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Flanagan farm second to be preserved in Kent County



Peter Wege of the Wege Foundation, farm owners Kathleen and Lloyd Flanagan, Kent County Agricultural Preservation board chair Dennis Heffron, county commissioner Jack Horton and Natural Resources Conservation Service representative Jack Bricker stand with a sign that will denote the Flanagan farm as being permanently preserved under the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights program. A dedication ceremony was held at the farm, Monday.

By Dan Schneider

here wasn't a lot of rain Monday morning, but some did fall on about 30 people who gathered near a farm field in southern Grattan Township.

They were there, most under umbrellas and a few sitting on hay-bales arranged into a makeshift amphitheater, for the dedication of the Flanagan farm as the second farm to be preserved through the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights program (PDR). The 145-acre farm has been in the Flanagan family since 1947, when Lloyd Flanagan's parents moved there in the spring.

"The farms are just as important to our citizens of this country as the Fortune 500 companies."

- Peter Wege

Flanagan took over farming the land in 1968 and has since passed that role on to his son, David Flanagan.

David Flanagan, 39, has worked the farm since 1985.

'I've never worked another job other than here and another job working for another farm," he said.

He's grateful for the measure of security that will come with the PDR agreement: at least the land won't be developed.

"As a small farm, it's really going to help that," David Flanagan said.

Tough economic times and the pressure to sell to developers is brought to bear most acutely on the smallscale farmers, who don't reap the benefit of economies of

Flanagan farm, cont'd., pg. 11

Cultivating understanding through the Internet

about 10 miles north of

Jerusalem, separated from

the northern end of that

city by a 25-foot high,

concrete wall. It is from this

"Separation Wall," which

many call the "Apartheid

High school students collaborate with students from Ramallah for online magazine

By Dan Schneider

tudents in Nate Fowler's ninth grade social studies class at Lowell High School are learning about life in the Middle East, directly from students who

For the past three weeks or so, the class has been editing articles for an online magazine called "Life Behind the Wall." The articles are written by Palestinian students living in Ramallah in the West Bank. Palestinians talk about

their experiences under Israeli occupation: waiting at checkpoints, having houses invaded by Israeli soldiers, seeing parents shot. There are articles on political topics, such as the recent Hamas party victory in Palestine, and lighter subjects, too, such as music, food and fashion.

"It's been a great project," Fowler said. "One, these kids have been able to help those students with their English, but also it gives them an idea of what life is like in the Middle East, just like they are."

Students also utilize more informal weblog sites to exchange ideas.

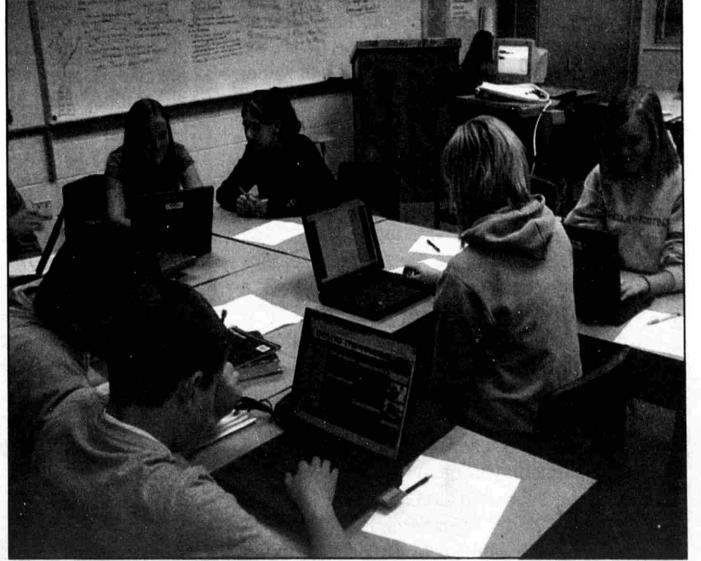
The Palestinian students attend the Friends Boys School in Ramallah. It's called a boys school, but it is a co-educational facility.

Ramallah is located

Wall," that the online magazine takes its name. The wall is taller than the Berlin Wall was.

In addition to Fowler's class, students at Rockford, Sparta, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Catholic Central several and other high schools have contributed editing

> Online magazine, cont'd., pg. 11



Lowell High School freshmen have been using computers to interact online with Palestinian students from Ramallah in the West Bank.

live there. The Lowell Ledger

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BARKER

Mr. David M. Barker, aged 77, of Weslaco, Texas, formerly of Belmont, went home to be with the Lord. on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. He was a graduate of Rockford High School and MSU; he served his country in the U.S. Army. For 25 years, David worked at Rapistan as a project Lowell, Jeffrey and Mary engineer. He ministered his Barker of Lake, Steven and faith by singing in several quartets at churches and 22 grandchildren; 33 greatalso a barbershop chorus in the Grand Rapids area and in Texas. Mr. Barker liked many out of doors activities, grandpa" and taught his

children the love of music but also made toys for his children and grandchildren which he crafted with his woodworking skills. He is survived by his wife Socorro (Gonzales) Barker; children Diane and Stanley Hamstra of Holland, Debra Bartman of Grand Rapids, Elizabeth and Warren Johnson of Janet Barker of Belmont; grandchildren; brothers and sisters Howard and Mary Barker of Belmont, Shirley J and Bob Savage of Goshen, IN, Daniel and Joy Barker

of Belmont, Janet and Ray

Wenzel of Belmont; step-

children Gracie and Juan

Austin, Texas, Olgo and children Jason, Matt, Stacy; Frank Alton of Albuquerque, mother Barbara (Boyd) NM, Josie Reynalldo Hoover; grandmother Clara Rodquez of Houston, Texas, Antonini; sister Cindy Cynthia and Jud Deaqua of (Rick) Ayala; uncle and aunt CA; 10 step-grandchildren; Don and Marilyn Antonini, nieces and nephews. He aunts, nephews, nieces was preceded in death by and friends. After 18 years, his first wife Shirley on Mike retired from Foremost April 11, 2001 and his sister Insurance Company. The June Shear. The Service of mass of Christian Burial Praise and Thanksgiving was offered Tuesday at Holy was Tuesday at Pederson Family Catholic Church, Funeral Home, Rockford, with Fr. David E. LeBlanc, with Pastor Kenneth Ford presiding. In lieu of flowers, officiating. Interment in memorial Cannonsburg Cemetery.

BOYD

Michael "Mike" Boyd, aged 48, of Alto, fought through his trial with his illness and Mrs. Norma F. (Vos) Brown, went home to be with the aged 85, of Lakeview, Lord on Thursday, May 11, formerly of Lowell, 2006. He was preceded in to be with her Lord death by his father LaVern Monday, April 3, 2006. She

Viola and Joe Sauceda of his wife of 11 years, Sue; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and many other uncles, contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or Holy Family Christian Service.

Vasquez of Mercelles, Texas, Boyd. He is survived by

BROWN

is survived by her sister Dorothy Folkema; brother John Vos; several nieces and nephews; and a special greatniece Holly Poll. A memorial service was held May 13 at Stroo Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Baukema Sr. officiating. Interment in Fairplains Cemetery.

GRACY "Dolly" Gracy, Henrietta

aged 92, died May 10, 2006. Mrs. Gracy was born December 30, 1913. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward; loving mother of Mary Margaret (Anil) Chaudhuri: Ruth (Tom) McCartney, Paul, David (Barbara), Kathy Salerno, Barbara (Joe) Vezino Ann Marie, Judy (Bob) Schanta, James (Diane) and Maria Worsham; proud grandmother of 24; greatgrandmother of 23; dear sister of Rose Miles, Helen Garr and Virginia Hicks. Instate May 16 at St. Blase Catholic Church in Sterling Heights; entombment Resurrection Cemeter in Clinton Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Capuchins Monastery, Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 11.01, 11.02, 11.04, 11.05, 11.06, 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, AND 12.06 TO ADD CERTAIN USES AS USES ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND SPECIAL LAND USES IN THE C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND TO REVISE THE USES ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND THE SPECIAL LAND USES IN THE C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto. Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

Amends Section 11.01 (Description and Purpose) to revise the purpose of the C-1 Commercial District to allow for flexibility in allowing non-traditional activities as special land uses.

Amends Section 11.02 (Uses Allowed by Right) to add minor vehicle repair (within existing buildings), upholstering and furniture repair businesses, and contractor's storage and maintenance facilities as uses allowed by right in the C-1 Commercial District.

Amends Section 11.04 (Special Land Uses) to add outdoor storage (as an accessory use) as a special land use in the C-1 Commercial District and to add "other similar uses not otherwise specifically provided for" as special land uses in the C-1 Commercial District.

Amends Section 11.05 (Height, Area, and where the front setback has been District.

11.06 Requirements) to provide that a site plan shall be submitted and reviewed for uses in the C-1 Commercial District in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance

Amends Section 12.01 (Description and Purpose) to revise the purpose of the C-2 General Commercial District to provide that this District will typically be established on major arterial roads and may be subject to access management standards.

Amends Section 12.02 (Uses Allowed By Right) to allow "vehicle and boat sales and rentals" and "banks, credit unions, and similar financial institutions, including drivein facilities" as uses permitted by right in the C-2 General Commercial District, to exclude "drive-in restaurants" from the C-2 General Commercial District, and to eliminate automobile, motorcycle, and boat servicing from the C-2 General Commercial District.

Amends Section 12.04 (Special Land Uses) to allow "vehicle repair" in place of "automobile repair" as a special land use in the C-2 General Commercial District.

Amends Section 12.06 (General Requirements) to provide that a site plan shall be submitted and reviewed for uses in the C-2 General Commercial District in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance:

Interested parties may be heard at the Dimension Regulations) to provide that public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing established or where the average setback and may be addressed to the Township Clerk. of existing buildings on either side of a P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The parcel or lot has been established at a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance distance greater than zero, the Planning may be copied or examined at the Township Commission may approve a front setback Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on greater than zero, in the C-1 Commercial Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on (General Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> May 17, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Carl E. Menn and V. Jane Menn Trust

In Re: Carl E. Menn. DOB 05-31-1918 V. Jane Menn, DOB 12-19-1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedents, Carl E. Menn DOD 11-16-2001. and his wife V. Jane Menn DOD 04-24-2006. lived at 1909 Fruitwood Dr., N.W. Grand Rapids. MI, and 1119 Barrington, N.W., Walker, MI.

Creditors decedents are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen A. Menn and Arthur Tiefenbach. Successor Co-Trustees. at 2594 Crockery Shores Road, Casnovia, MI. within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NORTON

Bernadeen Ann Norton

aged 85, of Lowell, passed

away May 13, 2006. She

was preceded in death by

her husband Arthur. Mrs.

Norton is survived by her

daughter Margo and Richard

Lillywhite of Lowell; and

many close friends. Funeral

services will be 11 a.m. on

Wednesday, May 17 at the

Roth-Gerst Funeral Home,

305 N. Hudson St., Dr.

Roger La Warre of First

Interment South Boston

Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at

the funeral home. Memorial

contributions may be made

to the First Congregational

Church of Lowell Building

Church

Visitation:

officiating.

Congregational

of Lowell

Cemetery.

May 3, 2006

John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244) 410 Bridge St. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

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Bluegrass festival rolls into Lowell Fairgrounds

By Dan Schneider

Bluegrass music will roll into Lowell once again this weekend.

Bluegrass Music Association (WMBMA) is bring-Bluegrass Music Festival to the Lowell Fairgrounds, County Fairgrounds or Rec- to these festivals exclusively ways to get the word out reation Park to some. Whatever anyone wants to call it, the place will be filled with

val at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

The Lowell City Council

encouraging

on Monday approved a

rental policy for the Lowell

renters to purchase their

liability coverage for the

showboatunder its municipal

the renters' liability.

insurance.

Although the city has

own insurance for events.

By Emma Palova

Showboat

Contributing Writer

nate from both the main monds said. stage under a large tent, evening through Sunday ing their own instruments. monds said. "Word of mouth assemble, it's pretty much Many fans of bluegrass come seems to be one of our best

These sounds will ema- board member Dave Sim- palachian dance form. Ellen

to play their instruments in about the festival."

the parking lot jam sessions. the sounds of fiddle, banjo, of people who are play- day at 6 p.m. They are a West

where a big slate of musi- over the four years it has band to take the stage at The West Michigan cians will be playing Friday been held at the fairgrounds. 6:40 p.m. The bands Cedar "2005 was larger than Ridge, Pickin' Up Speed morning, and from the park- 2004, and of course we're and Schlitz Creek will play ing lot/campground, where anticipating 2006 will be until 10 p.m. With no cords bluegrass fans will be play- bigger than 2005," Sim- to plug in and no drums to

The Thunderfloor Clog-

Beam & Bluegrass Twist The festival has grown will be the first bluegrass

constant music with only

Lowell mayor Chuck "You just find a group gers get things started Fri- Myers will get things going at noon on Saturday when guitar, mandolin ... anything ing your kind of music and Michigan group of dancers he performs with the West with strings and without an you just join in," WMBMA preserving a traditional Ap- Michigan Bluegrass Music Association Travelin' Band. FiddleFire, Friends of Bluegrass, Out of the Blue and Schlitz Creek follow, and

> Following a supper break from 4:45 to 6 p.m. several of the bands will play a second set. This includes another set by The

The event concludes Sunday with a bluegrass revival at 9 a.m. and band auditions from 10 a.m. to noon. The bands will be auditioning for a chance to play at next year's Mayfest.

Jeremy Chapman, from left, Bill Chapman, John Chapman and Jason Chapman comprise The Chapmans, the headline act at this weekend's Mayfest Bluegrass Festical hookups.

five minutes in between the bands' 45-minute sets. at 4 p.m., headliner "The Chapmans" will play their first set. Chapmans at 9:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for Fri-

day, \$15 for Saturday and \$5 for Sunday. A weekend pass is available for \$25. Members of the WMBMA can purchase weekend passes for a discounted rate of \$23. Camping is also available at a cost of \$5 per night for primitive sites and \$10 per night for sites with electri-

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MUSEUM PROGRAM "Lowell's Forgotten Pioneer - Morgan Lyon" b

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James Lowery, a descendent of Lyon, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall.

SUDAN BENEFIT CONCERT

The public is invited to a benefit concert at First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, on May 17 at 7 p.m. Goodwill offering.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

"Lace & Frills-A Victorian Mother-Daughter Tea" is this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Victorian Rooms and Gardens of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. \$20 per adult; \$10 per child (12 and under). Reservations are required. Call

BLUEGRASS MAYFEST

West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. Mayfest: May 19-21 at Lowell Fairgrounds. Special guests: The

FIFTH GRADE COOKOUT FUNDRAISER

A 5th grade cookout fundraiser will be held this Friday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Murray Lake Elementary to help support their end of the year trip to Greenfield Village. \$5 for hot dog, chips, salads, dessert and drink

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Lowell Xtreme girls 12U fast pitch softball tryouts will be May 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lowell High School. Rain date: May 21, 2-5 p.m.

SENIOR FITNESS WEEK

Lowell Community Wellness events: Monday, May 22, 11:15 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church, fun/ food/learning; Wed., May 24, at Senior Center, 12:30 p.m., fun/games. Call 897-5949 by May 19 to reserve your spot for lunch. More details: 897-2760.

PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Anyone wishing to donate plants can drop them off at 520 N. Monroe or call Karen, 897-7808. All proceeds benefit Cherry Creek Elementary.

100 MILES IN 100 DAYS

The Lowell Community Wellness "Community Walking Challenge" starts May 29 so form your teams now. \$10/ person; portion of proceeds benefit FROM. Register at Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Senior Neighbors and Lowell YMCA. Runs through Sept. 5.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School sports physicals are June 7 in middle school locker rooms, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 - cash only. ???'s call 987-2800.

ART EXHIBIT

Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main, will showcase a dozen local artists' watercolor and mixed media paintings through June 7 during business hours.

PARADE ENTRIES NEEDED

Sign up for the parade held during the July 8 Riverwalk Festival. Call Liz at 897-9161.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS THRU LOWELL

If you would like to participate in Christmas Through Lowell (Nov. 17-19) and have not participated previously, applications are available from the Lowell Chamber of Commerce: email info@lowellchamber.org; fax 897-9101 or phone 897-9161. Deadline: June 1 for this request.

FREE FOOD COMMODITIES

Distribution of food commodities is Thursday, June 1, 9-5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main. Bring your own bags.

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showboat bookings. In According to a prior addition to having their own report by Lowell chamber insurance policy, the renters executive director Liz Baker, are required to prepare the the showboat is mainly used showboat and return it to its for marriage ceremonies for condition prior to the event. approximately one hour at a The checklist for

showboat rental includes general cleaning, cobweb removal and sweeping, furnishing all amenities, bagging and removal of insurance, it doesn't cover trash, securing and locking the showboat and returning keys to the lock box at the pay a fee of \$15 plus a \$30

Council approves showboat rental policy

According to council member James Pfaller, chamber. the city should require the states that larger events renters to have a rider or be insured through their home such as wedding receptions, birthday and anniversary parties should be booked through caterers and

policy authorizes the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to keep the calendar for any the applicable fees.

restaurants who would pay

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

individuals and businesses pay \$25 plus a \$50 deposit; organizations O MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG-13) :30, 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30 deposit; chamber members COUPON M The showboat policy pay \$15 plus a \$30 deposit; FREE 20oz.DRINK and the chamber is free of --------------**CITY OF LOWELL**

The chamber will collect

all the fees and forward

them to the city. Following

are a list of the fees: private

PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL

WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, May 15 through Friday, June 2,



City of Lowell **Water Department**

The Bookabout closes after 26 years of business

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's only bookstore, The Bookabout at 100 Main Street, will close by the end of July.

years, The Bookabout is among the longest-running shops in downtown Lowell. Thousands of books pack the shelves of the small shop

view of the Flat River but is

westerns to classics. Gwen Freeman, who has Situated behind Jim's owned The Bookabout for rising rent. Barber Shop and Circle JF 20 of its 26 years, attributes Saddlery, the store has a nice the store's fading success

... everything from romances hard to spot from the street. over the last few years to more recent years, she has inconspicuous location and expanded its offerings to

"Over the last few and other gift items. years, I really haven't made to people and everything," Freeman said. "It just wasn't Freeman a good combination, getting moved to the back and the this summer, Freeman rent going up."

into the bookstore business Outreach Ministries and because of some inclination spend more time with her toward it in her genes. Her husband, who is retired. sister and daughter also Until then, the store is work in a bookstore. When offering close-out discounts she started, she built up the of 50 to 80 percent on its bookstore's inventory by books. Hours are noon to offering people store credit 5 p.m., Tuesday through in exchange for books. In Saturday.

include new greeting cards anything, but I enjoy getting and romances are the most

Westerns, mysteries out of the house and talking popular types of books in Lowell, according to

When the shop closes plans to increase her hours Freemanbelievesshegot volunteering at Flat River

The Bookabout owner Gwen Freeman among the shelves of books at her shop, which will close at the end of July.

Council holds public hearing on the proposed city budget

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council held a public hearing on the proposed city budget for the next fiscal year on Monday. Revenues are projected to increase by 1.37 percent, along with an increase in taxable value by 5.9 percent. State shared

revenues will remain at the same level at \$414,000. The fund balance is projected at

manager Dave Pasquale, a 1.5 percent increase in cost of living has been built into

Properly, we should read for power. Man reading should be man intensely

alive. The book should be a ball of light in one's hand.

\$39,000 or 1.6 percent of costs. expected expenditures. Mayor Charles Myers suggested a higher fund

skateboard park. There will radios According to city new projects through

> the city is not planning for parks maintenance." purchases of equipment, while \$12,000 has been the equipment fund has budgeted for cruisers for been depleted, and that

completed in June.

employees' salaries, and the According to the budget Maintenance of the city parks Cable TV budget. He staff is reviewing the budget summary, however, the may be in the future offset by in light of medical insurance money budgeted for the a surcharge to non-residents, The parks and recreation a three-year lease involving James Pfaller. committee has set aside two cruisers, \$6,000 as seed money for a replacement of four cruiser Development

and computer be no equipment purchases equipment expenses. "I'd like to see us be able the major street fund. Gee to take care of our residents," Drive is being reconstructed said Mathews. "We'll need under a Federal Surface equipment and we'll need Transportation-Small to keep it in house. As we be looking at ways to utilize Urban grant program to be look at the equipment, the money, otherwise their technology is not there, the existence is not needed. Mayor pro tem Alan parts are not there. We're Mathews questioned why putting away money for the Michigan Aeronautics

Pasquale explained the police department, there are no revenues.

police department is part of according to council member The

Downtown

Authority (DDA) has set aside \$75,000 in capital expenditures for On the other hand, the various activities. The DDA, however, has not presented any specific projects. Myers said the DDA should

A \$70,000 loan from in securing air easements

enabling tree removal at the end of the main runway. Tom presented

Lowell Light and Power/

from cable TV due to direct satellite to homes. He expects a further decline in cable revenues by five percent. Also cable programming has declined. decline in revenues from cable TV was slightly offset by an increase in revenues from high speed Internet. "We've had lower revenues due to market loss to

Although the sale of energy is expected to grow, Richards said he was conservative in projections. The council adopted the Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV related business, budget as presented. The city budget is scheduled for the a June 5 adoption following

satellite," he said

Introducing Alden Nash West Fulton (M-21) to Alden Nash, North 1.5 Miles

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West Michigan

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Here I am, staring at the computer screen. Another Tuesday column deadline has rolled around. We have started work on the June edition of our monthly publication. I've been busting my tail helping a neighbor build a dock. I stayed up too late last night watching the Pistons. I over-

wy Roger Brown

COZY

slept. My wife needs this computer. Excuses ... I've got a million of 'em!

The real reason I'm not writing a column this week is the fact I'm focused on one little joke I heard the other day. I'd love to work it into a column, but can't figure out how I might do it.

Terese and I were talking to some friends of ours recently. This couple is about our age. Maybe a little younger, but isn't everybody these days? For 25 years they owned and operated a fishing camp in western Ontario, Canada. As you might imagine, they are a hardworking couple. The husband is straw boss on all these dock projects we've been building. He has worn me down to a nub trying to keep up.

In this conversation we got on the topic of their fishing camp. I asked where most of their clientele came from. Since their camp was in western Ontario, their customers came from states west of Michigan. A few came from Wis- umn? Then my wife can have her computer.

I would like to publicly thank the men and women of

the fire departments of Lowell, Alto, Bowne, Grattan and

Ada for their enthusiastic participation in our native prairie

grass burn/restoration project on our property just north of

managed the fire, and Steve Bare from the USDA Natural

Resources Conservation Service provided on site burning

Frank Martin, Lowell fire chief coordinated and shelter.

To The Editor

To the Editor,

Lowell

consin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, etc. The biggie, though, was Iowa. Over two thirds of their customers came from that state.

Viewpoint-

When I asked why, they explained that they bought the camp from a couple from Iowa and the connection grew from there. Here's where the joke came in.

We were all always told Iowa was the Hawkeye state. If you are from Iowa, you are a Hawkeye, right? Not if you ask the couple with the fishing camp.

According to my friends, who did lots of business with Iowa folks, they are "Blue Strap Whistlers."

Obviously, you can't just throw, "Blue Strap Whistlers" into a conversation and get away with it. My friend knew that, and the set-up was complete.

When I shot him a quizzical look, complete with furled brow and cocked head, he went into his little act. First he mimed hooking his thumbs into the suspender straps of bib overalls. Then he sort of rocked on his heels a little and did a soft wolf whistle. Finally, in a mock mid-western farmer's drawl he muttered, "shueeee ... that shure is a lotta money."

I just about fell off the dock from laughing so hard. It was obvious by his performance that he'd heard this "Blue Strap Whistler" routine hundreds of times. I suppose every time he went to settle up a bill for a week's stay or sold some bait, ice, gas or Molsons, there was a "Blue Strap Whistler" standing there with his thumbs in his suspender

The "Blue Strap Whistler" joke was the funniest thing I heard all week, but I'll be darned if I can figure out how to stretch it into a column. How about just a half of a col-

As a result of the burn all fire departments involved

gained valuable fire control training, a better understanding

effectively contain them. When loss of property and life are

involved, these people can take great satisfaction, as I do,

in knowing that by their efforts they have helped to create

a tall prairie grass habitat which provides countless species

of birds and mammals with food, nesting cover and winter

elected, the quality of all three candidates was outstanding.

The willingness of citizens of the district to seek this

responsibility is another solid reason for the continued

employees of Lowell Area Schools and all of the residents

of LAS for helping me be a part of the community, even for

a short period of time. I have enjoyed every day that I have

been here and to be a small part of Lowell Area Schools for

a while. You have a great district and community. Thank

Murphy, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or

pmurphy@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.

lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the

success of Lowell Area Schools.

at boardofed@lowellschools.com)

Again thanks,

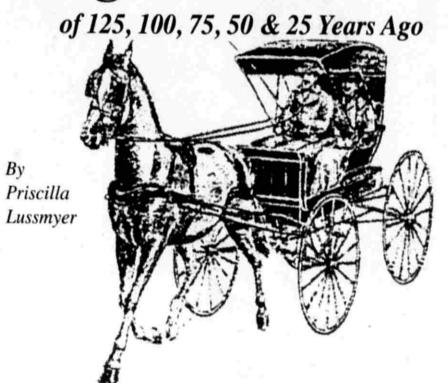
Bill Schreur

considered, such experience is priceless.

how volatile grass fires spread, and how to more

In addition to the experience gained by all those

Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 18, 1881

Thirty saw and shingle mills stand within a radius of ten miles around Howard City, most the property of one

Sojourner Truth, age 106, lectured to a Howell audience Wednesday night for an hour and a half.

Groceries, crockware, quicklime and plastering hair are for sale at John Giles & Co.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 17, 1906

Lowell's share of county library funds (\$5,447.12) is

Standard Oil is charged with making fake tests to prove rival brands are inferior.

The local news in this four-page edition is from Avon, Elmdale and East Lowell.

Titus Blough and Earl King are putting a new shingle roof on Josiah Weaver's barn in Elmdale. Front page stories are on Nurse Clara Barton and the

eruption of Mount Krakatoa.

The junior class play, "Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks," was a great success.

E.D. Stocking has sold four pianos within two weeks to Geo. M. Winegar, Mrs. Eugene Engle of West Lowell, Mrs. David Layer and Mrs. W.H. Clark, both of S. Lowell.

A large elm at D.E. Pletcher's house was shattered and pieces thrown several rods during the electrical storm

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 14, 1931

Many rainfalls in the past week have brought relief from several months of drought.

The ag boys at Lowell High School plant 7,500 red and white pine seedlings in the municipal forest on North Washington Street.

Mrs. Robert Hahn and Mrs. C.H. Reynolds are the speakers at the Mother-Daughter banquet sponsored by teachers and attended by 175.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 17, 1956

The new Kroger store to be built at Main and Vergennes necessitates moving three houses.

A long weekend of tornado alerts, 19 twisters in Your comments about this matter or any issue would Michigan, spares Lowell from all but heavy rains. be greatly appreciated. Send to Interim Superintendent Pat

Dr. Herbert Mueller opens his optometry practice in the Oatley Building at Riverside and Main

LHS wins its first Regional Class B Track title, with

Leonard Fase making 12 of the winning 35.5 points.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 13, 1981

A large crowd at the school board meeting hears about numerous teacher layoffs, plus other maybe's.

Duane and Arlene Lambert opened their variety store Monday, replacing the sorely-missed Ben Franklin.

Proposal A is up for vote Tuesday; it reduces many taxes and diverts lottery money to school aid.

Michigan Bell informs customers that some businesses are using "800" numbers that customers can dial without

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I would also like to thank the Lowell Education Association members, the Lowell Educational Support Personnel Association members, building principals, parent volunteers and school staff for their hard work and dedication to Lowell Area Schools in this successful election.

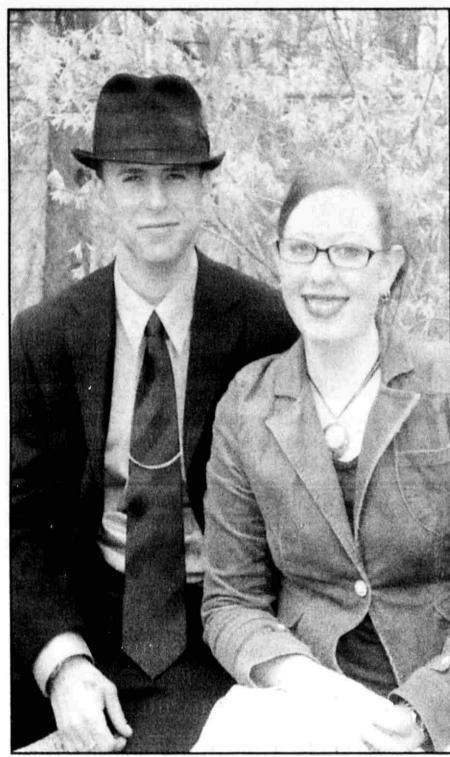
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May 11, 2006

RED CROSS NEEDS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The American Red Cross of West Central Michigan has received a Grand Rapids Community Foundation grant to fund a new project, Preparedness and Response Teens (PART) which will train 16 - 18 year old high school students to serve on local volunteer disaster relief

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

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Each student will be under the supervision of a mentor from the chapter's AmeriCorps program, and each must agree not to miss any school, even if their team responds to a situation in the middle of the night.

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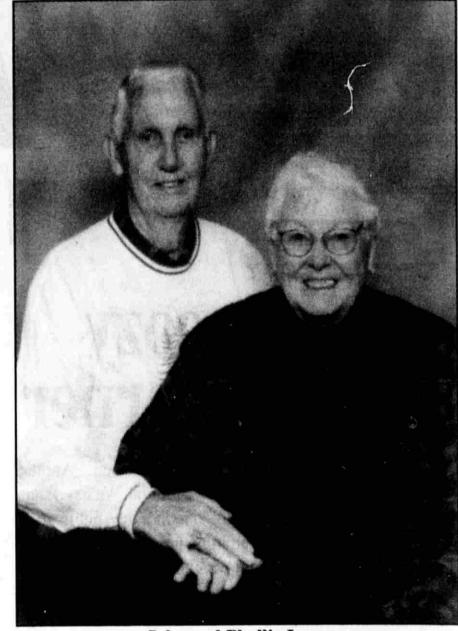
Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays; a few more host families are needed in this

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First winner of Thaler scholarship announced

Zachary Baum, an honors student at Lowell with Zach's qualifications," of the Orion J. Thaler who taught general science,

cover tuition, room and student we want to encourage board for a week-long with this scholarship to study science institute at Michigan science." Technological University in July 9-15.

Selection criteria for general. the scholarship included from the student's science medicinal applications," he teacher.

"We'reextremelypleased High School, has been said Lila Thaler, representing named the first recipient the family of Orion Thaler, Memorial Scholarship for chemistry and physics at summer study at a Michigan LHS for 29 years until his retirement in 1974. "He's a The scholarship will perfect example of the kind of

Baum says he is intrigued Houghton, where he will by recent accomplishments study genetic engineering in genetic engineering and the knowledge of genetics in

> "It would be interesting achievement, for me to explore in greater attitude, a depth the science behind such statement, and a methods as the improvement recommendation of agricultural products and

wrote in his application.

biology instructor, supported

"Zach takes great interest in the labs and areas of study we have learned this year," she said, "and I believe the summer institute would deepen his knowledge base. He would benefit greatly from this experience."

As a sophomore, Baum is currently taking Advanced Placement (AP) biology and U.S. history for college credit in addition to honors classes in English and advanced algebra. He has a 4.2 grade point average.

Baum is the son of Patty and John Baum of Ada.



Shown with models of the DNA double helix, Lowell High School honors student Zach Baum (center) will likely refer to similar displays during his study of genetic engineering this summer at MTU. He is the first recipient of the Orion J. Thaler Memorial Scholarship to attend a summer institute at a Michigan university. Representing the Thaler family, who awarded the scholarship, is Lila Thaler, right, and teacher Heather DeJonge.

Women's Club Woman of the Year

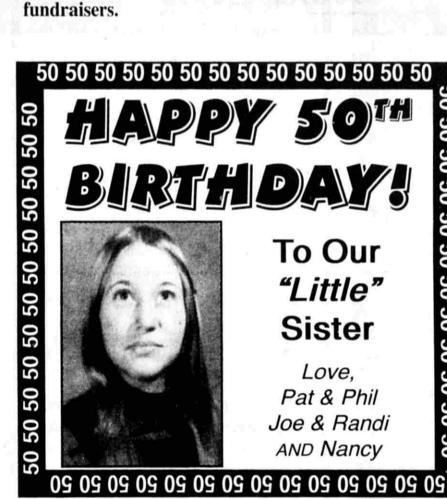


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Lowell Women's Club president Karyn Moulton, right, with member June Dilly. Dilly received the club's Woman of the Year award at its May luncheon last Wednesday. She was recognized for her service within the club as well as her commitment to service throughout the Lowell community. Dilly, an employee at the Lowell YMCA, is a former board member of Flat River Outreach Ministries and a volunteer at St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. She is also active in her church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell. Dilly initiated and continues to coordinate the Women's Club luncheon held during the annual Christmas Through Lowell event. It is one of the club's major



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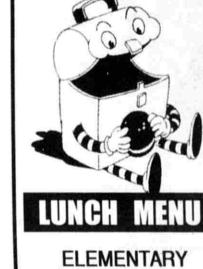
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WED: Chicken patty on bun (grilled cheese sandwich also offered at Alto), vegetables & dip, assorted fruit, milk. MURRAY LAKE FIELD DAY - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sherbet cup, milk.

THURS: Spaghetti & meat sauce w/bread (stacked turkey 8 cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk. **CREEK** CHERRY FIELD DAY - Hot dog on bun, baked beans. sherbet cup, milk.

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City approves wall signs over the Flat River

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

make an appointment.

If you are a producer or landowner that has crop base on your farm, you may be

eligible for a Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) payment. The June 1 deadline

for timely sign up with no charge for the 2006 DCP is nearing and only 50 percent

of farms with payment acres are enrolled. Contracts must be signed annually for this

Contract acres can be planted to an annual crop, be in hay, or idle grasses. Fruits and

vegetables (FAV) cannot be planted on contract acres unless the farm or producer has

FAV history. In cases where FAV can be planted, the producer will receive an acre-for-

acre reduction in their program payment. Annual crop certification of all cropland on the

farm is also required. The deadline for reporting is June 30 for fall seeded small grains

Call the Kent County Farm Service Agency at 942-4111 ext. 2 for information or to

payment. A charge of \$100 per farm is assessed after June 1 through Sept. 30.

and July 15 for spring seeded crops, CRP, hay and idle grasses.

Farm program deadline

Alan Mathews.

Myers said signs placed business district over the over the water would be Council approved by a 3-2 Flat River. Voting against the hard to put up and maintain. vote an amendment to the change were mayor Charles He was concerned that a big

and would not take their "We would be looking at it," he said. "This is a

The rest of council did support the commission's the change in spite opposition from the city historic commission. In a wall signs over the river would bring only more commercialism detraction from the historical image of the downtown.

realizes they're making a Hodges said the planning long-term decision," Jim commission had spent a

Doyle wrote. "Wall signs lot of time dissecting and should not be placed over the recreating the ordinance. the ordinance were council on it well."

"I am in support of the the furniture each evening.

because of the fact that the Shores. "We're a walkable

long-term decision."

amendment," said Shores, historic commission will still According to the historic Shores said commission, signs on walls have a say."

zoning ordinance Monday Myers and mayor pro tem business could leave town help preserve the uniqueness the city already has signs not "I hope the council the Flat River Antique Mall.

facing the streets, such as

"They put a lot of time Supporting the change in intoit," he said. "They worked members Jeanne Shores downtown business, the and Jim Hodges. Under the council approved a request proposed change, the signs from Voyages Coffee and will still have to adhere to Deli Shop to place patio the standards for signs in furniture on the sidewalk the historic district such as during business hours. The square footage and historic management will ensure maintenance and removal of

"It's a cute idea," said

Stump removal responsibility discussed at council meeting

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

residents believe the Lowell at her own expense. Light and Power (LL&P) According to LL&P general under discussion. for taking out stumps from department offers a special city council members prior removed trees. Under the rate for stump removal. current policy, homeowners are responsible for their own people remove stump removal.

stump removal on Monday them out."

needs to take responsibility," Works (DPW), said if the The purpose of the visit was Jeanne Shores. "We can't way, the DPW does take input in regards to the future

people. Some things the by grinding it down.

Shores said she has the stumps out," he said. Some Lowell city had four stumps removed

utility should be responsible manager Tom Richards, the

The Lowell City said. "I haven't found a The utility will be moving Council discussed the issue utility that gets rid of the into the former Newell Mfg. of who is responsible for stump. Utilities don't take building on Chatham.

do everything for all of the care of the stump removal of the 20-acre property.

property owner has to do." "It's our tree, we should take

The responsibility will remain

to the meeting walked the help North Washington Street stumps property, currently home to Richards Lowell Light and Power.

In related business, the

Shores said the council come forth. Dan DesJarden, director is in no hurry to make any "The property owner of Department of Public decisions about the property. council member tree is in the road right of to gain information and

KIRK COLLINS

Washington Street resident, said she believes the property should be preserved for recreational purposes because it has been part of that neighborhood for a long time. Covert said if some of the land has been donated for recreational purposes it

Ken Gregersen, a N. Washington Street resident adjacent to the property, has requested an easement past the existing road so as not to lose access to his garage.

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Peggy Covert, a N. should stay that way.

The city has been considering options including development of the property should a mystery developer





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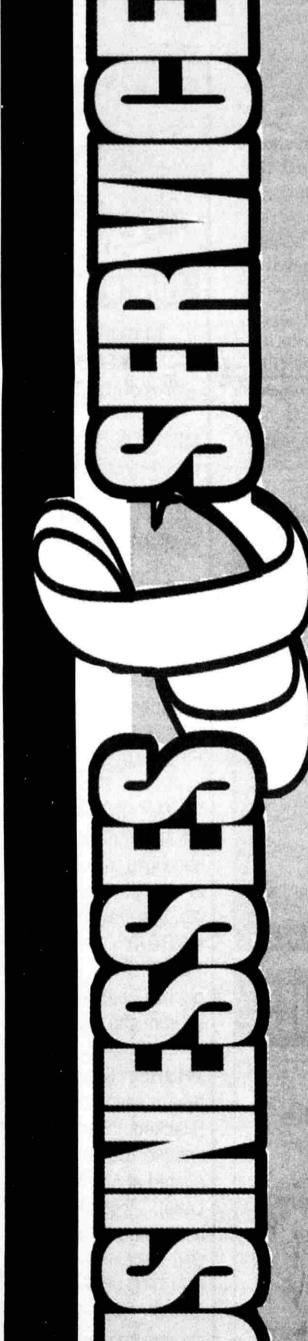
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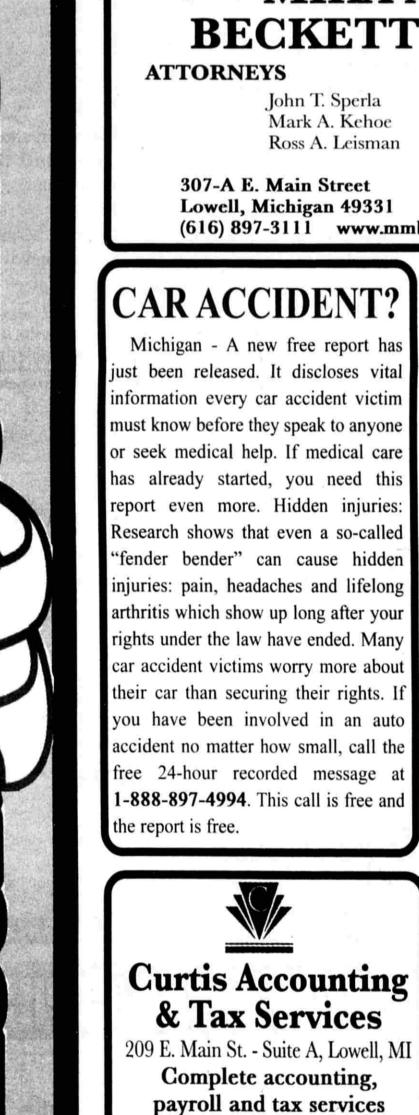
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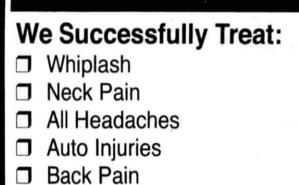
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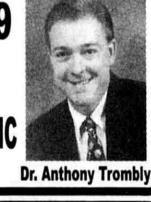






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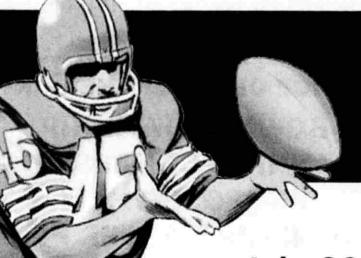




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Flanagan farm, continued ... From Page 1

higher and the prices are fortunately, has had a lot dations and farmers

program seeks to give them holding the program back in this county is funding. enroll their property.

of interest," Heffron said, contributing a portion of Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Kent County, which has a developmentrights. Through high percentage of prime these means, progress is last year. agricultural land. "If there picking up speed. was funding for this, it would just blow up.'

represent more than 5,000 acres of farmland.

The board has received for that we are working on over 110 applications from closing on," Heffron said. farmers in the county. They "We've got seven more Federal funding is and are applying for the two-to-one matching funds

local matching funds. These the final stages, two are in funding couldn't be secured have come from individual Grattan Township. The third

referring to southeastern the value of their properties' Township became the first the people who farm enrolled in the program at Monday's dedication

> "We have three more slower in other parts of the county, where farmland preservationists have not had event, citing a 12 percent as much luck finding local loss in farmland in Kent funding. During the 2003- County over the five years from corn and soybeans, farms that we've been able 2004 PDR application cycle, from 1997-2002. to get the local funding for for instance, \$200,000 in from the Frey Foundation Of the three farms in was lost because local

"This area here, donors, townships, foun- is in Lowell Township. The in Alpine, Sparta and Tyrone PDR efforts in Kent County,

"The farms are just as 500 companies," Peter Flanagan.

has been a major supporter of he said.

and was instrumental in the purchase of the rights to the farmland may soon play in

The need for farmland more pressing to David

respectively.

"If you don't, I'll be His Wege Foundation without a job, some day,

Online magazine, continued ... From Page 1

otherwise interacted with the students in Ramallah. The connection happened representative for the 73rd Friends Boys School.

Palestinian allowed each group to learn about the other's culture, the similarities and differences.

"Actually, I thought it has been more similarities actually, they just have a different outlook," Thomas Jeffrey said.

One area the similarities are visible is in appreciation for pop culture.

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-Margaret Mead

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we ever see people saying of proving them wrong," weblogs. good things about the United Timpson said. States," Megan Lyonnais

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The universal brotherhood of man is

our most precious possession.

Lowell students try to said.

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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

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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Foreman.

"A lot of them are saying how they are not like that, that there are only a rap artist 50 Cent in the same embarrassed that people see few radical Muslims, radical when listing his favorite see us like that," Timpson people don't represent their religion," Kirsten Nelson

So far, Lowell students have spent one full class period editing the online "We've posted a lot magazine and two partial "Very rarely, really, do of things and we're kind class periods posting on the

"It's been exciting to me, professionally, to be able to integrate the technology," Fowler said.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed new Master Plan. proposed new Master Plan has been revised following the Township Board's objection to the proposed Master Plan originally approved by the Planning Commission. The revision changes the designation of property in Sections 23, 24, and 25 of the Township from Rural Reserve to Agricultural Preservation. The areas affected by this revision are generally bounded by 84th Street, 92nd Street, Wingeier Avenue and Freeport Avenue (four parcels are south of 92nd Street).

The proposed new Master Plan, as revised, is intended to serve as a guide for future development and land use within Bowne Township. The proposed new Master Plan contains information about current and past conditions in the community, goals for the future of the Township, and a future land use map illustrating development patterns and intended land uses throughout the Township. The proposed Master Plan will replace in its entirety the current Land Use Plan adopted in

Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan does not change any ordinance or regulation regarding the use of land. Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan also does not mean that any property will be immediately rezoned to match the Plan.

Interested parties may be heard at the June 8 public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk at P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The proposed Master Plan may be copied or examined at the historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., Alto, Michigan, or 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 17, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

Featured Artist Nancy Porter

By Dan Schneider

Huntington Galleria in The artwork by the dozen Lowell now has an exhibit of paintings by watercolor their varying perspectives: artists from Lowell's Studio flowers, butterflies, abstract

Chimera Design on East ways. Main St., is where David

Davis teaches watercolor painting on Tuesday nights. or so students reflects compositions. Students The second floor often paint the same still above life arrangement in different

even," said Nancy Porter, a said. "We have a good time student at Studio 208 since and encourage each other a the winter, 2005 session.

She took painting classes in oil and acrylic at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the late 1970s. More recently, she studied watercolor while traveling

"I never expected to watercolor," Porter

But she is glad to be in the watercolor classes, where she said she learns a lot from the other students.

"It's a wonderful "And different colors fellowship of artists," Porter

display

Galleria, located in the

The art will be on Huntington Bank at 414 E.

at Huntington Main, through June 6.

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New, larger location for Blue Ribbon Feeds

By Dan Schneider

as much space as their annual flowers, vegetables previous location, Blue and hanging baskets. Ribbon Feeds' new retail store is fairly crowded with the garden products, seeds," merchandise.

It is full of bird seed, grass seed, flower seed, flexibility to stock new animal feed, bird feeders, products. dog toys. There are shelves full of feed, and racks full of suggestions about what

Over the last two said weeks. Blue Ribbon Feeds merchandise, plus some reviews from customers. new additions, from their former location, attached positive response from to the feed mill, to the customers, old and new," Located at the corner of things out." Main and Hudson streets, the new place is larger and open house--"a re-grand already pretty full. But there opening," Carpenter saidis a lot more room to move -in late June, with door

husband Scott.

The company has Saturday. been in business for 23

years. The new space will allow them to expand their Even with three times offerings, including selling

"We're expanding with Carpenter said.

They also have more

"We're open to any yard and garden supplies. people want," Carpenter

The new showroom. has moved all of this she said, has received good

"It's been a very building next door which Carpenter said. "They're was recently vacated by just thrilled to pieces that Michael's Farm Market. we have more room to put

prizes and specials. The "It's easily accessible store's regular hours are Barbara 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Carpenter, who owns Blue through Wednesday; 8 a.m. Ribbon Feeds with her to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They will have an

The Carpenter family, from left to right, Scott, Alex, Amy, Barbara and Craig, have moved their Blue Ribbon Feeds' retail showroom to a larger building on the corner of Main and Hudson streets, the building formerly occupied by Michael's Farm Market.

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autumn apple harvest.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY

WED., MAY 17: Museum program at Lowell Twp. Hall: Lowell's Forgotten Pioneer - Morgan Lyon. 7 p.m.

THURS., MAY 18: Business Lunch 12 p.m.; Food Pantry 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

FRI., MAY 19: 5th grade cookout fundraiser to support end of year trip to Greenfield Village, held at Murray Lake Elementary, 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$5.

FRI., MAY 19-21: W. Mich. Bluegrass Music Mayfest at Lowell fairgrounds. Special guests: The Chapmans.

SUN., MAY 21: Mother/Daughter tea at Lowell museum, 2 p.m. \$20 adults; \$10 for 12/under. Call 897-7688 to reserve your spot.

MON., MAY 22: Senior Fitness Day at 1st United Meth-

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).

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 held 7:30 p.m.

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

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets in Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St., 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. Ages 12 or older. No dues. Call 897-9879.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt. or stop by M. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing.

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights 2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets 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.

Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hour before 897-9794. meeting. 800-651-6000.

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

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

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 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 email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

odist Church. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., MAY 25: Hong Kong dinner, 4:30 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., JUNE 1: Vergennes Co-op Club, 1 p.m. Schneider Manor. Program: Gemstonesw/Julie from Chimera Design. Hostesses: Shirley Weeks, Marilyn Cahoon.

THURS., JUNE 1: Free food commodities, distributed at Lowell Moose Rec. Bldg., 1320 E. Main, 9-5 p.m.

WED., JUNE 7: LMS sports physicals in locker rooms, 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10, cash only. Call 987-2800 with ?'s.

SAT., JUNE 10: Saranac High School alumni dinner/ dance. Social hr. 6 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. Call 642-6660 or 642-9818 for more information.

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 Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Call 897-5449 for information.

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

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Fallasburg Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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. 2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner 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 6:30 - 8 p.m. 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

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., Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy

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THURSDAYS

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

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

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.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY: Mon.- Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS.: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. at Impact Church House, H. Hudson. Call Paul at 527-7796 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

choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School

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.

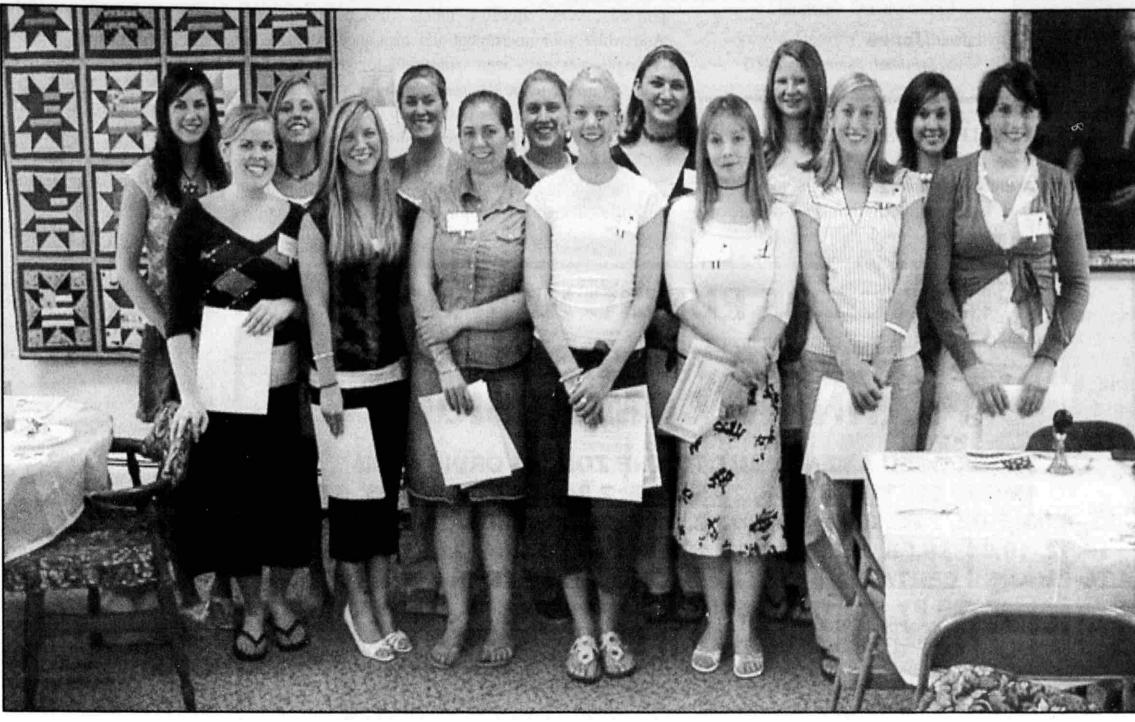
2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport,730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

Lowell Women's Club scholarships awardeded

The Lowell Women's Club distributed \$6,600 among 14 girls in this year'sLowellHighSchool senior class. The girls were given certificates of recognition at the club's May luncheon, which was held last Wednesday Schneider Manor. Pictured are the scholarship recipients, back row, from left to right: Brittany Foley, Kelsey Brenk. Emily Courtney Timpson, Henschke, Kristen McAlpine, Elly Drain and Tara Ormiston: front row: Angela Harvey, Jenna Mitchell Amy Mundwiler, Laura Maki, Lori Smith, Becky DeLiefde and Chelsea Smit.



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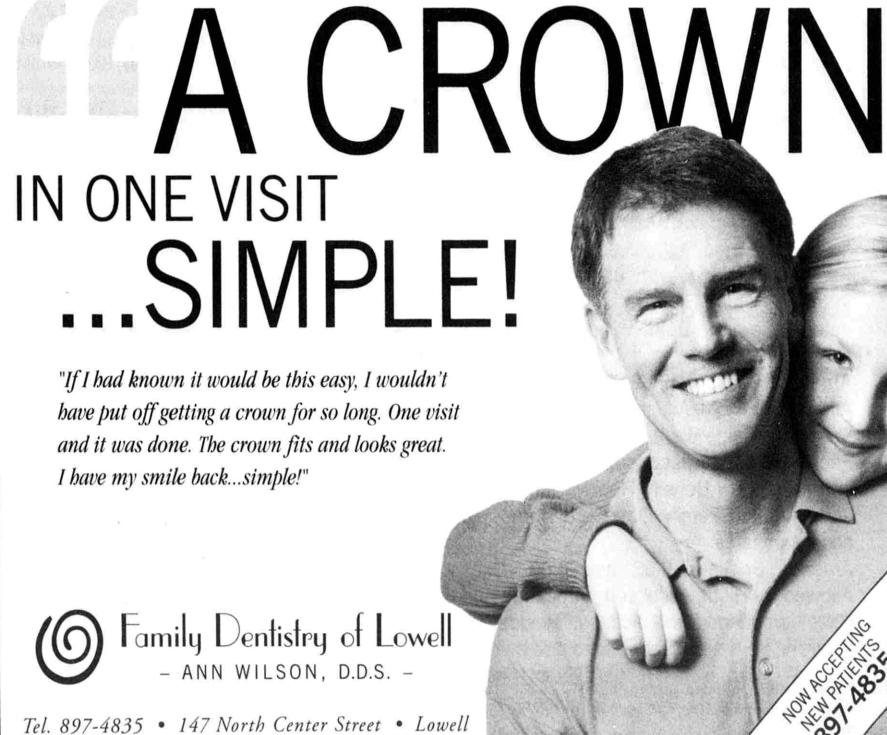
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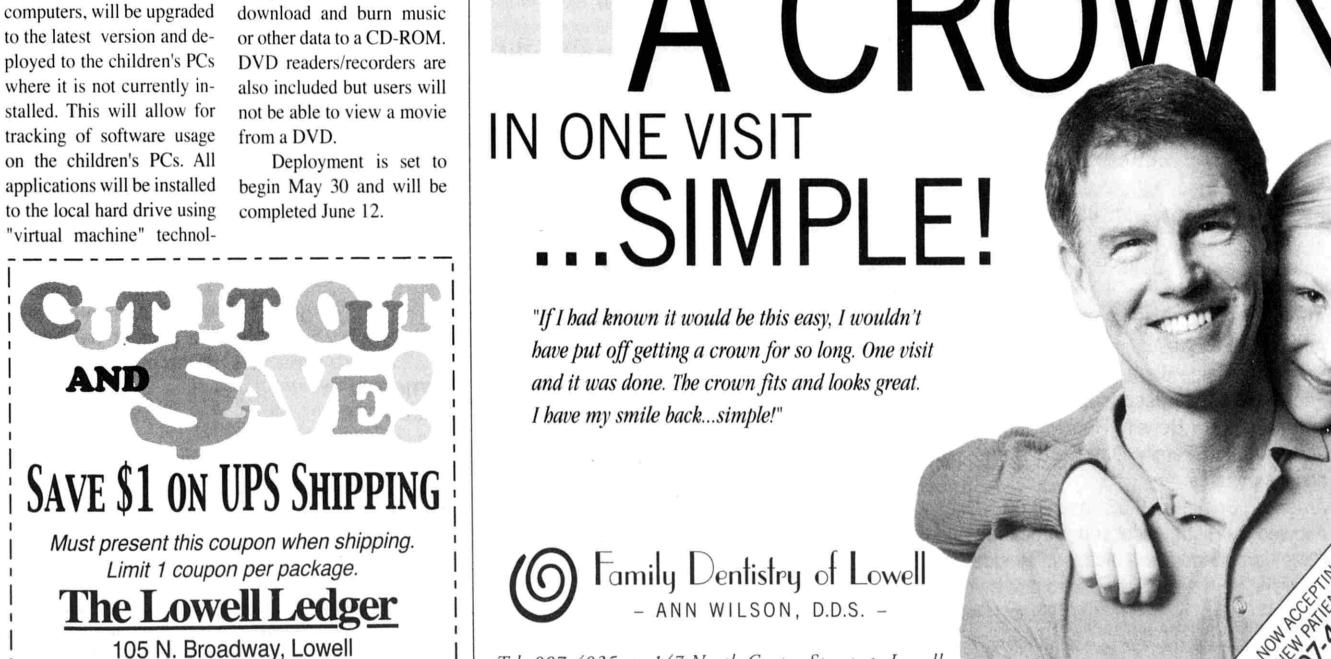
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Financial Focus

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TIME FOR A PORTFOLIO "SPRING CLEANING?"

Now that we're well into May, you might look around your house and yard and decide it's time for a little spring

cleaning, if you're the sort of person who does that kind of thing. But even if you aren't, you can probably benefit from "sprucing up" another part of your life - your investment portfolio. Why? Because things change in your life. And while your investment and insurance products and strategies may have been appropriate for you at one time, that may no longer be the case.

So, once you decide to clean up your portfolio, what should you look for? Here are a few ideas to consider:

· Avoid "redundant" holdings. Do you have too many of the same type of stocks "cluttering" your portfolio? Too many people think that, when it comes

to investing, they can't get "too much of a good thing." Consequently, if they have two growth stocks from the same industry, they add a third. Or, on the other side of the investment spectrum, if they like the steady income from their fixed income they might buy another. Depending on your individual needs, you may find that growth stocks and fixed income can play a role in your diversified portfolio, but "overloading" on either of these securities - or any other, for that matter - can actually hinder your progress toward your financial goals. For example, if you add too many of the same type of growth stocks, you may expose yourself to a market downturn that is particularly hard on one specific sector. Or, if you divert some of your investment dollars toward additional fixed income, you may deprive yourself of needed growth opportunities.

• Examine "automatic" investments. Are you still automatically moving money from your checking account into an investment that you first purchased years ago, under different circumstances? Could this money possibly be better directed elsewhere? Check your automatic purchases carefully to see if they still meet your needs.

· Review your insurance coverage. When you first start out in your career, and you have a young family, you definitely need a certain amount of life insurance to replace your income, pay for your mortgage, educate your children, etc. But, as your children grow and leave home, and you finish paying for your home, your needs for life insurance will change. Go over your policies with your investment professional to see if your coverage is still appropriate. You may find that a different type of policy can be beneficial in helping you meet other types of needs, such as estate

 Check your beneficiaries. Over the years, your family situation may change To cite just one possibility, you may remarry and take on the responsibilities of a blended family. If this happens, you'll need to closely check the beneficiary designations on your investments, retirement plans and insurance policies. If you don't update these designations, your wishes may not be carried out when it's time for your estate to be settled.

By following these suggestions, you can give your portfolio a spring cleaning that should can help serve you well in all seasons.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **BOWNE TOWNSHIP** PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2.33, 2.45, 2.76, 2.94, 3.39, 5.02, 5.03, 6.02, 6.03, 7.02, 7.03, 8.02, 8.03, 9.02, 9.03, 10.02, 10.03, 14.02, 19.01, 19.02, 19.04, 19.05, 19.06, 19.07, 19.08, 19.09, 21.04, 21.05, AND 21.06 TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, CHANGE CERTAIN USES TO USES ALLOWED BY RIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, TO AMEND APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL LAND USES, TO REVISE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, POWERS, APPLICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES, AND APPEALS FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AND TO AMEND THE HEARING AND NOTIFICATION, DECISION, AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

Amends Section 2.33 (Family Day Care Home) to revise the definition to meet PA 116 of 1973.

Amends Section 2.45 (Institutional Care Facilities) to revise the definition to meet PA 116 of 1973.

Amends Section 2.76 (State Licensed Residential Facility) to revise the definition to meet PA 110 of 2006.

Amends Section 2.94 (Zoning Board) to delete outdated definition.

Amends Section 3.39 (Open Space Development Regulations) to change title to Open Space Preservation Development Regulations in accordance with PA 110 of

Amends Sections 5.02 and 5.03 (Uses Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And Uses) to change State Licensed Residential Facilities from accessory use to use by right in the AG Agricultural District, and to delete Family Day Care Homes as accessory

Amends Sections 6.02 and 6.03 (Uses Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And Uses) to change State Licensed Residential Facilities from accessory use to use by right in the R-1 Rural Residential District, and to accessory uses.

Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And 12:00 p.m. Uses) to change State Licensed Residential Facilities from accessory use to use by right in the R-3 Urban Residential District, and to delete Family Day Care Homes as accessory uses.

Amends Sections 10.02 and 10.03 (Uses Allowed by Right, Accessory Structures and Uses) to change State Licensed Residential Facilities from accessory use to use by right in the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community District.

Procedures) to revise the public notice requirements for Special Land Uses in accordance with PA 110 of 2006.

Amends Section 19.01 (Membership) to revise certain membership requirements for

Amends Section 19.02 (Powers of the ZBA) to amend certain review authority provisions and require a 2/3 vote for to approve use variances for the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with PA 110 of 2006.

Amends Section 19.04 (Appeals) to revise the title to Application and Hearing Procedures, to revise the public notice requirements for ZBA hearings, and to allow representation agent representation before the ZBA, in accordance with PA 110 of

certain provisions under Section 19.04 while deleting others.

Amends Section 19.07 (Appeals of the ZBA) to revise process for appealing final ZBA decisions, in accordance with PA 110 of

Amends Sections 19.06 through 19.09 to renumber as 19.05 through 19.08.

delete Family Day Care Homes as public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing Amends Sections 7.02 and 7.03 (Uses and may be addressed to the Township Clerk, Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The Uses) to change State Licensed Residential proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Facilities from accessory use to use by right may be copied or examined at the Township in the R-2 Low Density Residential District, Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on and to delete Family Day Care Homes as Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Amends Sections 8.02 and 8.03 (Uses Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

Amends Section 14.02 (Application

the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with PA 110 of 2006.

Amends Section 19.05 (Hearings) to place

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Pieter Serne, of Lowell, an agribusiness management sophomore, was one of six MSU team members attending

The MSU club traveled to the National Agri-Marketing Association's annual conference and trade show in Kansas City, Kan., April 19-21, finishing third out of 26 other student NAMA chapters.

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The Vivian Quinn Trust

In Re: VIVIAN QUINN, Date of Birth 03-02-1915

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of this notice.

decedent are notified **Robert Jones** that all claims against **Successor Trustee** the deceased or the trust 1850 Burlingame, S.W. will be forever barred Wyoming, MI 49509

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May 6, 2006



Second grade teacher Lori Cyrocki with her second grade students.

Moore participates

in benefit tournament

The White Lake Karate Club hosted the fourth

annual "Take A Kick At Cancer" open karate

tournament in Whitehall on May 6. The event, held in

honor of those who have lost their battle with cancer,

is held to raise funds to benefit the American Cancer

Mariah Moore did her part to take a kick at cancer

again this year. "I really look forward to the 'Take

a Kick at Cancer Tournament' because cancer took

my grandpa from me when I was only two, it took my

grandma from me just one year ago, and my friend

Anna is fighting cancer right now. It makes me feel really good to be able to use the sport that I love and

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April Staff Member of the Month Missy Harrison, physi- daughters, Emily and Sarah.

named Staff Member of cal education teacher, adthe Month of April by staff members at Murray Lake compassionate to her stu- re at Murray Lake. I feel Elementary. Cyrocki, a se- dents." cond grade teacher, has a positive and caring attitude from Arizona, has lived in fellow teachers. I can look that she shows to her Mur- Lowell for the past 18 ye- outward at the wonderful ray Lake students.

with Mrs. Cyrocki's mode- is in her second year of tea- derful faces of my students," ling of our character traits," ching second grade. She and said Cyrocki. said Patti Harreld, media her husband Dave have two center para-educator.

ded, "She is so kind and

ars. She taught sixth grade countryside around me and I "I am always impressed for five years at LMS, and can look inward at the won-

"I enjoy the positive and family-like atmosphe-

very supported by parents Cyrocki, originally the administration, and my

The moment of victory is much too short to live for that and nothing else.

- Martina Navratilova (1956 -)

Young champions



Above, Lowell's young Michigan competition on May 6. Pictured, front row, left to right: Cassie Franklin and Alina White; back row: Tess Richardson. Morgan Duram, coach Amanda Vezino and Hannah Duvernay.

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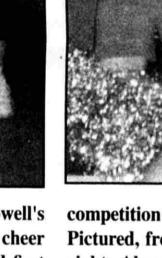
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champion cheer Pictured, front row, left to team, level II, placed first right: Alexus Corner and Breimayer. in the Western Michigan Autumn Chrisman: back

At right, Lowell's competition on May 13. row: Amber Cook, coach Amanda Vezino and Rilev

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Why are gas prices so high?

With Senator Carl Levin

Every time you go to the gas station, you probably wonder like I do: Why are gas prices so high right now?

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There is, however, one thing that has changed traded in the United States.

selling, but basically it works like this: buyers purchase contracts for certain amounts of oil by paying for the oil immediately though it may not be delivered until a future date. Some of these buyers are oil companies that need oil for their refineries; others are speculators betting that the price of oil will go up before the oil has to be delivered. Before delivery, these contracts might be exchanged many times between other buyers and sellers.

Commodities markets are ordinarily policed by the so expensive even though there is enough supply. government to make sure that buyers and sellers are not artificially and illegally manipulating the prices.

of energy markets. In the 1990s, Enron developed a way for haven't yet been able to close the loophole Enron created companies to trade energy futures electronically, outside of that allowed its abuses to go undetected for so long. the regulated markets in New York and elsewhere.

Enron collapsed, but its concept of unregulated energy trading took off. The unregulated, electronic markets in the U.S. now directly compete with the regulated markets. And in 2001, the same group of giant oil and Wall Street companies running the largest unregulated electronic fraud and price manipulation. exchange in the U.S. purchased the oil exchange in London. Investors today can trade U.S. oil on the London market won't be able to look up at the gas pump without wondering from here in the United States without any regulation or if we're being ripped off. oversight by our government.

With no one looking over their shoulders, financial

speculators have begun pouring tens of billions of dollars dramatically over the last few years: the way oil and gas are into trading oil and natural gas commodities, and they are hauling in record profits. One oil trader, T. Boone Pickens. That market is a complicated web of buying and is reported to have made \$1.5 billion in energy trading profits last year alone. Many analysts believe this soupedup trading activity has driven oil prices up by \$20-\$25 per barrel. It may be why oil is selling for \$70 per barrel oil

The bottom line is that today there is no cop on the beat in the oil and gas market. We don't know how much is being sold, by whom, or for what price. And therefore we can't know if prices are being manipulated, or simply why oil is

Enron made a fortune by driving up prices through fake electricity sales that made demand seem much greater than Enron, however, punched a giant hole in the regulation it was and by reporting phony prices. Unfortunately, we

I am proud to co-sponsor a bipartisan bill that would close the Enron loophole by requiring electronic energy trades by U.S. companies to be reported, including those made in London. By putting the cop back on the beat, we can protect U.S. consumers and businesses from market

Without this information and a way to stop abuses, we

Tornado Facts

1. What is a tornado?

It is a column of violently rotating winds extending down from a thunderstorm cloud and touching the surface of the earth.

2. What is the difference between a tornado and a funnel cloud?

A funnel cloud is also a column of violently rotating winds extending down from a thunderstorm; however, it does not touch the earth.



3. How many tornadoes usually occur in Michigan every year?

An average of 16 Michigan each year. Since 1950, 239 persons have been killed due to tornadoes. During this same time, Michigan has experienced 874 tornadoes.

4. When do tornadoes generally occur?

Most tornadoes occur during the months of May, June, July and August in the late afternoon and evening hours. However, tornadoes can occur anytime of the day or night in almost any month during the year.

5. How fast do tornadoes travel?

Tornadoes generally travel from the southwest and at an average speed of 30 miles per hour. However, some tornadoes have very erratic paths, with speeds approaching

6. How far do tornadoes travel once they touch the ground?

The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of about 5 miles. However, they do not always follow the norm, and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel more than 100

7. What is a tornado watch?

A tornado/severe thunderstorm watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. Watches are usually for large areas about two-thirds the size of Lower Michigan and are usually two-to-six hours long. Watches give you time to plan and prepare.

8. What is a tornado warning?

The local Weather Service (NWS) office issues a tornado warning whenever a tornado has been sighted or NWS Doppler Radar indicates a thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado. A severe thunderstorm warning is issued whenever a severe thunderstorm is observed or NWS Doppler Radar indicates a thunderstorm capable of producing damaging winds or large hail. Warnings are for smaller areas, such as counties and are usually 30 to 90 minutes in length. You must act immediately when you first hear the warning. If severe weather is reported near you, seek shelter immediately. If not, keep a constant lookout for severe weather and stay near a shelter.

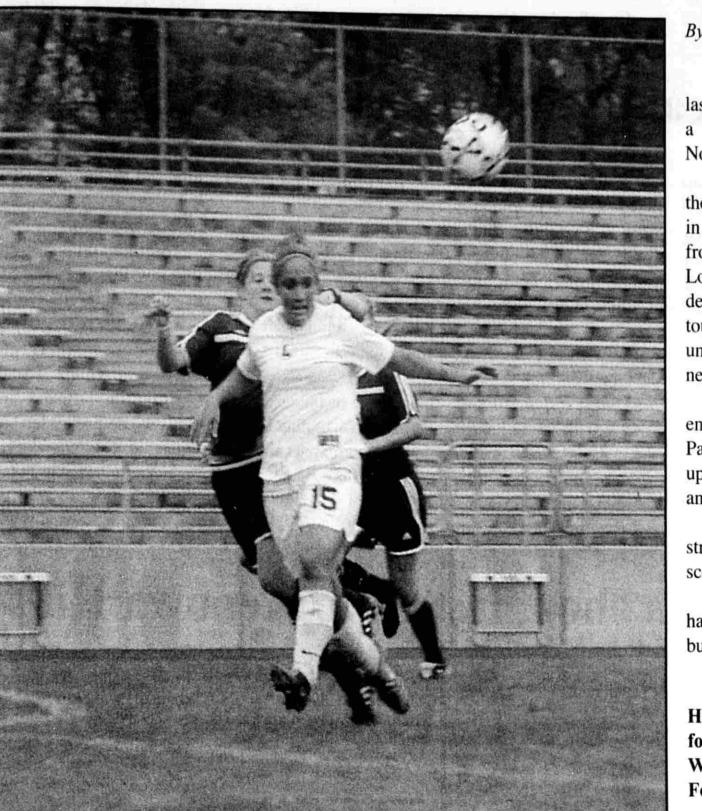
9. How do I find out about a warning if my electricity is already out?

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards with battery back-up capability is your best source to receive the warning. In some areas, civil emergency sirens may be your first official warning. In addition, if your television or radio has battery back-up capability, you may receive NOAA's National Weather Service warnings from local media.

RED ARROW SPOBIS TO A PARTY AND A PARTY AN

Soccer struggles offensively against area's top teams

Stingy defense keeps Red Arrows in close OK White conference games



By Dan Schneider

last week Monday with a 2-1 loss to Forest Hills Northern.

the Red Arrows only goal this year, he said they have in the first half on an assist not had a go-to scorer like Wednesday's game on a from Rebecca Underwood. in past seasons. This has led second-half penalty kick. Lowell played a strong to a lot of adjustments on defensive game against a the offensive attack and has Hills Eastern 2-1 on Friday. tough Huskies team, but was made getting into a rhythm Harrison scored early on unable to score the goals difficult. necessary to get the win.

entire game," Lowell coach day basis and I think that has minutes of the game. Paul Legge said. "We gave been somewhat distracting up two shots in the first half for the kids," Legge said. and it was two goals."

scoring opportunities.

had tons of opportunities, but we just couldn't finish

Harrison passes the ball forward during Wednesday's game against Forest Hills Central.

Legge said.

multiple players who have the Lowell coach. Chelsea Harrison scored scored seven or more goals

But Lowell has still

the Arrows hung with some of the for their first marquee win. struggled to capitalize on best teams in the state this Three of Lowell's four "In the second half, we when they lost 1-0 to Forest currently state-ranked. And latest division 2 coaches'

anybody, there's no doubt

a goal and that is what has about that. It's just a Lowell soccer started been hurting us this season," question of whether or not we can score enough goals Though Lowell has to beat the best teams," said

> The Rangers scored their only goal in last

Lowell beat Forest an Underwood assist. Erin "Our lineups have not Beddows scored on a penalty the been the same on a day-to- kick, also within the first 15

With a record of 8-4-1, Lowell has had a strong season. They are just waiting season. Like last Wednesday, losses were to teams that are Hills Central, a team ranked three of those losses were eighth in the state in the decided by only one goal.

Lowell played at poll (Forest Hills Northern Northview, Monday. They was ranked 10th in that host the Wildcats Wednesday in the first round of the OK "We can play with White tournament.

Tennis places fourth overall in OK White conference

Top-four performance at conference tournament seals spot for Arrows

By Dan Schneider

home loss to Forest Hills singles. Central last Monday, the According to coach Bonnie Wall, that means they Hobrla and Brett McMahon

It was a good week for Forest Hills Central. He beat score. the Lowell boys tennis team Garrit Veltman 2-6, 6-2, 6-0. Brett Hobrla lost a close for Saturday's OK White place at third singles, as After starting with a three-set match at third

Kyle Wittenbach, Trapp, Wall said.

The win set the agenda

Red Arrows beat Northview dominant last Wednesday league, we needed to finish and placed fourth in the at Northview, winning all ahead of them (Northview) in their flights in straight sets. the conference tournament,"

squads, which Ben Ritzema the tournament with 46 Travis Trapp, playing at and Elvis Lane took care of points. Forest Hills Northern second singles, had Lowell's in fourth doubles. Lowell and Forest Hills Central

did McMahon at fourth "We knew that in order singles. All of the doubles Singles players were to take fourth place in the teams won their consolation

The Arrows played a match at Hudsonville on Lowell did, earning 21 Monday. They will try to finished fourth in "arguably won their matches. That left team points to the Wildcats' secure a trip to the state the strongest league in the one flight win to the doubles 12. East Grand Rapids won tennis finals at the regionals

only victory in a 7-1 loss to won the match by a 5-3 each had 35 points in the Thursday and Friday at accomplish that, they need Forest Hills Northern. To to score 18 points as a team.

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Lowell lacrosse wins two matches, falls to Okemos

By Dan Schneider

on both sides of a pair of off the victory. blowouts last week.

"That was a big, big get it. The Red Arrows also win for our players," said 9-7, against Holland last "It was 100 percent effort. It been a part of in 13 years of where they won 18-4. Tuesday. Lowell trailed 6-2 had nothing to do with 'we coaching lacrosse and three at halftime of that game. But were a far superior team', it years of playing lacrosse." regular-season record this Bredin said.

they outscored the Dutch 7- was just the players wanted Lowell lacrosse was 1 in the second half to pull it and they worked every previous game at Holland. minute of the second half to

Lowell had lost 9-4 in a year. That's an improvement

They lost a 16-1

They played Tuesday at over last year's 5-11 record. Zeeland in the first round of "It's good because the West Michigan Lacrosse decision against Okemos on these kids work really hard Conference tournament. "Actually, that was the Friday. Then they traveled and I think we're a better With a win, they could had a big comeback win, Lowell coach Eric Bredin. biggest comeback I've ever to East Kentwood Saturday team than we were last advance to a Thursday game year and now we've got a against the winner between Lowell had a 6-9 better record to show for it," Holland Christian and Grand

Softball continues winning streak, beating Knights, Redhawks

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell softball team Bueche each hit a single. the ball into right field for ahead 10-0. Becky Plummer mercy rule. added a tenth victory to their McElroy was forced out at an error. Plummer allowed threw a two-hitter in the win streak last Wednesday third. Tawney drove Bueche one hit in a game in which game, striking out 11 against Cedar Springs, at Kenowa Hills. The Arrows beat the first. Chelsea Wolbers drove defensive plays in order five hits in the game, but score. It was another two-Knights 4-0. They scored home Becky Plummer, who to face only the minimum three were doubles by Katie hitter for Plummer, who

their first run in the first made it on base from the number of batters. inning. Katie McElroy was fielder's choice that forced second on a sacrifice bunt, in the inning. her home with a single.

then Terrah Tawney drove In the sixth inning, mercy rule last Monday, the when the Arrows scored double by Plummer was the Friday at Northview. That Lowell held the 1-0 scored from first when win in a row. lead until the fifth inning, Kelly Malling bunted and

After winning both and Plummer. safe on an error, made it to McElroy out at third earlier halves of a doubleheader Kerry Ort was walked and Red Arrows had their ninth five runs. With four of their only extra-base hit.

hits in that inning, Lowell's

McElroy, Ashley Nawrocki struck out six.

Game one ended after four runs in the bottom of runs in the third, one in the out.

when McElroy and Brittany the Kenowa catcher threw six innings with Lowell the sixth ended the game by fifth and in the sixth, they scored seven runs on four In the second game hits and four errors.

McElroy, Plummer and home, but was thrown out at Lowell made some good batters. Lowell only had Lowell won by an 11-1 Brittany Bueche each had two hits for Lowell.

> Lowell's next game is Wednesday at Greenville. Lowell's bats were They host Grand Rapids Lowell had a 1-0 lead more alive in this game, as Christian on Thursday and against Cedar Springs by going into the fourth inning, the Arrows had nine hits. A play a doubleheader on is a make-up game from last Lowell scored three Friday which was rained

Red Arrow baseball falls one run short in loss to Kenowa Hills

By Dan Schneider

close game last Wednesday at Kenowa Hills.

Tylor Meppelink and scored on a double by Ryan. But seventh, and Kenowa scored against Cedar Springs was

Lowell the lead with a the fifth. The Arrows trailed homer in the fourth inning. 1-0 after two innings, but He helped the Arrows score 4-3 in the top of the sixth. hitter for Lowell, going 2-4

tied the score in the third again in the fifth, leading off Pinch hitter Jordan Ickes hit when Jay Ryan hit a single, with a single, advancing on a a double to score courtesy the loss. advanced on a single by fielder's choice and scoring runner James Miller. But **2006 NOTICE** OF AERIAL SPRAYING

Lowell stranded a man coach Juston Miller. on third in the top of the

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Lowell baseball lost a on a Tony Adrianse single. the Knights evened the on a double and a single in canceled last Monday and a Grand Rapids on Monday. Torsten Boss gave score at 3-3 in the bottom of the bottom of the seventh to doubleheader at Northview They travel to Greenville Lowell took the lead

again with a run in the bottom of that inning.

Boss was the leading

"He pitched a great Kenowa Hills tied the score game. Just one of those close games ... we ended up on the wrong side," said Lowell

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was rained out Friday.

The Arrows played East this Wednesday.

Youth baseball players pitch, hit, run

participants in the "Pitch, doubleheader Hit and Run" competition

were 81 held May 6 at Creekside Park in Lowell. The event, sponsored

> by Pepsi and Major League Baseball, was hosted by Lowell Little League. In the seven-/eightyear-old division, Nathan

Stephens was the overall champion and champion. Matthew Milstead was the hit champion and the run champion. In the 9/10 age division,

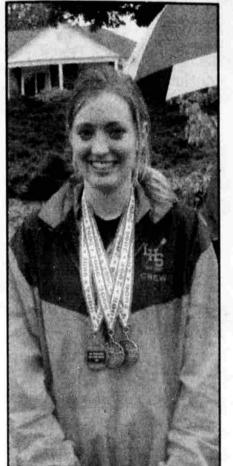
Matt Reitsema was the hit champion and overall champion. Chris Poland won the pitch competition and Ben Bigham was the run champion.

In the 11/12 division. Zach Dawson was the overall champion. He was part of a three-way tie with Andrew Light and Jeffery Baker in the pitch competition. Merklinger was the hit champion while Luke Bigham won the run competition.

Pat Martin was the overall champion in the 13/14 division and nearly swept the individual events. He won the hit competition, the run competition and was tied with Christian Crist in the pitch competition.

Winners advance to the sectional competition to be held June 3 at Marsh Field

Wet weather doesn't ruin recent rowing regatta



Submitted by Mary Slatten

with rowers Saturday as the including Logan Brenk, Andrea Kulhawik, Leara what it takes to stand up to awesome!" third annual East Grand Steve Maier, Kyle Riley, Glinzak, Nelson, Alexis the competition. Everyone Rapids Invitational Regatta Nick Drake, Andy Brim, Strouse, and temporary rowed well, medals or no this Saturday at Culver, took place.

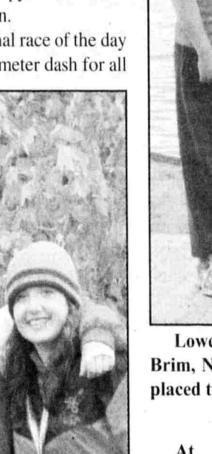
Lowell crew competed and Eric Holmgren, with in three 500-meter dashes, coxswain Jessica Nelson. and seven 1500-meter

Lowell coxswain Jessica as coxswain. Nelson received three

Lowell's novice men's race, Lowell's 4-boat won proud of our team today. not easy. This team has Reeds Lake was bustling 8-boat won third place, third place which included They proved that they have shown its 'metal.' They're Nick Gillhespy, Garet Foote coxswain Kyle Riley.

In a very close call, heats against East Grand the novice men's 4-boat Rapids, Northview, Forest took second place, beating Hills Northern, Forest Hills Northview to the finish line Eastern and Grand Rapids. by 2 seconds. The men's The top three winners in 4-boat rowers included each race were awarded Brenk, Holmgren, Riley and Gillhespy, with Nelson

> The final race of the day was a 500-meter dash for all



Coach Kim Healy the cold rain with the wind

coxswains. In a bow-to-bow commented, "I was very whipping up the waves was

medals ... rowing here in Indiana.

Lowell crew members Logan Brenk, Steve Maier, Kyle Riley, Nick Drake, Andy Brim, Nick Gillhespy, Garet Foote and Eric Holmgren, with coxswain Jessica Nelson placed third in Saturdays' regatta.

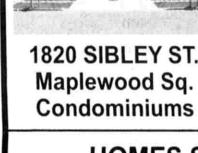
left: Kulhawik, Leara Glinzak, Jessica Nelson, Alexis Strouse and temporary coxswain Kyle Riley took third place in the 500 meter dash.



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Regular Meeting of May 8, 2006 STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that Prom was a huge success. Elections for student council and class officers will soon be held. A breakfast and photo sharing time has been planned for students who participated in the alternative spring break trip. Senior Class President, Nikita Miles, gave an update on the memorial deck being planned at the high school to honor classmates who have died. The project which is being funded by community donations is still moving forward and construction will take place soon. REPORTS -

Ohio. She plans to study University. As such, playing

business there. Part of the volleyball at Findlay will

Lowell volleyball player

chooses University of Findlay

Lowell High School Great Lakes Intercollegiate allow Johnson to travel near

senior and Red Arrow AthleticConference, Findlay home for away games as

volleyball player Kristin competes against schools well as play against former

Johnson will attend and play such as Grand Valley State Lowell teammate Taylor

volleyball at the University University, Ferris State Verdon, who plays volleyball

of Findlay in Findlay, University and Northwood at Northwood University.

Kevin Nugent, FFA Director, along with students Louie Glinzak and Hannah Knudstrup reported on the activities that the FFA has been involved in during the 2005-06 school year. Each student shared on the great experiences they have • Minutes for April 17, 2006 Regular Meeting, April 22 received from being an FFA member.

Career Internships and Service Learning

Carla Stone introduced seniors Nikita Miles and Louie GENERAL FUND... Glinzak who shared their career internship program and explained the valuable lessons they received from being part of this internship. Nikita worked with Judge Kathleen Feeney and Louie worked with the Kent County Victim Witness Program. Carla then shared that 39 teachers participated in service learning projects with their students 2005 Debt Fund... this year. Cherry Creek teacher Karen VanCleve was in TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

attendance along with her students Connor Bergin, Mike 1990 Debt Fund Blake, Daylore Kurzhals, and Brianna Landheer who shared 2000 Debt Fund. what they learned by participating in service learning. High School Reform Update

Scott Vashaw shared what LHS is doing to prepare for the **BUDGET UPDATE INFORMATION** – Connie Gillette new state requirements to establish a more rigorous high reported that it is very likely that the 2005-06 budget will end school curriculum.

ACTION ITEMS –

The Board accepted the following gifts:

LHS Freshman Center Service Learning Field Trip. Boosters, \$250 for the Athletic Boosters, and \$400 for Cherry Creek and Murray Lake 5th grade camps.

CONSENT ITEMS – Approved/adopted were:

2006 Special Meeting, and April 24, 2006 Board Workshop • The following payment of bills for April 2006: ..\$1,251,000.16 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund. ..\$85,397.84 ...\$6,942.75 B. Athletic Fund. ..\$ 2,867,311.25 1990 Debt Fund ..\$374,481.26 ..\$332,621.74 ...\$ 27,906.48

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KENT ISD BUDGET DISCUSSION - Pat Murphy shared the Kent ISD budget that the Board will be asked to • Schultz, Snyder & Steele donation of \$100 to be used by the approve or disapprove at a special board meeting prior to the May 22 Board Workshop.

• Lowell Community Fund donation of \$250 for the Academic **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Pat Murphy thanked the community for their support of the non-homestead tax renewal. He congratulated Pat Nugent and Peter Haefner for · Adopted Board Policy #8453 titled "District Wellness being selected as board members for another term and thanked Todd Smithee for running.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop – Monday, May 22, 2006 – 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2006 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI - 7:00 p.m.

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the insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the township office. The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The B.t. brand will be Foray 48B and Foray 76B supplied by Valent Bio-Sciences Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined. as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for approximately May 22, 2006.

The insecticide B.t. is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honeybees or other non-leaf-eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The B.t. formulation has no reentry restrictions. The B.t. is applied at a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the tree foliage. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

> Lowell Charter Township John R. Timpson, Supervisor



The Lowell Ledger



GARAGE SALE

Sat., May 20th, 9 to 5. Bikes,

toys, & misc. 8947 66th St.

MULTI-FAMILY MOVING/

GARAGE SALE

May 19 & 20, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30

p.m. 6244 Pratt Lake Ave..

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streets. Furniture, bedding,

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CARRIAGE HOUSE SALE

Sat., May 27, 8-5 p.m.;

Sun., May 28, 10-4 p.m.

Memorial Day, 8-2. Cottage &

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garden items, antiques, soy

candles, handmade soaps,

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GARAGE SALE

May 18, 19 & 20. 220 West St.

N. We are reducing our stuff

so the kids won't have to.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., May 19 & Sat., May 20,

9 to ? 227 S. Division.

ADA 5 FAMILY SALE

Tools, clothes, books,

exercise equipment, VCR

tapes, trading cards, bikes,

glassware, Casio keyboard,

misc. household & much

more. Thurs., May 18 & Fri.

May 19, 233 Boynton Ave. off

KYSER ROAD

BARN SALE

at fairgrounds during Bluegrass Festival, Fri. 5/19 & Sat. 5/20, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free parking. household items & lots of

HUGE PERENNIAL SALE Hundreds of plants! Sat., May 27, 8-5 p.m. & Sun.

May 28, 10-4 p.m. Memorial Day before & after parade. plants 1/2 off. 520 N. Monroe in Lowell. All proceeds go to Cherry Creek Elementary.

CALVARY CHURCH GARAGE SALE Thurs., May 18, 19-5;

Fri., May 19, 9-3. Across from Lowell Burger King, Clothes all sizes, small to plus. Loads of interesting items, books, plants, toys, housewares. Colored designer stepping stones. Coffee too. Low prices—Good stuff!! Benefit CoffeeBreak Neighborhood Bible Study.

STORE CLOSING -Thru July 29, Tues. - Sat. noon to 5 p.m. Bookabout, 100 W. Main, 897-6510. Books and gift items, 50% - 80% off original prices.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE Freestanding closet, rowboat pool table, light fixtures, toys, large collection of fashion Polly, Victrola records, household items, clothes, etc. May 18-19, 9-5, 6054 Bancroft, Alto.

HUGE SALE

May 18th & 19th, 9 to 5. Cheap prices, clothes & misc. Sayles Road between Marble & Pinckney (off Old 91).

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE 6900 Morse Lake, Alto. Just S. of 68th St. Thurs. & Fri., May 18 & 19, 8-5 p.m. Sat. til noon. Antique player piano w/ matching bench, bicycles,

2ND ANNUAL MULTI-**FAMILY SALE**

Something for everyone. Priced to sell. 104 Flat River, 1 mile N. of Vergennes. May 18 & 19, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

3 FAMILY SALE May 18 & 19, 9-6 p.m.

May 20, 9-1 p.m. Boys clothes 0-5T, ping pong table, baby items, women's clothes. antiques, household items & much more. Boulder Run, corner of 5 Mile & Tiffany.

MOM MOVED SALE

2646 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, May 18, 19 & 20. Oldd pickle crock, glass milk bottles, wool rugs, etc. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SPRING START SUPER

18th, 19th, 20th, 8 a.m. - 6 o.m. daily, 1033 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. 4 families, new items daily. Bear trap, lots of tools, sporting goods, dishes, pots pans, clothes, antiques, primitives, collectibles, Fenton & Carnival, cookbooks, books butcher scale, cheese boxes housewares. Way too many

Vergennes, follow signs. items to list. This is not a junk sale. Metal detector, loveseat, platform rocker ex. cond., Nascar, Tonka, chainsaws, **COMMUNITY GARAGE** camp stoves, lanterns, lawn

SALES EVENT May 26 & 27, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information see next week's ad.

MORNING GLORY FARM YARD SALE

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6 FAMILY SALE

Girls clothes, sizes 0-2T, infant boys, girls teens, guys and women's clothes, furniture & household items, craft items tires and misc. 86 S. Center. Saranac. May 18, 19, 9-5 p.m.; May 20 9-12 p.m.

BARN SALE

Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 9-5 p.m. Horse tack, tools, household tems, Nascar collections, clay pots, garden items. 1745 McCabe.

MULTI FAMILY SALE

4360 Segwun - corner of Segwun & Cascade, Fri. & Sat., May 19th & 20th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Computer desk, exercise equipment, aquarium, downhill skis, floor lamp, oak TV cart, living room tables, Mosaic table top, new kitchen faucets, flip flops, home decor & LOTS OF STUFF.

GARAGE SALE 520 Lincoln Lake. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 19 & 20. Antiques. glass, furniture, kids stuff & much more.

GARAGE SALE 2 family, 19th & 20th, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lots of kids clothes (infant - 5x), toys, adult clothes, shoes, books & baby items. 13212 Shutter Dr., Lowell.

YARD SALE

Saturday. May 20, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old knick-knacks (hundreds), weight machine (semi new), sofa, dishes, clothes. 313 Elizabeth Dean

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The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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> Yes, things are bad now in Michigan. Sacrifice your job and re-elect Granholm.

Michigan could use a businessman-not a politician to help its financial woes! Get a clue.

The Emerald Ash Borer is spreading fast. Protect your ash trees.

Don't most responsible pet owners vaccinate their dogs against disease???

> I love Sound Off! It's always the first thing I read!

U-Scan at both ends of the store? What a fabulous idea!

Steve Bukala shouldn't have to take any lumps. Creekside was a project of LIVE; it was our responsibility to find help. LHS Football surely stepped up to the plate. We'll get ya next time, Steve!

Tell me I'm not dreaming. Did that poor guy FINALLY sell the Berber carpet out of the classifieds?

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Nathan Haney, Nathan Shields, Jameson Crymes, Spiderman (John Vago), Batgirl (Aurora Weeks), Adam Bodus, Patrick Nummer and Kyle Krick attended "Free Comic Book Day" Saturday, May 6, at Rookies Sportscards on Main Street. For the annual promotion, comic book publishers such as Marvel, DC and Image release special free editions of some of their popular comic series to comic book stores around the country. The event has been growing in popularity according to Rookies' owner Jack Reedy. In its fifth year, "Free Comic Book Day" attracted more people to the shop than it has in the past.

"People kind of know to look for it now because they come in and ask me, 'When is that free comic book day?' That's pretty cool," Reedy said.



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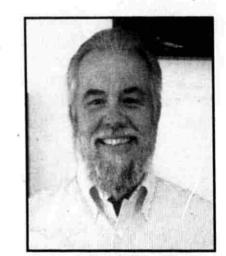
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