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Still room on the shelves at pantry

Volunteer Peggy Knowles is shown filling empty shelves at Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry. The pantry is currently in need of a variety of soups and canned vegetables, except green beans and corn. First United Methodist Church of Lowell will be distributing Christmas boxes on Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as clothing and toys. The boxes will contain everything needed for a traditional Christmas dinner, including turkey and potatoes. Voyages Coffee Shop has an angel tree, sponsored by Flat River Outreach Ministries, for those who would like to contribute.



Lowell police ask public to help identify littering suspect

By Emma Palova

Green fliers accusing two Ionia County Sheriff deputies of child pornography have recently appeared in the Lowell and Saranac areas.

Lowell Police

Department (LPD) is asking for help in identifying the suspect who has been littering the area, while slandering the deputies.

The suspect may face littering charges, a misdemeanor with up to a \$500 fine.

Lowell police have been

investigating the incident since the fliers appeared Nov. 16 through Nov. 19.

"Various places within the city had postings," said investigating detective Steve Bukala. "Residents turned the fliers in. The allegations are false."

LPD took the fliers to

hoping that the Lowell

Showboat flag will fly in

enthusiastic," said board

member Teresa Beachum.

"We hope the enthusiasm

Greenville.

"We're

the Michigan State Police crime lab to attempt print identification.

A witness described a six feet tall, weighing 250 possible suspect driving an early '90s dark-colored two-tone Chevrolet pickup truck with a loud exhaust around the time the fliers appeared, was the time the fliers appeared, was the time the fliers appeared, was said Bukala.

Shortly after that, the witness discovered the same flier on the door of his business.

An additional witness

described the suspect as a

white male, approximately

"It remains unknown if these two are related," said Bukala. "Whoever the subject is, they are trying to destroy the reputation of two deputies publicly."

According to Bukala, the accusations have no merit. In the meantime, the Lowell police and Ionia County Sheriff's Department continue to look at leads regarding these incidents.

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"Unfortunately we haven't been able to identify this person at this time," said Bukala. "This could be said about any officer."

Bukala said he hopes people will not believe the accusations, although sometimes perceptions may become a reality.

"It's a character assassination attempt," said Bukala. "These two deputies must have upset somebody."

Bukala said most of the time police officers deal with a negative environment and they don't make people happy.

If you have any tips or leads, call the LPD at 897-7120.



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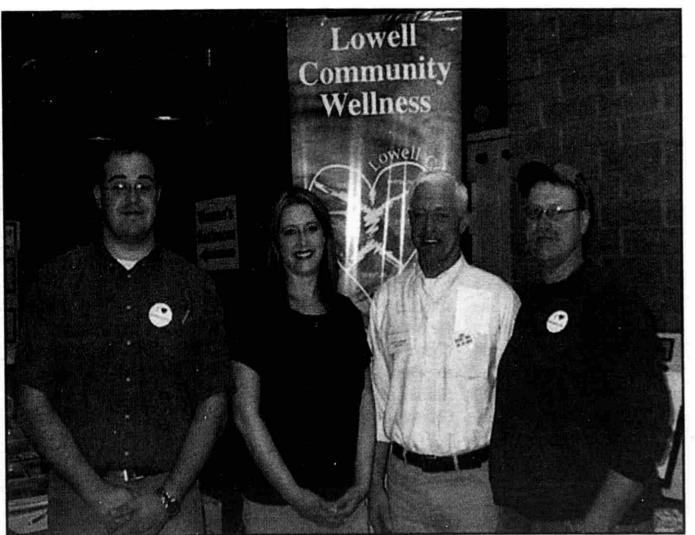
Weight-loss teams to challenge Greenville

By Emma Palova

The

eight-loss teams in Lowell will compete against teams in Greenville in the third annual community weightloss challenge starting Jan. 10. And the community which loses the least will have to fly the victor's flag.

Organizers from Lowell Community Wellness are



The winning weight loss challenge team of 2006 called Hovey Herbalite lost a total

community to allow us to win this competitive event." The goal of the 2007 weight-loss challenge is to lose 2007 pounds as a

through

our

trickles

very

community, and to raise \$1,000 for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

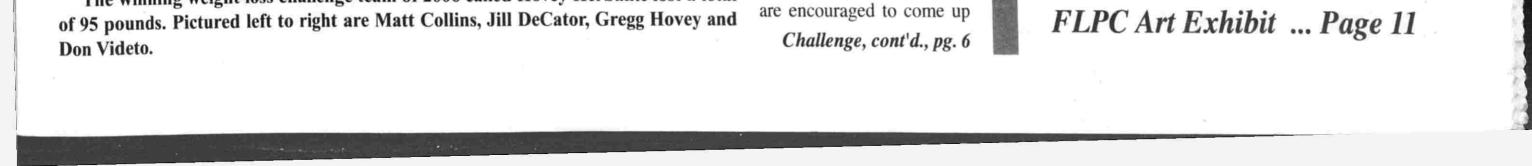
With the new competitivespin, community wellness director Patty Sellner is hoping to find the same energy in Greenville.

"We want to challenge each one of our schools, our bus drivers and individuals to participate in this rewarding program," said Sellner.

Although the weight-loss challenge is a competitive event, organizers want teams to work together toward healthier communities.

"It's something to look forward to ... adopting a healthier lifestyle," said Sellner.

The teams of four adults



HOLLOWAY

Richard James Holloway. aged 87, of Grand Rapids. passed away on Friday, December 8, 2006. He went to be with the Lord and to be reunited with his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth "Betty" (Carley) Holloway, who passed away on March 14. 2001. Mr. Holloway was born on December 6, 1919. in Grand Rapids, the son of Ralph and Ida (Vickstrom) Holloway who preceded him in death. Also preceding him were two brothers Harold and Maynard Holloway. Jim graduated from South High School Class of 1937 and Grand Rapids Junior College. He served his country proudly as a Chief Warrant Officer with the 101st Airborne of the U.S. Army during WWII. He is survived by a daughter Amy and Bill Brown of Alto; son Tom and Marolynn Holloway of Mattawan; grandchildren Laura (James) Egan, Scott Brown, Jason (Jamie) Holloway, James, Alex and Mary Holloway; sisterin-law Arlene Holloway; several nieces and nephews. A service to celebrate his life will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. SE, where the December 7, 2006. He will four brothers and two sisters family will receive friends always be remembered as a (Vinh, Hien, Truong / Khieu, for one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Assoc. of W. MI or American Lung Assoc.

LUCE

Lamar E. Luce, aged 76, of Paw Paw, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, December 3, 2006 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, after a brief illness. Lamar was born November 6, 1930. in Auburn, IN, the son of the late Floyd and Verda (Pendland) Luce. He and his wife Jean were Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for 26 years for the Village of Paw Paw. On March 20, 1958 in Grand Rapids, Lamar was united in marriage to the former Donna Jean Limbacher who survives. Also surviving are step-sister Dorothy Nichols of Grand Rapids; sister-inlaw Joyce Hanshue of Lowell;

nieces Lisa (Robert) Smith of Fennville, DeeAnn (Randy) Wilcox of Alto, Paula (Doug) Wilbur of Lowell, Kerry Pry of Fort Myers, FL; nephews Bart Griffeth, Curt Griffeth, Ross (Tami) Griffeth all of Lowell; several cousins; special buddies Callie and Inkie. He was preceded in death by a sister Violet Cree and step-brother Ed Hoskins. A memorial service was held Friday at Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Interment in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Maple City Veterans Memorial Park, Paw Paw.



PHAM

Joseph Sinh Con Pham, aged 83, of Coopersville, passed house in Lowell on Thursday, last year of his life joyfully daughter Thien-Nga in 1968. grandsons in the same house. He earned his law degree from Saigon University while supporting a large and growing family. In 1954, he to flee the communists. He Urban), Hong(Chau) Nguyen, spent over 25 years working when he retired

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school, high school, and notice, whether it was for a Pat and Charlotte Pullen, resulting in his children becoming physicians, veterinarian. attorneys, scientists, and professionals who continued his legacy. He spoke fluent French, English and Vietnamese. He enjoyed writing poetry, Karpinski of Lansing; sistergardening, praying the in-law Mrs. Agnes Bartnik rosary, and playing with his of Milford; many nieces grandchildren. He was a and nephews. The service humble and deeply religious for Jim was held Monday at man who chose to live the Pederson Funeral Home, simply, so that he could give Rockford, with Deacon generously to his children and Kenneth Baldwin officiating. grateful to the generosity Cemetery. Those planning an of sponsors, friends and expression of sympathy are U.S. -- he constantly prayed Historical Society. for them and reminded the family of their kindness. He was an active member in the Cursillo Movement (De Colores) in Saigon, Vietnam. He is the son of Mr. Duyen Sinh Pham and Mrs. Quy away peacefully at his son's Thi Nguyen. He was the last surviving member of gentle, kind, and loving father Dieu). He was ceded in death and grandfather. He spent the by his son Duc in 1975, and playing with his two small He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Mrs. Loan Kim Do; his nine daughters - KimTuyet (Lam Nguyen), KimBinh (Milton) Loveless, Ann (Tony) Martin, Mimosa, took his family from North Hai (Rick) Longworth, Hien Vietnam to South Vietnam (Tien) Pham, Hanh (Charles Teresa (Dan) Martin; and various government two sons - Thomas (JoAnn) ministries in Vietnam until Pham, Trieu (Wendy) Pham; 11 grandchildren Ponette from his post as a Bureau Martin, Fisher and Hunter Chief in the Department of Pham, Joseph Pham, Mac Corrections. Shortly after his Pham, Mark Martin, Amy retirement the Vietnam War Longworth, Tuan Nguyen; ended, and he and his family Ngo, Thai, and Thu Pham; left everything behind again and six great-grandchildren. to start a new life in the U.S. A memorial service will be He humbly cleaned houses held on Saturday Dec. 16 at before spending 10 years 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, as an accounting clerk at followed by a reception; GTE in Muskegon. After preceded by a rosary service retiring from GTE in 1989. on Friday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. he continued to work with at St. Mary's Church in his wife at Michigan Bulb Lowell. In lieu of flowers, please send your contribution to Catholic Relief Services, World Vision, or any charity of your choice in honor and memory of Joseph Sinh Con Pham.

PULLEN

aged 81, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2006. For 38 years, Jim worked in the warehouse for Associate Truck Lines, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Cannon Historical Society, Tri-Town Conservation Club. Jim first met Eleanor

Grand Rapids until 1995, lived. They were married (Sally) Steketee of Indian in Greece and attending when he suffered a severe on August 22, 1947. Jim Valley, ID; 11 grandchildren; college, Mr. Vlahos came stroke, and remained home enjoyed deer hunting but 14 great-grandchildren. Born to America in 1937 and with limited mobility. He mostly liked the social part and raised in Grand Rapids, enlisted in the US Army was a devoted father who of hunting. Proud and caring, Mame attended The Madeira during WWII, serving in worked relentlessly to help Jim dearly loved being with School and Vassar College. New Guinea and working as his children through grade his grandchildren and great- The family will hold a private a surgical tech. He enjoyed grandchildren. He is survived burial service. They invite playing cards. Mr. Vlahos college. His children knew by his wife the former friends to join them for a was a member of Holy Trinity they could count on him Eleanor Karpinski; children for support at a moment's Charlene and John Koewers, ride home from school, help Jim and Dianna Pullen, with their income tax, or all of Ada; grandchildren babysittingthegrandchildren. Robyn Koewers, Kim and His devotion resulted in Jeff Largen, Amy and Vince NW, Grand Rapids 49503 Helen and Rob Brinkman the success of his family Videan, Scott Pullen and fiancee Nikki Craig, Sean 1050 Fuller Ave. NE, Grand Pullen, Asheley and David Gregory, Josh Pullen; three great-grandchildren; brother Maurice "Pete" and Betsy Pullen of Rockford; brotherin-law Charles and Wendy those in need. He was always Interment in Bostwick Lake neighbors of the family in the asked to consider Cannon

STARKWEATHER

68, of Wyoming, passed his family to Cadillac, away Thursday, December then to Grand Rapids and 7, 2006. He was preceded in retired to Caledonia. Tee death by his parents Earl and was a great fan of the Red Elsie; sister Sheryl Miles; Arrows and followed his sons Rodney and Robert; grandsons and their teams grandson Robert. Surviving enthusiastically. A memorial are his wife of 31 years, service will be held at the Diane: children Richard Elmdale Nazarene Church in Starkweather and friend Paula (Fenwick), Anne and Martin Bueche of Ionia, Robin and Matt Moreau of he will be buried with full Lansing, Sandra Swieter of Wyoming, Andrew Swieter contributions may be made Roger David Wilkinson, of Sparta, Scott Stein of to Elmdale Nazarene Church IN: grandchildren Kimberly or Red Arrow Boosters. Starkweather of Ionia, Matthew Starkweather of Grand Rapids, Megan Webster, Alayna, Alexis and Noah Bueche of Ionia, Lauren, Olivia, Elise and Frederic Moreau of Lansing, Angela and Luis Jimenez and Erika Swieter of Wyoming; brothers Bruce Starkweather of Alto, Craig (Paula) Starkweather of Mecosta, Rev. Kirk (Rosie) Starkweather of Ionia, Ross Starkweather of Lowell; sister Suzanne (David) Buete of Belding; extended family Jolyne (Mike) Sobel, Bert (Lynell) Brown, Denise (Norm) Kopp. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 52nd St. SE with Fr. Phong Pham presiding. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

STEKETEE

Mr. James "Jim" Pullen, Mary Louise Steketee, aged 91, passed away peacefully with Fr. Loc Trinh presiding. December 2, 2006. She was preceded in death by Cemetery. her husband Campbell Hall Steketee. She is survived by to Our Lady of Lourdes her six children Campbell Shrine of St. John Vianney the Teamster Local #409, H. (Miriam) Steketee, Jr. of Salem, Oregon, Mary and former member of the M. MacDonald of Clifton Park, NY, Sandra Simmons (Chris Chaffee) of Eric, Mr. Terry F. Vlahos, aged at a wedding and Jim drove PA, Penelope (Mike) Sidor his 1937 Chevrolet from the of Rolling Meadows, IL, December 4, 2006. After family farm in Ada to Grand P. Frederick (Deborah)

Conservancy of West Michigan, 1345 Monroe Ave. or the American Red Cross, Rapids, MI 49503.

TEELANDER

Bernard L. "Tee" Teelander, aged 76, died peacefully December 7, 2006. was preceded in death by his sister Velma. He is survived by his wife Diane; sister Ethel; sons Howard and Michelle Teelander, Alan and Jerri Teelander, Kevin Teelander; grandsons Ryan Teelander, Shane and Angie (Dawson) Teelander, Jacqueline (Bay) and Scott Saylor; great-granddaughter Isabella Teelander. Tee was born in Cadillac, served in the Air Force. After his discharge from the Air Gary E. Starkweather, aged Force, he came back with Elmdale on Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. A service will be held in the spring at Fort Custer where military honors. Memorial

VAN BELKUM

Cecelia A. Van Belkum, aged 82, of Wyoming, died Sunday, December 3, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband Louis William Van Belkum Jr.; granddaughters Michelle Sasso, Kimberly Dykema; sister Mary "Mania" Kieda. She will be greatly missed by her children Louis William III, Barbara Van Belkum of Las Vegas, NV, Carol and Bart Sasso of Sebring, FL, John and Connie Van Belkum of Alto, Joseph and Laura Van Belkum of Byron Center; grandchildren Sandy, Paula, Louis William IV, Kathy, Jeffrey, Kristina; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Wallace and Mary Kieda, Aloysius and Lorriane Kieda; many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Thursday at St. John Vianney Church, Interment Resurrection Memorial contributions may be made Church.

VLAHOS

89, passed away on Monday,

making flower bouquets in Rapids where Eleanor Steketee II of Alto, Stephen graduating from high school memorial service in late June Greek Orthodox Church and 2007 to celebrate Mame's the Order of Ahepa. He is life. Memorial contributions survived by his wife Nancy; may be made to the Land children Diana Kanoza of Grand Rapids, Frank and Shely Vlahos of Georgia. of Rockford, Kathy and Gordon Thayer of Rockford; step-children Kim and Eric Pearson of Ada, Holly and Dan Stine of Ionia, Marc and Gail Griffith of Grand Rapids, Michael Dodd of Lowell, Robert and Karen Dodd of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; brother George and Sava Vlahos of Greece; niece Mantha Mehallis of Florida. The service for Mr. Vlahos was held Friday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in East Grand Rapids. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider Hospice of Michigan.



WILKINSON

aged 81, of Ada, died Thursday, December 7, 2006 at his home after a brief illness. He was born July 9, 1925, to Robert and Dawn (Merrifield) Wilkinson of Grand Rapids. He married Donna E. Gray on October 20, 1961. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna; three daughters Elizabeth (Scot) Fisher of Marion, Aimee (Craig) Frechette of Middleville, Gloria Jane (Glenn) Schober of Tipp City, OH; six grandchildren Anna, William, Benjamin Schober, Joseph and Emilia Fisher, Grace Frechette; sister Lucy Ann (Robert) DeVries of St. Joseph; two brothers Joseph (Donna)Wilkinson of East Lansing, Thomas (Louise) Wilkinson of Soddy Daisy, TN; brother-in-law Williard (Bea) Dornbos of Ludington; sisters-in-law Gloria (Charles) Donnelly of Rockville, MD, Caroline Gray of Richland; many was special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Richard Warren Wilkinson and Robert Cleveland Wilkinson; sister Dawn Catherine Dornbos and brother-in-law Jack E. Gray. Friends may meet the family at 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Monterey Center, 6595 Alden Nash SE, Alto. In lieu of flowers. memorial contributions may

be made to the charity of

one's choice.

Local businessman dies during liver transplant

By Emma Palova

Local of AirWave Computer Services in Lowell, died



transplant surgery at the tests including two biopsies, top transplant surgeons in the and Caleb. University of Miami Jackson but couldn't tell what went country, Dr. Andreas Tzakis, Memorial Hospital.

On Friday, the entire family including Yomtoob Disease, he received his first

remained optimistic about liver transplant at age 12. on Yomtoob in 1999. Tzakis However, Yomtoob died of list for another transplant. heart failure on the table during the surgery. He had condition was stable, toll on his body was too weeks.

Yomtoob's drug induced toxins from Monday. anti-rejection medication. A wrong.

Born with Wilson's the previous two transplants blogspot.com.

businessman, the long wait for the right Seventeen years later the remains a true hero for the David Yomtoob, 38, owner liver match. A liver was transplanted liver failed and Yomtoob family. procured through the organ all tests indicated Wilson's procurement network Disease was not the cause of blog, his brother Ben United Network of Organ the second liver failure. He Yomtoob wrote "In the end, Sharing (UNOS) on Sunday. was on the top of the waiting it was David's time. He had

> been in the hospital for six according to his mother. But much for him to complete she did acknowledge there is the surgery." mother, no time frame while waiting Parichehr Yomtoob of for the right organ. He was be held on Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. Chicago, author of "The in God's hands, Parichehr at the Metcalf & Johnkoff Gift of Life 2", said doctors Yomtoob said on Friday. Funeral Home, 4291 at first thought her son's His wife Sara was scheduled Cascade Rd. SE in Grand condition was caused by to fly down to Florida on Rapids

> > M.D., who had performed

In David Yomtoob's

weathered so much and so Last Friday, Yomtoob's many challenges, but the

A funeral service will

Yomtoob is survived The 12-hour transplant by his wife Sara and three Sunday during a liver team of doctors did all the was performed by one of the children Rachael, Nathan

posted at davidyomtoob.

LPD busy linking crimes to suspects

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Police Department (LPD) has been active throughout the year in linking crimes to suspects.

Andrew Craig Peterson, 22, of Lowell, has been arraigned on charges of retail fraud, a first degree felony and a several crimes that have happened in Lowell over the past second count of possession of marijuana.

A female subject, who declined releasing her name pending arraignment, was also arrested on charges of pos- at 63rd District Court. Additional charges may be waived at session of marijuana

Peterson faces charges of stealing property worth more restitution fees are paid. than \$200 but less than \$1,000 from Movie Gallery, Kent County District Library and a video store in Saranac.

The LPD executed a search warrant at 1510 Deborah (Lowell One Apartments) after receiving a tip regarding the stolen property on Nov. 21.

Peterson is scheduled for a Dec. 11 preliminary exam at 63rd District Court.

Also, the new LPD video camera system, funded by a grant from the Office of Highway Safety and Planning, helped the LPD catch a reckless driver on Main Street.

The 45-year-old man from Grand Rapids is scheduled to be arraigned on Dec. 13 at 63rd District Court. "It's hard to testify against an officer when the video shows reckless driving," said investigative detective Steve Bukala. The driver was traveling 75 mph in a 35-mile speed limit, and passing vehicles on the right, according to Bukala.

In September, officer Scott VanSolkema investigated a turfing complaint on Robert Allen Onan, 19, of Lowell.

When Onan was arrested for failing to appear for arraignment and after VanSolkema ran numbers on the turfing pickup truck, the officer found out it was stolen.

During the impounding and search of the pickup, other stolen property was found in the vehicle.

Onan faces charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and a second count of switching vehicle identification numbers.

"Officer VanSolkema was able to link the subject to year," said Bukala.

Onan is scheduled for a preliminary exam on Dec. 13 the preliminary examination due to a plea agreement and as



Army National Guard and Pvt. Andrew J. Weiss has map reading, field tactics, graduated from basic combat military courtesy, military training at Fort Jackson, justice system, basic first Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks training exercises. of training, Weiss studied the Army mission, history, of Caledonia High School, is tradition and core values, the son of Robert and Anna physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed

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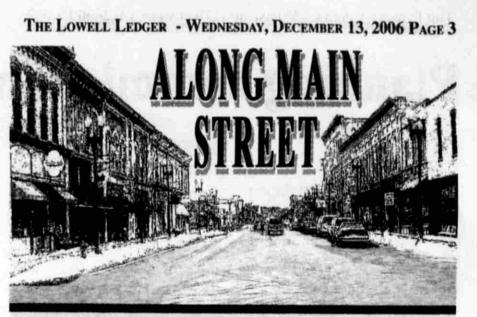
Weiss, a 2006 graduate Weiss of Alto.





Condolences can be

unarmed combat.



LHS HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

The Lowell High School band will perform its holiday concert this Wednesday, the 13th, at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

LOWELL AREA TRAILWAY MEETING

Regular board meeting is this Wednesday, the 13th, in the Lowell High School cafeteria, 6-7 p.m.; public meeting 7-8 p.m. to discuss the multi-use trail. Call Mari at Vergennes Twp. 897-5671.

BASKETBALL BANQUET

The public is invited to the celebration of the Lowell Girls Basketball teams this Thursday, the 14th at 7 p.m. in the LPAC at Lowell High School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

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

ORCHESTRA/CHOIR CONCERTS

The holiday orchestra concert is Monday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center; Lowell Middle School holiday choir concert is Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School; Lowell High School holiday choir concert is Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

Try-outs for the Lowell Stingers AAU girls basketball teams for 5th - 8th grades: Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Cost \$75; plus \$30 if jersey needed. Teams for each grade. Call 897-7810 to register or with questions.

BLACK CATS IN CONCERT

The Class of 2007 presents "The Black Cats" on Friday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell High School. Tickets go on sale Dec. 14 and 15 at LHS cafeteria during lunches (11:15 - 1 p.m.) and after school till 4 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Education Foundation.

GIRLS FAST PITCH CLINIC

LHS softball coaches will have a winter fast pitch clinic for elementary/middle school girls beginning Jan. 4 at Riverside gym. Grades 5 and under: 5:30 p.m.; 6-8 graders: 6:30. Cost: \$30; includes T-shirt. Applications at LMS, Cherry Creek, Alto and Bushnell. Call Bob Rodenhouse at school 987-2967 or home 245-4596.

ROTARY GIFT PACKS

Lowell Rotary Club is selling its holiday gift packs for \$12.50. See any Rotary member or purchase at 5/3 Bank, ICNB, Huntington Bank, City Hall, Cousin's, State Farm, LAAC, Bernard's Ace, and Springrove Variety.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Purchase an Entertainment 2007 book for \$25 from Lowell Women's Club (a fundraiser for scholarships/ local projects). Good thru October 2007. Available at Brenda's Hair Designs, Huntington Bank, club members or Marj 897-8107



Planning commission cleans up variance language

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Planning Commission tried to clean confusing language Monday in the city's variance application.

criteria that must be met for by the applicant himself." the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to grant a variance to the city ordinance.

commission members and struggled with how to answer the questions in the answer.

application. "We're trying to clarify this," said Lowell Planning Commission chairman Clark Jahnke.

He sees the biggest problem with the last question: "If the need for a There are currently six variance hasn't been created

It was the consensus of However, both the a yes answer and three get a zoning ordinance. no answer. For an applicant

Jahnke said he would like to see the last criterion "I've fought with gone. this for years," he said. "Somebody is just finding insignificant or a joke."

the commission members for a variance contains

Hall.

According to manager Dave Pasquale, the city council, in its role as the Zoning Board of Appeals, acts like a court. In that an easy or cheap way to do capacity, any decision is what they want to do. For made by the ZBA based the most part, the answer is on the interpretation of the zoning ordinance. "You have The application form a close coordination between the ZBA and the planning that usually three criteria get language from the city commission," said Pasquale. "There hasn't been that "I have a difficulty if much difference between the public at large have to obtain a variance, all it's a yes or no vote," said the planning commission variance application to criteria must have a yes commission member Jim recommendation and the ZBA decision."

Council member Jim recommendation because commission's discussion.

In many cases, according to Jahnke, people on the planning commission. "But that dynamic could

disappear," he said. will be available with the reasons as a last resort.

Joint commission limits number of fowl in residential districts

By Emma Palova

City Council to make a every time. They want to four chicken hens, the Lowell a problem with chickens Planning Monday tightened its grip on fowl control.

with the city, the planning covotes into the city. commission limited the number of small animals to Jeanne Shores was in favor two on 0.5 acre by special of having a controlled use permit only in residen- limited amount of chickens tial districts. A faction of in the city. The majority the planning commission of commission members members was in favor of and council member Jim eliminating fowl completely Pfaller considered rabbits in the city due to stench and acceptable as indoors pets. noise.

Commission member exotic animals, however. Jerri Teelander said animals country.

"There is no sense in Hall. having animals in the city," live in the city."

was commission member According to building Jim Hall who maintained the same rules should apply 50-foot required setback for to everyone.

"Somewhere the line we have to say

no," he said. "When the chickens are outside, they're Vance Dimmick, as well, With a Jan. 2 deadline on public property. We're did not want to grant the the chickens and then asking approaching for the Lowell trying to cater to everybody decision on Brian McLane's be accommodated. I have Commission running around."

According to commission member Garland In a joint session Berry, chickens could bring Council member

He did have a concern with

"I don't want any should only be kept in the chickens, rabbits or birds spreading the bird flu," said

Some consideration heritage in Michigan. she said. "That is why we was given to increasing the lot size from 0.5 acre to one Siding with Teelander acre to keep small animals. inspector Doug Hopkins, the animal enclosures outside along would cover the lot size.

ACRC

variance to McLane's.

"They violated ordinance," he said

the

Commission member process was backwards with will not regulate animals McLane's first bringing in kept indoors. for a variance.

Commission member she said. Maryalene LaPonsie said Berry said the entire the planning commission



STEPPING UP

1 by an overwhelming majority insuring that funds collected for specific conservation programs will be used only for the intended purpose. This constitutional protection prevents the state legislature from passing measures to divert these funds to other programs. These funds are allocated to park maintenance, game management, trail systems, law enforcement, and other uses important to our outdoor

There was very little political advertising for Proposal

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1. Yet the issue passed by a landslide. Apparently, outdoor recreation and resource protection are highly valued by Michigan citizens. This demonstration of support is encouraging.

Fees paid by those who participate in the various activities provide the source of these funds. Some examples: boats, ORVs, and snowmobiles require registration stickers. Hunters must buy licenses, and pay to make application to be included in drawings for limited licenses. A federal Last November the voters of Michigan passed Proposal tax is paid on hunting and fishing equipment, as well as ammunition, and is returned to state to fund resource management

> In the past, the state General Fund provided a large percentage of the money needed to run Department of Natural Resources programs. As the state budget became tighter, the General Fund share shrunk significantly. Also, the sales of hunting and fishing licenses have decreased, adding to the shortfall in funding. Figure in inflation, and we have a financial perfect storm which has resulted in cuts in programs and the loss of personnel.

The Natural Resources Commission is currently working with interested groups to explore raising license fees to help fill the gap between the needs and income. The last hunting and fishing license fee package was approved in 1996. No one welcomes increased costs for anything, but we may have to accept higher fees if we expect to continue to enjoy our Michigan outdoor heritage as we know it. Hopefully people will step up and support these increases like they did the ballot proposal.



"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!"

...SIMPLE!

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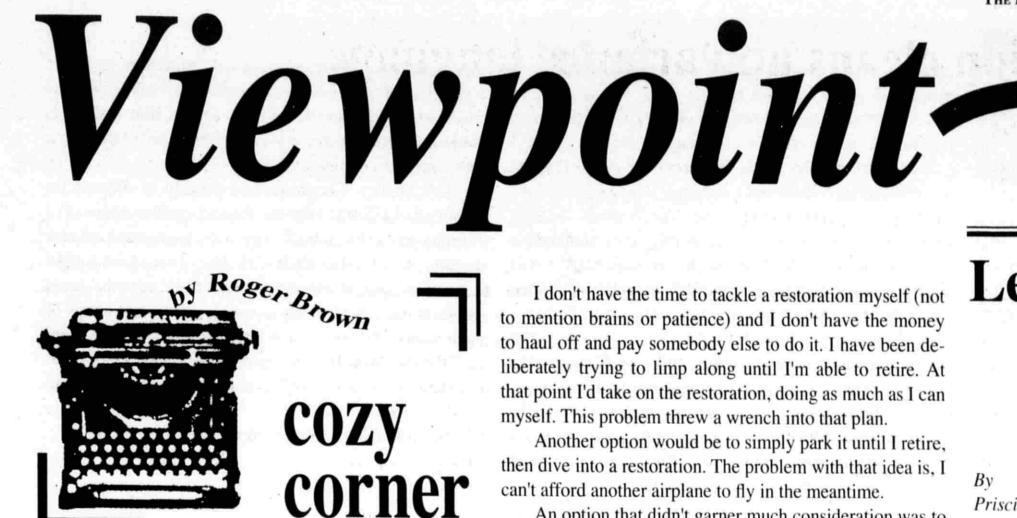
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eliminate confusion. In a Pfaller said the ZBA relies on sense, the application is the planning commission's meant to discourage the applicant from asking for a it's not privy to the planning variance, said Pasquale.

"There has to be undue hardship," said Pasquale. "We have been trying to council have served on the stay away from the use of variances."

Jahnke said the city should have the ability to A handout for residents grant a variance for specific

Planning commission chairman Clark Jahnke "That's their business if questioned whether animals they keep animals inside," that are mute are allowed.



Ledger that their Internet server is down. If I write a cobother?

The answer is apparent but I keep submitting one each week in what is often a futile effort to push Carl Levin's doggerel off our pages.

bumps recently provoked me into some heavy thought. I hate that heavy thought stuff. Makes my head hurt!

requires that each year a mechanic perform a fairly rigorous test to determine airworthiness. Cracks were found in the a little different, I'm nothing. rear spar of the center section at the wing attach points on both sides. I'm no mechanic, but that does not sound like a fied for aerobatics.

As briefly as I can describe it, the center section is the med much better than I expected. chunk of airplane between the left and right portions of the upper wing. It is constructed of wood ribs and spars supported by wires, turnbuckles and attachment hardware. The fuel River between Louisville and Cincinnati. Never heard of it, tank is nested in this fairly intricate contraption. The whole but did make note of the fact Madison is my granddaughter's mess is covered with Dacron fabric and finished with several layers of dope. Dope is a varnish-like substance used to seal the fabric. I'll bet you thought "airplane dope" was nel surfing a few nights ago. I stumbled across a movie titthe pilot.

parts store to pick up a new center section for a 1941 war Madison" was the name of a boat and racing team sponsosurplus airplane. Surprisingly, I do have a friend in nearby red by the town of Madison. I figured Madison, Wisconsin. Mason, Mich., who has all the tools, patterns, jigs and know Nope ... turns out to be Madison, Indiana. how to make one for me.

my center section. The center section will then be disassem- town I've never heard of, but bears the same name as my bled to salvage the fuel tank and hardware. The new center granddaughter. Then the town pops up the same night in entire airplane must then be re-assembled and rigged to ri- Zone" theme music should be played at this point. gid specifications "Speed bump" might be putting this thing mildly.

I'm not sure that I have mentioned it here, but at this year's center section. End of dilemma! National Stearman Convention in Galesburg, Ill., with over 130 Stearman aircraft in attendance, mine won the award for "Stearman Most in Need of Restoration."

then dive into a restoration. The problem with that idea is, I can't afford another airplane to fly in the meantime. An option that didn't garner much consideration was to simply sell the old heap and quit flying. Nawww. A final option did grow legs. There are guys out there

Got a dilemma going here. We received word from the who restore these old birds for a living. I posted my dilemma in the form of a query on a couple of websites. I played lumn for this week's paper it must be printed out, faxed to up the fact my airplane is complete and ferryable, but in the Ledger, retyped, then proof-read, yet again, for typos. need of restoration. I said I was looking to trade up to a The dilemma here is obvious. Is my column worth all that plane with a fresh rebuild. A few responses came in. One was very interesting.

The response regarded a plane like mine that had just **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL** gone through a complete rebuild. New wings, new engine, **DECEMBER 14, 1881** fresh fabric ... the works! It is finished in authentic military Chimney sweep Allen will be in Lowell Dec. 17 and Speaking of dilemmas, one of life's annoying speed silver, as they were delivered to both the army and navy toward the end of WWII. I always liked the silver Stearmans Temperance meeting at Train's Hall Sunday evening. The silver ones are different from the yellow and blue army, Do get a smallpox vaccination. A sore arm may save a My old biplane flunked its annual inspection. The FAA and all yellow navy paint schemes from early production pitted face. years. These paint jobs are by far the most popular. If I'm not Burglars continue active in Grand Rapids, with \$5,000 worth of sealskin garments from E. P. Kidder & Co.

We booted questions and answers back and forth on the Internet. Things looked good ... almost too good. I was waigood thing, especially when talking about an airplane certi- ting for the hammer to fall when I finally pinned the guy down to some sort of ballpark price to trade. Even that see-

> I went so far as to find out where the plane was located. I looked for Madison, Indiana, in my Atlas. It's on the Ohio name. Jim Smith is just my nickname for her.

So, I was mulling all this around in my head while chan-Michigan license plates, good until March 1, may be ticketed in January and February in neighboring states with led "Miss Madison" or maybe it was just "Madison." It was Jan. 1 deadlines. Needless to say, you don't just go down to the local about hydroplane racing back in the early seventies. "Miss A picture of scenes of the Centennial, bordered by photos of Board of Trade members, will be hung in City Hall. The new Fairbanks-Morse diesel engine is being installed at the municipal plant.

So, a blind ad turns up a plane that is just what I'm look-The upper wings must be removed in order to extricate ing for, at a price I could probably afford. The plane is in a section should be ready by spring. When it is installed, the some obscure movie I've never heard of. Yes, the "Twilight

I've had a few days to ponder all of this. I do think I've front-page articles. made a decision. I've had my old airplane for nearly as long Ray and Marion Avery's new jewelry and gift store has The dilemma boiled down to a few options. One op- as I have been flying. There are way too many fond memoits Grand Opening this Friday. tion would be to go ahead and have the airplane fixed. The ries and great stories attached to the old clunker. Call me a The Christmas parade this Saturday will feature Mickey problem with this option is the cost involved in fixing an sentimental old slob. Call me a fool. I could never sell my and Minnie Mouse and the Three Little Pigs. airplane that was last restored in 1968 and needs it again. old bird. My friend has already ordered the wood for a new

# To The Editor

#### Dear Editor,

land surrounding the Boy Scout cabin on North Washington trails and a sledding hill. in the city of Lowell.

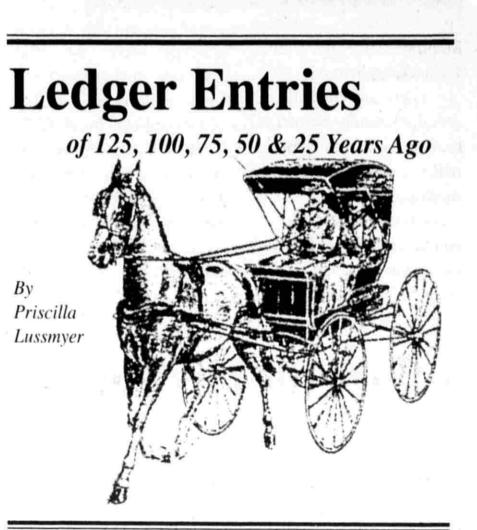
the meeting, one of the things discussed was tearing the our community we can make Lowell a great place to live. buildings down that are currently on the property. Also, there was interest on some citizens' part to preserve the land for future generations. If the buildings are torn down and the land is annexed, it could be open for future development.

The North Country Trails Association and some concerned citizens are working on a proposal to save one of the buildings that is a historic home, and preserve the land Recently I have been working on a project for Mr. surrounding the Boy Scout cabin. It would be nice to have Blough's government class about trying to conserve the this land be used as a community recreation area with hiking

Any citizen who is in favor of these ideas needs to I've done research, interviewed several people and attend a city council meeting or contact a city council recently attended a Lowell City Council meeting. At member and voice their opinion. By taking an active role in

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Sincerely, Tony Ellison. LHS student



#### **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 13, 1906** None available.

## **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** AND THE ALTO SOLO

**DECEMBER 10, 1931** A "trickster" gets a store proprietor to loan him a shotgun, then borrows \$5 on it at another store. He's in court.

#### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 13, 1956**

The first Methodist Church Christmas Workshop for families, directed by Ruby Leeman, gets over 200 visitors. Cary's, Christiansen's, Roth's and Coons' stores have

#### **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DECEMBER 9, 1981**

A feature of the Santa parade is the school bus drivers' "Old Lady in the Shoe" float.

Two men are injured, one severely, when a crane cable hits them at the Division Avenue bridge construction site. Ferris State College announces its seventh annual ice

hockey camps signups for youths 8-17 for June and July. Delton wins the basketball opener 67-65 in a doubleovertime thriller.

## Letters... We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger - welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they not exceed 250 words and not be strictly thank you letters. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 1215, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation. 



By Father George J. Fekete Saint Mary Church

Back in the 12th century the young abbot, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, was speaking to his community one day and made a remark that could startle us. He said, "There are more people converted from mortal (very serious) sins, to grace (good relationship with God), than there are religious converted from good to better."

a little thought, I think we have to agree. We seem to get Similarly, a person who truly loves God would make real into a "spiritual comfort zone" and do not put forth effective efforts to avoid all smaller offenses against Him: gossiping, efforts with the grace of God, to grow spiritually.

St. Bernard was saying that there are more men and many other failings as well. women who give up serious alienation from God, than there are people who give up small wrongs, deliberate lesser sins. And there are even fewer people who grow into heroic virtue and live as saints live. If we are saddened by this fact, we ought to be. Did we forget that Jesus Himself stated forcefully, "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

love, in important matters, e.g., a husband loving his wife, would naturally go on to love her in smaller matters. He is perfect (holy). would stop being grouchy and harsh, and make real efforts What he said of the religious unfortunately is true in at being kind, gentle, patient and forgiving. We would

all states of life, single, married and religious states. With expect the same behavior of the wife toward the husband. laziness, overeating, as well as the offenses listed above and

Last Sunday, for the Second Sunday of Advent, we heard in Luke 3:1-6, John the Baptist, quoting Isaiah 40:3 ff, telling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled ... winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth." He is exhorting each of us to fill in the valleys of sinfulness, to make smooth the way of the Lord coming more fully into Anyone who truly loves another, i.e., real sacrificing our lives and with His grace make real progress this Season of Advent, at becoming perfect (holy) as our heavenly Father

God bless you and reward your efforts.

## Challenge, continued ... From Page 1

themselves. Last Chubbies, Super Duddies and names.' Belly Busters participated.

Sellner said even if schools, city officials and people from last year have organizations can all form gained some of their weight teams, which will weigh in back, they should not stop on a giant scale at the YMCA before the kickoff.

all reap the

The event will run from

funny names for benefits of being more Jan. 10 through March 21. prizes will be awarded to the to them through the Healthy Families, co-workers, three teams which lose the Living program most pounds.

> dietitian and registered Healthy Living advisor with and bottled water.

Steinbach said she wants year, active," said Sellner. "We Each person is asked to pay the community to know teams such as the Chamber can all dream up clever a \$20 participation fee. Cash about the resources available "We want to bring

Sherri Steinbach, a easy solutions for healthy weight," she said The goal of Lowell

Meijer, Inc., will be available Community Wellness is to hand out healthy snacks to increase the number of teams this year.

George and Pat

were married

Dec. 22, 1956.

Their children are

George and Sue

Raimer, Rick and

Lori Raimer and

Gary and Lesa

Raimer.

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enjoy their

and five great-

grandchildren.

0 grandchildren

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share an evening of memories with all of us.

"We want to create enthusiasm and change bad habits," said Beachum.

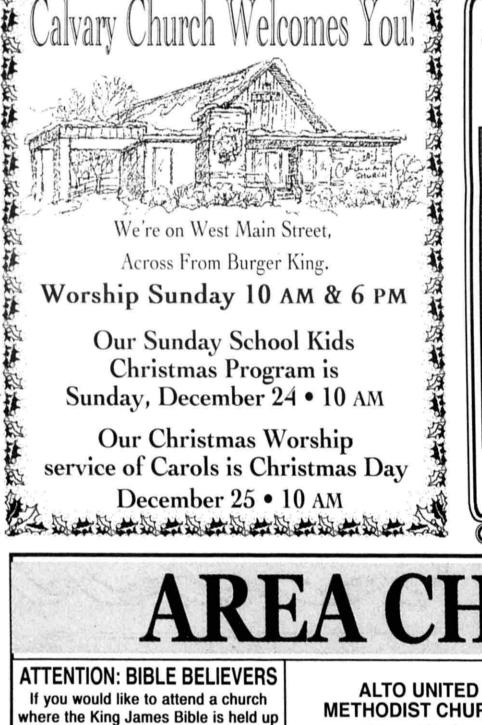
Lastyear, the community lost 1,875 pounds. Each year, the weight-loss challenge is bumped up by a pound.



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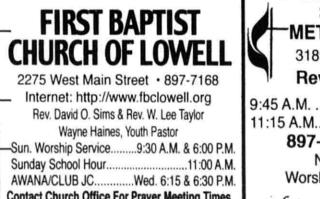
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it off," said Beachum. In the spring, Lowell Community Wellness will participate in the annual 100-Mile Walk.

"We hope Lowell takes

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## **Apple queen visits St. Patrick School**

Ashley Wright, the Michigan Apple Queen for 2006, visited St. Patrick School to present a lesson about apples. She read a book about apples to the kindergarten, first and second grade students, and even brought apples for tasting.

Wright is a former student of St. Patrick School and a member of St. Patrick Parish. The runnersup for Michigan Apple Queen, Sarah Heffron and Jessica Rasch, are also former students of St. Patrick School.



## **D.E.A.R. kids love to read**



Each month Alto DEAR (drop everything and read) takes on a new theme. For the November DEAR day, upper Alto Elementary students paired with lower elementary

students and took turns reading to each other. For example, a fifth grade classroom teamed up with a kindergarten classroom; the younger students enjoyed showing the older students their reading skills.

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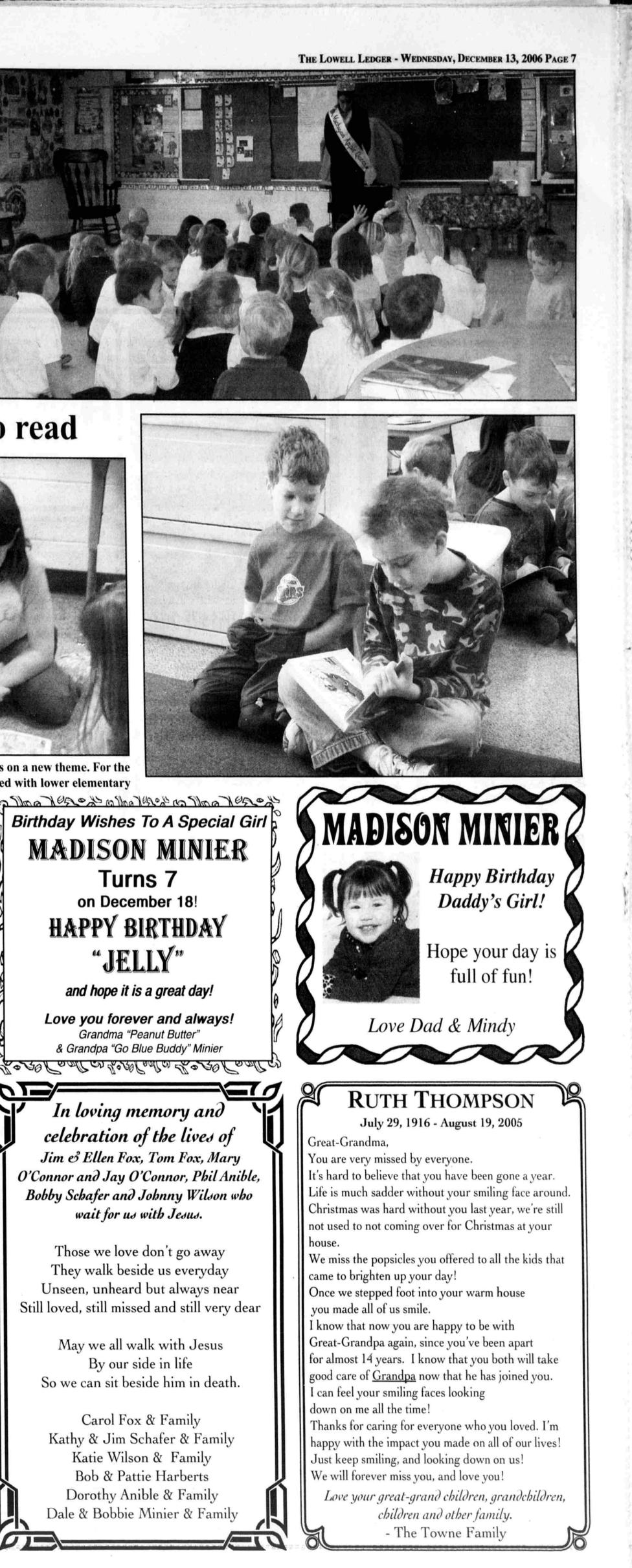
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## Lowell author publishes comic book collection

By Emma Palova

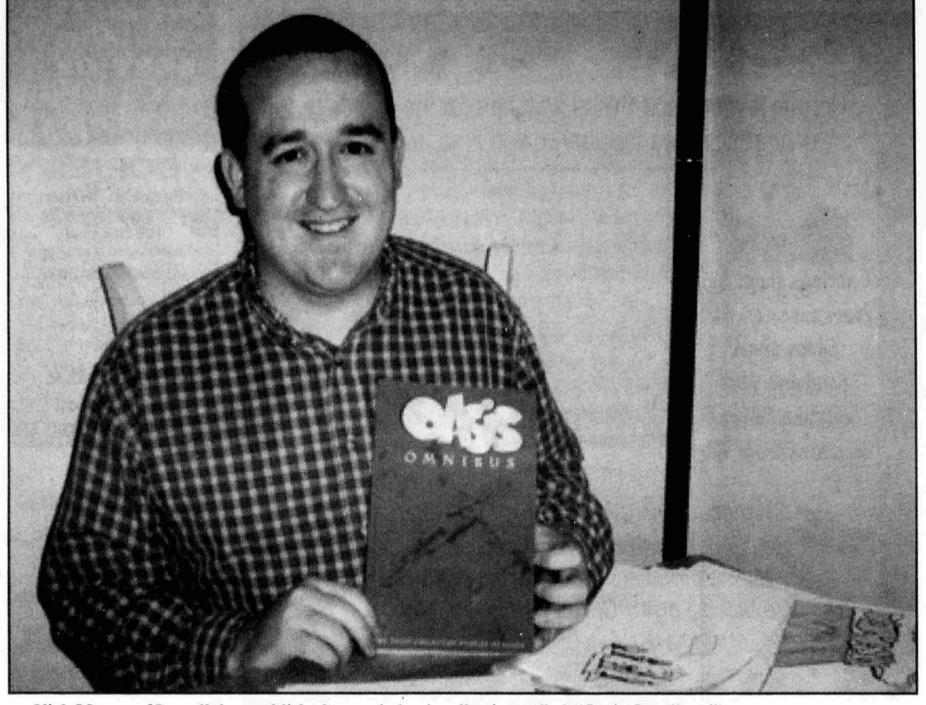
Myers recently published a which he both illustrated average person who gets comic book collection called and wrote. "Oasis Omnibus."

Lowell author Nick years. It is a graphic novel, and magic. It is about an for "all inclusive."

The story is a mix of control. Oasis is the name

Myers has worked on the science fiction and fantasy, of the city where the story Patrick Nicholson from collection for more than five incorporating technology takes place. Omnibus stands

Myers derived the into conflict over power and name of the character,



Nick Myers, of Lowell, has published a comic book collection called "Oasis Omnibus."

## **CITY OF** LOWELL **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

315 S. Hudson - front yard variance for Ambulance addition to the Look Memorial Fire Station. In order to accommodate needed space for the Ambulance, a 2170 square foot addition to the Fire Station has been proposed. The site plan has met all zoning requirements except for a 43.6' front yard setback where 50' is required. Thus, a variance was petitioned.

The Lowell City Council will also conduct a public hearing at this same meeting for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance Amendment Section 8.04 of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District" of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



his own name, and partly in a bottle," he said. "They based the story on his own all pushed me to finish." experiences.

"Patrick has been project, he was overwhelmed evolving since high school," by the reality of creating he said.

While working at McDonald's during his high characters," he said. "I put a school years, Myers was lot of heart and soul into it." inspired by his co-worker, Scott Elve.

In his comic book, tell his story rather than the Myers created Bob, the guy electronic media or video with the fish head, based on game. his friend Elve. Together they wrote and illustrated can pick up and hold," he progressive short comic said. "It gives me a closer books at the time.

Sam is Patrick's pet they are viewing what I have dragon, and they travel drawn." together in the story. Myers likes to compare the story to connection is mutual. Homer's Odyssey, and the main character to Odysseus. he said. "I want people to

"Things just keep pick it up, read it and enjoy happening to them," Myers it." said. "The character keeps trials and tribulations."

The author faced many challenges in the process of for illustrations.

was the actual completion," of the result.

But his wife Megan. friends and family, have always supported him. "She kept me going,"

Myers said. "I needed to

person, found a way to reach Design. out in his comic book.

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And Myers hopes that "I want to be realistic,"

His comic book is in discovering himself through black and white for cleaner style, quicker processing and lower cost.

"There was my message

When he completed the

"I felt attached to my

That is why he used the

"This is something you

connection to the reader that

traditional book format to

something tangible.

Myers used on demand working on the comic book, publishing through lulu.com one being the cost of paper without any upfront costs. His comic book gets printed "The biggest challenge based on orders online.

It is available on lulu he said, "getting over that com for \$18 plus shipping hump and not being afraid and handling or locally at Rookies Sportcards for \$20.

The author is planning on holding a book signing at Rookies Sportcards in the future.

Myers, who grew up in finish it because the story Lowell, is a 1995 graduate illustrates what I felt for of Lowell High School. He has a bachelor's degree in Myers, who considers visual communication from himself an isolated creative Kendall School of Art and

> He is employed at Foremost Insurance and does freelance illustrations.

The author is currently working on a futuristic story which will explore what the world would look like after a climactic experience.

"Patrick may come back as an advisor, but the main character will be different." he said.

# Exhibit triggers imagery of new life

By Emma Palova

woman through spirituality herself now. She has spoken titled "Believing Lies" and about the paintings at is small with only a few "Believing Truth" dominated women's retreats and to a the "Beauty From Ashes" number of smaller groups. exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

Kuhnle painted the portraits and spirituality. The of a restored world. Knight of herself two years ago transformation took place said while last year's theme after going through a time of over a long period of time." "Never Alone" focused on growth and healing.

myself over a long period of Center, said the pastels best life. time," she said about the first reflect the theme of the painting.

The second painting Pastels of a transformed shows how Kuhnle views said. "It's very emotional."

wakening with God," she exhibit, on display through Rockford artist Connie said, "through counseling Jan. 5, is to show the promise

"That's how I saw visual arts at the Franciscan is filled with hope of new exhibit

"It just grabs you," he

And although the show entries, it is high quality, according to Knight.

"My story is a spiritual The main purpose of the John Knight, director of alienation, the 2006 exhibit

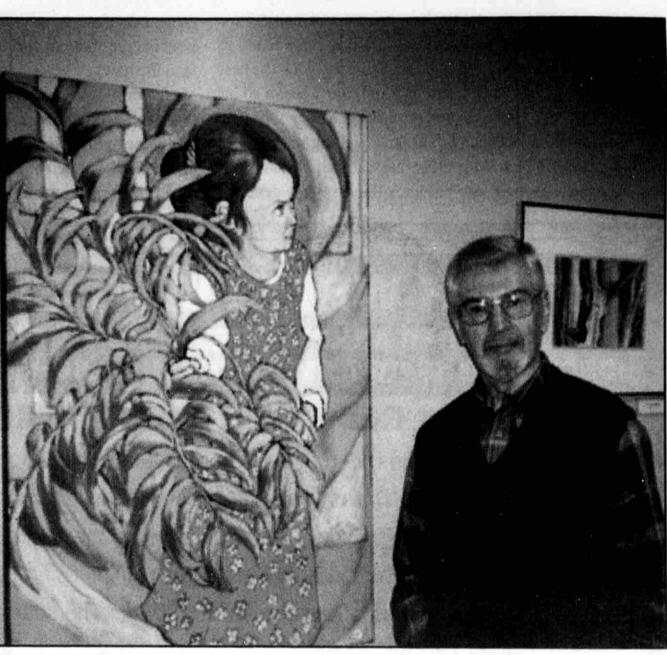
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should trigger imagery of morphed individuals and based on originality of he said. a restored creation," said interpretation and artists' Knight also entered the Knight, "the promise of a skills. They included exhibit with his carbon pencil new life to come."

Arising" by Christensen "Palm Sunday" by Peter Gordon.

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John Knight, director of visual arts at the Franciscan Life Process Center, with winning artwork of Connie Kuhnle.

photography, sculptures, drawing "Life Cycles" and Kuhnle's self-portraits as next year that will include its 125th anniversary. "Crimson Love artwork from students of "We're hoping Suzanne Lowell Area Schools.

Entries were judged local high school students,"

All selected works of pottery, ceramics, drawings, acrylic "Trinities", a painting merit received equal cash paintings and poetry. Knight of St. Adalbert Church in awards. These included is hoping for a bigger show Grand Rapids as it celebrates

entries from young people "We want to challenge next year," he said.

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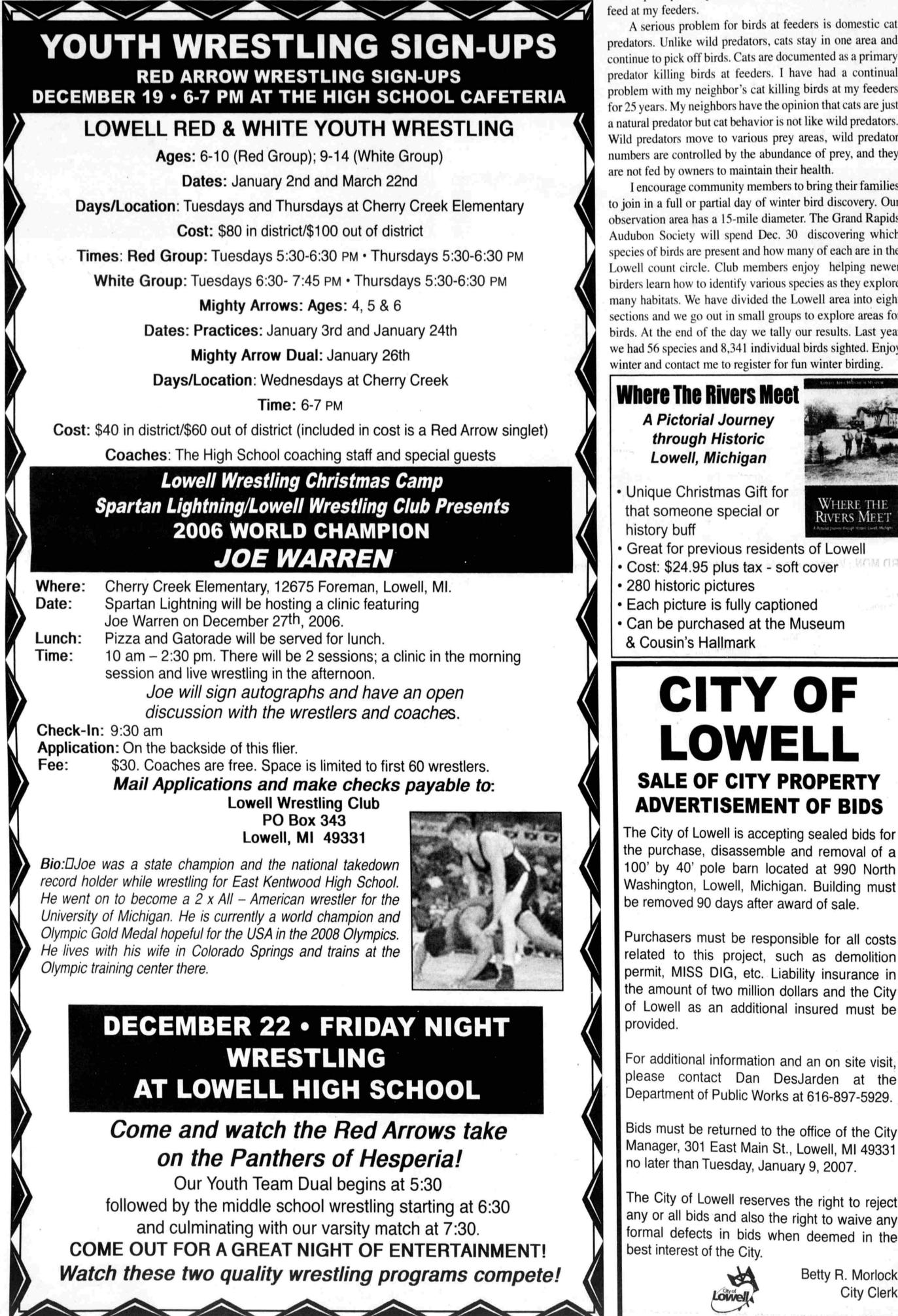
## On the Wildside, continued ... From Page 9

south. I occasionally find bluebirds huddling for warmth in I encourage them to survive in wild areas where they help a bluebird nesting box in winter. Some people block the nest feed the hawks. box entrance in winter to keep mice out, but I prefer to let whoever desires to move in and take residence.

the field, and I like to encourage mice in wild areas. I do in the bird seed before it is processed. They like their bird not want them in my home but mice think my residence is seed transformed into the flesh of seed eating birds. Every

during the winter so they shift their habitat and many move great. I do trap and kill the colonizers in my house but still

During winter I occasionally receive calls for help regarding ways to get rid of coppers or sharp-shinned hawks Red-tailed hawks spend their days picking mice out of that come to bird feeders for a meal. They are not interested



winter I lose a few birds to hawks. Already this fall I have found a pile of bluejay feathers and I have seen a copper's hawk sitting in my front yard silver maple. Never have I had birds wiped out by hawks. Birds listen and watch for predators. Predatory birds have learned they must keep on the move. They cannot stay in one spot too long because their hunting success declines with time in one area. Nature has developed adaptive behaviors in both predator and prey that help keep both present. Hawks are one more species I

A serious problem for birds at feeders is domestic cat predators. Unlike wild predators, cats stay in one area and continue to pick off birds. Cats are documented as a primary predator killing birds at feeders. I have had a continual problem with my neighbor's cat killing birds at my feeders for 25 years. My neighbors have the opinion that cats are just a natural predator but cat behavior is not like wild predators. Wild predators move to various prey areas, wild predator numbers are controlled by the abundance of prey, and they

I encourage community members to bring their families to join in a full or partial day of winter bird discovery. Our observation area has a 15-mile diameter. The Grand Rapids Audubon Society will spend Dec. 30 discovering which species of birds are present and how many of each are in the Lowell count circle. Club members enjoy helping newer birders learn how to identify various species as they explore many habitats. We have divided the Lowell area into eight sections and we go out in small groups to explore areas for birds. At the end of the day we tally our results. Last year we had 56 species and 8,341 individual birds sighted. Enjoy winter and contact me to register for fun winter birding.

WHERE THE RIVERS MEET

Great for previous residents of Lowell

Can be purchased at the Museum

## **CITY OF** LOWELL SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

the purchase, disassemble and removal of a 100' by 40' pole barn located at 990 North Washington, Lowell, Michigan. Building must be removed 90 days after award of sale.

Purchasers must be responsible for all costs related to this project, such as demolition permit, MISS DIG, etc. Liability insurance in the amount of two million dollars and the City of Lowell as an additional insured must be

For additional information and an on site visit, please contact Dan DesJarden at the Department of Public Works at 616-897-5929.

Bids must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 no later than Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

# **COMING EVENTS**

## DECEMBER

WED., DEC. 13: Music with Burtram Sluys, 12:45 p.m. FRI., DEC. 15: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., DEC. 13: Trailway board meeting, 6 p.m. at Lowell High School. Public meeting 7-8 p.m. 897-5671.

LPAC. All are welcome.

THURS., DEC. 14: 7th/8th grade band holiday concert, 7 p.m. in LMS gym.

THURS., DEC. 14: Dinner at Brann's, 4:30 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., DEC. 14: Girls basketball teams banquet at 7 p.m. in LHS Performing Arts Center. Public welcome.

#### 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 Hal 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

presents "I'll Be Home for Christmas", 8 p.m. in Saranac Auditorium. Cost: \$5 adults: \$3 students/seniors.Dinner at 6:30. \$15 for dinner/concert.Call 522-1495 for info.

SAT., DEC. 16: Fiddlers Jamboree, 1417 Johnson St. WED., DEC. 13: LHS holiday band concert, 7 p.m. in Lake Odessa. Starts 2 p.m. Jamming, clogging, open mic., potluck, dancing. For info. call 616-374-8205.

> THURS., DEC. 21: Murray Lake Ele.blood drive thru Michigan Community Blood Center Jr. Lifesavers program. 2-8 p.m. at Murray Lake Elementary, Call 987-2750 for appts. or email jweeber@lowellschools.com. Walk-ins also but may have to wait.

FRI., DEC. 22: The Black Cats in concert at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell High School. Tickets available in cafeteria Dec. 14/15 during lunches and after school till 4 p.m.

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

2ND TUES .: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.gua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30, 897-8304,

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES .: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES .: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Congregational Church, 865 Lincolnn Lake SE 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES .: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church 402 Amity St., 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Beth 897-5771.

EVERY TUES .: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professiona networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551.

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

8 p.m. ALANON new location: 206 N. Jackson, north of 1st United Methodist Church, corner of Avery & Jackson. 897-5936.

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

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

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.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group a Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

#### THURSDAYS

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

School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, welcome.

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006 PAGE 13 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.

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

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

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 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, walkins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton

**2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto 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 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. Call 676-9346.

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public Winter Guideta Jun

YMCA Mission Statement We put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and boay for all.





#### INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Age 4-Pre-K (boys & girls) This program will introduce your child to this exciting sport. We will teach the basics of the game including shooting, dribbling, and passing. The focus will be on peer-to-peer interaction and the development of motor skills. Playing games and having fun is most important in this class.

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Tuesdays: 6:00-7:00 p.m. January 8-February 24 (7 classes) Guarantee Deadline: Jan. 10 Location: Murray Lake Elementary YMCA Member: \$27 • Non-Member: \$50

#### **ROKEN KARATE FOR BEGINNERS**

Ages 6+ (Must be 6 by start of the program) Learn basic karate punches, kicks, blocks, and moves - you work at your own pace.

January 9-February 22 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday: Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington YMCA Member: \$45 • Non-Member: \$112

#### **ROKEN KARATE FOR ADVANCED**

Ages 6+ (Must be 6 by start of the program) White Belt/Black Stripe and sponsorship from Sensei, you are introduced to new skills and more difficult routines.

January 9-February 22 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 7:10-8:25 p.m. 7:40-8:40 p.m. Thursday: Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington YMCA Member: \$45 • Non-Member: \$112

#### **ROKEN KARATE FOR ADULTS**

Ages 12+ White Belt/Black Stripe and sponsorship from Sensei, you are introduced to new skills and more difficult routines.

January 9-February 22 (7 weeks) 8:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday: 8:50-9:50 p.m. Thursday: Location: Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington YMCA Member: \$45 • Non-Member: \$112

#### **KINESTHETIC KIDS**

Ages 3-4

This is a 45-minute class designed specifically for 3 and 4vear olds. Kids will work on developing basic skills such as hand-eye coordination, ball handling, kicking, agility, and balance. This class will also help kids to develop their social skills such as teamwork. following directions, and sharing.

#### starting January 11 (7 weeks) Thursdays: 9:30-10:15 a.m.

YMCA Member: \$40 • Non-Member: \$55

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appropriate department.

## INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 7

Kindergarten (girls) This program continues to build on skills to improve a child's fundamental knowledge of the game. Youth will learn proper shooting, passing, and defense techniques. Children will begin to apply these skills for game situations. We will do some scrimmages to teach spacing and strategy. Our goal will be to have fun and enjoy the game.

Saturdays: 12:00-1:00 p.m. January 8-February 24 (7 classes) Guarantee Deadline: Jan. 10 Location: Murray Lake Elementary YMCA Member: \$27 • Non-Member: \$50

#### RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE 3rd-4th Grade (girls)

5th-6th Grade (girls)

This league will give youth the chance to practice and compete with their team and coach. It is designed with participation and enjoyment as the priority. Each youth will receive equal playing time. Teams will practice during the week and have games on Saturdays. They will learn team play in a 5 on 5 setting, and be instructed in the rules of an actual game. These leagues may travel to other local YMCAs for games. Teams will be grade specific.

**Guarantee Deadline: January 10** Practices begin week of Jan. 15; Games begin Jan. 20 YMCA Member: \$35 • Non-Member: \$62

COACHES MEETING: Jan. 8, 6:30-7:30 at the Teen Center

## SPIRIT LEAGUE BASKETBALL

5th-8th Grade (girls)

This is a competitive league where playing time is based on ability and may not be equal. Each participant MUST have prior basketball team experience. These teams will travel and have games at other local YMCAs. Teams are grade specific. **Guarantee Deadline: January 10** 

Practices begin week of Jan. 15; Games begin Jan. 20 YMCA Member: \$39 • Non-Member: \$66

COACHES MEETING: Jan. 8, 6:30-7:30 at the Teen Center

#### PRESCHOOL TUMBLEBUGS

Location: All classes meet in the Lowell YMCA Teen Center Cost for All Tumblebug Classes: YMCA Member: \$30 • Non-Member: \$60 Ages 24-36 months

January 9-February 22 (7 weeks) Tuesday or Thursday: 6:10-7:00 p.m. Requires a parent or caregiver to participate. Parents work with their children on basic motor development at adventure stations to develop balance, coordination, and confidence using basic gymnastic skills and positions. building a strong foundation for your child to develop a sense of athletic achievement, self-esteem, and social skills.

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL**

1st & 2nd Grade (girls) This program will continue to build on skills and techniques in greater depth and challenge youth to implement techniques they have practiced. The first 3 classes are purely instructional and the last 3 classes consist of a half hour practice with a half hour game.

Saturdays: 12:00-1:00 p.m. January 8-February 24 (7 classes) Guarantee Deadline: January 10 YMCA Member: \$30 • Non-Member: \$54 COACHES MEETING: Jan. 8, 6:30-7:30, Teen Center

Parent/Child activities: home and outdoor based. Spend time with your children while connecting with other families learning about the outdoors and each other. We need five pairs to start. Dates and times will be chosen by the group. Contact Ryan at the YMCA for more information.

has been a pro entertainer for 30 years. Mr. Howard and lead. Bring your own guitar and Melbay Method Book 1. Call Mike Howard to schedule your class (897-5716) then confirm your reservation by making payment at the Lowell YMCA. Location: YMCA Teen Center January 8-February 24 (7 weeks) YMCA Member: \$55 • Non-Member: \$75

Ages 3/Young 4's January 9-February 20 (7 weeks) Tuesday: 7:10-8:00 p.m. Introduction to the magic of gymnastics. Children learn how to deal with the physical, mental, emotional, and social aspects of childhood in a playful, creative, and stimulating environment. We focus on balance, body awareness, and coordination in addition to specific gymnastics skills.

Location: Murray Lake Elementary

ADVENTURE GUIDES Grades K-4

YMCA Member: \$26 • Non-Member: \$58 Additional Child (Member): \$15 • Non-Member: \$35

**GUITAR (BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE)** Ages 6-9 Beginners Ages 10-15 Beginners-Intermediate

Ages 16+ Beginners-Intermediate

Michael Howard is an experienced guitar instructor and teaches acoustic, 6-string electric, 12-string, rhythm,



#### Older 4's and 5's January 11-February 22.

Thursday: 7:10-8:00 p.m. Children will begin participating in specialized activities that are geared toward building strength flexibility, and individual skills in gymnastics. Children begin to relate gymnastics to vocabulary with the skills they learn. Dress your child to participate...a leotard for girls; shorts and a t-shirt for boys.

The "V" symbol indicates that volunteers are needed for this particular program/activity. For more information, contact the YMCA at 897-8445 to be directed to the

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**Teen Programs** 

#### **HEALTHY U**

Grade 6-8 (Next Session starts in February.)

This after school program teaches you how to eat right and improve your skills to help you live a healthy life! FREE YMCA Youth/Teen Membership! Check with the YMCA or the middle school counselors for further information.

Monday & Wednesday after school, at the Middle School FREE! SPACE IS LIMITED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

#### **TEEN CENTER DROP-IN**

Hang out with friends after school, play games, skate, and surf the internet!

2:30-6:00 p.m. Fridavs YMCA Member: FREE • Non-Member: \$3

## LEADERS CLUB

Grades 6-12

Leaders Club is one of the YMCA's most intensive and comprehensive teen programs. Young people meet on a weekly basis in small groups, working closely with their peers and a counselor on skill- and character-building activities, as well as on planning and organizing club projects. This program provides a safe haven for young people to become confident and competent adults with a sense of belonging in their community.

Tuesday 3:30-4:30 p.m. YMCA Member: \$20 • Non-Member: \$30

## TAI CHI CHUAN

This new and exciting addition is now at the YMCA! Tai Chi creates balance, flexibility, and calmness with an emphasis on deep breathing. Tai Chi integrates your body, necessary in centering and grounding. begins January 13 (7 weeks)

Saturday 8:15-9:15 a.m. YMCA Member: \$49 • Non-Member: \$65

#### MOVE IT TO LOSE IT!

Do you want to make a positive change in your life toward healthier living? Do you like the TV show "The Biggest Loser"? Then you are going to love the new competitive YMCA program, "Move It To Lose It," new in January. Registration begins in December, but space is limited. Join this ten week program led by personal trainers who MASSAGE THERAPY (Gift Certificates available) will give you all the tools to exercise and eat right. Each "support group" will consist of ten participants. There's Therapeutic massage offers a range of health benefits for the entire camaraderie, accountability, planned nutrition, and exercise sessions with challenges to keep you motivated - all body. New clients receive \$5 off first visit with mention of this ad. wrapped up for a twice-per-week, 1-1/2 hour session! Schedule an appointment with Jenn, our certified massage therapist.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00-10:30 a.m. OR Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

#### YMCA Member: \$199 • Non-Member: \$349



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER at Runciman Elementary School, 300 High St.

Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 987-2535

naeyc Serving families of children 6 weeks-Kindergarten

#### GENERAL PROGRAM REFUND POLICY

Class/program cancellations are accepted up to 72 hours prior to the start date of the class/program. Refunds will not be given after the start of class except for documented bereavement or medical reasons. We will refund 100% of the cost of the class/program if cancellation has been requested 72 hours or more in advance of the start date of the class/program. In the event that you must cancel your registration less than 72 hours prior to the start of a class/program, you will receive a credit voucher to apply towards a future class/program. Please contact the member service desk or a program director for more information. This policy applies to all programs except Camp Manitou-Lin, Child Care, and Extreme Fun Club.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Confidential financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Contact Marta at 897-8445 for more information.

TEENS PICK

You pick the date! You pick the activity! Everyone has fun! Let Ryan know what you would like to do. Call him at 897-8445.

### POSSIBLE DATES:

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:

- Dancing
- All-Nighter
- Swimming
- Skate Night
- Rock Climbing
- Video Game Tournament Board Game Tournament
- Movie Marathon
- **Adult/Fitness Programs**

## WOMEN ON WEIGHTS (WOW)

Age 18+ Women on Weights is a group setting with a personal coach. Functional movements that are safe and effective for all levels of group fitness are taught in this class. This 7 week program will help you break through to the next level. Sign up today.

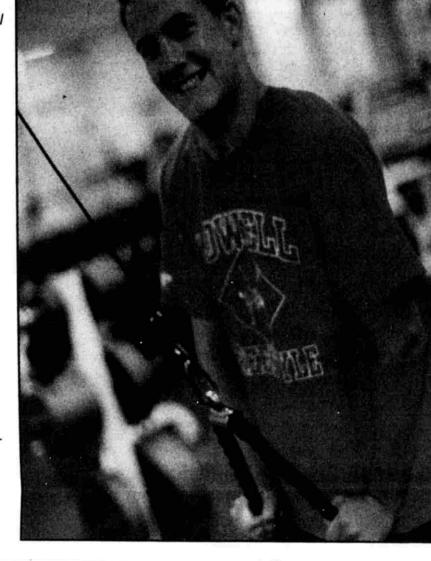
starting January 8 Mondays & Wednesdays: 8:00-9:00 a.m. YMCA Member: \$50 • Non-Member: \$75

> CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE 12675 Foreman • Lowell, MI 49331

(616) 897-2688 1st-5th Grade



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#### PERSONAL TRAINING

A one on one session with a certified Personal Trainer. Includes a body composition assessment and a specialized program. Gift Certificates available.

YMCA Member: \$50 • Non-Member: \$60 FIVE SESSION PACKAGE YMCA Member: \$180 • Non-Member: \$280 TEN SESSION PACKAGE YMCA Member: \$360 • Non-Member: \$540 BUDDY TRAINING (ONE SESSION) YMCA Member: \$65 • Non-Member: \$75

YMCA Member: \$30/30 min. • Non-Member: \$35/30 min. YMCA Member: \$50/60 min. • Non-Member: \$60/60 min. YMCA Member: \$75/90 min. • Non-Member: \$95/90 min.

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE 3279 Alden Nash • Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 987-2780 Serving families of children in K-5th Grade



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THIS YEAR, GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS

The holidays are upon us, which means that it's time, once again, to search for those "perfect" gifts. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list? They can make a big difference in the lives of the people you care the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this about.

giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

(or grandchild) that will be headed off to college in a few you can give up to \$1,000,000 without incurring gift taxes. taxable estate. years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college you are participating in your own state's plan. Plus, your like to achieve a specific financial goal - such as a new car, holidays are over. earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal a dream vacation, etc. - in a given number of years. You

and penalty taxes.)

give toward that goal will be important.

• Stocks - Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient. If you're going to give away some of your own stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at information to determine gains or losses if they decide to What types of financial gifts should you consider sell the stock. You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of

• Zero-coupon bonds - These types of bonds can make

taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college buy a zero-coupon bond - usually issued by the Treasury costs. (However, withdrawals used for expenses other than under the name of STRIPS - at a deep discount; when the qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state bond matures, you - or in this case, the recipient of your gift - collect the full face value. In other words, the accrued · Contributions to an IRA - If you know a loved one interest is paid at maturity, so you - or the recipient - won't has an IRA, consider making a contribution. Many people receive periodic interest payments. Keep in mind, however, don't fully fund their IRA each year - so any help you can that these "phantom" interest payments will still be taxed as ordinary income each year until the bond matures. Also, market prices of zero coupon bonds tend to be more volatile than bonds that pay interest regularly.

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A financial gift can brighten a loved one's holiday savings plan. Your contributions may be tax deductible if nice gifts if you know that your intended recipient would season - and your thoughtfulness will be felt long after the

# **Coffman Named Staff of the Month**

rav Lake's Staff Member of students. Fellow teacher, Elementary School.

Art teacher, Lori inated Coffman for her great cooperative if you need to Coffman, was named Mur- attitude and rapport with change your art schedule." Coffman was born the Month for November. Sue Wilterink said, "She is and raised in Sandusky, She teaches art at Murray wonderful and patient. She Ohio. She and her husband Lake, St. Pat's, and Dutton delivers the art curriculum Jim have two daughters, of five children. "We are an art teacher. The kids all diehard Buckeye fans, are great and are very hard much to the chagrin of our workers. I love seeing their neighbors, friends and my creativity and the excitement principal. Even though we they show when sharing are out of place as Buckeye their work." fans, we love living in West



She worked for a year in Ohio before moving to Michigan. Coffman has worked at St. Pat's for eight years, and has been at Murray Lake since it opened

"I enjoy my work as



# RED ARROW SPORTS

# EGR 0/Red Arrows 75 - Lowell's wrestling season has begun

By Sean Garner **Contributing Writer** 

the Lowell High School the Pioneers, who were only invitational the first week wrestling team has begun, able to fill seven of the 14 of the season and finished and as with all Red Arrow weight classes. "It was hard second to powerhouse Fleet, who placed fourth at coaches. wrestling seasons, this one to gauge. We weren't really Rockford this past weekend begins with much promise.

Lowell began its season

and admits that it would be qualifiers and are off to a difficult to judge the team strong start, having won three state qualifiers in their Arrow wrestling. Dean has the program. The pride in The latest season for by their performance against their own six-team dual meet own right in seniors' Rob embraced this tradition our tradition really helps challenged," Dean said.

Perhaps a better test of Thursday night with a 75- the Arrows' talent will come our issues tonight. When you 0 win over OK-White foe, Thursday when Lowell face a team like Greenville, his previous job as an guys from the very first Dec. 22. Six days later, the East Grand Rapids. Head travels to Greenville to face you see your issues," Dean assistant coach at Michigan Lowell wrestling teams team will host the Lowell coach Dave Dean knows the defending OK-White said. "They have many great State University, came back in the sixties coming Super Duals. that this is simply a small champions. The Yellow wrestlers and they force you to Lowell prior to last back. We have generations step in the right direction Jackets return five state to wrestle your best."

at the Kent County Classic.

The Arrows return and junior Zach Baum. 189 pounds last year, took a "It was really hard to see East Grand Rapids.

season, understanding the

## **Grapplers** weekend at Warren Woods

By Tim Stencel **Contributing Writer** 

on Friday, the Lowell house in Division Two. Red Arrows left Saturday

went almost the same way score of 45-27 as the Red Arrows had their

66-9 to advance to the fourth Two power. Lowell took give up any pins." The round. This would set up a home the tournament Red Arrows have a match went to the high school to wrestling out of their minds. match against Warren Woods championship by defeating against Greenville on Dec. watch the Red Arrow Youth It's a lifestyle. With a day of practice Towers High who is a power L'Anse Creuse 53-12.

Warren morning for Warren Woods. demonstrated their power coach Dave Dean. "I was They found themselves early on but Lowell worried a little bit at the in a first round match with came back and showed beginning of the fourth Troy High School and their determination. The match, but the team stepped advanced to the second Arrows advanced to the up and showed me what round by defeating Troy championship round with their hard work in practice 62-12. The second round a win over Warren by the has done for them."

In the finals, Lowell condition way with Algonac High matched up against L'Anse aggressive," said Dustin School, defeating them 75- Creuse who made it to the Cichocki, also a varsity 0. Meeting Fraser in round finals by defeating Hazel coach at Lowell. "We stayed three, Lowell defeated them Park, another Division off our backs and did not

Woods with the day," said Lowell

"We were and more

"Overall I am happy state contender.



# **Boys basketball starts the season with a win over Red Hawks**

By Sean Garner Contributing Writer

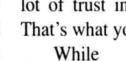
Jeff McDonald knew exactly forthrightly admits limiting trouble putting the ball in what his team needed to the damage of Thornton was the basket. Despite shooting wouldn't score very high in You're going to win a lot of do, and it revolved around a key part of the game plan. only 29 percent, the Arrows the aesthetic category, his containing one player.

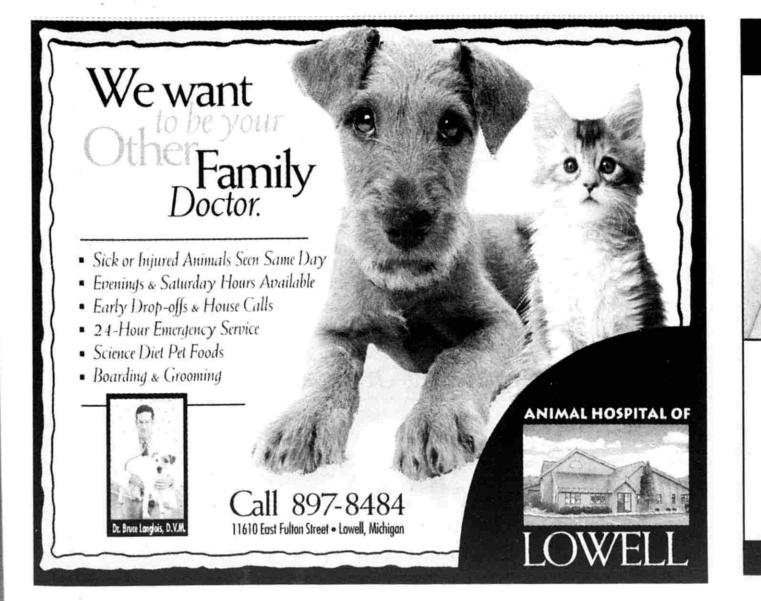
the game with 13 points, a energizer, it's a momentum and we had heart. We had a for limiting the number of

little more than half of his builder. I don't know that he lot of trust in one another. offensive rebounds that they 30 seconds remaining. In last season average of 25 had an easy basket." It was That's what you need." Lowell basketball coach points per game. McDonald not only Thornton who had

The Red Arrows won McDonald said. "He's one of Hawks, who only managed their season-opening contest the top 15 players in the state. to convert on 22 percent of do to win. with Cedar Springs, 33-31, The biggest thing we wanted their field goal attempts. in no small part because was to be there on every of their efforts to prevent shot and contest every shot. opportunities to lose it and defense, rebounding and brought the nearly-packed out, then they'll continue to star Red Hawk, Austin If great players like Austin hang our chins," McDonald tempo," McDonald said. home crowd to its feet with come out and support us." Thornton Thornton finished get easy baskets, it's an said. "We kept our chins up "I am so proud of our guys a 3-pointer with less than

"The kid is outstanding," actually outshot the Red







storied tradition of Red

"The kids really have forfeit at 215 pounds against a tremendous amount of

of wrestlers coming through Karasewicz and Alex Fleet, and feels it motivates the us in our preparation and wrestlers, as well as the in gathering support for the program."

Following the Arrows' showdown with Greenville pride in the tradition here," next week, they host Dean, who left Dean said. "We still have Division 4 power, Hesperia

14, another Division Two Classic. Even on a day of

Last Sunday the team rest the team could not get

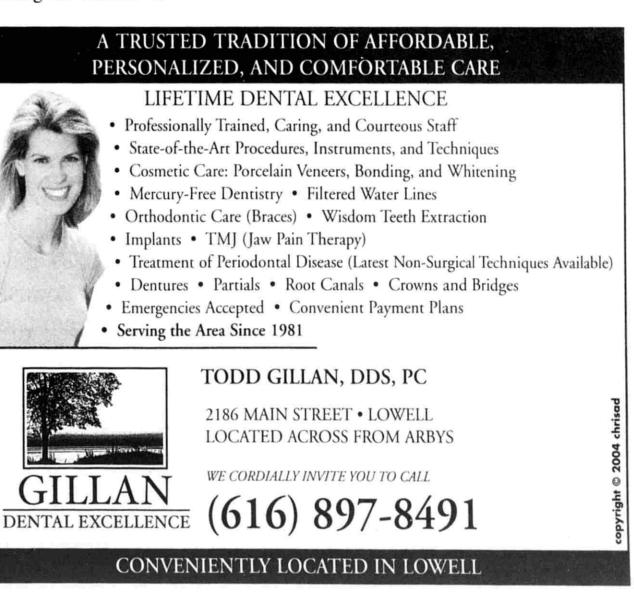
Zach Baum is shown pinning an opponent.

concedes that the victory and did what they needed to a second."

got ... our goal in every game such a tight ball game, the McDonald is to contest every first shot advantage of the crowd may and don't give up a second.

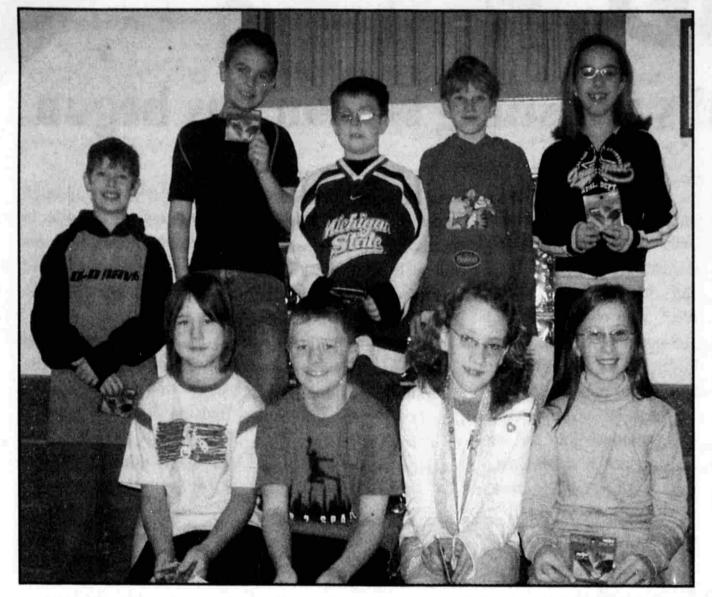
have made the difference.

"Any time you have a games if you contest every sixth man like that with the team followed the game plan first shot and don't give up Red Rowdies, it makes a big difference," McDonald Kory Stevens and Ryan said. "I thank them a lot for "We had three number Magnuson led the Arrows coming out, and I think if "We had lots of one points of emphasis: with 9 points each. Stevens we continue to play our guts



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## **Murray Lake reading awards**



The following Murray Lake Elementary Accelerated Reader (AR) students each accumulated 10 points during the month of November. For their efforts they each receive a \$10 Meijer gift card. Back row are: Zach Kaywood, Baily VanAmburgh, John Rogalke, Todd Hovey and Catie Wissman; front row are: Jay Clark, Carter Noskey, Alexandra Chapdelaine and Santana Boulton. Not available for the picture was Anthony Pollock.

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member boards meet one

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Have you visited the Magical Lowell Showboat this Holiday Season, check out www.discoverlowell.org for schedule!

Okay people!!! 'Tis the season ... to shovel your sidewalks!!! If I slip and break a hip on your sidewalk it's going to suck you paying my bills for the winter!

Thank you Leo Bowen for all of your work at the school bus Garage. You do a great job of keeping the buses running smoothly. Love the bus drivers.

The only way you would know Sound Off wasn't in is if you read it. And if you don't like Sound Off, why would you read it? If you don't want the negativity, don't read it!

What I learned from the front page of the Ledger: Toddlers still believe. some adults still exercise. and our youth leaders go around with their underwear hanging out.

Who was that playing the calliope?

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I love Sound Off, I don't want it to go. If a person doesn't like reading it, they can just skip over that section of the paper.

Friday night was reindeer, carolers, bonfires and Santa. Great fun! Thanks for a wonderful evening.

I'd like to make a comment on the flag at the Mobil station. If you're going to fly a garrison flag like that, it's flag etiquette to not have it tattered. The thing should be replaced.

#### - M.D.

Thanks Christian Life Center and Drew for all you do for the Lowell Seniors. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

For such a small town as Lowell, you'd think they'd take care of all of their citizens, including the seniors. This is the second time because there was no public service announcement that

The Sound Off is the only reason I read the Ledger. Keep Sound Off.

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