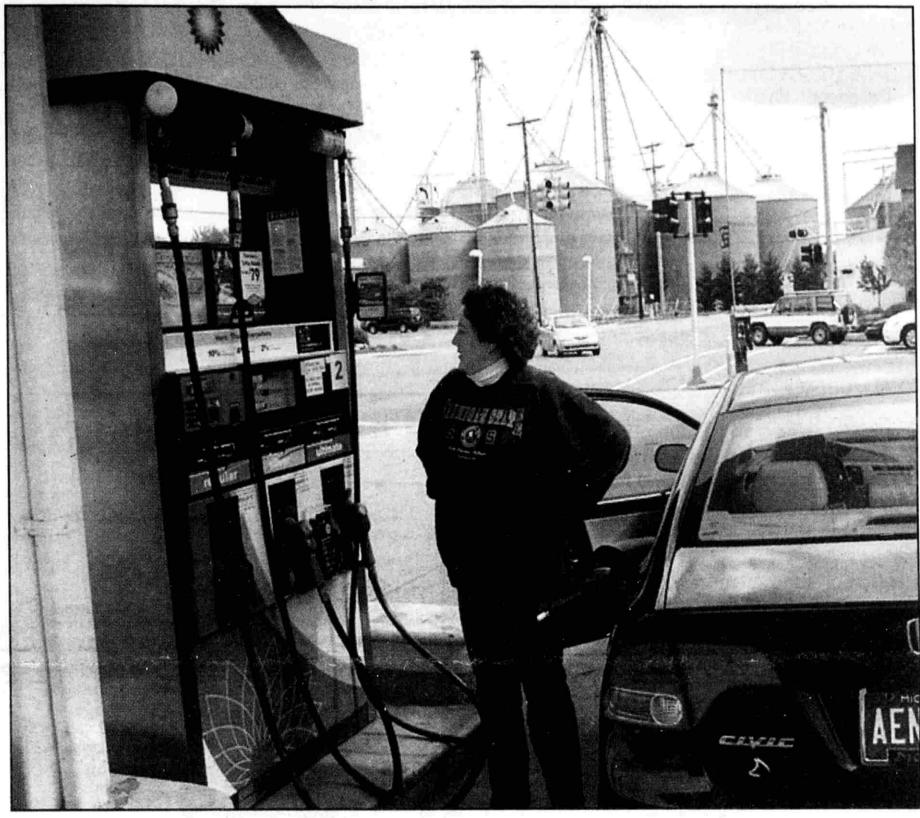
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Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Local drivers contend with rising fuel costs



Robin Omillian fills her Honda Civic at the Lowell BP station. She bought the car late last year for a vehicle with better gas mileage.

By Dan Schneider

rices for a gallon of unleaded gas hovered around \$2.89 for the last several days at local gas stations.

That's just slightly less than the national average price per gallon, which is \$2.919 according to the federal Energy Information Administration. But it is significantly higher than last year, when the national average was \$2.235 per gallon.

Michelle Chrisman said the gas prices have caused her to re-evaluate some transportation-related aspects of her life. She hasn't thought about buying a more fuel efficient vehicle, though she said she might start to consider it if gas prices top \$3.50 per gallon.

Now, she said, she is "just driving less than I have in the past, making fewer trips into Grand Rapids than I used to, that kind of thing."

She said she looks more locally to find the things she needs. When she does drive to Grand Rapids, she tries to consolidate more errands into a single trip.

"I'll only go into Grand Rapids once instead of five times," she said.

Nicki Cunningham, a cashier at the Lowell BP station, said most customers don't complain too much about the gas prices.

"A lot of people ask us 'Is it going to go up?' 'Is it going to go down?' ... but there's really nothing we can do about it," she said.

Cunningham said some customers, especially the regulars, joke about the gas prices.

"Ours are in pretty good humor, it's just the ones who are from out of town who don't catch our jokes so easy," Cunningham said.

But she notices the gas prices having a greater impact on some groups than

Gas prices, cont'd., pg. 9

LHS freshmen undertake service projects to benefit area camps

By Dan Schneider

a big Lowell High School freshmen arrived at Camp Tuhsmeheta, a summer camp for blind youth located on Lincoln Lake Road near Greenville, the place was covered with a uniform, four-inch-deep layer of leaves.

For about eight hours last Thursday, and another

five hours Friday, half of the LHS freshman class raked the leaves and undertook a number of other projects to get the camp ship-shape for the summer camp season.

Meanwhile, the other half of the freshman class was at Camp Mel Trotter in Hopkins, a summer camp for troubled teens run by Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids.

Both groups were participating in a service learning project. This is the second year Lowell High School freshmen have tackled such a project, designed to foster community awareness, broaden perspectives, and a stronger sense of volunteerism among the students. It is also a type of team-building exercise for the students. Last year, one half of the freshmen worked at Camp Mel Trotter while the other half cleaned up

neighborhoods on Grand Rapids' southeast side.

At Camp Tuhsmeheta (the name comes from putting together the four senses of the blind: touch, smell, hearing and taste), directors were very grateful for the extra help the freshmen provided.

"Our camp, I wouldn't say has been neglected, but it hasn't had the kind of attention that it is getting," George Wurtzel, executive director Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, which manages the camp. The freshmen didn't just clear leaves. They also built hiking trails between

Service, cont'd., pg. 11

City, townships will hold informational meeting on fire station addition - May 9

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

he Lowell City Council along with Lowell and Vergennes townships will hold an informational meeting about a proposed addition to Look Memorial Fire Station on May 9 at 7 p.m. at the fire station.

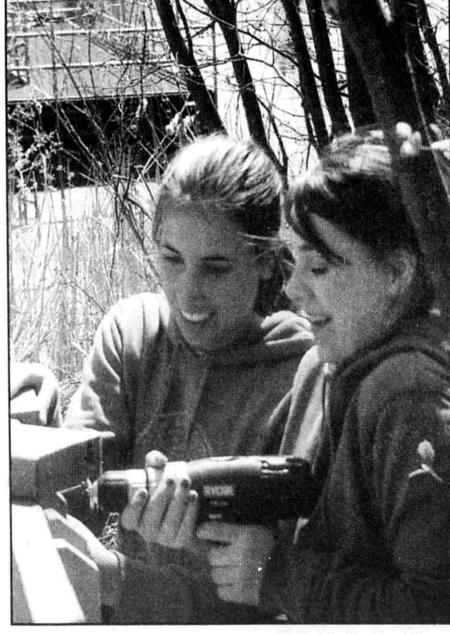
LowellRockfordAmbulance and the storage needs of the fire department. The cost is split between the city and the two townships with \$27,000 per jurisdiction, and a lease purchase agreement structured over five years.

According to city manager Dave Pasquale, an \$81,000 grant has already

would accommodate the Lowell Area Community Fund. The Lowell Rockford Ambulance would provide \$81,000 as well. The by 72 foot addition will keep the Lowell Rockford Ambulance near the fire department, according to fire chief Frank Martin.

The addition, however, could take up significant space used by the Kent The \$243,000 addition been secured from the County Youth Fair. The

city officials also explored alternatives for the addition such as the Newell building. The Newell building is slated to be used by the Department of Public Works. According to Martin, the Newell building would be too big to accommodate the ambulance and fire department storage needs.



Tricia VanGessel, left, and Lauren Wolfe assemble a railing for a wheelchair ramp at Camp Tuhsmeheta, a summer camp for the blind in Greenville.



BRZEZINSKI

Larry Brzezinski, aged special friend Sonya. Larry Riverside Schools for 10 Association, W. Michigan 57, of Grand Rapids, died was preceded in death by his Thursday, April 27, 2006 at parents, brothers Andrew his residence. Born April 12, Brzezinski III, Gary David Funeral services were held 1949, in Traverse City, he Brzezinski; infant sisters was the son of Andrew and Sylvia and Ann Marie. Mass Lillian Brzezinski. Larry of Christian Burial was May enjoyed hunting, fishing 1 at Holy Rosary Catholic and kittens. He is survived Church, Cedar, with Fr. Peter by his sisters Jennette Eke officiating. Memorial Clements of Grand Rapids, contributions may be made Eleanor, Linda and Norma to St. Paul the Apostle Brzezinski of Cedar, Mary Catholic Church in memory Beth (David) Rataj of Akron, of Larry. Ohio, Germaine Brzezinski of Scottville, Nancy Carol (James) Zywicki of Lowell, Isabelle C. Everitt, aged Marcianne M. (Eric) 78, of Lowell, passed Andrews of Grand Ledge; away April 27, 2006. She brothers Daniel (Magdaline) was preceded in death by Joe (Carol) Brzezinski She is survived by her of Traverse City, David husband Lawrence; children (Monica) Brzezinski of Larry (Vicki) Everitt, Jack Saginaw; godchildren Jason (Mary) Everitt, Ronald Brzezinski, Christopher (Mary) Everitt, Serene Andrews, Ashley Zeits; aunt (Lee) Ogle, Sonata (Jim) Melanie Brzezinski; uncles Ogle, Daniel (Jodi) Everitt,

EVERITT

Cedar, her son Mitchell Everitt. Joseph and Steve Brzezinski; David (Kathy) Everitt; many nieces and nephews; daughter-in-law Sue Everitt;

VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given that the

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

will be holding a public hearing on Monday,

May 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Township

Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr, PO Box 208

comment on the following applications:

Lowell Michigan 49331, to accept public

Servant Construction LLC (Evan Dufendach)

is requesting a private road review to develop

his property under the land division act into 7

residential home site lots with 5 lots served

by a private road. The property is located at

10181 Bailey Dr, north side, parcel # 41-16-

19-400-002 in the SE quarter of section 19,

Flat River Developers LLC (Don Blain) is

requesting a private road and site

condominium review to develop the property

into 9 residential home site lots served by a

private road. The property is located on

Burroughs Rd, north side, east of River Pine

Dr, parcel 41-16-26-100-006 in the NW

The proposed applications are on file at the

Vergennes Township Hall and may be

inspected during regular office hours

between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday,

Wednesday, and Fridays. Public comment

will be accepted at the public hearing and

written comments received by mail, in person

or in the mail slot located at the office

entrance will also be considered if received

prior to 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

Comments may also be emailed to

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

zoning@vergennestwp.org.

west of the Township Hall location.

quarter of section 26.

sister Virginia Weemhoff; May 1 at Roth-Gerst Funeral and playground attendant. Holland, MI 49423.

brother Art Grover; 18 Home, pastor Dr. Roger La grandchildren; five great- Warre, officiating. Interment grandchildren; many nieces Oakwood Cemetery. Memand nephews. Mrs. Everitt orial contributions may worked at Runciman and be made to: Alzheimer's years as a crossing guard Chapter, 225 W. 30th Street,

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 06-181,392-DE

Estate of **PATRICIA ANN** MARKLEVITZ deceased

Date of birth 11/08//1955

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICETO CREDITORS: The decedent, PATRICIA ANN MARKLEVITZ, who NW, Grand Rapids, MI. died 04/02/2006.

Creditors of the decedent

will be forever barred presented to Harry J. Halicki, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and named/proposed personal representative if they saw a downed power highly unlikely. within 4 months after the date of publication Power customers should call of this notice.

claims against the estate

In last week's edition, 897-8402 to report power outages. The utility has a of The Ledger, a series of spring storm season safety 24-hour answering service tips provided by the Detroit for power outages and other Edison power company such situations. Consumers Energy customers should While several of the call 1-800-477-5050 to.

were printed.

especially caused confusion,

line. Lowell Light and

Clearing up some

electrical confusion

items contained useful report power outages. information about what to do A person who sees under a variety of electricity- a downed power line circumstances, should call 911 to report some of the items were it. That allows emergency of no relevance to Lowell responders to quickly isolate because the western extent the line from the public until of Detroit Edison's service utility crews repair it. area is more than 100 miles

Lowell Light and east of here. The eighth and Power general manager Tom ninth paragraphs may have Richards said the item related to low-voltage situations has since they instructed people little application to Lowell to call Detroit Edison in the since the utility's circuit event of a power outage or setup makes such a scenario

By Emma Palova

Contributing Writer

September deadline

(LACF).

By Emma Palova

Contributing Writer

The Lowell Showboat

this season, as well as serve

alcohol again during the

upcoming summer concert

ranged from \$300 to \$150

for first and second use

businesses. Baker proposed

a fee of \$25 per event with

Lowell Area Chamber

mug shot project prior to the checks.

John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 lived at 846 California 616-774-4001 Harry J. Halicki

7730 Lilac Dr.

April 26, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

APPLICATION FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TYLER CREEK GOLF COURSE AND CAMPGROUND

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Board will hold a hearing on Monday, May 15, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the application of Tyler Creek Corporation for a Class C liquor license for Tyler Creek Golf Course and Campground located at 13495-92nd Street, S.E., Alto, Michigan 49302. A Class C liquor license would permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. The Township is under no obligation to approve the issuance of the Class C license requested by the applicant.

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received at the Township Hall until the close of the public hearing. The application for the Class C liquor license may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> May 3, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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The Lowell Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) would like to thank the following businesses for donating funds to help support our high school chapter this year. Through the help of these businesses, 20 students were able to compete at students at the State level competition.

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- Greenridge Realty



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Second annual Girls Night Out a success



Livescan fingerprint project complete

the balance of the cost at for the schools."

completed a \$20,000 is the Lowell Area School system include adoption and

council Monday about the applicant fee. The police deadline, the state Central

charge \$16 for all non-

"This thing was fantastic

Lower rental fees for showboat

raise hopes for increased usage

\$7,500 grant from the state, for schools," said Valentine. department completed the

city's general fund.

part," Baker said.

As part of the grant of

department, however, will Records

has the Livescan fingerprinting electronic fingerprinting

Jim proposal, the school district members, said Valentine.

The Lowell Police \$12,500. The biggest user of

Valentine informed the city will not be charged a \$16

while the LACF provided "We do a lot of fingerprinting

District for background licensing applicants. The

and from the Lowell Area school applicants. The submissions of fingerprints improvement. According to

Lots of women were checking out Flat River Cottage at 117 W. Main Street last Thursday. The shop, which sells antiques, art, home furnishings and consignments, held its grand opening to coincide with Girls Night Out.

It was the second time the Girls Night Out was held in Lowell. Local merchants stayed open until 9 p.m. and many served refreshments while women shopped. Much the same as last year, the shops were crowded but there was hardly a man in sight

equipment installation and

"We are now fully

The applicant prints and

mug shots are now being

submitted electronically to

Lansing and the FBI. The

project started in May of

for a Bryne grant through

the state of Michigan for

The showboat sits 10

licensed liquor premises.

In related business.

annual fireworks display on

by the manager on duty.

training as of April 25.

operational," he said.

After the September 2005. The LPD was eligible

go into a central depository. state in March of 2006, the

Valentine said the police LPD is now a Livescan site.

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RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Kickoff meeting on May 3 at Lowell High School LPAC, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for American Cancer Society fundraiser in August. Call Elizabeth at 364-6121 to

YMCA PROGRAM EXPO

Ages 3-10 can experience a variety of youth sports programs this Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at YMCA, 1335 W. Main St., Lowell. Gary Wade, 616.855.6997 cell, gwade@grymca.org

COMMUNITY FARM ANIMAL DAY

Wittenbach/Wege Center will celebrate its 5th anniversary at 11715 Vergennes. Support WWC by having a family portrait taken, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Ranger Steve at 987-1002.

MUSEUM TOURS

A tour of small museums will be this Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. "Spring into the Past" at Lowell Area Historical Museum, Fallasburg Hist. Village & Schoolhouse, Averill Hist. Museum of Ada, Bowne Twp. Hist. Museum, Boston-Saranac Hist. Museum, Ionia Hist Society-Blanchard House, Flat River Hist. Museum and Flying Falcon Military Museum at Greenville, Freeport Hist. Society, and Belding Museum-Belrockton Dormitory. Donations accepted; special events and exhibits.

CROP WALK

The Lowell CROP Walk is this Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main at 1:30 p.m. Register at 1

TOTS BABY SHOWER

Lowell area expectant moms are invited to a baby shower May 16, 7-8 p.m. at Bright Beginnings, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to register. Free evening of games, bag of gifts, prizes, helpful parenting materials.

MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD

Seniors who have taken all components of MEAP and have achieved a Level 1 or 2 on at least 2 areas can use the ACT WorkKeys assessments to qualify for this award. to 15 feet from Flat River KISD will give this test on May 17 at KC/TC from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration forms due to KISD by May 8. Cost: \$50. See your counselor for more information.

ART EXHIBIT

Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main will showcase a dozen local artists' watercolor and mixed media paintings now through June 7 during business hours. Call the LAAC at 897-8545 or info@lowellartscouncil.org.

SEEKING PARADE ENTRIES

Parade entries are needed for the July 8 Riverwalk Festival. The theme: "Celebrating Lowell-175 Years of History." Get creative and represent history with your organization, business or group! Call Liz at 897-9161 for

proposal to lower the fees to encourage the use of the showboat.

the Regional competition and 13

used for private weddings or showers for a short period of showboat.

local businesses. The rental fees would go into the city coffers only, with no split between the city and the everybody."

chamber.

had," she said.

time, maybe an hour. Larger events could be catered by has been successful," said

According to Baker, responsibility on the city's however, there are

amenities on the boat

Other users of the

project required the training

accept

Foundation revenues will go into the and mug shots. These will a signed agreement with the

police department

Council member James "It"s not dry, and then may have lower rental fees Pfaller suggested a written you always have the dreaded Service will be monitored checklist prior to rental and rain," she said. after the event. The council also

City manager David approved the use of the the council approved the series from mid- June Pasquale brought up the showboat during the summer issue of insurance. The city concert series by Flat River July 8 during the Riverwalk could provide the insurance Grill to serve alcohol. For a Festival organized by the of Commerce executive through its carrier, or the total of 12 dates, from June chamber of commerce. The Liz Baker people renting the showboat 15 through Aug. 24, Flat fireworks display, sponsored approached the Lowell City could have the insurance River Grill will be serving by the Laurels of Kent, will as part of their auto/ alcohol on the showboat be performed by Melrose

homeowners insurance. so people can listen to the Fireworks at the Stoney City attorney Richard concerts while sipping Lakeside Park at 10:15 p.m. info. Wendt said whoever uses drinks In the past the fees the showboat should get the

The city staff will check for private individuals or into insurance rates with the city insurance carrier, and prepare a formal policy for usage of the showboat to a \$50 deposit for private come back before the council. Baker said she would check "These would be much with the chamber carrier for more in line than what we insurance rates.

According to Baker, the Mayor Charles Myers showboat would mainly be said he would like to encourage the use of the

> "The use of the showboat council member Jeanne Shores. "People love the showboat. It's a fun night for

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Some mysterious objects on display at "Spring into the Past" museum tour

By Dan Schneider

For some of the items. used to construct the Lowell to anything Showboat that resides at the Lowell Area Historical whether it is an item unto larger piece of machinery. Museum, it is easy to tell itself, or part of something their connection to the area's else," said Bowne Township Historical Society has in history. Other artifacts, such Historical Society president its collection a similarly

as the millstone outside Sally Johnson. "We've into the Past" tour of West Small town museums one of the offices of King taken it other places and no and historical societies have Milling Company, have an one knows what it is." a number of artifacts on obvious connection to the town's industrial history.

She was referring to a metal item, L-shaped, with a Some artifacts, however, mysterious and apparentlysuch as the scale model have no apparent connection spring-loaded arm attached Township Historical Society to it. It looks like some kind Museum and Schoolhouse, "We have no idea of tool or perhaps part of a

Spring bunch of toy things outside,

The Ionia County Historical Village and School House, the Bostonpiece. It is Historical Museum of a Ada, Greenville's Fighting pair of items. Falcon Museum and Flat River Historical Museum, the Ionia County Historical House and Museum, and the Belding Museum-The society Belrockton Dormitory. Museum and historical

society directors are hoping have tour visitors will be able to help them identify some of the mystery items. They will These be on display along with other special activities.

museums. Ten different

museums are taking part:

the Lowell Area Historical

the Freeport Historical

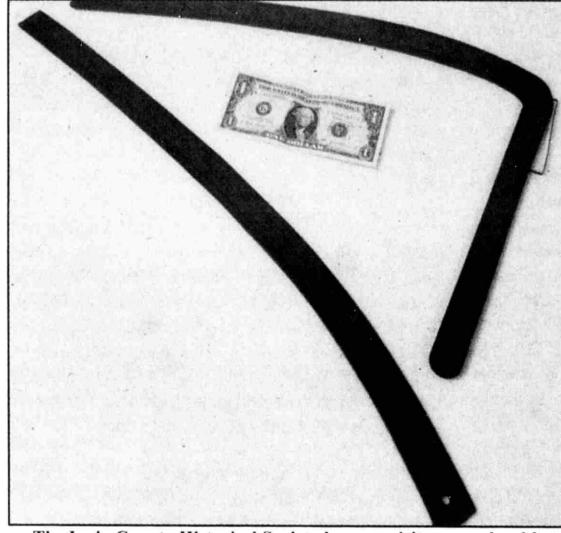
Fallasburg

Blanchard

The activities at the together an antique tractor 5 p.m. More information Lowell Area Historical its "Childhood Dreams, the radio in Bowne Center tour is sponsored by the Tri-

Several of the other museums will hold special The museum will be events, as well.

display. There will also be is available at any of the



The Ionia County Historical Society hopes a visitor may be able to identify this item.

Sharing With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

between the school board and the superintendent is essential to a district's success. Even before Greg Pratt begins his the Board and superintendent work with the community

superintendent role full time in our district, he and the Board are developing a working relationship that is especially important today when districts, including Lowell Area Schools, face particular pressure and scrutiny. While there remain many discussions to be had

between Greg and the Board, together we have begun conversations concerning the importance of understanding roles and working together. We have shared thoughts regarding the effective management of the district, the need for cooperative work to make our superintendent's with our superintendent.

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role manageable and effective, as well as outlining areas where both the Board and superintendent can play a role and share responsibilities.

Two examples of Board responsibilities include establishing and regularly reviewing all district policies and hiring, supporting and evaluating the superintendent. The superintendent is directly responsible for implementing policies approved by the Board and recommending changes, It goes without saying that a good working relationship if appropriate, as well as overseeing the organization and management of the district's day by day operations. Together to develop the district's vision and goals and monitor the achievement of those goals. We also work collaboratively to institute a process for long-range and strategic planning that will position the district for success.

> Building positive relationship is vital to a school district. The relationship between a superintendent and the Board must be allied and focused on the common goal of "doing what is best for kids." Your Board of Education is committed to ensuring an effective working relationship

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DENTAL EXCELLENC

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer The Lowell City

Council will hold a second public hearing on May 15 on a proposed change to a city zoning ordinance that will allow wall signs on the front and side exteriors of buildings in the downtown

the city will also hold a first public hearing on the proposed 2006/2007 budget with adoption scheduled for

member James

council has held second public hearings to give the public an opportunity for input.

he said.

The Bowne Township Historical Society will have this mystery item on display as part of the "Spring into the Past" tour of small town museums.

museum director Judy

open for free. Croquet is

The Bowne Township Historical Society is putting old-time music broadcast on that day, but on the low-"We're going to do a power station 10-20 AM.

"It's good entertainment planned in the outdoor for a family outing," Johnson

> The museum tour will take place from 11 a.m. to Rivers Historical Musem

City will hold hearings on wall signs, budget

The issue of wall signs historically the over the Flat River has stirred some controversy among the A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE,

city historic commission and downtown business owners in the downtown business

The proposed change in the city zoning ordinance, recommended for approval by the planning commission and city manager David Pasquale, would allow wall signs facing the Flat River. On that same date, Projecting signs, however, would only be allowed on the fronts of buildings facing

According to council

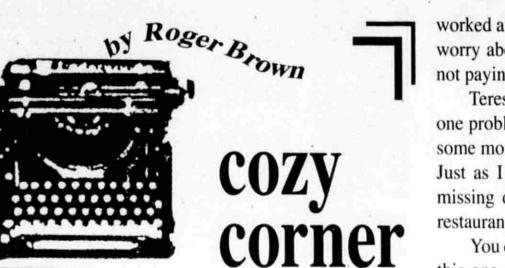
On the issue of budget, Pfaller suggested the city abide by the city charter and stay on schedule for budget adoption by the first Monday in June.

"We need to have two public hearings, but we also need to abide by the charter,"

The issue of signs over the river has been debated extensively after two downtown businesses petitioned the council to have wall signs. The planning commission held a public hearing on the issue on April 24. The Lowell Historic Commission has opposed the change along

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Viewpoint



The hardware I frequent has an interesting approach to marketing. Like many businesses, their outdoor sign incorporates a changeable marquee. In most instances these signs are used to advertise a current "special" of some kind. This hardware uses their sign for a weekly joke.

For example, "If you find yourself in deep water along. ... keep your mouth shut!" is certainly more fun than an announcement regarding a special on house paint. I don't know how paint sales are at this hardware, but customers home, so they left messages ... several messages. Because like the jokes on the sign.

A couple weeks ago the sign bore the following mock headline. "Toilet Stolen ... Police Have Nothing to Go

All this has nothing much to do with this week's column, as well, again reporting a lost and injured dog. other than a very weak link to something gone missing. In my case it's a dog, not a toilet.

I'm involved in yet another volunteer dock building project. This one, hopefully the last for a while, is at a rental fours years obtaining his permit and wants to "git 'er done!" before the county building department throws another curve

We had a couple days invested in rounding up equipment why not get Homeland Security in on it as well? and materials. There were two holes to be drilled and pilings placed by working off our barge.

arose. My wife and I had an inspection going on at our Security house. Terese didn't want the dogs around. She had a dental appointment and couldn't deal with Max and Tito. No big say. I guess it's true. We tested the lost pet system and found deal, I took them to work with me.

suffer with arthritis and don't wander far from home. A big excursion for them anymore is to saunter next door to see what the little white curly haired dogs are yipping about

new turf and swim a little. Max was soon flaked out in the Hey, I thought it was funny. sun to dry. Tito continued to swim around the barge as we

worked away. He's a Lab and could swim all day so I didn't worry about him or pay much attention. Imagine that, me, not paying attention?

Terese showed up to collect the dogs about noon. Only one problem ... no Tito. We called and whistled and called some more. Still no Tito. This went on for quite some time. Just as I was beginning to get a little nervous about the missing dog, he came swimming from the direction of a restaurant two doors down the shore.

You don't have to be a crime scene investigator to figure this one out. A Labrador retriever left to his own devices near a restaurant with the aroma of grills fired up for the lunch crowd quickly adds up to a missing dog. Arthritis or no, Tito was checking out the restaurant.

This wasn't the end of the story. Good Samaritans at the restaurant figured Tito was lost and took him in. I'm guessing he scored some treats in the process. His goal all

At the restaurant they called our phone number on his collar. They called several times, in fact. Nobody was of his arthritis Tito walks with a significant limp. The callers assumed he was injured and mentioned that.

The collar tag also has an "800" number for a lost pet network our vet belongs to. Tito's saviors called that number

The dispatcher called our vet. The staff at the clinic got all worked up about Tito being lost and injured. They went right to work calling us at all the numbers they had available. They never got in touch with us, but left messages at home, property owned by a friend and neighbor. He has been nearly work and cell phones. Tito's lunch foray was turning into quite an incident.

Somewhere in the confusion, the people at the restaurant had mentioned that they were calling Animal Control. Heck,

When Terese got home with the dogs she had about a set on shore. The remaining 49 pilings will be drilled and dozen messages to retrieve and several fires to put out. She called the restaurant, the vet clinic, the lost pet dispatchers On the first day of working from the barge a problem and Animal Control. No, she didn't call Homeland

All's well, that ends well. At least that's what "they" it works. Animal Control was slow enough on the trigger Max and Tito are 13 and 11 respectively. They both that Tito avoided arrest. And Tito got a free lunch at a pricey

That's about it for my missing dog report. There is one last thing. That sign at the hardware store ... they followed up last week's joke headline about the missing toilet. The At the worksite the dogs were happy to explore some new message reads, "Toilet Found ... Police Relieved!"

and in the summer at Stoney Lake Park, Grand Rapids,

Kentwood, Ionia, etc. You get the picture. I'm not against

the dog park but I believe it should go in an existing park

at someone else's expense. For example, Lowell Township

Park. After all, they now have room since they kicked the

Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 4, 1881

A new steam barge, the H.C.Akely, is the largest vessel ever put on Lake Michigan.

The Portland Observer says that a group of women went out the other night to tar and feather a certain female, but she wasn't in.

The reservoir at Ionia breaks and causes considerable

There are 1,411 post offices in Michigan.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 3, 1906

Boston Township's annual sheep-shearing festival yesterday enjoyed an unusually large turnout yesterday.

"G. Stall's sorrel mare has strayed. He should have kept her in the Stall.'

Ledger subscriptions include a weekly magazine.

A strong wind blows down walls left standing after the San Francisco earthquake, injuring more people.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 30, 1931

L.J.Andrus leases the Strand Theatre from Harvey Callier, promising three-dimensional pictures and music by Miss Rose Duncan, organist. Free tuberculosis clinic will be at City Hall next Wednesday morning. Motor Sales in Lowell will handle sales of the new Grand

Rapids-made DeVaux automobile. The number of marriage licenses issued in the first quarter in Kent County is the lowest in 43 years.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 3, 1956

Village president Peter Speerstra calls a mass meeting to discuss a civil defense/disaster organization, especially in view of the April 3 tornado in Alto.

The May PTA program will feature Lowell's Boy Before any of you dog owners rip me for being too Scouts, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls and Bluebirds.

The Ground Observer Corps holds their fourth annual Pancake Festival to finance the GOC building on the 4-H fairgrounds.

The new, convoluted State Aid bill for schools encourages consolidation of rural school districts, and Lowell expects one or two annexations soon.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 29, 1981

Four administrators are laid off, the school day cut to five hours and more changes in the works as the budget crunch hits the school system.

The PTA and police departments start a community Child Watch program.

Girls' teams have a spectacular week in track and softball with big wins over Coopersville and Belding.

Four candidates file for two scool board positions.

To The Editor Pfaller,

I would like to start out by saying I'm a Vergennes high school crew team out of there and they had to move Township resident that enjoys gravy training off the city of their shells into the city, or Fallasburg Park, another wide Lowell's parks. I have enjoyed going to Creekside Park with open area that is underutilized. my daughter as well as other people from the area. I have noticed the equipment is now falling into disrepair. I have cocky, please pay attention to what I'm saying: Do your brought this to the attention of the public works and I was fundraising for your dog park, but find an alternative location told the parks commission hasn't the funding available to outside the city. I'm going to start my own fundraising to maintain the parks adequately. OK, there are quite a few save Creekside Kingdom from the inept parks commission parks in the city, so I guess that's understandable. Now I before it falls into condition beyond repair. Hopefully by see the parks commission is considering a dog park and that next year I will have raised enough money and volunteers fundraising is going to be started by some local citizens. to help me do the work and save some money. I guarantee Again, the park will be located in the city of Lowell and there are more kids than dogs that will use this park. maintained by whom? The city of Lowell

In conversations I've had with people at the current parks, they come from Ada, Lowell Twp., Vergennes Twp.,

Sincerely, Steven Bukala Vergennes Twp.

Letters... We love to hear from you!

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Engagements

Wisniewski/Tase

are engaged and planning a School. June 24, 2006 wedding

lege in Sioux Center, Iowa, an industrial mechanic.

Sarah Christine Wis- and has a bachelor of arts in niewski of Alto and Jere- history. She currently is emmiah Aaron Tase of Lowell ployed at Caledonia High

The future groom is The bride-elect is the the son of Laure Vitalie and daughter of Steven and Sus- Dave Drenth of Clarksvilan Wisniewski of Alto. She le. He is a graduate of Lake is a graduate of Dordt Col- Odessa High School and is

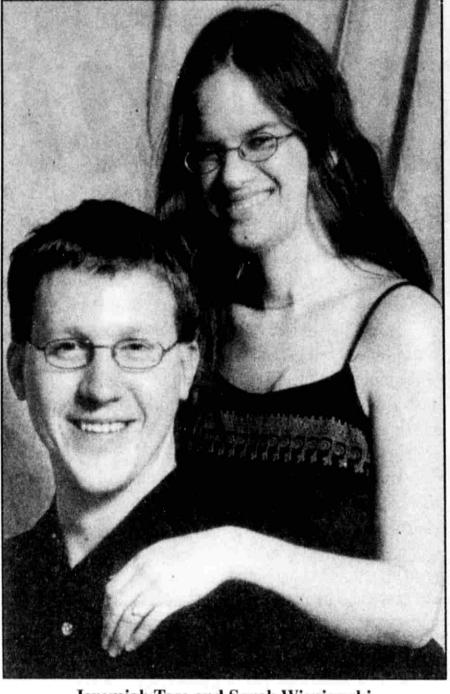


Phil Struckmever, pastor Impact Church

Sometimes I think we spend too much time trying to make statements in life. Fashion, political, religious and value statements are sometimes all we are really trying to live for and toward in our lives. Our statements in this world are our greatest consideration for anything we say or at Olivet College, was mony on April 22. From do with our words and time. And while this is how most recognized at its annual the Lowell area is Zachary of us do life, trying to make statements, it's funny how on the inside we are more full of questions than we are of the April 5 in Mott Auditorium. bachelor of arts degree in certainties of this world.

There is something more appealing about questions if Prize for her work with He is the son of Kathleen you think about it. As much as answers are what we say the college's radio station, Datema of Lowell. we want, questions leave the greatest possibility and hope WOCR 89.7. This prize is of truth in our lives. I am sure this sounds like word-play, awarded to the student who maybe, but I think there is a big difference between lives demonstrates exceptional that pursue questions versus lives that pursue answers. Sam promise and has made Lowell High School this Keen put it this way, "To be on a quest is nothing more significant contributions to spring, is the recipient of the or less than to become an asker of questions." Thomas the campus media throughout Free Enterprise Scholarship Jefferson said: "Question with boldness even the existence his or her academic career for the 2006-2007 academic of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve while maintaining excellent of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear." A carpenter from Nazareth once said, "Who is it that you say I AM?" Funny that he asked a question rather than made of Lowell High School, year with renewal options

Andrea and I have three awesome kids. Emily is two, Greenman-Batt and Walt Nick is five and Drew is eight. They are mighty questioners. Batt. Why, Dad? How, Mom? When, Dad? Where Mom? They are on a quest. I sure hope as their faith grows that they do not come up with statements that define their life; rather I pray that their questions increase and just keep getting better.



Jeremiah Tase and Sarah Wisniewski

College News

is the daughter of Rhoda yearly if criteria is met.

academic standing.

participate in the college's

Karlie Batt, a junior 2006 Commencement cere-Honors Convocation held on **Sneider**, a candidate for a Batt received the Media psychology and economics.

who will graduate from at Northwood University in Midland. The Batt, a 2003 graduate scholarship is \$5,000 per

Delnick will be a freshman at Northwood in the fall and plans to work Alma College an- toward a business degree. nounced that 278 degree He is the son of David and candidates were eligible to Rhonda Delnick of Lowell.

Joey and Jack Michael Barnella Proud parents are to Joe and Jeni Barnella. announce the arrival of Grandparents are Mike and Jack Michael Barnella. He Karen Hale and Joe Barnella was born March 21, 2006, Jr., all of Lowell. weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and



MAY 4: John Borton, David Rhodes.

measuring 20 inches.

Jerre Sue Smith. **MAY 5:** Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino,

Brenda Erickson, Robert Tasha Nora Bell Rash.

VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

10:00 A. N

MAY 8:

Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr. **MAY 9:**

Yeiter, Ashley Dalziel, Scott Carpenter, Kennedy, Hillary Briggs, Eric Witherell. MAY 10:

> Schalow, LeAnn Rebecca Boruta, Dee Korb, Eric Swift, Jim Lindhout, Jim Stone.

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New Arrivals

Lowell native releases second CD Roger MacNaughton, of evenings dedicated to touches people's emotions

musician and composer born writing and recording my and raised in Lowell, will own music which hopefully

CONGRATULATIONS

JORDAN BLOUGH

2nd grader at Alto Elementary.

She recently did a

photo shoot for Meijer.

See her picture

hanging until May 14th!

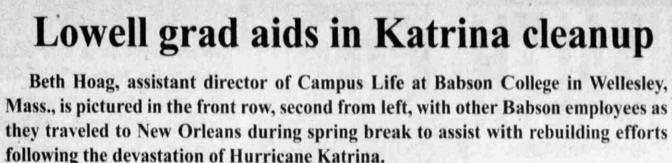
release his second CD of original music on May 7. "Cold Hearted features 14 original songs written by

MacNaughton and performed by him on solo piano.

"After the 2000 release of 'Summer Dance,' I had many requests to do a solo piano CD," said MacNaughton. "Cold-Hearted Orb is the product

He will perform selections from the CD in a concert at Aquinas College in Kretschmer Recital Hall on May 7. Tickets are \$7 for the 3 p.m. event and may be purchased by calling 975-

The CD is available at Dream Pieces in Lowell

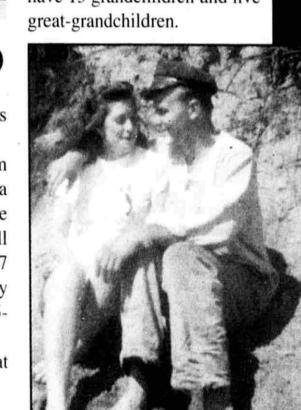


Hoag, a graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Patrick Hoag of Lowell and Dorothy Hoag of Ada.

Couple celebrates 57 years together

Al and Dot (Hanes) Lacic of Lowell will observe 57 years of marriage on Sunday, May 7, 2006. The couple will celebrate their special occasion with

The Lacic's children are Adeline Brower, Arthur Lacic, Dorothy House, Russell Lacic, and Jim and Mary Dillree. They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Dot and Al Lacic celebrate 57 years of marriage and at left the couple in 1949.

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Lake), oven potatoes,

WED: Chicken patty

on bun, (chili 8

crackers also offered at

Alto & Murray Lake),

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gelatin salad, milk.

assorted fruit, milk.

assorted fruit, milk.

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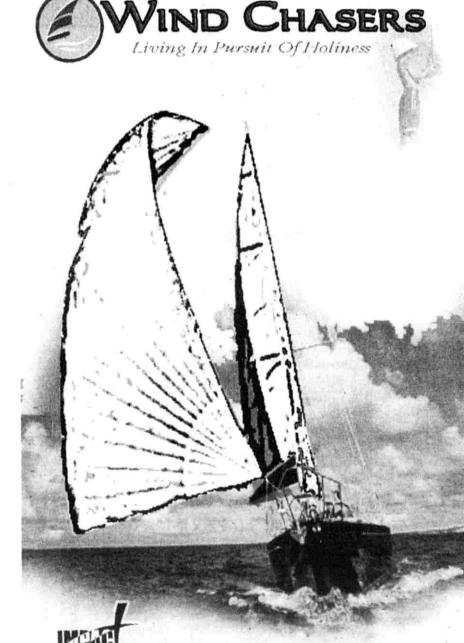
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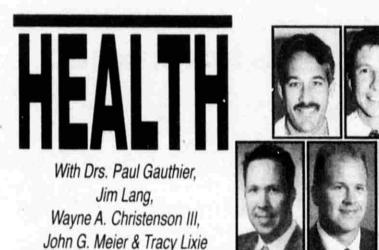
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Gas prices, continued ... From Page 1

Robin Omillian is glad Tahoe a short time later an option. she traded her Ford F-150 at the same pump where Super Crew Cab in for a Omillian had filled her Civic. about \$5 per gallon, but that Eggleston, Stormzand's just the gas tank. Racing class, also, where teams are Honda Civic last December. Baird said it is a safety issue doesn't have a major impact crew chief. "I can imagine tires cost \$96 each.

of the gas mileage," she said vehicles. while filling up her car at the

The car took some getting know he's safe." used to, she said, since she vehicles.

every day to work in Grand pickup to a smaller car.

"The elderly are the Rapids. One person who A smaller car is not an class at Berlin Raceway in there that run 75 laps, the this year. I think it was four ones who complain most of has no intention of buying a option for Andy Stormzand's Marne. the time because they're on smaller car is Bonnie Baird, stock car racing team. And a who filled her Chevrolet slower car is definitely not really don't use a whole lot racers run 20-lap features.

"I like the security of BP station Monday evening. having heavy metal around Omillian said her new me and you can't put a price car averages about 32 miles on safety," Baird said. "I just per gallon, almost double the bought my son a Suburban, 17 miles per gallon she was too, so he can drive a gas getting in the pickup truck. guzzling hog, but at least I'll

"I think it's nonsense was accustomed to driving said Charles Russell about pickups and sport utility the high gas prices. But Russell, a retired General "I am glad I made the Motors employee, also cited change," said Omillian, who safety as a reason he doesn't lives in Lowell and drives switch from his Dodge Ram

of gas, we only burn about 10

"A lot of it was because that keeps her buying big on the cars in the sportsman some of those classes out

with planning commission signs as provided by the change, signs would still Authority (DDA) continues Currently, wall signs said. "We have eliminated Council member James

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late models, they burn a bucks, six bucks they went "Where we race, we lot of fuel." The sportsman up this year," Eggleston

But the high oil prices Racing fuel is up to gallons a night," said Robert are felt in more places than impact in the sportsman's

"They went up again tire each week.

But that has limited

only allowed to buy one new

Hearings, continued ... From Page 4

member Sherry Grimm.

in the downtown business projecting signs." district must face a street or a public or private parking Hodges said the proposed for those businesses having on May 1. walls facing the Flat River.

"The majority of the will be just as good on May commissioners felt it was appropriate to allow these

KIRK COLLINS

area. According to Pasquale, ordinance amendment will "It's a good ordinance, it

Under the proposed Downtown Development

with the standards of the of \$16 million. historic commission.

was proposed on April 17. sharing, however, over According to the draft, the last few years. Salary this presented a problem be just as good on May 15 as the city has shown some increases for city employees financial improvement with are expected to be at 1.5 a four percent increase in percent with no merit property taxes. According increases and no new hires to Pasquale's report, the proposed.

ordinance amendment," he have to be in accordance to grow with city's capture

The city has lost The preliminary budget \$100,000 in state revenue



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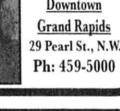




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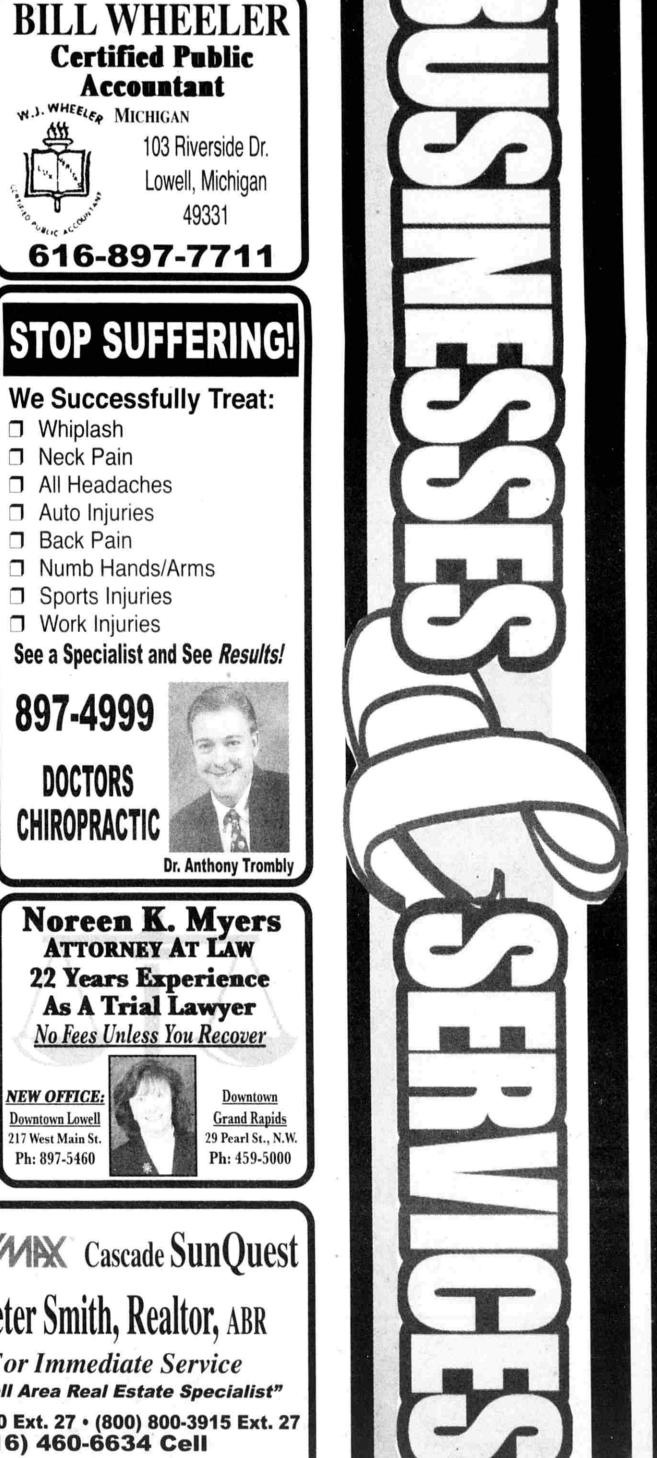


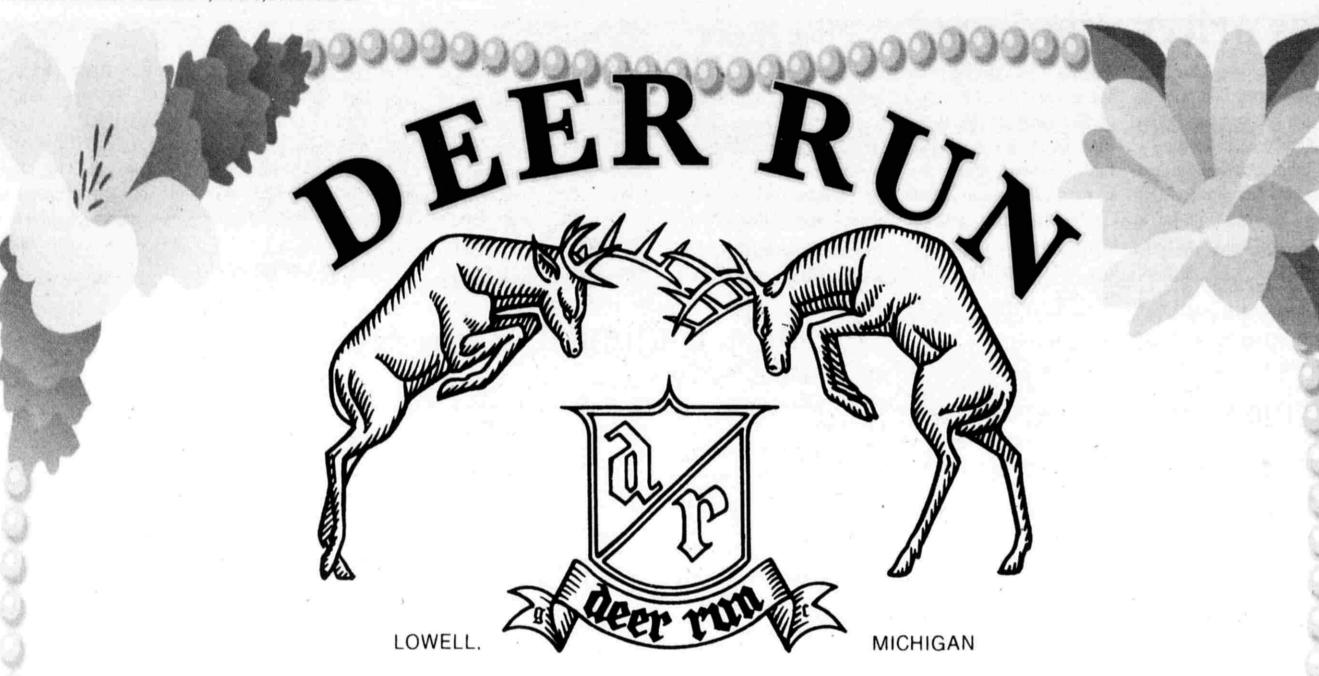


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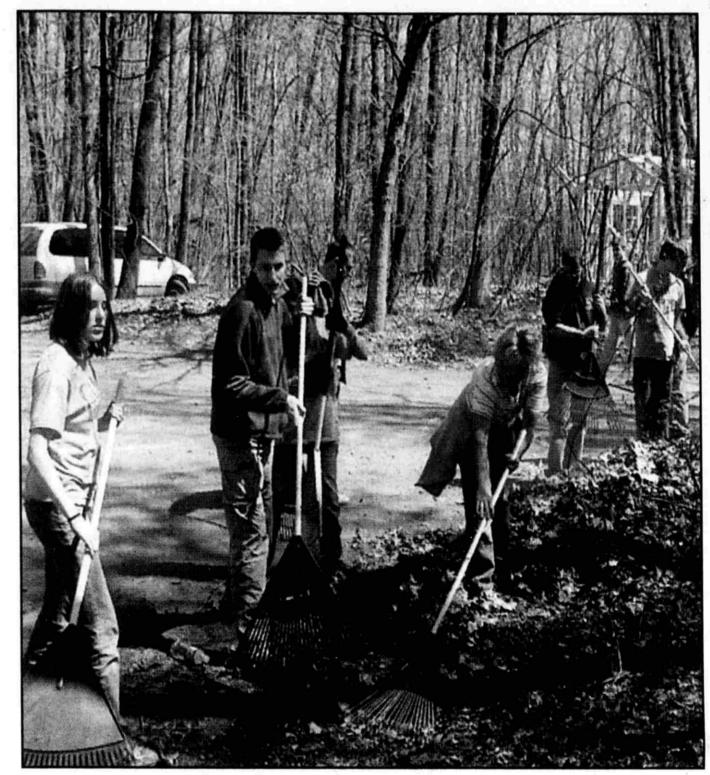
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It took a lot of rakes to clear the leaves and debris from the forest floor at Camp

Freshmen service, continued

... From Page 1

to the lake's boating docks, the Blind. oven and constructed a the freshman class, the moveable cabin. Most of it experience

to our industrial arts building lot of work, but a departure expertise to the projects. in half a day," Wurtzel said. from everyday school life. "It would have taken us a whole summer because we just don't have enough

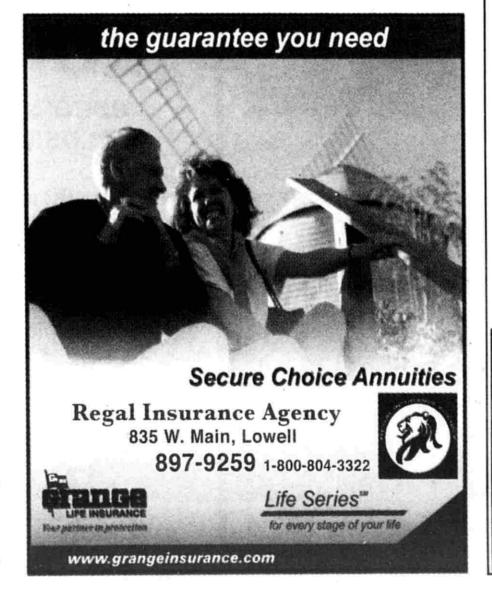
The dirt trail was about three feet wide and lined on either side with logs.

At Camp Mel Trotter, students spread 40 yards of mulch, built a chicken coop, installed drainage tile and assembled a miniature golf course. In addition to work, they also took part in teambuilding exercises at the camp, such as a low ropes

The freshmen who went to camp Tuhsmeheta prepared for the experience in the weeks prior to the service trip. With Paws for a Cause, they went through simulations that showed them what it was like to

camp buildings and around a be blind. They also heard lake, refurbished an outdoor speeches including one by yesterday," Brianne McBryde amphitheater, built a ramp a commissioner from the said, referring to the eightto allow wheelchair access Michigan Commission on hour workday on Thursday

involved members helped on site was work the camp would work, fun, and the camp with both projects. Many not have had the resources experience. Students stayed other individuals and local overnight at the camps. The organizations contributed "They built a trail down volunteer projects were a money, materials and





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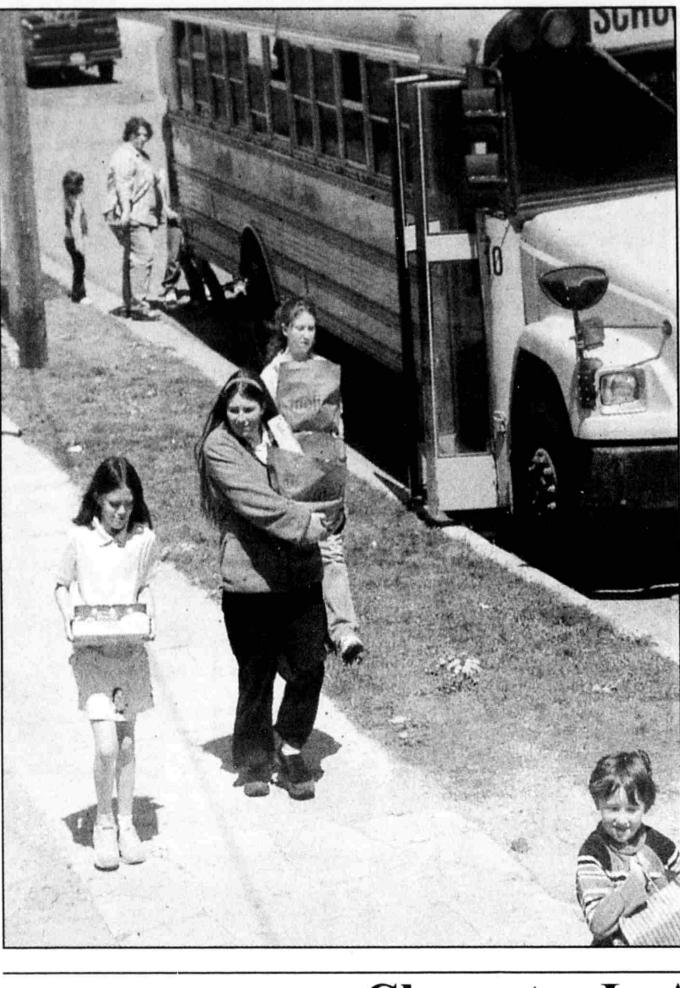
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Students from St. Friday. The school held a the drive, those bringing in

Wyoming Park performing arts center renamed to honor LHS grad

By Dan Schneider

a performance at Wyoming Park High School

imagined," he said. "It's number of productions from performances.

name on the building), school graduation. time Dan especially with a long one like that, a long last name."

graduated from Lowell auditorium, it was a little High School in 1969, retired different experience for from Wyoming Public and microphones like he Park High School as well as here. did for 14 years as manager Rogers High School, two of the facility. The other middle schools and multiple Heintzelman retired, the thing that was different for elementary buildings. district set Heintzelman was sitting in That was the best part of in motion to have the an auditorium named after the job for Heintzelman, auditorium renamed. It was

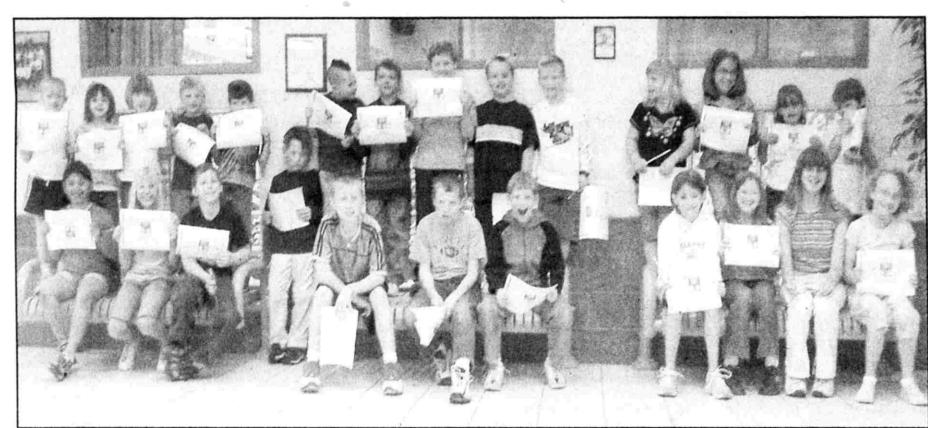
quite a shocker (to see the elementary through high

"It was a lot of kids, a lot of different people you Heintzelman, 55, who met, a lot of good directors, a lot of community support," Heintzelman explained.

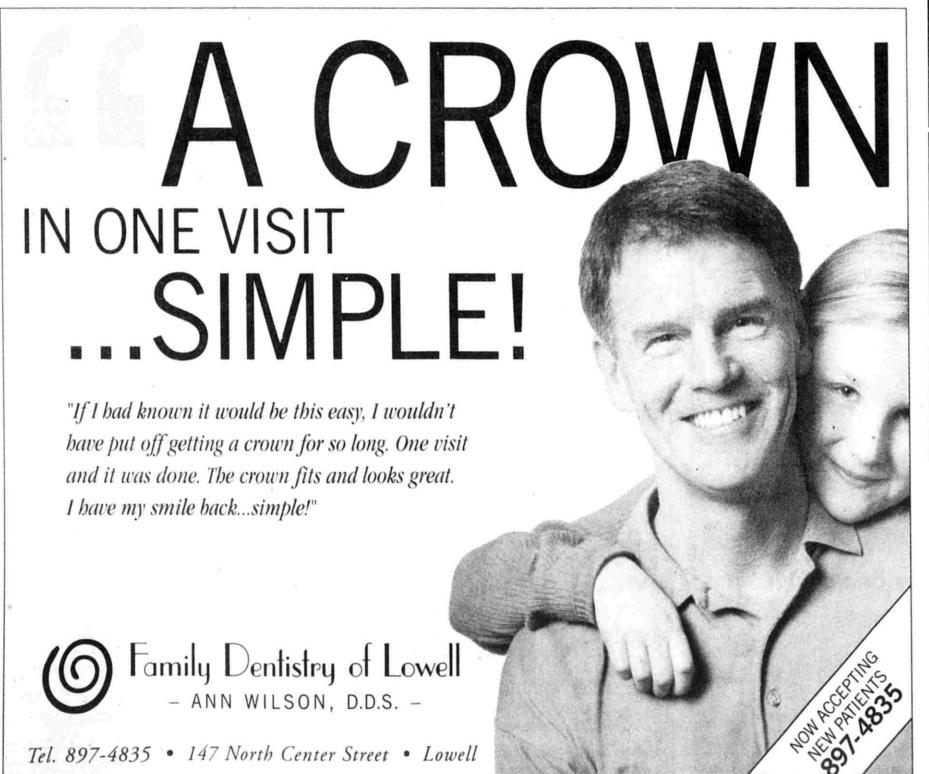
He said in that way it Schools last year after 14 was similar to performing Part of it was because years as the manager of the arts in Lowell, with which he was sitting in a seat, not district's auditorium. The he is familiar through his running soundboards, lights auditorium serves Wyoming extensive family still living

seeing students progress made official in early March "It's nothing I'd ever as they took part in a with a ceremony and band

Character In Action awards



Murray Lake Character in Action award winners for the month of March were nominated by staff members for putting March's character trait, citizenship into action on a daily basis.



At left, students at Murray Lake Elementary making good decisions, front row, left to right, are: Angie Baerwalde, Allison Mooney, Kelvin Anderson, Foster Nethercott, Alex Woodmon, Dylan Mankel, Katie Bush, Laurel Bronkella, Licia Feurestein and Alexandra Chapdellaine; back row: Brianna Higgins, Nina Vulpetti, Andi Reynolds, Nicholas Dalessandro, Ben Noffke, Cody Antcliff, Alec Senior, Max Majinska, Jon Wade, Jr., A.J. Ebling, Morgan Wittenbach, Catie Wissman, Nikki Nugent and Colby DeVries.

Pictured below are: Addison Mallindine and Regan Zimmerman.



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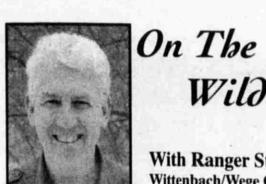
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Gee Drive (from Creekside Park to approximately 1/2 mile west) will be closed to through traffic from May 8 until June 23 for street improvements. Traffic will be limited to local access only. Through traffic will be detoured to Foreman Road and Alden Nash. Creekside Park will be accessible from

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The City of Lowell



With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

Wild Side

WILD GENETICS HELPS DOMESTIC ANIMALS & PLANTS

finding eggs and egg shells. Birds are singing and claiming breeding territories. As life renews itself in Wittenbach/ Wege Center (WWC) wild areas, we are experiencing the can become more important joy of life on the farm as well. We hope community members

America) students take on this task of keeping domestic not worth having an Endangered Species Act to save rare animals healthy and bred for our uses. Farm plant crops things. also come from wild stocks that have been altered over

large ears that are full of plump cornels. A side effect of inbreeding to get this is the loss of disease resistance. This other corn makes it easier for pests to easily spread.

New births abound in nature and on the farm. I have been rotation to different fields that get the plants away from pest in the fields from the previous year. Newer scientific discoveries about ancient wild stock of plants and animals

come enjoy Farm Animal Day this Saturday. Human life discovered on a small piece of land scheduled for the building to browse our library and to learn more about and farm life depend on the natural world for survival in development that would eliminate the only known plants of how the wild natural world continues to keep farm life Farm animals come from a long lineage of wild stock save this species. Many wonder why be concerned about at an alligator rescue center during May. Come say goodbreed and rebreed for centuries. FFA (Future Farmers of a few rare plants. More people seem to be thinking it is bye this weekend to the alligator.

The corn discovered has genetic resistance to many natural diseases and pests. It is also perennial which means it Think how domesticated corn has been bred to have comes up each year from root stock without being replanted. What if we can gene-splice genes from the ancient wild stock to current domestic stock of Zea mays? Maybe we can and the fact that we grow corn as a single plant crop next to breed corn that farmers will not need to plant annually and maybe the plants will not require as many pesticides and What is the solution? Most of us are familiar with crop fungicides. This will save billions of dollars and time for farmers. This can only happen if we have ancient breeds.

Come discover about farm animals from this year's crop of FFA on May 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the WWC farm yard. Enjoy birthday cake as we celebrate our fifth anniversary A native perennial corn Zea diploperennis was serving the Lowell Community and West Michigan. Explore this species. Scientists worked rapidly in Mexico to try to sustainable and healthy. The alligator will be leaving to live

LHS students place at leadership conference



Jesi Hook, Austin Blough and Scott Beatson.

Four Lowell students placed at the state level at Design Promotion; Brad the 2006 State Leadership Corlett, fourth place in Conference in March. The event was held in and Jesi Hook, fourth place Grand Rapids, and over in Prepared Speech. 2000 students competed in business skill competitions, BPA National Leadership candidate speeches and the of the state executive council closing awards ceremony.

Promotion; Austin Blough, Shellenbarger.

fifth place in Graphic Digital Media Production; Blough will attend the

took part in leadership Conference in Orlando the workshops and attended week of May 10 as a member He was elected Region 1 Placing at the state vice president after elections competition from Lowell at the state conference. His were Scott Beatson, fourth campaign managers were place in Graphic Design Alex Carpenter and Brittney



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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing t consider a rezoning request from LaVerne Smith and Randy Smith to rezone 21.7 acres of property located on Kissing Rock Avenue from AG-2, Rural Agricultural to R-1, Rural Low Density Residential. The property consists of two parcels located on the west side of Kissing Rock Avenue one quarter mile south of Grand River Avenue. The addresses are 2809 Kissing Rock (41-20-17-100-032) and 2899 Kissing Rock (41-20-18-200-017).

The hearing will be held as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI. 49331

The proposed rezoning request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Mi 49331 during normal office hours on Monday Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-

Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

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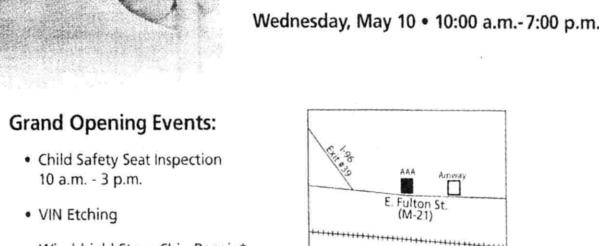
MAEVANDEVUSSE, who lived at 1275 Suncrest Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI, died 03/15/2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paul Vande Vusse, named personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1740 Vesta Lane SE. East Grand Rapids. Michigan 49506 and named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication

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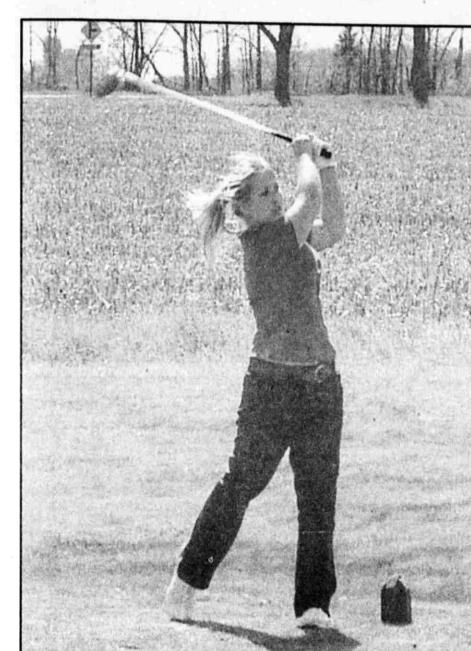
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Lowell girls golf team picks up pair of victories



Lowell's Sarah Eickhoff hits a tee shot on the second hole during last Thursday's match against Unity Christian.

By Dan Schneider

They beat Belding on 58. Friday by the close score of 202-203.

Lowell picked up its second win of the season last Thursday when they hosted Unity Christian. The Arrows beat the Crusaders by a score of 223 to 228. Stef Stuewe shot a 47 for nine holes. Crystal Dietz scored a 51, Sarah Eickhoff a 52, and Rachel Plotner a 63.

The Arrows fell to Greenville last Tuesday by a score of 190 to 215. Lowell's Stef Stuewe had the best individual score of either team, shooting a 42 for nine holes. The rest of the Lowell squad had a harder time at Deer Run Golf Club that afternoon, Crystal Dietz was Christian.

the second leading scorer for The Lowell girls golf Lowell with a 57. Sydney this season and 0-3 in the Forest Hills Central. The team won two matches last Stuewe, Sarah Eickhoff and OK White. They played Arrows travel to the Kenowa Rachel Plotner each shot a at Forest Hills Northern Hills Invitational Friday.

Tuesday. Their next match is

Lowell is 3-5 so far Wednesday, when they host



Lowell's Stef Stuewe putts on three green during last Thursday's match against Unity

Forest Hills Northern too strong for Lowell track teams

By Dan Schneider

Lowell teams fell to Forest Hills Northern in an away meet in second in the 400 meters the shot put 30'9.25" to place

impressed the Arrows were Ryan Converse took third of 26'3". able to score that many points in the event with a time of against a team the caliber of 2:17. Converse also placed in the 100 meter hurdles third in the 400 meters with the Huskies.

this week we have Forest clearing 11'6". Hills Central and Northview, and we have a chance to be Hills Central, Tuesday, 13.69. real competitive and maybe and travels to Northview, Stevens said.

Devon Kyllonen cleared meet. 5'10" to take first, Ryan Lane and Brett Hobrla also cleared the Huskies' 88. 5'6" to place third. Tom Doll discus with a throw of 129". third, clearing 4'10".

finished second in the 1600 in the long jump, jumping

Nick Abdoo was third in the took third in that event with track event with a 5:17.

Micah Tawney came

third in the long jump, with a time of 17.37. Nicole a time of 1:06.17. "For us to score 32 jumping 17'17.5". Eric Dean Halbeisen placed third with

jump event against Northern. heading into the conference third.

The girls' team also lost took second clearing 5'6" to Northern, scoring 49 to

The Lowell girls swept won the 200 meters in 23.52. the high jump. Amy VanEns He placed second in the 100 cleared 5'5" to take first meters, running it in 11.54. place. Meaghan Gallup Brad Shea scored a point for cleared 4'11" to take second Lowell, scoring third in the place and Mary Calvi placed

Lowell Andy Mark Morgan Olin placed first meters with a time of 4:59. 15'4.5". Richelle Kimble

Lowell

a jump of 14'9.5".

Jasmine Holliman threw meters with a time of 5:43. Kimble finished second

Lowell hosted Forest the 100 meters with a time of finished third in 53.47.

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Fitzpatrick 3200 meters with a time of hosted Forest Hills Central Monica finished third in the 1600 13:16.29.

Holliman threw the with a time of 54:36. Lane first in that event. Sheila discus 92'7" to win that The boys lost 105-32, finished second in the 800 Walling came in third in shot event. Malley Cahoon placed but coach Russ Stevens was meters with a time of 2:14. put for Lowell with a throw second, throwing the discus

Paige Senters placed

Kimble came in second points looks good because placed third in the pole vault, a time of 18.37. Carlee in the 300 meter hurdles with Nikodemski finished third in a time of 52.79. Halbeisen

Fitzpatrick finished third In pole vault, Lowell's in the 800 meters with a time come out with some wins," Thursday. A pair of wins Alyssa Buikema placed of 2:42. Meggy Fitzpatrick would likely put Lowell in second, clearing 9'0". placed second in the 200 Lowell swept the high third place in the conference Kimble cleared 8'0" to take meters with a time of 28.1 Karen Judd took third in the

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER

The girls' team also Northview this Thursday.

on Tuesday and will travel to

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate off street parking. These amendments would add Section 5A and amend Section 4.2.7 and the Table of Use Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The specific amendments would in part set forth regulations for off-street parking including requirements for number of spaces by land use, types of parking lot surface, parking lot lighting, size of parking spaces, parking lot setbacks, and offstreet loading requirements.

The hearing will be held as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 TIME:

7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, NE, Lowell. Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission



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Red Arrow softball wins first conference games

Lowell shuts out Kenowa Hills once, Forest Hills Northern twice



Chelsea Wolbers swings the bat during last Wednesday's game against Kenowa Katie McElroy had two of

By Dan Schneider

followed up a tough loss to Lakewood last Monday conference play.

base hit, sacrifice bunt and two errors for a 1-0 win. Lowell had several base of Friday's doubleheader at was unable to get the hits Arrows won the first game necessary to drive in runs. 11-0, scoring four runs in game and struck out 13 innings. Lowell sent nine

out seven batters, walked those hits: Plummer and

Last Wednesday, Lowell shut out Kenowa Hills 7-0. over Kenowa Hills to open The Arrows got off to a fast start, scoring five runs in the Lakewood scored in the first inning. The other two runs were scored in the fifth

Lowell won both halves Forest Hills Northern. The 10-5 going into Monday's each of the first and third batters to the plate in the Becky Plummer struck first inning. Plummer had 13 strikeouts in the no-hitter. The game ended by mercy

Game two was another

Terrah Tawney each had shutout, the Arrows beating the Huskies 8-0. Plummer had 16 strikeouts in that

"Her change-up was really working ... and had Rodenhouse said. Tawney had two RBIs.

game at East Grand Rapids. White. Lowell hosted Forest Hills Eastern Tuesday. Their next game is Wednesday when they host Greenville. They travel to Forest Hills Central for a doubleheader

Lowell's record was

Boys tennis wins third straight tournament

By Dan Schneider

team won its third straight Saturday, taking the trophy at "It was a very good day." the Caledonia Tournament.

points to finish ahead of Wednesday in an OK White Zellinger and Mitch Burke Grand Rapids Catholic conference meet. Central, with 15 points. Caledonia finished third with Wittenbach fell 6-1, 6-0 defeated Aaron Smith and nine team points and Grand to Bryant Dudzik. Trapp Everett Shoenborn 6-0, 6-0. Rapids Central placed fourth defeated Nick VanderLaan

Lane in fourth singles and Canning.

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The Red Arrows Lowell scored 19 team beat Greenville 7-1 last

6-2, 6-3 in second singles. last Monday at East Grand individual Brett Hobrla won third Rapids matches singles, defeating Sean were Kyle Wittenbach in Conroe 6-0, 6-3. At fourth first singles, Travis Trapp singles, Brett McMahon

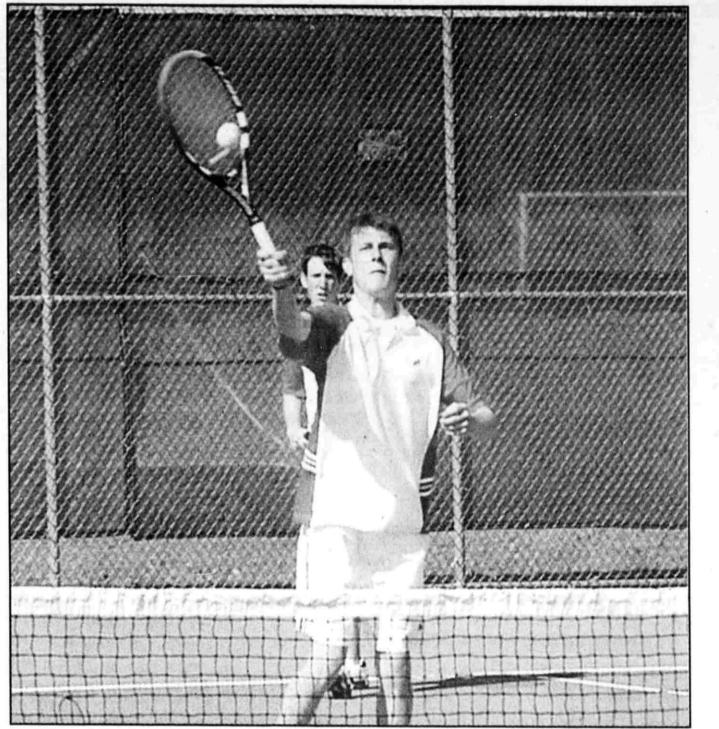
Tony Dubbink and Chase defeated Mike Rausch this Thursday. and David Hays 6-4, 6-

The Lowell boys tennis matches that we won in the defeated Andrew Samson and Andrew Crebessa 6-Lowell's third doubles team of Cory Kowalski and Greg Herrald defeated James 6-3, 6-2. In fourth doubles first singles, Elvis Lane and Ben Ritzema

Lowell was swept 8-0

in second singles, Elvis defeated Sam Row 6-0, 6-0. They travel to Forest Hills In first doubles, Josh Northern on Wednesday the second doubles team of Hobrla and Drew Kyllonen and to Northpoint Christian

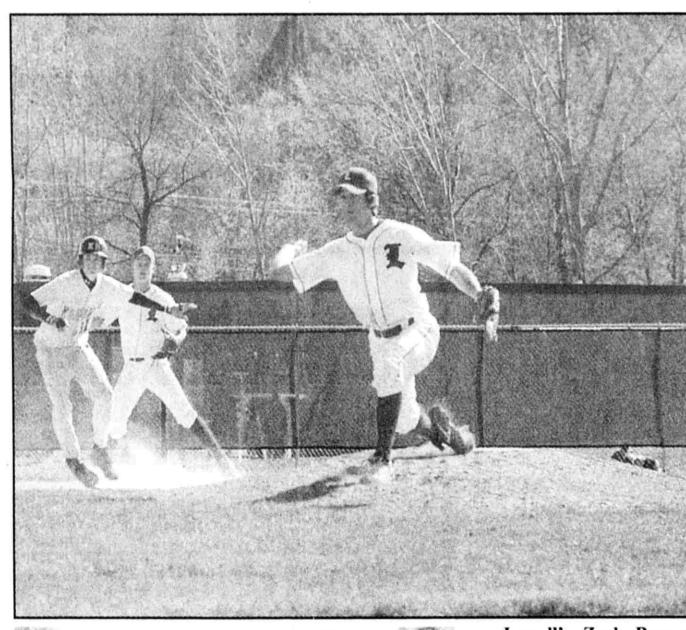
Red Arrow crew team rows into Detroit for Hebda Regatta



Lowell's Cory Kowalski returns a volley during last week's tennis match against Greenville.

Baseball struggles in first week of conference games

Arrows find tough competition in Kenowa Hills, Forest Hills Northern



Lowell's Zach Burger hurls a pitch during last Wednesday's home game against Kenowa Hills.

By Dan Schneider

opening week of OK White three runs. conference play last week

the Kenowa Hills Knights last Wednesday in the OK White conference opener.

on Friday, they lost both halves of

shutout victory. They did the the lead with a three-run The Lowell baseball most damage in the fourth fifth inning. They sealed the eam had a hard time in its inning, when they scored deal by scoring six runs in

Lowell had five hits The Arrows fell 8-3 to and one error in the game Meppelink had extra-base compared to the Huskies' 11 hits and one error. Jay Ryan struck out two batters in the Grand Rapids, Monday. The

a doubleheader at Forest two 3-0 before Northern next game is Wednesday, Hills Northern. The Huskies scored a pair of runs in when they host Greenville, took the lead with a run in the bottom of the second. and Thursday, they host a the first inning and did not Lowell scored again in the doubleheader against Forest relinquish it, posting a 7-0 third, but the Huskies took Hills Central.

the bottom of the sixth.

Torsten Boss and Tylor hits in the game for Lowell.

Lowell traveled to East Arrows hosted Forest Hills The Arrows led game Eastern, Tuesday. Their

Lowell girls soccer falls to East Grand Rapids

loss at East Grand Rapids.

Going into Monday's conference. game, when Lowell hosted

Lowell girls soccer team Memorial Stadium, the Arrows host Muskegon played last week was a 2-1 Arrows' record was 5-2-1 Reeths Puffer. overall, 1-1 in the OK White

Lowell's next game

The only game the Greenville at Red Arrow is Wednesday, when the

Lacrosse update

Lowell lacrosse lost a

Zeeland East.

pair of matches last week.

At Grand Rapids Catholic Central last Tuesday, the Arrows fell by a 5-2 score. Then on Thursday, they lost 6-1 to

Lowell hosted Holland Christian, Tuesday. Their next match is Thursday at Grand Haven. In their last meeting, April 18, the Arrows beat the Buccaneers 9-7 at home. They host Portage Northern this Saturday.



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900 Michigan high school and Forest Hills Northern athletes on April 29 for to capsize during one race. the Hebda Regatta at the The coast guard and regatta Wyandotte Boat Club on the launches pulled the crew In seven different 1000meter heats, Lowell came in said, "The team made a great third, fourth, fifth and sixth effort, and showed good

teams; Ann Arbor Pioneer show support." won first place for the girls'

The weather was sunny at Reeds Lake.

The Lowell crew and cool, and later turned team competed with over windy causing Riverside

Coach Missy Harrison places; the top two teams sportsmanship by staying continued on to the final to watch the final races and races. Forest Hills Central award ceremonies. We all won first place overall, and appreciated the many family first place for the boys' members who drove out to

> The East Grand Rapids Regatta is Saturday, May 13

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GARAGE SALE

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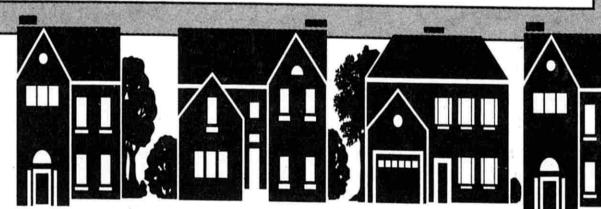
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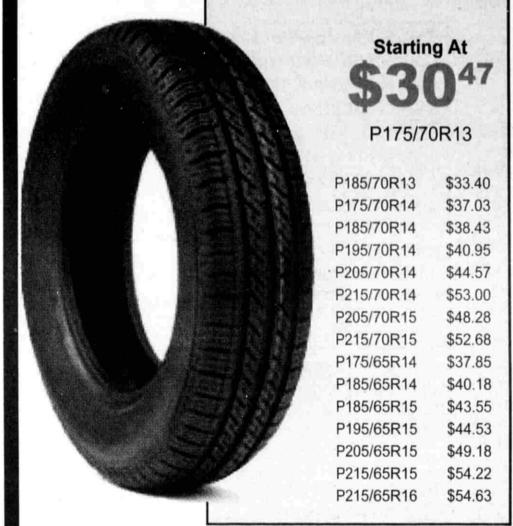
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