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## Nuturing budding musicians at St. Pat's

This year a new addition has been added to the St. Patrick School curriculum. Students in fifth through eighth grades are now able to take band lessons. Director Kerrissa Silverthorne provides band lessons on Fridays from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. There is talk of adding another session on Wednesday afternoons. Currently, the band has 18 students.



## Board of education approves non-union contracts, bus purchase

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved administrative and non-union contracts Monday.

The administrative team along with other non-union personnel will receive a 1.75 percent increase for the remainder of the school year. Non-union contracts include bus mechanics, technology staff, central office support staff, and independent personnel.

Administrators will change health insurance providers to the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool.

Bus drivers settled for a two-year contract with a 1.75 percent increase in the first year, and a 1.25 percent increase in the second year.

"It was a start," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "It was a pleasure working with all the groups."

The board also approved the purchase of four buses.

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## If North Country Trail Association acquires railroad bed, Lowell may become trail hub

By Emma Palova

Lowell could become a hub for trails in the near future.

At least that is the vision of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) and the North Country Trail Association (NCTA).

Over the last year, NCTA has been working to acquire an abandoned railroad bed from Grand River Avenue southeast to Elmdale.

The NCTA is currently in the process of researching title work and appraisals of the five-mile-long railroad corridor owned by RailAmerica.

However, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have the right to refuse ownership first.

If NCTA does acquire the corridor, the path would be covered with crushed limestone instead of a paved surface.

"It would be a valuable community resource," said Clare Cain, NCTA trail management director. "Rail corridors are becoming more common and valuable to communities."

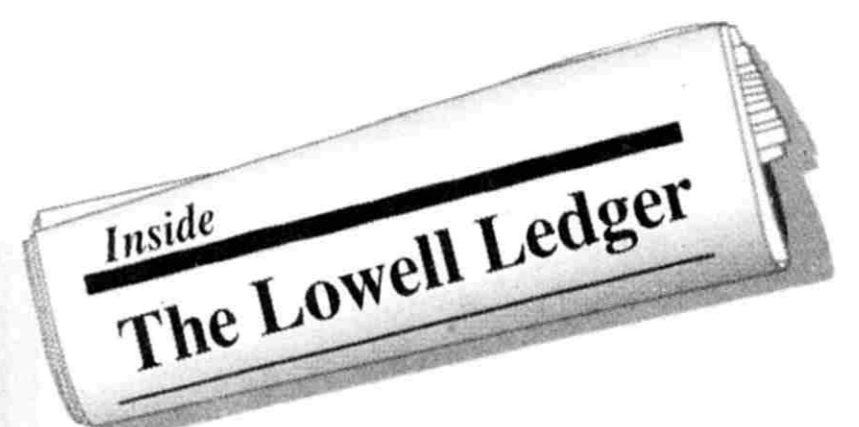
According to Cain, the trail would have little impact on local landowners.

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## They plan to take it off

Community Wellness kicked off its annual weight loss challenge with a weigh-in of teams on Jan. 10. Pictured, top left to bottom right, is the "Pounds Off" team from Good Chevrolet: Rob Stehley, Rodger Garner, Charlie Craig and Diane Barnes. The team weighed in at 990 pounds. Together they want to lose 90 pounds by exercising and eating right. "We want to be involved in the community," said Stehley. "We want to move to lose it."



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# Obituaries

## BLOUGH

Lester Daniel Blough, aged 93, of Alto, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2007. Funeral services were held at Lowell Church of the Nazarene on January 10.

## BLOUGH

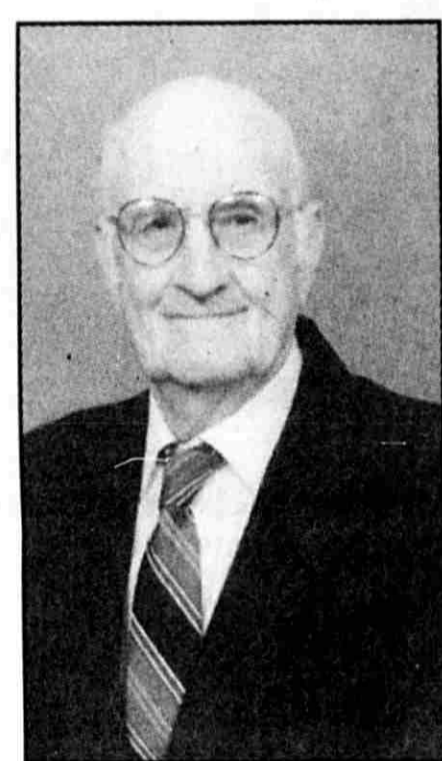
Noah Blough, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away January 14, 2007. Noah was born April 1, 1917, in Alto. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Marguerite (Kropf); children Luanne (Curt) Kaeb, Gary (Laurie) Blough, Joyleen (Edward) Zaagman, Carlton (Brenda) Blough, Martin (Michele) Blough; 18 grandchildren Melanie Tomic, Heidi Stoller, Loren, Aaron, Benjamin Kaeb, Noah, Emmalee Blough, Steven, Lisa, Ronald, Kenneth, Michael Zaagman, Paula, Michaela, Maria Blough, Gina, Heather, Melissa Blough; eight great-grandchildren Christopher, Brian, Jonathan, Matthew Tomic, Ellie, Ivy, Lena, and Josie Stoller; brother Lloyd (Elouise) Blough; sister Eleanor Noon; sisters-in-law Beulah Blough, Dillie Blough, Marjorie Kropf, Marilyn Kropf. He was preceded in death by his

brothers Ervin, Lester, Kenneth Blough. Noah served as a half-track driver during WWII and received a Purple Heart for injuries during the Battle of the Bulge. He was also a bulldozer operator for 45 years. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church, 7159 Wingeier, Mr. Aaron Steffen officiating. Interment in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Alto. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian World Relief-Disaster Fund or the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

## BRAMER

Jerry A. Bramer, aged 63, of Holland, went to be with his Lord and Savior after a long struggle with cancer on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at his home. He was a member of Central Wesleyan Church. He was a veteran of the Army serving in the Vietnam War. He was preceded in death by his father John Bramer.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne of 43 years; children Janet and Ron Lawrence of Holland, Julaine and Steve Ebels of Zeeland, Jeff and Wendy Bramer of West Olive; grandchildren Joshua, Amanda, Ross, Britta, Andrew, Celena, Jeffrey, Cora, Samantha; mother Bea Bramer of Jenison; mother-in-law Esther Sprick of Holland; brothers and sister Richard (Dick) and Helen Bramer of Zephyrhills, FL; Bob and Joyce Bramer of Grand Rapids, Sharon and Ken Boerman of Fremont, Dale and Mary Ann Bramer of Coopersville; brothers- and sisters-in-law Marlene and Gordon Rosenberg of Holland, Denny and Michelle Sprick of Lowell, Randy and Karen Sprick of Holland; many nephews, nieces and cousins. A memorial service was held Jan. 13 at the Central Wesleyan Church Chapel, Holland, Rev. Lynn Bruce officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland and Western Michigan Teen Challenge.



## DAWSON

Lester A. Dawson, aged 91, of Clarksville, passed away January 11, 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife Agnes, children



## HENDRICK

Edith Elaine Hendrick, aged 71, of Lowell, passed away January 4, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband Rex Hendrick, sister Gloria Williams, grandson Christopher Hendrick. Edith is survived by her children

Roger (Brenda) Hendrick, Carla Hendrick and Mark Dupont, Carlene (Rob) Bottrall; brother Vernon (Marilyn) Venneman; sisters Ellen (Bill) Warner, Joanne Childs; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her dear friends from Laurels of Kent. A memorial gathering was held Jan. 8 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

## LYONS

F. Catherine Lyons, aged 79, of Lowell, passed away January 13, 2007. She is survived by her children Richard Lyons, Barbara (Daniel) Nugent, Betty Lyons, Christine (Bruce) Packard; sisters Eileen (Donald) Malinowski, Gladys (Arthur) Benedict, seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ormand (Bud) Lyons, granddaughter Jennifer Nugent, one brother and three sisters. A private graveside service will be held at Blythefield Memory Gardens, Dr. Michael Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

## SERNE

James Albert Serne, aged 69, of Ada, passed away January 10, 2007. After high school graduation he joined his father's milk hauling business where he retired 52 years later. His greatest loves were his faith in God,

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT KENT COUNTY Circuit Court - Family Division

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FILE NO. 06-182-588-DA

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held in the Kent County Probate Court located at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI, on February 15, 2007, at

# Thebes Players presents "The Odd Couple" beginning Jan. 26

Neil Simon's famous update of his contemporary classic "The Odd Couple" (female version) starts with a group of women friends playing their regular game of Trivial Pursuit. While at the apartment of Olive Madison, a divorcee who freely admits to being a slob, Florence Unger, a stickler for detail and recently separated from her husband, and Madison begin chatting. The two decide to room together - with hilarious results!



Performances will be held at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, Feb. 2 and 3, and Feb. 9 and 10, all at 7:30 p.m.; also Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$12; LAAC members, seniors and students are \$10; group tickets 10 or more are \$8 (advanced tickets available through Pay Pal at www.lowellarts.org) For more information or to purchase tickets visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson; call 897-8545, or email www.lowellarts.org. Tickets are also available at the box office on the day of the performance.



## Bikes for local kids

For the third year, the "Running with the Pack" Motorcycle Club collected bicycles and toys for Flat River Outreach Ministries' annual food and toy giveaway during the Christmas season. Several local businesses helped them by donating items to their Christmas party; 27 bicycles and many toys were collected.

# Board of ed, continued ... From Page 1

totaling \$269,000, to remain on the rotation schedule for the next school year.

Pratt said the rotation schedule helps prevent a situation where the district would have to buy eight new buses all at once.

The rotation removes the oldest buses with the

most miles in order to keep the buses safe, said Pratt.

The buses will be purchased from Hoekstra Transportation.

In related business, the board of education members were recognized for their years of dedicated service during the School Board

Member Recognition month of January. "It's a huge commitment," said Pratt. "I commend people for this much effort, for putting in a lot of hours of service."

Board members receive \$300 a year. They meet on a regular basis twice a month,

with at least one extra meeting.

Many board members serve on various committees such as the educational foundation. Pat Nugent, first elected in 1998, has the most years of service.

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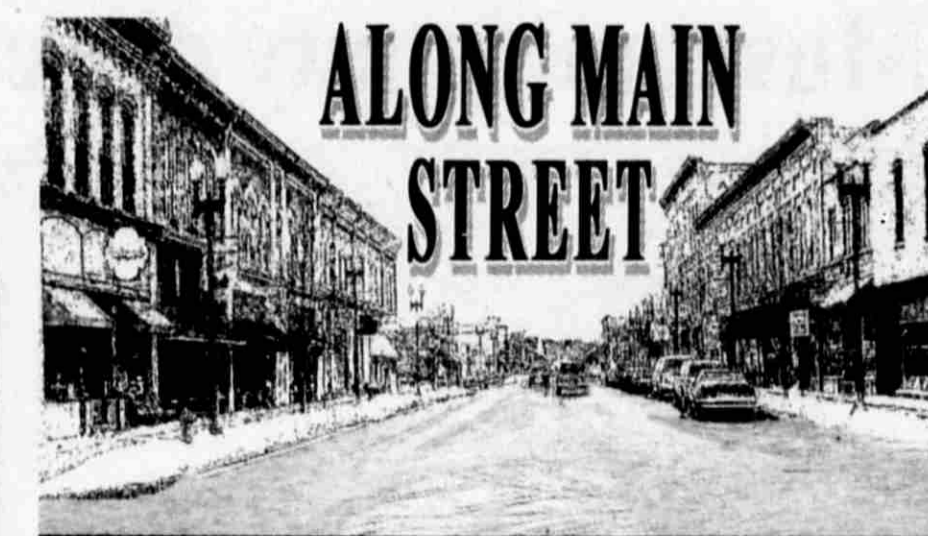


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## SITE CONDO OPEN MEETING

Oak Hill, Forest River, Murray Lake and River Bluff site condo associations are sponsoring an open meeting at Lowell Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Open to the public; no charge. Call 897-7513 for info.

## COMMUNITY ED OFFERS GED TESTING

Tests for GED are offered the first and second Wednesday of each month. Call Beth at 987-2550 to pre-register.

## LOWELL REUNION MEETING

Lowell classes of 1971 and 1972 are invited to meet at Larkin's Friday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. to plan a 35th reunion. Call Nancy Ellis Roth at 897-8870 and bring some new ideas.

## WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

A reception for Jerri Teelander's "Wonderful Watercolors" is this Friday, Jan. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Riverwalk Gallery (chamber). Show runs until Jan. 30. Refreshments provided.

## HOCKEY FACULTY NIGHT

Lowell/Caledonia hockey team vs. Brandon High School, Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at Patterson Ice Arena. All Lowell and Caledonia faculty get into the game free with their ID.

## BLUEGRASS JAM SESSION

Free bluegrass jam session Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Riverview Restaurant in Lowell. Bring your instrument or just come and listen.

## ST. MARY BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive at St. Mary Parish Life Center on Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call the church 897-9820, Tom 897-9098 or Cindy 897-0452 to register.

## GARLIC MUSTARD MEETING

There will be a meeting at Englehardt Library Monday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in helping or for more information about garlic mustard pulls this spring. Call Peggy at 897-7948 with questions.

## AUDITIONS

Thebes Players auditions for the production of "Humpty Dumpty Is Missing" are Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. For more information call 897-8545.

## CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER SEMINAR

Lowell High School will host a seminar on Champions of Character on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Freshman Commons. Parents of athletes are invited. Mike Riemersma, of Cornerstone University, is the speaker.

## LAAC MEETING

LAAC annual meeting for membership is Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 6-7 p.m. at Englehardt Library. Call 897-8545 for more information.

## MID-WINTER USED BOOK SALE

Friends of Englehardt Library will have a mid-winter used book sale for adults and children, Friday, Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All proceeds go to library programming.

## THEBES PLAYERS "THE ODD COUPLE"

Performances for the female version of "The Odd Couple" are Jan. 26 - Feb. 10. Call 897-8545 for tickets or visit lowellarts.org.

## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PERSON OF THE YEAR

If you know someone who deserves the honor of Person of the Year, submit in writing your nomination to Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 224, Lowell 49331 or email to info@lowellchamber.org or fax to 897-9101. Deadline is Jan. 30.

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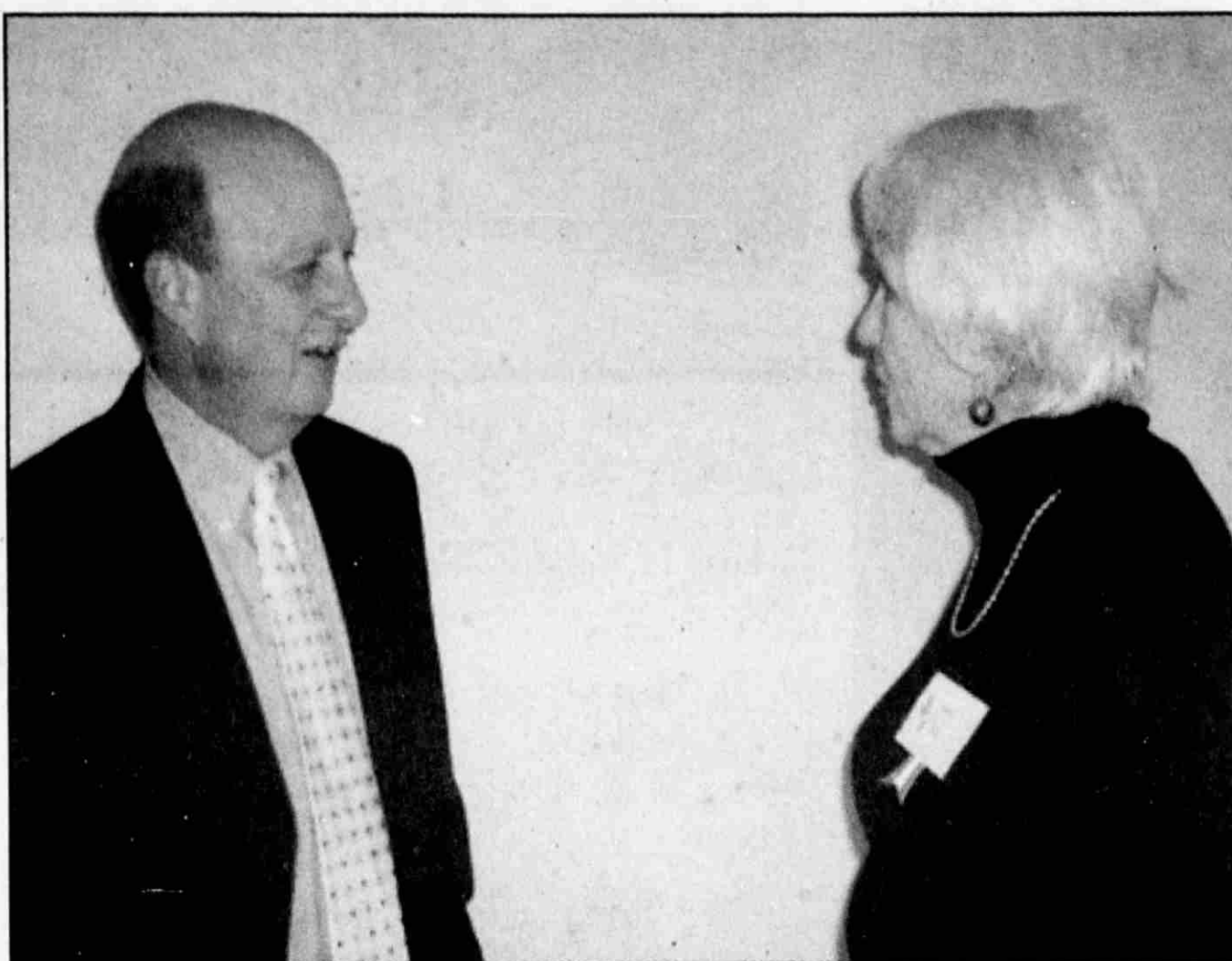
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# Museum deputy director speaks to Lowell Women's Club, Rotary



Ford Museum deputy director Jim Kratsas spoke with June Dilly from Lowell Women's Club.

By Emma Palova

Ford Museum deputy director Jim Kratsas found renewed interest in the Ford presidency and museum during the funeral.

Approximately 8,000 people visited the museum in less than one week; that is normally one month of visitors in January.

"People walked the gravesite," he said. "There is definitely a renewed interest in Michigan's favorite son."

Kratsas spoke to Lowell Women's Club and Rotary International at the Lowell Township Hall Wednesday about the presidential funeral.

"It has been an honor to be a part of the final tribute," said Kratsas. "I found myself in the center of national attention. Everything went without a glitch."

The deputy director highlighted differences between the Ronald Reagan and Ford funerals.

"Each president has a say whether they want a state or private funeral," he said.

According to Kratsas, before Reagan, there had not been a full fledged funeral since FDR in the '60s.

"Reagan's funeral was a celebration of life," he said. "Ford's was a homecoming. The last thing Richard

Nixon wanted was to go to Washington."

Approximately 62,000 came through the museum in less than a day to pay tribute and sign the condolence book. There was a five- to six-hour wait.

"People didn't care, they wanted to be part of history," said Kratsas. "They wanted to pay respect."

As people waited in line, they congregated together.

"The families spent a lot of time together waiting in line," said Kratsas. "Not one harsh word was spoken since President Ford's death."

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## Schools may deal with prorata cuts in student aid

By Emma Palova

Due to a projected shortfall in state revenues, Lowell Area Schools (LAS) district faces potential prorata cuts in student aid.

According to superintendent Greg Pratt, LAS may struggle with a shortfall of approximately \$560,000 due to proration in school aid payments.

Following the Jan. 18 state revenue estimating conference, the district may lose \$139 per student. "We have to take a wait-and-see approach, and talk to the legislators," Pratt said. "While it is difficult to say a prorata cut is imminent, one

can speculate there will be a shortfall."

Pratt explained the state could also make up for the \$235 million net shortfall by making cuts to the general fund budget, school aid fund, raising taxes, changing accounting practices, or any combination of the above.

"Pending proration is one of my concerns," he said. "The only way to address this issue is a finance reform of school funding."

In other business, the board of education approved new graduation requirements, effective for freshman in the next school year.

treasurer Betsy Davidson. "Lowell could become a hub for trails."

The trail system could also connect east to Ionia County.

"We have a long-range vision of five to 10 years," said Davidson.

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A 2006 estimate set the purchase price at \$310,000. This could be funded by a Transportation Enhancement Application (TEA) grant from MDOT.

"TEA grant is used for converting railroads to trails," said Cain.

The new trail system could tie into the Lowell Area Recreation Authority trails plan. "There's a great potential for local economies," said Cain.

According to Paula Blumm, chairperson of the Lowell Township Parks and

Recreation committee, the title work research is two thirds done.

It still remains unknown who will actually own the corridor.

"It's a long detailed process," Blumm said. The Kent County

Road Commission or the Kent County Parks could also potentially own the corridor.

"The trail could tie into a larger system," said Blumm.

Regardless of who owns the trail, it could connect to

Greenville trails north of town, to the Thornapple Trail south of town, and to the Ada to Grand Rapids trails.

"If it does come to pass, it would be a southern connection in Lowell Township," said LARA

## Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins Board of Education President

The Board is currently working on a multi-faceted plan that may sound surprisingly familiar to many in the community. Just seven years ago the sitting Board faced the same task of reviewing: 1) the demographics of our district; 2) district facilities use; 3) input from district stakeholders in the community including parents; and 4) options for marketing the district. As the district grows and the needs of our students change in the face of new demands from both the state and federal levels, it is the Board's responsibility to meet and answer these challenges in a responsible manner.

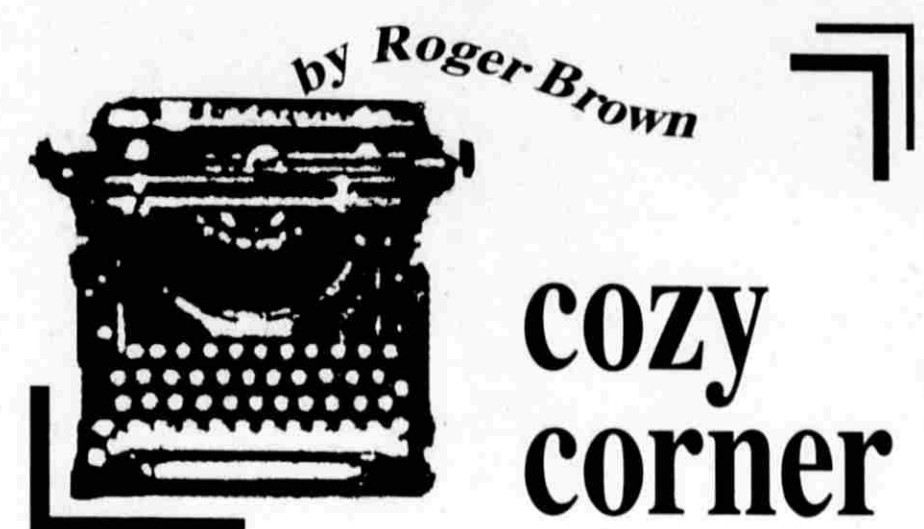
We are now in the early stages of review with a demographics committee, community and district focus groups and other resources being utilized to gather and organize pertinent information regarding each of the above four stated areas for the Board's review. As we move through

the process, the community will be given timely updates. Please refer to the Directions newsletter, the district web site (www.lowellschools.com), school newsletters, Sharing the Vision articles and the Ledger for information in the coming months. Also, feel free to contact Superintendent Greg Pratt at 987-2501 to share questions and comments.

The Board makes the following commitment to our community as the process proceeds. Careful thought, research, discussion and deliberation will be the foundation for all district planning. The Board will do its homework and will be prepared to approach the process as informed as possible. The Board will follow clear objectives and goals, and seek to form a consensus around the plan. The Board will listen to a wide range of people - community business leaders, parent organizations, community ministerial leaders, parents, teachers and staff - to ensure that the community as a whole feels engaged in and informed about the process. Perhaps most importantly, the Board will not lose sight that the planning and process, the goals and objectives, the numbers and statistics and the end result are centered on our children.

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

# Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

## cozy corner

Now that we have made it through the holidays, I have a question. Is it just me, or have gift cards become a bit of a problem? Are these cards the new litter on the roadside of society?

Seems like they are everywhere. There are racks of them at every checkout counter. Newspapers, magazines and TV are flooded with ads for corporate gift cards. Gift cards just may have become my newest pet peeve.

I think I have it figured out why retailers and corporations push them so heavily. First off, they get their money up front. That's always a good thing if you are in business. It may be months before the person receiving the card actually redeems the value. Better yet. And, best-case scenario for the business selling gift cards is, many of them are never cashed in. I'll bet the percentage of unused cards is much higher than you might guess. They get lost or misplaced. Some have expiration limits. Free money for the retailers.

Also good for the business selling a card is that they are guaranteed a sale for at least the card amount, and probably more. I don't think you can go in to a store and redeem a card for cash. Also, it is likely the person with a gift card will spend the amount on the card, and more, in the store. If a cardholder tries to spend twenty bucks on a fifty-dollar card, I doubt the retailer will refund the difference in cash.

Don't get me wrong ... I'm as pro-business as it gets. If corporations are making money selling gift cards, more power to them. All I'm saying here is that I'm developing a personal aversion to them.

Here are a few examples of what I'm talking about. I recently received two "I-Tunes" gift cards: one for my birthday and one for Christmas. I shouldn't say this, for fear of offending the people who gave them to me, but I have lost one ... at least for the moment. The good news is, if you gave me an I-Tunes gift card, you don't know if I've lost yours, or the one somebody else gave me.

About a year ago there was a big neighborhood effort

to repair all the docks damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Wilma. I chipped in with my equipment and as much help as I could provide. In return, I was given thank-you cards and at least three Home Depot gift cards. In the past year I have probably been in Home Depot a few dozen times, but never with the cards to hand. They are still in a basket near the phone on the kitchen counter.

This may be indicative of another problem with gift cards. I have some lofty notion of buying a special tool that I wouldn't necessarily spend my own money on. Then I could tell the people that gave me the cards how I put the money toward something I always wanted. Nice idea, just haven't done it. In the meantime, Home Depot is happily sitting on the cash.

This is a little different than a gift card, but the same idea. While on a trip last summer, I went swimming with my cell phone in my pocket. I bought a long distance calling card so I could touch base with my wife from time to time. The card is still in my wallet with a bunch of unused minutes remaining. I'll keep it for an emergency, but in all likelihood, it will probably stay right in my wallet until long after it has expired.

This is the topper. Again, it is not exactly a gift card, but along the same lines. A restaurant we frequent with many of our neighbors has a big promotion in progress. If you buy \$100.00 cards, you can redeem them for \$125.00 during future visits. Again, it's great for the restaurant ... money up front, guaranteed business, plus sales, interest on the money ... all that good stuff.

As a real bonus to the restaurant, there are boneheads like my wife and me. We bought one of their cards and immediately proceeded to lose the thing. We were there a few nights ago. The people we were with pulled out their cards when the check came. Ours was nowhere to be found. Not in Terese's purse or my wallet. It still hasn't turned up. I'll bet it's hiding out with that I-Tunes card.

These gift cards really aren't new. Gift certificates, which are basically the same thing, have been around forever. One of my employees and his family always gave their parents a gift certificate to a nice restaurant as a Christmas gift. One year the restaurant where the certificate was purchased went out of business before the parents used their gift. The next year ... different restaurant ... same result. When it happened a third year in a row, the family decided to stop putting a hex on restaurants and moved on to a different gift idea.

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## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

We moved to East Grand Rapids in early 1944. I was in kindergarten and my big brother was in third grade. Our new home was on Santa Cruz Dr. The street was one block long, had 14 houses and dead-ended into a beautiful woods with a great sliding hill. Our house was in the middle of the block on the west side. Three houses away, on the corner of Argentina Dr., the Jerry Ford Sr. family lived. Future President Ford was living there with his parents. They had a two-car garage and they had two cars. Consequently, Jerry had no place to put his car in out of the weather. So he asked my father, Hugh Cowan, if he could rent the other side of our garage since we only had one car. My father welcomed him, and that winter we had a paying guest in our garage.

Soon Jerry was married and moved out of his parents' home. When he went to Congress, my father would communicate some of his political concerns to Jerry. Jerry would always reply. My father was very fond and very proud of Jerry. When President Nixon resigned, my father just about "burst his buttons" with pride when Jerry Ford became President Ford. I will never forget dad's verbal reaction. He said, "And to think I made him shovel his own side of the driveway!"

Kay (Cowan) McDonald

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By Priscilla Luussmyer



125 YEARS  
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
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Prof. W.E. Ransom attended the teachers convention last week.

Methodist minister John Hiscock of Jonesville was killed by a cow a few days ago.

The Grand Rapids bar presents Judge Hoyt with a gold-headed cane and a silver water pitcher on his retirement.

Children, keep going to Sunday School, not just on the day that presents are handed out.

100 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
JANUARY 17, 1907

The Board of Trade will hold their first annual banquet Tuesday evening at their headquarters in the King Block.

Miss Isabelle Fallas is organizing two singing schools at her residence this week, for children under 16 and people over 16; 10 cents per lesson.

Jessie Tompsett of Lowell is severely cut when two workmen fall through a skylight above her, in Grand Rapids.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure your grip. M.N. Henry Drug Store.

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

The Kent County Unemployment Committee finds work for the unemployed, mostly in highway improvements.

The Ledger starts a series of short stories by the popular author Fannie Hurst.

The new Pontiac's horn cannot be blown if the engine is not running.

Station WKAR at Michigan State College will present its Home Economics program daily at 3 p.m.

50 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 17, 1957

The Lowell Library votes to merge with the Kent County Library; Lowell maintains the building, Kent pays the librarian.

A navy recruiter will be at the Lowell post office next Tuesday, recruiting for a new West Michigan company to be called the "Wolverines."

Leonard Fase and Jim Eickhoff win awards for outstanding football performance.

There are post office jobs available, starting at \$1.82 an hour.

25 YEARS  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
JANUARY 14, 1981

Ellura McPherson is collecting family recipes and very old favorites for the Sesquicentennial cookbook.

The firemen are out New Year's Eve until morning, doing their duty.

Editor Brown compares these past nine days of Michigan winter with his vacation in the Keys. It's been a real Michigan winter.

The first motion picture, 47 frames of a sneeze, was copyrighted Jan. 7, 1874 (page 14 item).

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# Engagements

## Williams/Ekkel



Shelby Williams and Justin Ekkel

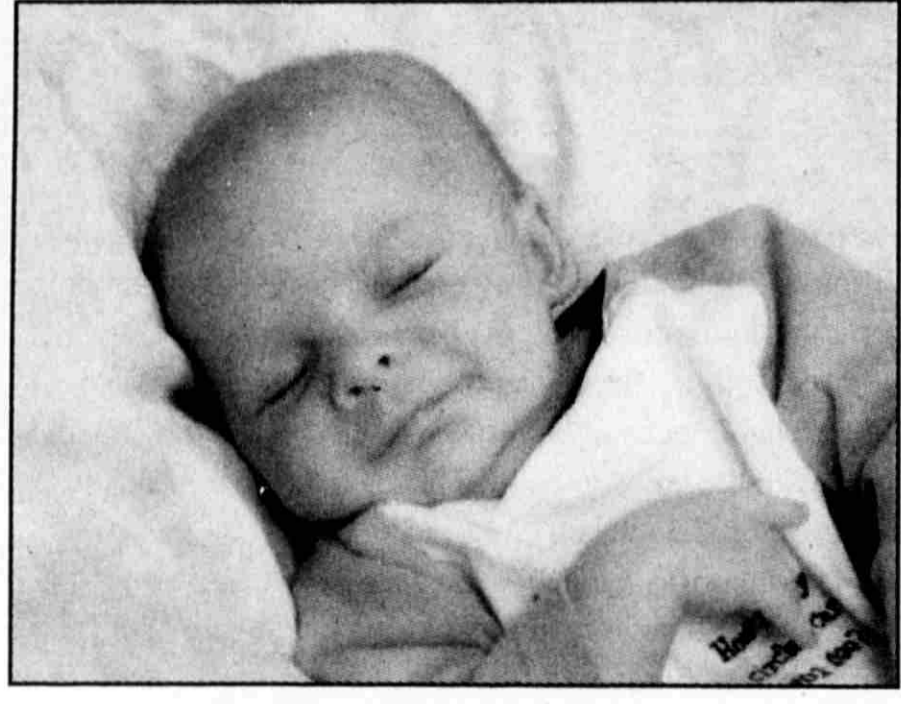
The marriage of Shelby Corrina Williams of Lowell and Justin David Ekkel of Grand Rapids will be celebrated on August 11, 2007, on the beach.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Diana and Walter Batt of Lowell and Terry and Cheryl Williams of

Rockford. She is a graduate of Lowell High School.

The future groom is the son of Hollie Schipper and Ken Byker of Grand Rapids and David and Marie Ekkel of Grand Haven. He is a graduate of South Christian High School.

## Peel



Alex Stephen Peel

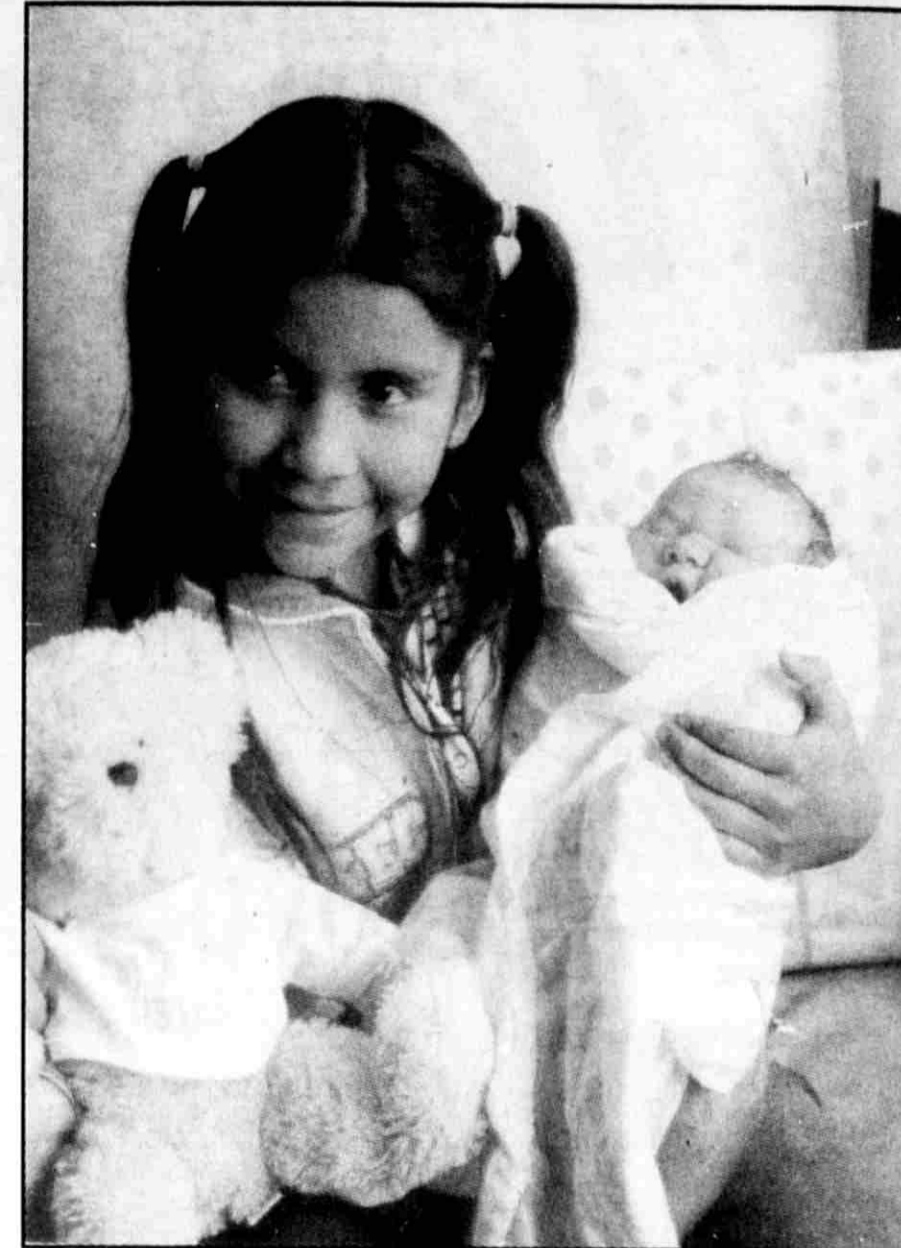
Carter Peel is excited to announce the arrival of his little brother, Alex Stephen, on November 10, 2006 at 1 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 21.5 inches.

Proud parents are Ryan and Stephanie Peel of Lowell. Proud grandparents

are Stephen and Deanne Newell of Lowell, Shirley Peel of Lowell, and Jeff and Diane Peel of Grand Rapids.

Happy aunts and uncles are Elisa and Isaac Aikei of Florida and Sarah Newell and Chris Rittersdorf of Royal Oak.

## Lindhout

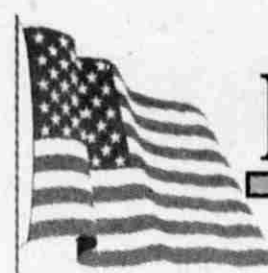


Sara Lindhout with her brother James Edward

Mike and Claudia Lindhout are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Edward (Jimmy Jr.), born January 7, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Welcoming him home is his big sister, Sara and his aunt, Berlinda.

Proud grandparents are Sue and Jim Lindhout of Ada and Josefa of Nicaragua; honorary grandparents are Ardis and Bill Barber of Lowell; aunts and uncles are Michelle and Jason Barber, and Tammy and Jeremy Barber, and cousins Nate and Max Barber.



## In The Service

Air Force Airman Ryan J. Overbeck has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Overbeck studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and

special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Overbeck, a 2005 graduate of Saranac High School, is the son of Edward Overbeck of Lowell and Debbie Overbeck of Saranac.



Airman Ryan J. Overbeck

# HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



## INFLUENZA

Flu season is nearing, and it is not too late to have your flu vaccination! People are often confused about what is really the flu and what is a common cold. Sometimes it can be hard to tell, as they both share many symptoms. The flu usually starts suddenly and hits hard. Temperatures run 101 to 104 degrees. Patients typically experience a severe headache, bad muscle aches, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, and a runny nose. Colds typically start gradually, with sneezing, a slight elevation in temperature (99-100 degrees), mild muscle aches and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting are not typical predominant symptoms of the true influenza virus.

There is no cure for the flu or a cold. These are viruses which are not affected by antibiotics. Your body must fight off the infection. To help your body fight the flu, drink plenty of fluids, stay home and rest while you have a fever, avoid alcohol and smoking, and gargle with warm salt water to help with a sore throat. Over-the-counter flu medications contain a variety of ingredients designed to help with all of your symptoms. Some prescription medications help reduce the duration and severity of symptoms, but only if they are started soon after symptoms begin.

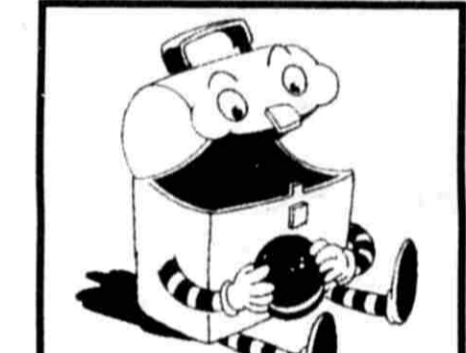
The flu is spread by coughing, sneezing, and hand-to-hand contact. The best way to prevent infection is by good handwashing, or receiving a flu shot.

Most of the time you do not need to see your doctor for the flu. You should see your doctor, though, if you have other chronic medical problems, a cold that lasts longer than 10 days, earache or drainage from your ear, persistent temperature of 102 or higher, shortness of breath, or wheezing.

To date, there have been no reported flu cases in Michigan.

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

THURS: Chicken drumstick w/ homemade dinner roll (fish/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

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

# Reflections of faith

Rev. Dean Bailey, pastor  
Alto and Bowne Center United Methodist churches

"... there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." John 21:25 (NRSV)

Willie Smith was retired and consistently seemed to be underfoot. At least, that was the complaint of Willie's wife, Betty. So on a rainy day when she couldn't send Willie

outside to tend the lawn or garden, she suggested he read the Bible, especially the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John - which describe Jesus' ministry on earth, including his teachings and healings. Willie objected that he had read them many times previously, but Betty had an idea. Why didn't he read them like he was reading them for the first time to see if he couldn't discover something new. So Willie spent most of that rainy day reading the four gospels.

At supper Betty asked Willie if he had come across anything new, and he said that he had indeed found a new insight which was: "Jesus never met an unimportant person."

A child, a man, a woman, a fisherman, a tax collector, etc., they were all important to Jesus, to God. As we travel our days, let us remember what Willie Smith discovered: Jesus never met an unimportant person - and neither will we!

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Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home.

- Phyllis Diller

# Happy Birthday

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| <b>JANUARY 18:</b><br>Marge Potter Sullivan.   | <b>JANUARY 22:</b><br>Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Magner, Frances Walling, Glenn Vanbuskirk, Shane Gildner, Reece VanderWarf, Frances DeVries. |
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| <b>JANUARY 20:</b><br>Shelby Baird.  | <b>JANUARY 24:</b><br>David Szymczak, Allan Baird, Haleigh Timmers, Mackenzie Stiles.   |
| <b>JANUARY 21:</b><br>James Vezino, Mark MacNaughton, Eunice VanderVeen, Krysta Jankowski. |   |

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

Dear Editor,

People of Lowell unite: There is trouble in our city. Lowell Light and Power is cutting down all the big trees in the city right-of-way. In that famous poem, "Only God can make a tree," but beware, Lowell Light and Power can take it away.

Sixteen years ago we had to battle the city council to take out one tree for a driveway and make a promise to plant another tree in its place. They were trying to save all the beautiful old trees. We also had a program for a free tree for those who wanted them. My, have we done an about-face!

Lowell will soon be known as the ugly, treeless city where the people swelter in the summer heat. What next?! Dry up the river so it doesn't flow through Lowell!! They must be stopped before they destroy our beautiful city and make it look like a disaster area.

Sincerely,

Helen Vezino  
Riverside Drive

P.S. We've got trouble right here in River City. Let's put it right. Let the city put in a new smaller tree for every one that is destroyed! Shame on you, Lowell Light and Power.

Dear Editor,

Bravo to Litehouse Foods for their recent action of making the employees part owners of the company. This is fantastic. We need to understand what they COULD have done - they could have sold the company, along with all the tried and true recipes, to some giant corporation like Pepsi-Co or Nestle. Then what might have happened is that the Lowell plant would be phased out in favor of cost-cutting or centralization. Instead Litehouse made a commitment to their hard working employees and Lowell. Wonderful move.

Here is what we all need to do to properly celebrate. First, go out and buy some Litehouse products. If you have never tried them, then you need to. If you are a regular Litehouse user, then buy an extra bottle this week.

Secondly, send a letter or email to Meijer telling them they need to put Litehouse products on their shelves. If Meijer wants the support of West Michigan food buyers, then they better support West Michigan food producers.

Thanks, Litehouse, for the great decision. I am guessing your dressings will taste even better now!

Cliff Yankovich Vice President  
Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

To the Editor,

The billboards proclaim "Lowell the next place to be!" We know that Lowell will grow, just look at Ada's rampantly expanding suburbs. Growth generates more money, but always at a cost. We all love the charming small town nature of Lowell, so let's be sure to plan and control its expansion.

"Where the Rivers Meet" is a new photo book (available at the museum and the library) depicting the history of Lowell. These photographs, dating back to the 1800's, are a testament to the unique nature of a small town and are a reminder of what has been lost. There were picnic parks along our rivers and their islands that are no more. Driving into Lowell, one passed charming stone pillars announcing the town limits. Those were demolished in the 1960's.

Nothing lasts forever, but directing growth can preserve what is valuable to the people of Lowell. An example is the River Walk area starting from the dam and going past the Showboat and library. This redesigned river walk was a wonderful gift which draws in the community. What could be more perfect than to sit under the immense maple tree,

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# To The Editor, continued ... From Page 8

listening to a concert, watching the sun go down over the Flat River and being among the old and young folks of Lowell? This is what is worth preserving!

Look around at recent expansion. Isn't it great to see the beautiful Arts and Crafts building of the Grand River Vet Clinic and the classic lines of the new Congregational Church? Wouldn't it be nice if all new construction took aesthetic appeal into consideration?

Currently the future of the Boy Scout property and the house on North Washington is being debated. I urge the city mayor and the city council members to preserve our small town essence and put appropriate restrictions on development. Saving an older home by selling it to the existing occupants and keeping the land along the Flat River for a future park is in the best interest of the current and future residents of Lowell. Let's keep our small town essence intact!

Sincerely,  
Carole Lende-Svec

Gerald Ford assumed the presidency during one of the most serious domestic crises in our history. In the wake of Watergate, we needed a healer who would unify this nation. Gerald Ford rose to that occasion, providing calm and steady leadership, and, for that indispensable service, he will always have the gratitude and reverence of the American people. Most Americans will remember President Ford for righting our ship of state during that stormy time. But we in Michigan hold Jerry Ford in affection and esteem for his lifetime of service, including 13 terms in the House of Representatives from Michigan's Fifth Congressional District. We take particular pride in this son of Michigan and the manner in which he always treasured his West Michigan roots.

Gerald Ford was deeply respected on both sides of the political aisle for his fairness, his bipartisanship, and his integrity. While serving in the House and as its Minority Leader, he built life-long relationships and friendships in both parties, including his counterparts in the House Democratic leadership. He fought many battles on behalf of his party and his constituency, but he did so without acrimony or ill-will. In doing so, he helped smooth out the rough edges of politics. Over time, we will honor his memory in many ways, but one immediate way would be to return the Gerald Ford quality of civility to the nation's capital.

In this year's National Defense Authorization Act, which Congress adopted last September, Sen. John Warner authored a provision, which I co-sponsored, to encourage the United States Navy to name the first of its future class of aircraft carriers the "USS Gerald Ford." I am pleased the Navy recently announced it will follow that suggestion and will honor President Ford in this manner next week. Gerald Ford began his service to our country in the Navy during World War II, where he displayed great valor in combat. This will be a most fitting tribute.

My thoughts and prayers, as well as the thoughts and prayers of many across Michigan and across the nation, are with Gerald Ford's beloved wife Betty and his family as we celebrate his life and legacy.

Sincerely,  
Carl Levin

Dear Editor,

This is a plea to the city council, the planning commission, city, county, and state residents, and all those involved, to consider the marvelous opportunity we have in the beautiful property opened up by the Light company moving out of the north end of Washington St. leaving access to the river bank, and hills and valleys beyond.

It's the opportunity of a nature preserve/recreation area for all ... not just a few profiteers.

Please don't discount the years of memories of old and young who have benefited by the property's close proximity to the city (the scouts, hikers, skiers, sportsmen and children).

Develop, if you like, toboggan runs, cross country trails, picnic areas, but please, don't cover those beautiful hills with houses.

How can we be so heartless as to oust those who have cared and improved the property for so many years?

I have been asked over and over again how it has happened that Lowell has become an art community. My answer is: the beauty of the river and the surrounding hills is every bit as picturesque as New England. Let's preserve all the beauty we can.

Jan Y. Johnson

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## With site approval dog lovers look forward to park's completion

By Emma Palova

Location, location, location is everything ... even for a dog park.

The Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission recently approved a move of the Lowell Area Dog Park after studying demographics and existing parking.

The new site, next to the Lowell Water Treatment Plant on Bowes Rd., offers a central location, seasonal restrooms and fresh water, parking, and a sidewalk connection to the surrounding neighborhoods

and future Lowell area trailways.

"We've had our eye on this site from the very beginning," said dog park committee chair Jeff Eckstrom. "After considering the advantages, it made sense to change the location."

The off leash area will be a nice spot for dogs to get some exercise and for their owners to chat.

"I believe the Lowell dog park will create a community of dog lovers within our community," said James Carey, dog park committee member.

Not only will there be a dog lover community within the community, but also a smaller dog park within the larger area.

"It will be a social thing for like-minded people," said Carey.

The 210- by 152-foot area will be fenced off, landscaped, and filled in for proper drainage. It will feature leashing and off leashing entrances, a community announcement and donor honors board, and a walking trail for less active or smaller dogs.

The entire project will come at no substantial cost to the city, which already maintains the area. The park will be overseen by the parks and recreation commission; pet owners

will be responsible for waste disposal.

"The city has been very supportive," said Carey.

According to city manager Dave Pasquale, dog owners in the city have been looking for a place to exercise their dogs.

"The dog park provides a place for dogs and a means for dog owners to get together," said Pasquale.

The new dog park will help offset the strict rules of the city zoning ordinance that requires owners to leash their dogs at all times.

A tired and well-socialized dog is less likely to bark or act out, according to Eckstrom.

"The park is not just for dogs but for people as well," he said. "We don't expect many dogs coming alone."

Off leash dog parks are becoming more and more popular as social settings for dog owners, as well as dogs.

Cost of the project is estimated between \$18,000 and \$20,000; completion is expected in late summer/fall. The bulk of the cost will be the four-foot-high fencing, as required by the city zoning ordinance.

The committee has so far raised \$5,000. Donors may contribute at City Hall or they may call Eckstrom at 897-6677 or email him at jbeckstrom@iserv.net.



Dog lover James Carey shows off his dogs at the future Lowell Area Dog Park next to Stoney Lakeside Park.

## LAAC exhibit features odd couplings of local artists

By Emma Palova

A traditional watercolor painting of an amaryllis next to an oil abstract resembling a floating continent sets the tone for the newest exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

A takeoff on Neil Simon's play, "The Odd Couple," the "Odd Couplings" exhibition pairs two contrasting works of a number of local artists.

Co-curated by artist Jan Y. Johnson of Lowell, the show carries some outstanding pieces.

"It's very cool and fun," she said. Johnson decided to pair her realistic outdoors "Lions Greetings" with her breakthrough abstract, "Genesis," for the exhibit.

The artistic juxtaposition of Johnson's work shows her own evolution from painting realistic scenes to the very free art of abstract.

Johnson made the switch many years ago while painting a scene.

"I knew what it was going to look like," she said. "That's when I got really worried."

As a member of the Grand Valley Artists, Johnson took classes from

Harry Hefner, head of the art department at Western Michigan University.

"You don't have to cover all the paper," she said. "The white can become part of art."

The "Odd Couplings" show echoes that idea in the works of Karen Cornwell, who paired an Aztec mask with her "The Time Between" paintings.

"I must say the exhibit title sounds right up my alley," she wrote in her artistic statement. "I love to combine diverse cultural influences in both two- and three-dimensional work."

Artist Gerard Wood combined a portrait of his niece, "Missing Teeth" with "Matisse Like," a media abstract.

"If we think about it, we can all relate to an odd couple," Wood wrote in his artistic statement. "It is usually found in some type of relationship, be it friendship, marriage or career choice."

According to Wood, a common thread of an emotional element binds odd relationships together and captures attention.

The unusual coupling of his niece's missing teeth with the abstract of shapes and



Jan Y. Johnson's work will be on display through Feb. 3.

colors brings him happiness.

"That is the emotional element that binds them together," he wrote.

Bonnie Osborne decided to showcase a different

treatment of a similar subject theme in her couplings, "Above Glacier Gorge" and "Juniper Survival."

"Sometimes the subject matter is the same, but attacked with a different

theme," Johnson said. "We have a lot of color and thought-provoking pieces."

The show is at the LAAC until Feb. 3, Tuesday through Saturday, or by

appointment. Some pieces are for sale.

For more information call the arts council at 897-8545 or visit their website at www.lowellartscouncil.org

## Museum director, continued

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The Military District of Washington stations presidential funerals in Washington D.C., said Kratsas.

"Their biggest mission is to plan and coordinate funerals for presidents who

pass away," he explained. "Every detail is addressed. There is a ceremony in everything." 1,000 people are involved in presidential funerals including the military and police.

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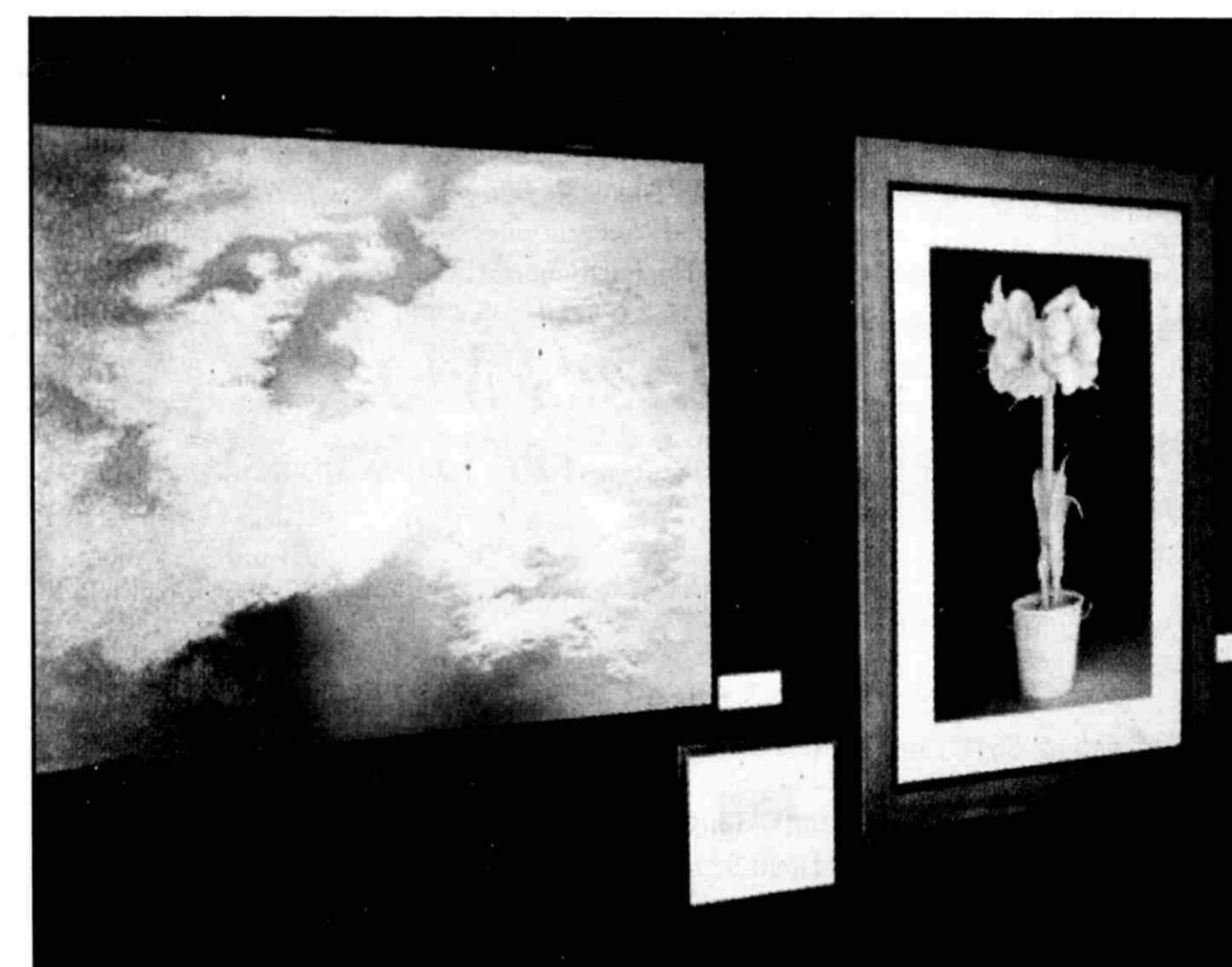
Plaza accommodated various staff and agencies involved in the funeral.

The book at the museum will be available for signing during the official 30-day mourning period.

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*The thermometer of success is merely the jealousy of the malcontents.*

- Salvador Dali



Ann Breckon's "Odd Couplings" include an oil abstract, "Floating Continent" and her watercolor "Amaryllis."

## Business Matters

Barbara Trebian, the Orleans, Mich., joined Edward Jones branch office administrator in Lowell, joined Edward Jones in 1999.

"I am honored to be offered this limited partnership offering in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial-services firm. Trebian, a native of

Orleans, Mich., joined Edward Jones in 1999.

"I am honored to be offered this limited partnership. I've always enjoyed my job - it's both challenging and rewarding - but being invited to become an owner in the company is really exciting," she said.

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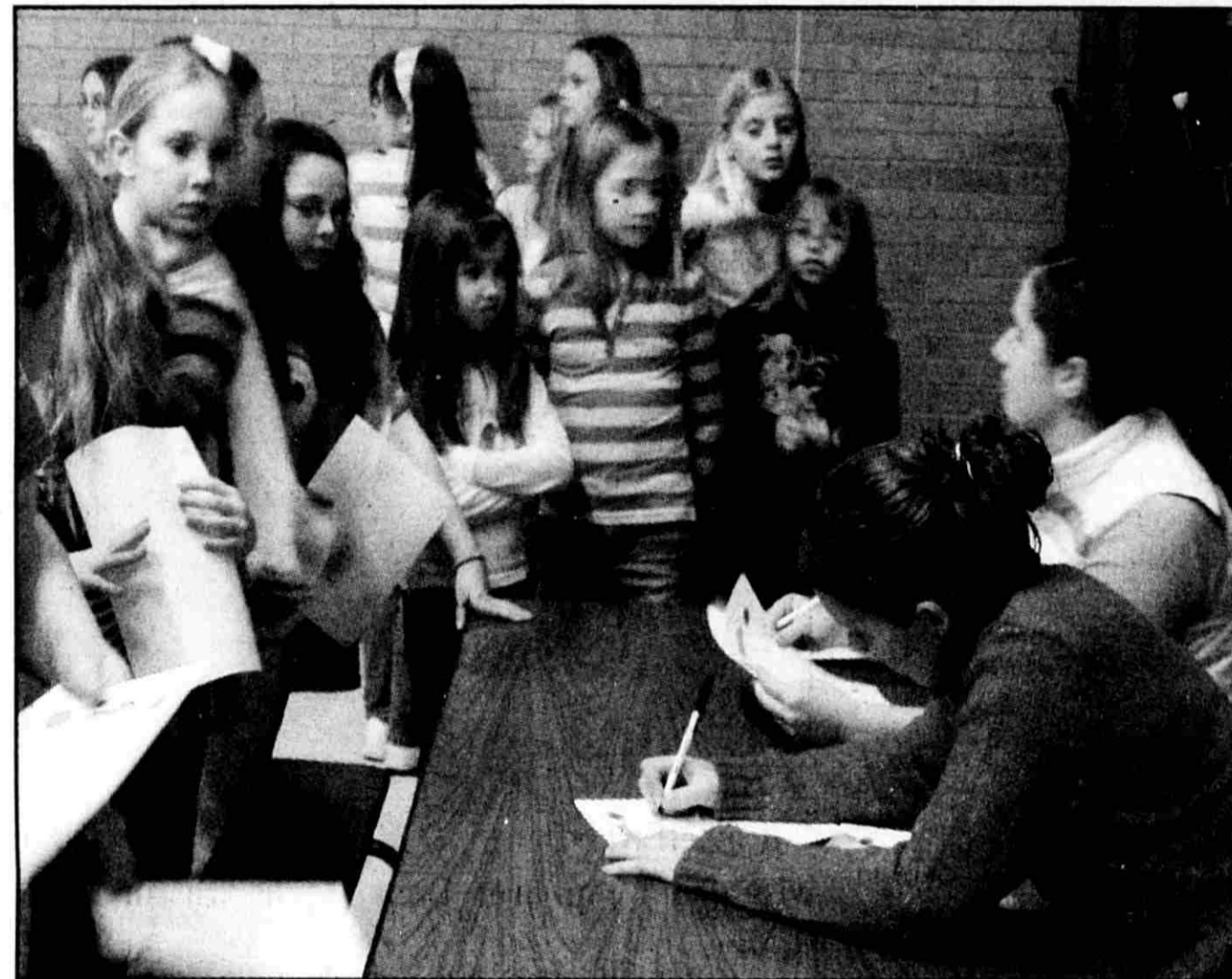
## Young Champions will attend state competition

The Young Champions/Cheer America Regional Cheerleading Competition was held Dec. 10 at the Delta Plex in Grand-Rapids. With 27 teams competing in the region, Lowell's Level III girls (ages 9+) placed second. They will now compete at the state competition this Saturday, Jan. 20.

Classes with Young Champions are offered for ages 4-18. The next session sign-up will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. or call the Young Champions office at 616-538-2888.

Pictured, back row, is coach Mandy Vezino; middle row: Gloria Rivera and Natalia Tejada; front row: Brianna Thomet, Mackenzie Fox, Alexis Corner and Autumn Chrisman.

## High school team members visit Alto Elementary



Lowell High School members of the football and girls basketball teams visited Alto Elementary recently. The seniors shared with the students how to be successful on the field/court and in life, as well. Each athlete took a turn speaking about respect, determination and sportsmanship, and how they can be applied in sports and at school. Several were Alto "graduates" including Keith Nichol, Cory Stevens and Brittany Lyman. Most of the athletes stayed and signed autographs for the elementary students. Seeing these athletes so successful in sports as well as in school was an inspiration to each student.

## Exit 52 completes first MCGC performance

The Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) hosts Field Day (Preview Show) as the first event of the competitive season. Color guards perform as an introduction to the judges as well as the MCGC community. The event, last Saturday, was held at Grand Blanc High School. Lowell High School's winter guard, Exit 52, performed to the song "All at Once" by The Fray.

Exit 52 director, Sharon MacDermaid said, "The guard entered field day as a Flag Line. This is the most basic color guard experience and where we thought we were going to compete for the rest of the season. Once the girls completed their first performance the judges all agreed that they were ready to move into Regional A

class. This class promotion moved the girls up two tiers. This is something that our group is very proud of. It means that the judges are seeing that the girls are already demonstrating more advanced skills than are normally expected this early in the season."

Exit 52 will travel to Canton on Jan. 27, to South Lyon on Feb. 17, to Grand Rapids on March 24 and to Saginaw Valley State University for state finals on March 30.

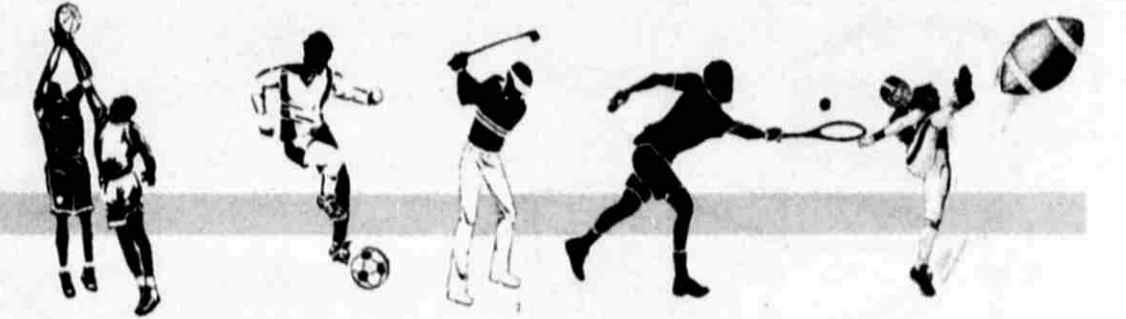
"We are looking forward to an exciting season," said MacDermaid. "All the guard members work very hard and that hard work was definitely evident in their performance on Saturday. I am already so proud it's hard to express it. Lowell High School and the Lowell community should

be extremely proud of these girls."

Exit 52 held a silent auction in conjunction with the high school holiday band concert, earning \$367. Total cost for contest entry fees was \$355. With just \$12 in reserve, Exit 52 still needs funding to help pay for transportation costs to and from competitions, additional props and possibly new uniforms. Currently each member is being asked to pay \$50 as a "pay-to-play" fee.

Anyone interested in donating to the guard may send a check made out to the Lowell Band Boosters, attention Sharon MacDermaid, at Lowell Middle School. Also, anyone interested in being a business sponsor may contact MacDermaid.

# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Red Arrow wrestlers starting to show team strength

By Sean Garner  
Contributing Writer

After a brief rough stretch, the Red Arrows wrestling team is now starting to flex its muscles and show why they are considered one of West Michigan's strongest programs.

After suffering all three of their dual meet losses during an eight-day span, head coach Dave Dean commented that the Arrows were "a good team that needed to decide if it wants to be a great team."

Since then, the Arrows have won three tournaments (the Lowell Super Dual, the New Lothrop Invitational, the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament at Lowell) and two OK-White conference dual meets (Sparta and Forest Hills Northern).

While these results would indicate that the Arrows are on their way to becoming a great team, Dean said there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

"You take these steps in increments," he said. "You can see it in the practice room. Guys are stepping up. The last few hard days, the team has been driving itself, not the coaching staff so much."

In their latest dual, a 53-13 home victory over Forest Hills Northern, the Arrows faced a team that has traditionally placed toward the bottom of the conference, but still is able to be competitive at a number of weight classes.

"They have holes," Dean said, "but they have three or four really good kids. So you've got to get up for those few tough matches."

One of the most exciting matches of the night involved freshman Ryan Olep (160 lbs.) who defeated returning state qualifier Nate Danks, 5-1.

Olep is a bit of a rarity, a freshman who is not only competitive at a weight class normally reserved for upperclassmen, but who also stands out. On the year, Olep is 22-5 and leads the Arrows in pins.

"Anything is possible for Ryan," Dean said. "He is very athletic, and he has a lot of skills. As long as he is the one setting the tone out on the mat, he can be very dominant."

On the other end of Olep's stunning freshman campaign has been the

unsurprising excellence from senior Alex Fleet. Fleet, who finished fourth in the state at 189 pounds last season, returns at the same weight this year and leads

the team with a 24-2 record. According to Dean, Fleet's most impressive performance this season did not actually come in any of the tournaments or matches

in which he was dominant. In the highly competitive New Lothrop tournament, Fleet was placed in an abnormally difficult bracket, featuring two state champions and

three third-place finishers.

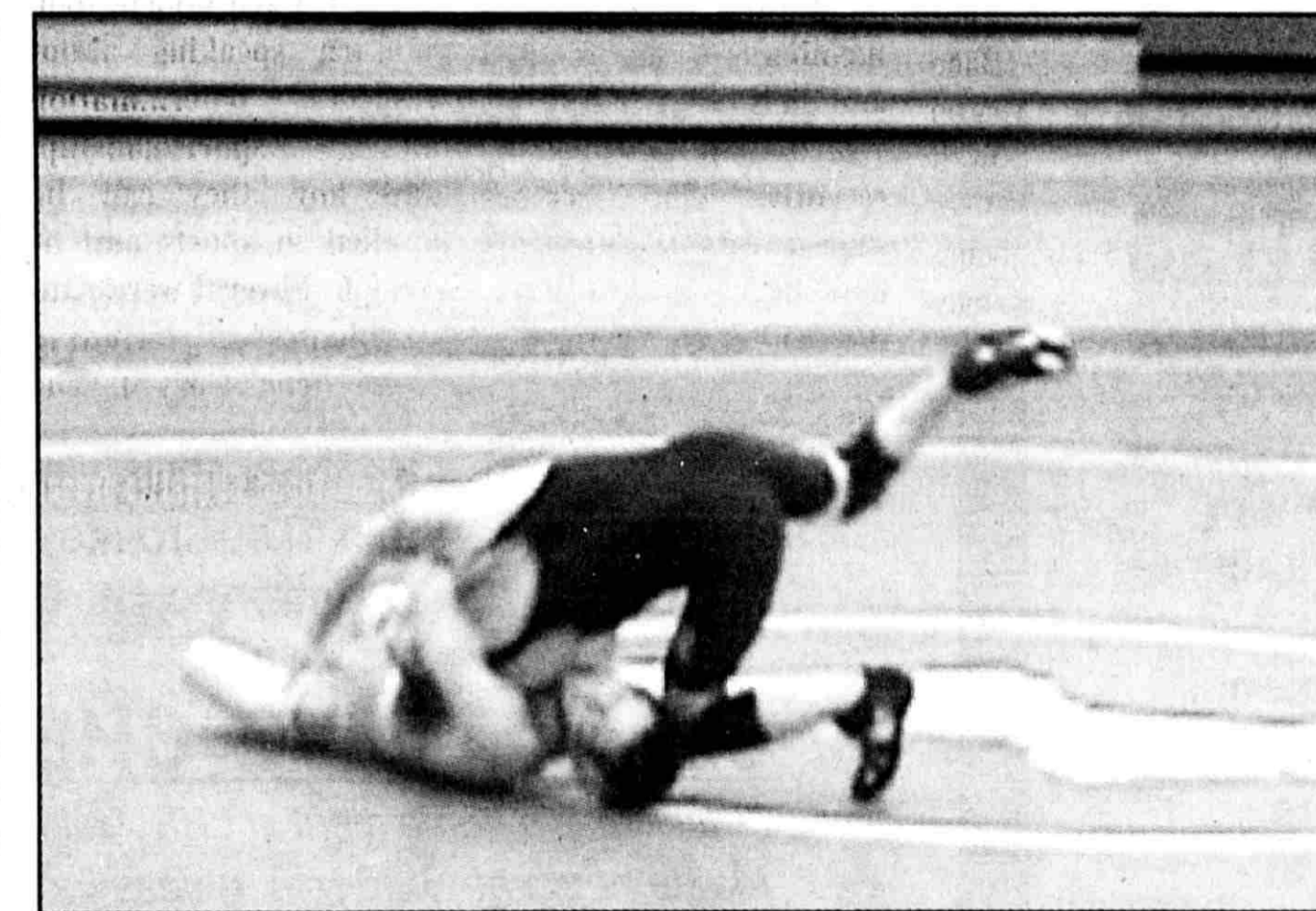
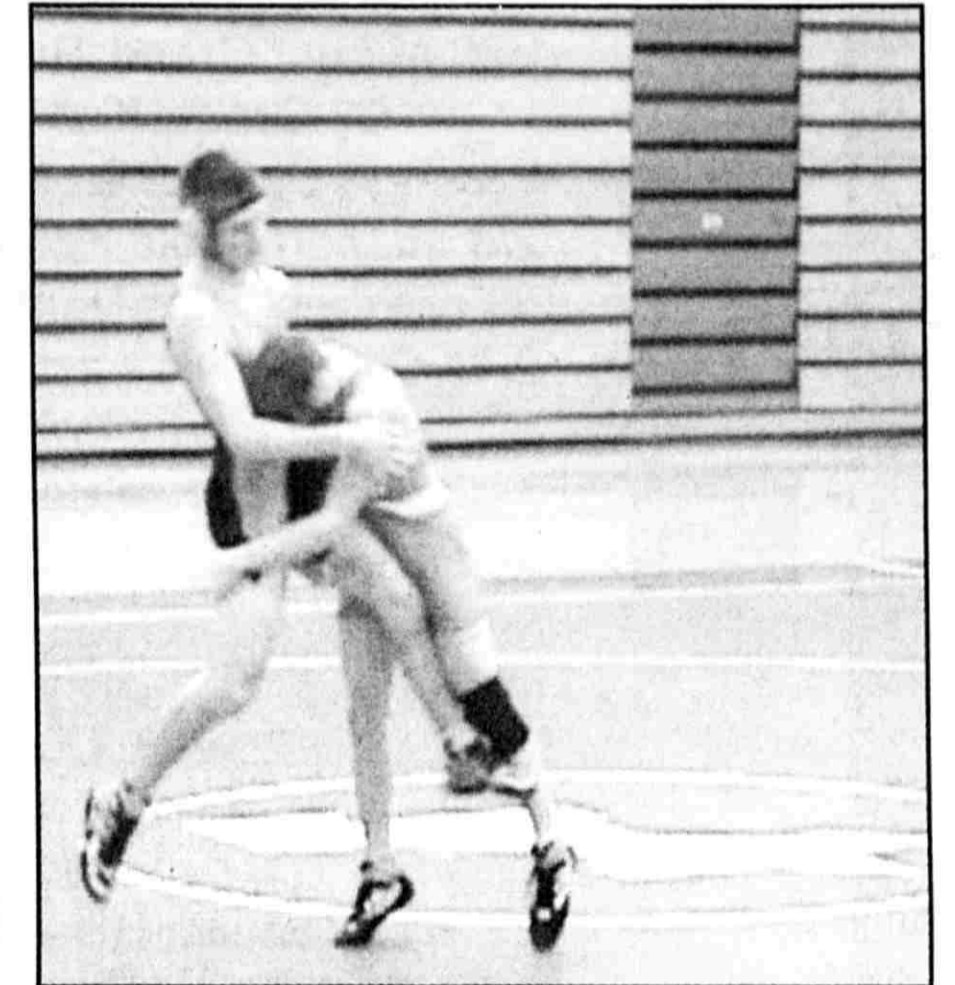
Fleet dropped a tough match in the quarterfinals to defending division III state champion Michael Byrd, of Corunna, before wrestling his way back to finish in fifth place.

"It was a loaded bracket," Dean said. "The tournament is a very tough tournament. Alex had to fight back against a lot of tough guys. His performance and a few others is a sign of where the team needs to be."



Lowell wrestlers take down opponents at Forest Hills. Pictured clockwise from top are: Dom Doyle, Justin Boss, Mike Crane and Zach Baum.

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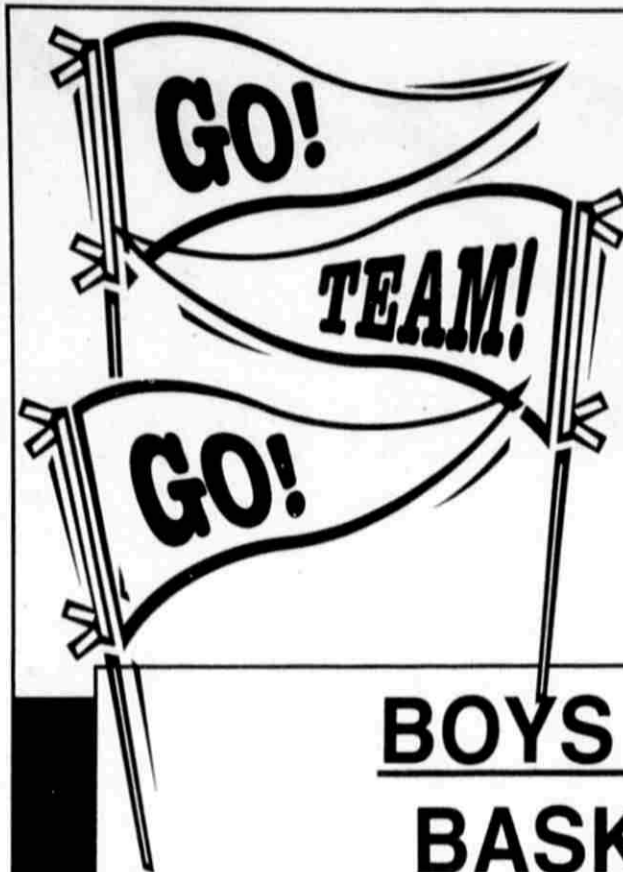
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## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym  
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- 1/19 Kenowa Hills\*
- 1/26 at East Grand Rapids
- 1/30 Greenville\*
- 2/2 Caledonia\*
- 2/6 at Thornapple Kellogg
- 2/9 at Forest Hills Northern
- 2/13 Forest Hills Eastern\*
- 2/23 at Northview
- 2/27 at Kenowa Hills
- 3/2 place TBA, OK Green Crossover

## VARSITY BOWLING

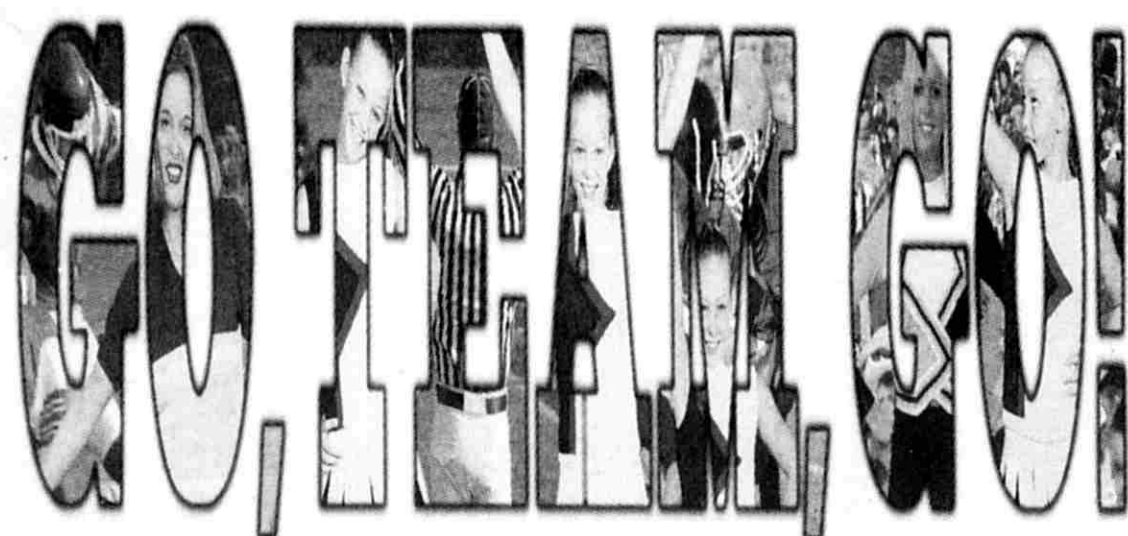
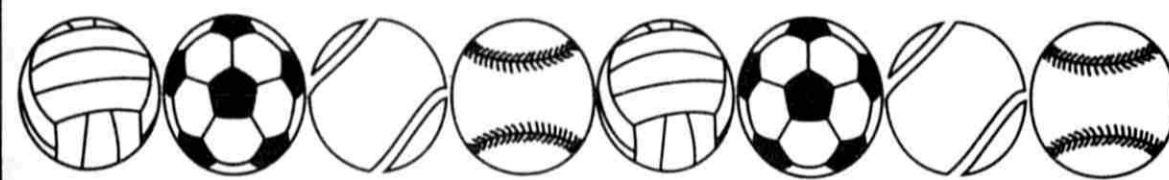
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Games begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 1/17 Kenowa Hills\*
- 1/22 East Grand Rapids\*
- 1/24 at Forest Hills Central
- 1/29 Rockford\*
- 2/5 Northview\*
- 2/7 at Reeths Puffer
- 2/12 at Forest Hills Northern
- 2/17 Conference at Forest Hills Northern time TBA

## VARSITY GYMNASTICS

\* Indicates a home meet at LHS Auxiliary Gym  
Meets begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 1/20 at 10 a.m. Mona Shores Invitational
- 1/22 at 6:30 p.m. Portage Northern\*
- 1/27 at 10 a.m. Kenowa Hills Invitational
- 1/31 at Rockford
- 2/3 at 10 a.m. St. Johns Invitational
- 2/12 Ludington High School\*
- 2/14 at Forest Hills Northern
- 2/17 time TBA Conference at Forest Hills Northern
- 2/21 at 6 p.m. at Ludington High School



## VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

\* Indicates a home game at Patterson Ice Arena

- 1/20 at 8 p.m. Brandon High School\*
- 1/27 at 6 p.m. Forest Hills Northern\*
- 2/2 at 6 p.m. Kalamazoo Blades Tournament
- 2/3 Time TBA Kalamazoo Blades Tournament
- 2/7 at 8 p.m. at Grand Haven
- 2/9 at 8 p.m. Hudsonville\*
- 2/10 at 8 p.m. West Ottawa\*
- 2/16 at 8 p.m. at Saginaw Nouvel
- 2/24 at 6 p.m. G.R. Christian\*

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym  
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- 1/18 Forest Hills Central
- 1/25 at Northview
- 1/27 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Tournament
- 2/1 Kenowa Hills\*
- 2/8 at East Grand Rapids
- 2/15 Greenville\*
- 2/17 at 10 a.m. Rockford Quad
- 2/22 time & place TBA OK Blue Crossover
- 2/24 time TBA Conference at Kenowa Hills

## VARSITY WRESTLING

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym  
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 1/18 at Forest Hills Central
- 1/20 at noon Lakeshore Tournament
- 1/26 Northview\*
- 2/1 at Kenowa Hills
- 2/7 time & place TBA Crossover
- 2/10 time TBA Conference at EGR

## COMPETITIVE CHEER

\* Indicates a home meet at LHS Main Gym

- Meets begin at 6:30 p.m. unless indicated
- 1/21 Time TBA Chippewa Hills
- 1/25 at 7 p.m. Byron Center
- 1/28 Time TBA Byron Center
- 2/1 at 7 p.m. Caledonia
- 2/6 at 7 p.m. Hamilton
- 2/11 Time TBA Delta Plex
- 2/15 at 7 p.m. Kenowa Hills
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# VARSITY TEAMS LOWELL/CALEDONIA HOCKEY

Team members and winners of the first annual Lowell-Caledonia Thanksgiving Tournament are pictured, back row, left to right: former player Blake Myers, head coach Mike Ballard, Ken Hayes (L), Justin Story (L), Kyle Baker (L), Jordan Steger (C), Tim Kelly (C), Zack Waldron (C), Andrew Kuhn (L), asst. coach Chris Green; middle row: Austin DeClercq (L), Mike Przybysz (C), Joel Scheele (C), Joel Morgan (L), Brent Steele (C); front row: Corey Phillips (C), Chris Bilski (L).



## WRESTLING

The Lowell varsity wrestlers pictured at the Gary Rivers Invitational (not in order): Zach Baum, John Bogardus, Justin Boss, Christian Crook, Michael Crain, Michael Cyl, Eric Dean, Ryan Dean, Dominic Doyle, Jake Fillingham, Alex Fleet, Thomas Fleet, Michael Ford, Tim Gingerich, Jake Gould, Austin Graham, Sean Greenhoe, Matt Griffioen, Michael Griffioen, Nick Geurink, Tim Harden, Tyler Jack, Mark Johnson, Rob Karasiewicz, Connor Kruse, Abe McIntire, Jackson Morse, PJ Nieto, Josh Nowak, Ryan Olep, Dylan Olin, Rocky Pabon, Raymond Seese, Brian Sejat, Taylor Sprague, Cody Toomey, Nathan Vaught, Zach White, Keith Williams.

Picture submitted by Ellen Seese

The winning Lowell scores from the Gary Rivers Tournament were: Big Rapids, 54-7; Lansing Sexton, 68-6; Coldwater, 76-0; Fremont, 57-10 and Lakeshore, 38-22.

## Red Arrows bowling over the competition

By Sean Garner  
Contributing Writer

With talented competitors and access to an excellent facility, the Lowell girls bowling team has emerged as an area power.

Coming off of a conference championship season which also included a trip to the state tournament, the Red Arrows have begun the season with a bull's eye on their back. So far, everybody has missed.

Halfway through the season, the Arrows remain undefeated, with very few opponents providing strong competition. Their performance has been strong enough to merit a No. 4 ranking from the Grand Rapids Press. Coach Jon Eickhoff believes this team's competitiveness can lead to even greater

accomplishments. "What makes this team strong is that they actually want to win," Eickhoff said. "They don't just want to bowl, they want to win. We're here to take 30 out of 30 points a match. We're here to go

undefeated, win conference, coast through regionals, and eventually win a state championship."

The Arrows' latest meet resulted in a 27-3 victory over Forest Hills Central. With the match in hand, Eickhoff substituted three of his starters for "B" team bowlers, which he has done quite often this season.

"For the most part, everybody bowled well today," Eickhoff said. "We were up 18-1 going into the last game, so we already had the match won. Two of our "B" girls actually won points. When they come in,

we try to have a little more because that usually means we have the match won."

The Arrows' top returning bowler from last season is Ashley Nawrocki, who finished 19th at last season's state tournament. Against Forest Hills Central, Nawrocki had scores of 167 and 159.

Another strong performer is Liberty Clark, who bowled a 139 and a 141. Clark's father owns Lowell Lanes, where the girls practice every day and play all their home matches. Making the situation even more convenient, Eickhoff works at the bowling alley.

"It's the best house in the area. For the most part, it's the best place to bowl," Eickhoff claimed.

Outside of an upcoming scrimmage with Rockford Jan. 18, Eickhoff feels very

confident his team can win every other competition.

"Basically, none of the

teams in our conferences scare me," he said. "Rockford is the only team I'm ever worried about. We're that good where we should win every match."

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# Eagle Scouts represent Lowell

Thirteen Lowell Area Eagle Scouts attended the Gerald R. Ford Memorial. Pictured, left to right, are Eric Cooper, Dirk Ritzema, Jeremiah Gauger, Scott Cooper, Michael Thompson, Mike Lessens, Mark Ritzema, Aaron Sterling, Del Rockwell and Steve Cooper. Not available for photo are Alex Fleet, Thomas Fleet and Jim Hodges.



# Geography Bee winners



Lowell Middle School held its annual National Geographic Geography Bee on Jan. 11. Adam Jones was this year's finalist, and Alex Ligman was runner-up. They are both seventh grade students. Adam will try to qualify for the state bee that will be held this spring. All of the Geography Bee contestants should be commended for doing such a nice job.

# Local saleswoman earns sixth car



Mike Poll, general manager at Grand Wittenbach, hands the keys to Cathy Dykstra, sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She received her sixth free Mary Kay car, a 2007 red Pontiac Vibe. The cars are leased for two years while a representative continues to work. The company pays for the plates and 85 percent of the insurance. Dykstra said, "My team of women who sell Mary Kay are why I won this car. It is a representation of them and all of their efforts."

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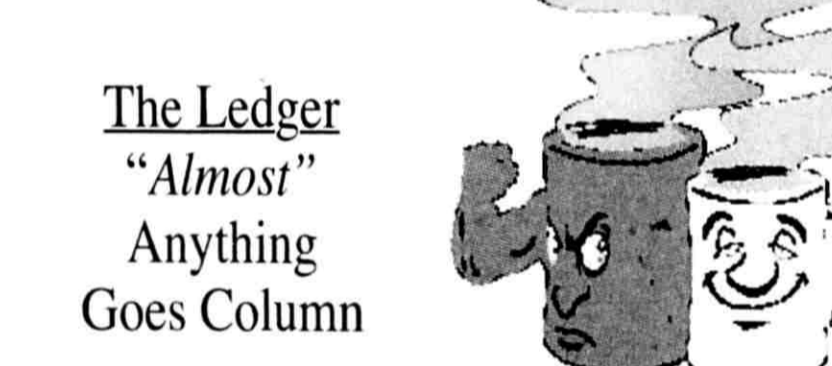
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# Sound Off



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Why is it that nothing is mentioned about the Lowell-Caledonia Hockey Teams? We as hockey parents and hockey fans are proud of our team.

The Intro to agriscience class up at the high school is amazing. Mr. Nugent is pretty much the best teacher ever... thanks for a great semester. -From your favorite class, Block 5

To the three men who put themselves in harms way when they stopped to help my daughter and me on Jan. 4 after I lost control of my car on black ice on Grand River. Your kindness and assistance

a dog run! Would you want your child playing in a litter box?

Exit 52 - Great job girls! You were incredible. There is no telling just how far you will go this season if you just believe.

Good idea, Mayor Myers. Let's not give the North Washington property away to developers! Let's preserve this heritage for everyone to enjoy!

To the kind soul who snow blowed the 700 block of E. Main Street - it is very much appreciated!

I was wondering if we might have some more wrestling coverage. They've gone undefeated in January. This is a hardworking group of kids and it would be nice to get some recognition.

Congratulations to the eighth-grade Lowell Indoor Lacrosse team and to the coach on their first victory.

We had a great turnout for the Lowell Takes It Off but Greenville had a better turnout. If anyone would still like to register drop by the YMCA!

Congratulations high school wrestlers!!!

was sincerely appreciated by my family.

I'm thankful to the Alto fifth graders for making lovely cards. My grandma lives at Schneider Manor, and thinks it is the coolest. You guys are great!

My middle schooler and I are quite upset that the Ford F150 wasn't shown during the day. I would have liked her to have seen it. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Who is letting their dog poop in the playgroup at Bright Beginnings? Just because it's fenced in doesn't make it

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would like to thank all of our family and friends for the wonderful love and support they gave us. Laurels of Kent for all the loving care they gave our mother, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for their kindness and everybody else who sent monetary gifts and beautiful flowers at this very difficult time of the passing of our mother. Roger & Brenda Hendrick, Carla Hendrick, Rob & Carlene Bottrall

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