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## Lenneman pleads guilty to making false cancer claim

By Dan Schneider

efore the judge Tuesday Stanley Joseph Lenneman was acquiescent as he entered a guilty plea to charges of defrauding the Lowell community of as much as \$10,000 with a false cancer claim.

Michigan State Police arrested Lenneman March 30 at a residence outside of Saranac. An anonymous

letter, sent to local media outlets and forwarded to police in February, questioned the legitimacy of Lenneman's cancer claims made throughout 2005. He had used that cancer claim to defraud money through fundraisers organized by his family.

These fundraisers included a May 27, 2005 benefit auction at Deer Run Golf Club. A thank you advertisement published afterward in the Buyers Guide listed 63 businesses and individuals who contributed items for the auction.

The formal charge was "false pretenses, value of more than \$1,000, but less than \$10,000." It carries a maximum prison sentence of five years. As part of Lenneman's plea bargain,

prosecutors dropped his repeat offender status from consideration in sentencing. In 1991, Lenneman was convicted of attempted larceny from a motor vehicle. Last year, he was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, second offense.

By pleading guilty, Lenneman waived his right to a trial by jury. He is scheduled for an Aug. 10 sentencing.

Judge Dennis Leiber was brief in his comments, saying he would save them for the sentencing hearing. He told Lenneman, "I'm going to expect a little more honest industry out of you" between now and Aug. 10.

Earlier in the proceedings, Leiber had asked Lenneman about

his employment status. Lenneman said he was doing home improvement work for his sister in Saranac. His last formal employment was with a mortgage company, he said, but that ended last June after he got into a car accident.

"A real one?" Leiber asked.



Mr. Jiggs, a clown with the Kelly Miller Circus, rides Nina the elephant. Several clowns and elephants will be in town Sunday for two performances

## The circus comes to town and tents go up this Sunday

By Dan Schneider

Elementary will ✓ be the grounds for an old-time circus.

There will be other acts, but prospective circus goers can be assured of clowns and elephants.

"Clowns and elephants are the pegs you hang circuses on," Bob Marsh said, quoting P.T. Barnum. "The Kelly Miller Circus has plenty of both."

Marsh was in Lowell last Wednesday afternoon, promoting the circus. A

clown himself, and a rider owell's Bushnell of elephants, Marsh has a include acrobats, jugglers, firsthand perspective on the role of each in a circus.

Marsh, who goes by the name of "Mr. Jiggs" when clowning, comes to town usually a week to two weeks ahead of the circus. And usually, he said, he is in his clown costume for these promotional visits, but such was not the case last Wednesday. But he did elucidate what the Kelly Miller Circus entails.

"The show features a wide array of international circus stars and wild from around animals the world," Marsh said, speaking in a deliberate manner suggesting a wellrehearsed routine.

The circus has 24 animals. Three of them are Asian elephants: Viola, who weighs in at 9,540 pounds; Libby, who tips the scales at 7,820 pounds; and the least cumbersome of the three, Nina, who weighs

6,520 pounds. Featured acts wire walkers, trapeze artists and mixed animal acts, in addition to the clowns and performing elephants.

Marsh bills circuses, Kelly Miller's included, as family events.

"Not only is the circus one of the oldest forms of entertainment in the world, but it is one of the few forms of entertainment that has never required censorship," Marsh said. "The circus is not a kiddie show. The circus is a family show and we have just as much in our program that will appeal to adults as it does to children."

Two shows will be given Sunday, at 2 and 4:30 p.m. The midway opens one hour before each show with pony, camel and elephant

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## Pow Wow at the Fairgrounds

By Dan Schneider

he Lowell Fairgrounds will be the site of the Restoring the Circle Pow Wow this weekend. The eighth annual event, in its third year in Lowell, will take place Saturday and Sunday. Pow Wows are a chance for Native Americans to share their culture and traditions with others while they reconnect with those aspects of their own lives. The Restoring the Circle Pow Wow, in particular, is a time when new participants are taught about native customs.

"Restoring the Circle is bringing that back to the people and getting them that education," said Alicia Haggerty, treasurer of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, the organization that puts on the Restoring the Circle Pow Wow. "People who haven't been head dancers before will get that chance."

The head dancers lead the other dancers around the dance circle. Haggerty, a head dancer at other Pow Wows, has been an active participant in Pow Wows for 10 years.

For Haggerty, 33, they provided a link to a native heritage she didn't know she had. She attended Pow Wows where her family, jewelry makers, were traders. She felt strongly moved observing these events, particulary listening to the sound of the drum.

"I listen to the drum and it makes me cry and I have no idea why," Haggerty said.

It was not until later, after her mother and aunt began doing genealogical research, that she was able to understand where that connection came from. She learned she has Chippewa, Ottawa and Potowatomi in her ancestry, and a few other tribes as well.

"Now it makes sense, sitting there crying when you're listening to the drum," she said.

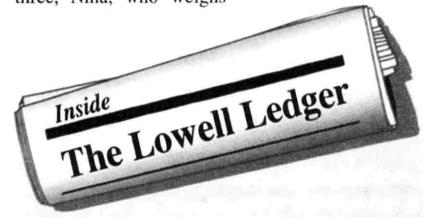
Events at later Pow Wows drew her into more involvement, such as when a family friend gave her a traditional dress to dance in.

"One day I was up in a Pow Wow in White Cloud ... someone actually gave me my first dress," Haggerty said. "I was given my first dress and I knew that I had to at least do an intertribal dance."

An intertribal dance is one in which everyone, including observers from the audience, is invited to participate. The public is welcome to the Pow Wow, and there is no charge for admission.

"Anyone who is interested in the native culture is welcome," Grand Valley American Indian Lodge council director Lori Shustha said.

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DICESARE

John R. DiCesare, aged 51, of company for several years. Lowell; father-in-law Jack

John is survived by his wife Kathy; sons Anthony Ravenna, died Tuesday, June DiCesare and Tom Gieroch 13, 2006, at Lacks Cancer Jr. of Ravenna; daughters Center in Grand Rapids Sydney "Kate" DiCesare of after a courageous battle Ravenna, Heidi and Jamie with cancer. John was born VanDenHeuvell of Grand on September 17, 1954, in Rapids, Kylie Gieroch of Detroit to the late Ralph and Ravenna; brothers Joe and Margaret (Piper) DiCesare. Raquel DiCesare of Santa John married Kathy F. Cruz, CA, Rich and Linda (Lentz) on November 10, DiCesare of Grandville, 1989, in Rockford. John Bob DiCesare of Australia; was a communicant of St. sisters Anna DiCesare of Catherine's Catholic Church. Rockford, Linda and Jamie He was a service director Poling of Grand Rapids, for Weathershield Roofing Paula and Bill Doane of

law Sue and Dan Junghans Harness Association, Wayne of Elkhart, IN, Jackie and State University supporter, Pat Murphy of Grand contributer and #1 football Rapids. John was preceded fan. Funeral service was in death by his parents, held Tuesday at Harry J. Will mother-in-law Marie "Mert" Funeral Home in Livonia. Lentz. Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals was celebrated June 16 at St. Mrs. Arvilla Miller, aged Catherine's Catholic Church 74, of Alto, passed away in Ravenna with Monsignor Friday, June 16, 2006. John Porter celebrant. Burial She is survived by her at St. Catherine's Cemetery children Jackalyn Anderson, have been established in grandchildren Taylor Blake, John's name to the DiCesare Johnny Arnold, Cody

#### KROPF

husband of Leneva, loving Funeral Home in Rockford father of Marsha and Gerald with Pastor Stanley Mohr, (Pam); grandfather to officiating. Kristina and Gerry; former

Lentz; brother-in-law Gary city attorney of Livonia; and Mary Beth Lentz of devoted Livonia Rotarian; Steilacoom, WA; sisters-in- member of Michigan

MILLER Ravenna. Memorials James and Lisa Miller; Children and to the Lacks Arnold; brothers Robert Lasley, Raymond Lasley; sister Margaret; nieces and Iron Mountain, MI, Kitty He was president and nephews. She was preceded Brenk of Tawas, MI; Sharon CEO of Elston-Richards Rodney C. Kropf, aged in death by her husband (George) Miles of Lowell, Storage Company. He was formerly of Lowell James Miller in 2005. The Jerry (James) Francis of president and served on for many years, died June service for Mrs. Miller Lowell. Dave grew up in the board for many years 15, 2006. He was beloved was Monday at Pederson Lowell and graduated from at the Muskegon Rescue

#### SWART

POTTER

David Lawrence Potter, Thomas E. Swart, aged born February 9, 1938, died 74, of Grand Rapids, died June 19, 2006 in Florida. He unexpectedly and went to be was preceded in death by with the Lord on Thursday. his parents Byron Potter and June 15, 2006. He is EuzefaByrnesPotter-Mason, survived by his loving wife a daughter Ginger Potter and of almost 52 years, Marlene: a sister Susan Potter-Miesel. children Charlene (Roger) His wife Sharon Potter Bouma, Thomas (Stephanie) residing in Palm Harbor, Swart II, Judy Junewick, Florida, survives Dave. Jon (Lisa) Swart; 10 Also surviving are his two grandchildren: Christopher. daughters Stacey (Mike) David Katherine Bouma. Slominski of Comstock Thomas, Michael Swart, Park, MI, Jackie (Paul) Steve (Rachel), Mike, Amy Bogdans of Grand Haven, Junewick, Matthew and MI; six grandchildren; five Elisabeth Swart; sister Gloria brothers and sisters Joe Towns; favorite sister-in-law (Mary) Potter of Charlevoix, Charlene (David) Bigelow; MI; William (Jan) Potter of many nieces and nephews. Lowell High School. He Mission. He was a dedicated received his business degree Christian, husband, father from Davenport University and grandfather. The Mass in Grand Rapids. He was a of Christian Burial was prominent businessman and celebrated Monday at St. owned his own advertising Paul the Apostle Catholic business. He was a previous Church, the Rev. Msgr. Ernest part owner and builder of P. Schneider, Celebrant. Deer Run Golf Course. Memorial contributions are Funeral services pending suggested to the Muskegon cremation in Florida and Rescue Mission, 1691 Peck. ransportation back to Muskegon, MI 49441.

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## Java Jive to "sizzle" on the Showboat

Lowell Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Java Jive this Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m.

Java Jive plays the classics of popular music with a jazzy, swinging style. Their unique sound combines female vocal harmony with a solid foundation of upright bass. jazz guitar, woodwinds and percussion. Drawing primarily on the great music of the '30s and '40s. you'll hear songs of the big band era and after - written or made famous by greats such as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Nat King Cole and George Gershwin. They will also perform a few gems from other eras and genres such as songs by the Beatles or the Drifters.



Lewandoski (lead vocals), Jim Saltsman (drums) and Vicki Uren (vocal harmony), Rolly Smith (woodwinds time. Pete Lewandoski (guitar), and wind controller).

Java Jive includes Mary Matt Porter (upright bass),

great memories and a good

It is sure to bring back

## LPD offers discount bike helmets

The Lowell Police Department is offering discount bicycle helmets for children in the Lowell area.

kids get injured on their bicycles," said Lowell police example," Bukala said. detective Steve Bukala.

event can be a moving

experience even for those

who do not have American

don't have these ties to it

can feel it," she said. "If

they have an open mind,

if they have an open heart,

I can't imagine them not

available at the Pow Wow

for no charge explains the

significance of a lot of what

happens at the Pow Wow.

It tells about the different

dances and some of their

"It's really important

meanings.

An extensive program

feeling something."

"Even people who Haggerty said.

Indian ancestry.

The cost is \$7. "They're

helmets and kids agree ordered through Prorider head

The helmets meet all an ordinance requiring sold at cost. safety standards and are children to wear helmets,

Pow Wow, continued ... From Page 1

in order to be a respectful

you need to follow when

you're at a Pow Wow,"

regalia is very important

to him or her. Often it

includes elements that have

been handed down through

generations. Therefore,

permission before touching

a dancer's regalia or before

will be present at the Pow

Wow, explaining dances

and events as they happen.

A master of ceremonies

There are times

photographing a dancer.

people should

For instance, a dancer's

falls from a dancer's

will inform observers

Saturday at 10 a.m. with

the first Grand Entry at 1

p.m. Dancing will continue

until the 4 p.m. dinner

break. Another Grand

Entry begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Pow Wow closes at

dark. An auction of donated

craft items, many of them

from the traders' booths

will take place at 9 p.m.

take place.

when such occurrences

Craft booths open

"There's certain rules circle that no pictures are Entry at noon. Craft booths

The master of ceremonies at 4 p.m.

adult sizes as well for the program, which provides see him at the police station parents so they can set the discount helmets through between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. police, fire and ambulance Monday through Thursday. Lowell does not have agencies. The helmets are The order will be sent out

regalia onto the dance opens Sunday with a Grand

allowed and reverance is open at 10 a.m. Closing

important from observers. ceremonies will take place

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helmet program here for five Lowell Police Department, stylish years now. The helmets are 897-7120, with the child's to wear them, and I have Inc.'s Children N Safety measurement. Or stop in to

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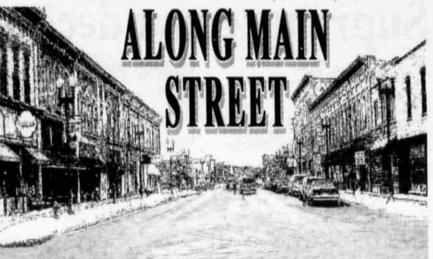
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their dogs at home.

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#### FALLASBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual membership meeting with election of officers and board members/open public membership drive on June 22 at Lowell Schneider Manor at 7 p.m.

#### SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

Java Jive (swing) will perform this Thursday, June 22, 7-9 p.m. at Riverwalk Plaza. Free admission/parking.

#### CAR WASH

The Lowell/Caledonia hockey program is hosting a car wash at Tractor Supply Company Saturday, June 24 from 12-4 p.m. Donations accepted.

### HISTORIC

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information," Haggerty it is inappropriate to take photographs, such as during It will give them a the Grand Entries that begin better idea of what is each day's dancing. There

that first-timers look at that during the dances when

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## Supreme court decision probably won't change Lowell police policy

By Dan Schneider

Court ruled last Thursday that the taking of evidence in violation of the "knock and announce" rule in the fourth amendment does not require that evidence be suppressed in a criminal trial.

The case involves a Detroit man whose home was entered--and whose drugs and gun were seized--by

be proper observance of the criminals in such cases. knock and announce rule. The man, Booker Hudson, obtained improperly

case by a 5-4 vote. The guarantees justice Antonin Scalia argued seizure.

knock, identify themselves such evidence would have they argue, is necessary in the nation's police include times when a and wait the 15-20 seconds high social costs, primarily traditionally considered to the inability to convict Opponents of the

decision argue that long-standing should be suppressed from precedent and takes the teeth use in his trial, since it was out of the fourth amendment The court decided the The fourth amendment protection majority opinion written by against illegal search and The potential that requiring suppression of suppression of evidence, improved professionalism

incentive for police to "knock and announce." They fear the decision could lead to police knocking down doors, thus violating privacy and property rights.

Scalia's opinion said that sufficient deterrence against abuse of power by police already exists in people's ability to bring civil lawsuits against police departments. He also cited

suppression of evidence is Lowell police chief Jim

5-4 ruling will change police before entering. practice in Lowell. "I don't think it will,"

Valentine does not think the

He said that when serving a warrant, the department will continue to knock and announce "except for the extreme circumstances where were warranted to not knock

and announce already." circumstances

The city will pay a

Although the program

voluntary, homeowners

remain liable for any water

contamination from an

abandoned well, according

to Pete Kaczor of Peerless-

The city water fund

has provided \$12,000 in

matching funds for the

abandoned well program

"There is an incentive to

report these," said Kaczor,

having an abandoned well at

and the homeowner

Sealing abandoned wells

departments as a reason the warrant's probable cause includes the probability a deterrent that is no longer a suspect would react violently against police if they announced themselves and waited 20 seconds

> "Under those circumstances you don't want to knock and say who you are and risk someone's safety." Valentine said.

He said the decision doesn't change the police's role with respect to people's privacy and property rights. "We are still positively bound and obligated to

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## Lowell State-of-the City address focuses on integrity of funds, goals

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale delivered the State-of-the-City address at the council meeting on Monday two weeks after the approval of the city budget.

The address focused on local economy struggling sharing from the state. The city now receives \$100,000 less in revenue sharing than five years ago. However, using building permits as an Pasquale said the permits alone have generated \$1.9 million in value for the

integrity of the city funds, mainly the equipment

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have secured their retirement plans and

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protected their own estates.

and protected as the city seeks to replace vehicles in the Department of Public

future. These goals include continued support of the Downtown Development Downtown Historic District Commission as economic tools of the community.

downtown is critical for the roads city's success," he said

marketing campaign, "The Next Place To Be! Pasquale said the recently allocated \$25,000

conducted as part of the city master plan update.

reconstruction of Gee Drive from the The address touched on Creekside Park entrance the main goals in the near 2,100 feet west will be completed this month.

to work on an agreement with Vergennes and Lowell townships regarding a 177-"The vitality of Lowell's Alden Nash and Vergennes

One of the emerging the Lowell Area Chamber Lowell Area Arts Council of Commerce with its in its fundraising efforts for facility expansion.

Wellhead Lowell." The DDA has Protection Program and Water Reliability master for the chamber's marketing plan are nearing completion.

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discussed.

taxes upon death.

A city survey will be The city is planning for improvements to Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment plants.

As stated in the address, the city will support the airport board's efforts to obtain general utility The city will continue status for the Lowell City Airport. The utility status will qualify the airport for state assistance. Currently, acre parcel known as Cook the airport is seeking air easements involving eight properties with tree cutting

Plans will continue goals is the support of the for the construction of a in cooperation with Lowell and Vergennes townships.

"The city places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of Lowell,"

> no cost." city residents within the wellhead protection area of the city, approximately one square mile, to report abandoned wells. If another homeowner's abandoned well is reported and plugged, there is a 50:50 split in

finder's fee. cost of plugging up 10 wells in the designated areas. If more wells are found, the grant will be amended to cover the additional costs. Also all the work done by the city staff on the wells will go toward the city match.

As part of the program, three city test wells and one production well will be

\$100 finder's fee to residents for each abandoned well identified for plugging in wellhead protection area area. A state grant with local letter about the program. A match will fund the program groundwater stewardship to protect the city water grant is available to plug up agricultural wells.

In other business, the High Street retaining wall. Williams and Works will hire contractors to place fill behind the retaining wall.

"The budget would the fill," said

However, easements adjacent property from owners must be obtained for the project. Williams and Works will perform the design portion of the project while the construction will encourages be bid out. According to Austin, the project will improve drainage in the

The city council also approved a resolution to cosponsor a Farmers' Market at the fairgrounds on the corner of Bowes Road and Hudson Street. No pets will The grant will cover the be allowed at the market. Vendors will be requested to have a proof of liability insurance, although the city is covered under a \$1 million liability insurance umbrella.

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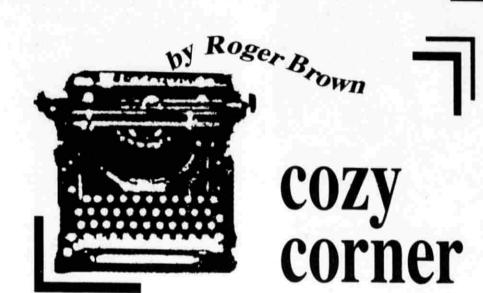
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# Viewpoint-



The National Spelling Bee came and went a few weeks APPLY INSIDE". ago. As I remember there was some "buzz" about it being base building for this event, which seems unlikely in this fast-paced, high-tech age we live in. The spelling bee will probably never rival the NFL, NASCAR or American Idol. Still, the fact it was televised proves there is an American audience for any kind of competition.

mystery to me. From what I see on a daily basis, Americans to clean things up. can't spell for beans. Just ask Dan Quayle, of "P-O-T-A-T-O-E" fame.

are being taken out of the loop. I've been in the printing business since my father bought a newspaper and print shop when I was ten years old. We had to spell correctly, or else. Print and deliver a job, then have to do it over for nothing government employees. because a word was spelled incorrectly, and you learn to

types of material used to be churned out at the local print getting paid if a word was misspelled. An awful lot of today's printed material is being created by anybody with a computer in a spare bedroom. And, they all seem to have "Spell Check" turned off.

used to looking for mistakes. You'd think I'd get over it, but I still cringe when I see something like, "Three Egg girl's name wrong by leaving the "p" out of Campbell. Omletts" on a menu.

seen three really good spelling blunders recently. These blunders, coupled with the spelling bee attention, give me something to fill this space with, hopefully free of spelling

My first example is a huge banner at the end of our road. A few months ago we had a neighborhood effort to clean up the trash along several miles of our remote stretch of road. "Remote" is the operative word. Low-lifes use the road as a landfill. They dump old furniture, appliances, mattresses, etc. Add in the normal litter like bottles, cans, fast food debris, and we had quite a mess.

After the clean up, one of the neighbors used a contact at the local Coca-Cola distributor to have a banner made. The banner is strung up as you turn off the main highway. It boldly proclaims, "NEIBORHOOD WATCH, NO DUMPING, VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED!" Given the good intentions at play here, nobody has had the heart to point out the missing "GH" in "NEIBORHOOD" to the person who had the sign made.

Another example was at a local restaurant. No, the error wasn't on the menu, though I'll bet there are several misspellings there as well. This was again, a big, bold sign. It was taped up on the front door. It read, "NOW HIRERING,

I overheard a patron point out the error to the owner. televised live for the first time ever. Apparently there is a fan She just shrugged her shoulders and said, "Yea, lots of people have noticed that." I guess correct spelling just isn't a priority with her. I would have been mortified if it were my error, and removed the sign A.S.A.P.

The last one that comes to mind really made me laugh There is a new home job site nearby. It's a very cluttered Where this spelling bee audience comes from is a site, and I know for a fact the builder has been cited and told

An obvious eyesore is a big metal box from an old dump truck. The box is being used as a dumpster, but it Part of the problem is the fact professional printers still looks like the box from a junked out old dump truck. In an apparent effort to clear this up for the county code enforcement people, the builder spray-painted the side of the thing. I guess you just have to spell things out for some July 4.

In big bold letters about three feet high it now says, "DUMSTER" on the side of the box. Someone must have Now, everybody has a computer and a printer of some pointed out the error to the builder. Fortunately there was kind. Menus, newsletters, forms, brochures ... all these still a little room left on the box, so he added the missing "P". The three-foot letters now read "DUMSTER P". I hope shop. And, as I pointed out, the printer was at risk of not that clears things up for the county inspectors and they now know the box is not junk, it's a DUMSTER P.

To close things out here, I heard a funny little story on the radio the other day. It seems they were really proud of one of the spelling bee finalists in her small hometown. Residents I see these spelling abominations all the time, but I'm pitched in and had a billboard made acknowledging her achievement. Unfortunately ... they spelled the poor young

Apparently this spelling problem isn't confined to my This column about spelling comes about because I've part of the country and I'm not the only one to notice.

> Oh, and if you spot any spelling errors in this column I have lots of excuses. There is a little dyslexia in my family history. I have a public schools education. And, if it's spelled incorrectly, blame Bill Gates, because "Spell Check" missed

> Note: I will be off on an adventure in my antique biplane over the next two or three issues. Since I am too lazy to write a few columns in advance, this space will be filled with re-prints of "Cozy Corners" from our archives. Sorry, it's either old "Cozy Corners" or more propaganda

## Ledger Entries



#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 22, 1881

King, Quick & King have a mountain of logs piled up

S.C.Bradfield has a portable fountain for his lawn. It is the finest lawn in town.

All are invited to the Firemen's picnic on the island

The Journal is getting new subscribers every day.

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JUNE 21, 1906**

In response to gossip and rumors, Deputy Sheriff Jacobi says there have been 22 cases of the mild form of smallpox, and 15 houses have been quarantined.

Hezekiah Howell of Lowell loaned his horse to George

Beals, who sold the horse and has left town. Tuesday's primary election was attended by only 93

voters, out of 500 registered. The Eastman Kodak camera will fit in your pocket and

is priced at \$1 to \$35.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JUNE 18, 1931**

Smokers caused 49.9 percent of Michigan's forest fires in 1930

Melody Dairy switches from hard-to-open milk bottle

The Centennial Parade Committee is having a Queen contest. Also, Gov. Brucker will be here.

Abby Malcolm wins the \$10 gold piece in the Wednesday night drawing sponsored by Main St. merchants.

#### entire plate of brownies and cookies, and about half of the To The Editor fruit bowl. That food was meant to feed 17 little girls and some of them didn't get enough to eat. I cannot believe that

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, May 30, my Community Education Junior Arrow gymnasts had a performance at the high school. We set up all the gymnastics equipment, hired a registered official and had a "performance" following high school gymnastics guidelines. We only do it twice a year, so we like to make it pretty special.

ready and setting up, two of the girls' moms were generous enough to make a wonderful meal for the girls to eat. There was a large bowl of fresh fruit, a large tray of cookies and brownies, and a small buffet of taco salad.

While they were setting up the food in the high school cafeteria, there was a small group of high school boys sitting a few tables away that we had to talk to twice about the language they were using. Our girls range in age from 8th grade down to 3rd grade and didn't need to hear the inappropriate words they were saying.

boys decided to help themselves to our food. They ate the

these guys would have the NERVE to eat food that obviously was NOT for them. I don't know who these guys were but they had lacrosse sticks so I am guessing part of the lacrosse

I am so disappointed and disgusted that these fellow athletes were so disrespectful taking our girls' food like that I hope you boys enjoyed the food, we had to go to the store and get more because we didn't have enough.

Thank you to Mrs. Brogger and Mrs. Lytle for taking Since the girls come right after school to start getting the time and spending their own money to feed the Junior Arrow Gymnastics Team. All of the girls appreciated it.

> Sincerely, Michele DeHaan, Community Ed Gymnastics Coach

Has our City Council gone mad? The article in the June 14th issue about the council scrutinizing savings has When we left to go set up the equipment, these me wondering. I am 100 percent in favor of cost savings

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 10

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 21, 1956

School superintendent W.W. Gumser will run for state representative, Kent District #2.

Local car dealer Charlie Doyle is selected to be a Showboat endman, replacing retiring Bill Reynhout.

The new junior baseball club, ages 7-14, has six volunteer leaders and has started practices.

The kid who sells the most Cole Bros. Circus tickets will get to ride an elephant in the parade.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 17, 1981

The "Pyramid Scheme" of three months ago is still being resolved, by participants paying back the \$250 received from each "sponsor."

Bids for rebuilding the closed Division Street bridge were due in Lansing today.

Showboat chorus rehearsals start tonight with director Tom Hagen at the high school.

The school board ponders ways to fund extracurricular activities, now curtailed in the budget crunch.

Your first step into a secure future is this workshop.

Students from the

year by installing

landscape at the

Wittenbach/Wege Center.

During the semester,

students learned how to

put together a landscape

various types of plants to

use in different areas. Their

project involved preparing

and implementing a plan

around the barn at the

Wittenbach/Wege Center.

Materials were donated

by Foster's Countryside

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and studied the

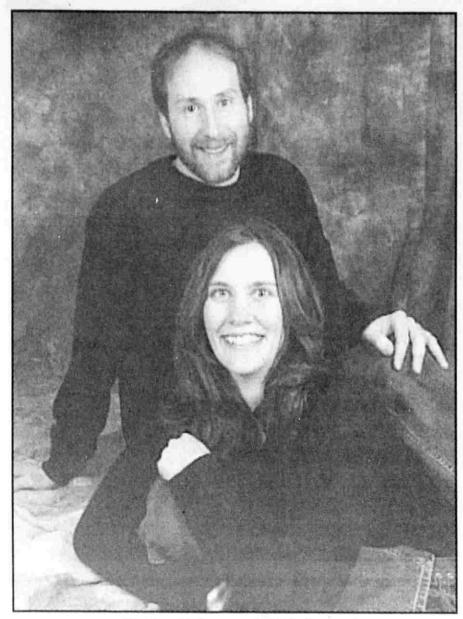
landscaping class at Lowell High School completed

Landscaping at Wittenbach/Wege Center

Brandon Elliott and Cameron Dilly spread woodchips after installing plants at the

# Engagements

#### Yeiter/Brand



Tasha Yeiter and Rich Brand

for a September 9, 2006 Greenville. wedding are Tasha Christy

Yeiter and Rich Alan Brand.

is employed at Stafford

Announcing their plans Communications Group in

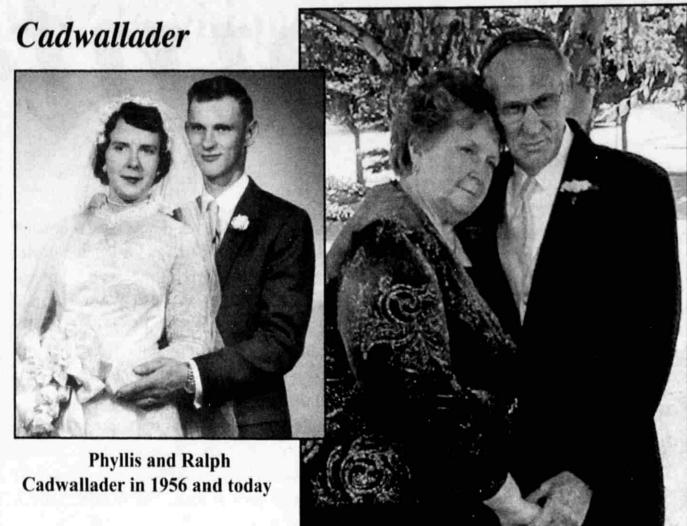
The future groom is the son of Bruce and Judy The bride-elect is Brand of Sanford, Mich. He the daughter of Craig and is employed at Patterson Ice Chris Yeiter of Ada. She Center in Grand Rapids.



By Pastor Robert Holmes Christian Life Center

I've had the joy of conducting a number of weddings since love." that time leading the couples in vows that echoed similar promises to each. I recently officiated at a wedding, and the I challenge them to commit it to memory. I really believe to take work on your part and living out the simple advice groom stumbled over his words when he came to the line that if every couple lived by the simple counsel found in that Paul gave us. "till death do us part." I stopped and said, "Let's do that over Philippians 2 verses three and four ... there would be fewer because that's a pretty important line."

## Golden wedding anniversaries celebrated



A golden wedding anniversary celebration for Ralph and Phyllis Cadwallader was held June 3 at the home of David and Tina Cadwallader. Many family members and friends attended the "southern social." Pictures of the wedding shower, wedding and their 50 years together were on display along with the actual gown worn by Phyllis.

children are Their and Richard. Dewayne and Sheryl, and David and Tina; they also have many grandchildren several grandchildren.



#### Rickert

Darle and Joan Rickert, married in June of 1956, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Their children are Dennis and Deb Anchors, Jurgen and Diane Jager, Jeff and Julie Rickert, Jay and Kris Rickert, Doreen and Matt Rademacher, Darcie and Ross Myers. They have 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The event was observed with a family dinner.

Darle and Joan Rickert

license than it is to get a driver's license! Young people will don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, spend hours in a class and behind the wheel of a car with thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only an instructor and then log hours driving in their parent's about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and car before they receive their operator's license. Getting a what they are doing." New Living Translation. marriage license is a piece of cake.

they are willing to commit some time before the wedding Thirty-one years ago today, my wife and I met at an in our times together before the wedding service. I can't and on. Selfishness is the culprit! What's the cure? Here's altar in southern Indiana, and I made a promise to her "to remember any couple I've counseled who wasn't "in love," forsake all others and to love and to cherish her, in sickness and probably thought that whatever problems that might and in health, for better for worse, till death do us part." come up, they would work out because they were "in

There is a scripture that I share with each couple and

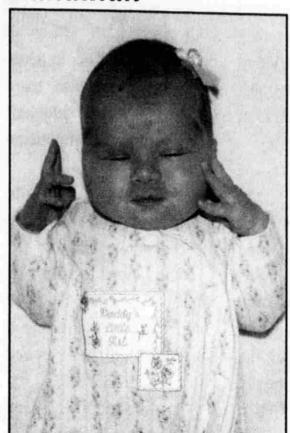
I believe in every state it's easier to get a marriage divorce lawyers! The apostle Paul says: "Don't be selfish;

I know there are a lot of issues that come up in marriages When a couple asks me to "marry them," I ask them if that can lead to estrangement and divorce. But a lot of problems come from what is known as "I Disease!" What in preparing for marriage. We cover a lot of various topics I want, what makes ME happy, it's MINE, and it goes on my translation of Philippians 2: "Don't be a jerk! Life's not just about YOU ... think about what's going to make your wife's (or your husband's) life easier and more fulfilled ... be interested in what's going on in their life!"

If you want to make it "till death do us part" -- it's going

To borrow Nike's slogan, JUST DO IT!

#### Landman



Sharon Landman, with sons Logan and Luke, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Jacquelyn Jeanne. She was born May 30, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Kelly

Proud grandparents Landman and Grandma Pam and Mike Bert Gahan, all of Lowell.

Jacquelyn Jeanne Landman

#### Richmond

Benjamin and Karen Richmond of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Harry, born on June 15, 2006 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Also welcoming him home are siblings Olivia, Alex, John-Luc and Anna.

Proud grandparents are Jerrold Richmond of Lowell and John and Pierrette Olinger of Heath, Ohio. Greatgrandparents are Alice Olinger of Indianapolis, Ind., and Virginia Uzarski of Grand Rapids.



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Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat

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### raises funds for Women's Center Alpha Women's Centers of West Michigan hosted their annual Lifewalk on Saturday, June 17. It was the third walk in Lowell with approximately 105 walkers raising a total of \$12,660. The Lowell center, at 2251

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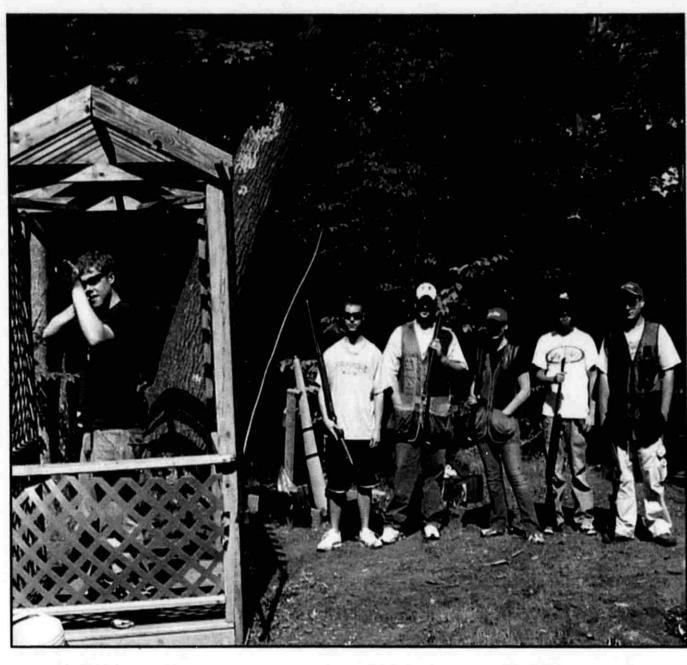
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Ian Fowler sites his gun barrel at the tree line from a sporting clays station at the Kent County Conservation League. Behind Fowler, from left to right, are Tony Mulder, Tristan Easlick, Jenny Humphries, Pat Schoenborn and Josh Kleczynski. The sporting clays team is a new youth team at the conservation league. Fowler had no cartridge in his rifle when the picture was taken.

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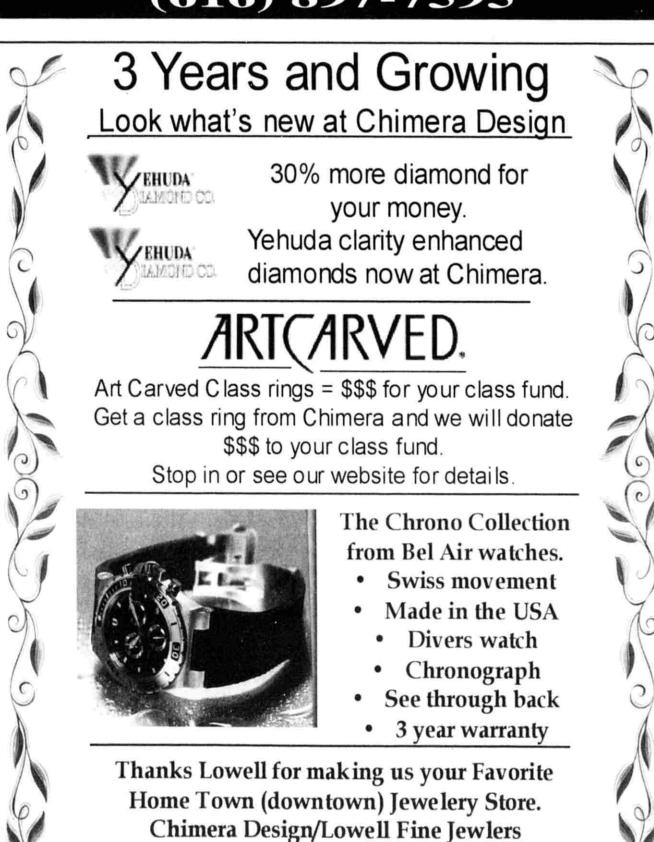


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## Fledgling shooting team preparing for state/national shoot

perfect score of 25 hits.

By Dan Schneider

leagues.

The youth teams formed High School student who stations situated around the met in May. worked at the conservation arc of a semicircle. Targets league suggested the idea are propelled from two squad has won its three to some of the members, a houses, a high house and competitions, while the B number of whom became a low house, located at the squad has finished second coaches. This year, the corners of the semicircle. twice and third once. number of young shooters The targets fly at two on the teams has grown to trajectories across the field team and a six-member 47. Most of them are from in front of the shooters. Lowell High School, where signups were held in the new addition to the youth the Detroit Sportsman's spring, and Lowell Middle program at the conservation Congress on Saturday. School, but students from league this year. That Two trap teams in the and Greenville are also stations located around a compete in Mason July 1. involved.

Connecticut.

disciplines: trap, skeet The senior division defray the cost of the trip, and sporting clays. In trap (high school students) which is about \$500 per shooting, the clay-disc skeet team has won both person.

targets fly in a trajectory competitions in which it The season is already away from the shooters participated this season. wellunderway for this year's at five different stations. The junior division team Kent County Conservation Shooters fire five rounds at (middle school students) League's youth shooting each station, going after a won their first competition of the year.

In skeet shooting, the The trap team lost to last year when a Lowell shooter stands at one of eight Sparta when the two teams

The sporting clays A

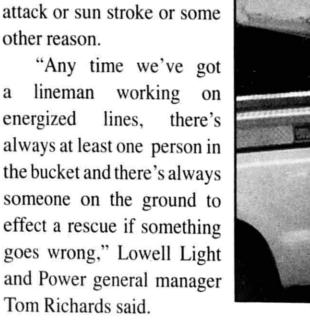
A nine-member skeet sporting clays team will Sporting clays is a travel to the state shoot at Kentwood discipline takes place at senior novice division will woods. Targets are shot in

Skeet and sporting The team is part of the ways similar to trap and clays teams will travel to national Scholastic Clay skeet. But other types of the Scholastic Clay Target Target Program, which targets, such as those that Program Nationals in has its headquarters in roll along the ground, are Rochester, New York, on used to simulate small- July 14, 15 and 16. The They shoot in three game hunting in the field. teams hope to raise funds to

## Light & Power training day

Power lineman Walter Price practices a bucket rescue technique, using a pulley system to remove "Bob' the rescue dummy from the bucket of one of Lowell Light and Power's utility trucks. The exercise is designed to simulate a situation in which a lineman is incapacitated while working on lines due to an accident or a heart other reason.

energized lines, there's always at least one person in someone on the ground to effect a rescue if something goes wrong," Lowell Light and Power general manager



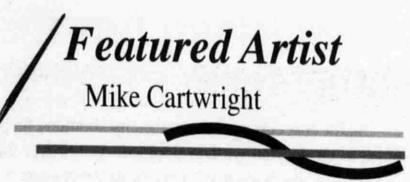
Lowell's linemen go through monthly training sessions. They have a pole-top rescue instruction session at least once a year, which includes practicing other techniques such as bucket rescue. When performing a rescue of an incapacitated lineman, the most important thing is to get him down on the ground for treatment within four minutes. Most of Lowell Light and Power's bucket trucks are equipped to get linemen to the ground without a pulley system, but the technique is required for the older, green truck pictured.



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By Dan Schneider

Landscapes are some- landscape," Cartwright however. thing that appeal to Mike said Cartwright

Harwood, Seth Hay,

Pedley, Colleen Ritchie,

Kimberly Seaman, Megan

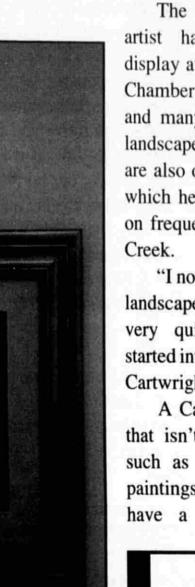
Shellenbarger, Michael

Whitman and Randall

are Paul Cronk, Jaime

From the Alto area

Jacob Rickert, a senior



artist has paintings on to be natural, it's going to Chamber of Commerce, solitude," he said. and many of them are of landscapes. A large number outside are also of barns, many of photographs. He uses

landscape is disappearing movement. very quickly, and so I Cartwright said.

that isn't of a landscape, all at the same time."

"I like the color of a with a landscape painting, of rectangles of colors

The Grand Rapids landscape feel, it's going street in Grand Rapids.

Cartwright and from house) in," the artist said.

started into painting barns," a looseness if I can get it," Cartwright said. "You're

paintings, is likely to painting called "Union to 9 p.m. have a lot in common Street." It is a composition

behind a stark black "It's going to have a rendering of a house on that

"I painted large blotches display at the Lowell Area be nature, it's going to be of color that represented what I saw and then later I paints came in and sketched it (the

Cartwright, 51, has which he saw along M-37 watercolor, a medium with been painting for about 30 on frequent trips to Battle which he feels he can strike years. He's done pieces a good balance between from as small as three-by-"I noticed that the rural tight lines and free brush two inches all the way to mural size. Lately, he's "I like detail, but I want been painting watercolor on canvas.

Cartwright's work will A Cartwright painting going to see loose and tight be on display through July 11. An artists' reception One example is a will be held Friday from 5

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Mike Cartwright, shown with his watercolor painting "Union Street," has artwork

a 2006 Lowell High grade point average during Jernigan, Tara Kuipers,

School graduate, has been a term, along with at least Robert Lay, Shannon

From Lowell

Katelyn Bush, Cori Drenth

have announced academic

honors for the semester that

son of Louis and Lynnea University and Kendall and Patrick O'Connor.

College of Art and Design.

for outstanding academic Emily Cyrocki, Dawn dean's list for spring term.

FromtheLowellareaare

Alma College has Audrey Bailey, Theodore at Northwood University,

Scholarship and Zachary Sneider.

Glinzak, achieving a 3.5 or better Tyler Hoard, Whitney

ended in May at Ferris State Ekkens, Michelle Lindale

Bergin, Brian Bodemann, has been named to the

on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

College News

with an Albion College

Glinzak will be

first-year student this fall

political science. He is the

announced its dean's list

Glinzak of Lowell.

worth \$13,000.



**FALLASBURG SCHOOLHOUSE** 

## To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

measures but some of the methods and ideas produced in this article made me seriously question what is going on.

the defense works. If a council member has concerns, he or she should request informationand research prior to a public people to come. council meeting.

"Do we need six people working?" does not sound like a legitimate question, it sounds like a statement reflecting belief and is belittling. But what really gets me the most upset is reading ideas like pay-to-play fees to non-residents, charging the fair and other events for police services.

understands the value those events bring to local business. Will the Kent County Youth Fair disappear like Gus Macker? The answers we search for to increase funding should not become a flat-use tax. Isn't it valuable to city residents potential. to keep kids playing in sports rather than causing trouble? Isn't it valuable to have beautiful parks and events that bring people to the "Next Place to Be"? NEVER should Lowell think about selling Lowell Light and Power. Keep tournament that charged \$5/head for spectators. These events it financially sound, yes. But selling it would be one of are happening all around us and some of the facilities are Lowell's worst ideas ever.

Lowell has opportunity oozing from its seams. Strong I personally have not experienced that putting people on pocket book isn't fat anymore. It's about vision. Lowell needs a strong vision. A vision that includes promoting

"If you build it, they will come."

Let them come, let them spend money with our local businesses. Let the businesses thrive and pay their taxes. Please help me understand why Lowell is blessed with the Kent County Youth Fair and yet our fairgrounds are being overrun by city buildings. If you're going to build there, how Those statements make me wonder if our council about a recreational building that brings in shows?

> Isn't it ironic that the Chamber's Lowell Expo isn't even hosted in the city limits? Kent County is one of the state's respectful ideas and goals. largest counties and our Fairgrounds have so much more

Lowell has some nice baseball fields that with more development could be an excellent opportunity to host baseball tournaments. I've recently attended a youth baseball less than we could offer!

As for cost cutting, I agree the city shouldn't be buying leadership is not just about making drastic cuts when the lunch to the Downtown Development Authority ... but not just because the budget is tight. Pasquale is correct to let employees in every department find some cost savings. But this should be a permanent cultivated culture in our city not a fleeting, as needed, idea.

Put together a committee that job shadows city employees and promotes understanding of the hard work they do while, at the same time, inspires new ideas. Don't use prison workers to do mowing and landscaping. Hire students part time in the summer that do that work seasonally. Have the high school do Service Learning projects for the city.

I look forward to a future article that highlights more

Respectfully, Tonia North Lifelong Lowell Resident

## Hedlund participates in air race for WMU

Two Western Michigan Airport on June 12, to fly the airplane in the race. "We're hours and all fly fixed-Arizona to Michigan.

race, Courtney Hedlund, a north through Oklahoma, sharing piloting duties with Menominee, Mich. Leslie Treppa, a December Amelia Earhart.

Creek's W.K. Kellogg fact they'll be flying a new flight rules during daylight part of the competition.

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University women have race course in reverse before a new team and we're wing aircraft. Since many Classic, a women's cross- compete against 36 teams in said Hedlund. "We'll also a handicap in ground speed, country event that will a 2,156-mile race that began be flying over terrain that's and the goal is to have the take competitors across the in Mesa on Tuesday, June completely new to us. We'll center of the nation from 20. Competitors fly east befacing high elevations and far over the handicap speed over New Mexico, Texas hot temperatures, especially as possible. For the June 20-23 and Louisiana, then head on the first day out." WMU flight instructor and a Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota is billed as "the only all-December 2004 graduate of and Wisconsin before woman, the College of Aviation, is coming to the finish line in event." This year, for the not released until the final

Hedlund, a 2000 is flying a new Cirrus S20 line 2005 graduate who is also graduate of Lowell High aircraft, part of the college's a flight instructor. This is School, and Treppa, who is new training fleet. Since including five from U.S. the seventh year WMU has from Macomb Township, the Cirrus is faster than the colleges and universities, entered a team in the classic Mich., are both new to the plane used by WMU teams are taking part in this year's race, which has attracted race, ending a long tradition during the past few years, race. women aviators from across that has seen one veteran the team will likely face a each WMU team. Adding to officials. The duo left Battle the team's challenge is the

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actual ground speed be as

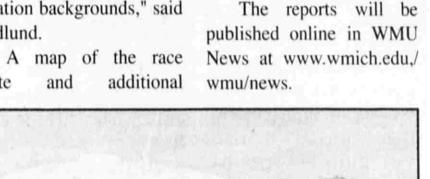
The objective is to fly The high-profile race the "perfect" cross-country cross-country the official standings are first time, the WMU team entrant has crossed the finish A total of 37 teams.

University

the nation since the days of racer and one novice on larger handicap from race compete for the overall event title as well as for a separate Entrants fly under visual collegiate trophy offered as

"I've known about the information can be found race for several years and at www.airraceclassic.org/. headed west for the start arriving in Mesa, Ariz., for flying a new airplane, so types of planes are used to I'm really looking forward Hedlund and Treppa expect of the 2006 Air Race pre-race ceremonies. They'll we'll have a lot to handle," compete, each plane is given to competing against women to file daily reports on their of all ages and from different aviation backgrounds," said

additional





Courtney Hedlund and Leslie Treppa

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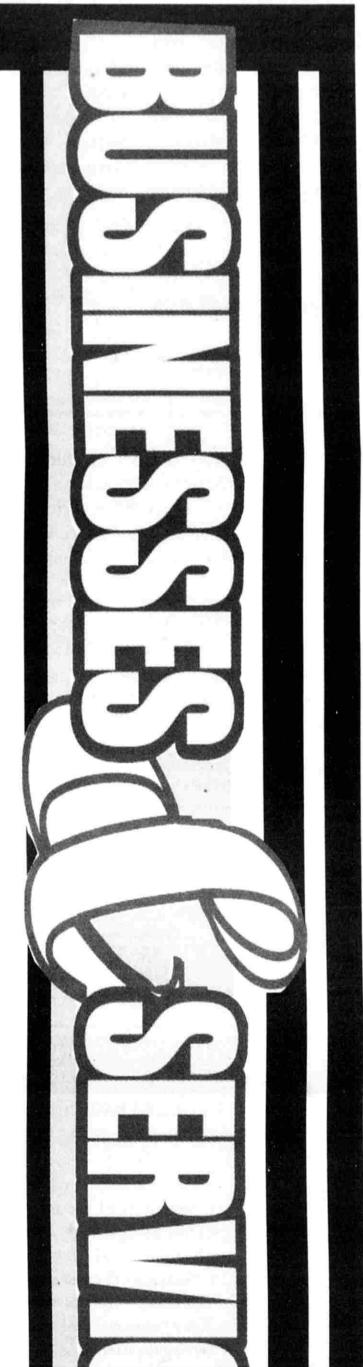
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## Boy Scouts, Lowell Light & Power ask council for support

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

In the wake of recent including the potential sale of Lowell Light & Power utility as well as the North Washington Street property, utility general manager Tom Richards asked the council for support.

Richards was joined by Lowell Boy Scout Troop Consumer's Power has 102 Monday as the city continues to tighten up the budget. The council has been discussing the sale of 27 acres of vacant land on North Washington Street for possible development once the Lowell Light and Power moves to the former Newell site.

The Boy Scouts have had a cabin on the property since 1952 with some storage space for their equipment.

"If you take the cabin and the land away from us," said scout Devon Chopp, "we will have no place to meet. We will have no room to hold equipment."

Both Richards and Chopp stressed the civic contributions of organizations to the city.

"Lowell Light and Power is a communityowned nonprofit utility," Richards said. "Who would provide greater civic contributions to the city?"

According to Richards, higher rates than Lowell Light and Power that has been serving the city residents for 110 years.

"We've been entrusted by the charter for the benefits of the citizens," he said.

If the city wanted to get rid of the utility, it would ultimately be by the vote of the people, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

The Boy Scout troop also showed support for the

Scoutmaster James Sterling said he's had power out for days on many occasions. "It would be nice house," he said.

be a detriment, because the grants from land conservancy troop wants to be actively for preservation. involved in the city.

Washington hasn't made any decisions in

Covert suggested the North James Pfaller said he will Sterling said forcing the Washington Street property continue to challenge issues scouts out of the city would could be purchased with to make Lowell a better city.

Pfaller brought the idea of examining the Although the council ownership of Lowell Light

to have someone power my Street resident Peggy either case, council member and Power at a budget work session on June 12.

> "There will always be some criticism," said member Jeanne changes things."

## Grattan's new fire station dedicated

Grattan Township assistant fire chief Ann Ward and fire chief Lou Kirkbride cut the ribbon at the entrance to the new township fire station. The ceremony was held May 29. There was a flag raising at the station, as well, and state senator Bill Hardiman gave remarks. The fire station dedication was the second ceremony to be held in Grattan that day. After a Memorial Day service at the Grattan Center Cemetery, a groundbreaking was held for a memorial to be built there in honor of veterans.



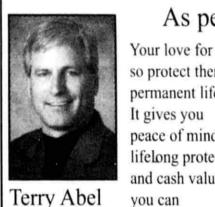




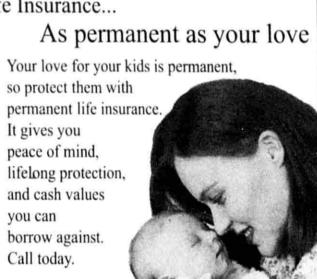
#### DESTINATIONS

employment what he or she plans to do in the future and the most common answer is travel. The choice of a destination just taking time to relax in pleasant surroundings. Folks who

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reasons. This consensus leads large numbers of travelers to in Northern Quebec is the place it happened to me. Few

destinations chosen for them. The fish, birds and animals require hunters and fishermen to travel to places where the creatures reside.

might be related to cultural interest, curiosity, ancestry or Streams that meet these requirements are found in places are still cowboys in Montana. that have yet to feel the heavy hand of exploitation. Of habitat is as beautiful as the fish.

Getting chased off a caribou kill by a huge black it does get you out there.

must rely on vacation time most often travel for the same bear is an unusual travel adventure, but the George River people besides barren ground caribou hunters can find the People who hunt wild game or go fishing have their George River on a map, but the place is legendary to those

Going to these places allows one to become aware of regional environmental concerns. Being out in the I would never find myself climbing around in the dark on countryside provides opportunities to meet and talk to a windblown snow covered slope in the Rocky Mountains if residents who have serious interest in wildlife and habitat. Ask anyone who is about to retire from full-time I didn't think there was the chance of a bull elk passing by at When in Quebec, speaking some French is helpful and daylight. I know I won't have to wait in a long line to do it. Newfoundlanders do speak English, but following a Brook trout find their home in clear, clean, cold water. conversation between two or three locals is difficult. There

> Sharing corners of the earth with the wildlife that course, to find these places one may have to endure clouds live there introduces one to some special places, unique of mosquitoes and be careful not to become lost. But the experiences and interesting people. Catching fish or the hunt itself is only a small part of the travel experience, but

## Policy, continued ... From Page 4

protect people and their department to continue its one to have to make that call would hope that the courts announcing. Just because the door down, based on that lot on how police react to the way things should be in the Hudson vs. Michigan that evidence won't be it is abused, the pendulum done just based on a 5-4 case, does not mean courts suppressed," Valentine said. may swing back," he said. decision."

He said there are evidence at trial. practical reasons for the

will continue to allow such

"I don't want to be the

Future court decisions rights," Valentine said. "I practice of knocking and that we're going to knock on the issue may depend a and the law enforcement the Supreme Court decided Supreme Court decision, this supreme court decision, agencies won't deviate from not to suppress the evidence going on the assumption according to Valentine. "If

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## Character at Cherry Creek

Cherry Creek Elementary recently received a letter from the Josephson Institute of Ethics recognizing its students for their participation in the Character Counts! Foundations for Life essay contest. Every student at the elementary school submitted an essay. The students pictured attended Cherry Creek's Winter Writing Fest, held in March at the school. They are, back row, from left to right: Rebecca and Emily Schreur, Erin Duma; front row: Patrick Haywood, Isaac Duma and Josh Theisen. All of the students' essays were put on display for the event and all of the writers were given recognition by the Cherry Creek Character Committee. The committee has been busy over the past year infusing the school with character-related reminders. For instance, hallways in the school have been painted with names related to the six main character traits, such as "Responsibility Road" and "Citizenship Circle." "Character Counts" was painted in letters three feet high in the main hallway of the school.



# In The Service



Senior Airman Maygan Rhodes

Airman Maygan Rhodes has deployed to the U.S. Central Command Air Forces Combined Air Operations Center in Southwest Asia to support the missions Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Horn of Rhodes of Lowell. Africa.

The airman is a junior combat operations controller regularly assigned to the 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif.

She is the daughter of Brent and Kim Post of Caledonia. Her husband David is the son of Dianna Wayne A. Christenson III,

## John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

happens in a cluster or bunch that can last for weeks or even but few individuals, have the headaches all the time.

for people to remember date people are already very formerly House Bill 4977, to renew their concealed familiar with to remind them is the freshman lawmaker's to renew their permits," said seventh bill signed into "Birth dates are used by Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "It law since he took office in to fall on a person's date of other organizations to keep will help ensure that people January 2005.

Hildenbrand said the driver license, and it just their permits."

weapons permit.

birth, has been signed into track of important licenses who are carrying concealed or renewals, such as a weapons are up-to-date with

Weapon permits will soon expire on birthdate

law will make it easier makes sense that we use a



the expiration date on a

concealed weapons permit

#### **CLUSTER HEADACHES**

A cluster headache is a rare kind of headache. It months. During a cluster, the headaches happen every day. who suffer with them. It is important to see your physician In between clusters, there are generally no headaches. Some, and have an accurate diagnosis made.

eye. The eye may get red or watery, and you might have a runny nose or stuffiness on the side with the pain. Each headache usually lasts from 30 minutes to three hours. The headaches may cause you to be restless or nervous. Cluster headaches, when diagnosed, are treatable. The

Cluster headaches cause severe pain in or around one

best treatment is to breathe prescription oxygen through a face mask for 15 minutes during the headache. Another treatment that is helpful is the injectable form of Imitrex.

Certain things can start a headache during a cluster. Common triggers are smoking or drinking alcohol. Certain medicines, such as the nitrates used for heart problems, may trigger this kind of headache.

These types of headaches can be incapacitating for those

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 12, 2006

PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET - The Board conducted a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed 2006-2007 general fund budget to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting of June 12, 2006 **EMPLOYEE/CITIZEN RECOGNITION -**

Nancy Hopkins announced that a reception had been held earlier to recognize retirees, 30 year staff members, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award winner, and the Tribute Tree Leaf Recipients. She then announced the following names:

Retiring: Kathy Flanagan - 27 years, Kay Wisner - 19 years, Dorothy Hoag – 12 years, Barb Roth - 32 years, Sharron Manszewski -

33 years 30 Years:

Lori Ingraham, Lorraine Freedlund, Scott Vashaw Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award Recipient

LAS Education Foundation Tribute Tree Leaf

Shari Miller (Ned Miller received the award on behalf of Shari). Melanie Brim, Betty Yeiter, Terry & Nancy Raymor

**Bus Mechanics** Nancy also awarded a certificate to Leo Bowen, Duane Hamilton, and the Bus Driver Association for receiving an excellent inspection report on the transportation fleet.

Brooke Liu. Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that students had a very successful year and she thanked the community for all their support. Many students are now involved in the summer camps related to music and sports. Brooke then shared a video of the Alternative Spring Break Trip and reported that more trips will be planned until the clean-up from Hurricane Katrina is completed.

<u>REPORTS</u> – Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO STARS)

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Marlene Heemstra introduced two Unity students, Kirsten SCHOOL SERVICES FUND Vander Jagt and April Polaski, who showed the video they created for the Michigan Alternative Education Organization; Success, Teamwork, Achievement, Recognition and Self-Esteem (MAEO STARS) Program and which had received Scholarship Fund. 2nd place in the competition. They shared, with enthusiasm, TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. just how much the alternative high school means to them. AWARD -

West Michigan Blood Center Award

Laura Granger of the West Michigan Blood Center awarded a PUBLIC COMMENTS Council for outstanding efforts in organizing two successful high school participating.

**ACTION ITEMS** –

The Board accepted the following gifts:

- Academic Boosters and \$250 for the Athletic Boosters
- Andy Bigham donation of books for elementary children valued at \$300 to be used by Cherry Creek Elementary. Terence & Audrey McBurney donation of a piano valued be very good for the district. at \$800 to be used by the Lowell Middle School orchestra
- Alticor donation of language tapes, recorder units, and video tapes valued at \$150 to be used by school libraries. Approved the General Fund Budget Appropriation Resolution

for 2006-2007 Approved the following millage rates for 2006-2007: General Fund 18.0000 mills, 1990 Debt Fund 5.6000 mills, 2000 Debt Fund .5500 mills, 2004 Debt Fund .1000 mills, and 2005 Debt Fund .7500 mills

Approved the realignment of the OK Conference beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and approved the OK Conference Handbook changes.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/adopted were:

 Minutes for May 8, 2006 Regular and Closed Session Meeting, May 22, 2006 Special and Closed Sessions, and May 22, 2006 Board Workshop

The following payment of bills for May 2006: ..\$1,219,681.09 GENERAL FUND..

.\$ 63,685.37 A. Food Service Fund. B. Athletic Fund. .\$10,575.53 ...\$ 2,228.13 2004 Debt Fund. ..\$1,905.04 \$ 60,881.37

 The Canvass Report for the May 2, 2006 regular election MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution

plaque to Brooke Liu as President of the High School Student Senior Class President, Nikita Miles, memorial deck at the

blood drives at Lowell High School this year. Laura reported **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Pat Murphy thanked that 197 pints of blood were given with 97 first time donors Brooke Liu and Nikita Miles and shared that they were examples of the tremendous young people at LAS. He thanked the staff members, building principals, Board of Education and a special thanks to Connie Gillette, Jonathan · Lowell Community Fund donation of \$250 for the Schelke, and former staff member Mark Kasmer for all their help during his time as interim superintendent. Pat expressed his gratitude for being allowed to be a part of Lowell Area Schools and shared that new superintendent Greg Pratt will

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Special Board Meeting – Monday, June 26, 2006 – 5:30 p.m. Followed by a Board Workshop Runciman Administration Building – Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Organizational Meeting – Monday, July 10, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. Followed by a Regular Board Meeting Runciman Administration Building – Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

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It is so nice seeing children outside and people walking their dogs in this beautiful weather we have been having. I would gently like to remind those dog owners to have consideration for their neighbors and carry a plastic bag for those "doggie-do" accidents. It's no fun to step into that or try to mow grass through it. Enjoy summer in beautiful Lowell!

In response to DeVos and China, Read the blog @Alticor.com Ole Jenny has cost 50,000 jobs in 3.5 years and sent much of it to Mexico. Regardless of party please be informed before you vote!

Thanks to all of the Alto Elementary teachers for teaching me awesome things. I'm going to miss all of you! -Soon To be sixth-grader, Alanna Bancroft

Get your facts straight before sounding off. Main Street (M-21) is a state highway and is repaired by the state! Gee Drive is not a state highway.

It would be nice if all the businesses that front on Main St. would keep their lawns mowed & neat. If Lowell is the next place to be, then let's make it look that way!

I am tired of seeing bumper stickers that say "Get off your phone & drive." We aren't hurting you! Maybe we have an emergency - ever thought of that?

Can I just say I love the "Right Turn Only" freshly painted on west bound Main St. & Valley Vista? Now maybe people will get the picture that the right lane ends!

Are we the only ones who believe the skateboarders are taking over our streets and corrupting our children with their "I rule the world" attitude?

Save the historic Scout Hut! Sign the petition at Springrove's.

In regards to the billboard: some should work smarter, not harder!

The best volunteers in the world are here in Lowell! Thank you volunteers of Flat River Outreach Ministries for helping Fountain View on Saturday. We cannot wait to be neighbors!

125 people have stepped up to take the "100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge." They have totaled over 2300 miles in the first 2 weeks. Keep up the good work!

Jason & Joe taught our children the most important lesson of all - good sportsmanship.

It was great to experience the Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the City Council meeting. I so appreciate the council making that pledge at each meeting.



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## Circus, continued... From Page 1

is in its 68th consecutive year on the road, touring eight months of the year. Annually, it visits more than 200 towns. It has staked down in Chicago and Dallas, Marsh said, "But it is also committed to small-town America and plays as many small towns

The Kelly Miller Circus between the major markets every year, but we try not to as possible."

> Currently, the circus is on its way down from the Upper Peninsula, making its way to Chicago, and giving two shows per day in each town it stops in. It has been a few years since the circus performed in Lowell.

"We play this area

play the same town back to back, so we don't wear out acts," Marsh said. our welcome and the circus is still fresh for people," Marsh said.

anyway, Marsh said, because the circus has put together a brand new show.

"It's a totally different

show than it was a few years ago, totally different

Advance tickets for the show are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and It is fresh this year, are available at various locations in town, including the Lowell Ledger. Tickets at the gate the day of the circus are \$12 for adults and portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Lowell Lions Club, which is the local organization sponsoring the circus.

Earlier in the day, there will be a free old-time circus spectacle: the tent raising. "That's the part a.m. where the elephants will

\$6 for children under 12. A come in and actually raise the king poles, and the tent billows into the air," Marsh said.

> "King poles" are the two tall wooden poles that provide the main structure of the tent. The tent raising is scheduled to begin at 9



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