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A group of 45 Lowell High School students traveled to Mississippi's gulf coast to do service work helping Hurricane Katrina victims on an "alternative spring break."

LHS students return from spring break Mississippi service trip

By Dan Schneider

owell High School students returned from an "alternative spring break" in Mississippi shortly before midnight last Wednesday.

They had traveled by bus to Pass Christian, Mississippi, a small town not far from Biloxi, where they found recovery from Hurricane Katrina still a long way off.

"It was like a ghost town," sophomore Alex Harrington said of the city that had a population of more than 6,500 in the 2000 census.

He described empty streets, closed stores, abandoned cars in front lawns. Giant piles of garbage filled outlying fields. Piles of debris lined the roads between the towns and these fields; it had flown off FEMA trucks en route to the trash fields. The scale of the damage wasn't readily apparent until they got into town. Outlying houses looked like abandoned houses anywhere else.

"At first, they just looked like beat up houses, but we got to the coast and everything was demolished," sophomore James Dyer said.

The students took a side trip to see Biloxi, formerly a

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Egg-citement at Creekside Park

By Dan Schneider

here was eggcitement on the faces of hundreds of children who took part in the Lowell Moose Lodge's annual Easter egg hunt at Creekside Park.

The weather was eggcelent and the kids were eggergized about the prospect of finding eggs.

Last Monday, Moose Lodge volunteers dyed and hard-boiled 7,200 eggs. The boiling and dyeing takes place at the same time, as the eggs are boiled in dye to become a wide variety of bright colors, from blue to green to magenta.

In each of four age groups, there were 100 specially marked eggs that made their finders eligible for prizes; each group had a top prize of \$25. Meijer also donated eight bicycles for the event.

Jake and Heidi Munson said their children had a good time at the egg hunt.

"She was a little because overwhelmed she was only one," Heidi Munson said, referring to

> Egg hunt, cont'd., pg. 12



bunny looking on in the

These three-yearolds eagerly awaited

the announcement that

they could start looking

background.

for eggs.



formerly of Cedar Springs, funeral service. died Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at her home. Kathleen was

PAEPKE (AUSTIN)

Jeanne and Steven Poulsen Center Church of Christ, Bernice Hoffman, Larry and Memorial A. Paepke, of Trufant; several nieces near Grant, on April 7 with Rom Hoffman, Suzanne and may be made to the Calvary some very dear friends. aged 56, of White Cloud, and nephews. There was no Mr. Paul Kuiper officiating. Lloyd Miller; sisters Lottie Grace Brethren Church

POWELL born February 22, 1950 in Ms. Kaitlyn Nicole Powell, Education and Activities 30 Lakeview, MI, the daughter aged 5, of Grant, died Center. of Carl and Donna (Fike) Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Paepke. She was a longtime home. She was born in member of the Jehovah's Grand Rapids on August Grace Stahl, aged 88, of for many years near Alto. preceded in death in 1992 Visitation Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Witness Church and had 1, 2000, the daughter of Alto, went to be with her Several years after Freeman's by his father Don Yeiter. He In lieu of flowers, memorial worked at Sackner Products Michelle Renee (Topolski) Lord and Savior on Sunday, passing, Grace married is survived by his mother contributions may be made in Grand Rapids for almost and Christopher Eric April 2, 2006. She was Omar Stahl on January 8, Betty Yeiter of Lowell; to the Lowell Rescue Unit or 40 years. Surviving are two Powell. She was a student preceded in death by her 1972 and they continued to sister Janice Yeiter of Grand the charity of one's choice. children Jacklyn and Kevin for Fremont Education husband Freeman Hoffman, operate Omar's farm. The Rapids; uncles and aunts, Underwood of Lowell, Brad and Activities Center. She Austin of Cedar Springs; is survived by her parents four grandchildren Zachary, Chris and Michelle Powell Jacob, Joshua and Jennie; of Grant; sisters and brother, her parents Carl and Donna Erin, Marissa, Andrew Paepke of Pierson; two and Emma; grandparents sisters Priscilla and Robert Nancy and Paul Kuiper of Heimbecker of Trufant, Grand Rapids, Ron and Peg

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD March 20, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the February 13, 2006 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved. Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed 2006-07 General Fund Budget. Sandi Frost Parrish introduced herself and told the Board of her candidacy in the County Commission District 5 Republican primary race in August.

Motions approved:

- Motion to adopt the 2006-07 Budget as presented
- Motion to amend the 2005-06 Budget in the Cemetery and General Administration accounts
- Motion to set a Public Hearing at the April 17, 2006 meeting for a request to modify sign requirements for Alden Nash West
- Motion to set a Public Hearing at the April 17, 2006 meeting for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval for the Impact **Church Project**
- Motion to participate in a mediation process with the City of Lowell and Lowell Township - goal of creating agreement(s) for the provision of services and revenue sharing for properties needing such services - and to pay costs for the mediation from Township funds if grant money is not available

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at 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 April 17, 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

were held from the Ashland children William and Mennonite Interment in Ashland Center Hoffman and Colleen Fox: Building Fund. Cemetery. For memorials brother Charles and Cynthia please consider the Fremont Dawson; 12 grandchildren;

STAHL

Lend A Hand

nity to sign up for tutor training.

VOLUNTEER

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an

information session on Thursday, April 20, 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 opportu-

LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall Offices, Police Offices, Lowell

Light and Power/Cable TV and Department of

Public Works will be closed on Friday, April

Topolski of Lowell, Tim and parents Charles and Harriet funeral service was held Maynard (Marcia) Roth

YEITER

Hoffman on November 6, unexpectedly, Saturday, officiating. 1937 and farmed together April 8, 2006. He was

DebPowellofGrand Rapids, (Wilson) Dawson, sister Thursday at Calvary Grace of Clarksville, Elizabeth Rita Powell of Newaygo; Doris Dawson. Grace Brethren Church, Alto, with Wittenbach of Lowell. several aunts, uncles and will be greatly missed by Pastor Mick Funderburg Elaine (Vern) Warnes of cousins. Funeral services her husband Omar Stahl; officiating. Burial in Bowne Ionia; numerous cousins; Cemetery. his dog Elizabeth whom he contributions loved very much and also Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Rev. Dean great-grandchildren. David J. Yeiter, aged 52, Bailey of Alto-Bowne Center Grace married Freeman of Lowell, passed away United Methodist Church, Cemetery.

> 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 **OPPORTUNITIES** need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at Gaines Township Library, 421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

HELP CLEAR GARLIC MUSTARD

If you would like to help clear the area of garlic mustard, meet at the Boy Scout Cabin on Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. and/or Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. Call Peggy at 897-7948 or Melanie at 897-2558.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR F.R.O.M.

Remember to donate non-perishable food items in the donation barrels at businesses in town. The Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry will receive \$1 per item from the Feinstein Foundation during the month of April.

Lovvell

14, 2006 in observance of Good Friday.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

ESTATE SALE

THIS SALE OFFERS TWO AUTOMOBILES & COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS PLUS POLE BARN. Located at 3210 Alden Nash Rd. (south 2 miles from the Shell gas station off M-21)On Street Parking Only

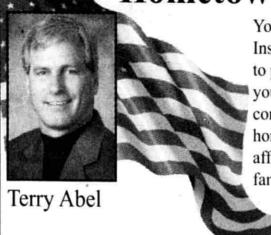
Thurs., April 13, 2006 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri., April 14, 2006 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1999 Jeep Cheroke Sport, 4x4, with 71,000 miles; collectible 1 owner 1969 4 door hard top Buick Skylark V8; Nickles & Stone 6 piece dinette set; Hendredon 5 piece queen bedroom set plus twir bed; Drexel oak coffee, end & sofa tables; wing back chairs; oak leaded glass secretary; cherry foyer table; assorted Stiffel & Rembrandt lamps; gold framed artwork; black leather chair & ottoman; quality, never used, black iron sunroom furniture: sofa, chair & ottoman, 2 chaise lounges, glass top end & coffee tables; antique wicker; large Conn organ with brass pipes; Sony color TV; VCR; Pioneer 6 disk player; assorted stereo equipment records; sheets & blankets; towels; kitchen items; malt mixer; men's clothing; Maytag washer; like new 10h all terrain mower; John Deere 2 stage snowblower; Sears 12" radio arm saw; Delta 10" miter box; chain saw; large Case two stage air compressor; backpack leaf blower; plus many Craftsman tools: sockets, tool chest, & handyman items. Don't miss this sale.

Numbers at 8:00 a.m. Pole barn to open early

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Lions Club dedication at Alto Elementary library



New book shelves at the Alto Elementary library were dedicated to John Haggai last Tuesday evening. There was a large gathering of Alto Lions Club members and Haggai's family to mark the event. Over the past two years, the club built book shelves for two corners of the library; this year they built shelves for the remaining corners to give the library a full set. The Lions installed them last Tuesday. Haggai was a longtime member of the Alto Lions Club and was very dedicated to education in the Lowell and Alto areas. He served on the board of education for Lowell Area Schools. A commemorative plaque bearing his name will be attached to the wall in the library near the new book shelves.

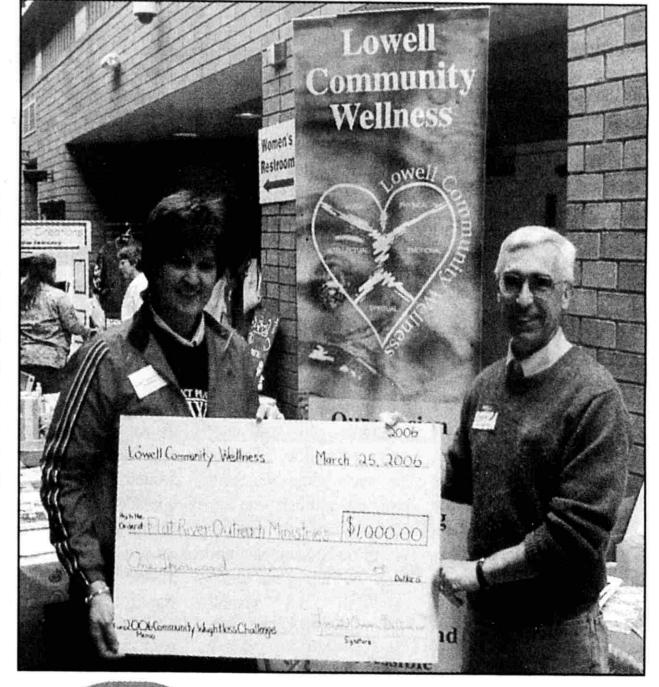
Losing weight has its rewards

Community Lowell Wellness director Patty Sellner hands a check to Flat **River Outreach Ministries** (FROM) board chairman Roger La Warre. The Lowell Community Wellness weight loss challenge raised \$1,000 for FROM.



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DETAILS

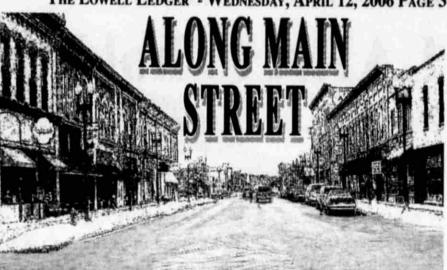
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first 24 teams

Prize Money Register by April 30

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Lowell Area Pastors Association invites everyone to attend the Good Friday Service on April 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St.

RESURRECTION EGG HUNT

First Baptist Church, Lowell, will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Preschool-2nd grade. Prizes, refreshments, Easter story.

DONATIONS TO FROM

Remember to donate non-perishable food items in the donation barrels at businesses in town. The FROM Food Pantry will receive \$1 per item from the Feinstein Foundation during April.

SENIOR TRIP PARENT MEETING

The Class of 2006 parents' meeting for the senior trip is Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the math rooms at Lowell High School. Call 490-2004 with questions.

GARLIC MUSTARD MENACE

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LARA OPEN HOUSE

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority will have an open house at the Wittenbach/Wege Center April 20 from 7-9 p.m. Call Mari Stone at 897-5671 for more info.

TOTS WIGGLES/GIGGLES NIGHT

Bright Beginnings Gym, 300 High St. on Thursday, April 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$1 per child - ages birth to beginning school. Tumble track, refreshments, older siblings welcome. Call 987-2532 with questions.

MICHIGAN CULINARY PROGRAM

Historians Larry and Priscilla Massie will present "Wood, Smoke and Elbow Grease" on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Twp. Hall. Public invited; free

COMMUNITY GARDEN EXCHANGE

Share plants that you have and take some others home. Saturday, April 22 from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft S.E. Door prizes, workshops, refreshments. Call 868-6403 with questions.

BOOK SIGNING

Meet the author, Parichehr Yomtoob of "The Gift of Life 2" and her son David Yomtoob at Country Hills Realty, 2345 Bowes Rd., on Saturday, April 22 from 1-5 p.m. In correlation with National Donor month, 40% of sales will be donated to F.R.O.M.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP

Secrets, Secrets: Plantation Life and the Underground Railroad workshop, ages 8-13, Saturday, April 22, 9-2 p.m. at Wittenbach/ Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes. Cost: \$15; registration is required. Call 897-7688, Lowell Area Historical Museum.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A community early childhood playground will be installed at 300 High St. on Saturday, April 22 from 8:30-5 p.m. The playground has been donated by the Lowell Area Community Fund. Food and drinks available. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to volunteer.

LHS BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Lowell Board of Education Candidate Forum will be Tuesday, April 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Runciman Administrative Bldg., 300 High St. Two seats; candidates running are Peter Haefner, Pat Nugent and Todd Smithee.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Vergennes Twp. Open Space Committee will have a presentation "Groundwater: The Hidden Resource" by Dr. Alan Steinman, Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Vergennes United Methodist Church, 897-5671.

LARA to hold trailway open house next week

By Dan Schneider

Environmental Center.

been laying the groundwork be called the Lowell Area can contribute," LARA Trailway and it would link chairperson Mari Stone the trail. This part of the the city of Lowell with said and Lowell townships.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING

FEDERAL SURFACE

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

SMALL URBAN PROGRAM

LOWELL AREA

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18

2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Small

Conference Room, Second Floor, 301 East

Main Street, to receive comments on eligible

street improvement projects in the Lowell area

for the Federal Surface Transportation

Program allocated to the Small Urban

Road and transit projects are eligible fo

funding under the Small Urban Program. A

road projects must be located on the Federal-

aid highway system, and within the federal

urban area boundaries of cities within 5,000 to

50,000 populations. Projects must be

consistent with regional land use and

The Michigan Department of Transportation is

accepting Small Urban Program project

applications for the year 2008. An application

from the Lowell area will be submitted after the

public meeting and in consultation with

The City of Lowell has proposed the following

•Reconstruction of Gee Drive from Alden

Reconstruction of Bowes Road from

Valley Vista Drive to 1950 feet west

f there are any questions, please contact

Dave M. Pasquale, City Manager at 897-8457

or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell,

Michigan 49331. Written comments prior to

Betty R. Morlock

(616) 897-8457

City Clerk

Nash to 1900 feet east (first priority)

Program.

development plans.

transportation agencies.

(second priority)

the meeting will be accepted.

Lovvell

projects:

the group has not made a scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. lot of visible progress. But It will start with a basic much of the early work in introduction to the trail, building a community trail including how LARA got system goes on behind the started. scenes. Property easements need to be secured before 'house, speakers will address Routes need to be finalized from trail use, safety and

before engineering can take safe walks to school and will address such topics as public lands and takes in Authority fundraising can begin.

really getting the project is part of the Governor's hoping landowners will from a nature perspective,

opportunity to show people what we have been doing and what will be coming in the future and how people speakers will talk about the required to build the kind of the Lowell Area Trailway to routes are very flexible,

has been put together for For the past three years, the open house, which is

In part two of the open

place. Engineering needs benefits to businesses, and easements and liability. It our natural features," Stone ask questions and have a The Lowell Area to be completed before the local economy from will also include a review said. the presence of trails. Alex of the trail master plan Now, LARA wants to Nikoloff, coordinator of and discuss funding and the trail on the Alden Nash use the open house to share the Michigan Safe Routes recognition of trail donors. right of way, private property with the public its plans for to School program, which

Council on Physical Fitness, be able to attend the open a more appealing transition "We feel this is our will give the presentation on house. They could easily from the Cooper Woodland safety and walking safely to build a trail along road right Preserve to Lowell High

technical aspects of building trail they envision. "Our goal is to create an A slate of eight speakers interest to landowners, as it that takes advantage of our

LARA is especially easements would create, of ways, but easements School. This stretch will

"We hope that property presentation should be of imaginative, beautiful trail owners who have concerns

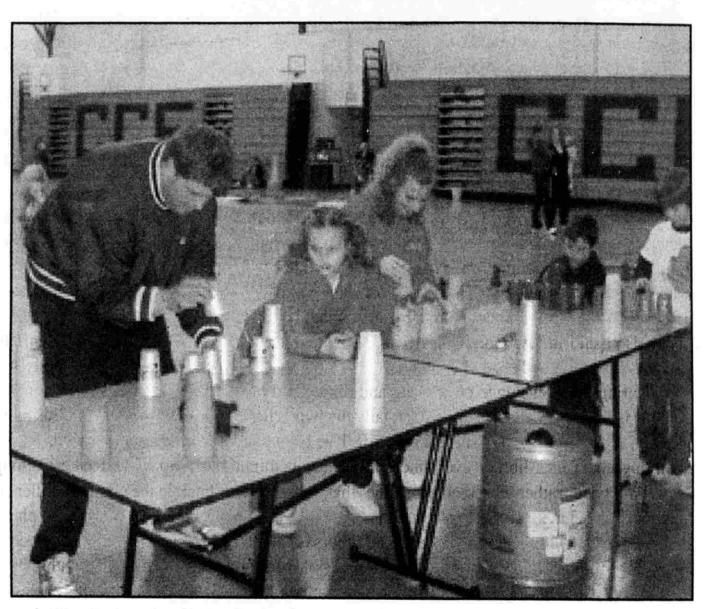
dialogue with us," Stone Compared to running said. "I think it's going to be a very exciting presentation. We're going to have people there who can answer all of their questions."

The list of speakers includes experts on liability and insurance, easements, and people who are funders. The third group of on private property will be likely be the first segment of Stone also said the proposed and LARA would welcome comments on them, as well.

Family Fun and Fitness Night a success

Lowell Elementary's Resource Centers and the Physical routes can be finalized. topics such as health benefits Education Staff hosted the first annual Family Fun and Fitness Night on March 17. The event, held at Cherry Creek Elementary, was success with 35 families attending.

Nutritional speaker Draigh Lynn Activities included stacking cups, dance dance revolution, jump rope, bowling, obstacle course, parachute, hoola hoops, pogo sticks, paddles with balloons and basketball



The Bowen family is pictured stacking cups, just one of many activities at the

Alpha Women's Center opening in Lowell

Center will open in Lowell program, and abstinence- diapers and baby formula. April 17.

post-abortion counseling, transmitted diseases. The

only education. Through

An Alpha Women's the "earn while you learn" redeemed for items such as the seventh center to open.

A project of the "earn while you learn" around 11 a.m. Hours of Hastings, Greenville and First Baptist Church, the program, mothers can earn operation are yet to be Newaygo. The phone center will offer free and "alpha bucks" by watching determined. The center is number for the Lowell confidential services such as videos on educational topics located at 2251 W. Main center, 987-9953, should be pregnancy testing, abortion such as car seat safety, Street, next to the First operational by the end of the alternative counseling, childbirth and sexually Baptist Church of Lowell.

The Lowell Alpha for more information. material assistance through "alpha bucks" can be Women's Center will be

Others are located in Grand The center will open Rapids, Cedar Springs,

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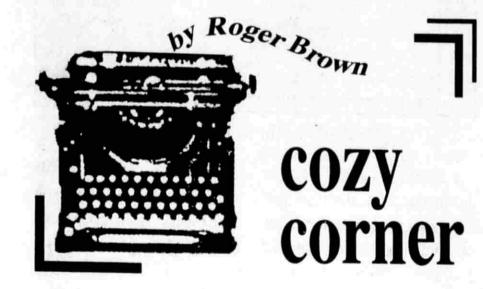
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Viewpoint-



Terese and I have had guests staying with us for about ten days. Actually, we've had two sets of guests. A niece and a friend of hers were here for about a week. These girls were low maintenance. They were off doing what young people do and not hanging with the old fogies.

The other guests are old friends of ours. In fact, our friendship dates back to high school, making "old" the operative word in that statement. I think I'm speaking for all four of us here when I say we've had a blast. (For younger or older readers, "blast" in this context was a popular term for having a good time back when I was in school.)

back just in time, so we fished several days. The boat was damaged by Hurricane Wilma last October. Five months later, the repairs have just been completed. That's another story for another column. Having the boat, coupled with nice weather, we did some fishing. Most days we caught "Good times ... noodle salad".

out my new iPod and boom box. It's actually my wife's iPod. hometown. Stuff in this playlist is a little more Top 40s, but I bought it for her as a Valentine's Day gift. I've been busy building an iTunes library ever since. In fact, you might say I've been rather obsessed. Imagine that, obsessive/ compulsive behavior from Roger Brown.

I began by copying, or "ripping" as they say, all the CDs in our collection. That took a couple weeks of working at the computer each evening. Then I began hounding the neighbors. I borrowed and ripped another couple hundred CDs. I even accosted some guests staying at a neighbor's house and ripped the CDs they had with them. Yes, I'm out

tracking the Billboard Top 40 from 1955 through 1985. I behavior drives me into a twelve-step program for iTunes borrowed that too! While ripping CDs, it was easy to multi-

Since I have received several calls questioning the facts

The opening sentence states that " ... representatives

in the April 5th article titled "City, Vergennes Township

agree to mediation ... ," I would like to offer several

will mediate the annexation of 177 acres" The

annexation question was decided last fall by the State

Boundary Commission, and their answer was no, it should

not be annexed. The signature of the official document is

on hold in order to see if an agreement can still be reached.

In the estimation of Vergennes Township, the override of a

Boundary Commission decision is unlikely, unprecedented,

and legally questionable. The facts are that the upcoming

mediation is intended to reach an agreement, which could,

among other things, govern the provision of services and

The other item is concerning the role that Lowell

revenue sharing between the city and township.

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

clarifications.

task. I poured over the Top 40 book making long lists of songs I wanted, focusing strictly on a period between 1964 and 1969. I came up with seven pages of legal paper crammed with song titles.

Once I had ripped everything worthwhile that I could get my hands on, I finally popped the lid on Pandorah's Box ... I opened an account on iTunes. Every evening I worked late into the night downloading songs from my list. Many times a song on my list was just scratching the surface. Take "The Animals" for example. My list had a couple "Animals" songs that made the top 40, but iTunes held a treasure trove of stuff I used to listen to on their albums. I have become a

These songs from the late sixties are just the beginning. focused there because I didn't have any of it on CD. I bought it on vinyl, again on 8-track and yet again on cassette. I refused to shell out the money another time for CDs. I've apparently missed this old stuff. I'm sure having fun building my library and listening to it.

How big is my library? Right now I'm at a paltry 4,800 songs. The computer says it would take me 12.7 days to listen to them all. Don't worry ... most of it was stuff I We didn't do anything terribly exciting. I got my boat copied from borrowed CDs at no cost. I haven't blown my travel retirement fund on iTunes ... yet.

Part of the fun of an iPod is designing playlists. Here again, I'm just getting started. I have a few playlists where I dump songs from a certain era and genre. One is titled "Brown Brother's Basement." This playlist is full of album fish, had a great fish dinner and retired early. What is it Jack stuff we listened to in our basement bedroom in the late Nicholson said in "As Good As It Gets"? I believe it was, sixties. Another is "Henrietta's Jukebox." Henrietta is the gal who was everybody's second mom and ran the pool During these evenings of cooking and dining, I'd bust hall ... card room ... malt shop ... teen hangout in my from the same period.

> So, if you take a group of friends from high school back in the sixties, a killer collection of tunes from that era, a kickin' boom box to play the songs, good food and nice Hardware. weather you get ... "Good times ... noodle salad." I think I'll title a playlist with that phrase.

All good things come to an end. Our friends leave today and we're back to work on our monthly publication. They bought an iPod yesterday and the computer is downloading my library as I write this. Our friends will mail the iPod back occasionally for an update as I build my library and develop One of these neighbors had a big thick reference book playlists. That is, they will until my obsessive/compulsive

as saying the "discussion is between the city and Vergennes,"

and Lowell Township participation "would be inappropriate

.. it doesn't involve Lowell Township." Vergennes strongly

disagrees. Lowell Township owns the sewer line that serves

the high school and touches the corner of this property. In

addition, Vergennes and Lowell townships have a mutual

agreement and ordinances requiring this property to utilize

Lowell Township water capacity and lines that are already

in place and ready to serve. Lowell Township should be

involved, as they have an important role to play in the

Vergennes is unnecessarily focusing on a short term goal.

By involving Lowell Township, there is a greater possibility

of creating a win-win-win situation for the three of us. The

Vergennes Township clerk

last thing we want is a loss for the Lowell community.

Overall, the difference in opinion between the city and

provision of services.

Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 13, 1881**

The river is up again and country roads are hard to

"Marshal Marshall wants the boys to pick up all the cattle found in the streets.'

The Marshal insists upon better sidewalks; better to replace an occasional plank than to mend a broken leg. The spring term of school opened Monday.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 12, 1906

Maple sugar socials are popular now.

The Whites and Garfields of Fallasburg have traded houses and are moving this week.

Ort Hill retires after 32 years of service for the Reading

H.W. Hakes advertises "This is no joke. I am truly going out of the furniture business."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

APRIL 9, 1931 Nellie McPherson is re-elected by a large majority for Vergennes Township supervisor.

The Kent County Older Boys Conference will be held in Lowell this weekend on the theme of vocational guidance. Lowell citizens will provide room and board.

County Ag agent Keats Vining warns farmers about out-of-state alfalfa seed sellers who have been unloading

weed-infested and low-grade seeds here. Township could and, in the opinion of Vergennes Township, All sorts of tax proposals, including (again) income tax should play in the mediation. City commissioners are quoted

are brought up in the Michigan legislature.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 12, 1956**

The first grass fire of the spring gives the newly repaired and repainted fire truck a workout.

The long-awaited traffic signal for Main and Hudson will be installed in May.

Village mailmen Rex Collins, Bill Dawson and Paul Kerekes buy the new official uniforms.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford visits the Alto area where a tornado touched down a week ago.

> 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

APRIL 8, 1981

The project for a new bridge over the Grand at Division Street will be put out for bids next month.

"Popeye", with Robin Williams, is at the Strand

The Lowell Area Arts Council is compiling a list of Lowell area people with expertise in one or more of the arts, to be distributed to schools and public organizations.

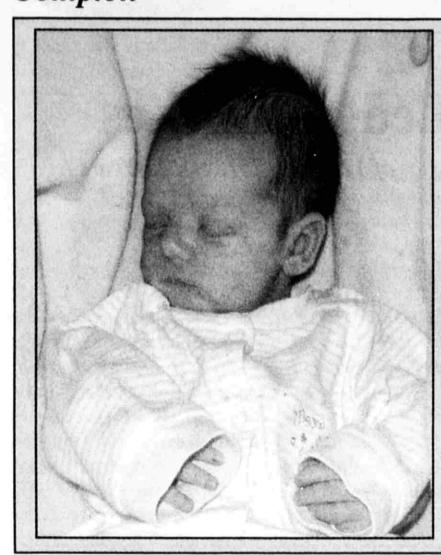
The Goodyear blimp lands in Editor Roger Brown's back yard and asks for directions to Alto. Roger gets to ride

Letters... We love to hear from you!

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Compton



Olive Grace Compton

Lynn Compton along with their son William welcomed

Jamie Leigh and Jamie weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Olive Grace Compton into David and Tammy Tichelaar, on Thursday, Randy and LouAnn Laberge March 16, 2006. Olive and Dan and Vicki Moon.



measured 18 inches.



Ella Rae Curtis

Proud grandparents are Mike and Jessica Curtis are happy to announce Bucky and Kathy Curtis, the birth of the daughter, Merrie Koopman (Greg happy to announce the birth of Lowell, Alan and Jerri Ella Rae. She was born on Smit) and Al and MaryAnne of their daughter, Isabella Teelander of Lowell March 6, 2006, at 6:58 p.m. Koopman. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and

Shane and March 1, 2006, weighing 6 Caledonia. lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 19 inches.

Teelander

Proud grandparents Teelander of Caledonia are are Dale and Mary Dawson Kathryn. She was born on and Carla Waldeck of

and Aaron is a third-year

State University in Detroit.



The January 15, 2006 in Bloomington, Illinois.

Mrs. Howard Plattner of medical student at Wayne

They currently reside nurse employed in Detroit in Dearborn, Mich.

Isabella Kathryn Teelander

wedding of Bekah Kaufman Parents of the couple are Mr. and Aaron Plattner took place and Mrs. Dennis Kaufman

Bekah is an oncology

Rev. Randy Meyers Calvary Christian Reformed Church

another raven would take off or land they would have to raven, you of all ravens should not try it. fly through the space in the sky which she came to call the through their air space.

if they were protecting something, she thought. The smaller mathematical equation upon take off.

birds were not just randomly annoying the larger birds. No, she could tell that they too had zones from which they would launch their attacks and to which they would return.

the attacks would verify my proximity to a delicious meal. All afternoon she floated her idea past her closest raven As Jesus so often did, I thought I would tell a story. friends. Do not ruffle feathers, snided one friend. Do not One day a red raven circled, as most ravens do, high above tempt fate, chided another. We ravens have always looked the earth looking for food. She noticed that every time for food from these heights. Especially since you are a red till one by one they dropped from the sky too hungry to fly.

"pester zone." This was the air space just above the woods usual approach to her evening roosting spot. Sure enough, where the jays, robins, cardinals, and any other smaller birds just as the attacks were almost too much to bear, she thought would constantly attack the larger birds that happened to fly she spied a nest. Mentally she marked the spot. The next day she marked almost the exact same spot. That night she Red Raven circled and spied, growing hungrier by the desperately tried to recall her high school trigonometry. day until one day she noticed that only certain birds came If only I had not thrown that book away after graduation, to pester the larger birds at certain places. It was almost as she moaned. Certainly tomorrow she would confirm her

Sure enough, on her slower than usual ascent the attacks came with a flurry of fierceness. Ultimately for the cardinal, the attack came with futility because the nest eggs had been Then an idea flashed brighter in her mind than the sun spotted. Without delay Red Raven dove in for the feast. under which she had been circling. What if I intentionally fly Proud of her new tactic, Red Raven flew close to the tree into the pester zone, she thought? I wonder if the intensity of tops now. Systematically she swept the forest tops. Honing in with metal detector accuracy she filled her belly to her beak with more eggs than bottle tops in a beach comber's bag. The other ravens continued to circle overhead laughing at how the red raven's antics seemed to be causing her pain

Reflection questions: Whose voice do you usually listen Defensive but undaunted, Red Raven took a longer than to and why? How do you balance insulation and inoculation in our life, work, education, or church? How, by increasing her toleration for pain, did Red Raven increase her capacity to grow? How do you mistake theological comfort for material comfort? Why was the red raven able to see what the other ravens could not? How much business is it of yours what other people think of you? What truth does this story reveal? What moral could you learn from it? What questions do you have? Email calvarycrc@juno.com

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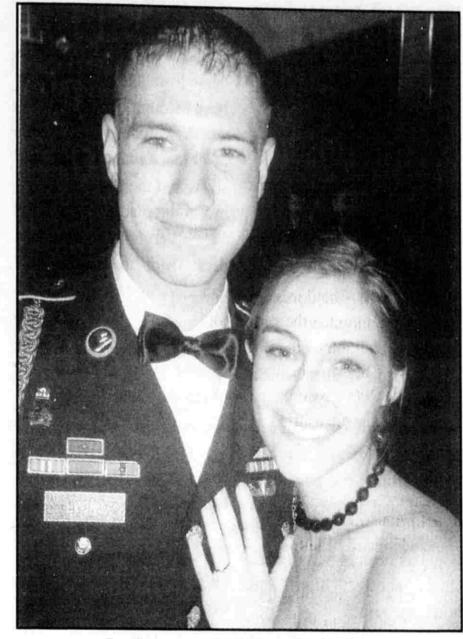
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Jon Lyons and Melissa Neubecker

The marriage of Melissa

daughter of Mark and Denise School and is currently a Neubecker of Lowell. The sergeant in the United States attending Grand Rapids in July 2006. Community College and will be transferring to Olivet College in August.

The future groom is the Neubecker and Jon Lyons son of Tom Lyons of Battle will be celebrated June 10, Creek and Charlene Snyder The bride-elect is the graduate of St. Philip High

months away, organizers Specifically, they are complimentary, semi-annual weekend) at the Monterey of this year's third annual looking for organizers of newsletters with information Center east of Alto on S. Lowell High School All past class reunions to help about events such as the Alden Nash. Alumnus' Gathering are by submitting class lists upcoming alumni gathering. Roger MacNaughton and his The Lowell Alumni and contact information. will take place on Saturday, entertainment for the event.

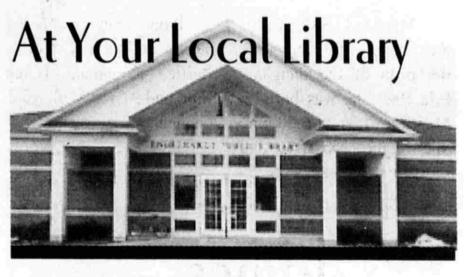
Association is looking for The association will use

While the event is still help contacting alumni. the lists to send alumni Sept. 30 (homecoming with updated addresses

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MICHIGAN'S CULINARY HERITAGE

Smoke and Elbow Grease on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. is free and open to the public.

at Lowell Township Hall. The Massies will lead a guided tour of Michigan's culinary heritage, complete with tasty samples of old-time delicacies.

The husband and wife team, from Allegan, specialize in Michigan heritage. They co-authored the cookbook "Walnut Pickles and Watermelon Cake: A Century of Michigan Cookery." It was selected as one of the top eight regional cookbooks in the nation by Bon Appetit Magazine.

The Kent District Library event is sponsored along with Friends of the Lowell Branch Library, Lowell Area Larry and Priscilla Massie will be featured in "Wood Historical Museum and Lowell Women's Club. The program

College News

women's soccer coach of the past two seasons. Bill Bruno announced the She was named all-region signing of Erin Beddows to last season and has been National Letters of Intent for selected as all-conference 2003 graduate of Lowell Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. the 2006 season. Beddows, and all-district each of the five percent of her class. She Ward, a full-time student High School is currently He will be deployed to Iraq a midfielder on the Lowell past two seasons. During is the daughter of Tom and who received a grade point High School girls soccer her sophomore year, she Carmen Beddows of Ada. average of 3.5 or better.

University team, served as captain each helped her team to its first Northwestern Ohio anconference championship. nounced its dean's list for the Beddows, who will graduate Feb. session for the College this June, is an honor roll of Technologies. From the student who ranks in the top Lowell area is Ryan W.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

- Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

The University of

Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Elsie Franks, Heather Jason Borton.

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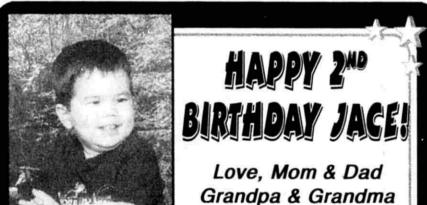
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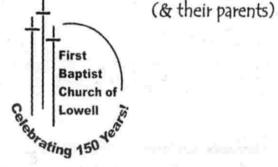
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Spring break, continued ... From Page 1

growing tourist destination shape. An entire exterior seaside hotels. Only one the buildings. casino was open. The rest of the buildings were in rough

with casinos and swank wall was sheared off one of

"It was like a picture in an architecture book with

and you could see inside it," Harrington said.

But the students were

the whole side of it gone of the stricken areas held because hurricane season is

their chins up despite all the already starting again and they're still trying to fix up "It's amazing to see the the houses and get things amazed by the way residents hope and the faith they have back to normal," junior and student council president Brooke Liu said.

> "One woman had taken in three other families into house," sophomore Mikhaila Hart said.

The students went to Pass Christian to do service work. Mostly, they painted houses, working from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. four days straight. At night they sat around a

The student council planned the trip. They had help from retired shop teacher and former student council adviser Curt Kaeb who has been in Mississippi since shortly after hurricane struck.

It wasn't a leisure trip. They dealt with dirty clothes, infrequent showers and a lot of work. The church grounds where they staved had probably seen thousands of volunteer aid workers pass through since recovery work began in the aftermath of the hurricane. The place had made use of everything available to coming off a bus down there accommodate them. Storage barns had been converted into showers, for instance. A circus tent was set up to provide sleeping quarters.

The people they helped said. were grateful, and learning

the best parts of the trip for some of the students.

"Just hearing the people's stories, where they came from and what they've been through," Hart said.

A woman who'd taken in three families told her story, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place.

"Everybody who came back from that work site had tears in their eyes," Liu The woman said she wanted to travel to Lowell

to see the students graduate The students learned a

lot in their short time down

"I expected to work the whole time and just work. but it was such an emotional experience," Dver said.

"It just opened our eyes," Liu said. "And I think a lot of people's goals were to be pushed out of their comfort zones and be more thankful for what they have, and I think that was definitely accomplished."

They also felt as if they had made an impact.

"When you see 45 kids ... knowing that people cared about them and hadn't forgotten and we were still coming, I think that was important to them." Hart

Painting houses and taking down old drywall were among the tasks the students performed in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

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Thebes Players present "On Golden Pond"

By Dan Schneider

Thompson's "On Golden Pond" will be performed by the Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players at Larkin's Banquet Hall this

The play tells the story of an elderly couple making their 44th, and possibly last. trip to their summer cottage on a lake called Golden Pond. It unfolds through five scenes, each scene corresponding to a month. May through September. It is a tranquil play, with its success as a production contingent on the chemistry of the actors.

Director Walt Williams is impressed with the way his cast has been up to the

"I'm very happy with my cast. Not only are they good actors but they've gelled as a cast very quickly," Williams said.

Jim Marron and Elly Stevens play the lead roles, Marron as Norman Thayer Thayer. They are long-time friends, which Williams said has helped their chemistry form. Sally McAlpine plays their daughter, Chelsea Thaver. Her character and her somewhat strained relationship with Norman Thayer is one of the central plot drivers in the play.

"It's told from the perspective of the mom and dad, but the main story is Chelsea," Williams said "It's a relationship story about Chelsea ... actually making a breakthrough in her life. She's always been on the outs with her dad, and that changes during the play."

Thayer's physical deterioration, and the way the former professor and his wife deal with them, are another part of the play. Bill

Ray, a dentist and Chelsea Thayer's latest love interest, adds another dimension to the play as he struggles to make a good impression on her parents. He is played by

Daniel Trupke plays Billy Ray Jr., who brings a sense of renewal to the old couple when he stays with them for part of the summer, while his father the dentist and Chelsea take a trip to Europe. Ken Trupke plays the mailman, Charlie

Loons play a role as symbols in the play, signifying the various

"The loons are very important throughout the entire show," Williams said.

The play opens Friday, April 21 with dinner and theater at 6:30 p.m. On the menu are roasted turkey, salad. potatoes/stuffing, bean almondine, rolls, apple pie and coffee. A cash bar will be available.

Other dates are April also a production without dinner at 2 p.m. on April 30. \$10 show only. Lowell Area \$6 per ticket, show only.



Jim Marron and Elly Stevens play Norman and Ethel Thayer, the main characters in the Thebes Players' dinner theater production of "On Golden Pond."

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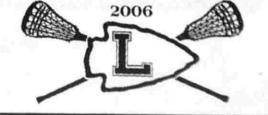
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Residents question township ordinance compliance

Emma Palova Contributing Writer

Farm on Monday night.

based occupation has been permit. operating under a special residents.

property line abutting on the Clay Pelon. "We spread reviewed the special use drinking water.

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Miles' residence has raised manure, we have a manure permit in 16 years. As referred upset residents to township zoning ordinance has been grandfathered with a regular basis to ensure political mess." the township board to air prohibits electric fencing the special use permit. With compliance. concerns about Pelon Horse in residential platted areas. 55 horses, the farm is at its Resident Sandra Miles asked capacity, he said. The 20-acre horse the planning commission

manure, the smell from the special use permit required landscaping. farm has grown worse over an electric wire fence as a the years, according to some condition of the special use. issue," said planner Tim Jan Stuart said she worries

"We're doing everything Johnson. erected to be in compliance," said

The Pelons installed the in the township landscape commercial operation. How use permit since 1990 on electric fence in February ordinance. However, the can this be classified under Gulliford Drive. However, 2006 to bring the farm into commission removed the home occupation?" due to the increasing number compliance with the special issue from the landscaping of horses and stockpiling of use permit. The 1990 ordinance as not relevant to Stuart were concerned about

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"I have urine and Simmonds directed the manure on my property," farm classified as a home- to revoke the special use commission to address the have flies. Where is my commission hands are tied. township hall. issue of electric fencing buffer? They are running a Residents Jan and Denny

manure run-off into the It is not a landscaping river and residential wells. about the water and having Miles also questioned an Erin Brockovich situation electric fence along the one of the farm owners, why the commission hasn't with contamination of the

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"I've been complacent, Also the current township questions of whether the management plan. We are in a standard practice, the but now I see a lot of buck planning commission did The Lowell Township farm is in compliance with compliance." According commission reviews many passing," she said. "I don't not issue the special use Commission the township ordinance. The to Pelon, the electric fencing special use permits on want this to become a permit for the horse farm 16 years ago, according to

Chairman

residents to the township meeting will be held on Miles asked the planning Miles said. "I already board stating the planning April 17 at 7 p.m. at the

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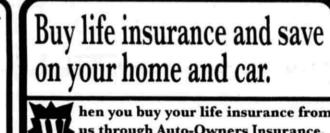
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Egg hunt, continued ... From Page 1

her perch atop her father's the eggs yet?"" shoulders. "But the three year old did pretty well. list of local businesses made added She's been talking about it donations for the event. for a week since we drove

her daughter, Sidney, who was always asking about it, was jettisoning eggs from 'Did the Easter bunny hide

out here to find the park. She and all the sponsors to put it

"It's a cool community thing and the weather is As in years past, a long great," Heidi Munson

"It's really nice of Meijer children who found eggs Also winning a big stuffed numbers corresponding to

marked with certain numbers rabbit and receiving a \$15 both a bicycle and a check and won prizes. Braeden check was Gabe Brengle in for \$25 in the 4-5-6 age Strouse won the top prize the three-year-old group. group. Collin Bowers won in the 1-2- year-old group, Abigail Kastanek was the the top prize in the 7-8-9 which was a big stuffed most successful egg-finder year-old group, which was a Below are some lucky rabbit and a check for \$15. of the day, finding eggs with check for \$25.







Braeden Strouse



Collin Bowers

Young drivers' DVD available at AAA branches

Drivers: The High-Risk explains why crash rates the AAA Foundation for they are involved, whereas

Abigail Kastanek

AAA is offering a contains three examples Highway Safety (IIHS), it the risk for their children.

A recent analysis of more than one third of all the occupants of other vehicles more likely than drivers of 16 minute video "Young of real-life tragedy and 10 years of crash data by fatalities in crashes in which and pedestrians.

In Michigan, 1, 168 Years" to parents and their for teen drivers are high Traffic Safety shows that, nearly two thirds of those people died in crashes teenagers. Produced by and provides guidelines for nationwide, young novice killed are passengers in involving a novice 15-17 at any of its 43 full-service the Insurance Institute for parents who want to lower drivers comprise slightly the novice driver's vehicle, year-old driver from 1995 branches in Michigan, a novice driver, occupants to the next. of other vehicles and

bicyclists, etc.). Separate fault in their crashes. Teen- periods. agers' crashes and violations speeding than those of older you: www.aaa.com. drivers, and teenagers are

other ages to be in singlevehicle fatal crashes.

The IIHS video, free to 2004. Of these, 393 targets the role of parents as victims were the novice the primary decision makers drivers themselves and the in determining when and if remaining 775 persons killed their teen progresses from were passengers riding with one level of driving freedom

With the DVD, AAA is nonmotorists (pedestrians, providing several documents detailing risk factors for studies novice drivers, a model completed by the IIHS have parent-teen contract to help previously concluded that parents set limits on their teenagers have higher crash teen's driving and a parentrates than older drivers, and to-parent contract to help their crashes differ. IIHS start a dialogue with other analyses of fatal crash data parents on restricting teen indicate that teenage drivers passengers and driving are more likely to be at during night-time high-risk

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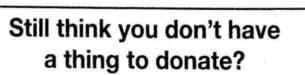
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First Vergennes Township art show coincides with annual open space forum

By Dan Schneider

seventh annual community Center School. educational forum on open space issues.

topic of the art show, which at the Lowell Area Arts features more than 60 pieces Council as well as first-time by 41 artists, including a entrants. Marianne Menger, The exhibit is on display the show might have been board meeting room.

There are paintings of exhibits elsewhere in town. farms and livestock. Douglas Wierenga has a pair of black put on by the (Vergennes and white photographs of a Township) Open Space tree growing up through an Committee and not the arts old Volkswagen beetle, out council, I think people were behind a dilapidated old a little more apt to submit," barn. One entire wall is filled Menger said.

exhibit at the township Lake Elementary and Grand frequently in the future. hall, and is also holding its Rapids Blandford Nature

includes some familiar "Rural Character" is the names from past shows number of youth artists. It the show's informal curator, includes four written pieces. suggested the nature of upstairs in the township less intimidating to some artists than the more formal

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youth entries in the art show.

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for their favorite piece in person on the honor system).

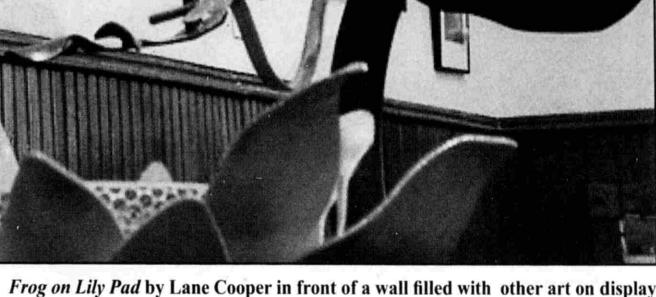
The exhibit will be "The notion that it was

is hosting its first ever art by students from Murray to display their art more "I think when they

see their work up, people The variety of artists will have a little better appreciation of their work,"

something to do with farm life or nature. A cash prize will be given in both adult and youth categories. Visitors to the exhibit can cast a vote each category (one vote per

accessible to the public during regular township hall hours which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and from 6:30 to 7 p.m. before township



at the Vergennes Township Hall. Rural Character is the subject of the exhibit.

8. It will be open Saturdays, Institute April 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. until May 10.

host a public reception natural resources that is in committee. April 26 at 6:15 p.m. That our goal to protect." is the same night as the committee's forum on open will start at 7:30 p.m. Topics art exhibit, the educational space issues. The subject include how to protect your forum will be held across the of this year's forum is well water, preserving water, street at Vergennes United "Groundwater: The Hidden and the underground science Methodist Church. People Steinman, director of Grand director of the Annis church to attend the forum.

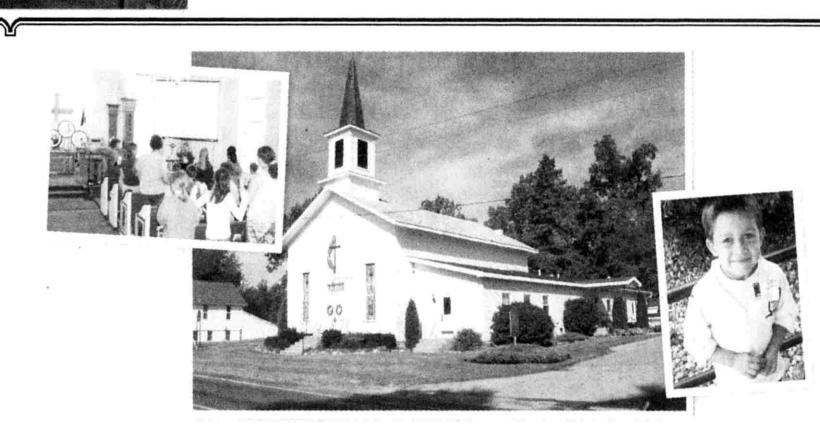
meetings April 17 and May Annis Water Resources Steinman has worked with

and April 29 from 10 a.m. does have well water, so it the to 2 p.m. The exhibit, also is an area of concern for our legislation.

Valley State University's Water Resources Institute,

"Most of the township Birkholz open by appointment, runs residents," said township appointed to Michigan's clerk Mari Stone. "In Groundwater Conservation Vergennes promoting open space, we Advisory Council in 2003 Township Open Space look at the natural features for which he has co-authored Citizens Committee, which of Vergennes Township, and a report to the legislature and organized the exhibit, will groundwater is one of the chaired the sustainability

> Due to the large response The one-hour forum expected on April 26 for the can browse at the township In addition to being hall then walk back to the



Easter Sunday

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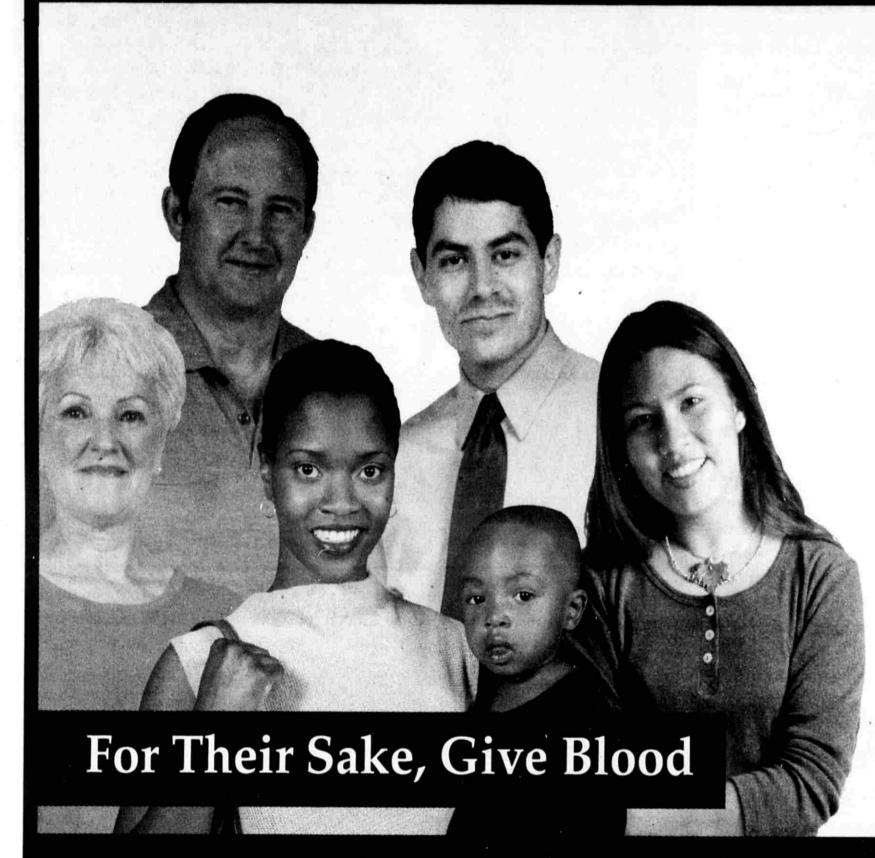
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OFF THE WALL

significant changes over the last 60 years. In the forties and fifties, it was the only place to go for shopping and doing business. All that faded when expressways, residential development, and shopping malls drew people to the suburbs. The pendulum has swung back in recent years. Downtown

dominate fish species in the river were carp, suckers and catfish. Improved water quality and fish planting programs have made it possible for steelhead and salmon to move into

Every spring, fishermen gather below the Sixth Street dam in hopes of catching the big silver-sided steelhead. On a Saturday morning in late March, I went down to check The city of Grand Rapids has cycled through some out the action. The air temperature was 32 degrees, and a steady 15 mph northwest wind made it a bitter cold day on the river. There were no fair weather fishermen out that day. Twenty-five boats were anchored in the fast water between the dam and Bridge Street. The river was high, so boat launch is located on the east end of the dam. Visitors wading anglers were confined to the banks. The sea wall on can walk to first class accommodations and fine dining after is becoming, once again, a business, entertainment, and the east side of the river provided easy access for fishermen a day on the river. The great thing about this fishery is that residential center. The city's defining landmark; the Grand who were catching as many fish as the boat anglers. Fishing world class fishing is literally found on the doorstep of urban River, has also changed over the years. In the fifties, the off the wall is less risky than getting in or on the river and residents.

does not require a lot of expensive equipment.

Fish were being landed all along the walkway from the Sixth Street dam to Pearl Street. The steelhead were biting on spawn bags fished under a float or bounced off the bottom on a 3-way sinker rig. When the water level recedes, I would guess wading anglers will take positions in the water out from the fish ladder on the west side below the dam.

Nowadays, if you want to attend a concert, see a sporting event, eat out, shop, or go fishing, head for downtown Grand Rapids. Just observing the activity on the river is worth the trip. Easy parking can be found on both sides of the river. A

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D

The questions discussed today were presented by Barb. She asks, "What is SAD, and how can you overcome it?"

First of all, SAD is an acronym for Seasonal Affective Disorder, and this disorder got its name from the depression one feels during the winter season. The essential feature is the onset and remission of a major depressive episode

commonly, there may be a summer depressive episode. The symptoms presented with this seasonal pattern are: 1.) depression. (DSM-IV, pg. 389,90) anergy (low, insufficient energy), 2. hypersomnia (excessive sleeping), 3.) overeating, 4.) weight gain, and 5.) a craving counseling, medication, and traveling to warmer, sunny for carbohydrates.

The frequency of this seasonal pattern appears to vary with latitude, age and sex. Typically, the prevalence of SAD increases with the higher latitudes. Because Michigan is in the northern part of our hemisphere, we have a much higher percentage of SAD. Also, because Michigan is surrounded by water, we have cloudier skies which create a dull, gray weather pattern through much of the winter. The busiest month for my practice is March. This is because many people therapy. are struggling because of the lack of sunshine, and being confined to their home. Age is another factor, since younger during a certain time of year. In most cases, the episode persons are at a greater risk for SAD. The prevalence of SAD begins in fall or winter and remits in the spring. Less is much greater in females. Women comprise 60 percent to

90 percent of persons who have this seasonal pattern of

Treatment for SAD is full spectrum light therapy, climates. The light used in light therapy includes all the spectrums of light which is like sunshine. The person using this treatment sits by this light for a certain number of minutes each day as prescribed by their doctor. This alleviates many of the symptoms of SAD.

Also, counseling and talk therapy (abreaction) is very helpful. Medication is another way to reduce the symptomotology, and this works best in conjunction with

Another strategy that at least temporarily alleviates the symptoms of SAD is traveling to a warm, sunny climate and enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Symptoms of SAD clearly indicate to us that our environment impacts on our mental health

Thank you, Barb, for your questions. If you have questions about human behavior or other questions that are psychological in nature, please email them to me at kathryndenhouter@yahoo.com.

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Cervical cancer is a disease that affects the reproductive tract of adult women. It rarely causes symptoms in the affected female. Fortunately, the incidence of cervical cancer has greatly decreased since the introduction of pap

A pap smear is a test that is done to check for signs of cancer on the cervix. During a pap smear, the doctor takes a sample of cells from the cervix. These cells are checked for signs that they're changing from normal. A pap smear can show if these cells are going through changes long before they turn into cancer. Cervical cancer is not life-threatening if it's caught early. Often these early or pre-cancerous changes can be treated and cured. This is why it is important to have regular pap smears.

All women should start having pap smears when they

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become sexually active, or when they turn 18. Women should continue having yearly pap smears until they've had at least three normal ones. After this, they should have one at least every three years throughout the rest of their life. There may be instances when the doctor may recommend more frequent testing for women considered to be at higher The main risk factors for cervical cancer are related to

sexual practices. Starting to have sex at an early age, multiple partners, sexually transmitted diseases, and smoking all increase the risk of a woman developing cervical cancer.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted disease that can increase a woman's risk for cervical cancer. HPV is highly contagious and highly prevalent in sexually active individuals. It has been estimated that up to 70 percent of sexually active individuals who have had unprotected sex with more than three partners in their lifetime may carry HPV. HPV rarely causes symptoms, and most people do not know they have it. Some strains of HPV can cause visible genital warts, while others may cause precancerous changes to the cervix. Condom use can greatly reduce the risk of contracting HPV. A promising new vaccine against HPV is in development, and should be available in the near future.

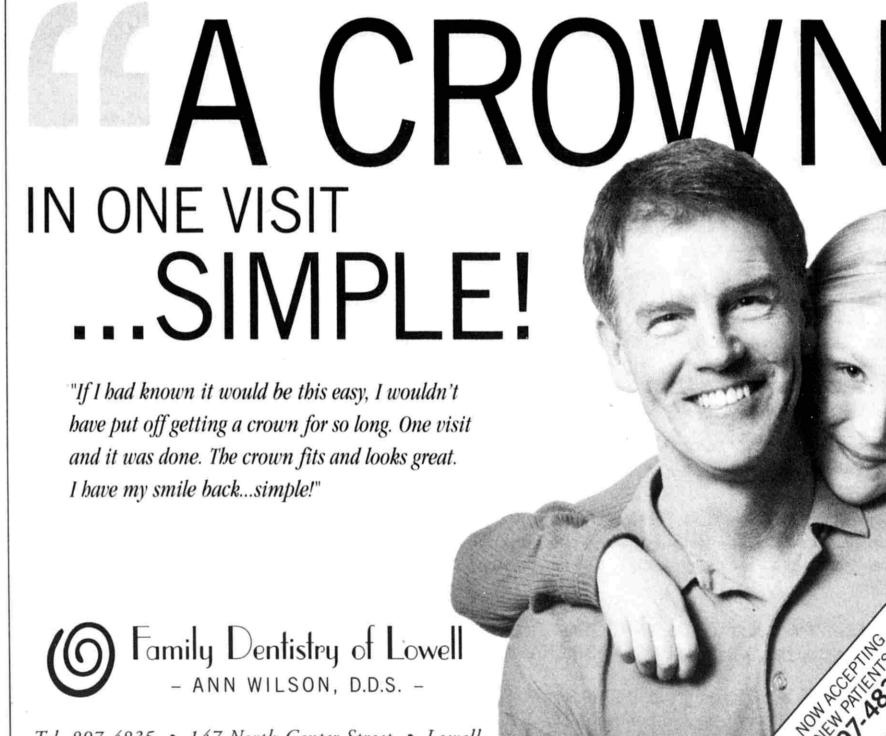
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SAT., APRIL 15: Resurrection Egg Hunt at First Baptist Church, next to Ada-Lowell 5. 1 p.m. for preschool - 2nd grade. Prizes, refreshments, Easter story.

THURS., APRIL 20: TOTS Wiggles and Giggles Night at Bright Beginnings Gym, 300 High St. \$1 per child. Call 987-2532 with questions. Siblings welcome.

THURS., APRIL 20: LARA Open House at Wittenbach/ Wege Center, 7-9 p.m. Call Mari Stone at 897-5671.

SAT., APRIL 22: Community Garden Exchange at First Baptist Church of Alto, 9-11 a.m. Share flowers/house

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 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 are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

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

3RD MON.: 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 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 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.

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

plants/ bulbs/ etc. Call 868-6403 for more info.

SAT., APRIL 22: Plantation Life/Underground Railroad workshop at Wittenbach/Wege Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ages 8-13. \$15. Call 897-7688 (Lowell museum) for information or to register.

TUES., APRIL 25: LAS board candidate forum, 7 p.m. at Runciman Adm. Bldg., 300 High St. 3 candidates/2

WED., APRIL 26: Vergennes Open Space Committee program by Dr. Alan Steinman on "Groundwater." 7:30 p.m. at Vergennes Township Hall. Mari 897-5671.

SAT., APRIL 29: Softball players' open scrimmage against Vintage baseball team at 1 p.m. at Fallasburg Star Village across from schoolhouse. Free - just show up.

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. at the Cham- St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-deber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Call 897-5449 for

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, EVERY THURS.: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June at Impact Church House, H. Hudson. Call Paul at 527-7796 231-780-1249 info.

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

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All at 7 p.m. is provided.

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

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 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

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THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For fo. 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.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun.1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.. Families: \$10; individuals \$3: 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto

& Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. - Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.;

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.

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THURSDAYS

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

nominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

for info. Family members call Erin at 527-7796.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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



Financial Focus

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KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR INVESTMENTS

If your investment portfolio is even moderately diversified, you probably own both stocks and bonds. And that's a good idea, because diversification is essential to your success as an investor. But you also should know what to expect from different types of investments - because the more you know, the more likely you are to make the right moves.

Unfortunately, some people's expectations get distorted, due to what may be happening with their investments. For example, a couple of years back, many investors saw the value of their bonds rise sharply, causing some to look at these investments as "growth" vehicles. But is that an accurate assessment?

quite interesting. From December 1999 through February 2003, long-term government bonds rose about 13 percent, second greatest period ever of superior bond returns relative to stocks - and one of the few in the past 80 years, a time in which stocks have consistently outperformed all other

decisions on what has gone before, it's generally a good idea not to plan on selling your bonds before they mature and make a profit. Instead, plan for what bonds do provide: current income in the form of monthly or quarterly interest checks. As long as you own your bond, you will always receive the same amount in interest (assuming the issuer doesn't default), no matter how much the bond's current

of dividends. But if you're like a lot of people, you buy buy stocks, you anticipate the price going up, so that when need to make. it's time to sell, you can make a profit.

future results, over the long term, stock prices historically knowledge of your investments.

Probably not - although some recent statistics are have risen. In fact, from 1926 through 2005, large-company stocks provided an average annual return of more than 10 percent, while small-company stocks returned, on average, while the S & P 500 - one of the most well-known stock more than 12 percent, according to Ibbotson Associates, an market indices - fell by about the same amount. This is the investment research firm. Small company stocks do fluctuate more than that of larger companies.

Of course, you can't assume that, for a given year, your stocks will return 10 percent, 12 percent - or anything at all. In the short term, stocks go down as well as up, so you And so, while you can't base all your investment shouldn't be shocked at losing principal over a single year, or perhaps a couple of years in a row.

> But if you buy an array of high-quality stocks and you hold them for the long term - at least five to 10 years - you increase your chances to achieve some growth.

Ultimately, by knowing what to expect from your stocks, bonds and any other securities you may own, you can draw up a long-term investment strategy appropriate for your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time Many stocks also provide current income, in the form horizon. You may want to work with a financial professional to determine why you own what you do, what you might stocks for their growth potential. In other words, when you anticipate from your holdings and what changes you may

Nobody can predict the future. But you can plan for it And, although past performance is not an indication of - by having a clear set of expectations, based on a thorough

Avoid the last minute rush with Medicare enrollment

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And those who do not with people individually at Others are still confused. of Western Michigan and your decision any longer. meet the May 15 deadline the Area Agency on Aging. Part D prescription drug Some are just plain hesitant coordinator of the Michigan If a lot of people wait until will face a one percent The counselors have been because of the problems Medicare/Medicaid May 1, we might not have penalty should they decide trained to answer a variety of Program enough staff to help answer to enroll later. The only questions and will continue exception is for those with helping in the community creditable drug coverage after the May 15 deadline through an employer or for Part D passes. individual and shows them to be able to safely operate another source. They do not

"Many people are said Jo Murphy, program (MMAP) in Kent and questions before the May 15 will assist with phone counseling and will meet

To contact an MMAP makes electric power. There is usually no how to use and maintain it. a joystick controller on the have to enroll in a Medicare counselor, call 1-800-803-7174 or log on to www. counselors MyMMAP.org.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

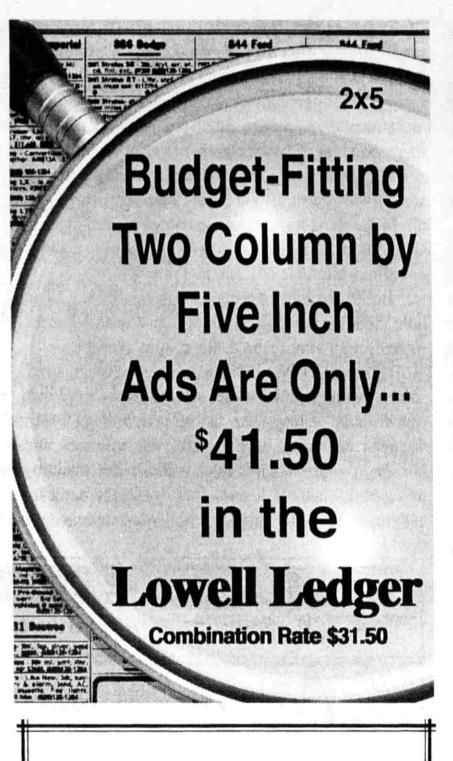
There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township Office, located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI, to hear the following variance application:

ESCO Properties are requesting a variance at 6301 Alden Nash., located in Section 4 NE 1/4, parcel number 41-24-04-200-011. The request is for Section 13, Article 13.05 Height, Area and Dimension Regulations to construct a self storage building 5 feet from the property line instead of the 20 feet required by the ordinance, and a variance of 13A.03 Right of Way Preservation & Setbacks of Ordinance 2004-01 (Corridor Overlay District) to line new building up with others on site.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday & Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the township office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be e-mailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc.

> Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

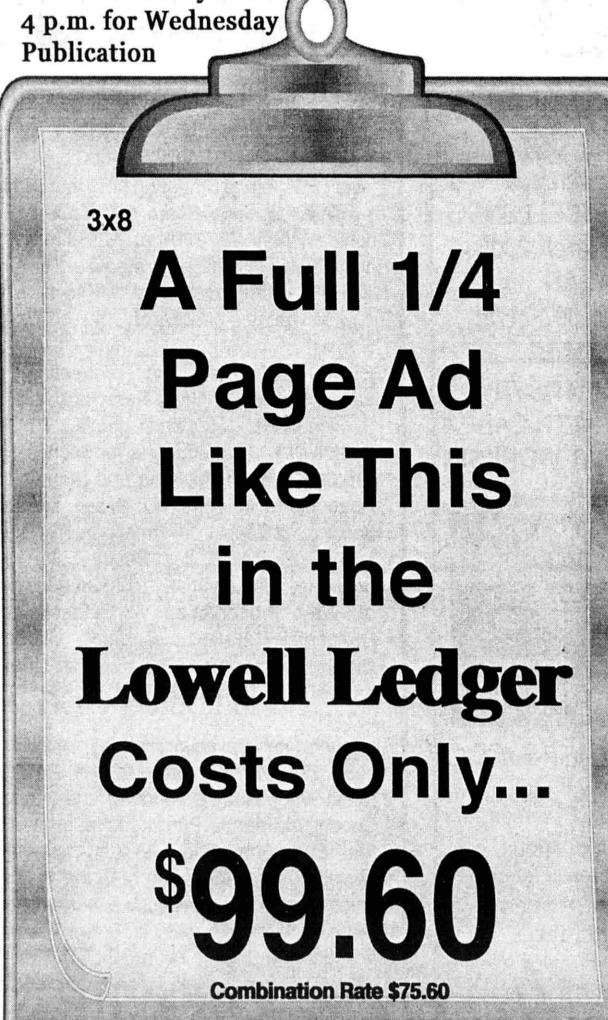
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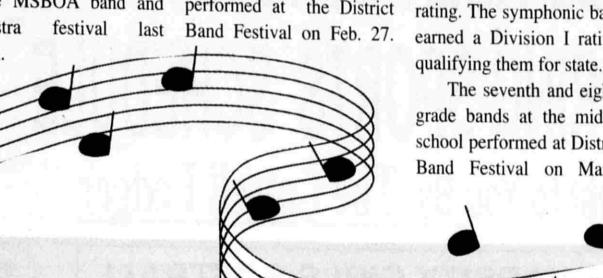
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High scores for Lowell bands at district festival

school students participated

performed at the District



rating. The symphonic band earned a Division I rating,

The seventh and eighth

Both the Red and White 10. They both received a Mundwiler, Summer Moore, bands earned a Division II Division II rating overall

grade bands at the middle school honors band, directed Hagerman school performed at District by Dale Latva, on March 16.

and a Division I rating in

selected to play in the middle Seventh graders included Christine Zvirzdinis, Sara Lowell Middle School jazz

Lowell Middle School hard work by the directors.

Elementary.

received a Division I rating

Connor Swift and Erica Walendzik; eighth graders intermediate orchestra (sixth and seventh grade students) received a Division II and District jazz festival was held on March 23. (seventh and eighth grade

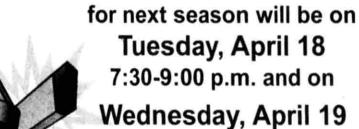
band played three pieces and I rating Earning a Division (excellent) rating and They also performed at the Division II (good) rating Winterfest at Cherry Creek by the musicians shows the director commitment made by them the as well as the dedication and

students) earned a Division



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LOWELL/CALEDONIA JV HOCKEY TRYOUTS





champions Two fifth grade students at Murray Lake Elementary competed in a regional

chess tournament on March 25 at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School. Nick McCormick, left, won the tournament and Josh Burns was runner-up. Over 30 top regional chess players

competed from across West Michigan. McCormick and Burns also finished first and second, respectively, in Murray Lake's chess tournament held earlier this

7:00-8:30 p.m. at Patterson Ice Center

The whole problem can be stated quite simply by asking, 'Is there a meaning to music?' My answer would be, 'Yes.' And 'Can you state in so many words what the meaning is?' My answer to that would be, 'No.' Aaron Copland (1900 - 1990)

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 4th and 18th *June 2nd and 15th

* 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.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

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VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

* Indicates a home game Cherry Creek Field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

4/13	Thornapple Kellogg (2)
4/15 at 10 a.m.	Lowell Invitational*
4/17 at 4 p.m.	Portland (2)*
4/19 at 4 p.m.	Ionia (2)*
4/22 at 10 a.m.	Hamilton Tournament
4/24 at 4 p.m.	Lakewood
4/26	Kenowa Hills*
4/28	FH Northern (2)
5/1	East Grand Rapids
5/2	Forest Hills Eastern*
5/3	Greenville*
5/4	FH Central (2)*
5/8	Cedar Springs (2)*
5/10	Kenowa Hills
5/12	Northview (2)
5/15	East Grand Rapids*
5/17	Greenville
5/22	West Ottawa*
5/24	Caledonia
5/30 at 4:30 p.m.	Pre-District*
6/3 at 10 a.m.	District Tournament*

VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL

* Indicates a home game Cherry Creek Field Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

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	4/13 at 4 p.m.	Thornapple Kellogg (2)
	4/15 at 10 a.m.	East Kentwood Tournament
	4/17 at 4 p.m.	Portland (2)* (at High School
_	4/19 at 4 p.m.	Ionia (2)*
	4/22 at 9 a.m.	Hamilton Tournament
	4/24 at 4 p.m.	Lakewood
	4/26	Kenowa Hills*
	4/28	FH Northern (2)
	5/1	East Grand Rapids
	5/2	Forest Hills Eastern*
	5/3	Greenville*
	5/4	Forest Hills Central*
	5/8	Cedar Springs (2)*
	5/10	Kenowa Hills
	5/11	Northview (2)
	5/15	East Grand Rapids*
	5/17	Greenville
	5/18	GR Christian High
	5/22	West Ottawa*
	5/23 at 4 p.m.	Tichelaar Tournament
	5/30 at 4:30 p.m.	Pre-District*
	6/3 at 10 a.m.	District*

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

5/22 Time TBA

Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated		
15 at 12:45 p.m.	Jenison	
/19	Zeeland East*	
/21	Thornapple Kellogg*	
/24	Kenowa Hills*	
/26 at 7:15 p.m.	East Grand Rapids	
/1	Greenville*	
/3	Reeths Puffer*	
/8	Forest Hills Northern	
/10	Forest Hills Central*	
/13	Forest Hills Eastern*	
/15 at 5:45 p.m.	Northview	
/17 Time TBA	OK Tournament*	
/19	Cedar Springs	
/22 Time TBA	OK Tournament*	
/24 Time TBA	OK Tournament*	

* Indicates a home game Red Arrow Stadium

* Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium

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4/13	Kenowa Hills*
4/15 at 9 a.m.	Hastings Relays
4/18	East Grand Rapids
4/20	Greenville*
4/27	Forest Hills Northern
5/2	Forest Hills Central*
5/4	Northview*
5/6 at 8:30 a.m.	Kathy Talus Memorial
5/11 Time TBA	Conference*
5/12 Time TBA	Conference*

Champ of Champs Mt

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS * Indicates a home game at High School Tennis Courts All matches begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated.

4/22 at 9 a.m. 4/24 4/26 4/29 at 9 a.m. 5/3 5/4 5/8 5/10 5/13 Time TBA	Kenowa Hills* Big Rapids Tournamer East Grand Rapids Greenville* Caledonia Tournament Forest Hills Northern NorthPointe Christian Forest Hills Central* Northview Conference at FHN Hudsonville
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VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE * Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

Holland Christian 4/13 at 5:15 p.m 4/15 at 5:30 p.m. Dewitt* 4/15 at 7:30 p.m. NMU vs GVSU* 4/18 at 5:15 p.m. Grand Haven* 4/20 at 5:15 p.m. Holland 4/25 at 6 p.m. Catholic Central 4/27 at 5:15 p.m. Zeeland 5/2 at 5:15 p.m. Holland Christian' 5/4 at 5:15 p.m. Grand Haven

5/6 at 3 p.m. Portage Northern 5/9 at 5:15 p.m. Holland* Okemos* 5/12 at 5:30 p.m 5/13 Time TBA East Kentwood 5/18 at 5:30 p.m. Mattawan

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF * Indicates a home game at Deer Run Golf Course.

All games begin at 3:30 n m, unless indicated

Lakewood*

Conference at Silver Lake

Ionia*

All games begi	n at 3:30 p.m. uniess indicat
4/13	Cedar Springs
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4/17	Kenowa Hills*
4/19	East Grand Rapids
4/20	Thornapple Kellogg
4/25	Greenville*
4/27	Unity Christian*
4/28	Belding
5/2	Forest Hills Northern
5/3	Forest Hills Central*
5/5 at 9 a.m.	Kenowa Hills Invitationa
	Gracewil Country Club
5/8	Northview

5/11 at 3 p.m.

5/15 at 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS CREW

Grand Rapids HS Invitational at Riverside Park HEBDA Cup at Wyandotte, MI

East Grand Rapids Regatta, Reeds Lake

Culver Regatta at Culver

5/27 Michigan High School Junior Championship, Stoney Creek, MI

Baseball opens season, places second at Coldwater

By Dan Schneider

baseball team placed second at Saturday's Coldwater three runs in the third inning. Tournament in Coldwater.

The Red Arrows won Pete Scudder went 3-3 with batting order in the inning. two RBIs in the game. Ethan

The Lowell varsity and final inning against Coldwater, who had scored hitting earlier, they started After a scoreless fourth But the Arrows rallied back, scoring eight runs. It started with two outs in the inning when Andy Schultz walked host Coldwater 8-3. Zach to load the bases, then Drain Burger got the win at the hit an RBI single scoring mound in the first game, Jay Ryan. The Arrows made Torsten Boss had the save. it all the way through the lights.

"The kids never gave battle," Miller said. Drain went 2-2, scoring two up," Lowell coach Juston

colleges do not require a

Students can receive

postmarked by the end of the automatically report their

day May 5. Late registration scores when they register

required for late registration optional Writing Test. Most

a popular one for juniors. should check the admissions

Around two thirds of test-requirements of colleges takers in June have just they're considering before

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MAY 2, 2006 ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTICAL

SCAN PROGRAM TESTING for the May 2,

2006 Consolidated School Election will be

conducted on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at

10:00 a.m. at The Grattan Township Office

Meeting Room, 12050 Old Belding Road,

Belding, MI. This testing includes the Belding,

Lana Green

Rockford, Lowell School Districts.

year. By looking from their high school

students can they can register online at

check their scores and then with the Writing Test.

The June test date is writing score, so students

postmark deadline is May for the test.

19 (an additional \$18 fee is

decide whether to re-test in

study to boost academic

the fall or winter of their

after May 5).

hitting with an RBI. Jordan

runs and driving in another. Miller said. "We were hitting in the first inning and two in the way. Lowell trailed 3-0 in balls hard all the game. the second, but Lowell made

ACT registration deadline approaching

The next nationwide weaknesses before taking www.actstudent.org. The the nation, including all Ivy

ACT test date for college- the test again as seniors. website also features test League schools. The ACT

bound high school students is ACT allows students to tips, practice tests, an online is an academic achievement

Saturday, June 10. Students report only the scores that test prep program, and a exam that includes four

must register online or have they want to colleges. database for students to find tests: English, reading,

their paper registrations Students can choose not to out if a prospective college math, and science. Students

The ACT includes an colleges and universities in me.

Lowell, he also went 4-4 Lowell tied the score at 4-4 Ickes went 3-4 in the game. Hamilton scored in the top

"That game was just a young players on this year's

a 7:45 game start under the end the game.

requires a writing score.

inning, both teams scored a their game in the off-season Ryan got the win for run in the fifth inning. Then Lowell faced Hamilton of the seventh and Lowell

team, with a solid core of Hamilton scored one run experienced players to lead Miller

who opt to take the Writing

are Test will add 30 minutes to

"We've got some

the bottom of the seventh They kept it going with two the score 3-2 with two runs seniors who are committed Third base will be covered outs ... the balls we were in the bottom of the third. to helping the younger by returning senior Ickes. players, but they have upped and are really challenging each other," Miller said.

players participated summer leagues and travel in the championship game, stranded a man on third to leagues last season.

Lowell has a lot of them all working in the offseason together, they've the season. accepted what their roles are perfect that role."

> And the extra off-season playing time will help.

"Baseball's a sport better you get, so that's been a benefit from them playing

percentage. Kalman, Ryan, field. Scudder and Josiah Teft will pick up second base duties.

Miller said. Boss is this year's shortstop.

Josh Gilliard, Andy Schultz, Gabe Delnick, James Miller Trevor Wernet, Drain and "This year's team, with Scudder will play outfield at different times throughout

Burger, Kalman and "They've Ickes are the seniors on this year's pitching staff. this year and have worked to Underclassman pitchers include Tylor Meppelink, James Miller, Ryan, Drain, Scudder and Boss.

Scudder, Drain and where the more you play, the Meppelink will pick up catching duties.

Lowell Caledonia Tuesday. The Ryan Kalman and Tony Arrows travel to Middleville Adrianse are this year's team for a doubleheader Thursday. captains. This year's infield The Lowell Invitational is is made up of Adrianse at Saturday starting at 10 a.m. first. He finished last season All home games are played with a perfect fielding at the Cherry Creek baseball

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY

MENU

Week of April 17, 2006

MON: Hotdog on bur

(BBQ rib on bun also

offered at Alto & Murray

Lake), oven potatoes

assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Macaroni

cheese w/mini soft pretzel (3 meat sub

also offered at Alto &

Murray Lake), steamed

broccoli, assorted fruit,

WED: Soft taco w/

meat, cheese, lettuce

(chicken patty on bun

also offered at Alto &

vegetables &

frozen juice bar, milk.

THURS: Pepperoni

pizza (stacked turkey/

cheese on a bun also

offered at Alto & Murray

Lake), seasoned corn

apple wedges, graham

FRI: French toast w/

syrup (cereal also

offered at Alto & Murray

Lake), sausage, fresh

fruit, 100% fruit juice,

crackers, low fat milk

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In previous years, many underground lawns in Ionia County were is installed and the turf is use preventive compounds are available if you object chemical insecticides. severely damaged by white irrigated regularly throughout such as halfenozide (Grub- to using insecticides. Milky of several beetles, including grubs per square foot. European Chafers, Rose The first two are the biggest turf, I strongly urge you to from the newly laid eggs. It problem in this area. I am heed the following advice: concerned about the amount

of mis-information regarding control measures that should be taken to minimize the threat.

First, decide chemical Control Peel back the sod in areas active ingredients lambdasuspected to be infested. Count the number of cream- Triazicide) bifenthrin or trichlorfon (dylox) and water colored larvae. In areas permethrin (Soil & Turf the product into the soil. where the turf is not watered Insect Killer Granules) for significant extent. Where live.

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To kill grubs now, cyhalothin, (one brand is use carbaryl (Sevin) or

Don't expect immediate regularly, you should find any phase of grub control. control. It will take several five or more grubs per square They kill many surface days for the insecticides to foot to warrant treatment. If feeding insects just fine but leach downward into the root fewer are present, they will will not move down into the zone and as many as five not harm the lawn to any root zone where white grubs days to provide significant

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