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# **Community expo draws crowds to Lowell High School**

This year's event called biggest yet

By Dan Schneider

owell High School was crowded, bustling place Saturday for the 10th annual Lowell Community Expo.

Local businesses and organizations, and groups from places outside of Lowell, were presenting what they have to offer to the public. That included everything from dog grooming to worship. There were churches, music groups, even a business that sells African hunting safaris.

County National Bank.

The chamber has experimented in past years with various methods of calculating attendance at the expo. No such method was in place at this year's expo, but the event clearly attracted a large amount of visitors.

"I know without a doubt it was our highest attendance ever." Baker said.

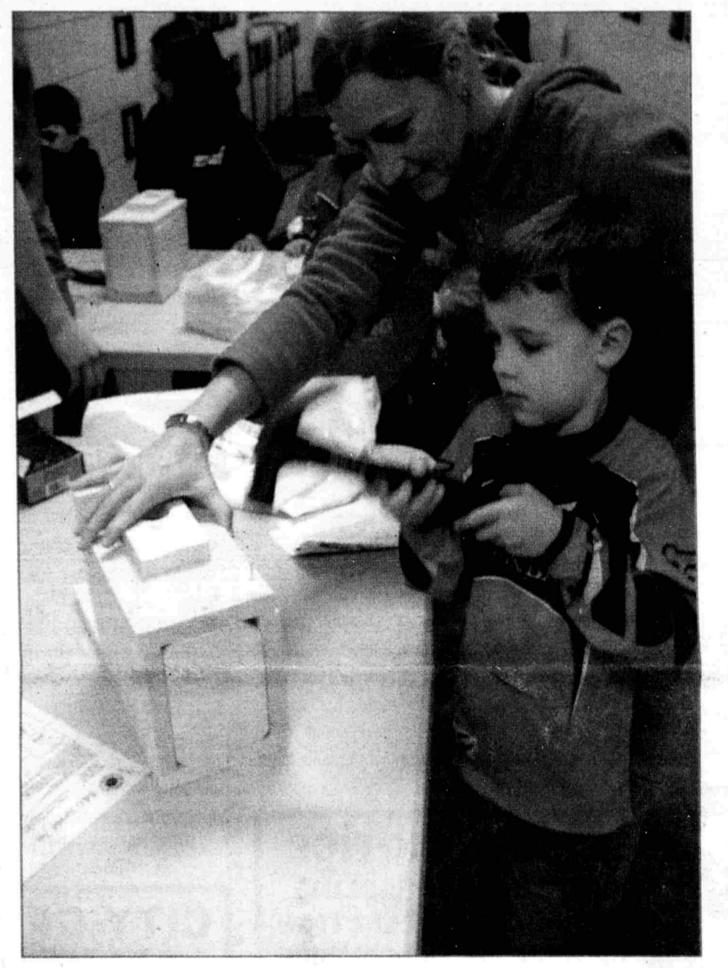
One of the visitors who plans to move to Lowell soon was Lowell Area Schools' new superintendent, Gregory Pratt. He spent four hours at the LAS booth, but also had

a development and new families, and we want to know the latest, what's going on in Lowell, to pass on to people," Host said.

Lowell YMCA associate executive director Staci Messersmith said the expo is timed perfectly for getting people interested in the Y's spring activities.

"With our spring session just starting, we've had a lot of interest in soccer and softball," she said.

The expo is also an opportunity for organizations to get more in touch with the people they serve.



The parking lot was packed throughout the day, starting at 9 a.m. when the expo opened.

"I truly believe it was probably our best expoever," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker.

The chamber presents the expo every year along with Lowell Area Schools and, for the last few years, business sponsor Ionia a chance to learn about the community in general at the expo.

"It's a wonderful event," Pratt said. "It gives you a flavor of what Lowell's all about and what the people are all about."

Lowell area resident Marcia Host was also excited to learn more about what is going on in the community.

"We're very interested right now because we have

"It's so nice to be able to come out and see members outside of the YMCA," Messersmith said.

**Bethanie Pollock helps** her son, Austin, 6, by holding his birdhouse steady while he pounds in a nail. B&G Services birdhouse offered a construction workshop for kids at Saturday's expo. More pictures of the event on page 9.

# Arrest warrant issued for local man suspected of fraud Suspect allegedly used false cancer claim to get money from benefits

By Dan Schneider

owell police granted were a warrant last Thursday for the arrest of a 35-year-old Lowell man suspected of defrauding the Lowell community of thousands of dollars.

The investigation began after an anonymous letter was sent to local news outlets, including the Lowell Ledger, and then forwarded to police. The letter alleged that Stan Lenneman defrauded as much as \$10,000 with a false cancer claim. Police would not confirm or deny whether the man they are seeking is the man named in the letter.

"He allegedly took advantage of people's generosity and defrauded

the entire community that took part in events for his welfare," said Lowell police detective Steve Bukala.

The letter stated that Lenneman first made his claim of having pancreatic cancer in March of 2005. By April 2005, he said he was given three to six months to live in a second opinion from a different doctor.

On May 27, 2005, Lenneman's family held a cancer benefit to raise money for his medical expenses. That date has been confirmed. As much as \$10,000 was raised at that event and via other means, such as collection canisters placed at local businesses.

People became suspicious after time went on without noticeable

health. The anonymous letter was written in early February. Shortly thereafter, Lowell police began an investigation.

They said he was allegedly able to defraud citizens as late as February. Police said even family members believed Lenneman still had cancer. The investigation has identified 14 victims, but there are most likely many more.

"One of the problems we ran into is that a lot of these victims are untraceable with cash donations and sparse record keeping," said Bukala.

Police obtained enough evidence for probable cause to review the suspect's medical records while

That incident is still under investigation. Bukala said there were enough discrepancies in the medical records to warrant an arrest. The arrest warrant is for felony charges of false

for another incident in

which he was involved.

pretenses \$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000. That charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

The letter claimed Lenneman planned to leave the state but so far that appears not to be the case. He was last seen March 15 having dinner at a restaurant in Lowell. Police believed he was still in the area as of last Thursday.

Bukala is concerned

cause people to be skeptical about future benefits in the community.

"The unfortunate thing is, most of these benefits are legitimate, but now people's suspicions are going to be thinking of the negative," he said.

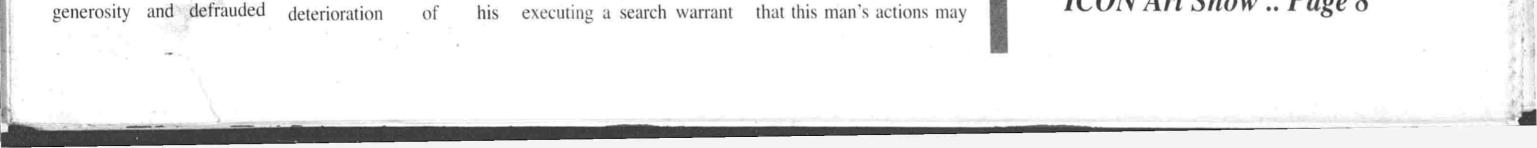
Individualswhofeelthey may have been victimized by this fraud, or who may have information that could lead to Lenneman's arrest, are encouraged to contact the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.



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#### HULST

Harold E. Hulst, aged 85, of Zeeland, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006. He was aged 90, of Lowell, passed Tuesday 7-9 p.m. at the preceded in death by his wife away Tuesday, March chapel and one hour prior to Marjorie in 2002. He was a 21, 2006 at Cumberland the service on Wednesday. lifelong member of Oakland Retirement Community. In lieu of flowers memorial Christian Reformed Church. She was preceded in death contributions may be made Harold worked at Haworth by her husband Elmer. She to: Hospice of Michigan, for 10 years and was a retired is survived by her children 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand farmer. He is survived by his Cara (Ken) Dobson, John, Rapids, MI 49503. children Gary and Bev Hulst Christine, Jordan, Teresa; of Zeeland, Mary and Terry sister Clara Rewa; other Genzink of Hudsonville, relatives and friends. Funeral Lila and Edgar Veinbergs services were held Friday at aged 80, of Grand Rapids, Sennema. She is survived of Lowell, Ellen and David Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, died Monday, March 20, by her loving daughter, Meyer of Hancock; 14 Rev. George J. Fekete of St. 2006. He was preceded Toni (Michael) Blough grandchildren; sisters and Interment of Bentheim, Mrs. Gleon Association. (Gerene) Eding of Bentheim, Elmer and Jeanette Hulst of Hudsonville, Myrt Hulst Church with the Rev. Ronald Michael (Jennifer) Lillie De Young officiating. Burial of Lowell, Jeffrey (Kerri) International Aid.

#### LAYER

Helen Rose Layer, Cemetery.

#### MCGALLIARD

Dorothy Koopman of Byron Marvin Koewers and John Memorial contributions friends. Gladys graduated Center. Funeral services McGalliard. She is survived may be made to the charity from Blodgett School of were held Saturday at by her daughter Carol (Jim) of one's choice. Oakland Christian Reformed Lillie of Lowell; grandsons in Bentheim Cemetery. Lillie of Lowell; four great- Thorne, aged 91, a resident She was a longtime member Memorial contributions may grandchildren Jasmine, at be given to Right to Life or Jordan, Isabel and Cole; Community, several nieces and nephews. of Lowell passed away enjoyed reading, playing

Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N Hudson, Lowell, Rev. Steve Shick, Chaplin from Hospice of MI officiating. Interment Oakwood Visitation

#### SCHULMEYER

#### THORNE

Clark 2006. She was born February her family and friends. A 11, 1915, the daughter of

held Wednesday, March Bieri. She was preceded held 11:00AM, on Thursday, (Chris) Vezino and Kerry



Richard L. Schulmeyer, in 1971, and her sister Alice Rapids, MI 49506. grandchildren; four great- Mary Church, officiating. in death by his wife of 50 of Lowell; grandchildren, 78, lost his long battle with Oakwood years, June Schulmeyer. He Nick Blough, Katie Blough lung cancer on March 22, brother Mrs. Gerrit (Lillian) Cemetery. In lieu of flowers is survived by his daughters of Lowell; sister, Esther 2006. He was a Lowell Vis of Zeeland, Mrs. memorial contributions may Anne Sutherlin of East D'Archangel of Hamilton; resident for 46 years and 78, of Ionia, passed away Myron (Harriet) Lezman be made to the Alzheimer's Sound, WA, Susan Sutherlin sisters-and brothers-in- will be remembered as a man on Friday, March 24, 2006. of Ada; grandchildren law, Donna (Fay) Johnson who loved his family and his She was born on August 10, Nursing in 1937, where she worked for many years as an RN. She married John D. Gladys Marie (Bieri) Thorne on June 12, 1941. Retirement of the First United Methodist formerly Church of Lowell. Gladys peacefully March 27th, cards and visiting with

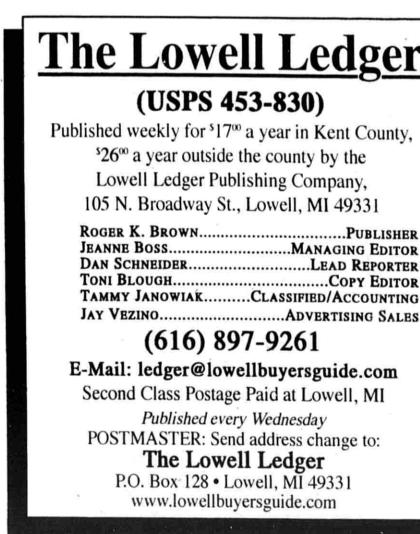
Funeral service will be Gottfried and Elise (Feller) memorial service will be Jay (Sarah) Vezino, Jon 29 at 11 a.m. at the Roth- in death by her parents; her March 30th, at First United (aka Cub) Vezino; daughter Methodist Church of Sherri (Bob) Wager; 13 Lowell, 621 E. Main St. Dr. grandchildren; seven great-Michael Conklin officiating. grandchildren; sisters-in-Interment Cemetery. Visitation will Ms. Janet Reaume; many be Wednesday, March 29, special nieces and nephews; 6:00-8:00 PM at the Roth- numerous friends and his Gerst Funeral Home, 305 Clam Lake buddies. Mass N. Hudson St. and one of Christian Burial was hour prior to the service offered at St. Mary Church, at the church. Memorial Lowell, Saturday, March 25, contributions may be made with Fr. Louis Anderson, to First United Methodist Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, Church of Lowell, or Clark memorial contributions may Retirement Community, be made to Visiting Nurse husband, John (Jack) Thorne 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Foundation, 1401 Cedar NE,

#### VEZINO

Joseph C. Vezino, aged Main, Lowell.



Vezino, Barry (Pat) Vezino,



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** FOR THE SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2006 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP. LOWELL TOWNSHIP VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH

**REMINDER NOTICE** 

OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATION WILL BE MONDAY APRIL 3, 2006

#### **QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER** TO VOTE:

 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR **BEFORE APRIL 3, 2006** 

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk (616) 868-6846 9 am to 4 pm

Linda S. Regan Lowell Township Clerk (616) 897-7600 9 am to 5 pm

Betty Morlock Lowell City Clerk (616) 897-8457 8 am to 5 pm

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk (616) 897-5671 9 am to 3 pm

**CITY OF LOWELL**/ **ALLIED WASTE** SERVICES YARD WASTE PICKUP **PROGRAM FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2006** The City of Lowell yard waste pickup

program is scheduled for the first and third Thursday of each month, unless there is a holiday in that week and the pickup day will be Friday. Your waste pickup will be the same day as your refuse/recycling pickup is. The dates are listed below.

> Yard Waste Pickup Schedule April 6th and 20th May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> \*June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> \* July 7th and 20th August 3rd and 17th \*September 8th and 21st

#### \*PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE A FRIDAY PICKUP DUE TO HOLIDAY DURING THE WEEK.

you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457)

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk





Oakwood law Pat (Virgil) Burtka, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Lowell Showboat Fund, c/ o Lowell City Hall, 301 E.

#### WILSON

Louise J. Wilson, aged Brooke, Amanda and George of Grand Rapids, Barbara work; also as an Eagle Scout, 1927. Louise was a member Budnick, Charles and Bryan Zolliker of Gulf Breeze, Fla, Army Military Policeman, of the Easton United Margaret E. (Koewers) Bristol. Graveside funeral Clarence (Maryann) Tuma Lowell Showboat Endman Methodist Church. She of Zeeland; in-laws Harley McGalliard, aged 86, of services were held Friday of Mt. Pleasant; special for 14 years, and an Amway enjoyed traveling, country-Mulder of Hudsonville, Lowell, passed away March at Graceland Memorial niece, Carol (Harold) Derks employee for 24 years. Joe western and square dancing Don and Caryl Koopman 26, 2006. She was preceded Park, Rev. Dick Host of St. of Grand Rapids; many was the owner of Lowell and loved to socialize with of Hamilton, Clarence and in death by her husbands Mary Church, officiating. nieces and nephews and Poultry Farms. He was a people and to serve and help others. Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband Jesse, her mother, her father, brothers Gilbert. Harry, Bill; sister Suzanne "Toot". Surviving are her children Dave (Marie) Wilson of Williamston, Nancy (Ken) Raymond of Rockford, John (Karen) Wilson of King William, VA, Dan (Cathy) Wilson of Ionia, Dick (Susan) Wilson of Ionia, Jane (Jim) Platschorre of Ionia, Melissa (Joe) Hartman of Ionia; 23 grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; special niece Cindy (Tom) Hulliberger of watch repairman, a hockey Lowell. The funeral service

### fan and fisherman; he also was celebrated by the Pastor did dollhouse construction. Tom Reaume on March 27 He is survived by his loving at Easton United Methodist family: wife Helen of 56 Church, Ionia, Contributions years; sons Robert (Bonnie) may be made to the Easton Vezino, Joseph A. (Barb) United Methodist Church, Vezino, Kevin (Mary) 4970 Potters Rd., Ionia.

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# School board gives new superintendent three-year contract

#### By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Schools board of education a transition period into met last Tuesday to approve the district, according to a contract for newly selected district superintendent, Greg Pratt.

three-year contract with a district before the end of the starting salary of \$121,000 for the 2006-2007 school year. His salary will go up hopes to be in the district to \$128,000 the following approximately one day per year. The contract includes life and health insurance and a district car in addition to the salary.

his contract established, the only business matter of Pratt's employment yet to be determined is a start date.

"That is still the one unanswered question." school board president Nancy Hopkins said.

Pratt submitted his official resignation to his a per diem basis for time current district, Kent City transition days prior to his Community Schools, last full-time start date. week. That set the stage

for establishing his start Area date. Pratt plans to have Hopkins.

"We are very hopeful that he will be able to be Pratt was given a spending some time in the school year," she said.

> Pratt said he soon week. He is excited about coming to Lowell to work.

"This is an exciting time for me, moving from With Pratt selected and a small district to a bigger district and meeting new challenges," Pratt said.

> He is also looking forward to moving to Lowell with his family.

"My wife is really excited about the move,' Pratt said.

Pratt will be paid on



Lowell's new superintendent Greg Pratt, at Lowell High School during Saturday's Lowell Community Expo.

### Lowell area farm given sesquicentennial status

have been awarded a years. Michigan Sesquicentennial Families apply for Farm sign by Consumers certification and provide Rittenger on Dec. 10, 1850. in the Michigan Department Historic of approximately 270 a green and white display certified Sesquicentennial marker are issued to the

Patricia and Stewart continuously owned by the Thomet, of Lowell Township, same family for at least 150

Energy. The farm was first documentation to the State purchased by Michael H. Historic Preservation Office The Michigan State of History, Arts and Preservation Libraries. Once the State office recently certified verifies the property's history the Thomet farm as one and size, a certificate and Farms in Michigan. A family. Consumers Energy sesquicentennial farm is awards the display marker to a working farm of 10 or the family to commemorate more acres that has been the event and the dramatic

changes electricity brought to farm operations and family life.





When anger rises, think of the consequences. -Confucius



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The Thebes Players are looking for directors and producers for four productions in the 2006-07 season. Applicants' resumes due by April 28 to LAAC (Thebes Players) P.O. Box 53, Lowell 49331 or call 897-8545.

#### SPRING BREAK SPECTACULAR

Guf Troupe's comedy show this Friday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. General admission: \$5. Call Brent Alles at 616-301-2790 for information.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1125 W. Main (across from Burger King) will hold a blood drive Monday, April 3 from 3-7 p.m.

#### **ART EXHIBT AT HUNTINGTON**

Local artist Kendra Postma has a mixed media art exhibit at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main through April 4. Gerard Anthony Wood will have a watercolor exhibition April 4 - May 1. For information call LAAC at 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartscouncil.o

#### WEST MICH. BLUEGRASS

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association will have a fundraiser, Saturday, April 1 at Lowell Riverview. Open jamming 6 p.m.; bluegrass bands 7:30

#### FOODMOBILE

The Foodmobile will be at Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 8, 10-11 a.m. Free food available to people in Greater Lowell area.

#### **ALTO FIREMEN'S PANCAKE SUPPER**

All you can eat at Alto Fire Station on Saturday, April 8, 5-8:30 p.m. Donation at the door.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Lowell Moose Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 8 at Creekside Park. 1-3 yrs. 11 a.m.; 4-6 yrs. 11:45 a.m.; 7-9 yrs. 12:30 p.m. Cookies, drinks, \$25 top prize each group, clown and Easter Bunny!

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

Area churches will sponsor a "Better Together" food drive on Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dropoff site: Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Please bring nonperishable foods to benefit FROM.

#### LARA OPEN HOUSE

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority will have an open house at the Wittenbach/Wege Center the evening of April 20. Call Mari Stone at 897-5671 for more info.

#### PASTEL WORKSHOP

Artist Irene Wordhouse will teach a pastel workshop "More Than Apples and Oranges" April 21-22 at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

#### SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Lowell Area Arts Council summer camp scholarship applications for middle/high school students attending a music, art or drama camp available at 149 S. Hudson, or www.lowell artscouncil.org. Deadline April 30.

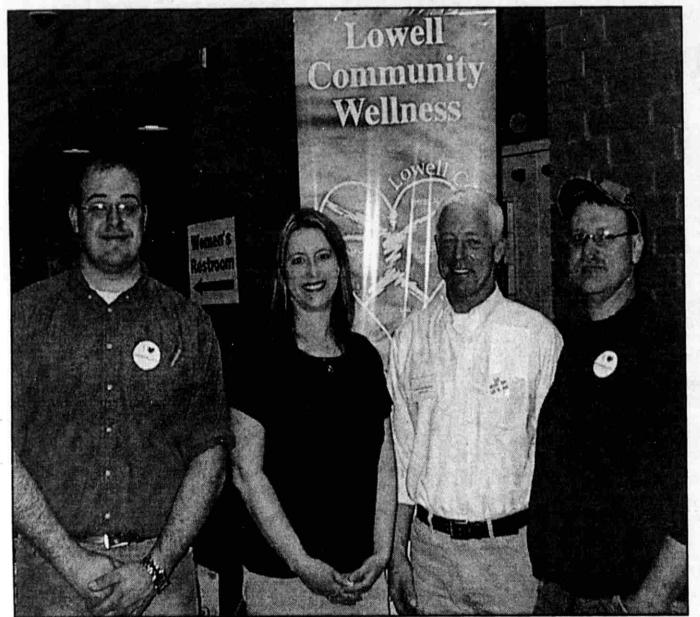
#### FANTASY ON ICE

The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club and the Community Learn-to-Skate participants will host a Fantasy on Ice" show April 29 and 30. Call 616-974-3345 for more information.

#### SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Branch Adventures, a new Christian camp, has a variety of camps for students, families. Call 642-2315 or www.branchadventures.org for early registration deadline May 1.

# Lowell waistlines slimmer after weight loss challenge



Matt Collins (from left), Jill DeCator, Gregg Hovey and Don Videto of the Hovey/ Herbalife team won this year's Lowell Community Wellness weight loss challenge, losing a cumulative 111 pounds.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

ORDER FOR SERVICE **BY PUBLICATION AND** NOTICE OF ACTION



Tel. 897-4835 • 147 North Center Street • Lowell

CASE NO. 06-02341-DO

Honorable Kathleen A. Feeney

Plaintiff SHANI RAE MOGUEL

defendant FEDERICO F. MOGUEL

Attorney for Plaintiff **Robert N. Swartz** (P21196) 1100 McKay Tower 146 Monroe Center N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-459-3303

TO FEDERICO F. MOGUEL defendant 35 Celia S.W. Wyoming, MI 49548

#### By Dan Schneider

pounds short of losing a ton this year during the Lowell Community Weight Loss Challenge, which concluded last Tuesday.

This year 28 teams of year. There were 17 busifour competed in the challenge, which is put on by 10 family teams, six teams Lowell Community Well- of Lowell Area Schools ness. In total, they lost 1,908 pounds.

Hovey/Herbalife team which lost 111 pounds. The a team." second place team was close behind: Six Guys and a Gal (actually three men who for the year 2006. But the claimed to weigh as much as two men each and one woman) lost 110 pounds during the 10 weeks of the challenge. The Fantastic Four, seems people intend to conconsisting of Daisy Floral tinue practicing the healthemployees, placed third, ful habits they learned. losing 95 pounds.

#### COURT ADDRESS: 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503

1. This Court has ordered 4. The court waives that you be served by publication. 2. You are notified that Federico F. Moguel at you are being sued by the last known address. 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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS this case. 3. A copy of this order

shall be published

made huge lifestyle changes Lowell was only 92 to get to that point," Lowell Community Wellness director Patty Sellner said.

Business teams composed of co-workers were a big part of the challenge this ness teams in the challenge, teachers and, Sellner said, "five teams of people who The top team was the really didn't know each other but just wanted to be on

> goal of losing 2,006 pounds important thing is that the challenge helped people start and continue healthy lifestyles, Sellner said. And it "On the last week,

"All of those teams people were just sad that it

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

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

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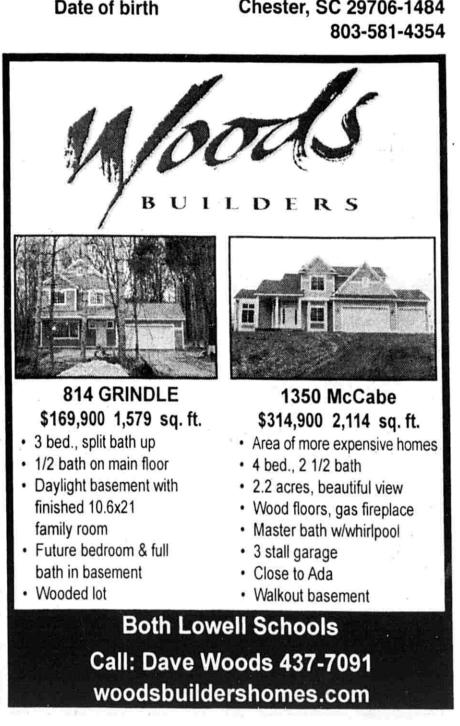
STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-181,109-DE of this notice.

Estate of **ROSE O. ROBERTS** deceased

Date of birth



LACROM IN ONE VISIT ...SIMPLE! "If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!" (6) Family Dentistry of Lowell - ANN WILSON, D.D.S. -

cated.' The challenge also benefited Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), which received a donation of \$1,000 from the event's proceeds.

was done and they wanted

to keep going and going and

going," Sellner said. "Lots

of people were very dedi-

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan sponsored this year's event, which allowed Lowell Community Wellness to make the Lowell fell short of the donation to FROM and have some money left over for its other community health events. Kent Butcher Supply donated the scale used for weigh-in days.

> Lowell Community Wellness's next event will be the 100 miles in 100 days walking challenge. That will begin in late March.

#### 01/27/1916

#### TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROSE O. **ROBERTS**, who lived at 2900 Thornhills SE, Cascade Twp., Michigan, died 10/19/2005. Creditors the of

decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gary Roberts, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa St. NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, Michigan and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication

February 6, 2006

Gary Roberts 108 York St. Chester, SC 29706-1484



Whining...we're all guilty of it from time to time. Once in awhile I'll take off on a rant in this column. It might have something to do with rude cell phone users, rude smokers, a speeding ticket, etc. When I finish pieces along this vein I often feel like I've been whining, and wish I'd thought of something else to write about. I suppose that even sounds like whining.

So, is this going to be another whining column? No, in fact I'm going to try to relate a little story that might be a lesson in whining for all of us.

You may remember from columns from nearly a year ago that my mother was battling a cancerous tumor in the sinus cavity behind her right eye. I'm happy to report that after a very difficult and lengthy treatment program of radiation and chemotherapy, she's doing pretty darned well. She has her sight back and is even capable of driving herself on short errands. She lives alone and basically takes care of herself. That's all the good stuff.

On the down side, she is eighty years old, still a bit weak from her ordeal and her hearing isn't so good. Because of her hearing issues, she doesn't enjoy television. Of course, given what's on TV, her hearing might be just an excuse not to tune in

In a recent phone call I asked what the heck she does all day. She told me that lately she has been going through boxes of old photographs. She tries to at least identify the people, and maybe make a note of what the occasion is. There were no digital cameras back then, so making a photograph was something of a big deal. If the photo warrants it, she is prompted to commit a few lines to the story. In essence, she's writing her memoirs. To my way of thinking, that's a heckuva lot better than sitting around watching "I Love Lucy" re-runs.

One of these stories came out in a phone conversation last week. My mom grew up on a small farm near Blanchard, Michigan. It is still a very rural part of the state. She has a brother about a year older and a sister a year or so younger. Her parents were Lester and Leda. They had cleared the acreage, farmed with horses and lived off the land like a majority of Americans did back then. Yes, you had to be tough.

Without even the simplest luxury, like electricity, she

# To The Editor

#### Dear Editor,

I have found it very disappointing that we treat farm animals so badly and yet still buy the products with no second thoughts. Thinking of the slaughter houses having their animals arrive frozen or dead, having them put in scalding water for the hair removal process, and yet still eating them is sickening.

These animals are forced into such poor living quality of these foods. conditions that they cannot eat due to pain, they are crippled by the time they are ready to be slaughtered, or are forced to live in over-crowded cages with other dead cage mates. With chickens, they suffer from such rough treatment that

A particular photograph prompted this story about the summer of 1932. My mother prefaced with, "It was during the Depression and times were pretty hard." I felt like correcting her. Times were pretty hard before the Depression...they were REALLY hard during it.

The story went something like this. Like everybody else, my grandparents were broke and work was very scarce. In the summer of 1932 some jobs were available at a cannery near Scottsville, a small town fifty or sixty miles to the west. Along with an aunt and uncle and their kids, my grandmother packed up and took a job canning peaches. They lived in a tent near the cannery. One night a big storm blew away the tent, so they all slept in the car. They were at work the next morning.

The distance from Scottsville to Blanchard may not seem like much given today's modern road and cars. In 1932 it may as well have been California. The point is, Leda was gone for as long as the work held out.

I did some quick math. If my mom were born in '25, she MARCH 30, 1881 would have turned seven that summer. Uncle Sy was eight "A young man named Ripton had a finger Ripton two or nine and aunt Joyce was four or five. by a buzz saw at Grand Rapids Friday."

I know from other stories that my grandpa's workday Thieves made off with six ducks and 30 young hens at was milking before dawn, work in the fields all day and Silas Beckey's in Cascade. milking at night. I asked my mom, "Who took care of you Ice has badly damaged the upper Grand River bridge guys while grandma was gone?" My grandma came from here. It is impassable. a big family of eight girls and one boy. Mom told me that Friday evening Mr. Chapman's double A class of the some of grandma's younger sisters, my mom's aunts, took West Ward School will give an exhibition. turns looking after the kids.

If this sounds a little like "The Grapes of Wrath", wait... **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** it gets even better. As I was trying to imagine this horrible MARCH 29, 1906 scenario (they didn't call it the Depression for nuthin'). J.A. Matern and H.A. Peckham are the new members of my mom threw in the ringer. She said something like, "Of the Village Council. course 1932 was the year of the big storm." I asked, "What A visitor to Lansing high school presses a button, storm was that Ma?" "The big hail storm that wiped out all thinking it would summon a person. It is the fire alarm. your grandpa's crops" she replied. I swear I'm not making Ohio and Iowa want a national constitutional convention to provide for senators to be elected by popular vote. this up!

Incredulous, I asked her how they made out. As if it This is a three-page Ledger. were no big deal, she said my grandma came home when the work ran out and the kids went back to school in the fall. **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** She did wonder out loud about how they would have made AND THE ALTO SOLO it without that little bit of money her mom made working in MARCH 26, 1931 the cannery that summer. And that was the end of the story. The April 6 state vote includes 3 constitutional I'm sure you all have "Depression" stories from your amendments: state funding for airports, borrowing money family histories. Maybe you can top this one. But, this was pay outstanding bonded indebtedness, and capital to the first time I'd heard this particular story, it struck a chord punishment for murderers.

with me and I thought I'd pass it along.

Back to the whining thing. The next time you're having million automobiles annually. a "pity party" for yourself, try to remember this little story The Hoyt Lumber Co. and Lowell Sprayer report about the Reynolds clan in the summer of '32. I'll bet you'll increased business and hiring more workers. "Remember When" mentions all the old barns standing feel better about your problems right away.

their meat can only be used for chicken noodle soup, animal feed, or school lunch programs.

Many farmers pump their cattle full of human medicine MARCH 29, 1956 just to keep them living for the slaughter houses. I think we An empty Lowell school bus on slick roads brakes for are getting the raw end of the deal by eating meat that is the car ahead and nosedives into a cattle viaduct under Mbeaten up and injected with high doses of medication. 21, causing \$400 damage.

Putting students at risk of swallowing bone fragments, Sleet and high winds two days before the accident and depriving ourselves of natural food is a risk for our knocked down branches and caused telephone and power health. I am not saying people need to become vegetarians, outages. I am only stating the fact that the cruel treatment of farm Snow freezing on the village fire alarm silences it, and animals should be changed to improve our lives and the the chief must phone around to get a crew for a garage fire. It must be spring; four auction sales are scheduled for next week.

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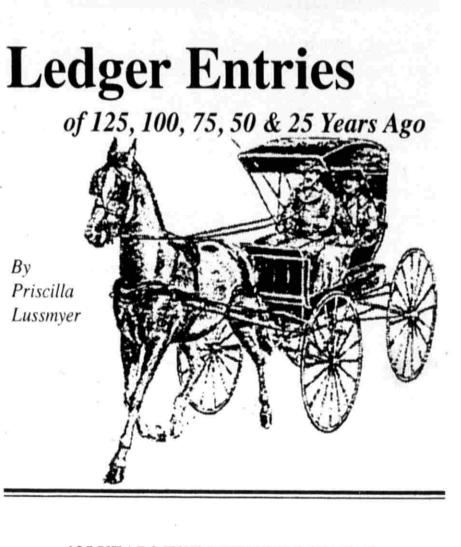
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says kids had to make their own fun. She quickly added that they did have fun, but it was different from what kids do

> Sincerely, Jamie Phillips



**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL** 

A nationwide program is planned for scrapping three

long after horse and buggy days, as eyesores and fire hazards.

The Lowell Centennial delegation visits Marshall, which had one last year.

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**

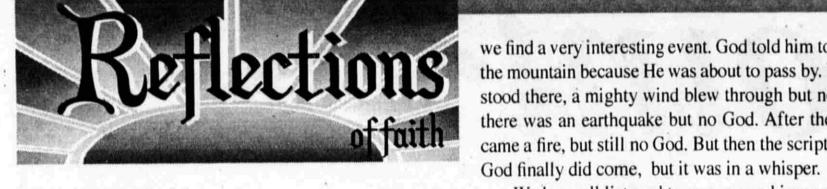
#### **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER** MARCH 25, 1981

A twin-engine Piper Apache airplane with engine trouble crashes near the Middle School, killing the pilot and injuring a passenger.

The burn ban is still on, says fire chief Frank Martin, after answering 10 fires in seven days.

Ada Township's new water system goes into operation, at 90 cents per thousand gallons.

The third and last of the LAAC concert series will feature jazz clarinetist Eddie Daniels.



Pastor Michael Rhodabarger Church of the Nazarene

Where is God? I remember the 911 tragedy spawning two phrases: "In God We Trust" and "Where was God?" I a child getting married and even the occasional sinful attack felt proud to be both an American and a Christian when we united with "In God we trust." Yet, in the midst of it all there were still those that wondered "Where was God?" tragedy will not show the evidence of God. However, the

Reflecting back on the Old Testament prophet Elijah,



Deb Maxim, Delores Elli- Ron Metternick, Alec Nerick Drake.

MARCH 31: Katelynn Alex Hazard. Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, APRIL 3: Hayleigh Borton, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Mi- Jamie Barnes, Darwin Lamchaela Blough.

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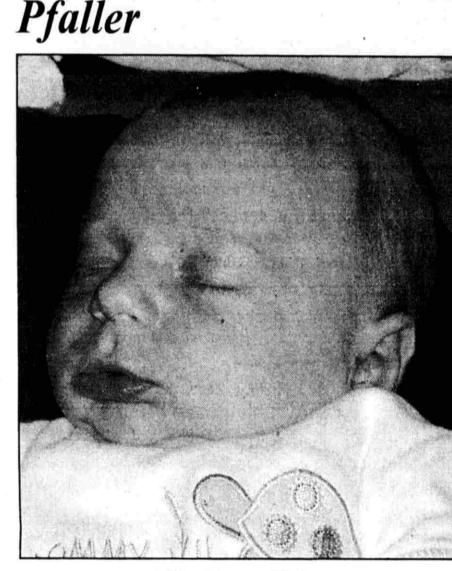
bert.

"I wouldn't hold out much hope for the tape deck, though." "Or the Creedance." -Police officers from "The Big Lebowski"

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that it takes effort to hear them. You really have to be paying

on our nation.

**Miles Maysen Pfaller** 

of Wayne, Mich., are happy of Grand Rapids. Greatweighing 9 lbs. 10 oz. and Spicer and Jerry Jarrett. measuring 23 1/2 inches.

are Bob and Gay Pfaller Mari and Uncle Dan. of Lowell, Janell Spicer of

Jeffrey and Sandi Pfaller Jenison and Steve Spicer to announce the birth of grandparents are Leo and their son, Miles Maysen. He Madelyn Pfaller, Beverly was born February 21, 2006, Homolka, Don and Ruby Also welcoming him

Proud grandparents home are Uncle Brian, Aunt

we find a very interesting event. God told him to go stand on evidence of God can and will be found in the individual the mountain because He was about to pass by. While Elijah lives of those it affected. I can also assure you that during stood there, a mighty wind blew through but no God. Then the 911 attack God was whispering into the ears of those there was an earthquake but no God. After the earthquake that loved Him words of peace and assurance. It is in the came a fire, but still no God. But then the scriptures say that quiet times of our lives that we train ourselves to listen to God. Then when the tragedy strikes, we are familiar with We have all listened to someone whisper and we know His voice and, like Elijah, will recognize it distinctively.

would simply prove a failure. I can assure you that the 911 and listen. He is there!



her new brother, Zachary Butterworth

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So, where is God? Read I Kings 19:11-13 and see attention to get all that was said. Major events take place all if God will challenge you to stop looking for Him in the the time in our lives such as blizzards, rain, storms, maybe major events in our lives. It is out of the private and silent moments with God that we gain the confidence to know that He is whispering to you during the most tragic of events in To look for God in the larger context of these events your life. Where is God? Grab your Bible, find a quiet place

#### Zachary Thomas Boehr

Big sister Ashley is weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and excited to welcome home measuring 18 1/2 inches. Proud parents are Tom Thomas Boehr. He was and Julie Boehr of Lowell. born March 13, 2006 at 2:46 Grandparents are John and p.m. at Spectrum Health Leslie Magee and Richard Campus, and Corrinne Boehr.



# **Movie rental store** now under local ownership

By Dan Schneider

Reel Tyme, the movie Lowell full time. rental store at 11635 East Fulton Street, is now locally people person, so I'm glad are half-price rentals, which owned and operated.

which was once located next to the Lowell Pizza Hut, has been that way in a long movie free. been owned by Courtney and Jason Willard since Feb. 3. Courtney Willard had have a locally-owned, small order hard-to-find titles. worked for L.A. Video for town feel. nine years and was excited to have the opportunity to buy the business.

right and I wanted to be able door," Willard said. "I want be giving away a door prize to do what I wanted to do to make my customers my of a DVD travel system. without having to answer to first priority." anybody," she said.

Before she and her participates husband bought the store, community is by being a owners of Reel Tyme, the she was also required to host site for Lowell High movie rental store located split her work time between School's Community-Based at 11635 East Fulton. Lowell and Lake Odessa. Instruction program.

She's glad to be back in

to be back in here again and means a new release costs The former L.A. Video, seeing all the faces," Willard \$1.30. On Wednesdays, the said. "It's exciting, it hasn't deal is rent two, get a third time."

guy that people come to weekend (April 7, 8 and 9), because they're treated all one- and five-day rentals "Finally, the price was well when they come in the will be \$1. The store will also

> One way the store in

Reel Tyme features rental specials on different "I've always been a big days of the week. Mondays

In addition to renting She wants Reel Tyme to movies, the store can special

The grand opening will "I want to be the little be held on April 8. That

> Jason and Courtney the Willard are the new

> > Elizabeth Vezino of Lowell has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's College of Science for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2005 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Vezino is the daughter of Joseph A. and Barbara Vezino of Lowell.

# College News

Craig Carpenter, a submitted. As a scholarship junior at Olivet College, has winner, he will participate undergraduate scholarship education committee. in the nation. The \$7,500



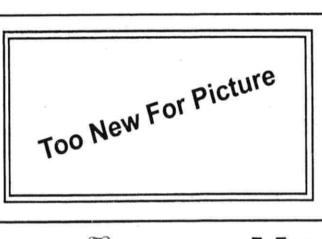
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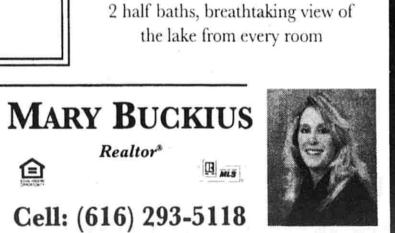


Carpenter, a 2003 School

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### New exhibit explores artistic identity as seen in art

#### By Dan Schneider

Throughout most of the month of April, the walls of the Lowell Area Arts Council's Gallery will be covered with artwork of eight artists.

It is called the ICON Show, meaning the work on display was selected to exemplify each artist's style and feel. The show is about the common threads in each artist's work that make it symbolic (an icon) of who they are as artists. Each artist gets his or her own wall space, with blank wall in between, sort of individual exhibits within the larger show

One of the artists in the show is Gene Ellens, a resident of Grand Rapids who teaches for expressly. art in Lowell elementary schools. The common thread in his work is color, especially transitions between colors.

"The most common theme would be color transitions," Ellens said. "Most of it is linked to metaphors for life."

In one piece, for instance, the juxtaposition of the colors represents how different experiences are woven together into life. In another piece, the transition between colors moves the eye in what Ellens calls a maze, another metaphor for trying to find your way in life. His pieces are rigid or free. but always involving color.

"Some of it's very structured and some of it is very organic, sort of flowing with color, like a landscape," Ellens said. "I very rarely do something that doesn't have

the whole color spectrum."

Rockford artist Patti Sevensma said color something that also ties together her art. She has a few colors that have become common in her pieces over the years.

"If I went through everything, it's almost always in those colors, and they almost always come out in the work," Sevensma said.

Those colors are only present in some of her work on display for the ICON Show. Her pieces are all digital She photograph montages. said her work typically defies common threads, or at least they are not something she tries

experiment, I don't want to put six artists in the show. ICON myself in a box," Sevensma Show runs from April 2 to

see her stamp on her work Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 whether it is a painting, collage, p.m.

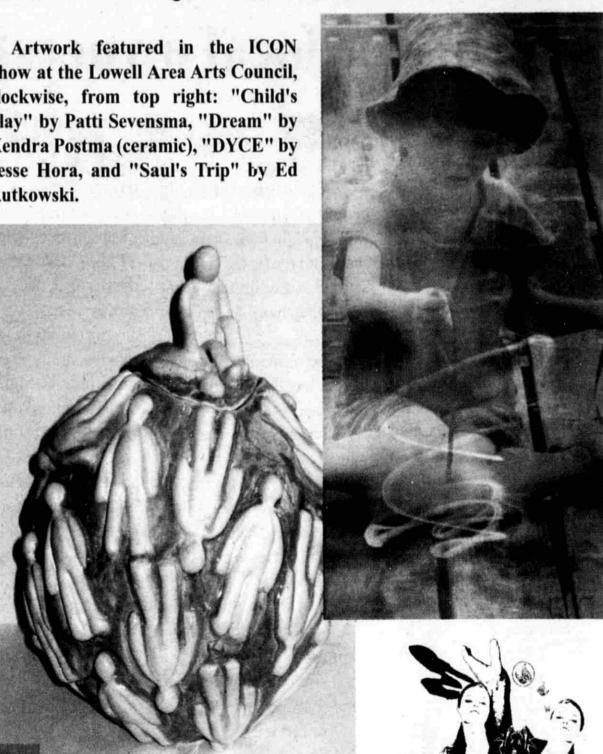
ceramic piece or montage. In her work for the ICON Show, the common theme that emerged is children. This is something she said developed in her work without her realizing it.

"I was amazed at how much I've been drawn to the children the last couple of years," Sevensma said, "I didn't realize how interested I've been in that subject matter.

Many of her pieces were put together from pictures she took during travels, of children she didn't know.

Jesse Hora, Janet Krueger, Kathleen Mooney, Daniel Pipe, Kendra Postma "I really, really try to and Ed Rutowski are the other April 29 at 149 S. Hudson. A But, she said, friends often public reception will be held

Show at the Lowell Area Arts Council, clockwise, from top right: "Child's Play" by Patti Sevensma, "Dream" by Kendra Postma (ceramic), "DYCE" by Jesse Hora, and "Saul's Trip" by Ed Rutkowski.

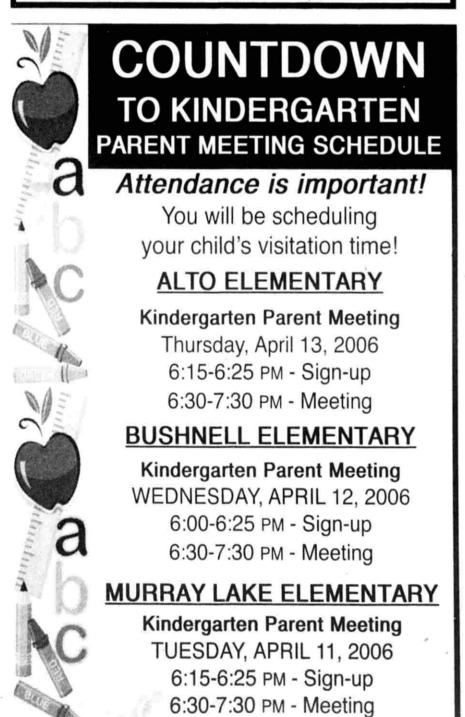






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## Art at Chamber Riverwalk Gallery

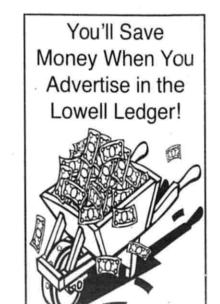
"Leafscape E," at left, by Kevin Barrett is among the pieces in his show at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The show features digital photographs, some of them manipulated, that are both realistic and abstract. "I've done a cross section of some of the areas I've been working in from close-up, macro, to some more scene pieces," Barrett said.

Barrett will have a public reception Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. during which there will be a 10 percent discount on the photographs for sale. There are 17 pieces in the show, but 25 will be on display for the reception.



Correction

In the March 22 edition of the Lowell Ledger, the cutline in the article titled, "Plans set for some clowning around in Lowell this fall," had the incorrect date. It should have read Oct. 14 as mentioned in the article.



## Scenes from 10th annual Lowell Community Expo



Dave Simmonds, left, Jim Strangways, right, and other members of the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association jammed in the hallway of Lowell High School a short distance away from their expo booth. The association will be holding a fundraiser Saturday with jamming starting at 6 p.m. and bands at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverview on the east side of town.



Top, Right: All kinds of people were at Lowell High School Saturday for the 10th annual Lowell Community Expo. This year's event was estimated to be the best attended community expo in the history of the event.

Above, Right: Students from Lowell Area Schools' string music program perform on the entertainment stage. Several different groups of Lowell string music students performed throughout the day. It was a very musical expo.

At Left: St. Mary Church choir performed on the entertainment stage during the expo.

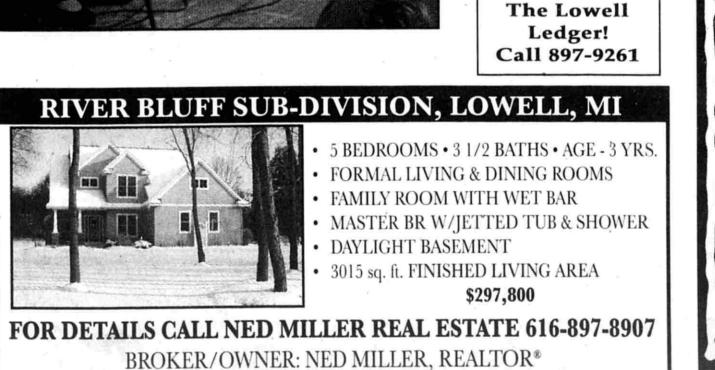
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The City's 27 acres on the river at the end of N. Washington is changing for the future. What is your vision? Join this informal discussion this Wednesday the 29th at the Arts Council on S. Hudson at 7 p.m. This matter is on the City Council's agenda for their meeting April 3rd. Paid for by Peggy Covert, N. Washington, Lowell



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### Letters, continued ... From Page 5

Dear Editior,

Schools and ICNB would like to extend our gratitude to the . businesses, organizations and churches for their participation and dedication to the Lowell Community Expo! We believe this was the best ever expo with record attendance!

We appreciate all of the support that the community has given to this event and for making our 10th annual Expo a huge success! You are the reason these businesses,

organizations and churches put forth such a great effort. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Our goals for the Community Expo are to show pride, maintain visibility, develop customer contacts and increase community awareness. We hope that when you are in need of a business, organization or church you will remember the contacts you made at Expo. The website www.lowellexpo. org will remain up for easy reference throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Expo Steering

Committee for their months of planning and meetings: chair

Susan Serne - Litehouse, Marilyn McDougal - ICNB, Larry Mikulski - Lowell Arca Schools, Ray and Barb Zandstra -Harding Enterprises, David Yomtoob - AirWave Computer Services, and Bruce Doll - Images of Vision. We look forward to next year's Expo, March 24, 2007.



Sincerely. Liz Baker & The Lowell Community Expo Steering Committee



#### **HELP PROMOTE LITERACY**

The Council Literacy scheduled an information Second Language (ESL). session on Tuesday, April You do not need to speak Senior Neighbors, an agency loneliness; and offer classes 4 for prospective volunteer another language to tutor dedicated to enhancing on many current topics. tutors. This session is held at ESL. 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, will be held at the Yankee operates six Senior Centers will be held at the Centennial there will be an opportunity Clipper Library, 2025 to sign up for tutor training. Leonard St. NE, Grand tutors, the council can offer register.

Kent County adults asking for assistance has in reading or English as a

The information session By training people to be Rapids. Call 459-5151 to

Senior Neighbors, Inc., throughout Kent County, Country Club on May 9 from of seniors, will have its St. Centers serve low-cost dinner, a silent auction and are \$35 per person. annual fundraising event nutritious meals; offer raffle. in May. The evening is an health and fitness programs opportunity to show older including health screenings; adults how important they sponsor outings; encourage are while also supporting friendships and combat senior lives.

Senior

The fundraiser, "A

Neighbors Night to Remember 2006"

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For reservations call a Kent County nonprofit one of which is in the city 6-9:30 p.m. It will have a Senior Neighbors at 459agency serving the needs of Lowell at 314 S. Hudson country western theme with 6019 by April 28. Tickets



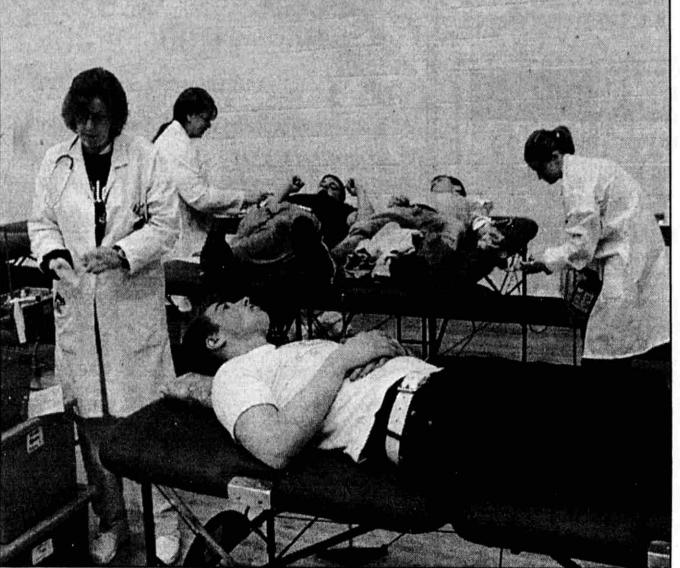
# Lowell youth wrestlers headed to individual state finals

The Lowell Youth Wrestling Club is sending 25 wrestlers to this weekend's regional, which was held and eight-year-old division Michigan Youth Wrestling over the past weekend at were Nate Stephans, Garret Association individual state finals.

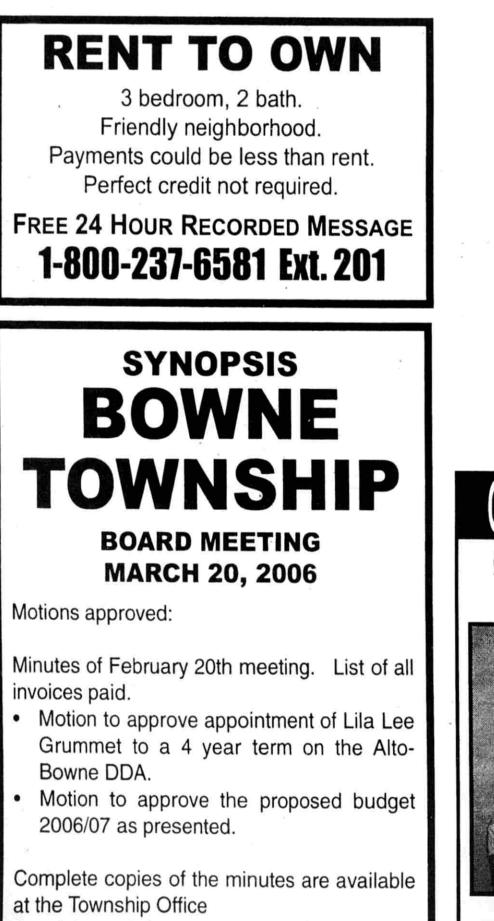
The Lowell wrestlers in the five/six division. qualified at the western (MYWA) Cedar Springs High School. Taylor, Alexander Anschultz

Qualifying in the seven-

Sage Serbenta qualified and Logan Blough. High school blood drive a big draw



Lowell High School junior Matt Hodges, foreground; senior Adam VanderPols, at left in background; and senior Brock Graham, at right in background, were among the 100 students, teachers and community members who gave blood Friday during the high school's blood drive. A total of 121 people showed up. Of those, 100 were able to Buddy week announced give blood and 36 were first-time donors. Michigan Community Blood Centers said it was the best drive ever at Lowell High School. The high school student council hosts two blood drives per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. This year, the council Terri Lynn Land recently made an effort to offer the drive to more people from outside the high school, adding announced that Monday, donor registry. extra stations. The spring blood drive is typically the busiest of the two since a greater April 10 has been selected number of students have turned 17 by that time and are eligible to donate.



Or on the website www.bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Clerk

old division, Baily Jack, Zeth Dean, Jacob Stephans, Jacob Sweet and Max Dean are bound for state.

In the nine- and 10-year-

division, Derek Krajewski, in the 13/14 division. Kanon Dean, Joe Sweet, Matt Hoogenboom, Jordan Jack qualified at the high age groups 5-12. Drake, Gabe Dean and school level.

Luke Stephans were state

Morse, Zach Jefferies, Jake Fillingham and Dan Fleet In the 11/12 age are going to the state finals

## **Former LHS athletes receive** All American honors in college

Indoor Track and Field athletes, were on the 3200 and Andye Razmus.

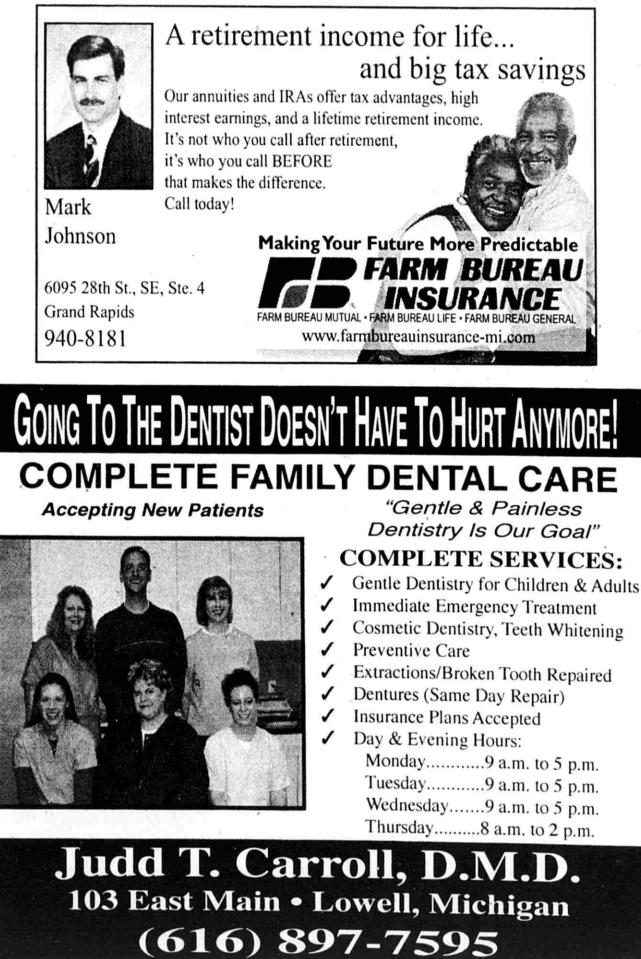
### Schneider to play volleyball at Davenport

Lowell High School versity. It will be the first University and University senior Amanda Schneider, year of a volleyball program of Michigan-Dearborn. a member of this year's dis- at the university, which trict champion volleyball competes in the Wolverine- portunity for her. We're exteam, has signed a letter of Hoosier Athletic Conference cited that she will be able to intent to attend and play vol- with schools such as Aqui- do this," said Lowell volleyleyball at Davenport Uni- nas College, Cornerstone ball coach Gigi Peal.

as the start of this year's donation efforts, "Buddy Week," a time when Department of State, Gift organ donation supporters of Life Michigan and the meet with the public at Michigan Eye-Bank have

Secretary of State branch offices to promote extended enrollment on the state's

the



The MYWA individual state finals will be held Gabe Morse, Andrew Saturday and Sunday at Jenison Field House at Michigan State University. Wrestling starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, for age groups 13-Alex Fleet and Tyler 18 and 10 a.m., Sunday, for

Two Lowell High National Championships meter relay team that took School graduates received held March 9-11 in Johnson fifth place with a time of All American honors City, Tenn. Natalie Kent 9:20.75. The time was the running for Aquinas College and Lisa Wojciakowski, second-best in Aquinas at the National Association 2003 Lowell High School school history. Also on the of Intercollegiate Athletics graduates and former track team were Stacy Hoffman

"It's a really good op-

promotional efforts from the traditional "Buddy Day" to the entire To enhance organ week. April is designated as "Donate Life Month" as part

of a nationwide campaign. Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank volunteers, known as Buddies, will be in about 135 Secretary of State offices from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on April 10, "Buddy Day" to distribute organ donor information. Buddies have received a transplant, are waiting for one, are the family and friends of a recipient or donor, or are organ and tissue donor supporters.

Residents who will not be at a branch office during Buddy Week still have plenty of opportunities to enroll on the donor registry. The department's Web site makes registering easy with its online enrollment program at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Additionally enrollment cards are available at any branch office and are mailed with every driver's license and state identification card.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, fullservice organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff.

For more information about organ donation. contact Gift of Life Michigan at 1-800-482-4881.

### Win loon On Golden Pond

Theater art and woodcarving art are coming together for the Thebes Players' dinner theater production of "On Golden Pond."

Doug Shassberger, a member of the Flat River Woodcarvers, has carved a loon for the production, which is the story of an aging couple spending the summer at their summer home on Golden Pond. The loon will be on display during the production, which runs from April 21 to April 28 at Larkin's Other Place. People who attend will be eligible to win the loon. The winner will be drawn after the final performance.

Shassberger has lived in Lowell for 32 years and has been carving wood for 15. He has been a member of the Flat River Woodcarvers for eight years. In 1999, he won Lowell Area Arts Council raffle entry for the loon) are a red and blue ribbon at the and teaches homeschool available from the Lowell World Carving Competition students at Christ the King Area Arts Council at 897in Maryland for his carving School in Lowell. of a killer whale. He teaches carving classes through the Pond" (which include a



Doug Shassberger with the loon woodcarving he created to be raffled during the Thebes Players' production of On Golden Pond.

Tickets for "On Golden thebesplayers.org.

8545 or online at www.

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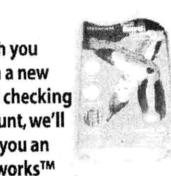
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FRI., MARCH31: Guf Troupe's spring break spectacularrr at LPAC, 7:30 p.m. \$5 gen. admission. 616-301-2790.

COMING EVENTS

SAT., APRIL 1: Fundraiser for West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open jamming 6 p.m.; bands 7:30 p.m. at **Riverview in Lowell.** 

MON., APRIL 3: Blood Drive at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1125 W. Main. 3-7 p.m.

SAT., APRIL 8: Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds. Free food available to people in Greater Lowell area. 10-11 a.m.

SAT., APRIL 8: Alto Firemen's Pancake Supper at Alto Fire Station. All you can eat. Donations at the door. 5-8:30 p.m.

#### MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. 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 231-780-1249 info. Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

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

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

3RD MON.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at 2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

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

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

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

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

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.

2ND TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

SAT., APRIL 8: Lowell Moose Easter Egg Hunt, at Creekside park. 1-3 yrs. 11 a.m.; 4-6 yrs. 11:45 a.m.; 7-9 yrs. 12:30 p.m.

MON., APRIL 10: Masonic Lodge degree practice at Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding. 7-9 p.m.

WED., APRIL 12: Turkey & Dressing dinner at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave, SE, 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children 6-12 \$2; children 5 & under are

THUR., APRIL 20: LARA Open House at Wittenbach Wege Center, Call Mari Stone at 897-5671 for more

### TUESDAYS

Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Call 897-5449 for information.

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

2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. Go to www.gua-ke-zik.org.

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

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

School at 7:30 p.m.

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

#### 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/W. Michigan Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. anytime between 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED .: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 p.m.

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

2ND & 4TH THURS .: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and information.

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

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

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

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

3RD THURS .: 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.

1ST & 3RD FRI .: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, 897-8304.

2ND 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.

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#### FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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