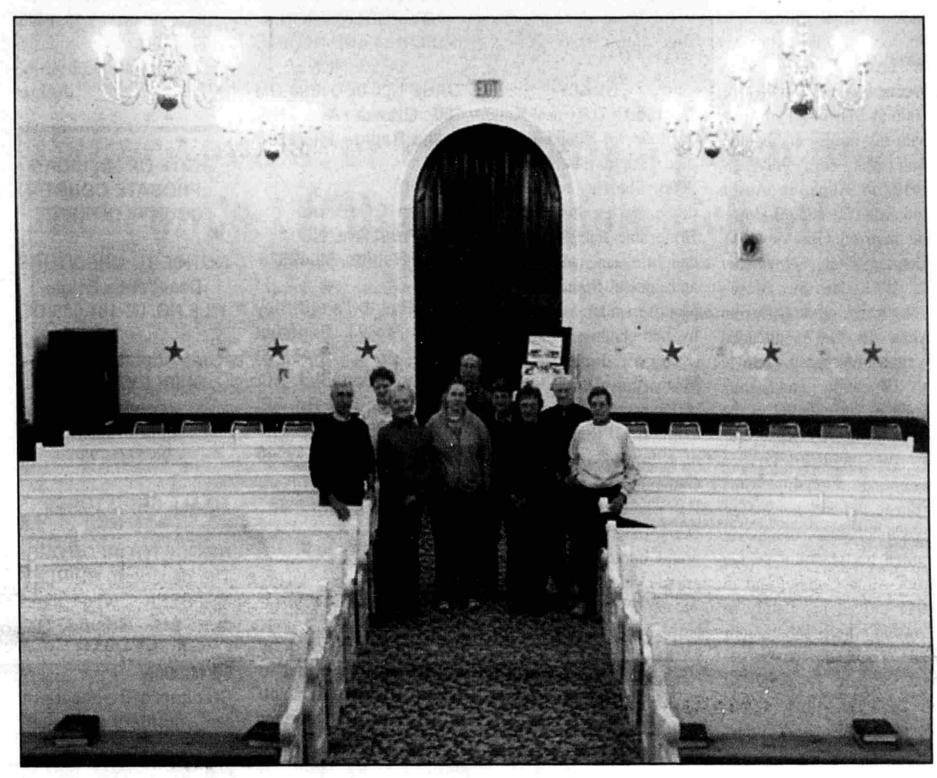
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Congregational church celebrates sesquicentennial this weekend



The First Congregational Church of Lowell's 150th Anniversary Committee is pictured in the church's sanctuary: from left to right are Pastor Dr. Roger La Warre, Lori Ingraham, Barb Pierce, Kara Bykerk, Dale Hanson, Gwen Stegehuis, Leah Vredenberg, Howard Thurtell and Ruth Thurtell. The stars on the walls in the background represent significant events in the history of the church.

Search for superintendent narrows to two

The Lowell Area Schools board of education reduced the slate of candidates for the district's superintendent position to three last Thursday.

Roger Thelen, Keith Konarska and Gregory Pratt were selected to come back for second interviews this week.

The board interviewed Thelen, the current superintendent of Central Montcalm Public Schools, Tuesday. He has been the school's superintendent since 1995. Before that, he was superintendent of Colon Community Schools.

Konarska was slated to be interviewed Wednesday

evening. Currently serving as interim superintendent for Grand Haven Public Schools, he was hired by Grand Haven Schools Monday night.

The board will interview Pratt on Thursday night, also at 7:30. He is the superintendent of Kent City Community Schools. Prior to becoming superintendent, Pratt was a middle school principal in that district from 2000-2004.

Following this second round of interviews, the next step in the selection process will take place March 6-10, when the superintendent search committee will visit the remaining candidates' current districts. The selection of a finalist is scheduled for March 13.

By Dan Schneider

Congregational Church of Lowell is visible from all over town.

It was damaged and repaired in the 1960s and still stands tall today. Its repair was a big event, remembers longtime church member Nancy Wood.

"When we put the new steeple up, everybody stood in the streets for blocks watching the new steeple go up," Wood said. "That was really quite a milestone."

Lowell's Congregational Church will young and more liberal celebrate a big birthday this weekend: 150 years.

Rev. S.S. Brown and Cyprian S. Hooker were the originators. They organized the Union Sunday School in 1851. Five years later, on March 6, 1856, the Congregational Church Society was established with nine members. Rev. S. Hemenway was hired as pastor.

They dedicated their sanctuary on June 1, 1861. The church was built on land donated by a pair of doctors named Richards and Wickham and took nearly four years to complete. The building underwent a number of renovations over the years, which were detailed in an informal history of the church that members of the congregation have compiled over time.

That history includes many interesting events and characters in the church's 150 year history.

There was the Cheerful Doers organization, which started in 1910 visiting the sick, aged, and shutins, distributing bouquets, clothes and other cheerrelated items. That group dissolved into the Esther Group in 1997, which became the Women's Fellowship in 1998.

The church was closed for the last two months of 1918 due to an influenza epidemic.

It describes Rev. Andrew Lemke, who came to the church in 1928, replacing Rev. A.J. Blair.

"Rev. Lemke in his thinking than most past pastors had been," the history states.

Many of the stories in the history focus on the musical instruments in that church. Mr. R.D. Stocking played the church's organ for more than 50 years, always declining payment. The history states that no one was able to get the organ to work properly after Stocking died. In 1979, the church's piano was the victim of a frozen waterfall when the pipes broke during a brutally cold January day. Hans Fischer was able to repair the piano, which is still in the basement of the church.

Some time in the 1940s the church got its steeple. That structure can easily be seen from a number of vantage points in Lowell.

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ZBA resolves flag lighting issue

By Dan Schneider

problems with a brightly lit American flag at the new Mobil station on Alden Nash Avenue were apparently resolved at last Wednesday's meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The board met for a public hearing regarding a zoning variance to allow the uplighting of the flag.

Since it was installed in late December, the lighting on the giant flag near the highway had caused concern among some neighbors. Members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association (GRAAA), which owns the Veen Observatory in the township, were also concerned that the skyward lighting on the flag would impact the dark skies to the southeast of the facility. The southeast is their prime astronomical viewing area.

option may prove to be the solution everyone was looking for.

"One of our ZBA members, in fact our newest member, had gotten onto the internet and downloaded some information on a light fixture that would attach to the light pole from the top and illuminate the flag that way," ZBA chair Bill Thompson said. "That kind of device would resolve the issue, assuming it works and

But a different lighting I can't see any reason why it wouldn't. It would not be shining light in the night sky and creating problems for the observatory or for the neighbors."

The ZBA member who brought in the information was Gerald Persha, who is also a member of the GRAAA. Craig Hoppen, president of J&H Oil Company which owns the

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AMTHOR-NEVINS Damien Michael Amthor- Lord February 22, 2006. grandchildren. Harold was a great-grandchildren. He was Rapids, MI 49504. Nevins, born April 22, 2005, He was preceded in death veteran of WW II. Funeral passed away February 22, by his former wife Jacoba services were Saturday, 2006. He was preceded in and granddaughter Jenny Feb. 25 at Calvary Christian Betty, step-mother Dorothy Henry W. Wright, aged 79, death by his twin brother Bosscher. He is survived Reformed Church, Lowell. Jack Carlton Amthor who by his wife Lillian; children Pastor William Crane of passed away April 30, Carol (Larry) Postma, Victory Baptist officiating. Bud were Saturday, Feb. 2005. He is survived by his Roger (Barbara) Bosscher, IntermentCascadeCemetery. 25 at St. Mary's Church, mother Amanda Nevins; John (Nancy) Bosscher, Memorial contributions with interment at Riverside father Joseph Amthor; Allan (Janice) Bosscher, may be made to Hospice of Cemetery in Alma. Those sister Cloey Amthor; many Anne (Kal) Kuperus, Ken Holland Home. friends, grandparents, aunts (Linda) Bosscher, Marilyn and uncles. A memorial (Edward) Brouwer; stepservice was held Saturday, children Feb. 25 at the Roth-Gerst Duthler, John Timmer, 86, of Alma, formerly Big Rapids, MI 49537. Funeral Home, Rev. Ronald Sandy (Richard) Garneau, of Lowell, passed away

BOSSCHER

(Jim) Jack S. "Bud" Howe, aged Karen

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of February 21 2006, the Lowell Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 01-2006, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is summarized as follows:

- Amend the following definitions in Article II: lot, lot lines, rear lot line, front lot line, lot width, and road frontage and delete net buildable area:
- Add the following definitions to Article I lot of record, lot coverage, lot depth, lot corner, lot interior, lot area, through lot, cul-de-sac, right of way, easement and
- Delete Section 4.2.5A. New Lots to be Buildable:
- Add Section 4.2.10, provisions for the creation and regulation of lots on a culde-sac:
- Add Section 4.2.11, Minimum Lot
- Add Section 4.2.12, Maximum Right of Way for Private Streets:
- Amend Section 4.1.2, being the Table of General Bulk Regulations to change the columns for Minimum Net Building Area to Minimum Lot Area;
- Amend section 4.1.2 being the Notes for the Table of General Bulk Regulations to delete Note 1 and amend Note 2 to add a reference to cul-de-sac lots and to renumber the Notes accordingly.

This ordinance shall become effective March 8, 2006. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Demovic, Helen O'Neil. Joyce Stormzand; 31 of Ada, went to be with his grandchildren; 10 great-

HOWE

D. Hutchinson, officiating. Barbara (Ted) Malestein, Wednesday, February 22, Bonnie (Bill) Fleetham; 2006 at Masonic Pathways, Gertrude F. (Downes) Kelly, 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, sisters Abigail Wolfinger, with his family at his side. HaroldH. Bosscher, aged 87, Ruth (Milton) Smith; Bud was born July 28, died Thursday, February 23, of Cedar Springs, formerly Harold's in-laws Marge 1919, in Alma, to Austin 2006. She was preceded in Plaintiff estate business forming Burial was offered Monday

Bud is survived by four Church, Rev. R. Louis A memorial service will be children Dennie Howe, Stasker, presiding. Interment Connie (Vic) Stahl, Barb Woodlawn (Jim) Gager of Alma, Marty Memorial contributions may Church (Alaska branch), (John) Mahar of Saginaw; be made to St. Ann's Home, nine grandchildren; eight 2161 Leonard NW, Grand preceded in death by his wife and daughter-in-law Mary Howe. Funeral services for wishing to remember Bud may do so by contributing to

St. Mary's Church or Hospice

of Michigan, 400 Perry Ave.,

KELLY aged 94, of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and Arla (Carnahan) Howe. death by her husband, the Joselyn T. DeBonte He married Genevieve M. Honorable Joseph F. Kelly, Fleming on November daughter Jane Marie Kelly 8, 1941, at St. Mary's and special friend Louis E. Church. He graduated from Maggini. She is survived Alma in 1937, attended by her children Michael F. Western Michigan College (Suzanne) Kelly of Ada, of Education and Alma Mary Anne (Bruno) Walke College. He enlisted in the of Riverside, IL, Honorable Navy in 1941. After WW William G. (Sharon) Kelly II. Bud returned to his of Kentwood, Kathleen N. schooling, attending Alma (James) Frank of Glen Ellyn, College where he played IL, Theresa K. (Richard) basketball and track. He Berry of Grand Rapids; 20 earned his teaching degree grandchildren; four greatfrom Alma College and in grandchildren; many nieces 1946 moved his family to and nephews. Mrs. Kelly was Lowell where he taught born and raised in Parnell and coached basketball graduated from Marywood and football. They moved Academy and Davenport in 1958 to Alma, where Business College. As a he joined his father-in-law devout Catholic she attended A.J. Fleming in the real daily mass. Mass of Christian

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet t receive and review the various Assessmen Rolls for 2006 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 FROM 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., AND 1:30 P.M. - 5:00

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., if necessary

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 10 2006. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property

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Charles Myers, Mayor James Marfia, Assessor

Fleming-Howe Real Estate. at St. Paul the Apostle Friday, February 10, 2006.

WRIGHT

of Lowell, passed away

held Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at Community of Christ 8146 68th St., Alto, Loretha Smith, Seventy, officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

• LEGAL NOTICE •

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT **KENT JUDICIAL** CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 06-01638-DM

4495 Frost Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Plaintiff's attorney Mary L. Benedict (P45285) Mary L. Benedict. P.C. 4519 Cascade Rd. SE, Ste. 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Harry D. DeBonte II

TO Harry D. DeBonte IT IS ORDERED

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 25, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Harry D. DeBonte at the last known address by 616-897-7743

registered mail, return receipt requested. before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. Dated: February 15, 2006

Daniel V. Zemaitis.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 06-181,085-DE

> Estate of SHIRLEY M. BERK deceased Date of birth 04/18/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, SHIRLEY M. BERK, who lived at 911 Grindle Dr., Lowell, MI 49331 died

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred presented to JAMES C. BERK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 911 Grindle Dr., Lowell and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 23, 2006

James C. Berk 911 Grindle Dr. P.O.Box 252 Lowell. MI 49331

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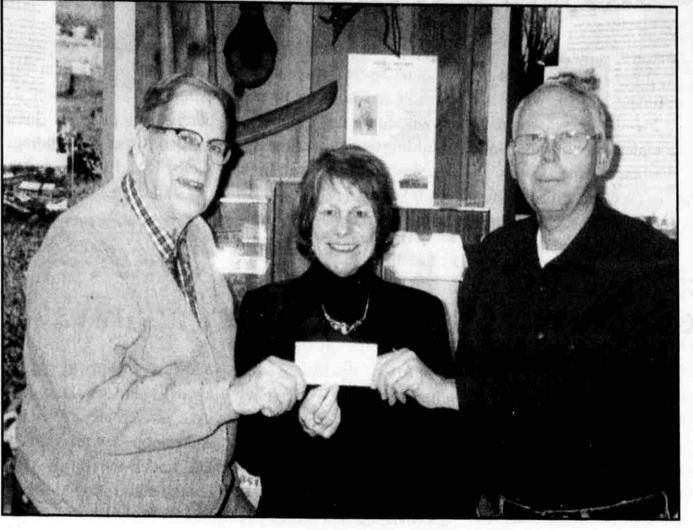
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Masons contribute to Lowell museum



appraised by Rairigh.

At the dinner, the

bench with a hideaway

storage area. Second prize

Also at the event, the

Straub said the event

museum will unveil a new

historical book of Lowell that

utilizes the museum's vast

is designed to become

an annual fundraiser for

the museum to help with

operational costs. As with

all institutions, operational

costs are the main challenge

and while grants help,

many organizations such

as Lowell Area Historical

archives of photographs.

Lowell Masons' Dave Miller (left) and Fred Cahoon present a check to Lowell Area Historical Museum director Judy Straub.

The check for \$1,700 was half of a gift the Masons are contributing to the museum to fund an upcoming exhibit. Scheduled to open this fall, the exhibit will involve communication through the ages in Lowell

"Historically, Masons have always been about contributing what they can to make the community a better place,"

Paperwork over raffle puts a glitch in museum's 175th celebration kick-off

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Government paperwork, and that is just what the Lowell Area Historical Museum found out over the last few weeks.

The museum sent an application to Michigan's will be a two-night stay at Gaming the historic Nickerson Inn seeking a in Pentwater; third prize is license to hold a raffle as a personal walking tour of off event for its yearlong four at Flat River Grill. celebration of Lowell's 175th anniversary. A note came back indicating it needed, among other things, a resolution from the city stating it is a nonprofit

organization. The council approved the resolution and now. museum director Straub said the committee has sent the required paperwork in and is waiting for the license.

"We have had people come in looking to purchase raffle tickets," Straub said. Because the museum

is selling the tickets over a period of time, the gaming rules require that the ticket include the license number. Until then, the museum cannot sell any tickets.

The raffle is actually part of the 175th Antiques and Appraisal dinner fundraiser for the museum set for April 28. The event will feature Glen Rairigh from Americana Auctions and an expert on antiques

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Museum have had to seek other ways to raise funds, she explained. As for the year, Straub said residents should expect a lot of fanfare celebrating the 175th anniversary. She has been working closely with the Lowell Area Chamber

and appraisal. The \$25 of Commerce and this year them through the museum ticket for the dinner includes the Riverwalk Festival will for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. The of the celebration.

museum is planning to raffle become available, residents present. off a Superior Furniture will be able to purchase

a ticket for one item to be have a historic theme as part drawing will take place at the dinner with the winner When raffle tickets do being notified if they are not

Business Matters

igan information technology consulting firm, announced the appointment of longtime firm consultant **Doug Lindhout,** of Lowell, as a partner. Lindhout joined

C/D/H, a leading Mich- C/D/H in 1995 and is the firm's fourth partner.

> Lindhout, who earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. has 28 years of industry ex-

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

- Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)



Saturday, March 25 9 AM - 3:30 PM **LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

For more information call 897-9161 or visit www.lowellexpo.org

FEINSTEIN "MILLION DOLLAR **GIVEAWAY TO FIGHT HUNGER"**

Once again, Flat River Outreach Ministries is participating in the Feinstein Foundation "Million Dollar Giveaway to Fight Hunger." During the months of March and April, FROM will receive \$1.00 for each nonperishable food item donated and a matching contribution for any monetary donation.

Food barrels can be found at the following Lowell business-places: Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Curves, Dollar General, Fifth-Third Bank, Gary's Country Meats, Hooper Printing, Riverview, Springrove Variety, YMCA Wellness Center.

Monetary donations can be sent to FROM, 519 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or Dr. Roger La Warre, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. You may also bring food items to the FROM Food Pantry or the Thrift Shop during regular business hours.

Please help to feed the hungry in our community; the need is greater than ever!



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Free food will be distributed March 2 at Lowell Moose Recreation Bldg., 1320 E. Main from 9-5 p.m. Bring proof of income for household members, Social Sec. numbers, verification of address.

NEEDED FOR SPRING MUSICAL

If you have deer heads or antiers for set decorations of the LHS spring musical starting March 9, please call Nancy Wood at 897-8546.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Wittenbach/Wege Center will have a maple syrup/ pancake festival, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Includes tours featuring Native American and early settler processing and uses/modern day processing/ science of maple syrup.

FAMILY NATURE WALK

The Wittenbach/Wege Center will have a family nature walk on Sunday, March 5 from 2 - 4 p.m.

LAKELAND/LOWELL REUNION

Club. Call Carmen Roudabush at 863-683-9071 for information. RELAY FOR LIFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An informational committee meeting for the

The annual dinner/reunion for Lowell area residents

will be this Sunday, 1 p.m. at Huntington Hills Country

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Lowell will be held Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at Lowell High School

The event will be at LHS Aug. 4 and 5. Call 616-364-6121 or Elizabeth.males @cancer.org. SENIOR CLASS TRIP MEETING A parents' planning meeting for the Senior Class Trip

will be March 6 at 7 p.m. in the math rooms of the high

school. Bring coupon books.

The Lowell Crop Walk rally will be March 9 at 7 p.m. at Lowell First United Methodist Church. Send a rep for pledge packets for the May 7 Crop Walk.

CROP WALK RALLY

YOUTH BASKETBALL RAFFLE

The 3-Point Club is raffling off 4 Detroit Pistons tickets for the March 26 game against New Jersey. \$3 each; four for \$10. Proceeds support Lowell Youth Basketball program. Darwing: halftime of varsity basketball game this Friday. Tickets at Pep Talk or call 987-2950.

PROM DRESS SWAP

Drop off your slightly used formal dresses to C-102 at Lowell High School on March 8 & 9 during school hours for the dress swap on Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. - noon, held at Northview High School. Fundraiser for the junior class. Call Mrs. Schutte at 987-2990 for

FLPC NEW EXHIBIT

A collection of work by artist/muralist Gretka Domer is at the Franciscan Life Process Center now through March 31, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The 20th annual West Michigan Regional (art) Competition at the Lowell Area Arts Council runs through March 25. For info. call 897-8545 / website: www. lowellartscouncil.org

IRISH HERITAGE

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present a program by Pat Nugent titled "Lowell's Irish Heritage and the Art of Irish Dance" on March 14 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Twp. Hall. Public welcome.

ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE

Hear the story of Himalayan trekking (Bhutan), temple-tramping at Angkor Wat (Cambodia), and working with elephants (Thailand) by Kate Dernocoeur. Voyages Coffee Shop, March 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Free admission.

Lowell Light and Power gets the okay to purchase property

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

after the Minutes Lowell City Council gave said she was surprised at Light and Power (LL&P) residents near its current North Washington facility were making plans on what could be done with that site once the utility company vacated it.

the rest preserved as an all natural habitat," said Peggy Covert, 982 N. Washington, a Lowell Township resident and neighbor to the Lowell Light and Power's current storage facility.

a petition of 70 signatures Richards said the decision in support of moving the made by the council last utility company to Chatham, the number of people who supported the move. She learned, through those conversations, that at one time, it is believed, the site was slated to become a nature preserve before the storage facility was placed there by the city.

Since the area is mostly rural residential, a rustic park would best fit the area and still allow the use of the sledding hill and Boy Scout for canopy and awnings approved ordinance and the change, the council cabin, she said.

But first, Lowell Light and Power needs to move out of the North Washington facility before anything is located there. definite can be planned

Covert, who turned in LL&P general manager Tom site could happen by late week clears the way for the companytopursueapurchase agreement. If all goes according to plan, moving from the North Washington facility to the new Chatham

completely out of the North The council vote was not unanimous. Councilman

spring. Richards would not

estimate as to when the

Jim Pfaller voted against the

utility company would be and Power needs," Pfaller that the site was much said after the meeting.

While the Chatham

Jeanne Shores was absent.

proposal and council member site is much cheaper. (about \$975,000) than the "I am not one to take estimated \$1.3 million to public funds and purchase a purchase a piece of land building that is four times the and construct a building, facility that the Lowell Light Richards did acknowledge

> Property purchase, cont'd., pg. 11

Changes made to proposed ordinance before approval

gestion of the city's historic Wendt said businesses in change with district commission, the the historic district would with wording that would those in the historic district. reference business owners This would be similar to that back to the historic district guidelines if their business who sits on the historic

City attorney Richard of signage, said Steve Doyle, district.

After discussing the commission chair Clarke Lowell City Council ap- need to follow both sets Jahnke, who said the proved a new ordinance of guidelines, the recently commission would support approved the new guidelines which now officially

allow businesses to put up have no verbiage. Awnings and canopies with signage fall under the city's sign



The process of hiring a new superintendent is challenging and can be tiring. But, it also affords the opportunity to look at your district through someone else's eyes. As the Board of benefit your students. Education moves through the candidate interview process, we have learned what other educators think about Lowell Area Schools and our community, and we have much to be proud of.

I would like to share just some of the comments we've game.

heard from the six candidates who participated in the first round of interviews:

Lowell Area Schools is standing on the verge of becoming a leader in education.

The Lowell community has a unique, attractive

The culture in your district is one that I would like to be a part of.

All of the elements are in place for your curriculum program to continue making important strides that will

Pride is evident in every building in the district.

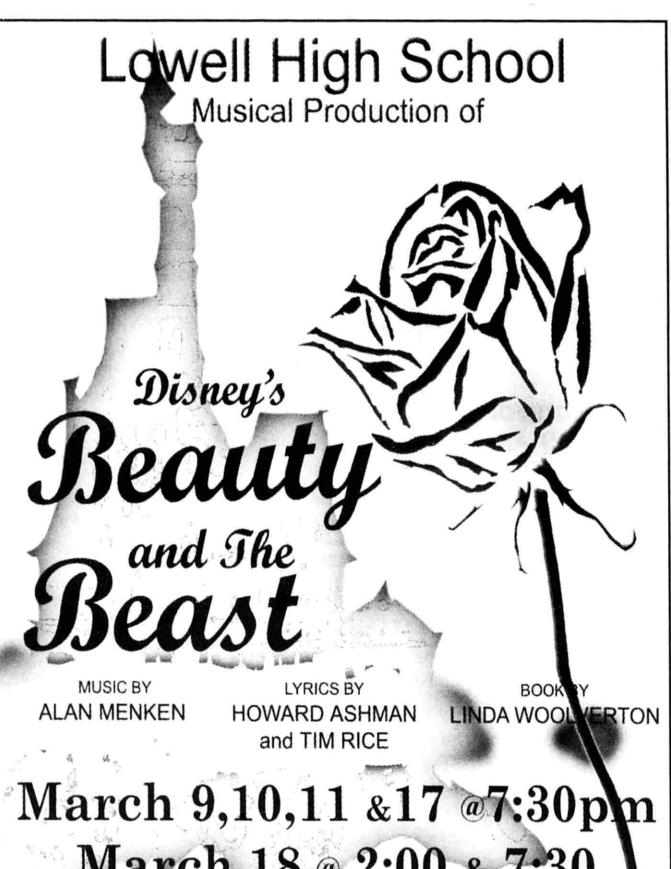
Your community is attractive to the outsider. changes coming from the state; in fact it is ahead of the what is best for our children and work together toward that

Your district is a beacon that others are recognizing as an example of best practices in education.

Lowell's test results reflect the district's high standards and level of commitment from its staff.

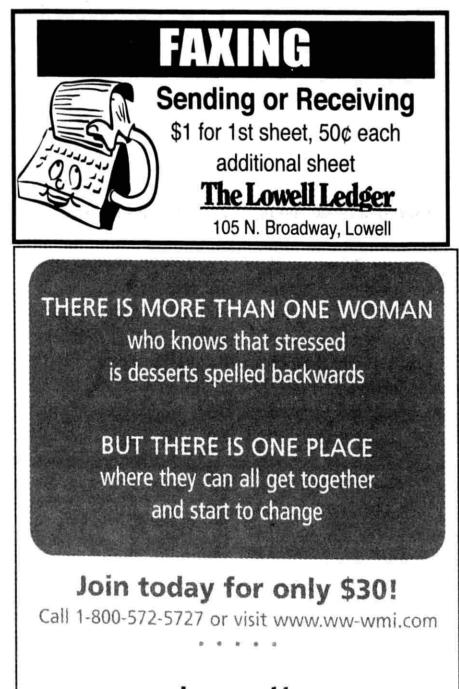
It's good to hear such positive things about our schools and community. All of these things, and many more, are true. They are the result of the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff day to day in the classrooms, and professional development combined with experience that make our teachers among the very best. It is the result of the commitment made every day by each member of our staff to make that day a positive learning experience for every student. It comes, too, from the partnership between Lowell High School is well prepared for the curriculum a community and district that place the highest priority on

> The Board of Education recognizes the value of what we are as a community and school district. Together, we truly are a great combination. We commit to finding the best possible superintendent to join us.



March 18 @ 2:00 & 7:30 \$5 Students/Seniors \$7 General Public \$8 All Tickets at the Door

> Tickets on Sale in the Main Office Lowell High School - 11700 Vergennes St For Show Information call 987-2956



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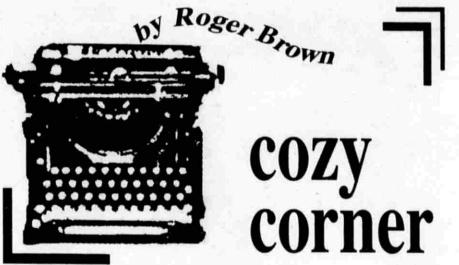
Rotavirus is a virus that causes severe diarrhea and vomiting in children and infants. It is the leading cause of

With Drs. Paul Gauthier

Jim Lang,

Wayne A. Christenson III

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



wedding. We had a good time, but I managed to contract test pilot) the "King of Colds." The wedding was on Saturday. By the following Tuesday, a week ago, I was experiencing the flying his plane to its maximum." Jon McBride, astronaut early symptoms. By last night the thing had manifested into incessant coughing fits, a raging headache, congestion ... all the good stuff. Needless to say, sleep was near impossible.

Today is a huge day as far as work goes. It's the first of the month and I need to deliver about two pickup loads of papers to several dozen locations. If I ever needed to than you.' take a pass on writing a column, now would be the time. Unfortunately, I just did that last week. Guess what? I'm doing it again this week!

The following are some aviation "Words of Wisdom" that came to me via, where else, the Internet:

"You've never been lost until you're lost at Mach 3." Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot)

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're MacArthur on fire.'

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter ... and therefore unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of having just torn off the wings and tail in a crash landing, the

expensive flying club." "What is the similarity between air traffic controllers

and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies. If ATC screws up ... the pilot dies."

"Never trade luck for skill."

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?" "Where are we?" and "Oh S ...!"

"Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers."

"Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to complete a flight." "A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all

luck; three in a row is prevarication." "Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left

one up there!"

THE NEW ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

"Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight

bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries."

United States is infected by rotavirus by the age of five. It is the leading infectious disease killer in infants and children worldwide.

This vaccination will be given orally (by mouth). The CDC recommends this be given at 2, 4 and 6 months of age. Studies show it prevents 74 percent of all rotavirus cases and 98 percent of all severe cases. The name of this vaccine is RotaTeq.

A previous vaccine called RotaShield was removed from the market in 1999. It was found to be associated with intussusception (telescoping of the bowel into itself), in a small percentage of patients. This risk was extensively studied with the new vaccine in over 70,000 children, and it did not increase the risk of intussusception. It is an entirely different vaccine than RotaShield.

severe gastroenteritis worldwide. Almost every child in the Letters... We love to hear from you!

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"Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day."

Advice given to RAF pilots in WWII: "When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest. cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as

"The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can I mentioned in last week's column that I'd been to a just barely kill you." Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop

"A pilot who doesn't have any fear is probably not

"If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible." Bob Hoover (renowned aerobatic and test pilot) Old Bob may well be related to

"Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime." Sign over the squadron ops desk at Davis-Montham AFB, AZ, 1970

"If something isn't broken on your helicopter, it's about

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons." General

"Though I fly through the valley of the shadow of death . I shall fear no evil. For I am at 80,000 feet and climbing." the ocean than submarines in the sky." From an old carrier Sign at the entrance to the old SR-71 Blackbird operating base at Kadena, Japan.

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the runway."

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, crash truck arrives. The rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and "Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another asks, "What happened?" The pilot's reply, "I don't know, I just got here myself!"

This one is my personal favorite. Basic flying rules: "Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there."

That's it. You might want to clip this for review the next time you're flying somewhere.

And, just so this isn't a total plagiarism, here's a witticism I remember hearing from a friend and fellow pilot years ago. "Always remember that everything on the chart (map) is on the ground. Not everything on the ground is on the chart ... towers, trees, tall buildings, etc." This friend was famous for "buzzing" people, places and things, so he knew what he was talking about.

Now, you'll have to excuse me while I either get ready for work, or die during my next coughing fit.

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 2, 1881

"Heavy cut glass water pitcher 25c."

Reno B. Welbourn, the "wizard of electricity," will lecture at the Clover Leaf Club in an evening of marvelous experiments titled "In the year 2000."

"Three little rules we all should keep to make life happy and bright; Smile in the morning, smile at noon, take Rocky Mountain Tea at night."

"Cold, raw winds of this season make lung protection necessary. D.G. Look has chest protectors frm 37c to \$2.00."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 1, 1906

Edwin Fallas of Grand Rapids has rented the Lowell Canning Factory and will can peaches, tomatoes and apples. A meeting at the Hotel Waverly Saturday at 2 p.m.

The new Methodist parsonage is dedicated.

Lowell has East Side and West Side social clubs that meet at Train's Hall for dances and parties.

The City Bank will pay 3 percent on deposits after

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **FEBRUARY 26, 1931**

Lowell's net worth is \$366,405.65 after deducting all

The U.S. Veterans' Bonus Loan Bill, making loans available to World War I veterans, would average \$500 available to each veteran, about \$55,000 total here.

The legislature passes a bill of limited capital punishment, and a state income tax.

Coach Finch organizes a noon-hour basketball league for the many boys who eat lunch at school. Two 13-minute halves would make a game.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 1, 1956

The Cary Stiffs leave for California on the first transcontinental run of the new General Motors Aerotrain, capable of 100 mph speed.

The PTA makes recommendations to the Village Council about traffic control and school children's safety near the school and on Main Street.

Two columns mixed into one nevertheless convey information that village elections come within two weeks; names are not mixed up, though.

Lowell Lions Club forms a committee to plan for the swimming pool.

The new high school rifle club will be chartered by the National Rifle Association; they are constructing an indoor range on the second floor of City Hall.

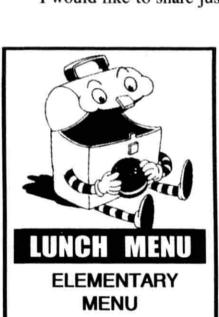
25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

Six area townships and Lowell meet to solve problems created by Bud's Ambulance changes in service.

The Big Three automakers all offer rebates, so sales are up here too.

Judy Baird requests histories of area pioneer farm families to add to the Lowell Sesquicentennial history

FEBRUARY 25, 1981



Week of March 6, 2006 MON: Corndog (grilled cheese sandwich also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), tomato soup,

assorted fruit, Goldfish

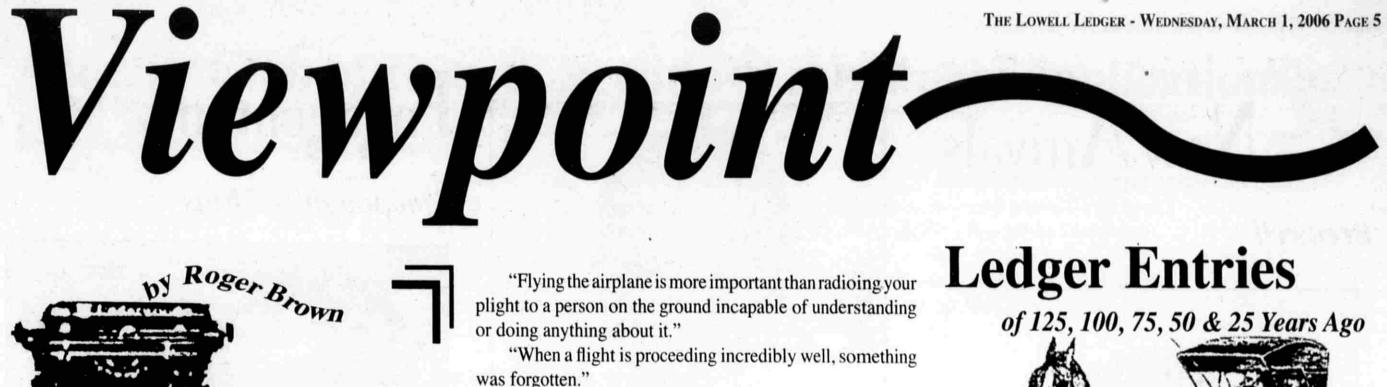
crackers, milk.

Rotini TUES: w/garlic meatsauce bread stick (stacked ham/cheese/bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

WED: Soft Taco w/ meat, cheese, lettuce (chicken patty on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), carrot sticks, frozen juice bar milk.

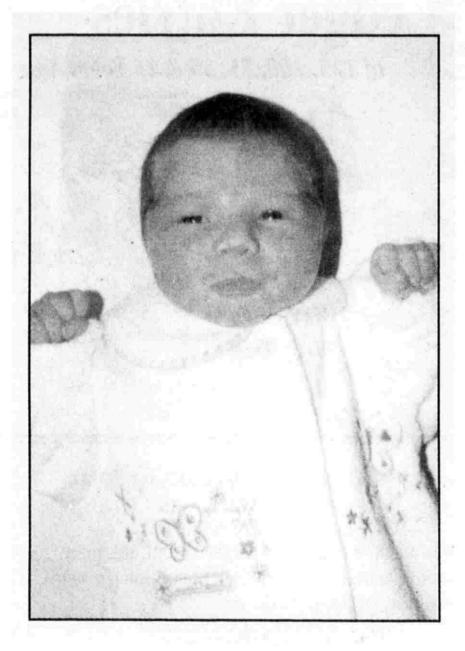
THURS: Chicken nuggets (cheesy ravioli also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), over potatoes, assorted fruit garlic bread, milk.

FRI: Cheese pizza (sloppy Jo on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), corn, assorted





Bredwell



Alice Adele Briggs Bredwell

Kate and Bryan Bredwell of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Alice Adele Briggs Bredwell. She was born February 7, 2006 at 8:45 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 18 inches. Welcoming her home is big sister, Leah.

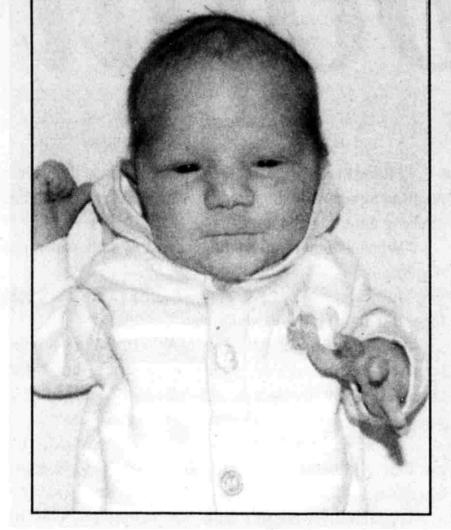
Proud grandparents are Dean and Pat Bredwell of Potterville and Jim Ketchum of Port Huron and the late Alice Ketchum.



Pastor Michael Rhodabarger Lowell Church of the Nazarene

brings to my senses mixed emotions. It is now almost March we forget to live for the moment. We wish our lives away, so for today. I'll bet it will be as beautiful as the falling snow. and I have to say that I am ready for spring. However, I love to speak

Wood



Connor John Wood

Andrew and Jessica Wood are happy to announce the birth of their son, Connor John, born February 16, 2006. He is welcomed home by big brother, Logan.

Proud grandparents are Thomas and Sue Wood and John and Cheryl Allen and proud great-grandma is Barb Allen.

Parish mission presented

Church of Lowell will present a parish mission titled "Healing and the Power of the Sacraments" beginning Sunday, March 5 and ending Thursday.

Christopher Crotty from the Amity St. Fathers of Mercy, a religious

KY. For people who are not Catholic, the parish mission is an opportunity to hear what Catholics believe.

to ski and have not had the opportunity to engage in this

activity yet this year. The snow continues to fall whether I

walk the face of the earth wrote in the book of Philippians

4:6, "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything, by

make up my mind to enjoy it or wish it away.

The mission be presented over five

I get a little anxious for things at times. Today I find great things, but Jesus said in John 10:10 "I have come that

myself anxious for one or the other; either bring on the snow they may have life, and life to the full." Not only did Christ

or bring on the sun. One of the greatest evangelists to ever come to give us a new life in Him but I believe that He wants

The guest speaker is Fr. 7-8 p.m. at the church, 402 The bride-to-be is Dykhuis of Lowell the daughter of James

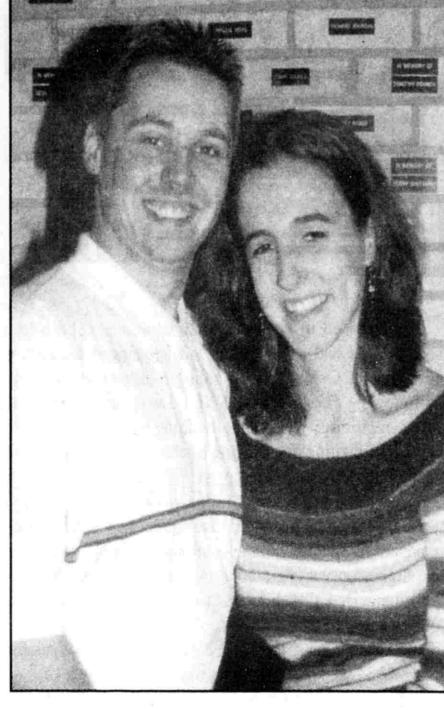
As a Christian I often find myself thinking, "I can't wait until I get to Heaven." I wonder sometimes if this does not grieve God. I believe that it is all right to look forward to

the best for us in the here and now. The snow is still falling. There is not enough to ski and prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests too much to golf. But I sit here and gaze at the beauty of it as to God." I find it difficult not to be anxious sometimes, but it does fall and I can guarantee that God has given each of us As I sit in my office, my attention is suddenly caught by when I think about the reasoning behind this, it begins to this day, snow and all, to use to the fullest. Instead of being the snow that is beginning to fall, and fall quite heavily. It make more sense. You see, when we are anxious about things anxious about tomorrow, ask God what he has to show you

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Engagements

Hoppough/Dykhuis



Cody Dykhuis and Amy Hoppough

Amy Marie Hoppough and Cody John Dykhuis will exchange wedding vows on consecutive evenings from August 19, 2006.

Hoppough of Six Lakes and Valerie David of Alto.

The future groom is the son of Scott and Denise

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seniors since 1997; one graduating senior, living thescholarship. Applications to Lowell to be leaders is specifically designated in the Lowell Area School must be postmarked by April in the community," for a student attending District, attending any 1, 2006. Cornerstone University, public, private, charter or

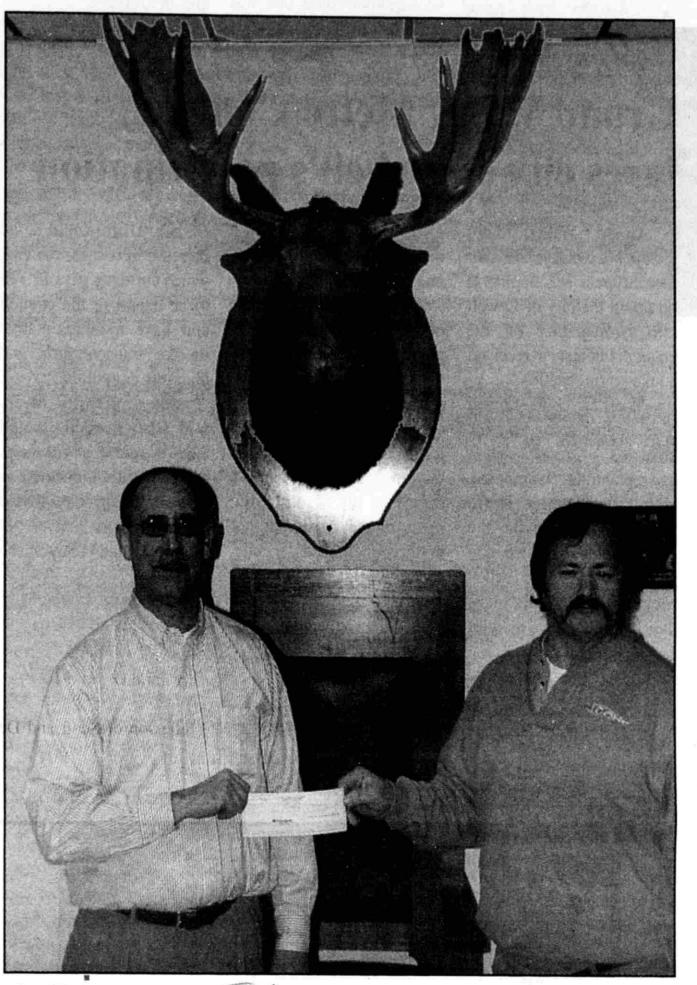
applicants must be either a motto of "Service Above be awarded this year, and worth of scholarships have graduating senior attending Self," community service is hope that area students, been granted. Lowell High School or a a primary factor in awarding upon graduation, will return

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Moose lodge Super Bowl raffle benefits Lowell football teams

Bucky Curtis (left) representing Lowell Football receives a check from Lowell Moose Lodge administrator Jerry Cole. The Moose Lodge sponsored the raffle of a pair of Super Bowl tickets to benefit Lowell Football. The raffle raised \$7,000. Varsity football coach Noel Dean received the tickets for the raffle on short notice, only two weeks before the game. The Moose covered the cost of the state raffle permit and Cole drove the paperwork to Lansing himself to expedite the process.



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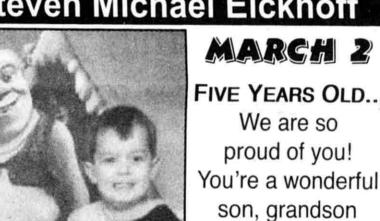


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Wingeier bequests benefit local organizations

By Dan Schneider

Bequests totaling more than \$1 million will benefit four local organizations.

In his will, longtime resident Samuel "Babe" Wingeier left a total of \$1, 260,900 to Lowell Area Housing (Schneider Manor), Lowell Area Schools, the Lowell YMCA and Lowell Senior Neighbors.

Schneider Manor will receive the largest portion, \$504,360, for its building fund. The board of the senior apartment center plans to begin building a new unit with eight new apartments immediately.

"We'll be getting going on that new building right away," board president Phil Schneider said. While the gift won't

cover the entire cost of building the unit, Schneider said, "It certainly will put a great big dent in it."

Schneider, who was a longtime friend

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consideration in his will.

"He had more than one of the more important things a Schneider said.

Schneider Manor board of The scholarship will be directors for 19 years, also given with an emphasis on serving as both manager and need. grounds manager. He was a member of the Veterans help students reach their Methodist Church. Wingeier worked for back to the community

20 years as a distributor for through the schools." Standard Oil Company. His any wealth.

of Wingeier's, was not successful businessman in surprised that Schneider his own right," Schneider such said. "He didn't brag about it or anything like that."

Another thing that was important to (\$315,225) will go to Lowell him, but it was certainly one Area Schools to establish scholarship in his life that he wanted fund. From the fund, two to provide for and he did," scholarships will be awarded annually to Lowell athletes, Wingeier served on the one male and one female.

"Any time that we can of Foreign Wars (he served dreams and attend college, in the U.S. Army during it's a benefit," LHS principal Legion, the Masonic Lodge many local scholarships ... and Lowell First United and this is just one more

Another \$315,225 was stocks in that company did earmarked in the will for the quite well, and continued to "Lowell Pool Authority (or do well when they turned its equivalent)." This money into British Petroleum will go to the Lowell YMCA stocks. But he didn't flaunt to help fund the construction of a pool in the Y's proposed "He was a very new facility here.

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example of someone giving

that he gave us donation," Lowell YMCA associate executive director

portion Staci Messersmith said. She did say, however, that the proposed facility in its "very, very preliminary" stages.

plans, but it is a long way

off right now," Messersmith

"We do have some

a community pool for Lowell was another cause that was him in death. important to Wingeier.

and Lowell townships."

Lowell Senior Neighfind out what the need is and bors for its building fund. whether or not Lowell could support something like that. with interest earned to be And not just Lowell, but directed towards its general Alto, Saranac and Vergennes operations.

The gifts are also made Schneider said building in the name of Wingeier's wife, Evelyn, who preceded

Grand Valley Metro Council lures city of Lowell's participation

Grand Valley Metro World War II), American Scott Vashaw said. "We have Council executive director Don Stypula was hoping to pump up the city of Lowell into participating on the council, but instead received a luke warm reaction.

The city of Lowell does participate on the counties: Allegan, Barry, council's transportation and planning committee, with city manager David serves as an advocate for to whether the city would Pasquale representing the many of the municipalities pursue a more active role city. Stypula admitted that in the council, most recently with the Grand Valley Metro joining the Grand Valley working with Wyoming in Council. Metro Council would mean securing funding for the

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a voice in all of the council's US131. There would be no decisions versus just on the This would include

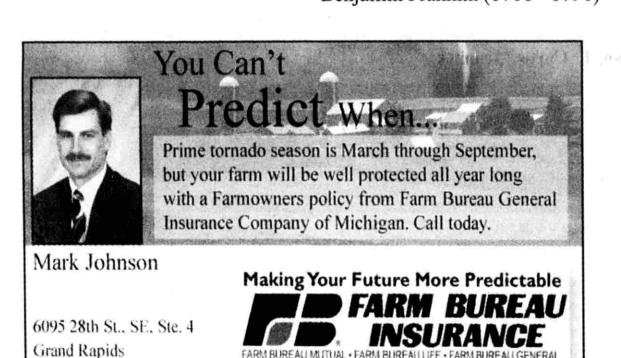
decisions on the overall growth and development of the committees the council serves, which includes six Ionia, Kent, Montcalm and the city would have more of 44th Street interchange at

increase in cost for the city, which currently pays \$1,726 to be a part of the council and have a representative on the transportation and planning committee.

Mayor Charles Myers said the council would take it under advisement. Ottawa. Stypula said he also but gave little indication as

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Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)







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medicine and greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, we are if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be experience and technology to provide you with a number living longer than ever before. In fact, half of the 65-year- anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal of savings/investment scenarios, based on different life olds alive today will likely live beyond age 83, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

important areas, including the following:

· Risk tolerance - Your individual risk tolerance collecting Social Security. helps determine the investments you choose. In other your natural risk tolerance to choose a diversified mix of investments that offer the growth potential you need to stay ahead of inflation along with sufficient income during your

"bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach with the possibilities that lie ahead.

In short, you may need to plan on spending two, or even 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're three, decades in retirement - a possibility that affects some going to get. So, you can use your projected longevity as one important factor in determining when you should start

• Retirement income - Once you retire, you will need words, if you are risk-averse by nature, you may be more to decide when to start taking money from your 401(k) or inclined to invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You'll also need Certificates of Deposit, that may offer greater preservation to decide how much you should take each month. And you'll of principal but less chance of capital appreciation. Or, if need to establish a sensible withdrawal plan for all the other you don't mind taking on a higher degree of risk to your investments in your portfolio. These decisions hinge, in principal in exchange for potentially higher returns, you part, on about how long you think you are going to live. may be drawn more to stocks. But if you believe that you For example, if you plan to retire at 65 and you believe you are likely to live a long life, you may need to step outside will live another 30 years, you will want to withdraw less money per year than if you thought you were going to live another 20 years.

Get help with "number crunching"

It's not always easy to incorporate one's longevity · Social Security - You can begin collecting Social into financial strategies. So, you may want to consult You might be surprised at the results. With advances in Security at age 62, but your monthly checks will be larger with a qualified financial professional - someone with the retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get expectancies. It's always a good idea to become familiar

College News

Grand Valley State University announced the students recently placed on the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. To qualify, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

From the Lowell area are: Brian J. Abbring. Stacey L. Arnswald, Anne K. Beenen, Rebecca J. Brinkley, Kelsey E. Capps, Katherine E. Cornish, Ryan T. Curtis, Jennifer L. Dee, Melissa A. Dennie, Noelle L. Dewey, Leah R. Dyksterhouse, Nicole L. Elliott, Brady A. Foster, Tiffany R. Gauger, Holly M. Grummet, Susan L. Lindsay Hiaeshutter, M. Koehn, Anna M. Komejan, Jennifer S. Manion, Caleb L. O'Boyle, Anthony M. Pedley, Kayla J. Ritenburgh, David J. Rozema and Tiffany T.

From the Alto area are: Sarah E. Appold, Dana F. Bailey, Tara A.

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and Christopher A. West. From the Ada area are: Zachary Sneider. Kellie A. Baker, Whitney Entingh, Kelly A. Foote, the dean's list. Keith D. Hayes, Jordan F. Hefferan, Emily R. Henk, Andrew J. Hoover, Northwestern Ohio Joseph M. Levering, Technologies. Sarah C. Manion, Sarah M. Miller, Thomas R. David W. Elzinga. Mitsos, Nicholas M. Myers, Meagan M. Pimm, received a grade point Rachel R. Reister, Kelley average of 3.5 or better. M. Russo, Zachary C. VandenBerg, Jill R. VanDongen, Stacey L.

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From the Lowell area are Cori Drenth and

Students must achieve Boyce, Christopher a 3.5 or better grade point and practical instruction on Stations" is designed to of Jody A. Hall of Lowell. Bratt, Stephanie average during a term, naval customs, first aid, galvanize the basic warrior M. Cole, Rebecca L. while carrying a minimum Edwards, Nathan H. of 13 credits, to be named to

University Daryl J. Kamp, Kimberly proud to acknowledge its A. Kessenich, Kristen K. dean's list for the January Klotz, Sarah C. LaFave, session for the College of

From Lowell is Ryan N. Marthens, Craig W. Ward. From Alto is These full-time students

In The Service

Tera L. Kropf recently completed U.S. Navy basic fitness. training at Recruit Training

firefighting, water safety Navy Seaman Recruit and survival, shipboard and aircraft safety, and physical

The capstone event Command, Great Lakes, Ill. of boot camp is "Battle During the eight-week Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and a variety of training which confidence they need to the daughter of Christine included classroom study succeed in the fleet. "Battle L. Kropf and stepdaughter

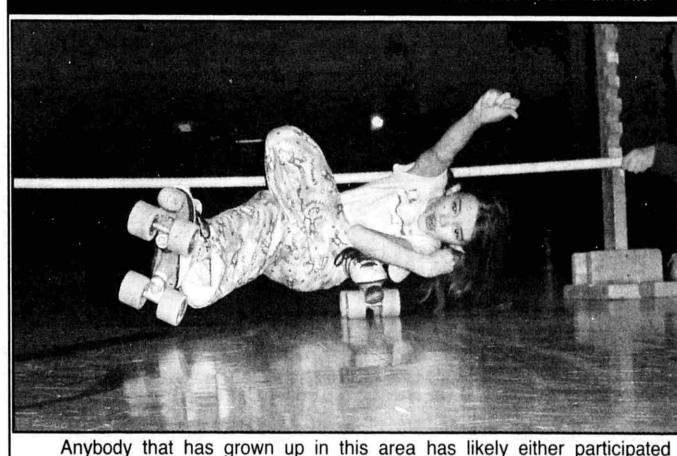
dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and

of sacrifice,

attributes

Kropf, a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School, is

Lowering the bar at RollAway



themselves or seen it done. Limbo at the skating rink - how low can you go. We believe we may have a record on our hands by a young lady from Alto - Ms. Allie Daniel. She is an 11 year old attending Clarksville Elementary and lives in



Alto with her parents and an older sister. Allie is 4 ft. 8 in. tall with an additional 4-inch lift from the skates. At the lowest #1 setting, the limbo bar is only 13.5 inches above the floor. To pull off such a feat of sailing cleanly under the lowest three settings, the skater needs topnotch balance, coordination and flexibility.

Pictured here is Allie as she just cleared the bar where her shoulder and knee are already rising from their contorted state just sub seconds before. "Pajama bottoms are a must," says

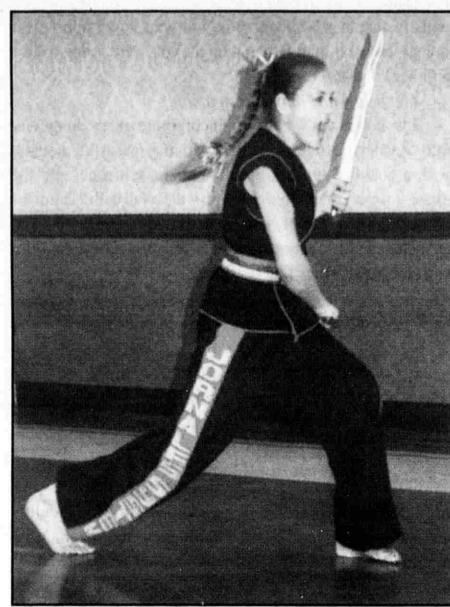
Over the last 20 years there have been just a few handfuls of skaters that notched position. The #1 setting was always thought to be impossible. Somebody forgot to tell Allie Daniel that.

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Moore to represent U.S. in July **World Championships**

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Local martial arts Fla., from July 2-9. Every student, Mariah Moore, 12, other World Championships traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., is held in the Philippines, on Feb. 17 to represent the home of the Filipino Martial



Moore in her gold medal Traditional Weapons event.

her division in the WEKAF (World Eskrima Kali Arnis Championships, Competition.

placing first and second Double Weapons, the a motorcycle in 1974. Dr. of competition, the World competition, and the silver church's pastor since 1992. Championships, which are medal in the Junior Girls held every second year. The Lightweight Double Stick 2006 World Championships Sparring. will be held in Orlando,

Federation) U.S. National entered four events and

150 years, continued ... From Page 1



An architect's drawing of the church's new sanctuary, which also features a tall steeple.

Church played a role in been. community. Local school big spark plug in the church," teachers met there in the Howard Thurtell said. to strike. Rev. Richard successful appeal to a judge, who were involved in the 1980s "numbers racket" or pyramid scheme scandal.

for the U.S. many pastors over the years do." 500 National team in three of from Hemenway and the competitors from all over them. She brought home the liberal Lemke to Greenwood the United States, only those gold medal in Traditional who arrived on the scene on move on to the next level silver medal in the team Roger La Warre has been the

> According to longtime members Ruth and Howard Thurtell, the church is now

The Congregational more vibrant than it has ever

The church has become

"It's really a much preventing the prosecution of more active church, into

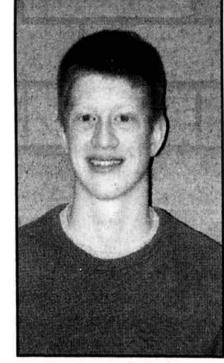
religious use, a stipulation community things," Ruth Thurtell said. "Anything property was donated. community, we know about anniversary, the church The church has had it and we know what we can is planning a celebration.

And the congregation Following a 10 a.m. worship is growing, so much so that service Sunday, featuring "Our present minister, a new sanctuary is under associate conference minin the history of the wider he has been a spark plug, a construction further north ister Rev. David Reese and on Lincoln Lake Avenue. conference minister Rev. With construction beginning Kent Ulery, the congregation Feb. 6, the congregation will go to the Lowell High involved in the should be able to move in by School cafeteria at noon for October or November. The a banquet and celebration.

The church is holding an open house Monday, that was made when the March 6 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The community is invited for cake and refreshments.

Lowell student headed for West Point

old sanctuary will remain in



Benjamin Ritzema

Lowell High School senior Benjamin Ritzema was recently accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was appointed into a class of about 1,000 from across the U.S. To be able to attend West Point, Ritzema first had to apply for a nomination from a senator or representative. He was nominated by representative Vern Ehlers. He also filled out a regular application and passed a physical aptitude test. He leaves for cadet basic training in New York June 23. Ritzema plans to study electrical engineering at the academy.

LHS counselor Bob VanBelois said this is the first time in his 27 years on the job that a Lowell High School student has been accepted to the academy. The son of Dion and Cathy Ritzema, he carried a 3.95 grade point average

Flag lighting, cont'd.... From Page 1

station, was supportive of the idea. "I'd certainly be three options: withdraw the time." willing to do that, so I think it was a win for everybody," Hoppen said.

the lights for now.

until I can procure one of those down lighting deals," Hoppen said.

The ZBA gave Hoppen lighting in place by that variance request, table it, or have the board vote on it. lighting would be acceptable Hoppen chose to have the The station will remove board table the issue until its April 24 meeting at which "It will just be dark point, Thompson said, "I flag illuminated at night. believe it will be a moot

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ordinance, while keeping the "I think we've ended

down-directed

point because he already up with the best possible will probably have the down solution for everybody," Thompson said.

Hoppen was impressed that a solution was found so amicably. Emotions could have run high, he said, with neighbors bothered by the light pitted against the patriotism associated with the flag.

"You look at something like that and that can turn ugly in a hurry," Hoppen said. "But the people of Lowell conducted themselves with a lot of integrity, I thought.'



By Dan Schneider

High School graduate is

photography, pencil drawings, charcoal, pen and ink.

off the amount of different art one person can produce." Teunis said. Teunis said.

young. The assortment on they set up around their display at the chamber grew out of his experience as an art teacher. He studied art education at Michigan State University, taught art at a school in Colorado

"I just wanted to show education, we spent time reception Thursday, March

while he was an in-school

Kelloggsville High School.

producing art since he was but everything on display he is a manager.

Students receive National Merit honors

Lowell High School scores, SAT scores and an McAlpine, plans to attend

senior Marie Lazar, left, application. The daughter Michigan State University

McAlpine, the daugh-

of Ed and Michelle Lazar.

The Pennsylvania or Michigan

Scholar State University. She

recognizes has a 4.244. grade point

on PSAT ter of Paul and Sally

was created from 2000 to the

There are photographs from a series he did in college titled "Internal "houghts," featuring his college roommates in shots

"The process was more fun than anything," Teunis said. "I thought the end result turned out pretty good."

There are also some Christmas-related works he

exhibit through March 22. "Because I was in art Teunis will host an artist's doing all sorts of things," 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. Anyone interested in talking to him A lot of his work was about art can also catch him been produced while in college, at the Flat River Grill, where

and become a hospital

pediatrician, psychiatrist

or kindergarten teacher.

Lowell artist Ryan Teunis with his piece, "Actors," which is one of several on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Property purchase, cont'd. ... From Page 4

larger than the utility company is under the gun to being taken off the tax

Pfaller said he is more requirements. Pfaller still concerned with the cost of felt the numbers needed Spill Prevention Control million to construct a brand North Washington site. and Counter Measurers new facility to meet those

Richards said the were raised about the facility

needed. The meet those requirements by rolls. City attorney Richard facility includes 45,000 this summer. At the meeting, Wendt said if a portion of square feet; the company he estimated it would the building is rented out, needs less than half of that cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 according to state law that and is looking to lease the to upgrade the Chatham portion has to go back on the facility to meet the SPCC upgrading the facility to to be more concrete than should not wait too long in meet the Environmental that, especially since it was making a decision about Protection Agency's new going to cost more than \$1 what it wants to do with the

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and developers is one way the Land Conservancy and the WWC work to keep nature nearby for local communities.

The conservancy works with developers to show how to incorporate "green" concepts and to protect larger blocks

The 6th annual Korth Conservation Series can help development in the Lowell area while keeping nature nearby. Contact the land conservancy directly to register for breakfast and presentation at 8 a.m. on March 9 at the Calvin College Prince Center on the East Beltline for a cost of \$15. Land Conservancy (451-9476) or lcwm@naturenearby.org. Web site: www.keepingnaturenearby.org.

The Wittenbach/Wege Center co-sponsors with the

Land Conservancy of West Michigan to support regional economic, social, and environmental healthy development. Conservation design of subdivisions that lessen negative Working on creative conservation plans with landowners impacts of development is important when determining a long-term positive impact of development for the

> Planning at the very beginning of development by city and township boards can greatly improve the quality of life in the Lowell area and can protect agriculture and green space. Planning by individual landowners can support healthy and economical success.

Stop in at the WWC to learn about the Land Conservancy of West Michigan and the Wege Natural Area. A Land Conservancy newsletter is in our entry.

Call 987-1002 at WWC or visit the website smueller@lowellschools.com for more information.

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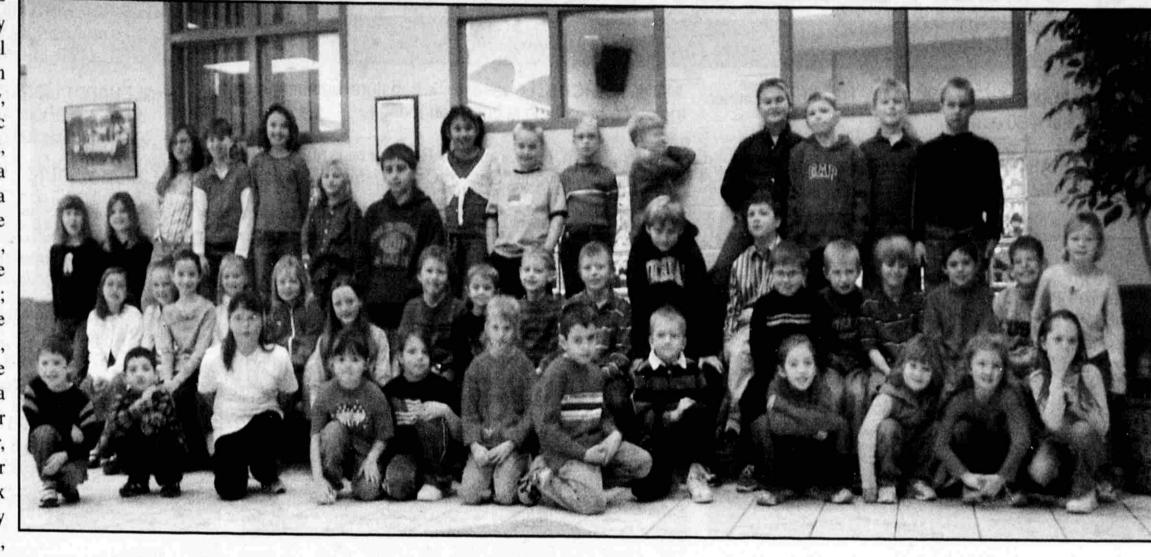
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Robert Sheldon, Liam Peterson and Elizabeth Miller; back row: Ashley Bitely, Lauren Blanchard, Santana Boulton, Kennedy Coxon, Rachel Hindley, Karmen Anderson, Grant Noskey, Jesse Toomey, Angie Baerwalde, John Wade, Callie Ford-Weber, Bailey VanAmburgh, Nathan Kyburz, Landon Nethercott and John Donnelly.

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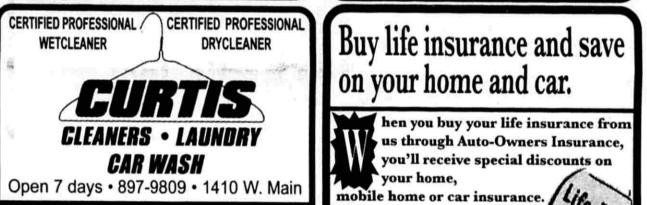
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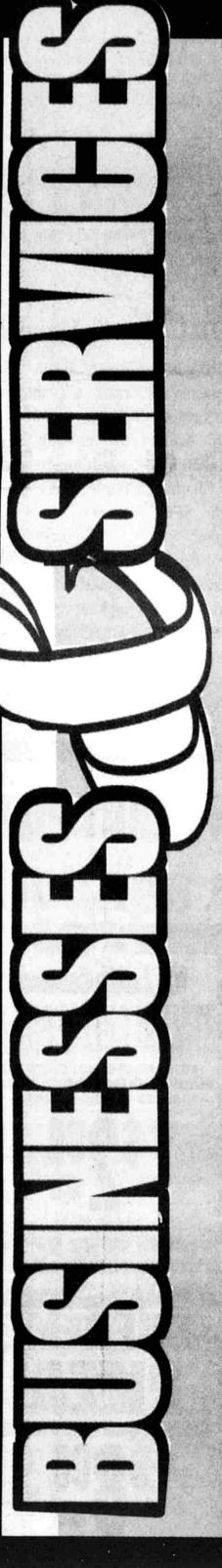
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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

THURS., MARCH 2: Lowell Senior Neighbors. Dinner at Brann's at 4:30 p.m.

THURS., MARCH 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor Activity Rm, 1 p.m. Annual dues.

FRI., MARCH 3: Organ concert, 6 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

FRI., MARCH 3: Youth basketball raffle: 4 Pistons tickets for March 26 game vs. New Jersey. \$3 each; four/ \$10. Drawing: halftime of varsity basketball game Friday, March 3. Call 987-2950 or purchase at Pep Talk.

SAT., MARCH 4: Fundraiser West Mich. Bluegrass Music Assoc. open jamming 6 p.m.; bands 7:30 p.m. at Riverview, Lowell.

MONDAYS

7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry 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 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 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

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

historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 School at 7:30 p.m. for info, or location.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights

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 St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before 897-9794. 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

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

THURS., MARCH 9: Crop Walk Rally for reps at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.Call 897-5936 for info.

SAT., MARCH 11: Holistic Health Fair at First United Methodist Church, 9-3 p.m. Free admission. Luncheon 12 - 2 p.m. Yoga, pilates, massage, aromatherapy, etc.

SAT., MARCH 11: Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

SAT., MARCH 11: Live auction at Caledonia High school to raise funds for Caledonia middle and high school bands, 7-11 p.m. Tickets: \$12 advance; \$15 at door. Free babysitting.

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner 2700 E. Fulton. is provided.

3RD MON.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at 2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran **3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose meetings are held at 7:30 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 N. Hudson St.

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

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore. 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walkins 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 Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 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.

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 nfo. 1-800-651-6000.

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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

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of

5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church,

Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371.

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.

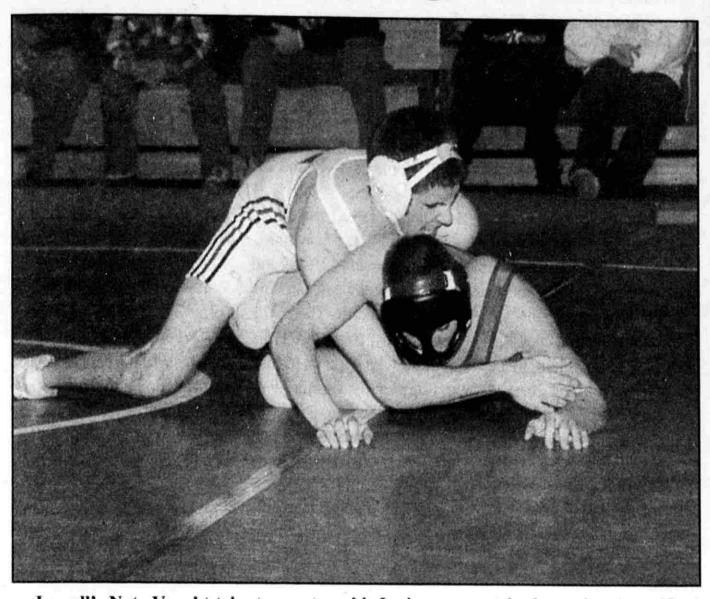
at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league,

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

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REDARROW SPORTS & TANK.

Lowell wrestling falls to Middleville in regional final



Lowell's Nate Vaught tries to overturn his Ionia opponent in the regional semifinal match.

By Dan Schneider

It was a great night of the last five matches. wrestling with both teams putting strong performances decisioned Tim Gingerich 9- just the pain you feel when Lowell.

to Middleville-Thornapple 140. Scott Brown technical-Kellogg, 32-31 in the regional falled Steve Kerr 20-5. Bill question of not stopping. final. Lowell jumped out to Bird won a 5-2 decision over until they overcame what over John Fleet at 160. had been a 22-6 deficit.

in the 171 match, pinning at the end. Dennis Olson in 38 seconds. Then Alex Fleet won a 17- they're solid all the way 7 major decision against Middleville's Ryan Brock in Dean said. the 189 match.

Derrick Brock pinned Lowell's Phil Burton in 2:51 in the 215 match.

Dominic Doyle extended by pinning Mike Munjoy in 2:39 in the 275 match on a reversal. Lowell's Tyler Jack also created a reversal of fortune in his match. Trailing 7-0, he caught Tucker Bowerman and pinned him at the 3:36 mark.

At 112, Middleville's Kyle Dalton won a major decision over Ryan Dean,

Lowell's Zach Baum (119) pinned John Wallace in :32. That gave the Arrows their widest lead margin of the night, 28-10.

Middleville's Justin Lewis technical-falled Ray Seese in the 125 match, 28-

Lowell's Karasiewicz (130) won a 12-6 decision over Brett Tinker. That gave Lowell a 31-15

lead before Middleville won down every avenue that we

6. James Smith won a 16-9 you lose, not the pain of not In the end, Lowell lost decision over Justin Boss at going for it."

It was a tough loss to a

through," Lowell coach Dave state runner-up team.

pleased with their effort.

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an early lead with some big Eric Dean in a 152 match give up," Middleville coach pins. But the Trojans stayed in which neither scored in Tom Lehman said. "We got in it. They chipped away the first period. Then Travis thrown on our backs a few little by little: a technical fall Young capped the Trojan times when we shouldn't here, a major decision there, comeback with a 32-31 win have, but we kept battling and battling."

Senior Brock Graham tough team, coming down to uphill battle through most started the dual for Lowell a series of difficult matches of their season after a rough start. It took their team a "They're a good team, while to adjust to an exodus of seniors from last year's

But the Arrows can be year, we had a lot of seniors "I was really proud of match time," Lehman said. how my staff, and how my "It took a while for them to guys prepared to compete," understand in a tough, hard- 171 weight, pinning Spring the Lowell lead to 10 again Dean said. "If we didn't, we nosed match you gotta be Lake's Nick Miller in 3:55 in could have lost big. We went tough and hard-nosed."

needed to go down, to try tougher or more hard-nosed Mark Brown (135) to win that dual. The pain is than last Wednesday's tilt in

For Middleville, it was a

"I told the kids, 'Don't

Middleville had an

who didn't have a lot of

Lowell's Tim Gingerich tries for a pin against his Ionia opponent in the team regional

semifinal.

Matches don't get much

against Ionia. "Ionia is a building program, they're doing a

good job," Dean said. Middleville won 47-21 in a semifinal against

Middleville advances to Battle Creek while the rest of the Lowell season rides on the shoulders of its 10 individual regional qualifiers. Lowell has six individual

wrestlers bound for the state individual tournament March 9-11 at the Palace of Auburn "At the beginning of the Hills. At the division 2 regional at Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, Lowell's Brock Graham won the individual regional championship at the

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Other Lowell wrestlers Phillips in the final match of who made it to final matches the 189 weight. were Zach Baum, who was Lowell's pinned in :57 in the 119 Karasiewicz won the third-

final by Caledonia's Justin place match at 130 with a 9-2 final, the Arrows won 46-25 Maxim; John Fleet who decision over Ryan Dietrich lost a 10-5 decision to Luke of Coopersville. Chris Boersma of Kenowa Hills Roelofs took fourth place at in the 160 final; and Alex 145, losing by 13-4 major Fleet who lost a 16-3 major decision to Nick Legato of decision to Northview's Alex Zeeland East.

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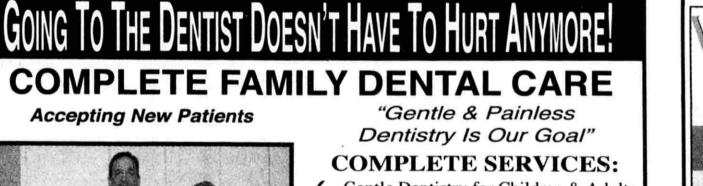
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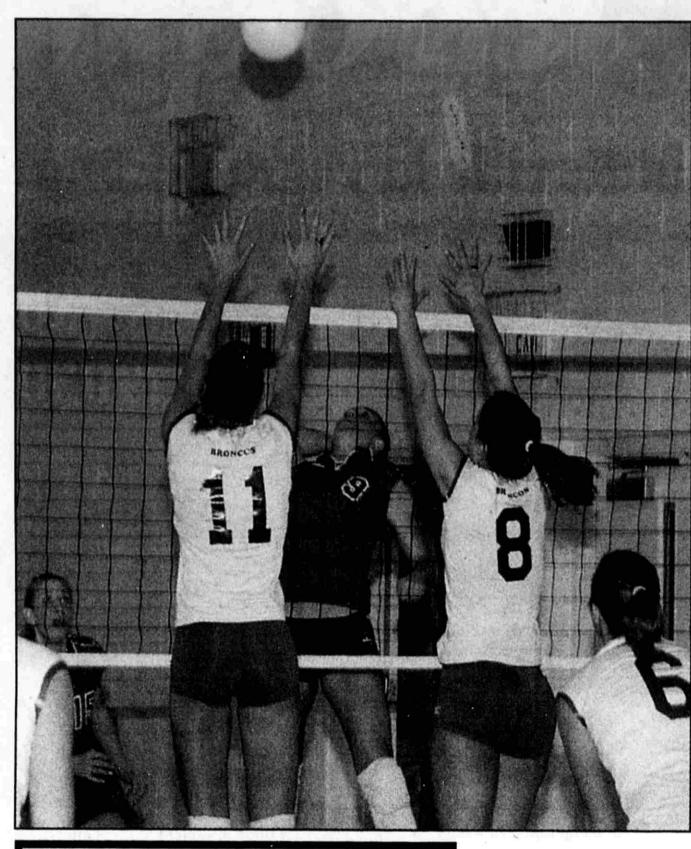
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Lowell volleyball places third in OK White tourney



By Dan Schneider

The Lowell volleyball tougher route," Peal said. team ended the conference season on a high note Saturday at the conference tournament in Greenville.

"We played incredible," Lowell coach Gigi Peal

third in the tournament and said got there the hard way.

East Grand Rapids, Lowell 27. split the first two games before losing the third and again, this time winning Broncos. the match 16-14. That put in two games, 25-20 and Lowell in the loser's bracket 28-26, to get back into the White finish gives Lowell where they had to beat winner's bracket. There, the Kenowa Hills and face East Arrows lost to Forest Hills for Wednesday's crossover Grand Rapids again to get Central, who went on to lose match with Zeeland East back in the winner's bracket to Forest Hills Northern in and Caledonia at Caledonia. of the double-elimination the final match.

"We had to take the

Lowell beat Kenowa Hills, eliminating the Knights from the tournament (they had already lost to Forest Hills Central)

most intense match these The Red Arrows placed guys have played," Peal

Lowell won the match Grandville, Coopersville In the first match against in two games, 25-19 and 29-

The third place finish exactly what we need going put Lowell in fourth place into the district tournament," Lowell's Eva Wilcox in the overall conference Peal said. attempts to spike the standings for the season. past Coopersville Their play also gave Peal begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at defenders in last Tuesday's some confidence going Lowell High School. Lowell into Saturday's district starts out against Cadillac.

tournament, which Lowell

some good competition

"The team that I knew had all season finally showed up to play," she said. "The intensity level was there. Nine, 10 people "That was probably the stepped up and played out of

this season in tier three Last Tuesday, Lowell match with took Rockford, which tied with 5:55 left in the third. for third place in tier one and Belding. The Arrows beat the bulldogs and the Then Lowell faced East Red Skins but lost to the The fourth place OK

> effort by the kids," said the Rockford goalkeeper in them." Lowell-Caledonia coach overtime, but was unable to "Hopefully, we have hand, I'm sad that it had to second overtime. The district tournament end that way."

most spectacular effort.

By Dan Schneider

with Rockford.

which tied for fourth place DeClerq.

Lowell-Caledonia Kowalski was outstanding," Even though the result jumped out to a 2-0 lead Ballard said. "I told him was a season-ending loss for in the first period. The first before the game he would Lowell-Caledonia, the team goal was scored unassisted have to have the game of couldn't ask for a better and shorthanded by Kyle his life and he pretty much game than Monday's pre- Baker at the 4:28 mark. At did." regional first-round match 5:24 into the game, Joel

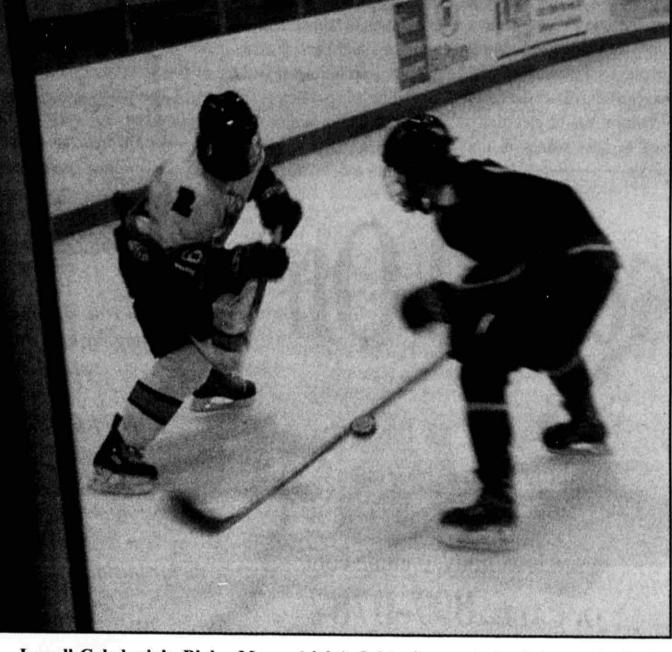
Kowalski stopped 48 Scheele scored on an assist out of 51 shots for a save Lowell-Caledonia, from Kyle Austin and Austin percentage of 94.

Lowell-Caledonia hockey shows spark in loss to Rockford

Overall, the game was a Rockford scored in the good experience for a young of the OK hockey league, second period and again team.

"I feel badly for the two With strong defense and seniors who are leaving us, into double overtime at some great saves by Cory but what a way to go, to get Patterson Ice Center. Even Kowalski, the Arrows/Scots to play in such an exciting though it was a 3-2 loss, the held the 2-2 tie for the rest game," Ballard said. "The Red Arrows/Fighting Scots of regulation and through kids who are coming back ended the season with their the first eight-minute next year, they finally most spectacular game, and overtime. Lowell-Caledonia understand the kind of effort was able to control the puck they need to have every "That's an amazing enough to put pressure on game and I'm just proud of

Scheele, a junior from Mike Ballard. "On the one get a lot of high-percentage Caledonia, received allhand, I'm really proud of shots. Rockford won the conference honors this their effort and on the other game on a goal 2:05 into the season. Austin, a senior from Lowell, received honorable "Our goaltender, Cory mention all conference.



Lowell-Caledonia's Blake Myers (right) fights for control of the puck during

GRATTAN **TOWNSHIP** NOTICE **BOARD OF REVIEW**

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL** 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD **BELDING, MICHIGAN 48809**

ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006 Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon to receive the assessment roll

AND

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006 Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon

from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. Additional hearings will be scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. if required.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to The Board of Review, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Belding, Michigan 48809

Written appeals must be received by March 9, 2006.

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Lowell bowling headed for state

By Dan Schneider

BothRedArrowbowling meet. teams qualified for the team girls' team finished third. 186 per game. The top four teams in each regional advance to state.

behind Fremont and had of 1,236 (average of 206 a team pin total of 4,072. per game). Greg Sherman Rogers took first place in the placed sixth with a six-game girls regional, rolling 3,502 score of 1,229 (per-game followed by Sparta with average of 204). Anthony 3,309. The Lowell girls' pin Everitt rolled a six-game total was 3,306.

Three Red Arrows also game average) to tie for the

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-01

ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY

Ordinance No. 06-01 amends Sections 2.02

and 2.04 of Chapter 2 and adds Section 4.23

to Chapter 4 of Appendix A - Zoning

Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the

City of Lowell. Such amendment defines the

terms "awning" and "canopy" and regulates

Ordinance No. 06-01 is effective 10 days after

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City Clerk

their location in certain zone districts.

this publication.

COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 21, 2006

qualified for the singles state seventh and final singles state meet begins at 8:30 Ashley Nawrocki placed lost 40-38 in a 9/10 frame in). Both state meets will be

state meet at Saturday's second in girls' singles rolloff. regional at Northway Lanes competition at the regional, in Muskegon. The boys' with a six-game score of starts at 8:30 a.m. Friday of Detroit. team finished second and the 1,119. That's an average of (7 a.m. check-in). The team

For the Lowell boys, Brandon Jahnke finished The boys team finished fifth with a six-game score score of 1,215 (202 per

state qualifying spot, but a.m. Saturday (7 a.m. check-

held at Sunnybrook Lanes The singles state meet in Sterling Heights outside

Cheerleading takes fifth place at conference meet

competitive cheer team Caledonia and Byron Center, placed fifth Saturday at the OK White/Gold conference meet at Kenowa Hills.

174.5 in round one, 163.8 scored 575.0. Middleville in round two, and 279.5 in Thornapple-Kellogg placed round three for a total score seventh; Hamilton, eighth.

combined team took first meet Saturday at Mt. place at the event with a Pleasant. score of 686.0. Kenowa Hills

The Lowell varsity placed second followed by whose score was 639.8.

Lowell finished well ahead of sixth-place Lowell's scores were Wayland Union, which

Lowell's The Forest Hills competition is the regional

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Red Arrow basketball victorious over Forest Hills Central The Lowell boys the arc played a key role climbed back in it, trailing however, outscoring the as did Ryan Lane. Ryan 20. Lane led Lowell with

this season with a win Friday them. at Forest Hills Central.

.500 mark overall and were The Arrows hit 10 of 14 Forest Hills Central took guaranteed at least a .500 three point shots, with Josh the lead in the third quarter. with 28 points. He was

Lowell led 17-10 after Shots from behind one quarter, but the Rangers the final quarter of the game, Mike McElroy scored eight rebounded the Arrows 28-

the end of that period. throw line. Justin Harden line.

basketball team hit the in Lowell's 65-58 win. only 31-28 at halftime. Rangers 21-11 for the win. Converse scored five for the eight boards. Hettinga led Lowell Red Arrows.

finish in conference games Hettinga supplying six of They were on top 47-44 at six-for-seven from the free 15-21 from the free throw host an OK Green crossover Lowell took control in put in nine points for Lowell, The Rangers out-

As a team, Lowell was Northview Tuesday. They

Lowell gymnastics takes sixth place at conference meet

By Dan Schneider

Lowell placed sixth 126.875. Saturday in the OK Rainbow gymnastics tournament.

GYMNASTICS

Their team score was (8.4), Becca Underwood

vault were Kelli Kowalski (7.85).

(8.35), Richelle Kimble Lowell's top scorers on (8.20) and Leeannah Seese

Kimble (7.6).

Lowell's top scorers on floor exercise were Underwood (8.825), Seese (7.675), Kimble (7.575) and Mandy Vezino (7.50).

Underwood's floor exercise score was the sixth-highest overall the conference meet. She

Lowell's Underwood, pictured far left, placed sixth overall in the floor exercise event.

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Top Red Arrow scorers received all conference West Catholic, and Mona on bars were Kimble (8.35), honorable mention. Underwood (7.95), Seese

(7.55), and Andrea Coffey first place at the meet with a Kentwood. score of 141.050. Rockford Underwood (8.45), Seese by Kenowa Hills, East regional meet. (7.9), Kowalski (7.65) and Grand Rapids-Caledonia-

Shores. Lowell finished Forest Hills Blue took ahead of Holland and East Lowell will travel to

beam were was second followed Rockford Saturday for the

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION **LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of February 21, 2006, the Lowell Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 02-2006, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amending ordinance amends Sections 6.6.2 through 6.7.4 which pertains to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals. The amendments provide specific standards for the review of variance requests, prohibit the Board from granting use variances and prohibit the Board from hearing appeals pertaining to special land uses and planned unit developments.

The ordinance shall become effective March 8, 2006. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

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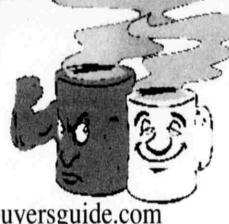
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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE **BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review of Bowne Township wil meet at the Historic Township Hall - 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto on:

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006 10:00 A.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

> **MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006** 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (EVENING HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

For the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of (2) ways: by letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 7, 2006

Or by appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets

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Thank you Mr. Bush, for having character, integrity and treating the office of the president with respect.

> Why isn't there any mention of the orchestra program in the school?

Everyone has gotten upset with our postal system, but that is no excuse to let your dog do his business right in front of the Lowell Post Office's steps! Shame on you!

Why do so many parents in Lowell think that they are being "cool" if they serve their kids and their kids' friends alcohol? It's breaking the law, what a great example they are teaching.

I still get WKAR-TV just fine. It's called a roof top TV antenna! Remember those?

Why is it that the President wants to hire a foreign company to oversee some of our ports? I'm sure that there are many companies in the U.S. that could do the job.

LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The March board of review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

> You may appeal assessed valuation one of two ways:

1.) To appear at the Board of Review, call on Tuesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., (616) 897-7600, to schedule an appointment.

2.) By letter addressed to:

Lowell Township/Assessor 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331

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> Linda Regan Lowell Township Clerk

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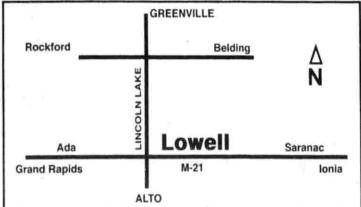


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