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## Windy city

The flags along the Riverwalk Plaza in Lowell stood straight out from their poles Monday evening as south and southwest winds gusted over 45 miles per hour through town. The wind was enough to put a choppy surface on the usually calm Flat River and send leaves rustling. The high winds accompanied a dramatic temperature shift from the spring-like weekend to Tuesday's return of winter.

## Tests show air quality in good shape at Lowell Middle School

By Dan Schneider

Testing of several factors related to air quality at Lowell Middle School did not reveal significant health risks according to a report issued in late January.

"They weren't able to locate any significant mold at all," LAS director of transportation and operations Larry Mikulski said.

Lowell Area Schools (LAS) hired a total of six contractors to perform a long list of tests and repairs on the building over this year's winter break. A summary report by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. said the "overall condition and cleanliness of the school is in excellent condition."

Some of the contractors have not yet billed the district for their services, but Mikulski estimated the total cost of the tests at \$19,000.

Environmental Health Resources, Inc. (EHR), which performed the bulk of the air quality tests, issued a

report stating that no unusual or unhealthy environmental conditions existed for most occupants.

The tests were performed after repeated complaints from parents whose children suffered health problems they believed were attributed to the middle school environment. Pat Murphy made the issue a priority soon after his selection in September as the district's interim superintendent. Assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Mark Kasmer took charge of the testing project during its final stages while Murphy was on vacation.

"We're elated because we were unsure what kinds of results we would get with the concerns that were brought to our attention," he said. "Safety and welfare, those are things that are pre-considerations before the educating of children."

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## Here comes the Expo - March 25

By Dan Schneider

This year's Lowell Community Expo promises to be better than ever.

"I think, again, the vendors are finding more and more ways to be creative in their displays and make it fun and get the community involved in it," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker said.

This will be the 10th time the chamber hosts the expo at Lowell High School. As many as 158 local businesses and organizations will be showcased at the event, which is designed to show Lowell residents, young and old, what the community has to offer.

Something new this year is the addition of live demonstrations. There have been some demonstrations in the past: True Vine Tree



Care demonstrated its tree climbing equipment and Lowell Light and Power has showcased its line repair equipment. Both will return this year along with several additions.

B & G Service will present free birdhouse workshops for kids ages 6-10 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"They'll have everything, kind of like a little kit, and they'll help kids build their little birdhouse," Baker said.

Another live demonstration will be dog and cat grooming by Wags Pet Grooming periodically throughout the day. Dream Maker Bath & Kitchen will present "The Changing American Kitchen" at 11:30 a.m. in one of the high school classrooms. It will be a multimedia retrospective of kitchen design, decor and appliances from the 1940s to now.

The Lowell Community Expo features entertainment all day, as well as popular local mascots. There will also be giveaways and door prizes. Lowell Area Schools is providing food and beverages. Admission and parking are free.

The community expo will be at the high school, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## HAGGAI

John Joseph Haggai, aged 66, of Lowell, died Thursday, March 9, 2006. He was preceded in death by his father Leo. He is survived by his wife Barbara; children T.J. Haggai of Holland, MI, Jason Clark of Grand Rapids, Jim Clark of Washington, DC, David Gonyon of Alto; mother Al Haggai of Lowell; sisters Leigh Basler, Debbie (Curt) Parks, Judy Haggai; many brothers- and sisters-in-law. There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW #8303, 3116 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331.

## KELLOGG

Mary Ann Westcott Kellogg, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 10, 2006. She was born January 7, 1948. She graduated from Lowell High School and attended the Michigan State University florist program. She was the owner of Nature's Emporium floral shop in Lowell in the '70s. She returned to the Lowell area after living 18 years in California where she and her husband Jerry were in management of self-storage. Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 18 at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

## LA LONE

Mrs. Delsie I. LaLone, aged 96, of Alto, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, March 9, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Floyd. Surviving are her children Doris (William) Frisbie, Marvin (Barbara) LaLone; 11 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; sister Lucille Blakely; brothers Howard (Liz) Force, Jim (Francis) Force; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held March 13 at Stroo Funeral Home with Rev. Roger Bultman officiating. Interment in Alaska Cemetery.

## MILLER

LeRoy "Ted" Miller, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away March 9, 2006. He survived by his wife Nina; children Jim and Cheryl Miller, Anita Miller, Lisa Storrs, Bob and Cathy Miller, Russell and Anna Collins, Ron Miller; grandchildren Jamie Larsen, LeRoy Lozada, Brent Storrs, Craig Miller, James Lozada, Calina Collins, Logan, Storrs; many great-grandchildren. A private memorial service has taken place.

## MITCHELL

Mr. Arthur William Mitchell (Maciulaitis), aged 76, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2006. Art worked at McInerney Spring and Wire for 30 years, and had a passion for the family farm in Belmont. He is survived by his sons Randy and Robin Wilson of Plainfield Township, Roger Wilson of Lowell; sisters Leta Maciulaitis of Sand Lake, Nancy and Dave Greenman of Argentina; brother Henry and Barb Maciulaitis of Pierson; nieces and nephews. The service was held March 13 at Pederson Funeral Home. Interment in Plainfield Township Cemetery.

## ROLLINS

Gerald E. Rollins, aged 87, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Sunday, February 26, 2006. He was born January 18, 1919, in Lowell, to Ellis and Mary (Courter) Rollins. He served in the United States Army during WWII,

and had an insurance agency in Lowell. He was active in youth work at his church, cub scouts, the American Legion and Lowell School Board. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sebring, and has many friends living at the Palms of Sebring. He was a resident of Sebring since 1999, coming from Ft. Myers, Fla., where he was a resident since 1965. He is survived by his wife Elenor M. Rollins of Sebring; son Richard Rollins of Dundee, Mich.; daughter Elizabeth "Beth" Skipper of Sebring; sisters Lorraine Page of Saranac, Ruth Rifenberg and Theresa Posthumus of Grand Rapids; brother Rev. Roger Rollins of Dayton, Ohio; six grandchildren Jamie, Kelly, Gerri, Chris, Ellie, Sammie; 10 beautiful great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held March 4 at the Palms of Sebring. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made

to First United Methodist Church of Sebring, or Little Lambs Prison Ministries.

## WINGEIER

Bertha Grusy Wingeier, aged 89, of Alto, born on March 3, 1917, in Gridley, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 9, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents Leo and Jacobina Grusy; brothers Edward and Elmer Grusy; sisters Aldene Schurter, Frieda Grusy, Persida Wiegand and a sister who died in childhood; granddaughter Mary Catherine Wingeier. Her father and grandfather were ministers in the Apostolic Christian Church of America in the Eureka, Gridley and Goodfield area of Illinois where Bertha was raised. Bertha married David Wingeier (a dairy farmer) on February 19, 1939 and moved to Alto. She was a dedicated wife for 57 years. Bertha was also a loving mother of sons Stanford

(Elaine), Larry (Carol), Bruce (Tammi) of Alto; daughter Sharon (Terry) Zimmerman of Spring Hill, TN; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. Bertha and Dave worked many years together in farming at 7336 Wingeier Ave. and later in life enjoyed wintering in Florida until her husband passed away in Sarasota on March 8, 1996 at age 79. Bertha spent her final years in a condominium unit in the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka, Illinois. She was a lifelong member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Funeral services were Sunday at the Apostolic Christian Church of Alto, Elder Aaron Steffen and Minister Jaye Rinkenberger, officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka, 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, Illinois 61530.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT KENT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO. 06-01638-DM 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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4495 Frost Ave. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Plaintiff's attorney  
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(P45285)  
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4519 Cascade Rd. SE,  
Ste. 14  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

vs.  
Defendant  
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 shall 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 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,  
Judge

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO. 06-02341-DO

Honorable Kathleen A. Feeney

Plaintiff  
SHANI RAE MOGUEL  
v  
defendant  
FEDERICO F. MOGUEL

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TO FEDERICO F. MOGUEL  
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Wyoming, MI 49548

COURT ADDRESS:  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503

1. This Court has ordered that you be served by publication.  
2. You are notified that you are being sued by plaintiff in this court for a Judgment of Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the address above on or before April 28, 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.  
3. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.  
4. The court waives mailing a copy of this order to defendant Federico F. Moguel at the last known address.

Kathleen A. Feeney  
(P40614)  
Circuit Court Judge  
March 7, 2006

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## Many benefits for power company at new site

By Dan Schneider

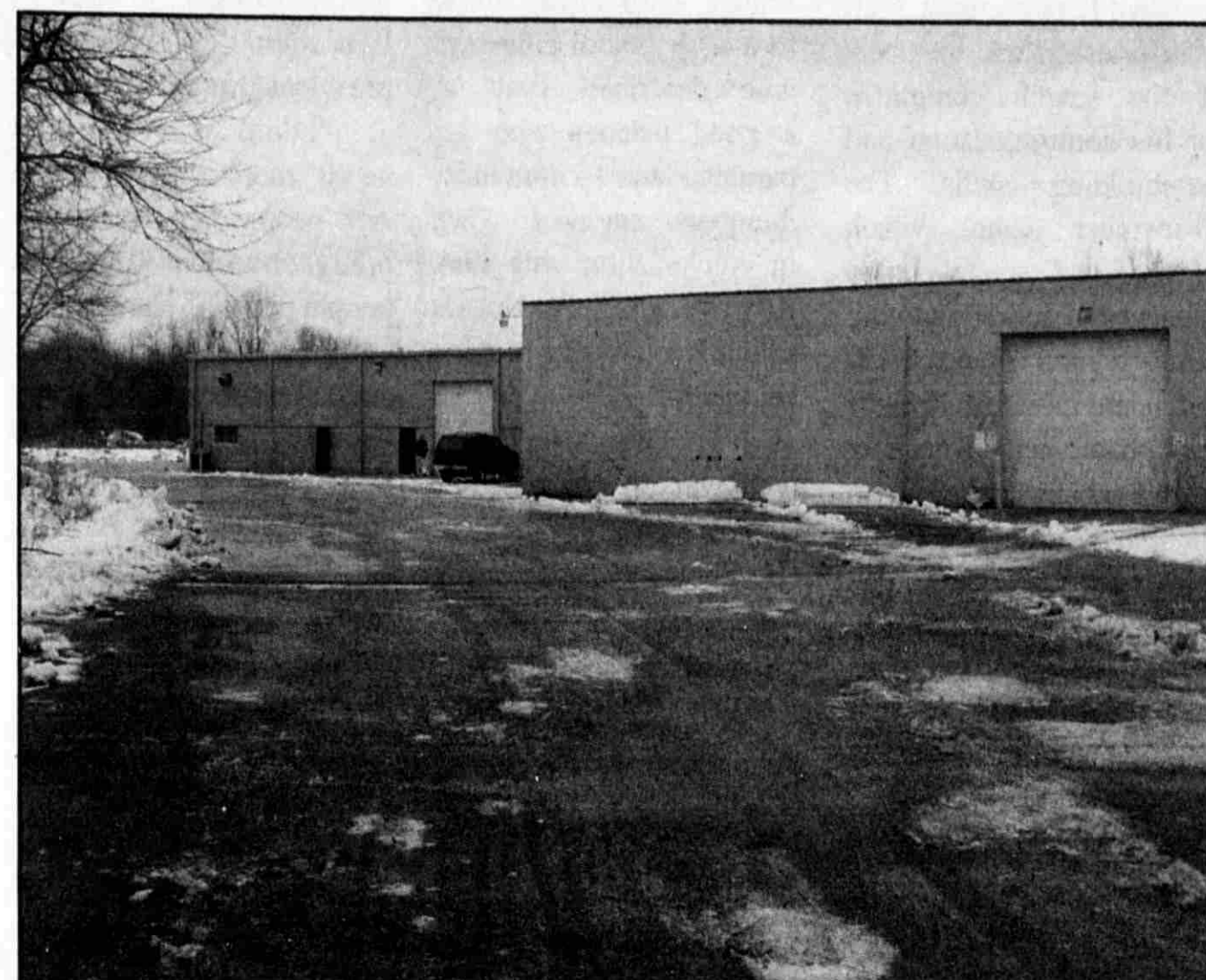
Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) feels added space is just one of the benefits of the area it is purchasing at the former Newell Manufacturing plant on Chatham Street.

Actually, LL&P general manager Tom Richards said the large space creates one of the few problems with the new location.

"It's big and we're going to have to take responsibility for (maintaining) a larger building," Richards said.

The utility (or city?) has signed an asset purchase agreement to buy the property for \$975,000 for use as an equipment storage facility. All that remains to be done to complete the deal are a few formalities such as surveys, title work and environmental assessments. The building will replace the utility's storage facility on North Washington Street.

High on the list of advantages of the new building is the amount of enclosed space. New Environmental Protection Agency regulations require enclosed storage of transformers, which LL&P



The former Newell Manufacturing plant on Chatham Street will provide much needed storage for Lowell Light and Power.

had stored outside at the North Washington site. Those regulations are what caused the utility to reassess its facility needs in the first place.

"Almost everything we use with the exception of utility poles will be inside, out of the weather, and behind locked doors," Richards said.

That includes pole

trucks and other utility vehicles, which have been stored outdoors. Richards said storing the vehicles inside will decrease maintenance costs and allow them to start faster in the winter.

"The response time is going to be a lot better and the wear and tear is going to be a lot less on our vehicles," Richards said.

The more central location (the Washington Street storage facility is at the end of a dead end road) will be more efficient for LL&P work crews. And, Richards said, "It's an existing industrial facility so our truck traffic is going to be on roads that were made for it."

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## Vergennes Open Space Committee invites entries into art show on rural character

The Open Space Citizens Committee of Vergennes Township is inviting artists to submit work for a show on rural character. All types of artwork are eligible for consideration, so long as they are manageable by one person and can fit through a standard sized door.

This includes paintings, sculptures, poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction. The artwork should address rural character, which is a fairly broad topic.

Art will be displayed at the township hall in the meeting room from April 12 to May 10. Works for submission should be

delivered to the township hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, on March 24, 27 or 29 during regular, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., business hours. An artists' reception will be held at 6:15 p.m. April 26, prior to a public education forum about open spaces and rural character.

Prizes will be awarded

based on popular vote by the viewing public. There will be a \$75 prize for adults and a \$50 prize for youth (under 18). Registration forms can be obtained at the Vergennes Township office. For more information, contact township clerk Mari Stone at 897-5671.

The Open Space Citizens Committee, which is putting on the exhibit with all volunteer help, is also seeking donations to support the prizes.


## Cherry Creek Elementary hosts family fun and fitness night

Cherry Creek Elementary will host a family fun and fitness night Friday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the school gym. Parents are invited to come with their children and take part in activities that focus on fitness. Activities include an obstacle course; jumping rope; hula hooping;

balloons; basketball; bowling and the elementary gym-class favorite, the parachute. Guest speaker Lynn Draigh from Spectrum Health will give a presentation on nutrition, including handouts on the topic and nutritional snacks and ideas. There will also

be a dance competition on a computerized dance pad.

The event is sponsored by Lowell Family Resource Centers and the elementary physical education staff.



**LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO**  
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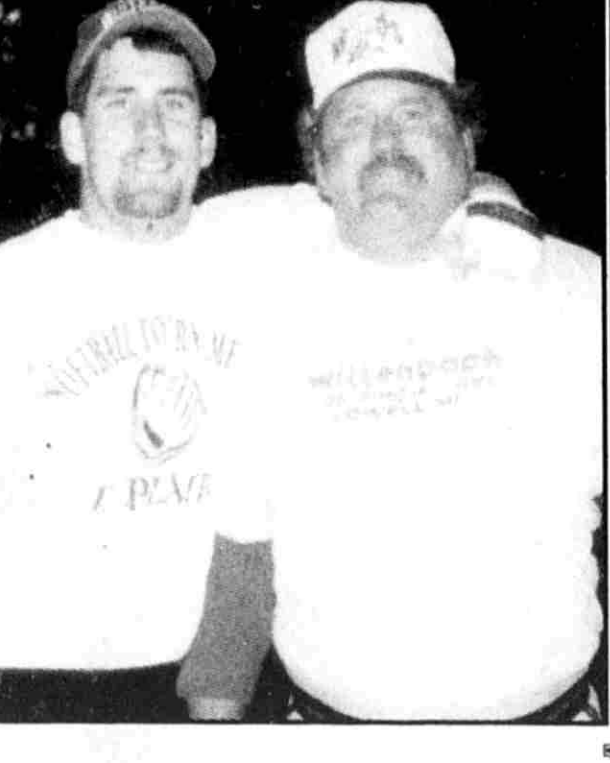


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Dad,  
I thought of you today,  
I think of you everyday, but today I cried.  
I thought about my girls  
not getting a chance to know you,  
And it made me sad. But then I smiled,  
I smiled because I know  
my girls see you everyday,  
They see you in me and I  
am grateful for that.  
Dad I miss you.

God has you in his keeping;  
we have you in our hearts.  
Missing you,  
Todd, Deb, Breanna, Britney



**APPS ACCEPTED FOR DRIVER'S ED**  
Applications for Driver's Ed may be picked up at the high school, middle school and at Unity now through March 30. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate and \$150 are needed to sign up; the remaining \$150 is due the first day of class. Classes: June 12-29/July 10-27. Eligibility date: Nov. 10, 1991.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**  
Woman2Woman is a fun, inspirational night out that meets at Impact Church, Thursdays, March 16 and 30. Call 897-8304 for more information.

**GALLERY TALK**  
Sara Alberts, artist and art historian, will talk on "Understanding Modern Art" at the 20th annual West Mich. Regional Competition exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council, Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. For more info, call 897-8545 or go to www.lowellartscouncil.org

**SCHOLARSHIP APPS AVAILABLE**  
LHS seniors can now pick up general local scholarship applications at the Student Services Center. They are due to Mrs. Nauta in the SSC by Friday, March 17. Other scholarships also available. Call 987-2913 for a list.

**LOWELL HEAD START**  
Your 3 or 4 year old child may qualify for a free preschool. To find out how, contact Lowell Head Start at 897-7920. Offered to low income families in the Lowell area.

**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. Weekends by appt.

**LOWELL VETS TO TALK AT LPAC**  
The program "Wartime Heroes-The Lifesavers" will be at Lowell High School on March 21 at 7 p.m. Vets will discuss their wartime experiences (WWII & Vietnam). All welcome.

**EXPO COMING SOON**  
The 10th annual Lowell Community Expo will be at Lowell High School, Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Over 150 businesses, service groups, churches and gov't agencies; entertainment, giveaways, refreshments. Admission/parking free.

**ART EXHIBIT AT HUNTINGTON**  
Local artist Kendra Postma has a mixed media art exhibit at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main, now through April 4 during regular business hours. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or visit their website at www.lowellartscouncil.org



# Pratt named new LAS superintendent

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools has a new superintendent.

The LAS board of education unanimously



Greg Pratt

decided to offer Greg Pratt the district's superintendent position last Tuesday. He accepted the offer by phone a short time later. The district's superintendent search committee visited Pratt's current district, Kent City Community Schools, earlier in the day.

"It would be a big jump from that size district to our size district ... but I think he has the skills to make that jump," said board president Nancy Hopkins.

The board confirmed the offer and its acceptance by Pratt by unanimous vote at its regular meeting Monday.

Last Tuesday night, Pratt was praised by members of the search committee for his communication and teambuilding skills. The 14-member team, which consisted of school board members, community members and school staff, had heard positive reviews from people in the Kent City district.

"They were not wanting to let him go; (they said) that he made a big difference in their community in a short amount of time," Student Development director Kathy Cole told the board.

Some members of the

search committee talked to a high school counselor who described Pratt as a good listener who got parents and community members engaged when in conversation with him. Board secretary Pat Nugent said this reflected a genuine sentiment.

"This was not a person who was on our schedule ... you could tell he was speaking off the cuff," Nugent said.

Kent City Community members told the search committee Pratt has helped to build partnerships in that town. That is a skill which

was important to Lowell Education Association president Doranne Truax.

"I think what the district needs more than anything is a people person and it's pretty clear that Greg is a people person," she said.

Lowell High School student council president Brooke Liu said she thinks Pratt is someone students could relate to.

Hopkins expressed hope that Pratt would bring stability to a district that has had an interim superintendent for months.

"One of the things I was looking for in a candidate

was one who could help us get our feet back under us," Hopkins said.

Pratt has called the Lowell Area Schools superintendency a long-term position. He plans to move to Lowell with his wife Liz and their two children.

Pratt was selected from an original field of 25 candidates. His start time and salary are pending final contract approval. Board members Peter Haefner and James Turner were absent from last Tuesday's vote; Haefner was absent Monday.

# Assistant superintendent takes post in Sparta

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Mark Kasmer is leaving the district April 1 for the same job in Sparta Area Schools.

Kasmer spent two years in the position at Lowell. It was his first time as an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

While Kasmer acknowledged there has been instability in the

Lowell schools central office administration during his time here, he said this was not a major factor in his decision to apply for the job in Sparta.

"I'm not mad or angry or anything of that nature, you just never know when things are going to come up in our industry and when they come up, you have to make a decision," he said.

Kasmer considers Sparta his home district. He spent 10 years there as an

elementary principal before being hired at Lowell Area Schools. He said leaving before the end of the school year has to do with Sparta's timeline. They had been without a curriculum director since December.

"The timing of this is what it is," Kasmer said. "You cannot predict these things when job offers occur. Unfortunately, the timing for Lowell is not the best it could be."

LAS board of education

president Nancy Hopkins said while the district will miss Kasmer, it will manage in his absence.

"Because of the work that was done on the curriculum while Mark was here, there is a certain amount of confidence that the curriculum improvements will continue to take place," Hopkins said. "The board knows that we will miss Mark in the district, but we know a lot of good work has been done and the foundations are set for future improvement."

The district will not select a new assistant superintendent until incoming superintendent Greg Pratt begins work. Pratt's start date has not yet been determined.

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**Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.**

- H. G. Wells (1866 - 1946)

# New site, continued ... From Page 3

The larger building will allow Lowell to consolidate its storage facilities. It could

eliminate the need for the green building on Riverside

Drive, where LL&P parks its pickup trucks.

Lowell Light and Power will only be able to use about half of the space in the new building. It hopes to lease the rest, or the city might find a use for some of the space. But such plans have not yet been established.

"We haven't come up with any proposals at this point, but that's something that we're looking at," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

Richards said the extra space might also come in handy if the city needs to build new local generating capacity in the future.



# Sharing The Vision

With Pat Murphy  
Interim Superintendent

As we approach the beginning of spring we eagerly await the warm days with sunshine. We know from time to time the weather will keep changing back and forth as we move to a new season.

This time of the year also brings the beginning of the baseball season. This time of year leads me to recall Mr. Ernie Harwell, the hall of fame baseball announcer and his opening broadcast for spring training when he would recite the following from the biblical Song of Solomon:

For the winter is past,  
The rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of the song of the birds has come,  
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

This would reassure us that despite results of the past "season" or the many changes that have taken place with one's favorite team, the game has survived and the future will be brighter than the past.

Lowell Area Schools is also facing a new beginning. This past "season" has brought us many changes and heartaches. Yet the district has survived and will be stronger in the future. Lowell Area Schools once again has shown its great resiliency. This is due to the students, parents, all employees, and Board of Education of the district. Just as importantly it is due to a caring and supportive community. As this new "season" approaches, the future will be greater because of the solid foundation of the community and members of the school district.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Interim Superintendent Pat Murphy, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or pmurphy@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowell-schools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com)

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**  
From The Office Of  
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# Viewpoint



The last three days have been a test of character. At least that's a way of putting a positive spin on a list of things that haven't gone as smoothly as they should have.

On Friday I suggested that we get up early on Saturday and drive the 100 miles to the landscape nurseries around Homestead, Florida. My plan was to buy a bunch of plants to replace some of what we lost when Hurricane Wilma washed four feet of seawater over our property. When buying direct from the nurseries these plants are a fraction of what they charge locally. Terese and I took our SUV with the seats down and a utility trailer to make the trip worthwhile.

Aside from being delayed a couple hours by a huge traffic jam, caused by not one, but two accidents, the trip went pretty well. We arrived home mid-afternoon with just over a hundred plants. Hey, they were cheap, we had room ... it was like an all-you-can-eat buffet when you're hungry. Can you say, eyes bigger than your belly?

I made a quick trip to town for some potting soil and we went to work. We called it quits as it was getting dark. There were about a dozen plants in the ground. We'd apparently forgotten that under two or three inches of soil our yard is mostly rock. A pick-axe is the only thing that works. Terese and I went to bed that night dreading the next day. We had both already worked up sizeable blisters.

By 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning we were hard at it. By dark, all the plants were in the ground (rock) and watered. We are way too old to work that hard. I know this because my wife told me so about as many times as there are new plants in our yard.

On Monday Terese needed to begin work on our monthly publication. I made a few work-related phone calls, then blew off the rest of the day to get mulch to spread around our new plants. The mulch not only dresses up all the planting beds, it retains moisture. We are in the middle of our dry-season, water is at a premium, so mulch was a priority.

Normally getting mulch is a phone call to a local guy and he will deliver a pallet or two. No dice ... he told me on Friday he was out of mulch. He was waiting for a shipment and it could be two to three weeks.

I couldn't wait that long, so I hitched the little utility

trailer to my pickup and headed for Home Depot, some thirty miles up the road. I should mention that I felt like I'd gone ten rounds with a heavyweight!

At Home Depot they loaded a pallet of 75 bags onto my trailer. We positioned it carefully just ahead of the axle and I strapped it down with a big two-inch ratcheting tie-down strap. With another 25 bags in the back of my truck, I headed for home. So far, so good.

About halfway across the Seven-Mile-Bridge, my wife called on my cell phone. My regular mulch guy had called to say he'd received a shipment that morning and could deliver anytime. As she was telling me this, I noticed the pallet of mulch had moved dramatically. I hung up the phone, put on my flashers and slowed way down. There is nowhere to safely pull over on the "Seven-Mile", so I limped along, piling up a stream of traffic behind me.

When I got off the bridge I pulled onto the shoulder. About fifty cars streamed past, many blowing their horns and flipping me off.

The pallet of mulch was five bags to a layer and fifteen layers high. It was wrapped in plastic and seemed pretty substantial when we loaded it. In reality it was more like a Jello mold. It had wiggled its way out from under my strap and shifted itself to the rear of my already overloaded trailer. Now all the weight was behind the axle. I thought sure that strap would hold. Of course, as I am often reminded, "That's what I get for thinking!"

I put another strap around the misshapen pallet to keep it from shifting any further to the rear. With the flashers still on, I limped on down the road. At least the Bahia Honda Bridge is four lanes and backed up traffic could pass. More horn blowing and middle fingers as they went around me.

About halfway across the Spanish Channel Bridge, a tire blew on the trailer. I got way over against the guardrail and dragged the thing the rest of the way over the bridge. I pulled onto the shoulder on the other side. Yup, more horns and gestures. I told you this was a test of character.

Miraculously, a kid in a pickup pulled up. He said he was out of work, needed money and would give me a hand for twenty bucks. With lots of tattoos and a silver stud through his lower lip, he didn't look much like an angel, but he certainly fit the bill for me.

We off-loaded the 75 bags from the trailer to his pickup. I unhooked the trailer and he followed me the eight to ten miles out to the house. The kid, my angel, helped me unload. I gave him a Mountain Dew and forty bucks. He was tickled to death. So was I.

I rounded up a jack and tools, then headed back to the stranded trailer. I removed the wheel and took it to the few possible sources for a tire in town. No dice.

A neighbor has a similar trailer, so I headed back out

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# Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS  
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
MARCH 15, 1881

The Ledger has election slips printed on gummed paper available.

Correspondents from more remote townships should send their news a day earlier.

Goodrich Kopf is fitting up his building near the bank to be a furniture factory, run by steam.

Tinsmith L.F. Seery made 50 ten-quart sap buckets in five hours and 20 minutes last Saturday.

100 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MARCH 15, 1906

Ten pages in this issue. The Moseley Gleaners will hold an apron and necktie social at their hall Friday night with a box supper.

Will Fletcher has purchased a work horse of Mike O'Brien of South Lowell.

Fallsburg School has closed for a week while teacher Miss McKenney cares for her mother, ill in Byron Center.

The Old Residents association holds its annual reunion at Train's Opera House.

75 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 12, 1931

A three-day blizzard with high winds gives the Road Commission a real workout (also canceling the effects of last summer's drought). They hope to get more big V-plows that don't get stuck.

Kent County Road Commission supports legislation to build sidewalks along state and county trunklines.

There were 448 voters who turned out for the Lowell Township Republican nomination caucus.

The Star Spangled Banner is now the official national anthem by action of Congress and President Hoover.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MARCH 15, 1956

Kerry Shoemaker is appointed a page in the Michigan Senate to fill an uncompleted term; he will keep up with high school studies with weekly assignments from his teachers.

Peter Speerstra is the Village President, in a highest-ever vote by 82 percent of eligible voters. Wm. Jones Jr., Butch Thompson and Jay Boelens, also of the Peoples Party, sweep the election as council members.

The Showboat and Garden Lore clubs will host the regional meeting in April, with more than 200 expected.

Bill Potter of Pratt Lake Road is playing for the Milwaukee Braves Baseball Team.

25 YEARS  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
MARCH 11, 1981

Inflation, declining enrollments and small cash reserves result in a school budget deficit of \$1.1 million for next year.

A hit-and-run driver causes a power outage to part of Valley Vista in the wee hours of Saturday.

Ellura McPherson has collected 200 recipes for the Sesquicentennial cookbook, ready for sale starting June 1.

The Ledger request for old Lowell pictures gets one of the unknown "Bisby's Bridge," soon identified as the original bridge over M-91 north of town.

# To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Over the past weekend thousands of women from all over West Michigan were invited to Lowell: The Next Place to Be. Thanks to funding from the DDA and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the community of Lowell was represented in fine style at the Women's Expo in downtown Grand Rapids. As a business owner, the men and women who took the time to staff the Lowell booth over the weekend are greatly appreciated. I am confident our presence there will have long-term benefits for the community.

Tom and Susan Molnar donated the use of a fine looking booth and helped with set-up and taking it down. As you might expect, there were many Lowell merchants involved who were anxious to invite people to our town. Christine Miller, Carolyn Price, and Pat Horn were there for the first busy shift on Friday. The relief team of Liz Baker, Betty Morlock, and April McClure took over Friday afternoon to help give out thousands of bottles of water with the new Lowell slogan and logo on them. Barb Zandra teamed up with Teresa Beachum Saturday morning and they were joined by Dave and Jan Thompson later in the day. Jim and Bev Hall closed out the day on Saturday. Jill Greenop and

Mike Springer joined me on Sunday. There is no way to know exactly how many people we talked to, but we did hand out thousands of informational fliers about Lowell as well as over 2,000 bottles of water with labels with the new logo on them. We also gave out invitations to the Lowell Expo at the High School later this month.

It is easy to understand why business owners would participate in a marketing effort like this, but what really impressed me was the willingness of Jim and Bev, Dave and Jan, Teresa and Barb, and Betty to be there promoting our community. These great people gave up a part of their weekend to brag about Lowell to women from all over West Michigan. They are shining examples of what makes Lowell such a great place to live and work.

Thanks everybody, Cliff Yankovich

Dear Editor,

We were fortunate to see two live theatre productions last week. These were "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids and "Beauty and the Beast" at Lowell High School. Both had excellent acting, directing, choreography, costumes, music and props.

If I can borrow a phrase from Meijer - the only difference was the price!! Thanks to the many people who made the high school play a great success.

Diane La Warre



# Weddings

## Wierenga/Paiz

The late fall wedding of Letitia Paiz and Brian Wierenga took place in Hudsonville on October 29, 2005.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Judy Paiz of Byron Center and Bill and Joanne Wierenga of Lowell.

Matron of honor was Holly Hans. Bridesmaids were Chris Arms, Monica Sisson and Beth Wierenga.

Best man was Chris Kamphuis. Groomsmen were Ross Holst, Kyle Krebill and Andy Pope. Ushers were Roger Paiz Jr. and Greg Wierenga.

The couple reside in Lowell.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wierenga



In The Ledger

# Reflections of faith

Pastor Michael Rhodabarger  
Church of the Nazarene

I have faint memories of when I was a child watching the arrogance of another child as he stretched out his leg and with his foot proceeded to draw a line in the dirt daring other kids to cross that line. In my experience, that kid was seemingly fearless, presenting himself with great confidence that no matter who crossed that line he could "take 'em." Funny thing though ... every now and then there would be another kid who was bold enough to cross that line, making the whole scene quite ugly. Why anyone thought to test the creator of that line is beyond me because it never turned out very good and no one ever ended up unscathed.

As a pastor, my mind races to spiritual matters. In fact, there is a line drawn that separates good and evil. Standing on the other side is a bully daring us to cross that line. He dares us with enticing temptations and more often than not, the line is crossed, again, creating an ugly scene. Oftentimes, we may carry such an arrogant attitude that shows the world how we can stand right up close to that line and remain righteous. I have seen far too often good people fall to the other side because the temptation was too much.

The line that separates good and evil is not there to show us how close we can stand; it is there to show us how far away we need to be from evil. Think about a guard rail. We would never use it to aid us in getting around a sharp corner. We see the rail and know there is danger on the other side, so we stay away. Yet no matter how far we stand from the line that separates good and evil, temptation will always scream out your name calling you back.

Read what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "But remember this - the wrong desires that come into your life

aren't anything new and different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for He has promised this and will do what He says. He will show you how to escape temptation's power so that you can bear up against it." (The Living Bible)

I know what you're thinking, "What if I do cross that line?" John wrote these words of great hope in 1 John 2:1: "But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

Is there any better news for us? God is there helping us so we don't fall in, and Christ is there reaching for us to pull us out. You don't have to cross the line but if you do, Christ is there for you.

Do you have that kind of relationship with Him? Is there anyone you know of who lives outside that kind of relationship? Tell them this great promise! And invite them to church this Sunday!

# Engagements

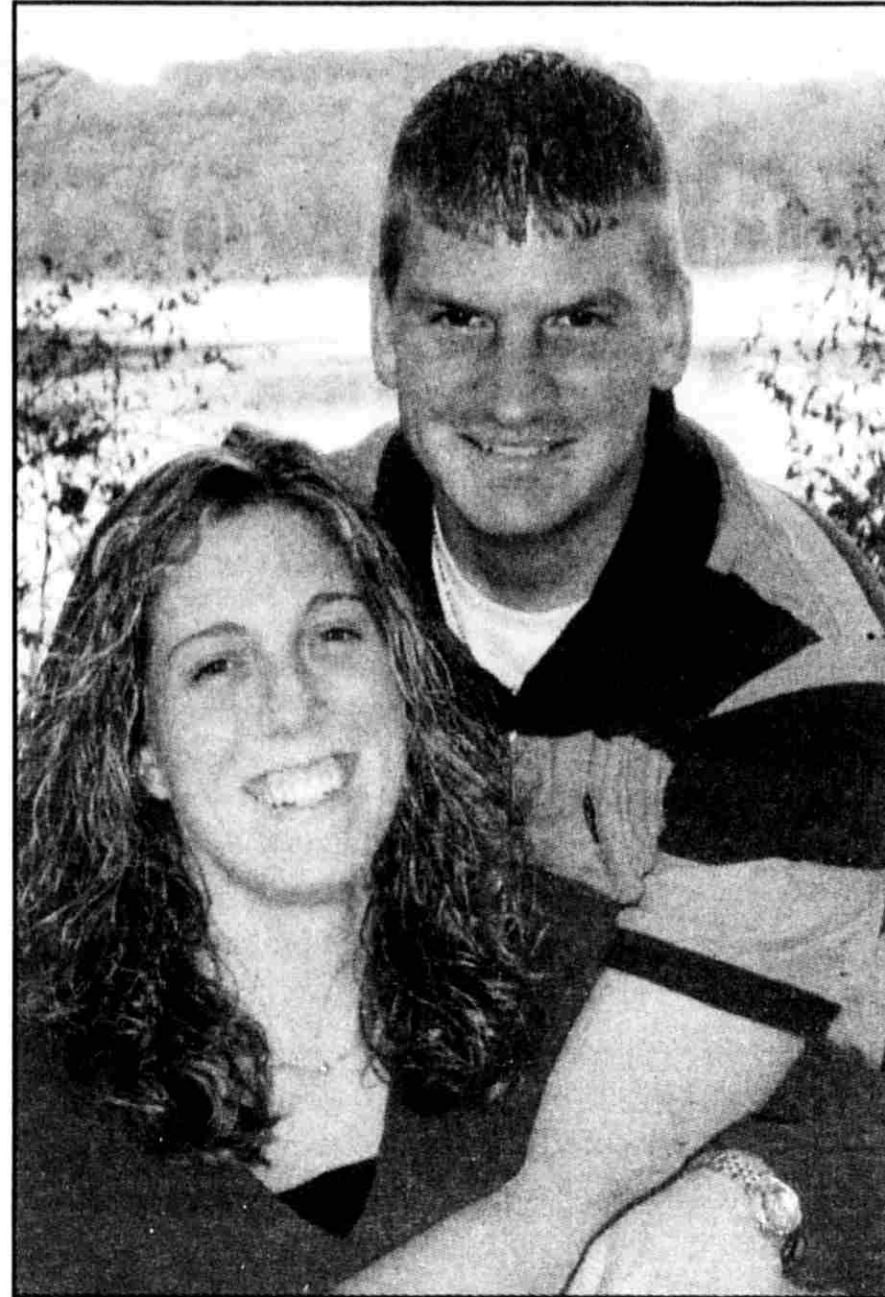
## Dewey/Rottier

The marriage of Noelle Dewey and Daniel Rottier will be celebrated in August 2006.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Jill Dewey of Lowell. She is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School and attends Grand Valley State University where she plans to earn a degree in social work.

The future groom is the son of Robert and Mary Rottier of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High School in 2000 and from Grand Valley State University in 2005. He is currently teaching at East Middle in Rockford.

Noelle Dewey and Daniel Rottier



## Vosburgs celebrate 59 years of marriage

Ernest and Alma Vosburg of Ada will celebrate 59 years of marriage on March 21. Their children are Jerry and Verle Sharp of Mulliken, Gary and Jackie Phillips of Saranac, Herm Vosburg of Ada and Bert Vosburg of Ada. They also have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Modeling the community

The First United Methodist Church Preschool, 621 E. Main, built a model of the Lowell community in their classroom. One of the students in the morning class is Keegan Laux whose dad Aaron owns Gary's Meat Market. They learned that you buy meat there and that you have to be careful when cutting the meat with knives.

There are also replicas of Ada/Lowell 5, a restaurant, doctor's office, bowling alley and tool shop.

The children will complete their unit with a walk through Lowell at the end of March.

Pictured is the M/W/F a.m. class at First United Methodist Church Preschool.



## Mission trip fundraiser

A pop can drive by seventh and eighth grade youth at Lowell First United Methodist Church will help support their Mission Work Camp this summer.

The youth will do a variety of repair/construction/paint jobs at McCurdy Mission School in Espanola, N.M. the week of Aug. 5-13. The school, with a student body from preschool - 12th grade, has been a mission of the United Methodist Church since 1914. Over 95 percent of its graduates go on to higher education. The pop can drive will be held Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. - noon in the Eastgate area.

## Lend A Hand

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS**  
Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids has a variety of daytime volunteer openings for hospital volunteers.

They typically donate one morning or afternoon a week to meet a 100-hour per year commitment (or full semester for students.) Requirements include a TB skin test, volunteer uniform, and hospital orientation.

Especially needed are people to staff the Gift Shop, deliver mail, etc., perform general office tasks, assist patients with ordering meals and greet visitors.

For more information call Barb at 252-7009.

Metro Health Hospital, 1919 Boston SE, also needs friendly, reliable teens, 14-18 years old, to participate in a 10-week summer teen volunteer program from June 15

- Aug. 26. Teens choose from two 4-hour assignments in a variety of patient-contact and staff support areas.

An information meeting will be held on April 20 at 7 p.m. Registration is required so students should contact their school counselor for a pre-application or call Barb Wingard, director of Volunteer Services, at 252-7009.

**HELP PROMOTE LITERACY**  
The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, March 22 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

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

The information session will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE, Grand Rapids in the Vander Veen Center. Call 459-5151 to register.

# Happy Birthday

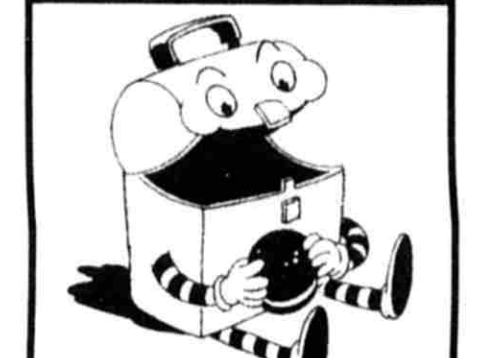
**MARCH 16:**  
Greg Briggs, Louise Weeks.

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Renee Barnes.

**MARCH 18:**  
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Jeremy Barber, Elmer Czapek, Terry B. Abel, Kimberly Dixon, Sean Ellison, Alberta Ryder.

**MARCH 20:**  
John Roudabush, Cody Moore, Denise Fyan.



### LUNCH MENU ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of March 20 2006

**MON:** Bosco sticks - cheese filled breadsticks (stacked ham/cheese/bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Chicken drumstick w/bread (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

**WED:** Rotini & meatsauce (stacked turkey/cheese/bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, homemade peanut butter bar, milk.

**THURS:** Ham & cheese Luncheon w/ crackers (burrito w/ sauce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven baked beans, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**FRI:** Hot dog on bun or fish & cheese on bun, oven French fries, assorted fruit, milk.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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# School board confirms super, discusses budget and character initiatives

By Dan Schneider

The confirmation of Gregory Pratt as the district's new superintendent was the highest-profile item on the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Lowell Area Schools board of education. But a lot of other information was shared with the board.

Lowell High School student council president Brooke Liu gave a reminder about the March 24th blood drive at the high school. She said more tables are available this year to encourage more donors from the general community.

Liu also said the bus heading for Mississippi over spring break to do Hurricane Katrina recovery work has a full load of 45 students signed up. She said the student council is still looking for parental chaperones. Contact Lowell High School for more information.

Sue Beute gave an update on steps being taken in the district to bring assessments in line with increasing state expectations for kindergarten through fifth grade. Some of the new programs being put in place are a minimum pacing guide to help teachers get through the expected learnings for a school year and a new testing program. The in-class testing now includes a graded component and a non-graded component. The non-graded component serves as a gauge for teachers to determine what skills need to be emphasized in teaching the next unit.

Student Development director Kathy Cole gave an update on character education initiatives ongoing throughout the district. These range from puppets and songs at the elementary schools to essay contests. Cherry Creek Elementary has redecorated extensively with character as the theme, naming hallways after the six character traits the district is pursuing, such as "Trustworthiness Trail." She also said the district has been able to provide teachers with character-related material to integrate into their everyday lessons.

## Character in Action

Murray Lake Students are nominated by adult staff members for living by the character traits on a daily basis.



Green kindergarten pictured, left to right, are: Darby Dean, Jacob Nugent, Mia Ransom, Megan Houteling, Eden Nethercott and Kiana Farni.



Front row: Kayla Kole, Sam Mason, Rachel Hindley, Mackenzie Bush, Rose Weber-Ford, Adam Marks, Landon Nethercott, Sarah Sheldon, Kelsie Jurmo, Veronica DelGado, Emily Kropf, Hayden Hoffman and Brooke Newhouse; back row: Bethany Kaczonowski, Hannah Briggs, Kailee Dawson, Danielle Krajewski, Paige Fosburg, Logan Landman, John Donnelly, Anthony Alderink, Nickolas Higgins, Max Dean, Tony Polise and Nick McCormick.

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## HEALTH

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

### TYLENOL POISONING

Many people believe that if a medicine does not require a prescription, then it must be very safe. There is not a better example of this than Tylenol (acetaminophen). This medicine is used in many different products available over the counter. The most common uses are for pain, fevers and headaches. Unfortunately, this drug can have serious side effects if taken chronically and in large doses.

Acetaminophen is metabolized by the liver. In doses larger than 4 grams in a 24-hour period, the liver is unable to process the drug. This results in the death of liver cells. Chronic use is also very hard on the kidneys. Those who already have underlying kidney or liver disease, or consume alcohol on a chronic basis, are very much at risk for damage due to this drug. I typically see at least one person a week who is taking over 4 grams of tylenol per day, usually for chronic headaches.

Acute overdosing is especially dangerous. Symptoms do not usually appear until 10 to 12 hours later and are nonspecific (nausea, vomiting, decreased appetite). The liver continues to die over several days, and results in total liver failure and death.

As you can see, Tylenol is a drug that can have serious side effects. If you are taking other medicines, or have liver or kidney disease, please follow the dosing guidelines, or see your doctor to address any concerns.

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## Ask Kathryn



With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.

Thank you for the questions that have come my way. They are expressing a need for more understanding of mental health issues. Please email me at [kathryndenhouster@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryndenhouster@yahoo.com) if you have any comments about what I've written or if you have any unanswered questions. I welcome what you have to say.

The questions we will discuss today come from a young lady who is a senior at Lowell High School. She asks, "Why is teenage depression so high and what can be done about it?"

We are seeing a most unfortunate increase in teenage depression. Recently, this has been reviewed by the American College Association and from their surveys they found that 63 percent of college students (at least 18 years of age) feel hopeless. Forty-five percent said they were so depressed that daily functioning was an issue.

This depression often will begin in early adolescence. Last year 1,100 suicides were reported on college campuses nationwide. Nine out of 10 who commit suicide suffer from a mental illness which is most often depression. Also, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 15 percent of college students suffer from depression.

Unfortunately, two out of three never seek help. This is unfortunate because depression is the most treatable form of mental illness. Reaching out is what can be done about depression.

Seeking help through student counseling centers, professionals in the community, and through your church is critical for the treatment of depression. Getting help is not an indication of weakness; instead, it is the single best way to become mentally strong and vital.

It is important to remember that most often, exercise helps as well as does eating the right foods. Our society with its computer games, sedentary work patterns, and too much junk food can make depression even worse.

Further, the world that teenagers live in is filled with so much pressure to succeed and meet the expectations of others that it is overwhelming at times. Our society fails to sufficiently support our teenagers.

## Summer institute scholarship available for LHS students

A full scholarship worth \$400-\$800 is available for a Lowell High School sophomore or junior to attend a week-long science or math institute at one of five Michigan colleges.

The grant - which covers tuition, room and board at the college - is sponsored by the Orion J. Thaler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thaler taught chemistry and physics at LHS for 29 years until his retirement in 1974.

Interested students should contact the high school counseling office for an application. Most require a grade point average of at least 3.0 and a letter of recommendation from the student's science teacher. Deadlines vary, and acceptance into some programs is competitive, so early application is stressed. The one-week programs are held between late June and

the first week of August and include the following:

- Michigan State University: High School Engineering Institute (July 16-21), Women in Engineering (July 23-28)

- University of Michigan: Camp CAEN - Computers (Aug. 7-11)
- Hillsdale College: Molecular Biology or Chemistry/Physics (June 18-23)

- Lake Superior State University: Robotics (July 16-21 or July 23-28), Women in Technology (June 25-30)

- Michigan Technological University: Explorations in Engineering (July 9-15), Women in Engineering (June 25-July 1)

In addition, a large number of open enrollment Summer Youth Programs are offered throughout July at MTU. They include

All of these factors contribute to the rise in depression. As I mentioned before, depression is the most treatable form of mental illness, and professionals are becoming more and more equipped to help individuals handle depression. So, if you feel hopeless, worthless, overwhelmed and sad, take that last little bit of motivation you have to reach out to a mental health professional. This action will help you to turn your life around.

Environmental, Automotive, Materials, Mechanical, Robotics, and Survey). MTU also provides a charter bus option for student travel from various parts of Michigan to the campus in Houghton.

The scholarship fund was set up as a memorial to Thaler after his death in 1999 at age 89. More information on contributing to the fund is available from the counseling office at the high school.

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## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the special meeting of March 6, 2006 the Lowell Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 03-2006, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Lowell is hereby amended to amend Section 4.4.5.D.b. to read as follows:

b. Billboards provided such signs comply with all provisions regulating billboards in the Highway Advertising Act (Public Act 106 of 1972, as amended) and provided further that each billboard sign structure is built with a monopole construction; each billboard sign structure is separated from adjacent billboard sign structures by a distance not less than fifteen hundred (1,500) feet; and each billboard sign structure does not exceed three hundred (300) square feet in total sign area and that each billboard sign structure shall not be located more than 200 feet from the right of way line of the I-96 expressway,

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A copy of the text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## Cozy Corner, continued ...From Page 5

to my house, got another jack, then went to the neighbor's to borrow a wheel. He caught me. I had to tell him all about my ordeal. He had to tell me all about his recent shoulder surgery. In the meantime my trailer was still stranded out on the highway.

I finally got away with the wheel. In just a few minutes I had the wheel on and the trailer down off the jack. Then it was back out to my house where I jacked up the trailer yet again, pulled the wheel and headed back to the neighbor's place. I put the borrowed wheel back on his trailer, went home and took care of my tools.

There was still an hour or so of daylight left. I could have spread some mulch. A badly needed shower won out over more back breaking work.

Looking back, I think I passed this character test. I may have even earned extra credit for not returning any of those one-finger salutes out on the highway.

## Woods BUILDERS

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## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD February 13, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 16, 2006 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved. A Public Hearing was held regarding a request from David Steinbrecher for a Special Use Permit for Rental Storage.

Motions approved:

- Motion to grant a Special Use Permit for Rental Storage for the property at 3500 Alden Nash NE
- Motion to approve a minor construction order for Alden Nash south of Bailey, and Downes Rd. east of Alden Nash
- Motion to award a 1 year contract to Clean Cut Lawn Care for cemetery maintenance
- Motion to proceed with a summons and compliant process for 853 Montcalm NE

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk





## Cherry Creek students celebrate reading month

State Senator Bill Hardiman, of the 29th district, read to fifth grade students at Cherry Creek Elementary Monday afternoon for "March is Reading" month. He talked to them about his job as a senator and quizzed them from a book of facts about Michigan.

## Free trees from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation's monthly publication and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$12 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31 or join online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## Air quality, continued ... From Page 1

Experts from the Kent County Health Department and Koch Environmental Analytical Consulting reviewed the reports.

"There wasn't anything in any of these reports that was a red flag to them that we had anything in the building that was unhealthy to its occupants," Kasmer said.

EHR tested air quality in the school from Dec. 19-21 and found levels of mold and other allergens were not significantly different than in the air at Cherry Creek Elementary, which was used as a control.

Custodial staff members were the only people present in the building while those tests were being done, and a floor refinishing project affected the results of testing done near the gymnasium. EHR tested carpeting in the middle school on a night when students, parents and

teachers were present for "Fun Night," and did not find significant problems.

Other contractors inspected various aspects of the building infrastructure and air handling systems. Owen-Ames-Kimball looked over the building for possible points of water entry, which could contribute to mold. They performed some repairs which included caulking countertops, drains and windows. Roof core samples revealed no signs of wet insulation.

Kinetix Testing and Commissioning of Newwayo tested air movement and

outside air near the school.

While testing did not reveal cause for major health concerns, some tests did provide the district with an update on building systems functions. For instance, air handling units in some of the classrooms were not working properly.

"We got a lot of other things done because of it," Mikulski said. "We had our building envelope checked, to make sure the windows were all sealed. Our mechanical systems, along with our air flow, are operating at peak performance."

J & L Roofing of Grand Rapids inspected the roof and said it has about three more years of serviceable life. Mikulski said the district expected to have to replace the roof before too long.

"We did not have a timeline on that, but having a timeline will help with the budgeting," he said.

Hurst Industries out of Belmont, which inspected the school's air handling units, recommended updating the controls on some rooms' unit ventilators. Mikulski said the district will look into digital controls for those units.

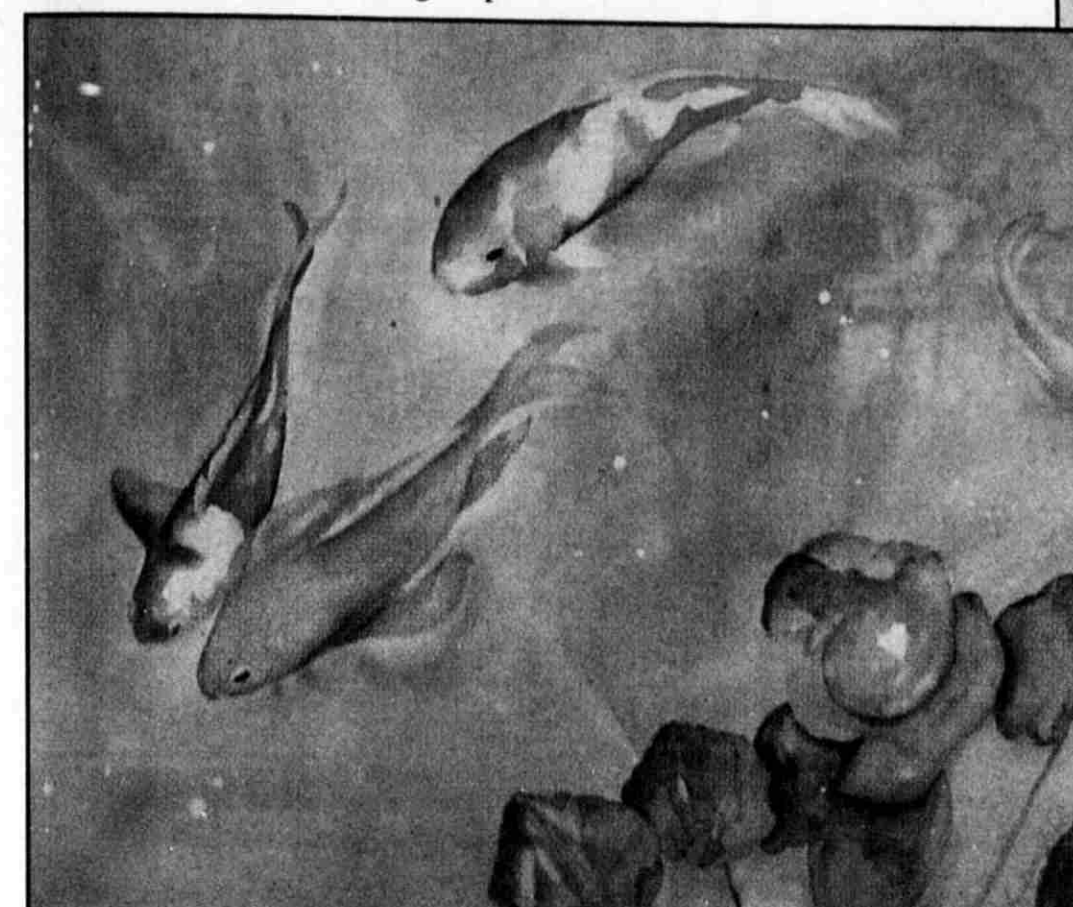
Other recommended repairs included replacing some rusty plumbing and repairing or replacing the shop room dust collector.

The mother of one of the children who had been relocated from the middle school over health concerns did not want to be identified by name, but said she was still not completely convinced of the safety of the middle school.

## Featured Artist

Kendra Postma

"Sea Turtle" at right and "Swimming Along" below, are among several works by Kendra Postma currently on display at the Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main Street. The art includes a number of watercolors, some of which are minimalist landscapes. They are on exhibit through April 4.



## Hunter retention and recruitment a DNR priority

Since 1895, when a law was signed to require a deer hunting license in Michigan, hunters have been the primary supporters of conservation efforts in our state.

License sales are the main revenue source that supports the Department of Natural Resources' wildlife and fisheries management programs. Hunters annually underwrite conservation programs across the United States, benefiting all citizens who value wildlife and wild places. Annually, hunters in the U.S. contribute \$1.5 billion in license sales alone, and \$30.5 billion to the national economy through the activity of hunting.

In 2002, there were more than 865,000 licensed hunters in Michigan, and the total number of hunters in our state has remained relatively constant over the past 40 years. However, the proportion of Michigan's population engaged in the activity of hunting has dropped from 10.1 percent in the 1960s to an average of 8.7 percent in 2000-2002, according to DNR hunter surveys.

Due to inflation and steady to decreasing revenue, the DNR must operate its conservation programs on a tighter budget. To reverse this trend, new hunters,

especially non-traditional hunters, must be brought into the shooting and hunting sports. This will strengthen the funding for conservation, broaden the diversity of participants and preserve Michigan's rich hunting heritage.

To help the DNR develop a strategy to recruit and retain hunters in Michigan, a work group was formed in 2005 by DNR director Rebecca Humphries. The group was charged with looking at existing data and recommending three to five approaches to use in increasing and retaining hunter numbers in Michigan. The work group was comprised of representatives from universities, the DNR, educational groups, and conservation organizations.

It has become apparent that there has been a shift in Michigan away from species that can be hunted by younger hunters with firearms toward deer hunting.

"This shift is notable because we are shifting away from a mentoring opportunity between veteran hunters and young hunters," said Tom Oliver, the DNR's heritage program coordinator, who served

on the work group. "We are seeing more hunters hunting deer only, and shying away from small game hunting, which has historically been the entry point for novice hunters."

Surveys show that hunting in Michigan is increasingly focused on deer hunting. At least 91 percent of license buyers purchased a deer hunting license. In 2002, 62 percent of the deer hunters purchased only a deer hunting license - compared to 51 percent in 1968. In 1968, 45 percent of all small game hunters purchased only a small game license, compared to 16 percent in 2002.

The work group made specific recommendations in its final report. The top three recommendations include:

Access/Supply of Hunting Opportunity  
Increased access to hunting in southern Michigan is a top priority. Only 2 percent of Michigan's public land is open to hunting in southern Michigan, while more than eight million people live there. In the 1970s, the Public Access Stamp program provided an additional 180,000 acres for public hunting. Due to urban

sprawl and other factors, that access was reduced to less than 20,000 acres in 2002. Additional hunting land will increase hunting opportunities in the most populated part of the state.

The work group recommended reinvigorating the public access to private land program through increasing landowner payments, providing options for meeting landowner needs for land management and security, multi-year leases and quality maps. The

program would be funded by those who hunt in southern Michigan through a visible access stamp on their license. The group also recommended creating a new "habitat stamp" similar to those used in other states to provide funds to enhance wildlife habitat on private lands of willing owners, link to agricultural conservation programs and give additional incentives to those enrolled in the public access program.

Companion/Mentor Networks

Creating and using opportunities to introduce shooting sports, hunting and related outdoor recreation into successful mentoring programs, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters or 4-H is one of the top recommendations. Other recommendations include producing a Web site to act as a clearinghouse for mentors, novice hunters and shooters and event sponsors. The work group recommended more study of

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# Murray Lake Elementary's volunteer of the month

Staff members at Murray Lake Elementary nominated Kendal Khodl as Volunteer of the Month for the many hours she donates to Murray Lake.

"I think most of us just think Kendal is a full-time staff member. She is here every day! She is the co-facilitator of our Family Links group, she spends time

in her children's classrooms, she is a substitute teacher in our building. Kendal is the definition of 'volunteer'. I honestly don't know what we would do without her. She

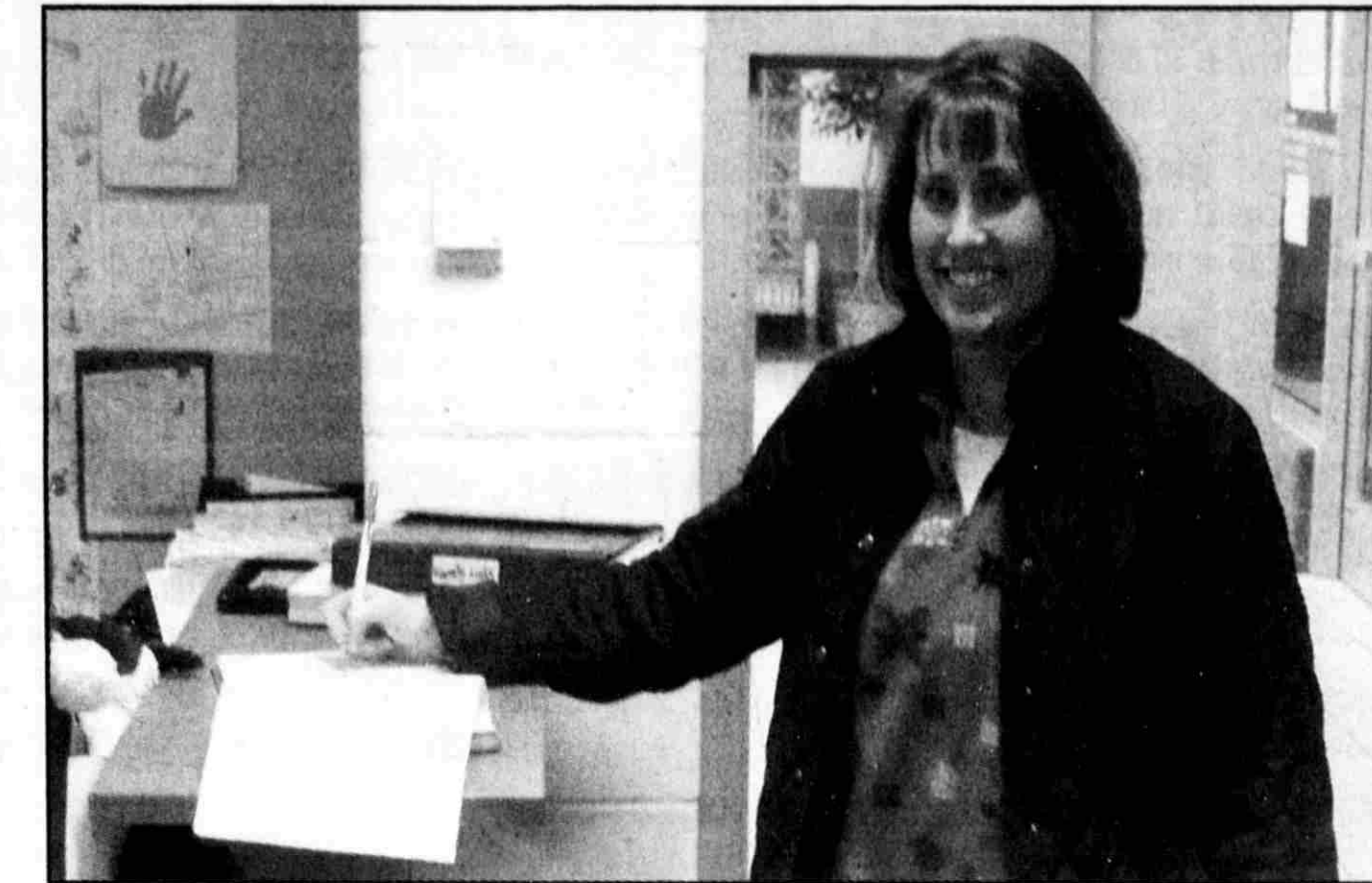
is an asset to our building," said Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey.

Khodl and her husband Mike have three children

who attend Murray Lake Elementary School.

"I enjoy volunteering because my kids' education is important, and I want to

be a part of it. I also feel that it is a great way to give back to the community," said Khodl.



Kendal Khodl signing in for another day of volunteerism at Murray Lake Elementary School.

## College News

Freshman **Jonathan Christiansen** pledged Albion College's Sigma Nu fraternity during the spring 2006 semester.

He is also a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management.

Christiansen, a Lowell High School graduate, is the son of Mark and Lisa Christiansen of Lowell.

Grand Valley State University has announced its December 2005 graduates.

From Lowell are **Diana K. Brown, Jeanie M. Dunn, Brady A. Foster, Heidi L. Jones, Rita A. Kline** and **Justin Morgan**.

From Alto is **Allen J. Lenartz**.

From Ada are **Craig M. Miller, Nga Pham, Joshua W. Stickney,**

**Kevin M. Teunis, Matthew D. Tiedgen, Jill R. VanDongen** and **Michael R. Ziemer**.

Grand Rapids Community College has announced that **Tara Ripley** has made the dean's list for the winter semester.

Davenport University has announced that **Adrienne Ripley** has made the dean's list for the winter semester.

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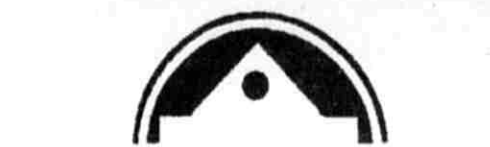
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## MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 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.

**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).

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

**3RD MON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose meetings are held at 7:30.

**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 in 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. No dues. Call 897-9879.

## TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

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

## TUESDAYS

**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, 12 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Call 897-5449 for info.

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

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

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

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

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

**3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Bellline) 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, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAYS

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

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

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 Rapids.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** 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 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

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

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

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

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

**SUN.:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Volleyball falls to Traverse City West in regional final Lowell beats Flushing in first round of first regional appearance

By Dan Schneider

After winning the first district volleyball title in Lowell High School's history at home the previous week, the Red Arrows traveled to Bay City Central and played well at the regionals, advancing to the final round.

Lowell faced Flushing in the first round. The Arrows traded games with the Raiders, first losing 26-24, winning the next game 25-13, losing game three 25-

23 and then winning game four 25-21.

Needing a win in game five to keep their tournament run alive, the Arrows edged Flushing 15-12.

"That was a five-game, close, intense, really mentally draining match for the kids, but it was great to win that match and get into the finals," Lowell coach Gigi Peal said.

The win set them up for a match with Traverse City

West in the regional final.

"Which is like the sweet 16 of volleyball," Peal said. "Because then there are only 16 teams still playing in the state."

There, they faced Traverse City West, who had dominated Saginaw Heritage in three games in the other regional semifinal. Lowell had a rocky start against the Titans, losing game one 25-7 and game two 25-17. They played them closer in game

three, almost forcing extra serves, but fell short 25-23.

"It took us a little while to get going and the girls just didn't really get into the match that first game," Peal said. "The girls kept fighting; they didn't give up even after a slow start."

Kristin Johnson had 24 kills and five blocks on the day for Lowell. Samantha Mol had 18 kills. Amanda Schneider had nine kills and five aces; Malley Cahoon had

seven kills and seven blocks for Lowell.

Taryn Schumacher had 28 assists and Lisa Johnson had 27.

"Mary VanderLaan and Amanda Geelhoed played very consistently along the net," Peal said, adding that Katie McElroy was a key to Lowell's defense.

Making it to the regional final was another milestone for Lowell volleyball.

"We lost in the regional

finals the same way we lost last year in the first round of districts," Peal said.

And it was a good way to cap a season in which the team recovered after struggling in some games in the middle of the season.

"Overall, I'm tremendously proud of these girls," Peal said. "I always knew they had it in them. I knew they could accomplish great things."

## Red Arrow wrestlers compete at individual state finals Two Lowell athletes bring home medals from Palace of Auburn Hills

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell wrestling team was in Auburn Hills over the weekend for the individual state finals.

Lowell had six wrestlers competing in six different weight classes with six different results.

"It was some great moments and some disappointing moments," Lowell coach Dave Dean said.

Alex Fleet made it the farthest in the championship bracket for Lowell Wrestling at 189, he pinned John Misch of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the first round in 5:04. In the quarterfinal, he won a 4-0 decision over Mike McGiveron of DeWitt. In the semifinal, Fleet lost a 9-2 decision to Eddie Phillips of Lakewood.

Fleet won a 12-10 decision in the consolation semifinal over A.J. Suffety of Chelsea. In the third-place match, he lost a 4-3 decision

to Scott Kimball of Ogemaw Heights to finish fourth in the state.

"He was impressive, showing what level of athlete he is progressing into," Dean said.

Zach Baum, Rob Karasiewicz, and Brock Graham also won their first round matches.

At 119, Baum pinned Avondale's Pete Petersen in :57. He was pinned in :39 by Mason's Garrett Rozeboom in the quarterfinals. Going to the second round of the consolation tournament, Baum fell to Sturgis's Max Smith by pin in 4:49.

Wrestling at 130, Karasiewicz won a 5-1 decision over Tommy McLaughlin of Carleton Airport in the first round of the championship bracket. He lost a 3-2 decision to Ryan Slattton of Clio in the quarterfinals, sending Karasiewicz to a consolation second round match with

Coopersville's Ryan Dietrich where he lost a 5-3 decision.

At 171, Graham won his first round match over Adrian's Oscar Johnson by an 8-7 decision. Graham lost a 9-4 decision to Lakeshore's Matt Wittman in the championship quarterfinal. He was pinned in :48 by Fowlerville's Vinnie Tyle in the second round of the consolation bracket.

Chris Roelofs was pinned in 5:46 by Tecumseh's Rick Weirich in the 145-pound championship first round. He beat Joey West of Mount Pleasant by a 19-11 decision in the first consolation round, then won a 6-5 decision in the second consolation round over Tony Mochty of Flint Kearsley. Roelofs was pinned in 2:33 in the third consolation round by Greenville's Jordan Garner. He then lost a 5-2 decision to Zeeland East's Nick Legato to finish eighth in the state.

"Chris Roelofs really

stepped up," Dean said. "Placing eighth was really stepping up from where he was at the beginning of the year."

John Fleet lost by pin in 4:08 in the first round of the 160-pound championship to Jeremiah Craft of Mason. In the first consolation round, he beat Allen Park's Patrick Arkwright by an 8-6 decision in overtime. In the second consolation round, Fleet was pinned in 4:29 by Petoskey's Matt Weston.

It was the last wrestling of the year for Lowell.

"It was a really good

year, we made a lot of progress," Dean said. "We are way ahead of where we were in June."

He said it was a year of hard work.

"I wanted more for our kids this year than what we got, but all in all it was a successful year," Dean said. "Some of the rewards they were looking for will probably be reaped in this next year."

During the off-season, Dean plans to have some Lowell wrestlers doing a joint freestyle training program with college

wrestlers at Michigan State University, where he was formerly an assistant coach. Several Arrow wrestlers will travel to Fargo nationals in Fargo, North Dakota.



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Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 7 pm on March 20th by the Township Clerk. They can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

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# Lowell youth wrestlers take top spot in state tournament

## Sixth-grade and under team beats Hesperia in finals

Lowell's sixth grade and under wrestling team recently competed in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA) team dual state championships at Battle Creek.

They defeated Dundee 66-9 in the quarterfinals, then beat Clarkston 62-12 in the semifinals. In the final match, they defeated Hesperia 46-23.

The three wins at the state finals capped a perfect 13-0 season for these young Red Arrows. They had previously won the Border Wars Open at Montrose, the



Hamilton Challenge, and the MYWA Western Regional.

Team members include Chris Pohland, Bailey Jack, Derek Krajewski, Zeth Dean, Jason Nagy, Nate Stephens, Isaac Brenner, Jacob Stephens, Jacob Mitchel, Kanon Dean, Jacob Sweet, Gabe Morse, Andrew Morse, Matt Hogenboom, Max Dean, Joe Sweet, Jordan Drake, Gabe Dean, Tyler Pril and Luke Stephens.

MYWA is the top youth wrestling organization in Michigan. Lowell High School varsity wrestling coach Dave Dean is president of its board of directors.

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# Powerlifters win regional

Lowell's junior varsity powerlifting team completed the season by winning their third consecutive regional championship. They won the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association's Western Regional with 107 points. Clarkston, the next closest team, scored 74 points. Lowell won the Holland Invitational and the Lee Open earlier in the season.

"I really think that our young kids have worked very hard this winter to accomplish such a great win," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "We have great parents and volunteers and I would like to thank them for helping run such a great event."

Placing for Lowell in the 123 weight class were Travis Visser (1st), Randy Adams (2nd) and Tyler Milstead (3rd).

Ben Canfield placed first in the 132 weight class followed by Garret Mechaney (2nd) and Andrew Bailey (3rd).

Kyle Nichol placed first in the 145 weight class. Robert Laboch placed second.

In the 155 weight class, Mike Kinsley took a first. Justin Van Acker placed first in the 165 weight class; Randy Hogan took a second.

In the 194 weight class, Conner Kruse placed third. Tom Alberts placed second in the 207 weight class.

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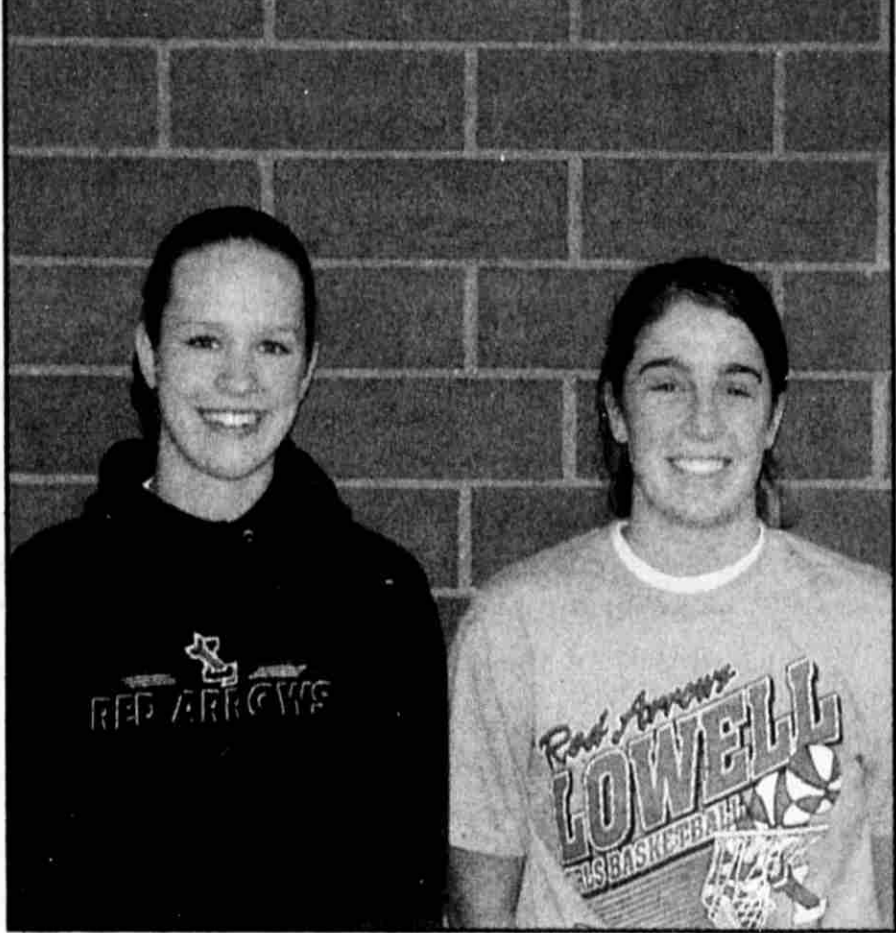
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# Lowell athletes receive Academic All-State honors

Brook VanEck, a senior, and Kelsey Crowley, a junior, who both played on the 23-2 Lowell girls basketball team of 2005-2006, were recently named to the 2005 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's (BCAM) Academic All-State Team.

VanEck carries a 3.95 grade point average and was named Honorable Mention All-State by AP, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and BCAM earlier this year. Crowley has a 4.212 grade point average and was named Honorable Mention All-State by the Detroit Free Press.

Overall, the basketball team had a 3.68 grade point average when averaging all 11 players together.



Kelsey Crowley and Brook VanEck

# Lowell FFA members earn state degrees

Eight seniors from the Lowell FFA chapter received their State FFA Degrees at the Michigan FFA State Convention in East Lansing on March 9.

The State Degree is the highest award that an FFA member can earn at the state level. In order to meet the criteria for a State Degree, members are required to document earnings and hours invested through their FFA projects and activities.

Eleven Lowell FFA members received the Outstanding Junior award and 16 members competed in State Leadership Contests.

Lowell High School FFA members received State Degrees, the highest award an FFA member can earn at the state level. Front row, left to right: Louis Glinzak, Hannah Knudstrup, Amy Junewick and Caleb Baker; back row are: Melissa Blough, Nathaniel Clements, Andrew Wilterink and Adam Baker.



# St. Pat's students "Jump Rope for Heart"

Strobe lights, disco balls, music and even karaoke added to the day's excitement when 145 students participated in "Jump Rope for Heart" at St. Patrick School on Feb. 13. They raised more than \$2,300 for the American Heart Association.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Missy Harrison, physical education teacher and coordinator for "Jump Rope for Heart." "We're very proud of all the jumpers and we all had a lot of fun."

The program is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Fourth grade students Jacob Volk, Brie Blattner, Baily Roberts and Nicholas Smith perform karaoke while other students "Jump Rope for Heart."

# Vosovic places 2nd

Fashion designer Daniel Vosovic, who spent his teen years living in Lowell, finished second on the fashion reality television show "Project Runway." The final episode aired on the Bravo network last Wednesday.

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## Financial Focus

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### PLAN AHEAD TO BUILD - AND PROTECT - YOUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

We all want to achieve financial security for ourselves and our families. But what's the best way of doing that? Too many people buy an investment here, take out an insurance policy there and just hope for the best. Instead of following this haphazard approach, look at your financial picture in its entirety - and then pursue a set of connected objectives.

What objectives should you follow? There are many, but these may be the most important to consider:

- Build financial assets.
- Protect your resources
- Create a retirement income stream.
- Transfer your wealth.

Let's look at the first two of these goals in this week's column, and the final two in next week's column.

#### Building Financial Assets

While you will certainly have short-term needs, your main reason to build financial assets is to achieve your long-term desires, such as a comfortable retirement. Consequently, you will need to invest for growth. But you should also invest in vehicles from which you can create an income stream during your retirement years.

To meet your need for growth and a future income stream, consider taking advantage of your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b). If you are self-employed, or if you own a small

business, you can choose from a variety of plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA and an "owner-only" 401(k). All these plans provide for tax-deferred growth of earnings, so your money may accumulate faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

Furthermore, once you retire, you'll be able to determine the amount of withdrawals from your retirement account, based on your lifestyle and your projected longevity.

To supplement your employer-sponsored retirement plan, you should consider opening a traditional or Roth IRA, both of which offer tax advantages. Of course, over the years, you can supplement your tax-advantaged investments with stocks, bonds and other securities held outside your 401(k) or IRA.

#### Protecting Your Resources

Your 401(k), IRA and other investments are financial assets for helping you save for one of your most important long-term goals: retirement. But while you think about your future, you can't forget about your family's - and what it

might look like without you. That's why you need to protect your most essential financial resource - your income.

And that means having sufficient life insurance. Your financial professional can help you determine how much coverage you need. But you can't stop there - because you don't have to die to lose your income. Consider this: A 20-year-old worker has a three-in-ten chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age, according to Social Security Online. Disability insurance helps guard your income against disability.

Finally, you'll need to protect your financial resources during your retirement years. You may never need any type of long-term care, but it's a chance you may not want to take. A year's stay in a nursing home can easily cost \$50,000 or more. To avoid bankrupting yourself or becoming a burden on your family, you may need long-term care insurance.

Accumulating resources and protecting them - two key elements of your entire financial picture. Make sure you've got these pieces in place. Nest week: Creating a retirement income stream and transferring your wealth.

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The people that shop and leave their cart in front of their car are the people who would really do their bodies a healthy favor by walking to the cart corral.

The High School's production of Beauty and the Beast is a delight. To the cast and crew - Outstanding. Another job well done.

The Beauty and the Beast musical was absolutely awesome! What talented youth Lowell has!

The music, costumes, makeup, props... EVERYTHING was fabulous! Don't miss it!

The Board selected a great candidate for superintendent. I taught at Kent City and like his style of MBWA. (Management by Walking Around). He'll be good for Lowell.

Whatever happened to having personality or friendliness in customer service? Especially last Friday.

I think the stargazers think more about the stars than they do about the American flag.

It's the Lowell Ledger, not the Alto Ledger. If you want to read about Alto get your own paper.

The school board needs to be congratulated on the hard work and long hours spent hiring a new superintendent. I guess they have made a good decision. Time will tell.

Has anyone else spotted a robin? I had one in my yard Sunday!

## LEGAL NOTICE

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FILE NO. 06-181,135-DE

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PAUL RAYMOND HOAG  
deceased

Date of birth  
12/12/1956

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March 9, 2006

Karen S. McFadden  
P-57043  
403 W. Main St.  
Belding MI 48809  
616-794-1220

John Hoag  
13830 Deer Lake Dr. NE  
Greenville, MI 48838

## DNR, continued ... From Page 11

the issue through the use of online diaries for students enrolled in a hunter safety class.

Education and Outreach  
The work group

recommended that the DNR work with the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association and local community members to incorporate hunting,

fishing and camping programs into parks and recreation programs. It also recommended the DNR partner with the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board to give extra scoring points to applicants that foster natural resource-based recreation, like hunting, fishing and camping. The group also recommended that the DNR work with

partners to develop a K-12 environmental and outdoor education curricula that clearly identifies the role hunting and hunters play in conservation and environmental stewardship.

Regulations and Enforcement  
The work group recommended lowering the minimum age from 12 to 10 for hunter safety

certification and for all small game, waterfowl and turkey hunting; and lower the minimum hunting age from 14 to 12 for all big game hunting. The report also calls for increasing and expanding hunting opportunities for hunters with disabilities. There was also a call for simplifying and standardizing the DNR hunting/fishing/trapping guides.

The DNR will be working with its partner organizations to implement these recommendations this year and next. The very future of conservation depends on these recommendations to stem the loss of licensed hunters and bring new enthusiasts into the shooting and hunting sports.

A copy of the final report and executive summary is available on the DNR's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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In memory of  
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