re-evaluated."

This re-evaluation, Clute said, will be based

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) (14), to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for certain types of rental storage.

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations

Amend Section 201.431 (B) to add language referencing the new section to be added to Chapter 3. This section is designed for older farm type buildings where no dwelling exists on the property for rental storage of RV and other items. There are conditions and standards for review and approval.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]** or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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Artists bring a taste of Europe to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Artwork created by three Lowell artists with connections to Europe is currently on exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

region. There she found an intense program of study, a world saturated with art, and a landscape illuminated by unique light. "You're just surrounded

made light a prominent part of her paintings, even down to the compositions.

"Now, looking at a landscape, the subject might be the way light moves through space in the painting," Tummino said.

Light also features prominently into Ann Breckon's experience in England. Her husband is a British citizen and they spend part of every year in North Yorkshire. The house in which they reside is located near Whitby, a prominent location in Bram Stoker's novel Dracula. It is also located on the edge of Britain's North Moors National Park.

Breckon renders landscapes there with pastels.

"For me it's almost indescribable," Breckon said. "The thing that really hits me are the vistas across the moors ... you can see for miles, the clouds are different, the sky is very different."

Capturing the light on those moors is part of what draws Breckon to England.

"Standing out on the

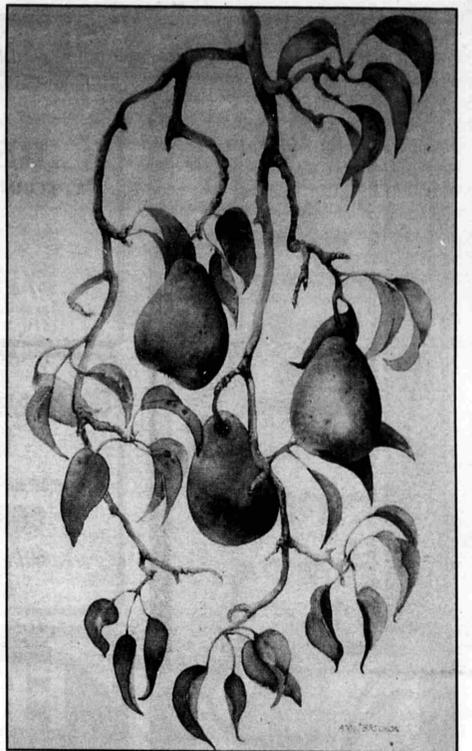
something to her.

"Oh my gosh, this is huge art and you start just admiring the hours that went into it," Mooney said. "First, in digging the big ditch that's the henge, and then hauling those enormous stones."

And she learned a lot contemplating the creative effort that went into creating the henges.

"There is definitely a design there, there is definitely a plan, there are definitely many people working on it," Mooney said. "The challenge, I guess to me, is to identify the things about my art that are calling me apparently the same way these people were called."

Mooney works in metal and glass sculpture while Breckon's medium is pastel and Tummino paints with oils.



"Pears," a botanical painting by Ann Breckon.

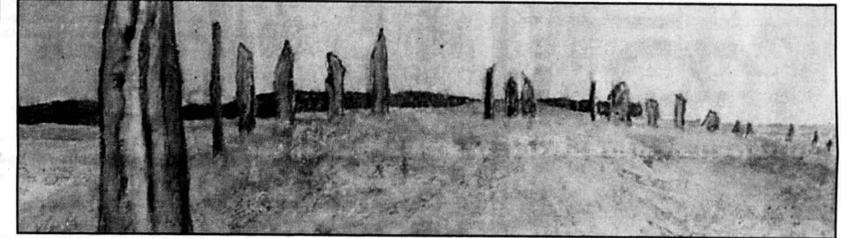
Their works are on display from Jan. 4 - Feb. 4. A public reception for the artists will be held Sunday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



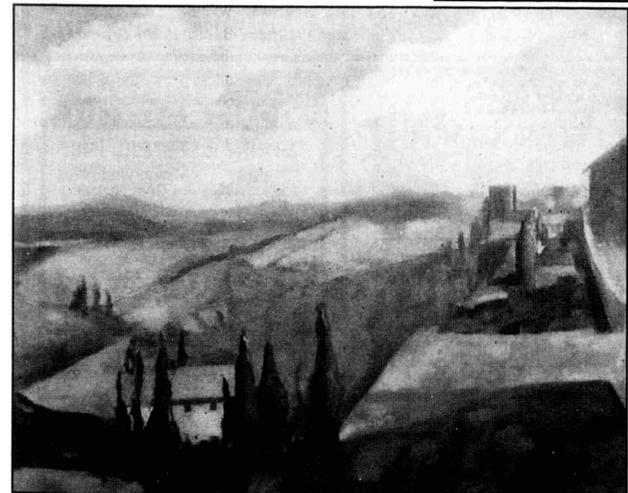
The sign outside the Lowell Area Arts Council advertises the current art show, "Lowell's Passport to Europe."

The council is calling the show "Lowell's Passport to Europe." Artworks in the exhibition are reflections of not only the countries where

in Italy ... not only by the landscapes but by the work of so many artists who have gone there before you," Tummino said.



"Ring of Brodgar" by Kathleen Mooney.



"Urban Countryside," painted in Italy by Judith Tummino.

the artists have been, but the impact of those countries on the artists. All three were artists before they went to Europe, but their experience changed their relationship with the work they produce.

Judy Tummino's European lure is Italy. In 1999, she decided to distill her life to art.

"At the time I started going to Italy, I decided to eliminate all other professions in my life," Tummino said.

She went to Montecastello in the Umbria

Paintings and sculptures could be found out in the open at the corners of buildings. Tummino spent her time in a studio in a medieval town, looking out at hillside off square-checked fields.

"I was there for six weeks just in a totally intense program," Tummino said. "Italy is so beautiful both in its landscapes and its people."

"The light is almost indescribable. It is like no other."

Her experience in Italy

moors, it's like a moving picture because things are changing so rapidly," she said. "That's the reason I go out there and paint because it is a challenge."

Kathleen Mooney found her center as an artist in the middle of the ancient, monumental stone circles known as henges that are scattered around England. Symbolic shapes are among her favorites, so to see shapes played out on such an enormous scale said

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Legal Ease, continued ... From Page 7

attorney by doing it myself. Other than taking away business from a lawyer, can you think of any reasons why I should not attempt to do this?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes, I know that some people think that lawyers, in the interest of self-preservation, discourage individuals from attempting to handle legal matters without a lawyer. However, believe me, this has nothing to do with lawyers worrying about losing business and everything to do with making sure that individuals are fully protected and adequately represented regarding those legal matters.

When it comes to the drafting of estate planning documents, a lay person is not going to be versed in all of the legal technicalities which need to be met in drafting these types of documents. It is true that you can find forms in books and on the Internet to help you in this process, but these forms are at best, basic, and at worst, very poorly

drafted, and a lay person, in most instances, would not be able to discern the difference. Further, everyone's circumstances are unique, and you want to make sure that the estate planning documents are not boilerplate and are customized to address your particular circumstances and goals.

I have always been fond of that old saying, "You get what you pay for" and it is my recommendation that you seek out legal counsel for your estate planning and that you do not attempt to draft these documents on your own. This is too important of an area for you and your family, and you do not want to treat it lightly.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

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H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

Travel challenge offers scholarship

Michigan high school students could earn a chance for a \$25,000 college scholarship in the fourth annual AAA Travel High School Challenge.

Interested students can sign up for the contest any time between now and Jan. 17. More than 63,000 students participated in 2005.

The contest begins with a 40-question online quiz available from Jan. 9-17 at www.aaa.com/TravelChallenge. The top five scorers in each state will take a proctored, written exam in early March. The top scorer in each state

wins an expense-paid trip for two to compete in the national finals, which will be conducted May 13-16 at Universal Orlando.

"The AAA Travel High School Challenge sharpens students' travel literacy by focusing on the culture and history of travel and tourism destinations," said Claire Lockley, assistant vice president Travel Product Management for The Auto Club Group.

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SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 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 weigh-ins. Brenda 897-9141.

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

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

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

1ST MON.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 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.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

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

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

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

EVERY OTHER MON.: The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets in the Community room at Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Anyone 12 or older who can juggle 3 balls is welcome. No dues. Call 897-9879.

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

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Clarence Whittum at 897-8194 after 11 a.m.

TUES.: Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & 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 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

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

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

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

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 info.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. Winter leagues start 1st week of January. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are wel-

come. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

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

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 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 Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open 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.

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

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 897-7842.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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. Call Dawn 862-8841.

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

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

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

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.

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 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. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 4: Bosnia Shoppers, 10 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., JAN. 5: 12:45 p.m. Cafe in the Woods.

FRI., JAN. 6: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling.

MON., JAN. 9: 10 a.m.

WED., JAN. 4: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Blue Water Hwy., will have a blood drive from 3-7 p.m. Call Virginia at 897-4569 to register or ask questions.

THURS., JAN. 5: Lowell High School Financial Aid Night, 7 - 8 p.m. in LPAC. Call 987-2908 for more information.

SAT., JAN. 7: The sixth annual Mid-Winter Hot Dog Clog Hog Gathering at Historic Bowens Mills in Middleville. For more information on the workshop/dance, call Bob the clogger at 616-374-8205.

SUN., JAN. 8: Public reception to meet Lowell area artists at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

MON., JAN. 9: Athletic Boosters Club regular business meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

MON., JAN. 9: Mothers Against Drunk Driving annual candlelight vigil at 7 p.m., Park Congregational Church, 10 E. Park Place NE. Guest speaker is Grand Rapids mayor George Heartwell. RSVP 456-6233.

SAT., JAN. 14: Foodmobile free food at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. For people in Greater Lowell area. Bring box or bag for the mostly produce. Distributed by F.R.O.M. Sponsored by St. Mary's Church.

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RED ARROW SPORTS

Lowell-Caledonia hockey notches win against Wayland 6-4

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia varsity hockey team won their first game of the season on Monday, Dec. 26.

They beat Wayland 6-4 in the first game of the Wayland Tournament. Though part of a tournament, the game also counted as a league game.

Wins all around for Lowell wrestling at Reeths Puffer

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity wrestling team had a strong showing last Wednesday at Muskegon Reeths Puffer.

The Red Arrows defeated all five teams they faced in the round-robin tournament.

"The whole team, as a

Volleyball finishes strong at tournament

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity volleyball team had a good day last Wednesday at the West Michigan Volleyball Officials' Association tournament at East Kentwood High School.

The Red Arrows either beat or held their own against two of the area's top teams in pool play. Playing in pool D, Lowell beat South Christian in three games (25-20, 16-25, 15-7).

"It was a huge win," said Lowell coach Gigi Peal.

After a win in two games over Grand Rapids West Catholic, Lowell lost the first game against West Ottawa 25-19. They rebounded to win the second game by the same score, but fell short 15-12 in the super tie break.

After their loss to Lowell, South Christian beat West Ottawa, so there was a three-way tie for first place in pool D. The Red Arrows

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"Being the first win of the season, it was important that it was a league game," said Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard.

Lowell-Caledonia held a 2-1 lead after the first period, but Wayland scored the first two goals of the second. After a timeout, Lowell-Caledonia regrouped to retake the

lead, scoring two goals in the minute following the timeout.

Lowell-Caledonia scored twice in the third period, as well, and allowed Wayland to score an empty net goal.

Joel Scheele scored two goals for Lowell-Caledonia; Justin Story, one. Jordan Steger had a goal and

three assists. Defensemen Jay Ryan and Steve Napper both scored goals as well.

"It was one of the better games," Ballard said. "We did get out to a lead and then we faltered some, but then we did regroup."

The next day, Lowell-Caledonia fell 4-1 to Warren Sterling. Austin DeClerq scored the only

goal for Lowell-Caledonia unassisted in the second period. It was the second straight year Warren Sterling won the Wayland Tournament.

With the win over Wayland, a loss to Kenowa Hills, and a game against Hudsonville canceled due to weather, Lowell-Caledonia is 1-1 in league play this

season; their overall record so far is 1-9.

Lowell-Caledonia has a pair of home games this weekend at Patterson Ice Arena. The first is a league game, Friday, at 7 p.m. against Northview. The second one, on Saturday, is against Essexville-Garber at 3 p.m.

(160), Brock Graham (171) and Alex Fleet (189).

Lowell will likely encounter its biggest challenge of the OK White conference season Thursday. The Arrows host Greenville, who is ranked 10th in the state in division 2 in the latest coaches' poll. Lowell is ranked fifth.

"This should be a really

good match," Dean said. "It's kind of a nice opportunity to find how we'll be in a tough situation."

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Roger Odell is requesting variances on Connie Odell's estate property located at 10651 and 10629 Bailey Dr. Lowell, in the SW quarter of section 20, parcel number 41-16-020-300-016. The variance request is for dividing two existing homes and barns on five acres into 3 separate parcels of less lot size and less lot width than the ordinance requires as well as some setbacks.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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FILE NO. 05-180,781-DE

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Date of birth 05/24/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS: December 29, 2005

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