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Current water/sewer system will be able to handle additional use

By Dan Schneider

The final outcome of a petition to annex 177 acres of Vergennes Township to the city of Lowell is still up in the air.

The state of Michigan Boundary Commission has recommended denial of the petition, but the final decision rests in the hands of the director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, David

C. Hollister. Hollister is stepping down from that post effective Feb. 3, by which time the Vergennes/ Lowell annexation question is not likely to be settled.

But directives from the state have encouraged the municipalities, along with Lowell Charter Township, to broaden their discussion of urban growth issues likely to affect them in the future. Vergennes Township superviser Tim Wittenbach said having

these discussions now might make future interaction between the municipalities less complicated than the annexation petition has been.

"It's turning into a potentially larger issue now, so we don't have to face as many big issues in the future," Wittenbach said.

Wittenbach, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale, and Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson met Jan. 11 to lay the groundwork for upcoming meetings on the subject of growth. One of the things they decided on during the two-hour meeting was to find an arbitrator to facilitate further discussions.

The city's water and sewer capacity will likely be important issues in any discussions related to urban growth outside the city limits. Whether or not the city would make the utilities available for a development on the 177 acres in Vergennes was a central issue in the

annexation talks.

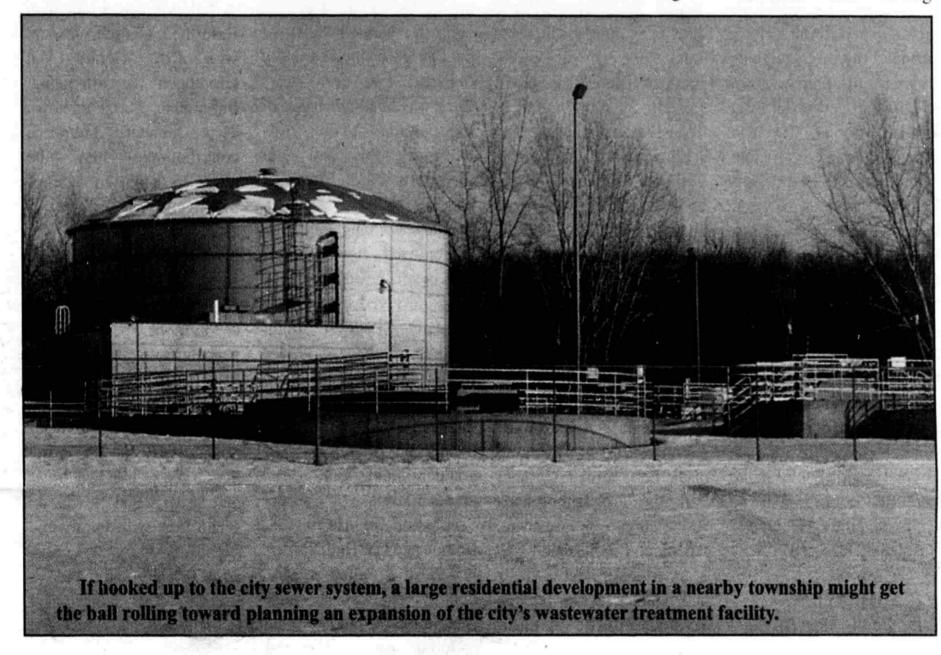
Water treatment plant superintendent George Regan said the facility has capacity to spare for development outside the

"Right now, we're producing less water per year than we were in 1988," Regan said.

He said modern manufacturing processes that consume less water have led to a decline in water use by Lowell's industrial sector. Houses built in Lowell since 1988 have not offset that decreased level of consumption, Regan said, and limited available property within city limits means residential development is not likely to push the plant's capacity.

"Whatever domestic water use we might incur probably wouldn't have a major impact," Regan said.

Part of the capacity of the city wastewater Water/sewer system, cont'd., pg. 10



Kalamazoo firm chosen to update city's master plan

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

someone fresh perspective, the Lowell Planning Commission selected a firm from Kalamazoo to help update the city's master plan.

At its January meeting last week, the planning commission chose Kalamazoo-based McKenna Associates over Kalamazoobased Gove Associates and Grand Rapids' Williams & Works, which has been involved in a number of city projects.

"McKenna most impressive," said member commission Maryalene LaPonsie who along with most of the commission attended an interview process Jan. 16. LaPonsie felt the company's familiarity with urban growth boundary

issues, something the city has been working on with both Lowell and Vergennes townships, was a big bonus for the city. Coupled with its work in Eaton County and its legal expertise, the company seemed a good fit for what the commission needed done.

"One of the benefits is the company isn't as familiar with the city and might not take for granted something that we do," LaPonsie said.

The three companies had responded to request for proposals to help the city update its master plan, which has not been done in the state's required five-year timetable. Each of the firms

solicited were told upfront that only \$20,000 over a two-year period had been budgeted for this process and were given a specific outline of what was expected from the firm.

"All three firms are very good and qualified for what we need done," said

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Young Chess Champs



Five classes of fifth grade students got started on the annual Cherry Creek Elementary chess tournament last week. A total of 83 students signed up to play chess during recess. Fifth grade teacher Rob Stevens, who coordinates the tournament, said playing chess gives the students a chance to exercise their mind when the winter weather makes outdoor recess less attractive. The first four chess players pictured, clockwise from the lower left corner, are Danny Cowden, Austin Gildea, Jordan Dennie and Audrey Pearson.





BAUT peacefully on Sunday morning at will be greatly missed by Spectrum Butterworth. She her family and her numerous was surrounded by family in her death and will be will be held Saturday, Feb. her tremendous kindness, Manor, 725 Bowes Rd., humor and wisdom. She had a healthy, full life and lived her last 20 years in her own apartment Neighbors. at Schneider Manor in Lowell. Alice was born BURGER on November 16, 1902 in Anna Ruth (Hondorp) Keweenaw Bay, Michigan Burger, aged 89, passed in the Upper Peninsula. She away in Palmetto, Florida lived there until the age of on January 20, 2006. She

Doyle. Alice is survived by her children, Donald Baut of Baldwin and Dolores Doyle of Lowell; nephew Jack Tobin; grandchildren Sally (Jim) Zarafonetis, Robert (Diane) Doyle, Maureen Shelly) Doyle, Michele (Marty) Marino, and Katie Davis; grand niece and nephew Sherry Samuals and Kerry Tobin; 11 greatgrandchildren; three greatgreat-grandchildren. Alice friends. Memorial services 11 at 11 a.m. at Schneider Lowell. Contributions in Alice's memory may be made to Lowell Senior

and son-in-law Charles R.

18 with her father and two was preceded in death by sisters. At the age of 18 she her husband Fred, twin moved to Detroit where sister Harriet, brother Eddie. She is survived by daughter August Baut. Alice lived in Leanne Eckle of Las Cruzes, Detroit until 1985 at which NM; son Thomas (Joan) of time she moved to Lowell Alto; daughter Karla Knight to be closer to her daughter of Thomasville, GA; son Dee. Alice was preceded in Mark (Catherine) of Juneau, death by husband August AK, son Bill of Terra Ceia, C. Baut, sisters Mabel T. FL; brothers Bob Hondorp, Tobin and Doris M. Keller, Don Hondorp of AZ; daughter-in-law Irene Baut sisters Eleanor DeCator

Cascade Christian Church.

DAISY

Raymond "Pete" Daisy. aged 63, of Lone Mountain. Tennessee, formerly of Richard William "Uncle Cosby officiating. Interment Nella Kreuzer, Fred Kreuzer Lowell, passed away January Dick" Jarema, aged 63, of in Findley Cemetery. Those all of Grand Rapids, Gloria Funeral Home in Saranac. instructor, memorial contributions to Park Claiborne Home Health and Hospice of Tazewell, TN.

HEAVEN

(Red) and Freda Myers. She Cross Cemetery. attended Saranac School and graduated salutatorian of her owned Kathy's Kitchen in to be with her Lord and Cemetery. Those planning Saranac for 15 years. Lois Saviour on Sunday, January an expression of sympathy was a life member of the 22, 2006 following a brave are asked to consider The American Legion Auxiliary; and courageous journey Needs of the Family. a member of Portland unit with cancer. Laura graduated 129 for 28 years; belonged from Rockford High School of the 8 et 40 Auxiliary, her husband Cyril whom she by his son Brian, daughter

of Lowell, Edie of Florida; in-law Jane Myers of Brandes of Belding, Joe and Lexi, Luke, Dylan, Darla, six grandchildren; five Lowell; nine grandchildren; Mary Durant of Belding, Colton Kamps; brothers and great-grandchildren. She nine great-grandchildren; June Durant of Grand sisters William and Hazel was a member of Cascade many nephews and nieces; Rapids; in-laws Mrs. Phyllis Tamminga of Lenoir, NC. Christian Church and the special friends Gary and Mayne of Greenville, James Jess DeBoer of Rock Valley, Denison Guild. According Wanda Lippert. Funeral and Zurina Mayne of Lowell, IA, George and Henrietta to Ann's wishes, cremation services were held Jan. 28 Mary and Terry Dunigan of Tamminga of Lombard, IL. has taken place and there at Galilee Baptist Church Charlotte, NC; many nieces Jim and Lyda Tamminga. are no services planned. in Saranac with Rev. James and nephews, aunts, uncles Millie and William Dekker Memorial contributions may Frank officiating. In lieu and cousins. Preceding Laura all of Grand Rapids, Joel be made to the Library of of flowers, donations may in death were her son Jesse Tamminga of Hudsonville. be made to Hospice of Steele Mayne and her father- Wilma Van Leeuwen of Michigan or to Salon 726 in-law Robert Mayne. The Overland Park, KS; sisters-Nurses Scholarship Fund.

JAREMA

24, 2006 after a battle with Wyoming, passed away planning an expression and Robert DeBruin of cancer. He was born July surrounded by family on of sympathy are asked to Bradenton, FL, Dr. Roderick 25, 1942 in Bangor, MI. He Wednesday, January 25, consider Global Outreach graduated from Hartford 2006. Born October 18, for Hakes Ministry, Box #1, Richard and Doris Kreuzer High School in 1960. He 1942, he was preceded Tupelo, Mississippi 38802. served in the U.S. Navy. He in death by his father was a master electrician and and mother, William and also mastered the sport of Frances. He is survived by Gerald "Jerry" P. Smith, aged Pluim of Hull, IA. Funeral Association

MAYNE

Lorna Myers of Montpelier, Durant of Belmont; sisters grandchildren

Rasmus of Saranac; sister- Cynthia and Kenneth

Celebration of Life Service in-law and brothers-inwas held Friday at Bella law Dorothy Tamminga of Vista Church with Pastor Tim Jenison, Dr. Bernard and

SMITH

fishing and hunting. He had his son Erin Jarema of Grand 68, of Lowell, passed away a collection of good friends Rapids, daughter Morgan on Thursday, January 26, at Baldwin Street Christian around the nation. He is Jarema (and husband 2006. He was a member of Reformed Church, Jenison survived by his daughters John Forsberg) of Lowell; St. Patrick Catholic Church with Rev. Gerard Van Dawne and John Swanson brothers Daniel Jarema of in Parnell. For several years Groningen of Lowell, Lyndee and Brian Lowell, Stanley Jarema of Jerry was head mechanic of Bruinekool of Saranac; Texas; sisters Sr. Mary Kay transportation at Forest Hills Twp. Cemetery. Memorial grandchildren Brandie, Jarema SSND of Indiana, Public Schools, and later contributions may be Austin, Jacob, Evan; sister Camille Gregory (David) worked at Kool Chevrolet Lauretta Daisy of Florida; of Walker; nieces, nephews and Courtesy Dodge. Michigan. brother Ron Daisy; close and their children; and the Besides working on cars, friend Jane Prater of ultimate challenge and love he enjoyed bowling, but Coloma; several nieces and of his life Debra Jean Conrad best of all, he liked to fish. Joyce M. Van Asperen, aged nephews. He was preceded of Wyoming. He was a 1960 He is survived by his wife in death by his parents Albert graduate of Catholic Central Margaret "Peggy" Smith; and Florence Daisy. Pete's High School and a 26-year children Deb and Mark family will receive friends employee of Steelcase Inc. Breen, Susan and Joel Cox, by friends and family and relatives Thursday, Feb. who went from altar boy Patti and Chris Holiday, on Tuesday, January 24, 2 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Lake to Junior Achievement Paul and Sheree Smith, 2006. Jo will be lovingly tae-kwon-do Shane and Beth Bugai; 14 remembered by the many Anyone wishing may make black belt, former Garfield grandchildren; four great-Neighborhoods grandchildren; sisters the years. She loved to president, Sandra and Bud Herrington, repentant ex-husband to Bonnie and Lee Hall, Shirley friends, work puzzles, bake, Mary Morgan Jarema Greer Pritchard; mother Mrs. write poetry, paint and go and Gaye Taylor Jarema, Leona "Smokey" Smith; fishing. She contributed Lois Edith Heaven died Wyoming Police Department Dee Smith, the mother of his to multiple charities and peacefully Tuesday, January Citizens Academy graduate children; many nieces and organizations throughout her 24. 2006 at the home of to frequent Public Pulse nephews. An infant son Jerry, life. Honoring Jo's wishes, her nephew Tim Pant in contributor. Funeral and his father Nathan Smith, his Cadillac surrounded by Committal services were mother Ferne Smith and loved ones. Lois was born held Saturday at Arsulowicz his brother Jack preceded in Saranac June 20, 1934, Brothers Mortuary, West Gerald in death. The Mass friends on Sunday, Feb. 5 the daughter of Sheldon Chapel. Interment Holy of Christian Burial for between 2 and 4 p.m. at her "Jerry" was offered Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Parnell with Rev. class. She married Donald Mrs. Laura Lynn (Durant) Rock Badgerow presiding. (Bud) Heaven in 1954. She Mayne, aged 50, went home Interment in Bostwick Lake

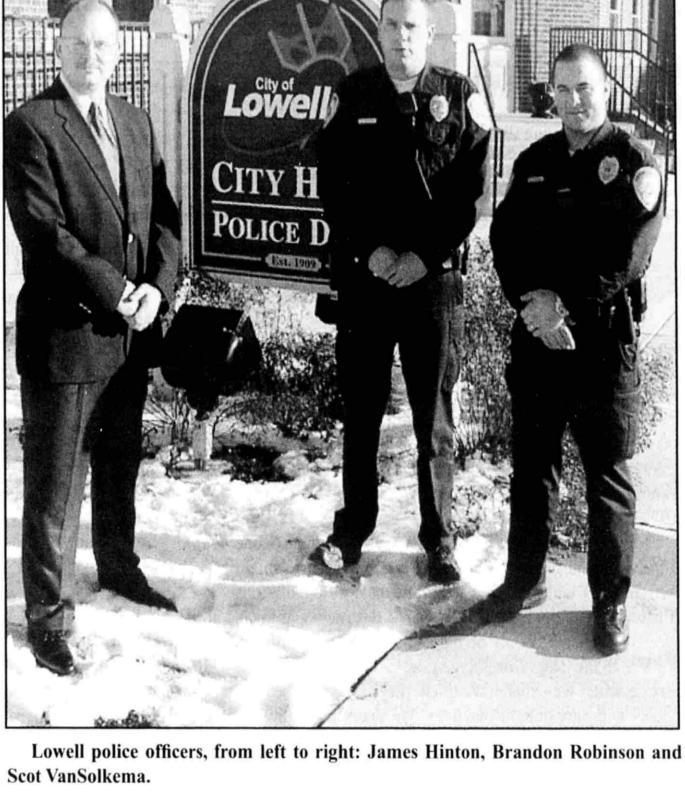
TAMMINGA to Saranac unit 175 at the in 1973 where she played Louis (Luke) R. Tamminga, White passed away after time of her death. She was the cornet in the RHS Band aged 71, of Jenison, passed a member of the Saranac and Jazz Band. In her early away on Friday, January 27, struggle at Devos Neonatal VFW and Portland VFW. teens she attended Rockford 2006 after many years of Unit. She was born January She was president of the 8th Baptist Church and accepted heart and vascular illness. 21, 2006. She is survived by district several years, partner Christ. She is survived by He was preceded in death her parents; grandparents Salon 726; held the office married on May 28, 1978; Lisa Kamps, brother Albert of Chapeau of Salon 726 for her daughter and her husband Tamminga. Louis had been several years, Chapeau La Sarah and Mike Steigenga of the owner of Jenison Barber Mallory of Grand Rapids; Departmental of Michigan, Grand Rapids, her son and and Styling Shop for many national chairmanship for his wife C.J. and Stephanie years. He will be lovingly Jean Esterline of Lowell, the Nurses Scholarship Mayne of Grand Rapids; remembered by his wife Sheila Harvey of Grand fund. Lois is survived by grandchildren Joseph, Cyril, Eleanor (Kreuzer); sons her daughter Linda Cooper Sianna, Amarah, Epiphanie Todd Tamminga of Jenison, Muncie, IN; many aunts and of Lansing, son Michael of Belmont; mother Marylou Tim and Kristin Tamminga uncle. She was known for (Cathy) Heaven of Grayling; Durant of Ada; her father of Alto; son-in-law Paul sisters Ione Pant of Cadillac, and his wife Rene and Carol and LaRae Kamps of Alto; taken place. For those who Ohio, Brenda (Dan) Bush of and brothers Joyce and Shelby Lisa, and Jaimee wish, memorials may be sent Dimondale, Sherri (Frank) David Shepard of Cascade, Tamminga, Travis, Tyler, to Devos Neonatal Unit.

Shift in the order at Lowell Police Department

James Hinton promoted to the rank Sergeant on Jan. 2. He has been on the Lowell police force for 14 years and recently transitioned back to road patrol after serving three years as the department's detective. It was his second rotation through the officer/ investigator position. Hinton is also one of the department's Field Training Officers (FTOs) and helped develop the Lowell Police FTO training manual which has been used as a model by other small- to mediumsized police departments.

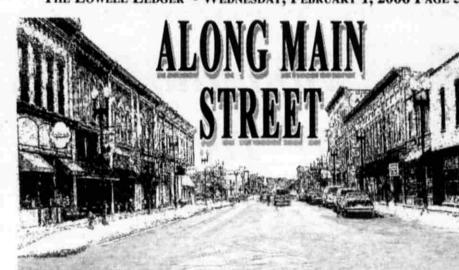
Hinton has coordinated part-time officers for the department, and since 1995 has been the department's crime scene technician and property custodian. He has an associate's degree from Kalamazoo Community and College graduated from the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Police Academy. Hinton has also completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command and is working on a bachelor's degree in

Brandon Robinson and Scot VanSolkema are the department's latest full-time hires. Both have experience academy at Grand Rapids family's heating and cooling Rapids Community College October of 2006. Robinson March of 2005. He also graduated from the Grand Fire Department.



is a graduate of the police works part-time in his

part-time officers Community College, where business. VanSolkema got police academy. He was with the Lowell police: he also earned his associate's his bachelor's degree in hired full time in October of Robinson since December degree in criminal justice. criminal justice from Western 2005 and is also a paid-on-2002 and VanSolkema since He was hired full time in Michigan University and call firefighter with the Ada THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006 PAGE 3



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Submission deadline for "Michigan Rural Character," a multi-media art show sponsored by Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes Township is March 29; presented April 12 - May 10 at Vergennes Township Hall. Visit www.vergennestwp.org. or call Mari Stone 897-5671 for info./registration forms.

DATE CHANGE FOR WRITING FEST

The Winter Writing Fest at Cherry Creek Elementary has been postponed from Feb. 9 to March 23, 6:30 - 8

BOOSTERS MEETING

The Lowell athletic boosters will hold their regular business meeting on Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

NEED F.R.O.M. DONATIONS

The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry is in need of pork & beans, baked beans, canned gravy, canned fruit, personal products such as tooth paste, and paper products.

LACROSSE EQUIPMENT

Do you have used Lacrosse equipment you'd like to sell? Join the Lowell Lacrosse teams on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Tables will be set up for buying and sellling. ??? call Kristi Alguire 897-

LOWELL LACROSSE SIGN-UPS

Final registration for 5th-8th grades and J.V./Varsity: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. in Cherry Creek cafeteria. Kristi at 897-9227

CONSERVANCY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a series of slide shows at various locations. The Englehardt Library will offer the free program on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome, 451-9476.

FOODMOBILE

Those in the Greater Lowell area are welcome to the mostly produce at the Foodmobile in the Foreman Building on Saturday, Feb. 11, 10-11 a.m. Bring box/bag. Sponsored by First Congregational Church.

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

The annual Lowell alumni hockey game is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12 at Patterson Ice Rink from 7-8:30

HARPTHROBS

The Franciscan Life Process Center presents its annual harpists' concert Feb. 18 and 19. Individual tickets are \$20; couples (\$30 and \$50) include entrance for two adults with children under 13. Proceeds benefit

Language changes, extension approved for school contracts

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools board of education approved a the Lowell Education Association (LEA) Lowell Educational Support Personnel Association (LESPA) at a meeting early Friday morning.

were still being tabulated, but both groups are expected to approve the settlement.

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"I'm sure it will pass," and LESPA contracts. said Mike Stephens, the LEA After about two and LESPA's representative contract,

LEA and LESPA of often tense negotiations, negotiations commence for contracts received minor now becomes a four-year an entirely new contract.

language adjustments and contract. It includes the '06modest increases in the '07 school year. For '06step pay scale. The step '07, the step will increase increase for the '05- '06 by 1.25 percent. A \$10-\$20 school year is one percent. prescription card was also More significantly, the part of the contract extension Votes from both unions parties agreed to a one-year agreement. Anticipated to be extension of the current LEA a cost savings for the district,







73, of Lowell, formerly of Edmore, passed away

and Evonne Kreuzer, Dr.

all of Hudsonville; many

nieces and nephews; dear

friends Don and Jennie

services were held Tuesday

made to Right to Life of

VANASPEREN

lives she's touched over

spend time with family and

she was cremated and there

will be a celebration of Jo's

granddaughters' home in

Lowell. Contributions in her

memory may be made to the

VanAsperen memorial fund

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of Tianna Harvey, formerly

of Lowell, and Jahahn

a courageous three-day

Deidra White of Grand

Rapids, Jerald Harvey of

Indianapolis, IN, Charlene

great-grandparents Earl and

Rapids, Nathaniel Barnes of

so little of time and loved so

much. Cremation has already

at Fifth Third Bank.

officiating.

Georgetown

business administration.

was months of negotiations, the from the Michigan Education approved in September of in place to give both parties 2004 after more than a year some breathing room before

three-year into effect in March. The extension was put

the prescription card will go

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the center's music therapy fund. Call 897-7842.

Alice Victoria (Johnson) Baut of Lowell, aged 103,

she later met her husband

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With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

Over the past few weeks, important events have taken place that significantly impact both our district and the larger Lowell community.

First, negotiations between the district and our two union groups, the Lowell Education Association and the Lowell Education Support Personnel Association have successfully concluded with a contract settlement. The negotiations included bargaining a reopener for the current school year (the third year of a three-year contract) and a oneyear extension of the contract for the 2006-07 school year.

are to be applauded for the professional and respectful manner in which the discussions were conducted and how Area Schools. the settlement was reached.

to the set timeline with the search for our new superintendent. - the processing of completed applications.

Next step for the Board of Education is conducting candidate interviews. First interviews are scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m. on Feb. 20, 21 and 22, with second interviews planned for 6 and 8 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 1 and 2. The public is encouraged to attend these important interview sessions, which will take place in the Board of Education room in the Runciman Building, 300 High Street. Attendees will have the opportunity to present questions to the candidates through the interview facilitator, Tom Pridgeon of the Michigan Leadership Institute. Public participation

Both sides and all individuals involved in the bargaining during these interviews is an essential component to successfully identifying the next superintendent of Lowell

These two events represent how the Lowell educational Second, the Board of Education is proceeding according community, including staff, union representatives, administration, and members of the community work The Michigan Leadership Institute, the firm handling our together with trust, collaboration and communication to search, has completed the first phase of the search process create a supportive learning environment for all of our

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On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

Michigan Community for a healthy sustainable agri-science year 3000 and natural world for a millennium.

creeks and river in the Lowell area flow with water that us from ultra-violet light ... hopefully healthy populations keeps fish alive and healthy? Will the spring water provide of natural predators to control weeds or destructive animals food production and technology will cause us to die before farms and households with life-giving substance? People, instead of depending only on poisons. plants, wild and domestic animals all depend on the lifegiving quality of water.

when we used it to protect crops from insect competitors. giving them nectar plants in our gardens. We also recall husbands and parents who were able to return from war because DDT saved them from malaria in the daily. Do we consume more than the earth can replenish?

Short-term benefits of DDT brought loved ones home and then spelled the death for our future. Pests became resistant and harm impact started affecting our health and economy negatively. We responded by changing to more effective deadly chemicals but they did not persist in the natural world to poison us and other life that shares the world with us.

We supported laws like the Clean Water Act, the Clear Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act, and the Wilderness Act that have allowed us to start the new millennium healthier than if we did not pay attention to the natural world around us.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance which would require billboards to be located only within 200 feet of the right of way of I-96 in the Industrial Zone.

The hearing will be held as follows:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

TIME: 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER

TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE

LOWELL, MI 49331 2 bath Attached garages, The proposed amendments are available for covered porches, all review at the Lowell Charter Township offices

appliances included. 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on CONTACT: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling Michael Nosko 897-7600. at 616-682-1581

Dave Simmonds, Chairman Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

In response we have made great strides toward a healthy is enough. Some think we can ignore problems out of sight, mind, touch, smell and taste, so all must be fine.

Vigilance and attention to detail is important. The As we venture into the 21st millennium, Wittenbach/ economic, social, and environmental health for a sustainable species but use 40 percent of all food energy consumed on Wege Center asks how it can support the Lowell and West community for 2006 and for our descendents living in the earth. We are competing with plants and animals that are

In 1000 years, will the supporting life blood of springs, at the earth's surface, but abundant high in the sky to shield human health.

dioxide when we exhale. We thank birds with bird seed at Many of us remember birds dying from DDT poisoning feeders and they delight our lives. We thank butterflies by

What activities will help our descendents have opportunities

Pogo pointed out, "We have met the enemy and he is for life? Do we use only what we need by reducing consumption, reusing items, and by recycling?

Native Americans speak of keeping the earth healthy future. Obvious problems that were noticed by eye, ear, for the seventh generation. For us, this makes sense. It nose, skin and mouth have been reduced. Some think that is common that four generations are alive at once. Some families have five generations alive at once. We can almost know the seventh generation.

Presently humans are reported to consume 40 percent mission for the Wittenbach/Wege Center is to support of all the food on earth. We are one of about 30 million essential for keeping our own species alive and healthy. Natural niches keep us healthy. We seek air without ozone Come to WWC to discover how other species support our

Some think our great scientific discoveries of medicines, the next 1000 years pass due to our uncontrolled and We thank trees for oxygen by giving them carbon excessive consumption and abundance. The future is really ours and is determined by how we live our lives.

At WWC you can participate in community vegetable gardening, butterfly gardening, healthy walking, pet The seeds of life for our descendents are in what we do exercise, and learn about how the natural world has

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the extension, Stephens said, "we would have to return to bargaining probably in April.'

Both negotiations were related to step increase and prescription cards, and the

extension went smoothly. "I think both sides came to the table this time wanting to establish a new atmosphere at the bargaining table, a more positive and workingtogether atmosphere," said Lowell Area Schools board Nancy Hopkins.

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"It was a good process fast and congenial, which was a pleasant break," Stephens said. He credited interim superintendent Pat Murphy with helping set the tone for the talks. It was a painful process

the last time the district went through contract negotiations. Health coverage was the major point of contention in the talks. Part of that 2004 settlement was a contract re-opener on salary and step portions of the contract. of education president That is what was approved by the board Friday.

Next otiations will likely begin on a whole new contract step and health coverage. Stephens and Hopkins both said the tenor of the reopener negotiations gives them hope for those contract talks, when more will be on

anticipate experience of this bargaining will continue on," Hopkins

the table.

Stephens said the results of the district's superintendent search will play a role in the next round of contract talks.

"The key to the whole thing will be what the new superintendent's like," he said. "If it's someone who seeks a good relationship with the staff ... it's certainly a good sign.'

When the school board discussed their priority traits for the new superintendent before posting the position, strong employee-relations skills were high on the list.

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So, this is Super Bowl XL? Forty years of the "Big Game." Four full decades of beginning every season with the hope of seeing my Detroit Lions on the sidelines ... let alone a win. At fifty-six I'm seriously starting to wonder if it will happen in my lifetime. I'm now convinced I'll need at least enough longevity in my genes to outlast Matt Millen's

All my neighbors are football fans. What makes this interesting is the fact my neighbors are from all over the place. Two are from Wisconsin and are big "Cheeseheads." One is from near Green Bay and his family has held season tickets for more than fifty years. He doesn't head south until after the last home game on the "Frozen Tundra." Both these guys were in serious depression over the Packer's season. All I can say is, "Welcome to my world."

One neighbor has lived in south Florida so long he has morphed into a Dolphins' fan. They were having a Lionslike season until they won-out their last five or six games. Look out for them next year. At least that's what he keeps

Another neighbor is from New Jersey and is a huge New @#%&\$# Matt Millen!!! York Giants' fan. Eli and the boys took him to the playoffs. Of course I had to listen to that all season long. According to him the Manning brothers were going to be facing off in the Super Bowl. Remind me not to rely on him for stock tips.

My next-door neighbor is from Maryland and roots for the Redskins. Down here the weather is nice enough throughout football season to have the doors and windows open. I found it very annoying to hear him hootin' and hollerin' for a Redskins' score as I watched the Lions get stomped. The Redskins did okay this year and advanced to the second round of playoffs. I closed the house up during

Another neighbor is from North Carolina. He and his wife went back home for the Panther's championship game with Seattle. Haven't heard from them since. Seclusion I guess. They should talk to me. Lions' fans ought to be great at consoling losers!

The neighbor on the other side of our house lived in Denver for twenty-some years. She and her first husband were Broncos' season ticket holders. The house, cars and kids were down the list of priorities in divorce court. The season tickets were the hotly contested item. Of course she was borderline "mental" as the Broncos nearly went all the

Headlines in the January 21, 2006 Grand Rapids

offered by a center for public policy a conservative group legacy.

of state parks which are irreplaceable. We as residents of Michigan and not just the DNR.

Press stated "Pitch to sell state parks stirs Lansing." A plan

advocates selling and privatizing 14 state parks. The park

system should not be considered as a business that would

downsize to obtain profitability knowing that the reduction

Michigan and owners of this precious resource should

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

is not recoupable.

Patriots. The guy who owns the little hardware I frequent is from Seattle. I have friends, neighbors or customers from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Chicago. Seems like everywhere I went, I was dealing with somebody whose team was in the playoffs. Talk about depressing!

I have saved the very worst for last. Steelers' fans are by far the most obnoxious people on the planet. My opinion.

One neighbor has a huge Super Bowl party every year. The husband seems to be fairly neutral. She is from Pittsburg and has Steelers, dare I say it, "crap", plastered all over her

She is so excited and nervous about the Steelers being in the Super Bowl, she has canceled her party. I'm seriously depressed about missing out on all that great food.

The absolute worst has been another neighbor from Pittsburg. He was born there, went to school there, but spent his entire adult life owning and operating a dive shop in Detroit. Consequently, he hates the Lions as much as he loves the Steelers.

This guy drives a yellow and black Jeep with a Steelers' spare tire cover, front license plate, banners, stickers and was brought back to Lowell. fuzzy footballs hanging from the mirror. He and his wife are always dressed in Steelers' garb. Even the dog, a yellow issue. He is sick. lab, wears a black Steelers' bandanna around his neck. Yeah, they're sick!

Normally I'd avoid them like the plague, but he is one of the guys involved in our dock building crew. I've had headquarters Monday evening. to work shoulder to shoulder with him six days a week throughout the playoffs. I've prayed for a Steelers' loss since the Lions rolled over and let them into the playoffs the last game of the regular season. #@%&%#@ Lions!!!

During one of this guy's rants about the mighty Steelers to the medium through seances. I told him that I couldn't stand the Steelers. He said, "Rog, how can you not love the Steelers? They're America's team." I rolled my eyes and said, "America's team? Who do you hours. think you are, Ted Turner?"

I did get in one good lick. We were working on one on Grand Rapids Edison Company's light poles. of our dock projects. The Steelers' guy was convinced they were playing on Sunday, but I was pretty sure they were fraudulent use of its "formula" by any company with any really playing on Saturday. It may have even been the Lions' other name. game. I had pretty much lost interest in the Silver and Blue by this point in the season.

Whatever the case, I went home to get a tool of some kind and checked. Sure enough, the Steelers were playing. Back at the jobsite, I didn't say squat until I was pretty sure "Say Mike, I was right. The Steelers are playing today." of Lowell Total panic!!! We were working on his dock, so he didn't to go check on the game. Unfortunately she came back to drowned report the Steelers had won.

I'm guessing you'll be watching the game on Sunday. It's pretty much un-American not to watch. Do me a Journal 1865-73, dies. couple favors. One, enjoy the food at your party. Thanks to the Steelers I'm eating my own cooking this year. More stamps." I have a customer from Boston who is wacky about his importantly, root for the Seahawks!!!

of the state parks would only be a quick fix and not a lasting

benefit to the state, but a tremendous loss of an irreplaceable

declare any land it owns as surplus and put it up for sale.

Too much power corrupts or is in a position to be corrupted.

The ability to dissolve ownership of any State Park or DNR

According to the article, Michigan allows the DNR to

Jim Howard

enjoyment of everyone.

Michigan has been blessed with a natural resource land should come to a vote of the constituents of the state of

Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 2, 1881**

"Unnecessary fires cost this country \$10,000 an hour." After about a week in Saranac, Cook's shooting gallery

The editor apologizes for the quality of this week's

A terrible storm of wind and snow has made trains late, blocked stage routes and held up mail deliveries.

The Vergennes Detective Association will meet at their

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 1, 1906**

The story is told in detail of a Grand Rapids medium who victimized another woman into turning over her money

Inspirational lecturer L.B. Wickersham holds the rapt attention of a large audience at Train's Opera House for two

Three boys pay \$8.80 each for breaking glass insulators

Dr. King's patent medicine company warns against

75 YEAR'S THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JANUARY 29, 1931**

A. Madigan and Winton Wilcox announce the opening the game was about over. Finally, I slid in something like, of Melody Farms Dairy on the old David Mange farm west

"Automobilists should remember that every frozen dare bolt for a TV. His wife showed up and he ordered her lake is not a highway." This time nine people in one car

Nickname for the prevailing auto make: "4rd."

Webster Morris, 90, founder and publisher of the Lowell

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50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **FEBRUARY 2, 1956**

King Doyle becomes the fourth in his family to head the Michigan State Millers Association.

The second new engine is installed at Lowell Municipal Utility. The plant produces 200,000 kilowatts a month more be looking at ways to enhance our park system for the than it did a year ago; total, over a million kw/month.

Only two persons were injured in area car accidents since The park system also is seen as a part in Michigan's the weekend sleet storm; the two cars were demolished. economic system in a partnership with our tourist industry

The new Michigan speed limits, starting Feb. 2, are 65 which now more than any other time is needed to help during the day, 55 at night. balance the loss of our manufacturing industry. The selling

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 28, 1981**

Keith Caldwell succeeds Herbert Elzinga as president of Lowell State Savings Bank.

Sagging car sales, inflation and unemployment result in booming tourism business as people vacation closer to

Lowell wrestlers again win the Waterloo-Cameron Invitational in Canada.

Math teacher Doug Snyder will demonstrate the popular microcomputer in a one-session workshop for those interested in personal computers.



The Year of the Dog

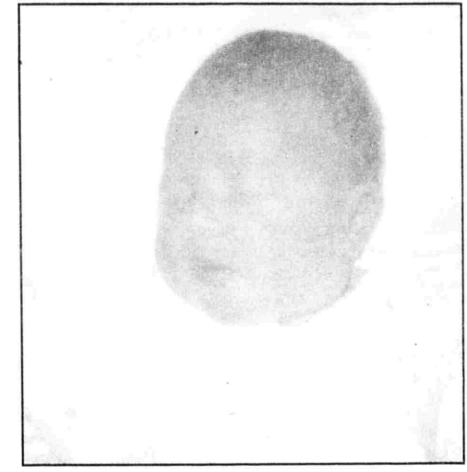
Preschoolers at the Franciscan Life Process Center ushered in the "Year of the Dog" Monday, celebrating the Chinese New Year with a parade, ethnic snacks, and dog-related art projects. Pictured in the dragon costume during the parade are, from left to right, Madison Yurkinas, Holly Paris, Julie Anne Ritsema and Jill Ritsema as the head of the dragon. This is the third year the preschool has held special activities around the Chinese New Year.



Carl

Brad and Molly Carl of Grand Rapids are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Elise. She was born on December 15, 2005 weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 inches.

Proud grandparents are Doug and Ellie Carl of Wyoming and Dave and Cathy Wisner of Belding



Sophia Elise Carl

Rev. Joseph Fremer Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Charles D. Warner, associate editor for the Hartford Courant, is credited with originating this common phrase, in an 1897 editorial.

Much has changed in the last hundred years, for Good Shepherd has several people who recently did something about the weather. They went south!

bit of gloating in the phone call or the postcard. First thing they have to tell you is the current temperature in Florida or the Southwest. Then they tell you what they did today, and what they were wearing (or weren't wearing) when they did

it. Then they smugly ask how it's going in Michigan.

Snow birds! Bah. Gimme grey and cloudy, and dry testimony, slander." polar air cold enough to make your nostril hairs crackle. Anything else in February ain't natcheral. I lived in Florida worst enemy too. Relocating to a different latitude doesn't for a number of years, and let me tell you, there's only about solve that problem. (As Buckeroo Banzai says, "Wherever eight weeks of decent weather in a year there. The rest of the you go--there you are!") The other ways that people try time it's too hot, or too cold (damp cold is much worse).

these make a man 'unclean.' For out of the heart come evil wherever I may be!

thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false

Because I am by nature God's enemy, I'm my own to run away from their identity problem (substance abuse, Well, now you've heard my opinions on the superiority romantic affairs, overdoing a sport or a hobby) only offer

Jesus is standing by as the Donor. He took the a true statement, but I was going to say, "You can't run from heart, and when I trust this good news, I receive the heart of yourself." Weather is external to us, so changing location Jesus, growing up alongside the unclean self-centeredness can change your local forecast. But most of our biggest of my natural heart. I was "born again" as it says in John problems are a result, not of geography, but of identity. The 3, in the waters of Holy Baptism that sprinkled me clean Bible refers to that as "sin." My sinful nature is the source to get a new heart (Ezekiel 36:25-27) and I am renewed in We hear from them, time to time. There's always a wee of most of the misery in my life, and a bit of the misery in that every time I renew my trust in my beloved heart Donor. the lives of my significant others. In Matthew 15:19 Jesus And since I no longer am running away from God, I no says, overruling Jewish kosher dietary restrictions, "The longer feel the need to run away from who I am. Loved by things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and God, I can love myself. I can cope. And that's a good thing,

of northern winters, and if I haven't lost you completely, let's distraction, not solution. The only solution is to change who get to the actual spiritual reflection for this week. You can run I am (not just what I do), to get a new heart. from a Michigan winter, but you can't run from—what? Did you think I was going to say, "Can't run from God"? That's punishment we deserved, and offers us His perfectly clean

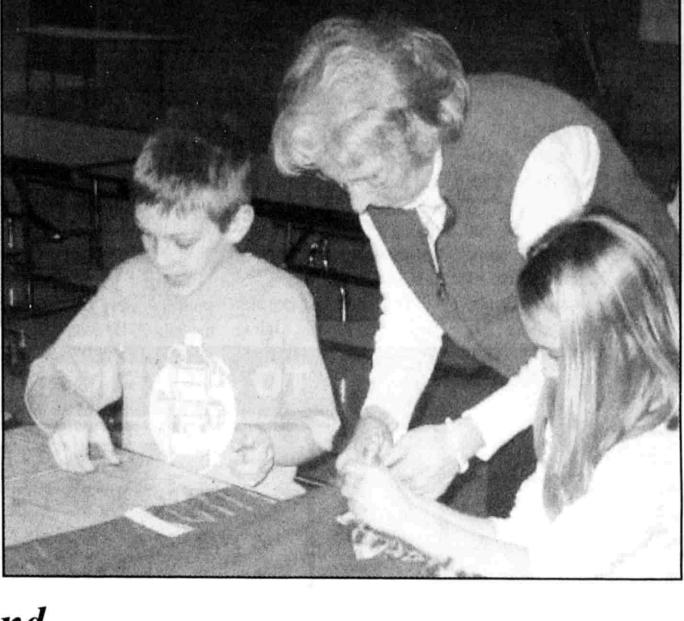
Cherry Creek third graders caring for vets

At right, third grade students in the classrooms of Carol Mandle and Mary Beth Reed were busy last Friday morning making lap blankets for veterans from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Through a service learning project, the Cherry Creek students have been studying about the sacrifices veterans have made for our country. The third graders will be delivering the lap blankets and other donated items on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Statewide free throw contest being held

(11), Caitlin Fitzpatrick

The annual Knights (12) and Jasmine Lillie (13), on Sunday. The girls will of Columbus (K of C) all members of St. Patrick now advance to the K of youth free throw contest is Parish, won their respective C Free Throw Diocesan currently being held across age group at the district Championship the state. Three girls from #70 championship at St. up Saturday, Feb. 18 in Lowell, Arielle Nausieda Charles Parish in Greenville Kentwood.



Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson I John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

HEART PALPITATIONS

Most of us have experienced heart palpitations at one time or another. Heart palpitations occur when the heart beats faster or harder than usual and we feel a pounding or fluttering in the chest. Most palpitations are not serious and can be due to a variety of things.

Common benign causes of heart palpitations are excessive caffeine intake, medications containing decongestants or stimulants, excessive alcohol intake and stress. Anxiety causes a release of adrenaline into the blood FEBRUARY 2: Marie FEBRUARY 6: Donna stream which stimulates the heart.

Most of the time, heart palpitations are harmless, FEBRUARY 3: Dale Norm Johnson, Angie but sometimes it can be due to a serious underlying heart Phillips, Clarice Poisson, Blough disorder or other medical problem. If you experience Sana Bryant, Cassandra FEBRUARY 7: Margaret frequent palpitations or sustained episodes of a rapid heart Thomas. beat, you probably should be evaluated by your physician. **FEBRUARY 4:** Jo Hill,

Evaluation of palpitations involves reviewing your Kelsey Scheider. medical history, listening to the heart, performing an EKG FEBRUARY 5: Ann Chambers, Maya Newhouse, (an electrical tracing of the heart) and checking the blood Mulder, Kenneth Gregersen for other conditions that may stimulate the heart. Frequently Sr., Colleen Myers, Mandy a heart monitor will be worn by the patient for a day or Schneider, Joe Barnes, Mike even up to four weeks in order to record an abnormal heart Conklin. rhythm. Occasionally your doctor will recommend an echocardiogram which gives an ultrasound picture of the heart chambers, valves and muscle walls. It tells how the heart is functioning as an efficient pump. In patients that are at risk for coronary artery narrowing, a stress test or heart catheterization may be indicated.

Treatment of heart palpitations is directed at the cause. Benign palpitations require no treatment. If a more serious underlying condition is causing the palpitations, treatment of the condition will usually alleviate the palpitations.

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The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an need to speak another language to tutor ESL. information session on Monday, Feb. 13 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts Clipper Library, 2025 Leonard St. NE, Grand Rapids. Call one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer 459-5151 to register.

tutors to find out more about the Council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not

The information session will be held at the Yankee

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CORRECTION

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College News

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R. Cyrocki, Dawn M. Paula M. Cronk, Jaime the fall 2005 dean's list at

Whitman and Randall S.

J. Ekkens, Michelle L.

Kristin Hufstader has achieved recognition as a member of the dean's list for the 2005 fall semester at Grand Rapids Community

She is the daughter of Tim and Maruszka Hufstader

From the Alto area are: students were placed on

Technological Lindale and Patrick L. University, earning grade straight A averages of 4.0 are indicated by asterisks.

> commencement Dec. 16-From Lowellare Joshua G. Abdoo (electrical engineering) and J. Moore*

From Alto are David Steffler* engineering) and Duane A. Stephenson (business).

Jennifer L. Dykstra, of Lowell, received an MS (master of science PhD Doctor of Philosophy) least 12 credit hours. degree in psychology at Iowa State University's fall

The following students were named to the dean's list at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, for the fall 2005 semester: Rebecca Bonnell and Amy Oberlin, both of Ada.

Students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry an academic load of at

Sarah J. Hasselquist. of Lowell, has been recognized on the University of Minnesota Duluth dean's list for fall semester 2005. Students must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or

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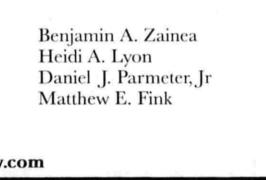
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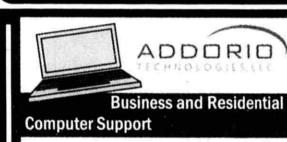
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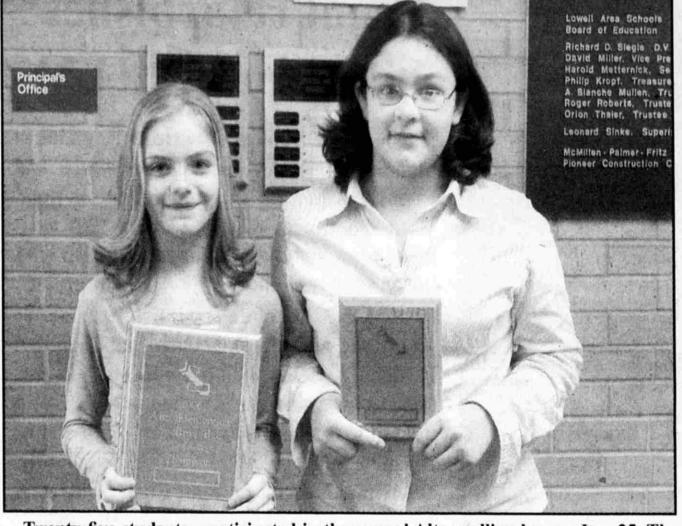
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Top spellers at Alto & Cherry Creek elementary schools



Twenty-five students participated in the annual Alto spelling bee on Jan. 25. The hard-working students prepared for nearly eight weeks. McKenzie Barnes, left, was the winner; Kelli Malcolm was runner-up. The girls will participate on Feb. 21 in the regional spelling bee (location to be determined).

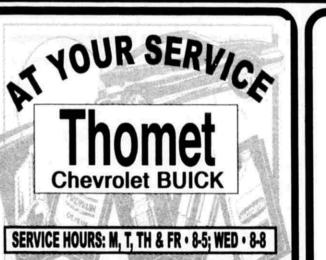


Cherry Creek Elementary held its fifth gradespelling bee on Jan. 19. There were 25 top spellers who competed in this year's event. The winner was Sierra Drake (left) and runner-up was Corryn Bieri. The two students will compete in the regional spelling bee in February.

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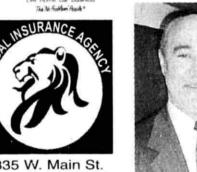
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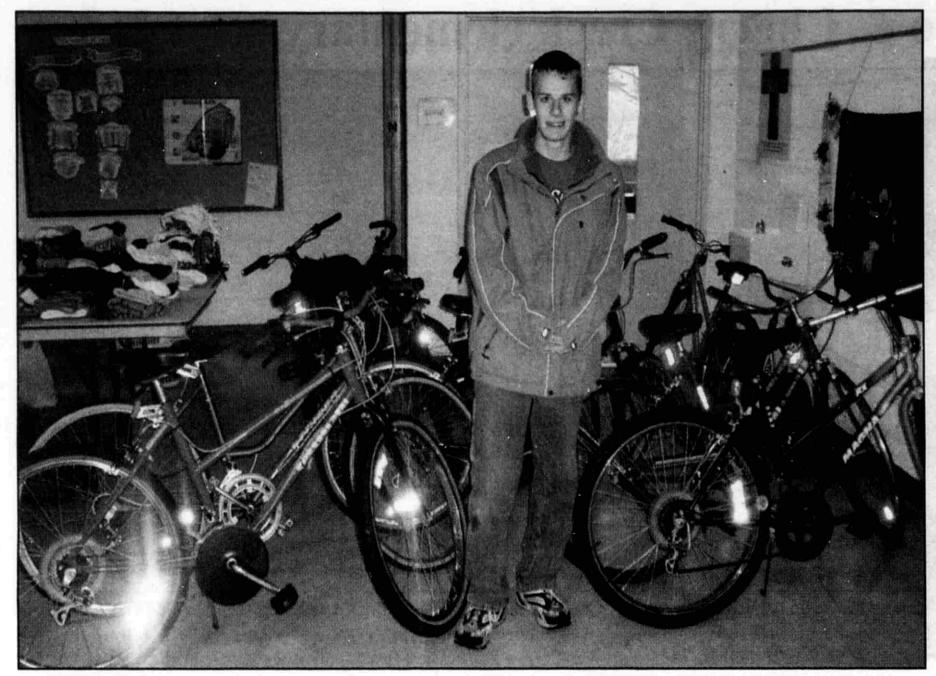
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Securing Our Borders ith Senator Carl Levin

more than 4,000 miles through 12 states, while our Southern patrol agents, including a large increase in southeastern Border measures just 1,900 miles along four states. Yet, Michigan. In addition, the Department of Homeland Security as the 9/11 Commission pointed out in its final report, the has recommended Southeast Michigan as the new home Northern Border has traditionally received less attention of a Northern Border Air Wing, an initiative launched by and resources from the federal government. Because 721 of the Department of Homeland Security in 2004 to improve the border's 4,000 miles belong to Michigan – giving our Northern Border security. The air wing will enhance law state the longest section of the U.S.-Canadian border in the enforcement, surveillance and response capabilities along contiguous 48 states – we are acutely interested in Northern the border, and its location in southeast Michigan places it Border security.

Patrol agents assigned to the Northern Border compared to more than 8,000 along the Southern Border. Put another way, more than 20 times as many agents on the Southern Border were covering less than half the distance as the Northern Border. The inadequacies of Northern Border staffing were highlighted when border security was tightened after the September 11th attacks, resulting in backups of 12 hours or nore at Southeast Michigan border crossings.

Fortunately, we have made some progress in the last The Northern Border of the United States stretches few years. There are now more than 1,000 Northern Border near three of our nation's busiest border crossings. The new On September 11, 2001, there were less than 400 Border air wing should also spur the deployment of new homeland security technologies along the Northern Border.

Scout refurbishes bikes for F.R.O.M.

The Lowell police department auctioned off unclaimed bicycles last year which had been recovered after abandonment or theft. With the approximately 30 bikes left over, Lowell boy scout Eric Mundt (pictured with bikes) used them for his Eagle Scout project. He took the bikes home, got help from other scouts and parents, and condensed them into 11 bikes in good working condition. This was done by swapping parts among the bikes and soliciting free parts from local bike shops. Once he got the bikes running smoothly, he donated them to Flat River Outreach Ministries to be given away at Christmas.

While we have made progress in addressing Northern Border security needs, we still have more to do. For example, we need to address the unique challenges our first responders face in communicating in the event of a largescale disaster or terrorist attack. Our first responders need open communication not only with federal, state and local entities but also with their Canadian counterparts.

In 2005, the Senate twice approved an amendment I authored to help our first responders address these challenges. The amendment directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish demonstration projects on the Northern Border to address our first responders' interoperable communications needs. The projects would identify common frequencies for communications equipment and provide training and equipment to relevant personnel. Unfortunately, the House of Representatives did not agree so the amendments did not become law. I will continue to work with my colleagues from the Michigan Congressional delegation to ensure we address the needs of our first responders.

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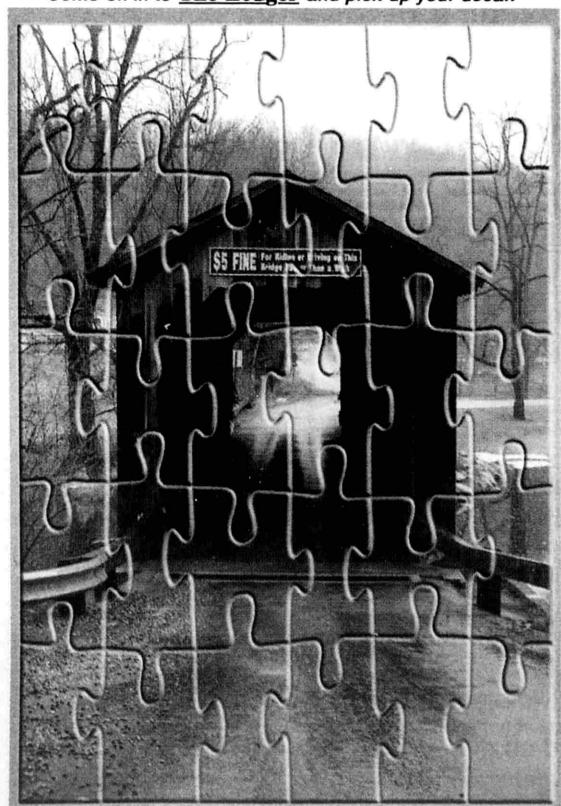
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Water/sewer system, continued ... From Page 1

treatment plant is already used by customers in Lowell Township. The township owns 18 percent of the

the average daily flow has plant's designed flow of 1.4 capacity. million gallons per day.

average flow was about 1.2 million gallons a day. million gallons.

to 4 million gallons a day in plans to hook into the sewer emergency situations, but is system. not designed to run at such period. In 1993, the average keep us informed," Mundt daily flow was about 1.55 said. "It takes a few years to plant." million gallons.

superintendent Mark Mundt

was one of those times.

wastewater plant has seen flows some of the same reductions are available about the in industrial water usage as to day, and the averages the water treatment plant. Development fluctuate from year to year. He also said development But over the past 15 years, within city limits would not in Vergennes when the likely be on a big enough been consistently below the scale to challenge the plant's the annexation. But a large

In 2004 and 2005, the would impact us would be in the township," Mundt said. He emphasized that he

In 2003, it was less than .8 needs all municipalities to keep him up to speed on any high density that has been The plant can handle up residential development that

aware that they need to the threshold of starting to design and actually build an times expansion to a wastewater DuRay Development would treatment plant."

> forewarning built the process of property down the road might. The

homes,' you don't do that

Spring of 2004, when in a month, so you do have the Grand River flooded, time to react if you get an unexpected development," Mundt explained. Few, if any, specifics

size development DuRay planned for the 177 acres development would send "Any development that wastewater treatment plant designers to the drawing board in Lowell.

"What DuRay would do to us if it went in with the proposed," Mundt said. "It would keep us below our designed daily flow, "The township is very but it would put us over design an expansion to the In other words, the

be unlikely to put the plant some over its designed capacity, into but the next development city would want to be ready "If somebody says, with plans and maybe even 'I'm going to build 500 put bids out, Mundt said.

It's not "hoity-toity" - it's a new party store in town

By Dan Schneider

Beer connoisseurs, wine connoisseurs, or actually anyone with enthusiasm for either or both have a new place to go in Lowell.

Pauly's Beer, Wine and Spirits opened recently at 11250 East Fulton Ave. in Lowell Township. The place has all the products usually carried at a party store: beer, liquor, wine, etc. But beyond that it has a large selection of high-end beer and wine. Pauly's even sells all the supplies for the beer doit-yourselfer, the homebrewing hobbyist.

The store has been open for a few weeks, and the husband-and-wife owners (listed on the business cards as "the boss" Paul Faba and "the boss's boss" Stacey Faba) reported that people are enthused with what the place has to offer. We're talking microbrews from all over, particularly Michigan and eastward, import beers, imported and domestic wine, cigars.

"People were elated to get things they haven't seen before or things that they had to go to Grand Rapids to get, and that's what we're hoping for," Stacey Faba said.

Both Fabas have extensive career histories related to the store's products. Stacey Faba was manager and buyer for the Grapevine on Michigan Avenue in Grand Rapids for 15 years. She's also been an avid home brewer for eight years. Paul's career has consisted largely of wine distribution and importing. He opened Woody's Market in Ada as manager and buyer, and has worked in Seattle in the coffee industry.

His rough slogan: "Demystifying the pretentiousness surrounding wine and providing wine education and appre

The couple had a number of reasons for choosing Lowell for their establishment.

"From a purely analytical context, it's an unserved need," Paul Faba said. "From a sentimental side, we love what we've experienced from the community here in Lowell. We love going to the independently-owned shops, and

He said the shop hopes to serve the growing Lowell community, but also attract interest from farther afield.

"Our goal is to make it worthwhile to drive out from for that matter, and spirits," Paul Faba said

Grand Rapids," Paul Faba said. At the same time, he hopes to provide an introduction for people who don't have much experience with wine.



Stacey and Paul Faba are the owners of Pauly's Beer, Wine and Spirits, a new store in Lowell Township.

said. "I mean, they're just crushed grapes.

The Fabas plan to host wine and beer tastings.

"The only way to learn about wine is to taste it, beer too

While wine used to be drink of choice for the educated palate, beer has made major strides as a sophisticated beverage. A growing number of different specialty beers have

"It's not all hoity-toity, it's for everyone," Paul Faba grown out of the public's zeal for craft-brewed beer and even homebrew

> "It's nice that beer now has a lot of the same things to offer as wine," Stacey Faba said. "There are so many styles and flavor components to beer now."

> Another thing Pauly's plans for the future is to hold homebrew workshops for its customers.

The store's grand opening started Monday and goes through Sunday with deals on 12-packs of beer bottles, mix and match wine six packs, home brew supplies and whole bean coffee.

Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water.

- W. C. Fields (1880 - 1946)

Master plan, continued

update

City manager David Pasquale pointed that each firm had strong candidates. Gove has Karl Freed, a well-known planner; Williams & Works has Jay Kilpatrick, an excellent planner with municipal experience and who has worked with Vergennes Township; and McKenna has Phil McKenna, a planner

with more than 25 years of experience and who Pasquale worked with before coming to Lowell. commission The decided a firm with no previous history with the city would offer a fresh view and maybe some insight,

and recommended to the

city council that McKenna

Associates be hired for the

... From Page 1 The matter will now go that the commission begin Hall, who noted that this before the city council for seeking funds for a future

was not a total revamping of approval of the firm and revamping of the master plan, the master plan, but just an the \$20,000 for the updating estimated to cost upwards of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Hall also recommended

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Dinner at Deer Run. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., FEB. 6: Lowell athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

TUES., FEB. 7: 12:45 p.m. Ford Museum Teddy Roosevelt exhibit. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., FEB. 7: Used Lacrosse equipment for sale at SUN., FEB. 12: Annual Lowell alumni hockey game, 7-Cherry Creek Elem. at 7 p.m. Call Kristi Alguire with 8:30 p.m. at Patterson Ice Rink. questions at 897-9227.

WED., FEB. 8: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Michigan Community Blood Center, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson,

MONDAYS

at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weigh- rial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St. ins. Brenda 897-9141.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

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 2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

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. 7 p.m.

2ND MON .: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street. (Note: except April which is the 3rd Monday).

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at 2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary 7:30 p.m. historic museum.84th/Alden Nash.

chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

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 N. Hudson St. the Fellowship Hall at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104. Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY OTHER MON.: The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walkin 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.

TUESDAYS

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

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.

Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before meeting. 800-651-6000.

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

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

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

FRI., FEB. 3: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling, 4:30 p.m. tion at Englehardt Library at 6 p.m. Public welcome. 451-9476.

> THURS., FEB. 9: Winter Writing Fest postponed. New date is Thursday, March 23, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

> SAT., FEB. 11: Foodmobile at Foreman Bldg., 10-11 a.m. Mostly produce. For people in the Greater Lowell area.

SAT., FEB. 18 & SUN., FEB. 19: Annual harpists' concert at Franciscan Life Process Center, Call 897-7842.

TUES., FEB. 21: Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, Rick Warren's 6 week series on 40 days of purpose, 40 days THURS., FEB.. 9: Land Conservancy 30 year celebra- of community. Public invited. Call 897-8304 for info.

TUESDAYS

LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memo-

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 info.

Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. Winter leagues start 1st week of Janu- choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. ary. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because at 7 p.m. mothering matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, Call 897-8304. 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee. 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, All are welcome. Contact Bey or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner

3RD MON.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran 6:30 - 8 p.m. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588.

WEDNESDAYS

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

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 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

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

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.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call nfo. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School

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

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

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call 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 pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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.

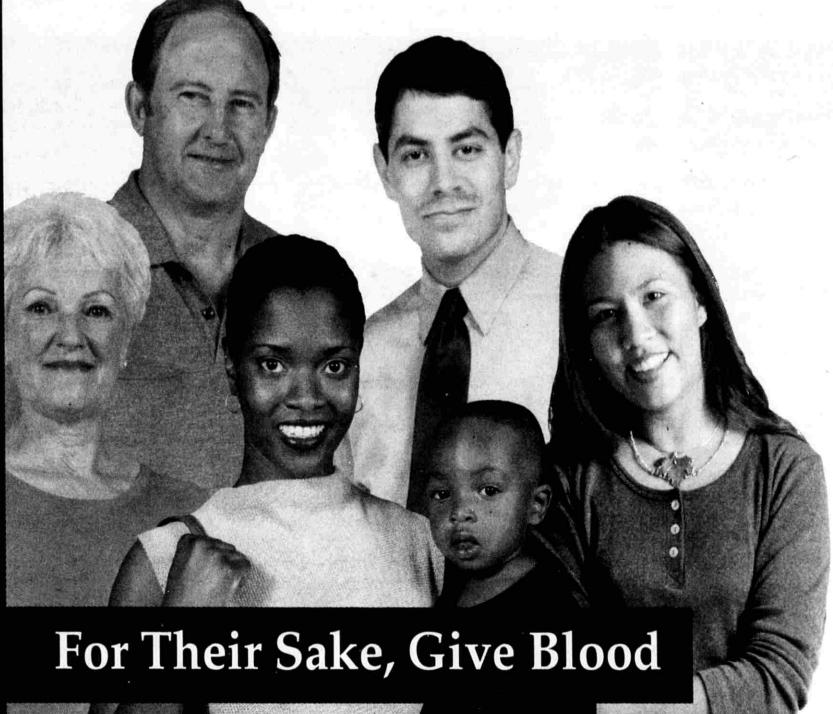
FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

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. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located

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Mike McElroy looks to pass inside against Greenville.

By Dan Schneider

Greenville 47-41 at the Van 15-11. Ryan Lane closed the Andel Arena in downtown gap with a short fadeaway in slower-paced game the way Grand Rapids. It was the first the paint, and tied it 15-15 they (Greenville) played game in the "Pepsi Jam at the with a put-back in the second their zone," Lowell coach Van" high school basketball quarter's early going. doubleheader.

The Lowell boys start when Josh Hettinga score 26-23 in favor of the basketball team made the drained a three pointer on Yellowjackets. transition into the second the Arrows' first possession.

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Lowell got off to a good three at halftime with the

Throughout the game, half of the season last week. Mike McElroy's short Lowell was able to play the The first half of the season jumper put Lowell up 5-0 to slow pace they favor, working ended on a good note and a start. But the Arrows trailed their half-court sets and grand stage as Lowell beat after eight minutes of play, waiting for an opportunity

"It was definitely a Jeff McDonald said. "We Still, Lowell trailed by knew if we were patient on offense we would get a good

> Behind by three to start the second half, Lowell needed a defensive stop to quickly wrest control of the game from the Yellowjackets. Greenville gave them the stop, getting called for traveling on their opening possession. It was Lane again with an inside shot closing the gap to a single point. Lowell made another stop, which allowed Hettinga to put the Arrows on top with a triple. The score was 28-26.

Lowell did a good job of getting inside and a good job rebounding in the third quarter, and had a 35-32 lead going into the final quarter of

Greenville tied the score at 37 with just under

Basketball, cont'd., pg. 17

Lowell-Caledonia hockey team trounces Wayland

Red Arrows/Fighting Scots light up scoreboard with 12 goals

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia 4:29 mark. hockey team turned Patterson Ice Arena into a shooting on an assist from Scheele. Steger and Scheele assisting. gallery Saturday.

roll for Lowell-Caledonia. Steger. They were up 6-1 after one

long afterward, assisted by made an unassisted goal previous week of practice. Nick Truszkowski and Steve while Lowell-Caledonia was "Two things played into Napper. Then it was Austin shorthanded. DeClercq scoring on assists

only goal of the period at the hat trick -17 seconds later

Wayland 12-3 on home ice. period came at the 9:57 mark game at the 7:54 mark. That Things got off to a fast by Scheele on an assist from goal was by Justin Story on

on an assist from DeClercq. Steger contributed again Then DeClercq scored with Then Kyle Baker scored on Wayland scored again and The Red Arrows/ an assist from Ken Hayes. then Lowell-Caledonia made Fighting Scots bested The last goal of the first the final goal of the goal-filled

an assist from Truszkowski.

The Red Arrows/ The goalfest was partly period of play. It started with Fighting Scots outscored due to Wayland's primary a goal by Jordan Steger 1:34 the Wildcats 3-0 in the goalkeeper being ineligible into the game. It was his first second period. Kyle Baker to play. But it was also due goal in a hat trick and was scored a power play goal to Lowell-Caledonia playing assisted by Joel Scheele and with DeClercq and Steger better team hockey after assisting. Steve Napperscored skating out the frustrations Kyle Austin scored not unassisted, then Truszkowski of a then-2-14 season the

tonight," Lowell-Caledonia Wayland scored the coach Mike Ballard said. first goal of the third period "One, last week we got Wayland tallied their 1:21. Steger completed his blown out by Kenowa Hills



Lowell-Caledonia's Nick Truszkowski (#10) gets a pass from Jay Ryan.

9-3 and then, two days later, we lost in overtime, 2-1,

Lowell's next match

is Thursday, when the Red

The practices involved a

lot of skating.

practices," Ballard said

what I would call a special moved it efficiently and on practice Tuesday morning the offensive side of the ice, to South Christian. We had (Jan. 24) and changed our players were as much on the practice habits and our game lookout for open teammates as for open shots.

> "Between the second and the third period, I was "I think they got glad because we were doing the message from those some of the things we've been learning," Ballard said.

> Lowell-Caledonia Lowell was in near-constant travels to Georgetown control of the puck. They Thursday for a league game.

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Volleyball has up and down week

By Dan Schneider

Lowell volleyball gave looked like a strong effort but fell short comfortable," Peal said. last Thursday at Forest Hills

21, 25-20, 25-15.

first two games probably 15, 25-20. the best volleyball we could forth: it was a one- or two- tournament. point game until the end."

13 kills for Lowell. Malley Amanda Schneider had 11. a few creases in its game. Cahoon had eight kills and Cahoon had nine blocks and seven blocks.

Lowell traveled to the assists. West Ottawa Invitational Arrows finished fifth. Peal Kellogg and Delton Kellogg Peal said. said it was a disappointing Monday at Ionia. outcome for the team after

The Red Arrows lost in Shelby 25-19, 25-16. Then game 26-24, won game two non-state-ranked teams, "We actually played the Mason County Central 25- 25-16 and 15-13.

Kristin Johnson had kills for Lowell on the day,

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Ionia with his wife. We wish him the best and con-

gratulate him on his accomplishment.

The Arrows beat Delton "After last night we Lowell placed second in Kellogg in a very close have 12 losses and only three pool play. The Arrows beat match. Lowell lost the first of them have come from

three games, the scores 25- they lost to Traverse City 25-17, lost game three 25-18, Peal said after the games West 25-10, 27-25 and beat then won the last two games in Ionia. "We've played a Cahoon had 10 blocks maintain that level of play Lowell faced St. Joe in for Lowell, Schneider made through the districts, we play," said Lowell coach the quarterfinals of bracket nine. Johnson had 28 kills, have a very good chance of

"It just never really by scores of 25-22, 25-19 part of the season and for

Gigi Peal. "The intensity was play, losing 25-15, 25-16 Samantha Mol, 14, and winning Lowell's first district there. It was very back and to claim fifth place in the Schneider, 13, on the night, title in volleyball." Schumacher had 27 assists Eva Wilcox had 15 and Lisa Johnson had 40. Lowell is still ironing out Arrows host Northview.

"We're getting great Taryn Schumacher had 38 blocks and great touches on the ball at the net, there's just played certain areas where we're Saturday, where the Red Middleville Thornapple struggling with consistency,"

But she said the strength Lowell won the first of the schedule they've the strong play they exhibited game against Middleville played this year will prepare against Forest Hills Central. 28-26, but lost the next three them well for the last

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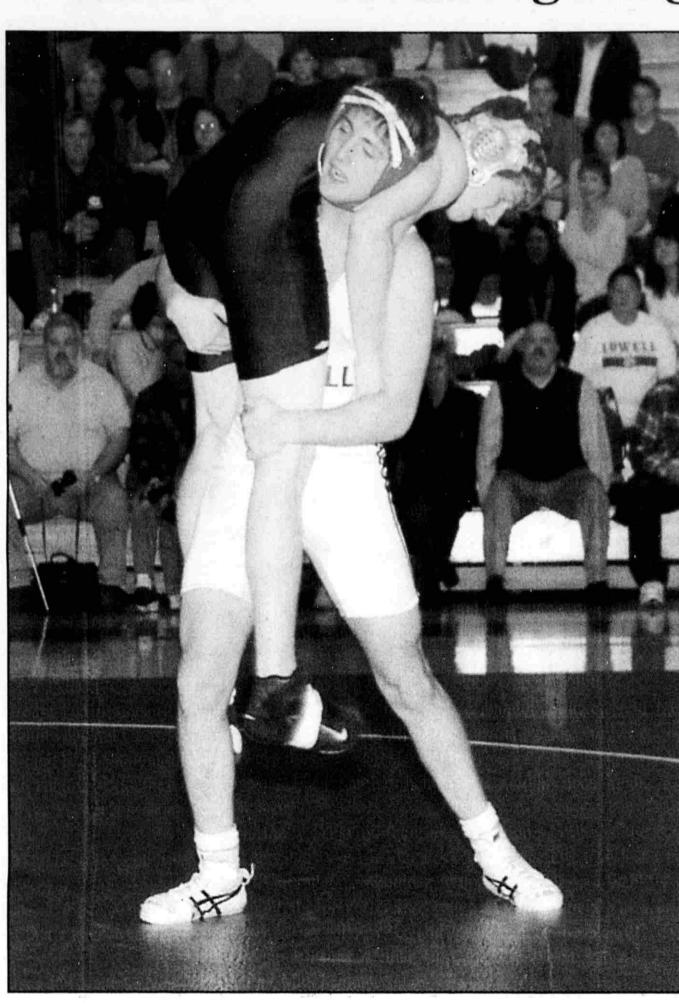
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Red Arrow wrestling outguns Forest Hills Central



The wrestling landscape s different this year.

and Lowell (#8) were both to see.

Forest Hills Central team anyone. that is looking to rebuild a wrestling tradition.

Lowell won handily, by Anderson said. score of 64-6, but Lowell Rangers, though lacking experience, already have the conference competitor in years to come.

against Central.

getting dominated, they in the 135 match. in the OK White conference were still fighting," Dean Central wrestlers.

Lowell won a lot of Boss. matches. And they were the

latest state coaches' poll. to fight," Dean said. "It was in the 152 match. Northview has also made an nice for our guys to have to challenge our guys."

the OK Blue. Forest Hills Anderson said they were the in the 171 match. Northern and Forest Hills kind of matches he wanted Central are back in the his team to bring to Lowell. Neil Delaney 7-5 at 189. At Lowell wrestled against a not to take a back seat to beat Phil Burton 7-0.

"That was especially pinned Nate Pursell in 3:10 important

he's won by forfeit at 103. Arrow coach Dave Dean said the concentrating on building Ryan Dean (112) pinned Ty foundations this year.

"One thing we focused picked up another six points grit they'll need to be a strong on because we have a lot of for Lowell, pinning Max inexperience in the program, McKinnen in :43 at 119. At we focused on the basics and 125, Cody Toomey won the conditioning," Anderson final match for Lowell by

at 130, where Lowell's next match is Thursday at a match last Thursday Robbie Karasiewicz pinned Northview. They travel to Hills Brad Gibson in 3:32. Tim the Goodrich Tournament Gingerich put Lowell up 12- Saturday.

"Even when kids were 0, pinning Jake Mills in 2:43

At 140, Forest Hills said of the Forest Hills Central's Brian Sinclair won an 11-9 match against Justin

At 145, Lowell's Chris kind of matches Dean likes Jones beat Elliot Wolfion 13-8. Nate Vaught beat "FHC, they came out FHC's Grant Holtman 10-2

At 160, Lowell's John appearance in the top 10 this kids who come up and want Fleet pinned Mike White in 3:11. Arrow Brock Graham Rangers'coachBradford pinned Josh Swore in 1:19 Alex Fleet beat FHC's

OK White. Last Thursday, He said their mentality is 215, FHC's Alan Delaney Dominic Dovle (275)

Kelley in 2:22. Zach Baum

pinning Ben Lowe in :51.

tonight," to put Lowell up 40-6. Lowell's Tyler Jack

"I didn't even know

Fisher said.

add up the scores.

By Dan Schneider

Decimal

coach Skye Fisher.

it was a close match.

in the back of my mind that

it was going to be close just

from watching the routines,"

duties, there was no time to

workable lead and kept it.

It was a big win in a big

fun for everyone involved, out."

especially the kids."

at Holland.

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team notched its first win of

the season last Wednesday

the meet was over because followed by Kimble (7.3), (7.675), Kimble (7.275), The Lowell gymnastics I was busy talking to the Seese (5.9) and Coffey Seese (6.925) and Coffey judges about how we could (5.85). improve our scores," Fisher

Lowell's scores made the difference as the Red on beam, where Lowell had (7.05). Arrows bested the Dutch struggled with falls at some by just a tiny margin, 119.7 earlier meets.

was awesome," said Lowell said. "The day before the Mandy Vezino (7.6). meet, that's all we did was She said she could sense practice beam."

"I kind of had a feeling competing on a re-injured at the Kenowa Hills knee, also contributed a vital Invitational. Underwood

vault were Richelle Kimble But with her coaching (8.125), Becca Underwood Andrea Coffey (7.4).

Underwood led Lowell that we had won until after scorers on bars with a 7.75

five minutes remaining, but 2-7 overall, Lowell made at Kenowa. But that was

then Lowell pulled out to a the game into a mid-season nothing compared to the

Basketball, continued ... From Page 14

"We've turned the in which the Arrows beat

Lowell gymnastics notches first victory in close meet

On beam, Lowell's top scorers were Underwood (8.1), Vezino (7.65), Kimble Every score counted (8.1), Coffey (7.275), Alicia (7.35) and Coffey (6.85). ... particularly the scores Weeber (7.175) and Kimble

"We had really good 8.85. Then it was Kimble "It was very close and it scores on beam," Fisher (8.0), Coffey (7.65) and

> Lowell put together a team score of 121.6 on Leeanah Seese, who was Saturday to place eighth placed first in the floor Arrow top scorers on exercise and ninth all-around at the invitational.

Lowell's top four scorers (8.0), Seese (7.675) and on vault: Underwood (8.3), Kimble (8.3), Coffey (7.9) and Alicia Weeber (6.55).

On bars: Underwood

result Friday in Lowell.

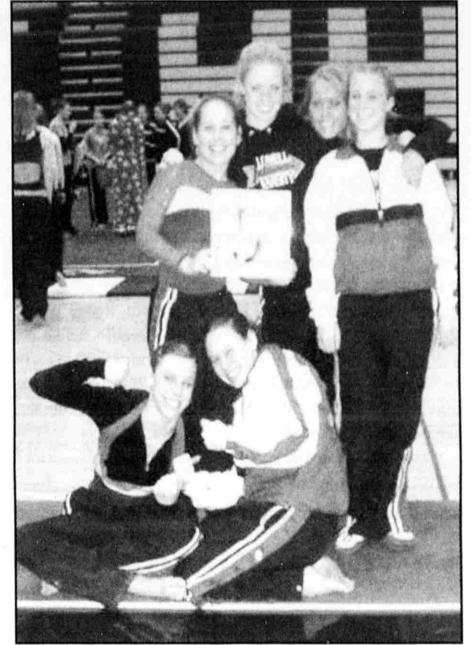
defensive effort.

On beam: Underwood

On floor: Underwood (8.9), Coffey (8.05), Kimble Underwood led Lowell (8.05) and Vezino (7.8).

> Lowell traveled to Kenowa Hills Monday. They travel to the St. Johns Invitational this Saturday.

Lowell placed fifth as a team in the floor exercise at Saturday's Kenowa Hills Invitational. Pictured, back row, from left to right, are floor performers Andrea Coffey, Alicia Weeber, coach Skye Fisher and Mandy Vezino; sitting are Richelle Kimble and Becca Underwood.



Lowell girls bowling stays undefeated in dual matches

By Dan Schneider

undefeated season in dual matches and the boys team Hills last Monday.

had a higher pin total than

the Knights. They rolled six girls of the top 10 regular games beat the Knights by a score Adrianse (191, 196) and Lowell were Clark, (189 in bowls two baker games. In and had the highest pin total, of 23-7. They won the first Greg Sherman (231 in game the first game), Nawrocki a baker game, each member

181 in game two), Liberty games. The girls' team won Clark (162, 166), Chelsea

baker, lost the second, and two). Rolling high games for had the most total baker

204 in game two), Eric regular matches.

The Lowell boys team Bouwhuis (210, 212), Sean

improved its record to 7- the Lowell girls were Ashley points. The Lowell boys their undefeated dual season 157) and Freed (140, 145). 2 with wins over Kenowa Nawrocki (163 in game one, claimed seven of the 10 high yet another match last Wednesday with a 28-2 win streak ended at East, where Four points are awarded to Rolling high games over East Grand Rapids. The the Arrows fell 19-11 to the the winner of each baker by a score of 18-12. The Freed (143 in game one), for Lowell were Brandon Arrows won both bakers and Pioneers. Arrows split the bakers but and Erin Sowles (139 in Jahnke (236 in game one, eight of 10 high scores in the

Lowell split the bakers awarded to the team with with East, but had a lower the highest pin total from baker pin total (314-306). both games. Lowell claimed five of the

explanation of the scoring of high school bowling dual

Rolling high scores for First, each team of five (162 in the first game, 179 of the team bowls a frame The girls' team extended in the second), Sowles (162, in turn until a 10 frames are The boys' winning player bowling two frames).

> Then all five bowlers top 10 scores in the regular from each team bowl two games, claiming the higher regular games. The top five pin total in the second round scorers from each round of of regular games. But East regular games earn a point had the highest grand total for their team. Four points for the regular games and are awarded to the team with picked up those two points, the highest pin total from each round. The team with Following is an the highest grand total (total from both rounds of regular

game, and two points are

Bowling, cont'd., pg. 17

Going into the game the Arrows' conference 1-4 in the OK White and opener earlier this season Bowling, continued ... From Page 16

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"It was a good win some second half goals,"

games) earns two points. A team that wins both

baker games and claims all Hills Northern Jan. 18. 10 regular game high scores shutout). This is somewhat unusual, though the boys' Feb. 6. team shut out Muskegon

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Reeths Puffer Jan. 16 and the girls' team shut out Forest

beat Lowell 62-56 in

for the Arrows and Hettinga Kenowa Hills. The Knights 24-8 at halftime.

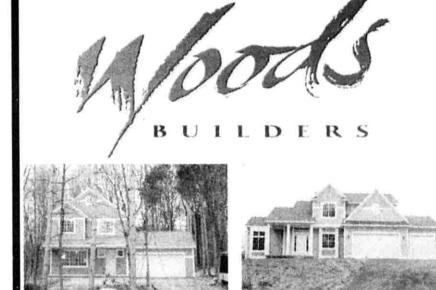
Lowell hosted Forest will get a team score of 30 (a Hills Central Monday. Both teams travel to Rockford

Hettinga's big night of offense helped Lowell in the win. He hit four 3-pointers and scored 21 for Lowell McElroy scored 12; Justin Harden contributed six.

The Red Arrows played East Grand Rapids home stand continues next Tuesday at home and host Tuesday against Middleville Greenville Friday. Their Thornapple Kellogg.

corner and now we have Kenowa 47-29 in a strong deserved it, it's been a going to look at this as a 10- scoreless in the first quarter while," McDonald said. game season and see what while scoring seven points "The whole experience was we can do from here on of their own. Then Lowell lit up the scoreboard for 17 The first thing Lowell points in the second quarter, Lane led Lowell with 16 did with the second half of holding Kenowa to just points. McElroy scored 15 their season was trounce eight. That put Lowell up At the end of three quarters of play, the Arrows held a 37-20 lead and again outscored the Knights in the final quarter of play to seal

Lowell's Justin Harden drives with the ball during last Monday's game at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.



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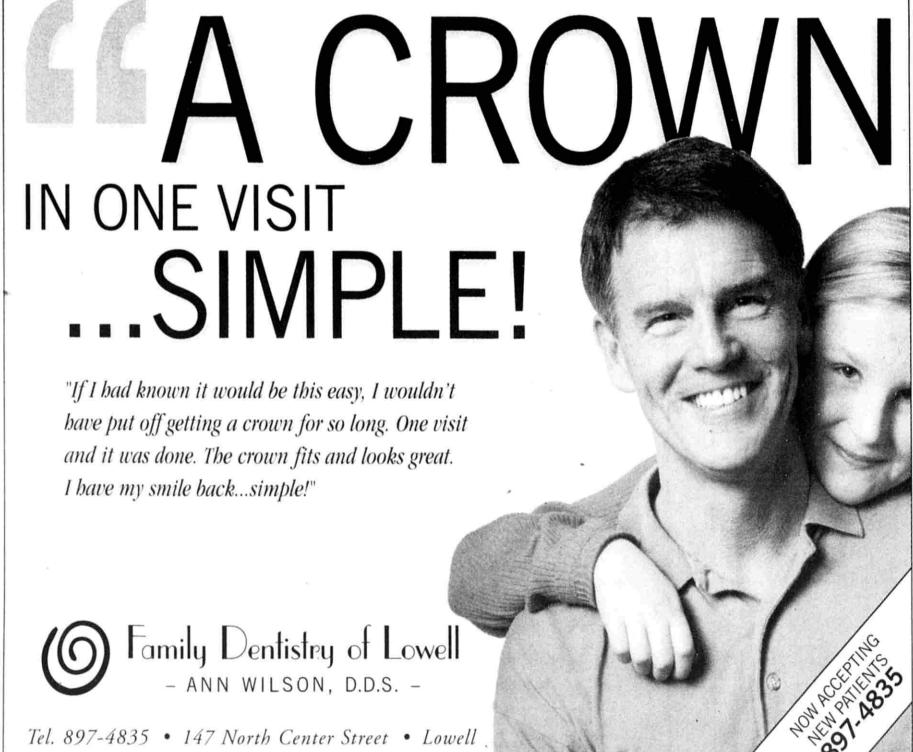
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How can you avoid being a "Groundhog Day" investor? Here are a few suggestions:

 Don't chase after "hot stocks." You can find "hot stocks" featured in financial magazines and touted by "experts" on television. Even your next-door neighbor may have a "can't miss" tip for you. But you're probably better off by turning the pages, flipping off the television, and redirecting your neighbor to a different subject. In the first place, by the time you even hear about a hot stock much less buy one - it may already be cooling off. And, more importantly, it just may not be appropriate for your needs. For example, if you already have several stocks quite similar to the "hot" one, you may find that adding it to your portfolio may not boost your diversification which is essential to investment success.

 Don't "buy and sell" too frequently. If you don't hold stocks for at least a year before selling them, your profits (if there are any) will be based on your current income tax rate, rather than the capital gains rate, which is likely to be more favorable. You're much better off buying high-quality investments and holding them for themselves, have changed.

 Don't load up on company stock. If you have confidence in your employer, you might be tempted to put

a good percentage of your 401(k) dollars in company stock - but this move could be a big mistake. To look at an extreme example, nearly 58 percent of Enron employees' 401(k) assets were invested in Enron stock as it fell 98.8 percent in value during 2001, according to the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). But even after the fall of Enron. many employees have maintained even larger percentages of their 401(k) assets in their company stock. Don't make that mistake. Instead, diversify your 401(k) dollars among your various investment choices in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon.

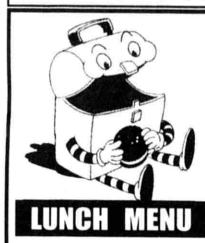
 Don't stop investing when the market goes down. The financial markets will always go through "ups" and "downs." Some people bail out when the going gets tough, preferring to wait until things turn around. But the most successful investors continue to invest through good times and bad - and, if they choose good investments, and hold them for the long term, they are frequently rewarded.

By following these tips, you can avoid making those repetitive investment mistakes that can prove so costly. And even if it's cloudy this Groundhog Day, your financial future can look sunny indeed.

Levin, continued ... From Page 10

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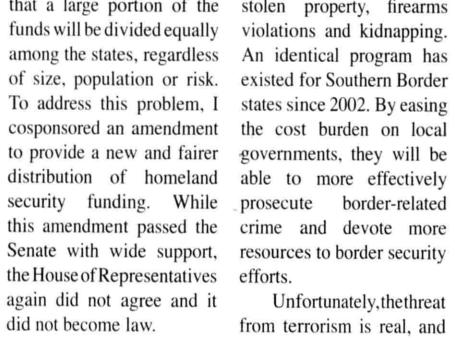
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Area dog breeder makes it to the "Superbowl" of dog shows

By Dan Schneider

The Superbowl, the biggest event in professional football, will be played Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit, and no team from Michigan will be playing.

The Westminster Kennel Club dog show, the biggest event in dog show circles, will be held Feb. 13 and 14 at Madison Square Gardens in New York City. And Darlene Wallace of Alto will be bringing her dog "Tommy."

Actually, "Tommy" is only part of the two-yearold Italian Greyhound's name. His full name is "Ch. Deerfield's The Ice Man." The "Ice Man" comes from a Bruce Springsteen song title. Wallace is a big fan.

"I name all my dogs after Bruce Springsteen songs," Wallace said.

The last time she was in New York was to see a Springsteen concert.

Tommy's first trip to the Big Apple will be to participate in his second high-profile dog show of the year. He won an award of excellence on Jan. 15 at the AKC Eukanuba Championship Invitational in Florida, the only invitation-only dog show in the country.

Tommy is the numberfour-ranked Italian Greyhound in the country. The ranking comes from a complicated scoring system based on the number of dogs of his breed he has beaten at various dog shows; he has been to a lot of dog shows. Wallace competed in two shows over the weekend in Chicago, and two the previous weekend in Detroit. Although Wallace has traveled all over the country with her dogs, she primarily attends shows in the Midwest.

Tommy came from a litter born to one of Wallace's

other Italian Greyhounds, Gina. She has a third Italian Greyhound named Fancy. Wallace started showing Tommy when he was six months old. He attained his championship status with four major dog show wins within a month.

"Then I knew I had something special," Wallace said. "Most dogs don't finish their championships that fast."

Championship status makes dogs eligible to compete in "best in breed" competitions, which is where they build up their rankings points. The dogs are judged on body structure relative to the "ideal" dog description for their breed. The "ideal" is determined by the American Kennel Club.

"The biggest thing is their structure, how they're put together and their movement," Wallace explained.

The Alto resident has raised and shown Italian Greyhounds for 14 years.

"I'd always admired them when I would see them in shows," Wallace said.

She has shown Dobermans for 25 years.

"This is the first time I've gone to Westminster," Wallace said. Westminster, I'll probably get a little nervous."



Alto dog breeder Darlene Wallace is shown with her Italian Greyhounds, from left to right, Tommy, Gina and Fancy.

Tommy will be one of 2,500 at the show.

The dog show will be televised on the USA network. But to get on television, dogs have to advance to the "group" level, and to achieve that, they have

to win best in breed. Wallace said she faces long odds of getting on television.

"There's always hope, but I don't think he'll win," Wallace said. "The dog who won the Eukanuba will probably win this one

also. But it's an honor to be invited and to go, so we're going to do it."

She plans to breed a litter of puppies with Fancy and show the best of that bunch in upcoming years.

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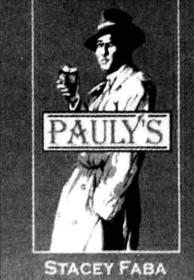
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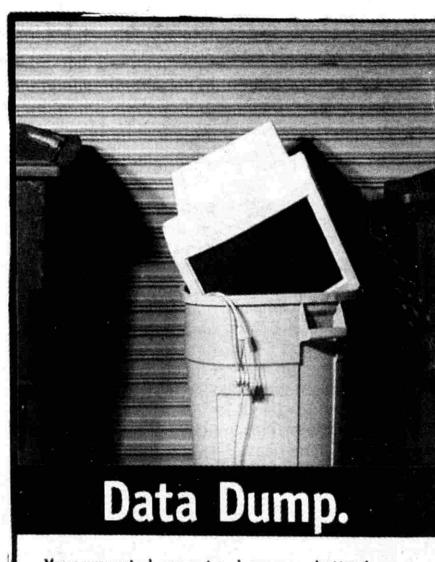
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