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Wednesday, December 6, 2006

## Reindeer will land with Santa on the Riverwalk



By Emma Palova

hile Santa will make his annual visit to the Lowell Showboat during the holiday season, for the first time real reindeer will make an entrance on Riverwalk Plaza this Friday.

Two reindeer, Noel and Prancer from the Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm in Pewamo, will be there with sleigh for instant family photos for \$10.

Organized by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, both Santa and the reindeer should be a special treat for the community.

"Our goal is to give the community that special Christmas treat," said chamber executive director Liz Baker. "We want to bring families to the showboat."

Baker said the Lowell Santa, who goes to Santa Claus School in Mt. Pleasant for training, is the real thing. He has his own fully decorated Santa Room on the showboat.

"Our Santa is a great Santa," said Baker, "and we're going to have live reindeer with a sleigh."

Most people believe reindeer are only storybook creatures, according to reindeer owner Dave Aldrich.

Reindeer, the only domestic deer in the world, originate in Norway and Finland, around the Arctic Circle in Lapland. Aldrich said, however, that he got his first reindeer 15 years ago in Alaska. Today he keeps 20 on his farm in Pewamo.

"This will give people a chance to get up close to a storybook creature," he said.

Rooftop Landing reindeer are only one of a few traveling reindeer; they travel to 85 different events in Michigan.

Reindeer, cont'd., pg. 4

## From Red Devils to Red Arrows

By Emma Palova

four-panel kiosk about the history of Lowell Schools will bring home the story of the Red Arrows as it travels around the community.

Currently at Lowell High School, it is sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical funded and Museum partially by the Lowell Area Schools Foundation. The Red Arrows exhibit explains how the district got its nickname.

In the 1940s, the local ministry raised objections to the original Red Devils' school nickname. The name was changed to Red Arrows in honor of a Michiganbased military division, the Red Arrow Division. The division included former Lowell Schools' students who fought in W.W.I and W.W.II.

Their motto was "Never Yield."

"It's a good show," said Lowell Area Historical Museum director Judy Straub. "The purpose is to help make parts of the community history more accessible."

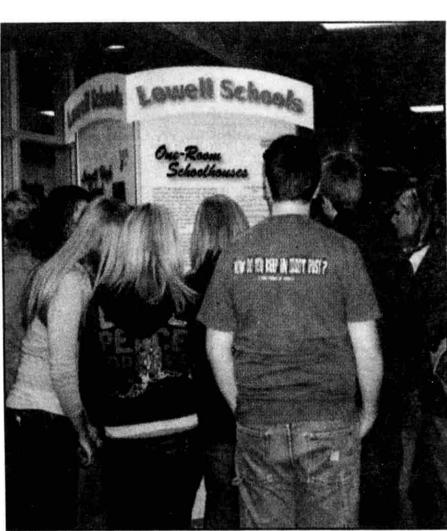
Each panel on the traveling kiosk highlights the evolution of Lowell Schools from 1837. The district has evolved from a log schoolhouse on Water Street with only 14 students to a class A burgeoning Lowell Area Schools district.

The exhibit chronicles the history of the education system, one-room schoolhouses, Ward Schools and the Lowell High School.

"People who don't come into the museum can learn about the unique characteristics of district," said Straub.

The goal of the museum is to eventually have four traveling exhibits

Kiosk, cont'd., pg. 13



Members of the LHS student council gather around the traveling exhibit after its unveiling.



inches snow falling and temperatures below freezing, balmy weather seems far away. But, Karen Waid and

ith several

Janet Kruger enjoyed kayaking on the Flat River in 61 degree temperatures just last week.

The two were not discouraged by the snow that followed. They were reportedly on the river again this week.





BAYER NY, on April 30, 1975. She grew up in Galway, Village Cemetery. NY, and graduated in 1993 from Galway High School where she participated in the loving care of her two Assisted Living where she choice. children, Anna and Collin. resided for six years. Stanley She was a devoted member of McClure, her husband of 63 the Johnstown Church of the years, preceded her in death Nazarene. April is survived in 1991. Surviving are her Alton C. Mick, of Clarksville, by her Anna and Collin; children Norma (Gerald)

and Norma Gochenour

#### MCCLURE

**NOTICE OF MEETING** 

**FEDERAL SURFACE** 

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

**SMALL URBAN PROGRAM** 

**LOWELL AREA** 

A meeting will be held on Tuesday,

December 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the

Lowell City Hall, Conference Room, 301 East

Main Street, Second Floor to receive

comments on eligible street improvement

projects in the Lowell area for the Federal

Surface Transportation Program allocated to

Road and transit projects are eligible for

funding under the Small Urban Program. All

road projects must be located on the Federal-

aid highway system, and within the federal

urban area boundaries of cities within 5.000

to 50,000 populations. Projects must be

consistent with regional land use and

The Michigan Department of Transportation

is accepting Small Urban Program project

applications for the year 2009-2010. An

application from the Lowell area will be

submitted after the public meeting and in

The City of Lowell has proposed the following

Reconstruction of Bowes Road from Valley

Vista Drive to 1,950 feet west. Federal fund

If there are any questions, please contact

David M. Pasquale, City Manager at 897-

8457 or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell,

Written comments prior to the meeting will be

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

consultation with transportation agencies.

the Small Urban Program.

development plans.

project:

\$375,000.

Michigan 49331.

accepted.

Total cost: \$540,000.

lieu of flowers, memorial and many nieces and cross country, drama, band Winifred (nee Bowhuis) contributions may be made nephews. Al was a member

MICK

passed away December 2, parents Charles (Chuck) Downer of Grand Rapids, 2006. Al was born to Lewis and Kathleen Gochenour, James (Joyce) McClure of and Anna Mick. He married her beloved brother John Los Angeles, Susan McClure Phyllis Yeiter on June 20, of Galway, NY; her dearest of Rockford; grandchildren 1942 in Bay City, Texas Mick; sisters Letha Thorpe, Spence passed away on Chapel, 10200 Grand River sister Kerry (fiance Chris Gary (Carol) Downer of where he was stationed in Jewel Schaede, Rachel Friday, December 1, 2006. Avenue, Lowell or to a Stallmer) of Niskayuna, Jenison, Jeffrey (Sheryl) the Army before being sent Condon, Vera and Verga She was preceded in death by charity of one's choice. NY; grandparents Cecil Downer of Gull Lake, Karen to the Europen-African- Mick. Funeral services with Middle Eastern Campaign. Military Honors will be held Alton is survived by his Thursday, Dec. 7 at 11 am.

(John) Ricketts of Alto, John children Ron Mick of Sand at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Warren (Monica) Downer of Lake, Steve L. (Barbara) 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Grand Rapids, Molly Mavis Mick of Lake Tahoe, NV, Rev. Mark Lipscomb McClure of Arizona, Caitlin Joan (Dennis G.) Bowen officiating from the West McClure of Los Angeles; 12 of Saranac, Philip Mick of Berlin Wesleyan Church great-grandchildren; sister Clarksville; grandchildren of Lake Odessa. Visitation April Gail (Gochenour) of Lowell; grandmother Johanna Lipscomb of Grand Tami (Steven J.) Reeves, will be Wednesday, 2-4 and Bayer of Johnstown, NY, Nancy Male of Malta, Rapids; sister-in-law Beulah Dennis A. (Dianna) Bowen, 7-8:30 p.m. at the funeral passed away on November NY; grandfather William David Dodde of Kent Lisa (Tim) Sitzer, Alton L. home, Interment Clarksville 16, 2006 at Albany Medical Bayer and wife Marilyn of County; many nieces and Mick, Steven J. Mick; great- Cemetery. Hospital after a long, well- Gansevoort, NY; several nephews. AMass of Christian grandsons Steven S. Reeves, contributions may be made fought illness. April was aunts, uncles and cousin. A Burial was celebrated on Alec Sitzer; brother Lewis to the building fund for born in Saratoga Springs, service was held Nov. 22. Friday at Immaculate Heart Mick of Clarksville; brother- the West Berlin Wesleyan Interment was at the Galway of Mary Catholic Church, in-law and sisters-in-law Church, 5110 W. Portland with Father Donn Tufts Vern and Elaine Warnes of Rd., Lake Odessa 48849 or as celebrant. Interment Ionia, Elizabeth Wittenbach the Jackson-Mutschler VFW Resurrection Cemetery. In and Betty Yeiter of Lowell; Post 4461 of Lake Odessa. and choir. April was an McClure, aged 100, passed to Killgoar Foundation of the Jackson-Mutschler In loving memory of Nola ardent fan of country music. away Tuesday, November (IHM Tuition Assistance VFW Post 4461 of Lake Verle (Atkinson) Spence and Skye-Ann Sturgeon; April's greatest love was in 28, 2006 at Luther Woods Fund) or a charity of your Odessa, Clarksville Lions who will be dearly missed. niece Brenda Pipe; nephew

#### SPENCE

son Gene (Avree) Sturgeon III; grandchildren Mason Club, Boston Township She was a very special person Bill Atkinson III; her mother Board of Trustees for over who was always willing to Grace Atkinson; sister 15 years, plus several dairy help anyone in need. This Wendy Pipe and brother Bill and farm committees. He attribute was also reflected Atkinson Jr. Funeral services farmed the family farm for through her great love for were held at the Roth-Gerst over 75 years. Preceding animals. She was the best Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, him in death is his loving mother a person could ask December 5. Memorial wife of 61 years, Phyllis; for. We love you and you contributions may be made brothers Wilbur and Burton will be dearly missed. Nola to the Friendship Country

her husband Wally Spence

and her father Bill Atkinson

Sr. She is survived by her

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Peace begins with a smile. - Mother Teresa

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## **BOWNE TOWNSHIP** NOTICE **SYNOPSIS**

Motions Approved:

Minutes of October 16th regular meeting, November 2nd special meeting. List of invoices presented.

Amendment to Land Division Ordinance regarding private road requirements

Private Road Maintenance Agreement.

Bid awarded for repairs to schoolhouse and museum.

Snow Avenue work approved for payment and sent on to Community Block Grant Program.

Copies of entire minutes available at the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

## **LOWELL** CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**PUBLIC HEARING** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006

Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

will hold two public hearings on

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

Mark and Jill Jewell have made application for a variance from 4.2.4F of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for building an unattached garage within 10 feet of the side lot line where 25 feet is required for 3200 Nature's Place Drive, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-13-251-017

Brian Sherman has made application for a variance from 4.2.4F of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for building an unattached garage within 10 feet of the lot line where 50 feet is required for 10175 Deer Creek Drive, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-06-401-008.

Written comments can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals 2910 Alden Nash S.E. Lowell MI 49331

The applications and the zoning ordinance can be reviewed at the Township offices during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

## Guys Nite Out a chance to pick up last-minute gifts

By Emma Palova

guys buy. The greater the purpose." guilt, the more expensive Folsom's philosophy behind Out event on Dec. 15.

"The bigger the trouble they're in, the bigger the when you get that close to their purchases." gift," he said.

Folsom, owner of about the Christmas Day ladies received cards to Folsom said. deadline.

"We wanted to get this which store. event as close as possible to Christmas," he said.

Co-organizer Cliff Yankovich, of Chimera list cards available for the Design, confirmed Folsom's ladies to fill out. The card theory. Yankovich gets a lot reads: "Your sweetheart and of business in the jewelry the Lowell merchants have said Folsom. store on Christmas Eve.

indoor winter guard. Named

Organizers

Fire per ad 9 Addy-Lowel 5, Exp. DEC 31, 2006 "11."

will have a competitive of the band concert.

will be held on Dec. 13 in is involved. A competitive

the purchase. That's Doug even considered Dec. 24 to hold the Guys Nite Out before," he said. "I hope the "Guys were feeling left out. the first annual Guys Nite event, but changed his event can be recurring and Everybody wins. There is no

Christmas," he said.

list what they wanted from

More participating businesses currently have shopping made shopping easy for you

year that Lowell High School for pick up at the conclusion competitions sanctioned by

is in need of funds to help performs outdoors on a named Exit 52. It was formed

cover operating costs. To football field and is part of by Sharon MacDermaid, a

silent auction. The event indoor arena, and no band Lowell Middle School.

Winter Guard is an

New competitive winter guard will hold auction

Exit 52 and in its first year indoor color guard activity. was the inspiration for the Dedication, commitment,

of competition, the team Unlike a color guard, which Lowell Winter Guard being respect and integrity are all

address this need, Exit 52 the marching band, a winter Lowell resident and seventh items for the auction now. If

conjunction with the Lowell winter guard performs using to spend the fall season Sharon MacDermaid, Exit

High School Holiday Band dance, acrobatic features working with Terry Raymor 52 unit director at 292-4802

residents will combine a While guard equipment MacDermaid. "He is a 52@hotmail.com guard

little bit of fun shopping can vary from anything to great instructor and was seen here.

High School's first ever sabers are the main pieces of to go ahead and get the

competitive indoor winter equipment. Guard members winter guard going this year.

color guard. All proceeds toss, spin, and do much more He reminded me how much

from the auction will help with equipment, which can the activity means to me.

cover competition entry change throughout their I marched with an indoor

fees, uniform and equipment show and can be set to winter guard in high school

Lowell everything, flags, rifles, and actually the reason I decided

This year marks the first 6:50. All items will be ready many compete international once. I still cherish those

my customers are men," he like a suggestion to assist home run. while said. "We picked Dec. 15 on deficient men," he said. Folsom hopes to make the easy for the men to do Folsom, for a moment, evening an ongoing event.

an enjoyable time for men "Merchants get nervous to come out and take care of

Most merchants will Guys Nite Out is have refreshments on hand

> Some merchants will exercisewear. have trademark wrapping; 20 others may have wrapping will be participating as did in done by the Lowell the Girls Night Out kickoff. cheerleaders.

opportunity to go out and information call Folsom buy some of the stuff listed," at 897-0052, the chamber

Winter Guard International.

and, most of all, with who has worked with the or email smacdermaid@lo

hope various pieces of equipment. fall guard for years," said wellschools.com or exit-

The Lowell exit on I-96

"Eighty-two percent of this holiday season." "It's now have no excuse to hit a

their holiday shopping in "It hasn't been done downtown Lowell," he said. holiday anxiety."

Folsom will be at L4 to assist men with lingerie purchases. Since opening, the store is carrying new lines Michigan Tax & Accounting actually a play-off of the including pizza, coke and such as Jockey sleepwear, Service and co-owner of L4, Girls Night Out held in adult beverages. "Any open a red and black camisole, says guys are only concerned November. At that event, merchant will be a benefit," and Bomber jackets. On sale will be Beyond Yoga

The same businesses

The Friday night event Yankovich said the guys Design at 897-9480.

memories. The activity

teaches kids so much more

They are collecting

like to contribute an item or

"I was lucky enough have any questions, contact

than just marching skills.

"The event is an is from 5 to 9 p.m. For more at 897-9161, or Chimera

LOWELL AREA TRAILWAY MEETING

6-7 p.m.; a public meeting will follow from 7-8 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria to discuss the multi-use trail being planned for the Lowell community. Visit www. lowellareatrailway.org or call Mari at Vergennes Twp.897-

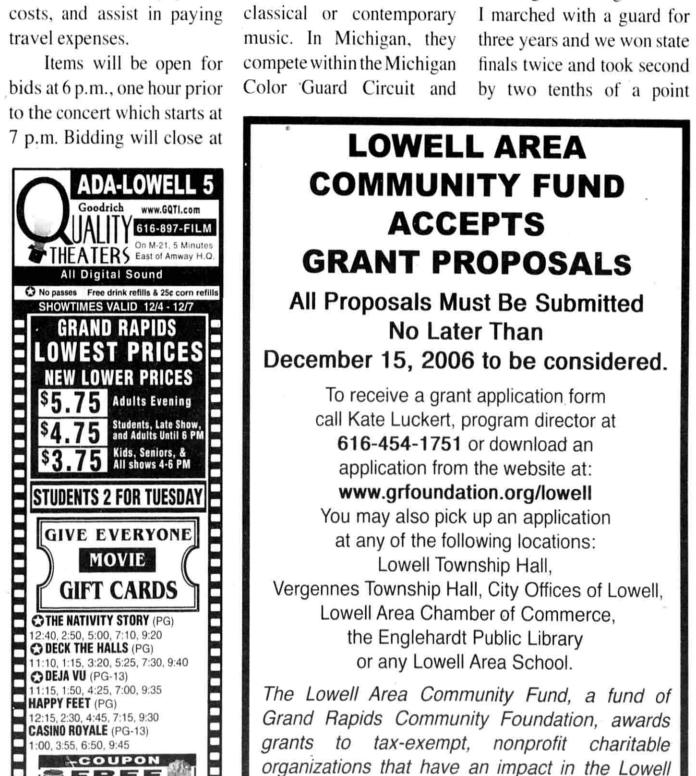
#### The public is invited to the celebration of the Lowell

the LPAC at Lowell High School. MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

is holding its first annual guard performs in a gym or grade pre-algebra teacher at you or your company would

#### GIRLS FAST PITCH CLINIC

LHS softball coaches will have a winter fast pitch 245-4596.



area. The LACF funds innovative projects or

programs that encourage community cooperation

#### Christmas Magic in Historic Lowell with Santa Visits on the Lowell Showboat Robert & Lee Come and experience the Magic of Lowell this Holiday Season. Children and adults can visit with Santa and tour the Magical Lowell Showboat. Hot cocoa, cookies and a memory will be waiting for you. Several rooms will be decorated to help insure a magical visit. Make this a holiday stop to remember! Camera's welcome! Santa Visits Schedule Saturday December 2 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Pictures Provided Free by River Valley Credit Union) Wednesday December 6 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM MEDICAL COLUMN December 8 5:30 PM to 7:00 Pictures provided by Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm with Live Reindeer \$10.00) December 9 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Pictures Provided Free by River Valley Credit Union) Wednesday December 13 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM December 16 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Pictures Provided Free by River Valley Credit Union) Wednesday December 20 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Funded by the Downtown Development Authority

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#### COLOR GUARD SILENT AUCTION

Exit 52, LHS's competitive winter color guard, will have a silent auction at the high school in the Freshman Center on Friday, Dec. 8. If any businesses or individuals would be willing to donate goods/services for the fundraiser event, call Sharon 616-292-4802.

#### TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tots will have a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the gym, 300 High St. Santa will visit, crafts/cookie decorating and free family photo available. \$1 per child.

#### LHS HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT The Lowell High School band will perform its holiday

concert Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

#### Regular board meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 13 from

BASKETBALL BANQUET

#### Girls Basketball teams on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in

Seventh and eighth grade bands will perform their holiday concert Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the LMS

pitching clinic for elementary/middle school girls beginning Jan. 4 at Riverside gym. Grades 5 & under meet at 5:30 p.m.; 6-8 graders report at 6:30. Cost: \$30; includes T-shirt. Call Bob Rodenhouse 987-2967 or home

## New Grattan Township clerk hopes to continue programs & farm preservation

parks and recreation.

we can do for seniors."

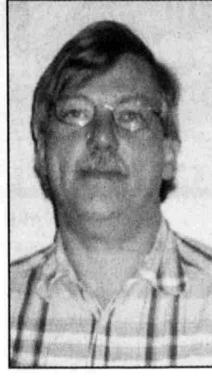
fiscal challenges.

growth in the township are

By Emma Palova

Jim Fues, 47, will begin his duties as the new Grattan Township clerk on Dec. 1 The former deputy clerk of five months has been involved in the township on the zoning board of appeals and on the planning commission.

"Grattan Township is a rural township with proximity to Grand Rapids," he said. "We have some growth issues.'



Jim Fues

township will continue to balance growth challenges with preserving the rural character of the township.

"We want to make sure we will administer to the best of our citizens and allow that growth progress to happen," he said.

Fues is replacing Lana Green, who was clerk at Grattan Township for 17 years. He plans to run for the clerk's seat in the 2008 presidential election. Green,

who recently retired, has no plans to run for another costs like any private sector," he said, "but provide the Fues wants to continue best service at the least cost. the work started by Green, Foremost, we are a service mainly in the area of senior organization. Our real task programming, senior meals, is to provide service to the

Fues, a realtor with "We want to move these programs forward," he Prudential, plans to continue priorities. said. "We want to get better the ongoing business of participation, and see what infrastructure, mainly sewer Fues concluded. Along with increasing and road maintenance.

school system, a beautiful community with lakes," he said. "We have the greatest fire department around and great neighbors."

Farmland preservation will continue to be one of the township board's main

"We're providing service maintaining the township of value to our citizens,"



With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

Lowell Area Schools is committed to accountability To be successful with that commitment we must always remember to whom we are accountable. Who makes up that audience?

The audience is not one-dimensional. Students, the community, staff, teachers, yes; we are accountable to them. We recognize also that we are accountable to another audience member - parents. Our district culture maintains that, given timely, correct information, parents willingly make the right decisions that will help their children and help all of us succeed in our mission of delivering the best possible education.

The district offers several communication vehicles to announced top honors for accomplishments help inform parents. Every building in the district produces its Excellent Beginnings professionalism.

a parent newsletter. Directions, the district newsletter, is distributed six times a year. Individual teachers also send newsletters, especially those in our elementary buildings. The district website offers extensive information and can children's education. be accessed at www.lowellschools.com. Parents can email from the website.

Perhaps the most important information opportunity is direct communication with the teachers and building principals who have daily contact with students. Our superintendent, director of curriculum and instruction and

other district staff are also available for phone calls and oneon-one meetings with parents. Our staff welcomes meeting parents and appreciates their desire to be involved in their

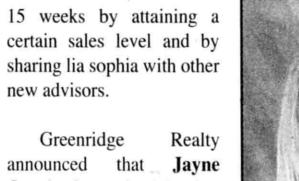
Parents should be included. They have entrusted their their child's teacher and other district staff members directly legacy to us. Involved parents do make a difference and make exciting things happen. Parents can be our accountability partners and together we can guide, educate and support our children and students toward successful futures.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com

## **Business Matters**

Achievers for

Jody Lebarre, of Lowell, Overbeck received Realtor recently joined the fashion of the Month in November. business and this prestigious Overbeck for her outstanding accomplishment in her first success and achievements.



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## Reindeer, continued ... From Page 1

coming to Lowell."

"Reindeer

new advisors.

Greenridge

announced that

And they do attract commands," he said. "We large crowds ... at Greenfield hope we have a good turnout. lights." Village, Aldrich's reindeer We're looking forward to attract up to 6,000 people.

"They're gentle and calm," he said. "They're certificates and hot cocoa used to being around the will be available at each of public."

In the past, reindeer reindeer event this Friday were used as a work animal from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There like a horse, explained will also be a bonfire.

fairly and better than last year," intelligent, they learn their said Baker. "We've added com. names, and they respond to

River Valley Credit Union will offer free digital pictures with Santa on Dec. Bucks" 9, 16 and 23.

For a complete schedule of Santa Visits go to www. the Santa Visits and at the discoverlowell.org or call the chamber at 897-9161.

And to find out more "It's getting bigger about the reindeer farm go www.rooftopreindeer.

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# Viewpoint-



It seems like things have been a bit less than "cheery" lately. I've always been a "glass half full" kinda guy. I try my darnedest to be upbeat about life, especially when it comes to this column. It just seems like there is a bit of a funk going I can get a funk shot?

While running through possible topics for this week's offering, I decided it was time for a Mick update. Can't think of anything more cheerful than a seven-month-old Australian shepherd puppy with seemingly boundless energy.

If memory serves me, and at my age there is no good reason to expect it should, I haven't written about Mick since we got him way back in July. You may remember that we had to put Max down. He was my wife's fourteen-year-old Aussie. Despite tough talk about no more pets, we had Mick less than 24 hours after Max was gone. Terese and I obviously need work on our self-discipline.

As you might imagine, Mick has been at the very center of our lives for these past five months. He has wormed his way into our hearts. The neighbors seem to like him. The neighborhood dogs seem to tolerate him. And even Tito, our a liking to the wild little guy.

Tito can't begin to keep up with Mick, but they spend countless hours together, wrestling, growling and gnawing

and head for the nearest lap. Aussies are incredibly athletic. They can leap tall buildings in a single bound. Mick will take a run at Terese or me as we watch TV, launch himself from a hassock and slam into whomever's chest and lap. He then looks back at Tito with a "nah, nah, nah, nanna, nah-nah. can't get me now."

I enjoy the Lowell Ledger down here in Anahuac, Texas,

I really enjoy reading of the Lowell happenings each kids, as well.

Anahuac, Texas

thanks to my Yankee brother from Lowell, who started a

week, especially your October snowfall - I believe it was

I was recently appalled to find a piece of paper littering

I am sure plenty of our neighbors have seen the same

our fair town. Oh the paper was quite regular in itself; it is

message floating about the city. It called on the Gentleman

that lives in town that is being investigated for criminal

sexual offenses. But instead of this paper simply saying

"There's a sexual predator in town, so watch your children,"

it has a totally disgusting disrespect for this man's rights,

Rights. The pursuit of happiness, a wonderful right, that too

few seem to be exercising these days, is the one in particular

that I speak of. This said Gentleman now has a reason to fear

Lowell citizens, simply because the perpetrator of this crime

wants a witch hunt. He/She is calling on Lowell citizens

to what? Drive him out of town? Ridicule him in public?

Vandalize his house? His property? And possibly his health

Regardless of his past, he is still entitled to his American

what was written on it that was disturbing.

and he does still have rights.

and well-being?

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

To the Editor,

subscription for me.

about 85 degrees here at the time!

when Mick weighed twenty or thirty pounds. Now that he is in the forty to fifty pound range, the "fun" is rapidly going out of this stunt. For Terese and me, that is. Mick still seems to get a huge kick out of his "lap leaps."

Mick goes with me for a four-mile walk each morning. We often meet up with a neighbor lady and her two-year-old yellow Lab. We let the dogs play together for a few minutes and it is always a lesson in selective breeding, evolution, DNA, whatever.

The poor Lab finds a stick for me to throw and for him to fetch. Jake, the Lab, can't help himself ... it's in his genes.

As Jake is doing his thing, Mick is following has instincts. He is herding Jake. Being much quicker, Mick is over, under, in front of and simply in the way of the Lab going where he wants to go ... after the stick! All the while Mick is barking and yipping and nipping and doing anything he can to drive around and it's creeping up on me too. Anybody know where the big Lab crazy. Mick can't help this behavior any more than Jake can resist fetching a stick. This stuff is hard-wired into their little dog brains.

> Knock on wood, Mick has been a great pup. He has been housebroken from day one. With the lone exceptions of the corner of one nightstand and one doormat, he has confined his chewing to his toys. He always comes when called. He has wandered off with the neighbor's nomadic Airedales a couple times, but unless he's similarly corrupted, Mick stays in our yard. He seems to be really smart, and is easily broken of bad habits like jumping up on strangers. Bottom line is, we really seem to have lucked out. No need to call "the Dog Whisperer" just yet.

The first two or three months we crate-trained Mick. We've used this technique with other dogs, and they seem to take to the crate, or cage, like it is their little home and a secure place to nap. Not so with Mick. He hated it! He had to twelve-year-old arthritic chocolate Lab, seems to have taken be forced in every night. Once in the cage, Mick would stare at you like he had been thrown into solitary confinement by some mean old prison guard.

As soon as we let him out in the morning it was moving on each other. We were worried about how Tito would take day. Every day, first thing, he would drag all his toys out of to a new dog in the house. Guess we needn't have been the cage, his blanket, his water dish, everything! I guess that was his form of rebellion against the cage. We finally gave Once in awhile Tito will bite a little hard, Mick will yipe up on it about two months ago. It's going pretty well with Mick loose during the night. There is no chance of sleeping in, however. At first light a dog pounces on the bed and you get a wet tongue in the face. Keeps us young.

Terese and I had grown accustomed to our older dogs. Having this ball of boundless energy around has been a major adjustment. Mick likes his "fun" and it is fun to be around We have learned to be real quick at getting coffee out of him. I'm glad we didn't have the discipline to go dog-less. the way and protecting the solar plexus. This was all great fun How else would I ward off this "funk" that's going around?

Just because someone has a problem with another

citizen's past does not give them the right to ruin his future. I

don't care for the fact that we have a possible child molester

a job at the school, but if his living near a Lowell school is

that much of a problem for this person, then maybe they

should: 1. Watch their kids, and 2. Watch their neighbors'

misspends their energy in this fashion, yet they bring down

citizens of the town I am proud to call home will understand

It is my humble opinion that my fellow neighbors and

the value of our property.

where I am coming from.

where we make our livelihood.

Dear Editor.

For some reason, I was under the impression we had

## **Ledger Entries**



#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **DECEMBER 7, 1881**

Farmers are plowing in this mild weather. J.H.Andrews and Walter White of Alton killed nine

deer up north last week.

Fifty people surprise Nelson Holmes at his new house

Mr. Holmes of Grand Rapids has bought the Fallasburg grist mill and is ready for business.

Helmut Schoonmaker of Cannon raised seven ferrets this summer.

#### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 6, 1906**

Postmaster Charles Quick resigns and will practice medicine starting January 1.

Are Turkish or Egyptian cigarettes better? They'r all made in Greece, says the article.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **DECEMBER 3, 1931**

A reward of \$500 is offered to find the murderer of William Vollwiler of Davis Lake, west of Alto.

Fire destroys the Elvert Baird home east of Lowell while they are away.

Money withdrawn during the panic when banks were living in town, I have kids too but I watch my kids. And I failing is being returned, now that business and employment watch them three times as close when we go to the park or other public places. I am not saying he should be able to get

Buy your auto license early; the state will hire 30,000 men to build roads this year.

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 6, 1956**

a community watch in effect in Lowell. I understand that At the dedication of Runciman Elementary School, Sue Hawthorne, Neighborhood Watch was not designed for such things, first-grade teacher Marion Bushnell presents a portrait of but if people actually watched, they may see inappropriate C.H. Runciman to the school, on behalf of the teachers. activities of this nature take place. This person seems to

High school freshman Brooke Mullen gets to inspect have spent enough time and effort, not to mention materials, the interior of the huge new Capitol Airlines Viscount to complete this, quite simply, idiotic and very inappropriate four-engine jet airliner, with food service, seat lighting and task. And then they committed yet another crime by littering running water, all at 325 mph. all over my yard. It really infuriates me to think that someone

Natural gas service to Lowell is not economically feasible for 1957, says MichCon Gas.

The state gives permission for lights strung over Main Street, but not in time for the Christmas parade.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **DECEMBER 2, 1981**

Showboat finishes \$3,738.16 in the red. Getting more community groups involved is next year's goal.

The new Attwood "Thru-Transom Live Well Pump" For many people, the issue concerning expansion of the Lowell Airport is a serious matter. The Vergennes Township keeps fish in a boat's live well healthy. Scenic View Plat is where many people call home, and it is

The Grand Rapids Coachmen Drum and Bugle Corps is recruiting for next year's competitions.

We have spent significant time researching the Airport Be sure to see the Christmas parade this Saturday at 2 through the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and Aeronautics Department in order to learn the truth and p.m

To the Editor, cont'd., pg. 9

Sincerely,

Michael Meyers

Nevarez/Soyka



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Nevarez

The marriage of Sara Soyka and Tony Nevarez was celebrated August 5, 2006 at Cascade Christian Church.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Vicki Soyka of Lowell and Maria Childs of Lowell and the late Brian Childs.

Matron of honor was Brandi Berta. Bridesmaids were Ashley Soyka, Mollie Nevarez, Tara Tenwalde, Savannah Kingma, Jessica Spencer and Lupe Pinedo. Flowergirl was Donelle Weeks.

Best man was Steven Childs. Groomsmen were Dan Nevarez, Erik London, Jon Tenwalde, Louis Markel, Josh Dylan Childs.



By Father George J. Fekete Saint Mary Church

Last Sunday we began the Season of Advent which has great anxiety about what will follow. a two-fold purpose: As a time to prepare for Christmas when Jesus' first coming to us is remembered and as a time when that remembrance encourages us to await Jesus' Second

Local cloggers receive certificates of achievement

Certificates of achiev- certificates were Breanna ement were awarded to a in November following beginner clogging course through The Old Time Loftis, Melissa McKelvey American Clogging and Southern Appalachian Grand Rapids; Alison Square Dance School Meyers of Greenville; of Lake Odessa. The course was taught by the and Gail Franklin of Thunder Floor Cloggers Alto. the Lowell Community Education program.

Those receiving their will begin Jan. 22.

VanLaan of Lowell; Barb Smit, Jessica Hayes and Christine Richards Saranac; Daphnie Lattimore of Ionia; Mary and Ashton Stone Eric Clark of Middleville;

These students are now Beginner Basic level. Another beginner course



Jennifer Berry. **DEC. 8:** 

**DEC. 9:** 

**DEC. 11:** Smith,

Blanche Rhodes, Amber Waldron, Mike Kline.

**DEC. 12:** Brad Briggs, Sally Zalewski.

**DEC. 13:** 

a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven," Jesus as the

as we know it is not going to last forever. When the end Luke strongly believes that the end will come. He time will come God will give a number of warnings with doesn't try to tell us when it will come. It could be tomorrow extraordinary cosmic signs (Luke 21: 25-26). All the forces or centuries from now. So the wise person lives each day "as of nature will be affected. Everyone will know what these if" it were the final day. That is the best way to always be signs are showing. The end will have come and there will be prepared. The past is gone and the future is unpredictable. What we do have is the present. Live now as Jesus teaches. Believers in God and His plan are convinced what will This is a beautiful way to remember and celebrate Jesus' follow will be the coming of the Son of Man (Luke 21: 27- first coming and to be prepared for His Second Coming.

## **DEC. 7:**

Mike Cummings.

Metternick, Sara Triplett, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema, Noah VanLaan.

Bill Fluger, Barbara Decker. Chrys Thaler, Jeff Bowne.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** 

#### PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Lend A Hand

The Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes NE, needs volunteers one day a week for its preschool program. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. Daily schedules may include classroom activities, music and art programs, cooking, outdoor explorations at the farm and orchard, and other ventures. Call Charlie or Fredna at 897-7842 for more information.

#### HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, Dec. 14 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL

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



Wester

Abbie and Maddie Wester, along with their parents Stormzand, Matt Newhouse, Aaron and Lynne, welcomed home Alanna Susan, born Hacker, Kathryn November 24, 2006.

> Grandparents are Glen and Marsha Geiger of Belding and Doug and Sue Wester of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Grant and Elaine Higgins of Saranac, Evelyn Geiger of Belding and Shirley Hoffman of Lowell.

Coming at the end of time. So Advent is a time for prayerful refer to Himself. Based on the text of Daniel 7:13, "One like and joyful expectation. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent was from Son of Man represents the power and glory of God coming Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36. According to the Gospel, the earth into the world in order to redeem it.

Joyce

28). In the Gospels, Son of Man, are the words Jesus uses to God bless you.

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Before you give shares of stock or other financial assets, however, you might want to brush up on some of the rules governing financial gift giving.

Understanding gift taxes

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-182-495-DE

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However, gift tax rules are, for most people, quite generous. Consider the following:

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Both you and your loved ones can gain valuable tax advantages from your gift of stock. When you gave your shares of stock, you also gave away your "holding period" the amount of time you've held the stock. So, even if the recipients own the stock only a day or so before selling it, they'll just have to pay the long-term capital gains tax rate, which may be considerably lower than their current income tax rate. And by giving shares of stock, you also will benefit - because you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the stock yourself. Before taking any action, though, consult with your tax adviser. Gifts for IRAs

You don't have to actually give stocks to help your goals. As an alternative, consider giving your loved ones money to add more shares of stock (or bonds or other investments) to an IRA. For 2006, investors can put up to \$4,000 in a Roth or traditional IRA (or \$5,000 if they are 50 or older). If your intended recipients have fully funded their • You can give up to \$12,000 to an individual in a tax year IRAs for 2006, they can apply your gift for 2007, for which the contribution limit is the same.

Long-lasting gifts

The holidays are only here for a short while - but your financial gifts to your loved ones can make a difference in their lives for years to come.

In The Ledger

Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson II John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

#### SHINGLES

Shingles is a skin infection caused by the chicken pox virus. You can only get it if you have had chicken pox or have had the chicken pox vaccination. The chicken pox virus remains in your body and can cause shingles later. Shingles is more common in older people.

Shingles typically starts with a stinging or burning feeling, only on one side of the body. A rash usually appears on the back or chest and sometimes on the face. It starts with small red bumps that may blister. Usually after about one week, scabs form on the rash and then

The virus cannot actually be treated, but within 72 hours of the rash being present, there is an opportunity to give medicines to help treat the pain and inflammation of shingles and hopefully prevent ongoing pain in later months (postherpetic nueralgia).

No one can catch shingles from you, but they can catch chicken pox if they have not already had it or the shot. The chicken pox virus lives in the spots from shingles, and the virus can be spread until the spots are completely dried up. If you have shingles, you should stay away from babies under 12 months and pregnant

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03,** AN AMENDMENT TO **SECTION 1.09 OF THE LAND** DIVISION ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance No. 2006-03, an Ordinance to amend Section 1.09 of the Township Land Division Ordinance, was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne on November 20, 2006. Ordinance No. 2006-03 will become effective thirty (30) days after the publication of this Notice.

Ordinance No. 2006-03 is summarized as

#### Amendment of Section 1.09. Land Division Ordinance.

The Ordinance amends Section 1.09 of the Land Division Ordinance to provide that where the Land Division Ordinance imposes greater restrictions than another ordinance, the Land Division Ordinance controls, except that the Township Zoning Ordinance controls in all matters regarding private roads and private streets.

The publication of this Notice meets the requirements for publication pursuant to MCL 41.184. No further publication of Ordinance No. 2006-03 is required or contemplated by the Township. A copy of Ordinance No. 2006-03 may be inspected or obtained at the Township offices located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> Date: December 6, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk



**ELEMENTARY** MENU Week of Dec. 11, 2006

MON: Cheese pizza ravioli also offered at Alto & Murray Lake). resh tossed salad. assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Spaghetti Italian meatsauce w breadstick (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto 8 Murray Lake), carrot coins, assorted fruit

WED: Soft taco w/ meat, lettuce & cheese (stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered a Alto & Murray Lake) green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Chicker drumstick homemade dinner rol (fish/cheese on bur also offered at Alto Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Pizza dippers w sauce (sloppy jo on wheat bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake) whole kernel corn fresh fruit wedges, low

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

Department, the Lowell Airport is in compliance with runway regulations to operate safely as a Basic Utility Airport. In fact, to be built in phases just as most large subdivisions are. All the Lowell Airport exceeds the 1200 foot displaced threshold platting has been reviewed and approved by MDOT and runway length requirement by approximately 50 percent. The actual runway length is 2350 feet - far beyond the State's guidelines for a safe Basic Utility Airport runway.

If safety is truly the Airport's only goal, then there is no bona fide safety issue at all. The State of Michigan would the Lowell City Airport. At that time, there were no buildings certainly not be allowing planes to take off and land at the Lowell Airport if it was unsafe and if the Airport was in over the Scenic View Plat development. In 1968, the land violation of safety regulations. The fact is that as a Basic Utility Airport, the Lowell Airport is safe and even safer than recommended by the State of Michigan.

The Lowell Airport is playing the "safety card" to gain the records of it being a licensed airport prior to 1977. empathy of residents and disarm critics of airport expansion.

funds became available through the State of Michigan to create a General Utility Airport which would set the stage for with all zoning regulations. The Airport, on the other hand, expansion.

Airport must lengthen its runway to a minimum of 1800 feet of displaced threshold runway and must cut trees to accomplish this. As State records show, however, the typical runway long. As a General Utility Airport, the Lowell Airport would have access to significantly more funding which it will use to expand its runway. By becoming a General Utility Airport and lengthening its runway, the Airport will provide access to larger planes - and more of them.

The Airport has demonstrated its eagerness to use all available funding for its own gain - regardless of how neighbors feel. Neighbors do not want the Airport to expand and do not want to lose their rights to protect their property they conduct here. from future expansion and condemnation. The beauty and privacy enjoyed by Scenic View Plat residents will forever be exist as a Basic Utility Airport. We have never threatened compromised if the Airport expands.

Jim Sowle, manager of the Lowell Airport, has attempted to rewrite the history of the subdivision and the Airport, and other hand, has threatened to condemn property rights for air such an agreement would give the neighbors the assurance he has made a practice of steering clear of important facts. easements and our land, and it has the power to do so - just they deserve in order to maintain the quality of life that they Scenic View Plat was recorded with the Kent County Register as other airports have done. Mr. Sowle has used the Schreurs currently enjoy. of Deeds on May 18, 1961 (Liber 59, Page 33). Construction and our subdivision as a scapegoat for the Airport's actions. of homes began soon thereafter along with a reforestation However, the Airport has also threatened to condemn air

According to the State of Michigan Aeronautics project modeled after all of our other property in Vergennes other pertinent government agencies.

by the Kent County Mapping and Description Department show 2 single engine airplanes on the property now known as or improvements, and there were no runway flights paths was nothing more than a mowed field with different paths for takeoffs and landings by a few fliers. This did not meet the State's criteria for qualification as an airport, and there are no

Indeed, the nature of the Airport and the surrounding earned their respect giving us, in return, great satisfaction. The issue of safety was raised by the Airport when residential areas are less than compatible. The residential development is and always has been in total compliance is operating under a Nonconforming Use Status. For years, In order to become a General Utility Airport, the Lowell the Airport has pursued efforts to expand without proper planning and with total disrespect for existing residential zoning surrounding the Airport property. It was naive of the Airport to think that any part of our platted subdivision would runway with a flight path over an established subdivision.

For the most part, the Airport benefits only private hobby City of Lowell or to Vergennes Township where the property is actually located. The Missionary Aviation School that operates out of the Lowell Airport has no need to expand. Missionaries use small planes, and the Airport as it exists as a Basic Utility Airport is more than sufficient for any training into the Scenic View Plat. Under these circumstances,

to shut down the Airport. No developer has the authority or cutting of trees in the Scenic View Plat that grow too high as power to shut down an airport. The Lowell Airport, on the determined by independent safety officials. We feel confident

easements and the development rights on the property of Township. The subdivision was laid out as a single subdivision two other residents near the intersection of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. These properties have nothing to do with the

Schreur family or Scenic View Plat. My father has planted over 400,000 trees in Vergennes Certified aerial photographs taken 7 years later in 1968 Township since 1947. He has always had a deep love of land conservation which has driven his ambitious efforts in tree planting. Most of his land is registered under the State of Michigan Commercial Forest Act. The trees have added significant aesthetic value to all of our properties which has been appreciated by the community.

As builders, we have worked hard to provide quality affordable homes and have done everything possible to insure the homeowners' quality of life environment even after purchasing their home. We believe these values have

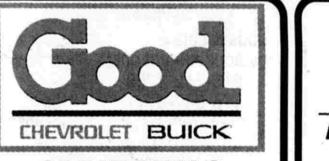
Airport and Lowell City officials say they have no intentions of expanding the Airport beyond its property lines. This may appease some, but it provides absolutely no guarantee against future expansion efforts by the Airport.

As a General Utility Airport, more funding will become available to the Airport to expand. The probability of expansion is very real, and the City of Lowell has not provided any guarantee to the contrary. The probability of for a General Utility Airport is between 3500 and 4300 feet not be built on. It was negligent for the Airport to construct a condemnation of homes and property is very real and is of great concern to those who live and work here. This is exactly what other airports have done who have become fliers. The Lowell Airport brings in little or no revenue to the General Utility Airports. The Lowell Airport would be no

If the Airport and City are sincere about their intentions not to expand, they should provide a legal and binding agreement waiving their rights to condemn land and expand we would support tree cutting necessary for the Airport We have always acknowledged the Airport's rights to to remain a Basic Utility Airport and comply with Basic Utility standards. In addition, we would assist in the actual

Sincerely, William J. Schreur





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## Lots of winners at annual Santa parade

School bands to various Realty, Inc. and churches.

Floral which took first the showboat float. place and received \$150.

attended the annual Santa Lowell Area Schools Bus appearance in a carriage. parade last Saturday. Transportation placed third

community organizations sporting a mustache aboard ice in freezing temperatures. Sea Turtle sculptures. a Lowell school bus as she Float winners at waved to the crowds. Bill Greg Smith (first place) for Claus was available for the parade were Daisy Zinke played the calliope on his Cat & Bird Bath; Mark pictures on the Robert E.

Second place went to Mike McBride, spun around

Hundreds of people Museum, earning \$100. The and Mrs. Claus made their Suidyla also won the

Along Riverwalk

Draft horses, driven by his Parrot; and Josh Suidyla room.

the Lowell Area Historical in front of City Hall. Santa (third) for his Reindeer.

Entries ranged from and received \$75. Honorable Plaza, students from the Katie Yost with Dolphin, Lowell Middle and High mention went to Greenridge culinary program at Grand Andrea Stahl with Elephant, Rapids Community College Zach Cross with Kangaroo Sharon Croshaw was sculpted works of art from and Nichole Cantrell with

> The three winners were After the parade Santa Richardson (second) for Lee in the newly decorated



By Emma Palova

basswood carving helps W.W.II. John Sanchez feel the middle of the piece for Missouri, in 1993, the bus chess set. better symmetry.

carvings such as the crucifix ravine. have no facial features, just Sanchez can't see the middle said. line in the carving nor can other nativity figures.

across the middle of a figure since," he said. to help Sanchez feel out the

she handed him a block of friend. out a ball.

and puts the tape across the younger generation.

He lost his eyesight them out. in one eye when he was

one eye, he was accepted patience and how to cut." A taped string to a into the army at the end of

was sideswiped by a car

the smooth body lines. and felt like water was they want to." Blinded by an accident, running down my face," he

he carve out the detailed healthy eye was severed, childhood facial features of angels or and Sanchez was left Every Friday, the two completely blind.

Mendez taped a thread and I've been blind ever plays the harmonica.

stop him from being Mendez. taught Sanchez how to As the former director of pieces until smooth, then

with encouragement and bowls. Instead, Sanchez carved support," he said.

ever since," he said. "Fran North Carolina; they have blank. cuts out the blank for me, passed on their craft to the

carving classes at the Lowell Sanchez Area Arts Council; another others. skillfully carved out a salad class begins Jan. 9. One of Lowell High School, helps LAAC through Dec. 23.

The students in the

woodcarving class can start when they're eight. Their first task is to carve out a tump and an ax.

"That's how they learn about wood and shape," said 10 years old. Even with Mendez. "It teaches them

complex projects done by On a trip to Branson, their students was carving a

"It was the most Many of his figure and thrown over a 40-foot complicated but not the most difficult," said Mendez. "I was all jammed up "They can choose any item

> Sanchez also writes stories for the Alto Solo The optical nerve in his newsletter based on his experiences. perform at the Laurels of "They sewed me up Kent in Lowell. Sanchez

"Carving is something His blindness didn't that keeps him busy," said

his accident. One day while clinic in Chicago, he moved and linseed oil to bring she was teaching carving into the Alto area in 1994 out the natural color of to 4-H kids on her deck, to stay with his lifelong the wood. He uses waterbased polyurethane as a wood, and told him to carve "She provided me preservative on carved food

Sanchez's carvings may leaf bowl with a bench their young students, Leara be purchased at the Sleigh knife, he talked about his Glinzak, now a junior at Bells & Holly exhibit at the



John Sanchez of Alto carves out a leaf bowl from basswood with a bench knife.

## It was Mendez who constructive and creative. So Sanchez sands his Arts Council of Greater carve wood shortly after an outpatient mental health bis accident. One day while clinic in Chicago he moved and linseed oil to bring the bring and linseed oil to bring the bring the saccident of the bring the bring the saccident of the bring the bring the bring the saccident of the bring the b

The Arts Council of of less than \$1 million. To Actors' Theatre Greater Grand Rapids be eligible, an organization Community Circle Theatre announced on Nov. 27 the must have an art producing results of their annual grant and/or process, awarding \$35,000 component in their mission Sanchez is constantly in Operating Support and be a current member of out a head and shoulder bust. Mendez and Sanchez coming up with new ideas Grants for 2006. Twenty the arts council. Applications of a human body. Later, he both took woodcarving for carvings, while Mendez member organizations are examined by a review Grand Rapids Symphonic Band \$500 carved out a bear. classes at the John does the drawing, design applied for funding, panel in a process that Grand Rapids Women's Chorus "I've been woodcarving Campbell Folk School in and cutting of the wood which comes directly rewards organizations for Grand Valley Artists from the council's annual artistic integrity, sound fiscal "It helps me by doing fundraising efforts. With management, education, something constructive and no city or county support, outreach and collaboration. middle. I dig it out and do They teach wood- creative," he said. "I give the funds are raised from Diversity and community most of my pieces away to individuals, corporations service are also considered. and foundations that value Organizations are grouped the arts as essential in according to size, which the growth and economic determines how stability of the community. funding they are qualified

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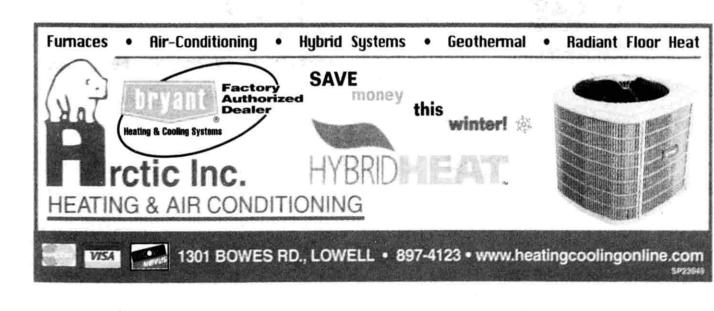
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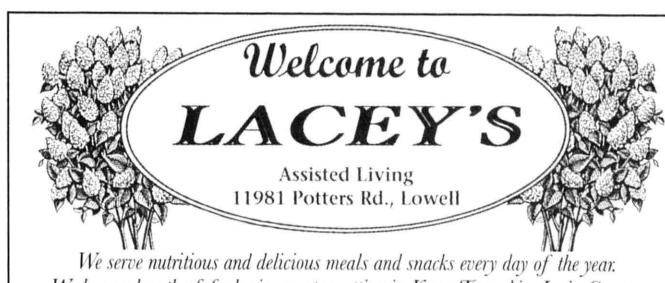
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## COMING EVENTS

WED., DEC. 13: Trailway regular board meeting, 6 p.m.

at Lowell High School, Public meeting follows, 7 -8 p.m.

WED., DEC. 13: LHS holiday band concert, 7 p.m. in

THURS., DEC. 14: Girls basketball teams banquet at 7

FRI., DEC. 15: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers

presents "I'll Be Home for Christmas", 8 p.m. in Saranac

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at 6:30, \$15 for dinner/concert.Call 522-1495 for info.

SAT., DEC. 16: Fiddlers Jamboree, 1417 Johnson St.,

Lake Odessa. Starts 2 p.m. Jamming, clogging, open

**TUESDAYS** 

Commerce. 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 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. re-

freshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets 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

TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AAmeetings at 1st Congregation-

EVERY TUES.: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church,

EVERY TUES.: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professiona

networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade

**WEDNESDAYS** 

8 p.m. ALANON new location: 206 N. Jackson, north of 1st United

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore,

28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m.

in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m.,

St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore.

3RD WED .: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at

Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

**THURSDAYS** 

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Wash-

ington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High

28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

info. 1-800-651-6000.

Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

Methodist Church, corner of Avery & Jackson. 897-5936.

al Church, 865 Lincolnn Lake SE 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

402 Amity St., 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Beth 897-5771.

874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30. 897-8304.

dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

School at 7:30 p.m.

Rd. Cheryl 868-7551

Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

mic., potluck, dancing. For info. call 616-374-8205.

p.m. in LHS Performing Arts Center. Public welcome.

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DECEMBER

THURS., DEC. 7: Vergennes Co-op Club Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor activities room, 12 p.m. punch bowl; 12:30 dinner. Surprise program. Gifts of paper Call Mari at 897-5671 with questions. products or food to FROM.

FRI., DEC. 8: Bingo, 12:45 p.m. Organ concert, 6 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., DEC. 12: Doric chapter #75 Order of the Eastern Star, regular communication 7:30, chapter room of Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding, Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

TUES., DEC. 12: TOTS family Christmas party, 6:30 7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. \$1 per child.

WED., DEC. 13: Music with Burtram Sluys, 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

#### **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 Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education, 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

**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. Will resume Sept 18.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m. No December meeting.

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

EVERY OTHER MON.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879.

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

**EVERY MON:** Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Cheryl 868-6204.

**EVERY MON.:** Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

#### **TUESDAYS**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Weight Watchers, Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby & Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Reg. 1/2 hr. before meeting. 800-651-6000.

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

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

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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

**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 897-5981.

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.

> 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.

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 10 a.m. -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: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment

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

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill on Alden Nash S. at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner

of Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371. 2ND & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-

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

ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more

2700 E. Fulton.

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

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

Library 6:30 - 8 p.m. 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**

2ND & 4TH FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant 2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider teens/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. Call Pat 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.

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, igh 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, welcome.

## Kiosk, continued ... From Page 1

The first one in 2003, "The as the greatest industry in the history of Michigan. Great Flood of 1905," ended any community turning out as a stationary exhibit at young men and women of grade all about Michigan, Elementary. City Hall. Last year, the intelligence and culture. its history, geography and museum unveiled "From From the factory, Lowell Wheat to Flour, the History High School students have of Milling," currently on gone forth in all walks of

often history is viewed as and old home town. something remote and not exciting.

a different light on the eight. A typical schoolhouse way history is viewed and had an outhouse for boys interpreted," said Straub. and one for girls outside the "We want to have exhibits back door. According to the constantly out in the panel information, kids ate community."

Central School, contains George Washington in each information about "Lowell Brains Factory."

display at the Alto Library. life, reflecting credit and Straub said quite honor upon their alma mater

Another panel describes the one-room schoolhouses "We're trying to put for grades one through potted ham or apple butter The exhibit panel sandwiches. The buildings Ward Schools, were heated by wood stoves, supplemented the and there was a portrait of the building.

Straub said the exhibit The Lowell Ledger (Sept. dovetails with the fourth 27, 1906) described the grade history curriculum

throughout the com-munity. "Lowell Brains Factory" which concentrates only on about communities," said for the schools," explained

"We have created a tool

Dorann Truax, fourth grade Straub. "They can use "We learn in fourth teacher at Cherry Creek the exhibit to fit into their

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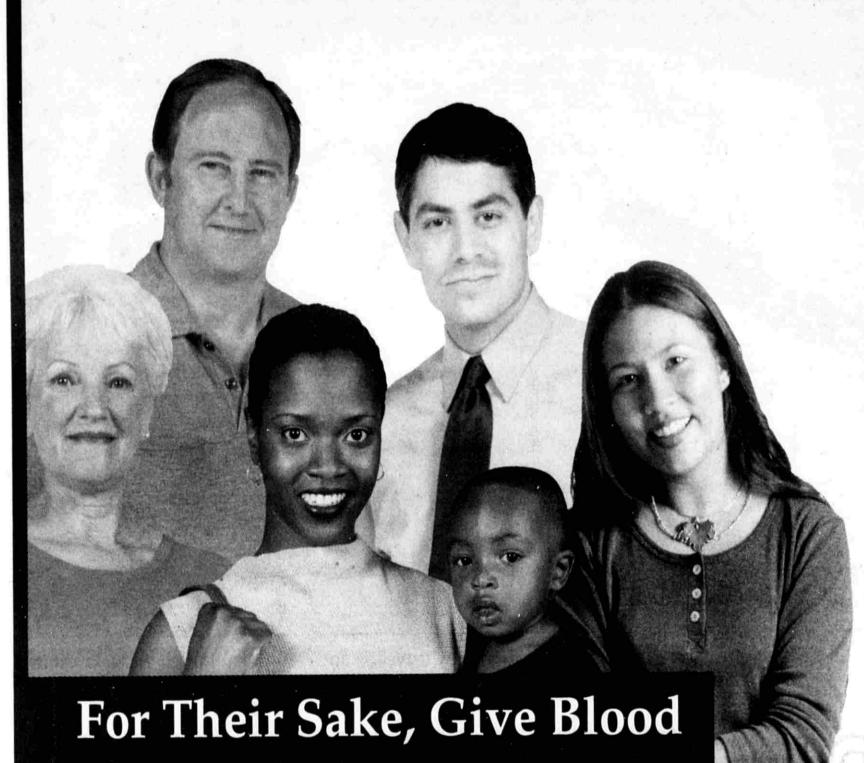


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However, the Great Lakes face a host of ongoing challenges, including threats to water quality, low water levels, contaminated sediments and the impacts of more than 160 non-native species. With so much at stake, it is critical that we make a serious commitment to the long-term health of the lakes.

The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration strategy, released in 2005, is a joint effort among governors, mayors, congressional leaders, executive branch officials and tribal governments to establish a framework for restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. The Regional Collaboration calls for an ambitious commitment of resources to combat invasive species and contaminated sediments, improve water infrastructure for states and cities, and restore damaged fish and wildlife habitats

Congress recently passed one part of that plan, the bipartisan Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, which I co-sponsored with my Republican colleague from Ohio, Sen. Mike DeWine, with whom I serve as Chairman of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force.

Enacted in 1990 and reauthorized in 1998 and 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act authorizes funding for the restoration of the lakes. The 2006 act authorizes \$9.4 million for a grant program to help restore the Great Lakes and the fish and wildlife habitats they sustain. For example, a grant helped fund a study, done in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Central Michigan University and Michigan State University, of the impact of cormorants on Great Lakes fish communities.

regional projects to be carried out by the U.S. Fish and and tribes. This will give the Fish and Wildlife Service the flexibility to pursue projects that go beyond a single location or jurisdiction.

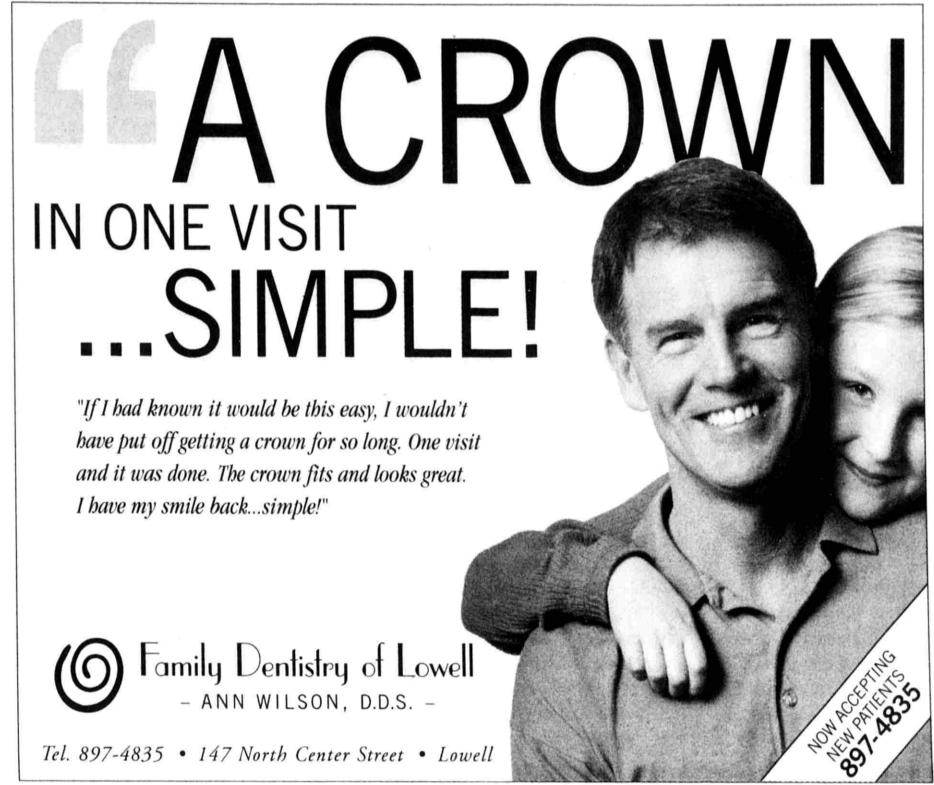
and Wildlife Service offices originally created in 1990. The Fish and Wildlife Service will also be required to submit reports to Congress detailing the grants that have been in Michigan that responsible policies can be successful. awarded and the results of those grants. With transparency work, I am hopeful we will see measurable results that can

be evaluated and adjusted accordingly in the future

The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration has provided Wildlife Service, based on the recommendations of states a valuable blueprint for progress, but we still face serious challenges in implementing the plan. The Administration's 2007 budget proposal failed to include funding for almost every recommendation. It is time to make the tough choices Finally, the bill provides funding to maintain the Fish necessary to fulfill the federal government's obligation to preserve and restore the Great Lakes for future generations.

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Though the lakes face great challenges, we have seen In October, I joined Representatives John D. Dingell and Levin, cont'd., pg. 18





## The Lowell Area Community Fund

#### What is The Lowell Area Community Fund?

Lowell Area Community Fund was established as the result of a generous \$12.7 million bequest by Harold Englehardt.

Since its inception in 1996, LACF has granted more than \$5.9 million charitable dollars into the Lowell area. In the last fiscal year, ended June 30, 2006, \$730,138 was granted! Each grant touches the "areas of concern" originally identified by the community: recreation, human service, health, environment, community development, arts and culture, and - to honor Harold Englehardt's express request for emphasis – education.

The Advisory Committee meets frequently to steward the fund through both grant-making and development planning. The committee includes: Sandy Graham, representing Lowell Township; Dave Pasquale, Lowell City Manager; John Darling, representing the Englehardt family; Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township; Kurt Lardie, President at Huntington Bank, Lowell; Gregory Pratt, Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools; and Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal.

> 2006 Annual Report to the **Community Available Online**

Please go to our website at www.grfoundation.org/lowell to download the 2006 Annual Report Lowell Area Schools -Beginning Endowment Balance To purchase developmentally

\$37,869.00

appropriate and safe play area

for community children.

College scholarships for Lowell area students \$44,000.00

> Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation -

To provide matching dollars to purchase books for the Lowell Area Schools libraries.

\$5,000.00

#### Rockford Ambulance Inc -

To provide funding to expand and enhance the existing physical plant that currently houses Rockford Ambulance and the Lowell Fire Department at the Look Memorial Fire Station

\$81,000.00

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 6/30/06

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#### Do you have questions?

Call anyone on the Advisory Committee.

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## RED ARROW S PORTS

## Lowell's first showing at state meet ends at semifinals

Senior leadership key to a strong season

By Sean Garner Contributing Writer

They had come so far and finished so close.

The Lowell basketball team began the 2006 season losing three of their first four games. In the midst of this adversity, the Red Arrows decided to come together, and that decision proved to be beneficial, winning all but one of their remaining regular season

games. carried a 21-4 record with them into the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University last Friday for their semifinal showdown with 22-4 Fraser. Fraser had just come off a 59-46 victory over East Lansing on Tuesday night at Lansing Eastern High School.

contested until the final season came to an end after a Christian. 44-35 loss to Fraser. Despite their loss, the team's season was still one to remember Lowell had ever made it past the regional portion of the MHSAA Class A tournament.

"When we first went out there, we were a little nervous and we missed a few lay-ups," senior guard Kelsey Crowley said. "Then we settled down and started playing pretty well. I'm real proud of how we played together."

Coach Dee Crowley believes that leadership from her five seniors was the main factor in allowing the Arrows to have such a The group, consisting of time ago. strong season, in spite of their shaky start.

We want

other seniors to lean on, so it took awhile for them to develop led all scorers with 14 points that leadership," Crowley in the semifinals), has been said. "Once they got that leadership, they just dug in and worked harder."

beginning of the season may have helped unite the team.

"We kind of changed and thought 'let's play team together. ball this time," Lyman said. "We do that every year, but this year we were kind of off of it. Then we kind of got into a rhythm of winning, but I think losing those three games helped us out a lot."

start and strong finish might Crowley. have been their difficult

the Arrows had a tough night to follow." shooting the ball, going as this was the first time 11 of 54 from the field, three-pointers.

said Crowley. "Usually we success this season. have a strong inside-outside

game to Detroit Martin court." Luther King, 42-36.

seniors have Crowley, Lyman, Brittany Bueche, Lindsey Trierweiler and Amanda Geelhoed (who playing together since sixth grade. Moments after their devastating defeat, neither One of the seniors, guard Lyman nor Crowley felt Brittany Lyman, believes they had come to grips with the team's struggles at the the fact the game they had just played would be the last one this very closely-

knit group would ever play "It hasn't hit me yet," Crowley said. "I'm just so glad that I got to play with them throughout these six,

The departure of these seniors will cast Part of the reason for a long shadow over the both the Arrows' lackluster program, according to coach

"Those five players regular season schedule, one have left a benchmark or a that included two games, standard for those younger each being losses, against players to strive for. Whether minute and a half, Lowell's Class B champions Unity they're fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth graders, they've In their semifinal game, set the trail that others need

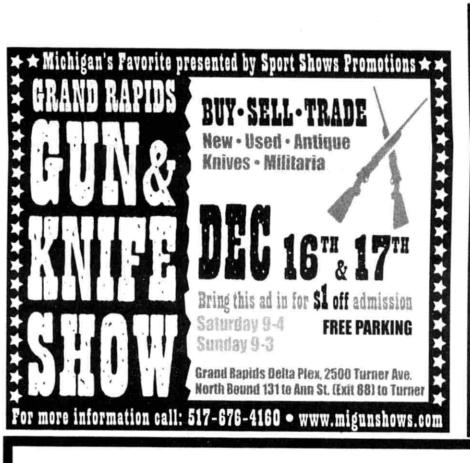
> Lyman, who plans to play in college, says she connecting on only 1 of 14 believes the camaraderie between the seniors and "We couldn't get going the underclassmen played on the outside shooting," a large role in the team's

> "We hang out all the game, and today, we had to time," Lyman said. "We go get everything done on the tubing together. We do a lot of different things together. Fraser would go on to Because we're so close, I lose in the championship believe it helps us out on the

One of the finest seasons Lowell loses just five in the history of Lowell seniors but those five were all girls basketball has ended. crucial players in the Arrows' 21-5 with a trip to the state championship-laden season. semifinals. 1-3 was a long



The 2006 girls varsity basketball team, front row, left to right: Keri Fosburg, Breanna Bueche, Brittany Lyman, Andrea Converse, Chelsea Harrison; middle row: Mary VanderLaan, Brittany Bueche, Kelsey Crowley, Brittany Clark; back row: coach Dani Gallert, Lindsey Trierweiler, Amanda Geelhoed and coach Dee Crowley.



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There are two four-year Board of Education positions to be filled at the regular school election which will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2011.

An individual is eligible for election as a school board member if the individual is a citizen of the United States and is a qualified and registered elector of the school district the individual seeks to represent by the filing deadline. Individuals interested in running for a board seat must first file nominating petitions (or a \$100 non-refundable fee in lieu of petitions) and an affidavit of identity. Petitions and affidavits can be obtained from all Kent County city and townships clerks or the election official at the school dis-

The petitions must contain at least 40 signatures of registered school electors of the district and must be circulated within each municipality of the school district, not district wide. It is recommended that a reasonable number of signatures over the minimum be obtained to protect against invalid signatures.

Petition circulators need not be a registered school elector, and ELECTORS CAN SIGN AS MANY PETITIONS AS THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED.

The deadline for filing is 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Petitions are filed at the office of the Kent County Clerk (not at the school district).

If you are interested in running, please note the following dates:

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. last day for filing Nominating Petitions and Affidavits of Identity - at the Kent County Clerk's office; Friday, February 16, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw from ballot Tuesday, May 8, 2007 - Regular School Election

For more information contact Kay Jones at 987-2501



## Students: Don't believe college financial aid myths

season is in full swing. College is expensive, but tuition fears shouldn't overshadow an otherwise exciting time in a teen's life. The key is explore. to not believe the financial myths surrounding the price more scholarships by paying of a higher education.

Myth #1: You can't afford college.

dents see the tuition price, scholarship if you pay a fee. cost of living in the forms Check out www.fastweb. and the textbook fees, and say there is no way they sources. can afford college. Don't ignore college because of its pay for college, so my salary "sticker price." Students can receive a combination of grants, loans, scholarships cial aid is based on parents' or Work Study jobs to help

be very poor, very smart or Free Application for Federal very talented to qualify for Student Aid) to qualify for financial aid.

reduce the cost.

in many forms - grants and scholarships that you don't formation similar to what have to repay, and loans you need for your income which you do. There is taxes. After submitting the need-based aid for students FAFSA, students receive a of lower income families, report that shows how much and merit-based aid for the government expects students who excel in ath- you to pay for toward your letics, music, community child's education. If you service, and many other ar- aren't ready to file yet, visit eas. Financial aid sources www.act.org/fane/ to get an

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Myth #3: You can get someone to search for you.

Scams are everywhere. Beware of any group or in-Many parents and stu- dividual that guarantees com or www.finaid.org for

> Myth #4: My child will doesn't matter.

> > Most need-based finan-

income and assets. Most schools require that stu-Myth #2: You have to dents fill out the FAFSA (the need-based aid. The form Financial aid comes available online at www. fafsa.ed.gov, asks for in-

Myth #5: You can wait

about financial aid. until you get accepted to doled out on a first-come

first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Most financial aid is Looking for financial aid probably isn't a teen's idea

ter than graduating from college in debt.

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Brief, "Sound Off" comments are always welcome but will be, at times, edited for content and length. All comments are submitted by the public and do not neccessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To

Great job this year boys!!

Patrice and Gary. You have done a wonderful job raising two very fine boys. I've been a Michigan State fan all the way. But Keith, you made the right choice. - Miss Deb

As always the parade was great, I especially enjoyed seeing and hearing our own Lowell Express. What a fun idea.

Talk about a biased Ledger - Nov. 29.

I truly did not miss the negativity in Sound Off last week. Can Sound Off be eliminated?

What a great job the Lowell/Caledonia Hockey JV manager has done!

Lowell's small town feel is the heart of our town. Building 400 houses would change it. Do we want our community to be busy and loud? I don't. Go build your houses somewhere else!  $\sim M.R.$ 

Do we want Lowell to become like any other city? Lowell is Lowell, don't change it for the worst. ~LHS student

I've missed the Boy Scouts the last couple of years at Christmas Through Lowell. I need my bird seed. Thousands of Kent County birds are asking "Where are you?"

I'm ashamed of how many people remained seated when our nation's flag went by during the parade.

I'm thrilled each time I see the showboat calliope in use again. What wonderful

## Levin, continued ... From Page 15

pollution and dredging.

Clean Water Act and the Great Lakes Legacy Act combined

I am pleased that the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife This May, evidence of whitefish spawning was Restoration Act will bring to fruition some important pieces discovered in the Detroit River for the first time in 90 years. of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Still, there is The passage of the Detroit River International Wildlife much to be done. The lakes are a unique treasure, and we Refuge in 2001 and sound environmental legislation like the must recognize that we are only their temporary stewards.

## International Wildlife Refuge. Despite their abundance in to help clean up the Detroit River so the whitefish could

the Detroit River at the turn of the 20th century, whitefish rebound. It is remarkable how resilient nature can be, but were all but wiped out by the 1920s due to industrial it's up to us to do our part.



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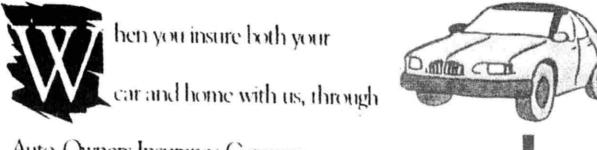
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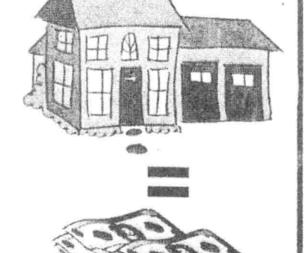
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## Lowell football standout receives Gatorade Michigan player of the year

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Nichol, along with his December. State winners

Lowell High School fellow State Players of the are selected not only for personal character on in Lowell Schools' cothe prestigious "Gatorade National Football Player of the Year" award to be announced in mid-

Year, is now a finalist for their outstanding athletic performance, but also for meeting high academic- the senior is a dedicated achievement standards while demonstrating exemplary

and off the field. With a 3.36 grade point average, student-athlete and has been an enthusiastic participant

community curricular service program.

He produced staggering numbers for the 10-1 Red Arrows in 2006, throwing

for 2,143 yards and 33 touchdowns.

In January, Nichol will attend Oklahoma University on a football scholarship.

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