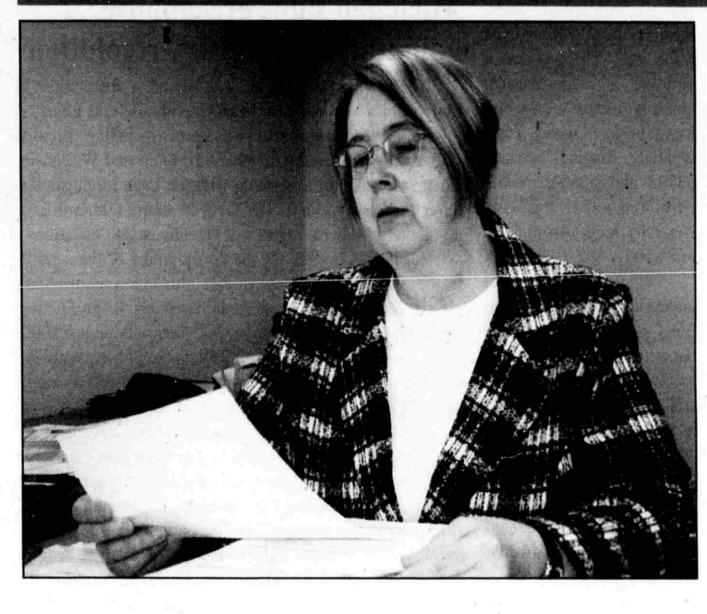
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Paula Blumm appointed Lowell Township supervisor

By Emma Palova

Paula Blumm, 56, was appointed Lowell Township supervisor last week in a special meeting of the township board.

Blumm will serve as an appointee until the presidential election in 2008 at which time she will run for the supervisor seat.

"I worked hard to get to this point," she said. "I am well suited for it because of my experience, and I understand what the job is."

Blumm replaces longtime supervisor John Timpson who recently resigned due to health issues. Timpson defeated Blumm in the 2004 election.

Blumm was appointed on a 3:2 vote by the

board. Voting against the nomination were trustees Richard Huver and Carlton Blough.

. "It's going to be a big challenge," said Blough who lost his nomination to Blumm.

However, with iron determination, Blumm has been preparing herself for the position over the last few years.

She is a level 1 assessor

Supervisor, cont'd., pg. 4

Paula Blumm Lowell Township supervisor.

## Lowell Light & Power holds public meeting, plans to start trimming soon

By Emma Palova

Light & Power C o m p a n y (LL&P) will start trimming trees according to the utility's policy in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW) in two weeks.

The designated area to trim trees in the city's rightof-way stretches from the west end of Flat River to Foreman Street.

Some of the trees, much like the utility poles, are over 100 years old.

In an informational public meeting Thursday

following the regular utility board meeting, manager Tom Richards presented the rationale behind trimming.

The trimming follows national industry standards, and should minimize safety hazards. The utility trims to provide a minimum 10-foot clearance around power lines.

The biggest concern, according to Richards, is any contact with an energized tree.

"There is a likely possibility of injury or death," he said.

Other utility concerns included trunks of 100year-old trees approaching the power lines. Richards also addressed the issue of volume and style of trimming.

"We trim to achieve necessary minimum clearance until the next anticipated trimming," said Richards.

The tree trimming program in the city is ongoing. It takes approximately two to five years to go through different areas in the city.

As to the style of trimming, the utility avoids topping the tree to prevent new branches from growing into the power lines. The utility contracts

of Mount Pleasant, who are also trained arborists.

"We follow arborist "We trim to achieve standards," said Richards.

Any delay to tree trimming may be more costly, and puts the city at legal and financial exposure, said Richards.

"We're not taking this slightly," said utility board president Dave Austin. "We're all neighbors. We're struggling with what to do."

Austin said the tree trimming policy may change if the city council so desires.

Tree trimming, cont'd., pg. 9



Lincoln Lake resident Tonia North asked the Lowell Light & Power Board for balanced tree trimming at the meeting.



## Woman injured in one-car accident

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Police Department and Rockford Ambulance assisted at an accident on Parnell Road Friday afternoon. Carol Van Spronsen, of Lowell, was half out of her vehicle attempting to get her mail. The van she was driving rolled forward, knocked her out of the van, and Van Spronsen was trapped with her leg underneath the driver's rear tire.

According to Kent County Sheriff's deputy Rich VanDenburg, Van Spronsen was transported to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus with non-lifethreatening injuries.

Cloud; his children Sue

mother Barbara Flickenger,

his son James Roberts, his

granddaughter Julia Keenan-

The Ones You Love

RIPLEY Patricia (Trish) L. Ripley, Comstock of White Cloud, aged 55, of Saranac, passed Tim Roberts of Oklahoma, away January 23, 2007, Tammi and Kevin Keenan in Greenville. She was of Ada, Jeff Roberts of born July 27, 1951, in Grand Rapids, Kim Roberts Ionia, the daughter of Leon of Grand Rapids, Kenn and Francis (Van Siclen) Roberts of San Diego, Tom Miller. She married Philip and Jackie Smith of Texas; Ripley October 8, 1994 at nine grandchildren; six their residence. Patricia great-grandchildren; is survived by her loving twin sister Jean Ferris of husband Philip Ripley of Wyoming, Mich.; his other Saranac; parents Leon and sisters Nancy Krzykwa of Francis Miller of Lowell; Alto, Pat and Walt Jensen brother Lee and Judy Miller of Cedar Springs, Linda of Ionia; sister Peggy and Steffes of Grand Rapids; his Donald McLain of Lowell; brother Frank and Marge best friend Shirley and Roberts of Wyoming, Mich.; Daniel Patrick of Ionia. his brother-in-law Gordy Funeral services were held Dawson of Allendale. He Friday at Lake Funeral was preceded in death by his Home in Saranac with Rev. sister Barbara Dawson, his Kenneth Harger officiating.

ROBERTS

Jerrold Thamous Roberts, Dawson, his great-grandson aged 68, of White Cloud, Brandon Genia. Memorial died Tuesday, January 23, services will be held at 6:30 2007 at home. He is survived p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 by his partner of 21 years at the VFW Post #4249 Hall, June Comstock of White 9083 Mason Dr., Newaygo.

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You are in our hearts, in our minds. ingrained in our soul, and we will always love you to the moon and back.

> We wish you could be here. Mom, Dale and Jeff, Rus, Debbie, Jessie, Justyne and Jake

## Radon-resistant new home construction can keep families safe

Environmental Quality is risk, but indoors, radon can reported back to the user. encouraging home builders accumulate to unhealthy buyers to consider construction (RRNC) when to bypass the house and be building homes. Michigan vented out through the roof than one in eight Michigan it can be quickly diluted and

levels have been found in home is relatively easy and every county in the state. importantly, effective," said generally ranges from \$800 DEO Director Steven E. to \$1,500 Chester. "A system installed during construction can help buyers can consult with the to significantly reduce radon DEQ or their local health

required by the Michigan is right for them. RRNC residential code in nine does not guarantee low high-radon counties: Branch, Calhoun, still encouraged to test after Cass, Hillsdale, Jackson, construction is completed and the house is in livable Kalamazoo, Lenawee, St. Joseph, and Washtenaw.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas fromlocalhealthdepartments soil and seeps into homes kits generally cost less than

foundation floor or walls. mail the testing device to site at www.michigan.gov/ Outdoors, radon becomes a laboratory where it will

RRNC allows the gas RRNC, visit the DEQ Web homes could have a radon dispersed. The process of problem, and elevated radon building a radon-resistant inexpensive, with costs "Radon-resistant typically ranging between \$350 and \$500, while

levels in a home and keep department about radon levels in their community "RRNC is already and decide whether RRNC potential radon levels, so residents are

Test kits are available

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Rev. and Mrs. Vance Dimmick,

The Office Staff,

Bill Zinke,

The Ladies Group of the Lowell

First United Methodist Church,

Marsha Beach

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prayers and support during our mom's

hospital stay and passing.

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condition.

degradon or call the DEO of diluted and poses little health be analyzed and the results Radon Program at 1 800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-For more detailed 6642) for a free packet of information about radon and information.

#### survey data projects more into the atmosphere where Michigan signs greenhouse voluntary gas registry resolution

The state of Michigan has signed a Resolution in Support of a Voluntary Midwest Greenhouse Gas Registry, joining seven other Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. The states have been working with the Lake Michigan Air most retrofitting an existing home Directors Consortium (LADCO) to develop a framework for a voluntary Midwest registry of greenhouse gas emissions.

All of the funding for the development of the registry Potential new home framework has come from private foundation monies, and efforts for the registry were initiated by LADCO after receiving a grant from the Joyce Foundation in August 2005, at the request of Michigan and Wisconsin. Subsequently, an additional grant from the Energy Foundation was awarded to LADCO for further development of the registry.

The voluntary registry will provide the mechanism for greenhouse gas-emitting companies to track their emissions and reductions and will provide a validated list of greenhouse gas emission reduction credits available for possible trading. Additionally, this program will give participating companies the ability to register reductions now should the federal government require emission reductions in the future.

The registry will work in conjunction with registries already in place from the Northeast to California to become that emanates from the all across the state. The a multi-state registry involving more than 30 states.

More information on the Resolution can be found on through openings in the \$15 and include postage to the LADCO Web site at http://www.ladco.org/regional\_ greenhouse.htm, and the Michigan greenhouse gas inventory can be found at http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deqaqd-air-aqe-greenhouse-gases.

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Application forms may be obtained at the Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 897-7600

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

## LAAC seeking summer concert musicians

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throughout Michigan

For more information taxaide.

227-7669) or visit the AARP Michigan Community Blood Center, is sponsoring a web site at www.aarp.org/ blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson, from 2 to 7 p.m.

## Myers appointed to Library of Michigan Board of Trustees

Charles Myers, city recommendations on the Bank. He is involved in team that developed the still the Library of Michigan of Michigan. Board of Trustees by Gov. will represent the general

By Emma Palova

preliminary hearing on Feb.

of Lowell mayor, was budget, general policies, many area organizations current and timely mission recently appointed to and services of the Library and associations, including statement of KDL. These

Jennifer Granholm. Myers advocate for the Kent District Library, is vice president, Cross. public for a term expiring retail administrator for

Elizabeth Dillon of Sand 63rd District Court before shopping for a saddle.

Lake will return to court for a judge Sara Smolenski.

Annual regional

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Woman pleads not guilty to child abuse charges

arraignment last week in the for three hours, while

The 28-year-old mother charges with penalties of

Lowell Area Arts Council. An opening reception will be broker of Greenridge Greenridge Shining Star

is Pravin C. Sevak. He is an associate professor of design at Realtor of the Year 2006 service displayed throughout

about his jury selection process before handing out award Brown, Jackie Rinks, announced at Greenridge's

This year's West Michigan Regional Competition juror Kim Schwacha received achievements and customer

Myers, a longtime Area Historical Association, and the American Red

Oct. 1, 2008. Trustees make Ionia County National time ago, I was part of the

up to four years in jail.

according to Lowell police

chief James Valentine.

Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell three simple words still best describe my passion for library services that touch all ages of patrons: Information.

The three children, six-

Children's Protective

year-old twin boys and a 22-

month-old boy are staying

Services are conducting a

follow-up investigation.

with their mother.

Myers said, "Some Ideas. Excitement."

**Business Matters** 

Rick Seese, manager/ as Schwacha, also received

Realty, announced that awards for their outstanding

for the Lowell office. **Lisa** the year. The awards were

Ann Wittenbach, as well annual awards luncheon.

7688 to register; deadline: Feb. 2. GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECKS The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present

> Valorie VanHeest, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at Lowell Township Included in the program are slides/video images of newly discovered Michigan shipwrecks. Free admission; public invited; light refreshments. Call Judy

#### RELAY FOR LIFE

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ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

will be Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff

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Wege Center will present "Victorian Era Activities

Workshop" for ages 8-13, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at

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lunch. Choose 2 activities: Victorian Valentines &

Pressed Flower Bookmarks; Decoupaged Treasure

Box; Decorative Food Carving & the Victorian Table;

Victorian Art - Paint an Impression. Call Linda at 897-

"Great Lakes Shipwrecks" with Jed Jaworski and

Lowell Area Historical Museum and Wittenbach/

The Lowell Area Fire Department, along with the

Regular business meeting of the athletic boosters

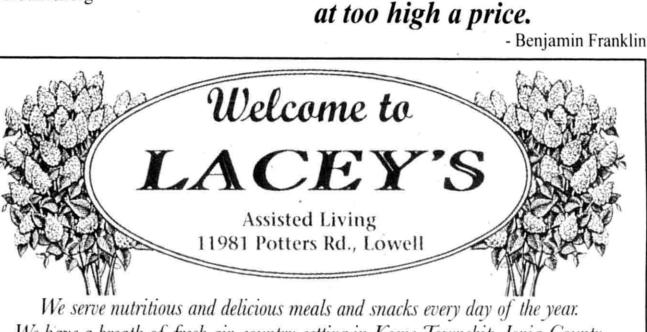
Everyone is welcome to the Kick-off Relay for Life of Lowell on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the LHS Performing Arts Center. Call Carol at 897-5501 for more information.

#### WWC ADVISORY BOARD POSITIONS

Wittenbach-Wege Agri-science and Environmental Center has 2 Advisory board positions open community members. Contact Ranger Steve smueller@lowellschools.com or 987-1002.

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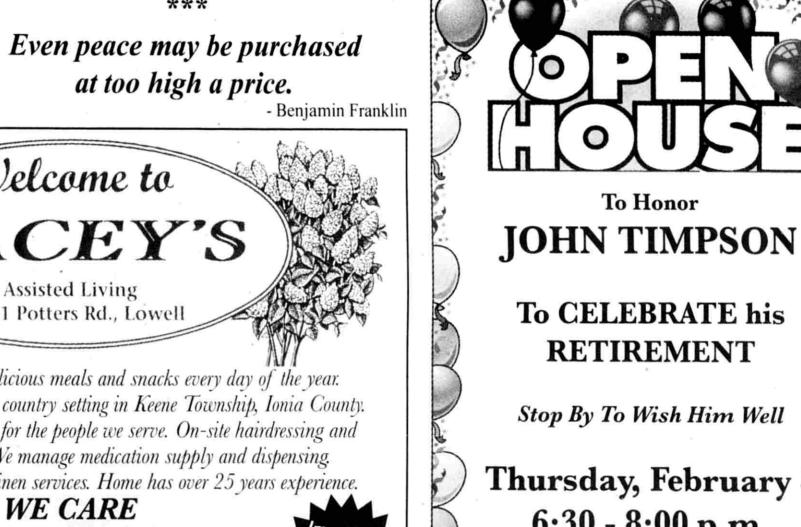


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## Planning commission elects officers, inches ahead on new year

By Emma Palova

elected Maryalene LaPonsie Jahnke as chair, and Clark Jahnke as vice-chair while inching business.

the fowl and small animal ordinance, along with the animal

two to three months," said

resident Brian McLane and his four chicken hens, the planning commission has been tweaking the small ordinance. Most

City agenda. "We'll get there in to the ordinance. Section quantity of small animals, as well as lot sizes. Section B would regulate the keeping of exotic animals, whether consider the proposal at its

> outdoors or indoors. Jahnke said a committee of exotic animals. A special by the end of this year.

recently, the commission permitting process would proposed two new sections enforce the ordinance. "We would know where to look for the owner, where they exist through the permitting process," said Jahnke.

Feb. 5 meeting. The master plan update is working on the definition is scheduled for completion

The city council will plan update is expected in May. After that, the plan will be distributed to adjacent

commissioners, along with

planning the city will have a public

commission agenda is a map and land use chapters. joint signage ordinance with A draft of the entire master Lowell Township due to auto dealers' issues.

commission also approved townships and county a conceptual plan for the officials for review. Then Lowell Dog Park.

Middle School string

played at the All-State

**Ensembles Concert at** 

the DeVos Performance

Hall on Jan. 27. Drew

bass, Samuel Steed

played the first chair

double bass and James

The

concert in December

under the direction of

middle school director

Wendy Tenney.

auditioned

members

played the

chair double

played the

chair double

students

for the

orchestra

## Utility wants to establish city tree fund

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Light and Power Board has passed a resolution to establish a city tree planting fund in response to the recent tree trimming controversy.

The proposal will now go before the city council at the Feb. 5 meeting.

The utility proposes to contribute \$250 to the fund for each tree removed during power line maintenance on the west side of the city.

The proposal, however, hinges on the city adopting a similar policy for each tree removed by the city due to projects such as road, water, sewer and sidewalks.

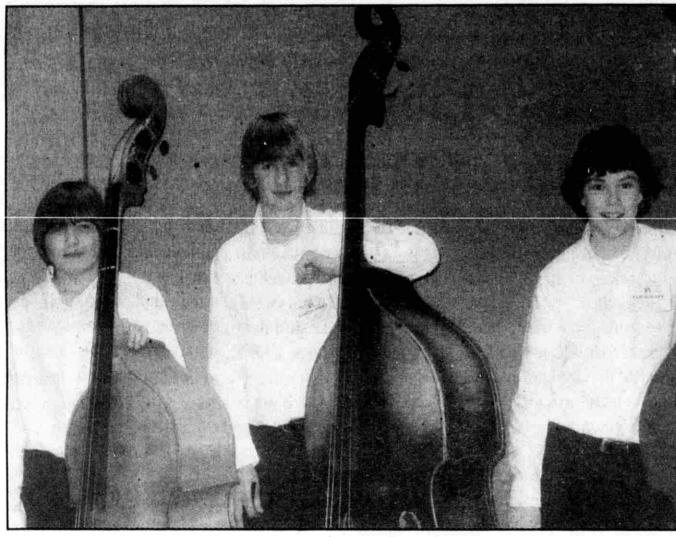
"We're asking the city to consider similar standards," said board president Dave Austin.

The city, too, would have to contribute \$250 into the tree planting fund.

The Lowell Light and Power Board would like to work with the city to establish acceptable guidelines on what constitutes a tree.

According to the proposal, the city would solely be responsible for the purchase and planting of all trees, including the type of tree to be planted.

## Middle school string players perform in DeVos Hall



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Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.

- Victor Hugo

## Supervisor, continued ... From Page 1

who has served as deputy and the Lowell Institute for treasurer, township trustee, Volunteer Excellence. "I and township representative started coming to meetings. and commissions

Township Township Academy, Michigan State the rural character of the University Citizen Planner township.

That's how I got involved," she said. "It's a good start."

Blumm says she is ready to face the township Association challenges, mainly balancing growth with maintaining

evolved over the last years from rural to modern, with water and sewer capacities serving residential

commercial developments. "Managing a modern understanding legal responsibilities and duties, and carrying them out to the

The township has best of your ability," Blumm

She believes that women's traditional organizational skills and concern for others have helped her attain the post.

"Due to and modern communications, there is a changing role of women," she said.

goals include improving money.' communications with the township residents and other units of local government,

> responsibility. quarterly newsletter that will piggyback on other mailings the end of February. to save costs.

> > "As a taxpayer I am supv@twp.lowell.mi.u going to watch the budget," she said. "I take it seriously

that we are using taxpayers'

The township finances, according to Blumm, are in good shape due to staff while maintaining fiscal diligence.

Blumm, who resigned She plans to start a from her trustee position, intends to fill the vacancy by

She can be reached at

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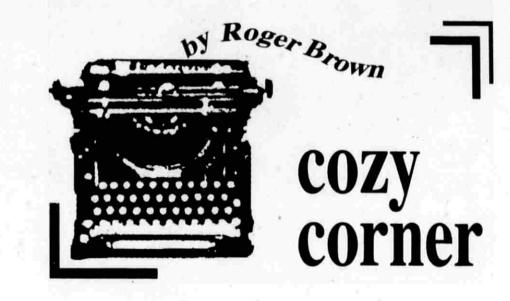
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# Viewpoint-



If you are an American, you probably own a gas grill. Okay... so you're a "Real American" and still have a charcoal grill. No matter, my guess is you have some experience with a gas grill

The one thing I'm certain we can all agree upon is that the first part of a gas grill to fail is the electronic ignition system, sparker, lighter, whatever you choose to call the Charm Glow a thing or two about igniters. device that is supposed to ignite the gas.

years. Each time I replace my gas grill, the igniter seems to be a little different than the last. No matter, it will quit working within a year. In fact, I've had the sparker give out in less time that it took to put the grill together. Granted, that can be a considerable length of time, given my instruction following skills and wrench-challenged adeptness with

Our current gas grill is no different. It's a stainless steel behemoth. My back aches just thinking about horsing it up onto the porch when it was new. It boasts three big burners in the grill, a side burner and even a back burner

problem, the burners are cast iron and pretty much gone. It's drop it through the grate and "WUMP!" the old "weakest link" theory.

as a whole new grill. Still, I opted for new burners because I singed hair on my right hand. didn't want to lug a new grill up those stairs.

record for grill endurance in my experience. The ignition to the brats sizzle away. About the time I figured out that the system on this thing requires three AA batteries. The side answer to "Balls with lids" is "eyes" (I hate those guys that burner works, but none of the main burners have sparked in create the USA Today puzzle.), my missing handheld lighter years. If the grill is four years old, the igniters haven't work turned up. And, it turned up like a hand grenade, sending

My solution to faulty igniters is to keep one of those holler "Incoming!" or hit the deck. butane lighters handy. You know, the ones with the long tube that work well for grills, candles, camping lanterns, fireworks, etc. These things cost three or four bucks, can be left out in all weather and still light my grill every time. Seems like the engineers at BIC could go teach the guys at No wonder I couldn't find it. It was in plain sight, and I'm a

With his particular grill I turn the right burner up to I've had numerous grills rust away on me over the "Full Chew", let it go until I smell gas, stick the igniter through the grate, pull the trigger and "WUMP!" Voila, no hair on my knuckles!

> With the right burner going full blast, I turn the middle burner on "High". A slight gas smell, then a second "WUMP!" Same procedure for the left burner. As they say, I am now "Cookin' with gas!" Not to worry, the hair on my hand always grows back.

My wife was gone to dinner with some of her girlfriends one night last week. There were some turkey brats thawed out in the fridge, so I decided to put them on the grill. Only one problem, my handheld lighter was nowhere to be found. for use with the rotisserie (never once used). The idea was Fumbling around in search of the thing, I stumbled across a if, "A miss is as good as a mile."

to buy stainless and get a few years out of a grill. Only one box of kitchen matches. Same deal... gas on, strike match,

While my brats cooked on the grill, I worked a crossword We ordered new burners, but they cost nearly as much puzzle at a nearby table. As I filled in boxes I could smell the

It was a beautiful night, very quiet and peaceful. Just the This grill is actually three or four years old... easily a dogs and me, out on the porch with my crossword, listening shrapnel all over the porch. I didn't even have a chance to

> Once my heart started beating again and I had checked myself over for wounds, I did a little detective work. It soon became obvious that the lighter had been placed on the right hand side shelf, next to the hot portion of the grill. man. That's what my wife would say.

> Fortunately, nobody was hurt, including the dogs. Mick and I were within four feet of the blast. There was little damage to anything except the disintegrated lighter and a line scrawled across my crossword when I flinched from the explosion. I wasn't sent to "The Nam" back in my army days, so I guess flashbacks won't be an issue. Just scared the crap out of me, that's all.

I knew an old guy who lived life way out on the edge. He always brushed off his numerous close calls with, "A miss is as good as a mile." Guess so.

Even so, when those new burners come in, and I have the grill apart, maybe I'll have a go at getting the igniters working properly. You know, "Better safe, than sorry." Even

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I grew up in the suburbs of Detroit and watched as "progress" took over all the open spaces and cut down all the trees. That experience convinced me that I wanted to live near a more rural small town when I set out on my own.

After getting married and having two kids, I found that place just outside the town of Lowell. I soon met Gary Dietzel and Sandy Bartlett at their home on the North Washington Street property. I could not believe that there was such a beautiful undeveloped place so close to town and what a perfect place for a Boy Scout cabin. (When I was in scouts we met in an elementary school planted amongst brick ranch houses.) After my son got older he joined the scouts, had the experience of attending meetings at that cabin and sleeping out on the property around it.

Now I wonder what has happened to this town when I have witnessed numerous trees cut down along the streets of the city, the property on North Washington being thought about for development by our towns "leaders" and my friends Gary and Sandy being forced from their home. I also know from experience that even if the city has promised to leave the Boy Scout cabin in place, that it would be eventually consumed by the development around it.

I keep hearing that Joni Mitchell song; "They took all the trees and put them in a tree museum and they charged the people a dollar and half just to see 'em. Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Michael Jernigan

Dear Editor.

north Washington. Has any of the city council drove around Lowell lately. There are 22 bank repo's in Lowell, 16 real estate repo's and loads of homes for sale by owner or listed homes through real estate agencies. We have some beautiful homes sitting empty in new developments. The last thing we need is another development to take up what is one of the last natural areas that we have left. I grew up in Lowell and spent lots of time up at the boy scout cabin and hiking the hills behind it. I have seen deer right by the houses that are right next to the Boy Scout cabin. There are also many different kinds of birds up there including sand hill cranes, eagles, hawks, king fishers, and probably 20 different kinds of small birds. Before we think of doing anything it at least be put up to vote for the many people who use that land to hike or even go on a picnic. There has to be a way to save this beautiful and and the animals that live there. Isn't there something that would protect the wildlife that call that land home. If the city council would stop looking at the dollar signs and look out for the people that live in Lowell we would have less housing developments and more natural spaces in Lowell. Isn't there something the DNR could do to protect this property from money hungry council members. This land has always been open for all of the people of Lowell to enjoy and the thought of this land being filled with homes makes me sick. As far as the home that sits next to the Boy Scout cabin I have been in this home a few times and there is no way this home is worth 100 thousand dollars. I don't know who did the inspection and appraisal but they have to be working for the city council. If any one reading this agrees with me please let the city council know how you feel. If this land does get developed without a vote all

I can say is shame on the city council because they are not I have been following the issue about the property on looking out for the people of Lowell or its green space. They are looking at dollar signs.

Cynthia Hendrick

To the Editor:

Dear Friends of Lowell.

Having lived in the Lowell area for 29 years, I have watched the community grow and prosper. I have developed many friends and a love for the small town feeling of Lowell. With each passing day, I continue to be grateful for the people that I know and the ones that I have yet to meet.

Today is a time to look at where we are and where we want to be. If Lowell is truly the next place to be, then it is because of the vision that we hold in our minds. We believe that Lowell is a friendly, caring community. We believe that Lowell is a place to raise our children. We believe that Lowell has the foresight and intelligence to preserve the boy scout land on North Washington Street. We all want what is best for the community and ourselves. Preserving the land falls into that category of what is best for all of us.

Peggy Covert has offered an encouraging vision of what is possible for preserving the beautiful 27 acres. I urge all of you who wish to preserve the land to hold the vision of what you want it to be. Keep a positive outlook and focus your mind on the end product. Go to meetings, write letters, talk about it, but hold the vision of preservation. The more people that focus on a positive outcome, the easier it will be to accomplish.

Stay vigilant, be positive, this piece of land is too important for any thing else, but care and conservation. They are not making any more of it.

Rev. Marjorie Morrison

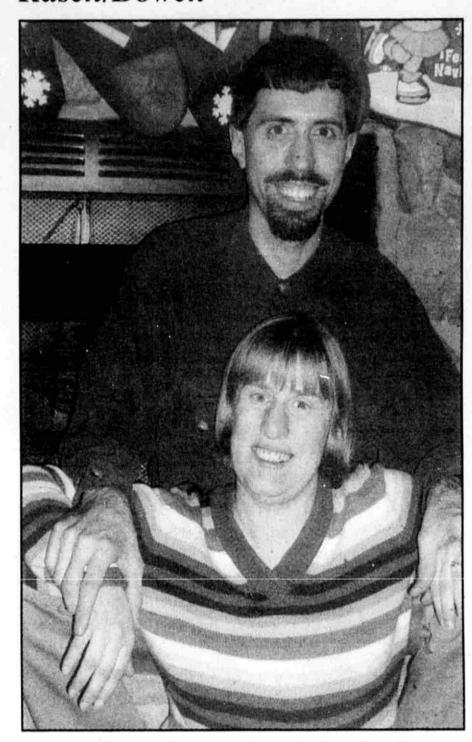
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## Engagements

Rasch/Bowen



Jeremy Bowen and Angela Jean Rasch

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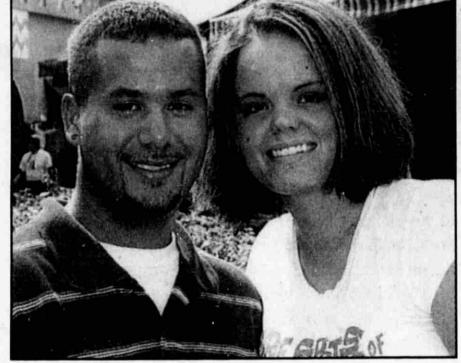
Rev. Dean Bailey, Pastor Alto and Bowne Center United Methodist churches

'Where are you?'" Genesis 3:9 (NRSV)

one theme. However, the phrase "hide and seek" may come very close to capturing the essence of the biblical story.

from God in the garden. God calls for them, "Where are Christ to be found by God. you?" Later God seeks his people in Egypt through Moses, later through prophets, judges, kinds God calls for his people saw a huge banner over a church's parking lot entrance. It to return to him. Ultimately God sends his son, Jesus, to read "Welcome Home." When God finds us, it is always seek and to save the lost, to find them and invite them home "WELCOME HOME." to God.

McDermott/Yeiter



Jason Yeiter and Meagan McDermott

Meagan McDermott, Port Charlotte, Fla. She is of Port Charlotte, Fla., currently employed by State and Jason Yeiter, formerly Farm Insurance Co. of Lowell, will exchange 2007 in Las Vegas.

Foust and Jeff Miller of of Englewood, Fla.

The future groom is

marriage vows on March 19, the son of Gary and Connie Yeiter, formerly of Lowell. The bride-elect is He is currently employed at the daughter of Michelle Jim's Complete Lawn Care

Angela Jean Rasch and Jeremy Bowen, both of Grand Rapids, will exchange marriage vows on July 7, 2007.

Parents of the couple are Thomas Rasch of Lowell and the late Darlene Rasch, and Janice Bowen of Grand Rapids and Steven Bowen of Comstock Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School The groom-elect is a graduate of Rockford High School and will graduate from ITT Technical Institute.

This biblical motif of "hide and seek" is not just the drama of the Bible; but it is our story also. We try to hide from God; but the seeking spirit of Christ is a patient, searching presence. We are found time and time again and invited to return to God, our home.

We do not intend to leave God's love and care. We do not awake in the morning, look in the mirror and say "Today I'm going to do and be just the opposite of what God intends for my good and the good of those around me." It "But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, just happens through selfishness, unwise choices, etc.

The Bible compares us to sheep who have gone astray, It is difficult to summarize the story of the Bible with everyone to their own way. Sheep nibble here and there and J. Johnson, Monica Burtt. soon they are far from the shepherd and the flock.

Our prayer for ourselves and each other is that we cease Marie Wade. The Genesis account relates how Eve and Adam hide our running and hiding and accept the gracious invitation of

While in Flushing on Saturday to attend a wedding, we

Forsyth/Telling



**Andrea Forsyth and Adrian Telling** 

January 2008 ceremony. The bride-elect is the

Forest Hills Northern High Cognos Corp. School, DePaul University

Andrea Forsyth and and Chicago-Kent College Adrian Telling, both of of Law, she is now a lawyer Chicago, Ill., will marry in a with the Cook County States Attorneys' office.

The groom-elect is the daughter of William and son of Michael and Jane Joanne Forsyth of Grand Telling of Northampton. Rapidsandthegranddaughter England. He is a graduate of of Florence Jefferies and Nene College, England and the late Dr. Harold Myers employed as the regional of Lowell. A graduate of service manager for the

**FEBRUARY 1:** Ivan Blough, Lila Grummet. Chris Vezino, Ryan

Teelander, Sommer Mercer. FEBRUARY 2:

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Mulder, Kenneth

Oesch, Reed Stormzand, Norm Johnson, Angie Blough. **FEBRUARY 7:** 

Margaret Peckham, Gordie

and Angela Worsley.

and Adam Rogers.

Butts, Julie Dunn, Jeffrey December. honors for the semester that Easto, Kevin Evens, Greg ended in December 2006 at Huyser, Lindsey Kicz, are: Andrew Benedict,

Susan Waddell and Samuel

Theodore Bergin, Nicole **Corinne** of Lowell, has achieved Cozzaglio, Emily Cyrocki, recognition as a member of **Dawn Deraad, Brandon** the dean's list for the 2006 Duprey, Devon Huisman, fall semester at Grand Rapids Whitney Jernigan, Robert Community College. Lay, Paul McKay, Colleen

Ritchie, Kimberly Seaman Central University's fall semester honors list includes students from the area who earned Gavin. Patrick O'Connor 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and

From the Ada area are: higher grade point averages. Jonathan Brown, Jason The fall semester ended in From the Lowell area

Ferris State University and Sarah Lockwood, Susan Jacquelyn Benedict, Karl List, a student must be full Kendall College of Art and Mulder, Lindsey Taber, Bouwhuis, Jamie Cardani, time and earn a grade point Kimberly Hoogewind, average of 3.5 or higher. Mark Hyzer, Jordan are: Karolyn Batt, Craig Nawrocki, Autumn Kastanek, Nethercott, Ashley Spicer Carpenter, and and Steven Witte. VanZvll.

> From the Ada area are: Kathleen Ciosek, Jacqueline Cress, Julie Ely, Audrey Fleet, Molly Gerst, Luke Knol, Daniel Michigan Lingenfelter and Elyse

From the Alto area are Laura Danielson and Laura Hillen.

Free throw winners

## The following students are winners of the local Knights of Columbus Council 7719

Free Throw Championship. Local winners will advance to the district championship in Pewamo on Feb. 3. Winners are: Lauren Kurtz, Megan Montgomery, Jordan Drake, Ian Newhouse, Alex Brown, Emma McLane, Abi Cummings, Kate Montgomery, Kyler Shurlow, Matt Beachler, Kallie Holzueter and Grant Peterson.



## Dedication service & open house this Sunday at First Congregational UCC

by an open house.

Pastor Roger LaWarre world." summarizes the meaning of

United as well as the Michigan at this event. It will be tradition as well as from community with others. Church of Christ new Conference denominational an occasion of wonderful contemporary writers. The facilities will take place Feb. leaders an opportunity to choral music, preaching by dedication will set aside this concludes,

People of all denom-

a procession of clergy and ways of justice and peace stranger, serve the needy service."

A special service of this dedication saying, "This inations and religious choir, great hymns of faith through faith and all who and affirm the power of dedication of the First will give the community backgrounds are welcome arising from the reformed are in pilgrimage to be in God's healing love. This time of dedication should be As Pastor Roger an important and enjoyable "First time for all who participate. 4 at 2:30 p.m. The service, see the new church facilities the Michigan Conference property and this sanctuary Congregational UCC of We want people to see the at 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE and to help us dedicate this Minister of the United to Christian service as a Lowell is a growing church new church facilities and to in Lowell, will be followed church to the service of God Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. place of welcoming to all that must remain faithful to enjoy the refreshments that in the Lowell area and the Kent Ulery. There will be who seek to grow in the God's call to welcome the will be offered following the

## Hildenbrand named vice chair of House Commerce Committee

Hildenbrand has announced me to serve as my caucus' as the entire state. session.

College News

have announced that 2,963

students received academic

area are: Audrey Bailey,

Chernoby,

Lowell Yeo.

as vice chair on the House honored work on business, insurance need to come together to and Republican Leader that will have a direct impact are all proud of once again. I

"We must continue Republican vice chair Commerce Committee," to move our state forward his second term in the state of the House Commerce said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. in a direction where job House. The 86th House Committee. In addition, he "I am eager to tackle the providers want to locate District includes the cities of was selected to serve on the many challenges facing our here, in Michigan. As it Walker, East Grand Rapids, House Insurance; Education; state and look forward to stands, there are too many Lowell and Grand Rapids and New Economy and working with Commerce obstacles, from a bad tax (part), and the townships of Quality of Life committees Chair Rep. Andy Meisner structure to problems with Grattan, Vergennes, Lowell, for the 2007-2008 legislative to turn Michigan's economy our infrastructure. We need Bowne, Ada and Grand around. I will continue to to change these things. We Rapids. Dillion and quality of life policies make Michigan a state we contacted either by mail:

State Rep. Dave DeRoche have selected on my constituents as well will work every day to help 124 N. Capitol, Lansing, or by e-mailing him at make that happen."

His office can be

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To make the Dean's

have been named to the

Olivet College 2006 fall

semester Dean's List.

Hildenbrand is serving phone, 1-877-DAVE-086; mi.gov.

Michigan 48933; by RepHildenbrand@house.

The information session

will be held at the Gaines

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scheduled an information Township Library, 421 68th session on Thursday, Feb. St. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 8 for prospective volunteer 459-5151 to register. tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

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## Barry, Peggy Covert. Jo Hill, Kelsey Scheider.

## LHS presents "Odd Couple"

By Emma Palova

female version happens Unger moves in with Olive

York City with hilarious now playing at the Lowell Couple, but Simon rewrote Florence results

Presented by Thebes Arts Center, when two females lose Madison into her Riverside Players of the Lowell Area their counterparts? In Neil Drive apartment in New Arts Council, this classic is the same as the original Odd

High School Performing the script to present it from they could live together as

The basic story line is his directorial debut, Ken Parrish. The play takes on

Parrish hopes to show the an interesting twist in the values of loss, renewal and second act, when Olive "You won't see Oscar arranges for a double date or Felix here," he said, "But with two Spanish guys. who among us hasn't had that fleeting thought of wringing got to call my children," a friend's neck. I particularly Florence whines. "I am not

a women's point of view. In Florence and Olive do," said

like both the strength and over Sidney yet."

driven by her hormones

"I can't have a date, I

encourages Florence to live

The guys, played by

charm. They left their wives

At one point in the

"I hope that in addition

Performance dates are:

characters." Neatly groomed Flo out her fantasies. " Don't packs in complete with her sulk. It's the same thing as former husband's Old Spice pouting," said Olive. "You're Menthol, a set of pots and a human accident." pans and fluffy towels. Olive, dressed in shorts and James Ball as Manolo a hanging shirt, explains Costazuela and David that marriage is the one area Durkee as Jesus Costazuela, where self-respect does not bring on their Spaniard

the vulnerability of the lead

"I don't want this in Spain to come to New divorce life without Sidney," York. Flo whined to Olive. "I hate

in the play, according to

me, I hate my guts." scene, Manolo, Jesus and A few weeks later at the Flo all break down crying nextTrivialPursuitgame,Flo over their lost espouses challenges the lady coterie (spouses). to start using coasters. The group, used to Olive's green to laughing a little, you will sandwiches and stale chips, recognize a friend or two of is no longer sympathetic your own on the stage," said with suicidal Flo. "I will not Parrish talk crispy toast or fluffy towels," said Sylvie, the Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 at 7:30 youngest of the group in p.m., Feb. 4 at 2 p.m., Feb. vain trying to get pregnant. 9 and Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. "There's two things that at the Lowell High School lead actresses, Karen Sue \$12. Tickets in advance are Stevenson-Bradford as Flo available through PayPal at and Jennifer Reyers as Olive www.lowellartscouncil.org have shown real chemistry

> Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

> > - Dale Carnegie



Pictured, left to right, are the ladies in the Odd Couple play: Jen Revers, Diana Roush, Karen Sue Stephensen-Bradford, Laura Leasure, Brandy Palmer and Debi Foote.

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## Tree trimming, continued ... From Page 1

Tonia North, impacted by the upcoming tree trimming, questioned the utility's

trimming enough or not enough?" she asked. "What about balance? I want to see notification. a long-term plan."

not a tree hugger; she wants her kids to have trees.

Riverside Drive resident Bonnie Meiste claimed to be a tree hugger. Nine of her trees will be impacted by the trimming program, as well as her shade gardens.

"I'd be happy to have by the city council," said somebody discuss this with me," she said. "This will Lincoln Lake resident affect my shade flowers, and the natural beauty of the

> Richards said the utility will meet personally with been each impacted owner. So far, the impacted residents owner's property, it will have received letters of be removed by MEDCO

North admitted she was Mike Lessens was concerned about the utility Correction using METCO both to trim the trees and as arborists. Power Board held the public "They're making a profit on information meeting on Jan.

> Other residents continued to question the utility stump removal policy.

policy differs for stumps in the city right-of-way, and for stumps on owners' property.

If the stump is in the city right-of-way, the utility will remove the stump, grind it and restore the lawn.

If the stump is on the contractors. The owner Marsac Street resident will be reimbursed on the electrical bill.

The Lowell Light and cutting trees," said Lessens. 25 at 7:30 p.m. with city council members present.



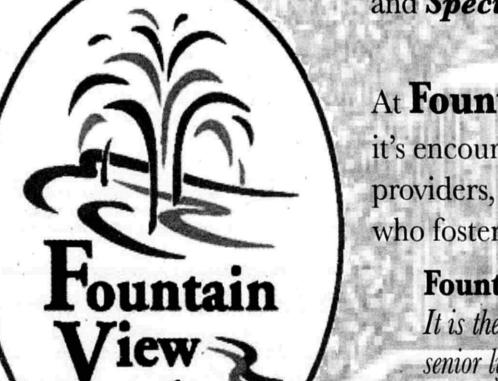
Members of the city council listen while Lowell Light & Power holds a presentation on tree trimming.

## Service learning project an example of compassion

Compassion is one of Lowell Area Schools' character traits. Third grade students in the classrooms of Carol Mandle and MaryBeth Reed are learning to demonstrate that trait through their service learning project. On Friday, Jan. 19, the students made lap blankets for wheelchair vets who reside at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. The students will deliver the blankets, as well as provide an ice cream social for the on Jan. 31. Pictured, left to right, are: Tyler Ritchie, Amber Ritchie



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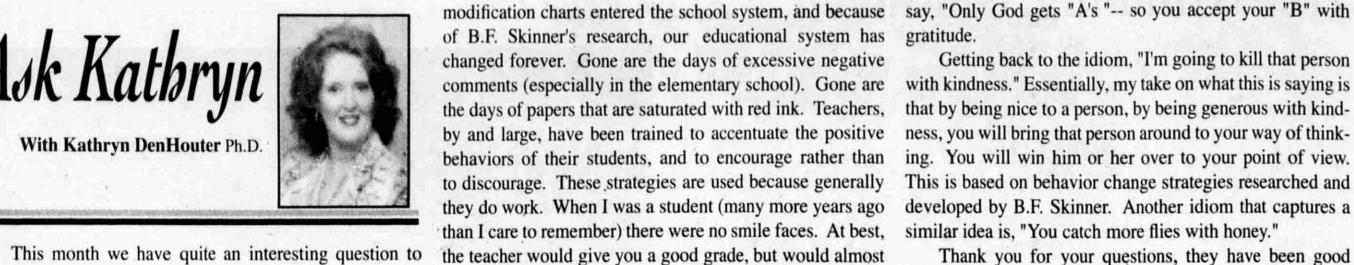
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## With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D



of B.F. Skinner's research, our educational system has gratitude. changed forever. Gone are the days of excessive negative than I care to remember) there were no smile faces. At best, similar idea is, "You catch more flies with honey." always comment on your shortcomings. I went to a pri- "food" for thought. Please keep them coming. My e-mail vate Christian school where some of my teachers would address has changed to kathryndenhouter@gmail.com.

Getting back to the idiom, "I'm going to kill that person comments (especially in the elementary school). Gone are with kindness." Essentially, my take on what this is saying is the days of papers that are saturated with red ink. Teachers, that by being nice to a person, by being generous with kindby and large, have been trained to accentuate the positive ness, you will bring that person around to your way of thinkbehaviors of their students, and to encourage rather than ing. You will win him or her over to your point of view. to discourage. These strategies are used because generally This is based on behavior change strategies researched and they do work. When I was a student (many more years ago developed by B.F. Skinner. Another idiom that captures a

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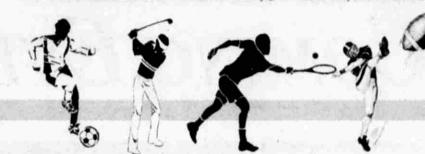
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## RED ARROW S PORTS





## Lowell/Caledonia hockey set back by Forest Hills 5-1

By Aly DeYoung Contributing Writer

enduring unrelenting contest Lowell/Caledonia, Forest Hills hockey team pulled through with a win.

of Forest Hills Northern and

Forest Hills Eastern high Forest Hills secured one Hills might win. "We came schools had already racked more point, winning the in knowing they were the up the majority of its points game 5-1. - the score 3-0.

Lowell/Caledonia Caledonia coach Mike pretty well this year," said scored one point in the Ballard, the team from Forest Forest Hills coach Kevin second period, as did Forest Hills had more experience, Zaschak. "Just working hard been on and off, but the Hills, causing Lowell/ and that was what the game defensively and staying out last couple of weeks Corey period, the combination team Caledonia to face the start came down to. Ballard of the penalty box are our stepped up and really took of the third period 4-1, had anticipated that Forest main focuses this year."

According to Lowell/

favorite team," he said.

"We've been playing

only one goal against that defense, the goalie, Corey Phillips, had a total of 26

saves in the game. "Our goaltending has

the leadership role," Ballard

The point Lowell/ Caledonia did make was shot by Justin Story and assisted by Jordan Steger.

Lowell/Caledonia will go on to face the Kalamazoo Blades in a tournament on Feb. 2-3.

## Red Arrow volleyball team shows strength against Northview

By Aly DeYoung Contributing Writer

Northview's varsity volleyball team put out a enough to beat Lowell. In Lowell coach Gigi Peal. what turned out to be a very close match, Northview trailed slightly most of the time, but lost to Lowell by 16 points in the last game.

In the first game, the Red

Arrows put some distance in the second game, but between themselves and the Northview showed promise Wildcats. Northview caught this time, catching up right up, but didn't pull through in away. Near the end, they time and lost 25-22.

"It started out close. It's been nice," "We've been playing great volleyball, but we've had a hard time finishing. I mean, ranks this week."

Lowell again advanced

lagged behind again and the Red Arrows pulled ahead for another win, 25-16.

Northview hit its losing streak in the third game. and the match, 25-9.

"Lowell's a good team,"

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Owner

said Kris Schrotenboer, coach for Northview. in the experimental stages," "We're very young. We're Schrotenboer said about a very inexperienced."

While the event was well are practicing. matched, the Red Arrows Aside from a few spills seemed to have a little better defense than Northview did. Lowell often hit the ball team worked well together. in 23 assists. Lowell moved ahead in the right into the middle section They oozed focus and drive beginning and kept going, of the Wildcats' court ... where Lowell's team was Kenowa Hills this Thursday they showed up in the state eventually winning the game Northview's girls couldn't excitable and ready to show at 7 p.m. get there fast enough.

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"At that point, we were their team spirit. "They are a close group," Peal said.

The night went well for new defense the Wildcats Lowell with a strong team effort. Lisa Johnson was powerful in her serve, had here and there, Northview good poise and made 12 had its bright spots. The kills, Taryn Schumacher put

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#### **FEBRUARY**

MON., FEB. 5: Athletic booster regular business meeting, 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

WED., FEB. 7: The Lowell Area Fire Department along with the Michigan Community Blood Center is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson, from 2 - 7 p.m.

WED., FEB7: Dr. Smith, Podiatrist; Blood pressure 10:00 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., FEB. 10: Victorian Era Activities Workshop at Wittenbach/Wege Center, 9 a.m - 2 p.m. Children 8-13. Cost: \$15 w/lunch. Children can choose 2 of many activities offered. Call Linda at 897-7688 to register. Registration deadline: Feb. 2.

at Lowell Township Hall, 7 p.m. Lost vessels in Michigan. Free admission, public welcome. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Call Judy 897-7688 for more information.

TUES., FEB. 13: Program on Great Lakes Shipwrecks

TUE., FEB 13: Traveling Breakfast "Daily Grind" 8:30 a.m.; Shop Target 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., FEB. 27: Kick off for Relay for Life of Lowell. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. Everyone welcome. Call Carol at 897-5501 for more information.

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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 Oct. thru March 10 a.m. & April thru Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum. 84th/Alden Nash.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room. Will resume Sept 18.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

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

2NDTUES.: 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

#### **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 404 N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

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#### **WEDNESDAYS**

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.

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#### **THURSDAYS**

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

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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 Deer Run Golf Course 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

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Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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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.

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FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located

5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public

## RED ARROW SPORTS

## Friday night matchup puts Lowell on top against Wildcats

By Sean Garner Contributing writer

postseason.

In a rare Friday night dual the Red Arrows put larger-than-usual matches on the night.

coached team when you season. As they come down can't pin those kids when you're controlling the job, and he's been pretty match," Dean said. "They kept good position and competed real hard. It was good for us to face a good, quality Northview team."

One of the key matches of experience." on a fine display in front of the night came in the 125 crowd, beating Northview RedArrowfreshmanJackson earned victories, including 48-12. Head coach Dave Morse faced Adam Draves, Tim Gingrich (140) and Dean thinks that, despite an undefeated senior who Dominic Doyle (285) who the comfortable margin of finished 7th in the state last had Lowell's only two pins. victory, the Arrows faced year. Morse came through a quality opponent, as the with a 7-1 decision over his the increased exposure that Wildcats were in most of the highly touted opponent, an came with the Friday night

darn consistent," Dean said. "That represents all the hard years. He's a freshman, but he has a tremendous amount

pound weight class where 10 other Arrow wrestlers

matches in the future.

"Jackson's done a great work he's put in over the by default, while Friday top-ranked team in the state, the two teams do not wrestle

Dean greatly appreciated

featured more on Friday Mason. nights," Dean said, "We've Aside from Morse, out and support and enjoy them.

Northview, the Arrows had be facing them, I was in west Michigan to have the opportunity to test their disappointed," Dean said, two neighboring schools talent at a tournament held at "But after the four matches who are so strong face each Stevensville Lakeshore High were done, we were a little other." School, widely considered dinged up and very tired to be one of the toughest from having to wrestle four additional note on what has scheduling and would love in the state. Lowell made a

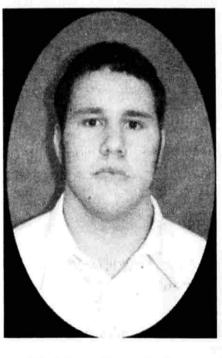
been on Thursday nights was Rockford, the overall has been reserved for though due to tournament each other. basketball. You could see format, the Arrows were how the people will come not able to compete against on our schedule, but they

Beforetheirmeetagainst format and saw we wouldn't

"It's a sign of a well- been a remarkable freshman to have more Friday night name for itself, going 4-0 very tough dual meets that with a win over three-time day. I think we were happy at "Wrestling should be defending state champion that point to just go home."

Dean still would like the Also at the tournament opportunity to face Rockford and feels it is a shame that

"We tried to get them had a full schedule." Dean "When I first saw the claimed, "It would be great for us and great for wrestling













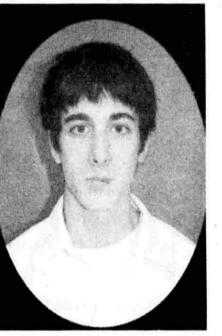
Friday, Jan. 26 was the last home meet and also senior night. Honored seniors were, top row, left to right: Mike Crain, Eric Dean, Dom Doyle, Alex Fleet, Mike Ford, Nick Geurkink; bottom row, left to right: Mike Griffioen, Tim Harden, Rob Karasiewicz, Prisciliano Nieto and Raymond Seese.

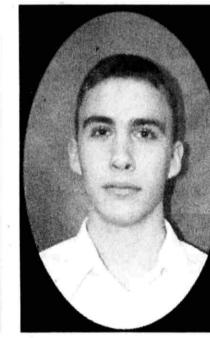












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So, keep track of your investments, stay organized and consider consolidating your accounts. You work too hard to build your financial assets to let them slip away.

## **Characters in Action at Cherry Creek**

days and holidays, Cherry Creek Kids - they are T.eR. R.iF.iC.C. (Trustworthy,

Responsible. Caring Citizens) - finally had their character assembly for January.

Second grade students'

DeVito, Brianna Smith. Haywood, Jasmine Peters, Aliena Guyer, Sydney Trevor Sherman, Madisen Dodde, Trinity Nellis, Paige

Schram, Patrick Travis, DeHaan, Jacob Underwood, Shannon Basinger, Ian Tiana Petricevic and Carlisle Clevenger were honored at the assembly with

> them as children displaying Fairness. Cadettes from Girl Scout Troop #2221 presented three short skits about Bully Prevention; Diane Smith and Sue Kline of the Cherry

Creek Character Committee

directed. It was a wonderful

illustration of how bullying

puts a hole in a person's

heart and that "even though

certificates acknowledging

Remi Phillips. can never be repaired." Each Cherry Creek student received a new colored Sela Bauman, Aidan Lane,

> Pictured, front row, left Jacob Underwood, Aidan Paige DeHaan.

the situations making these Lane, Shannon Basinger, holes are mended, the holes Carlisle Clevenger, Trevor Sherman, Patrick Travis, Tiana Petricevic; back row Brianna Haywood, are: DeVito. Prevention or Character Guyer, pencil, compliments of the Madisen Schram, Remi Cherry Creek Character Phillips, Trinity Nellis, Sela Bauman.

Not available for the to right, are: Sydney Dodde, photo were Ian Smith and



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Leaving the carts in the parking lot is job security for some kids. We already do everything else in the store but ringing up the groceries. Let's leave some jobs for someone to do and get paid for it.

Are the Bowes Bears ready for Super Bowl? Of course they'll be sporting Chicago attire. Anything else would be un-bearable!

The North Country Trails working with the Boy Scouts to preserve and create walking trails on the North Washington property? Talk about win-win! What's the hold up, City Council?

It sure would be nice if our grandparents and Military personel could read about their grandchildren/siblings are doing in their sports back home.

For the lady who did not see the Ford funeral. They ran the funeral all day on Channel 8 and 13. So it must be you weren't watching normal channels.

Congratulations to Paula Blumm- the new Lowell Township supervisor

Did you see all the people who came out to help move the F.R.O.M shop on Saturday? I was overwhelmed.

Nice meeting Lowell Light & Power Board. Thank you for your time trying to explain to the community and the city council what you plan to do trimming trees.

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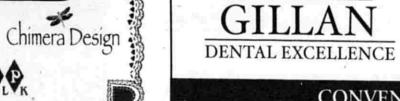
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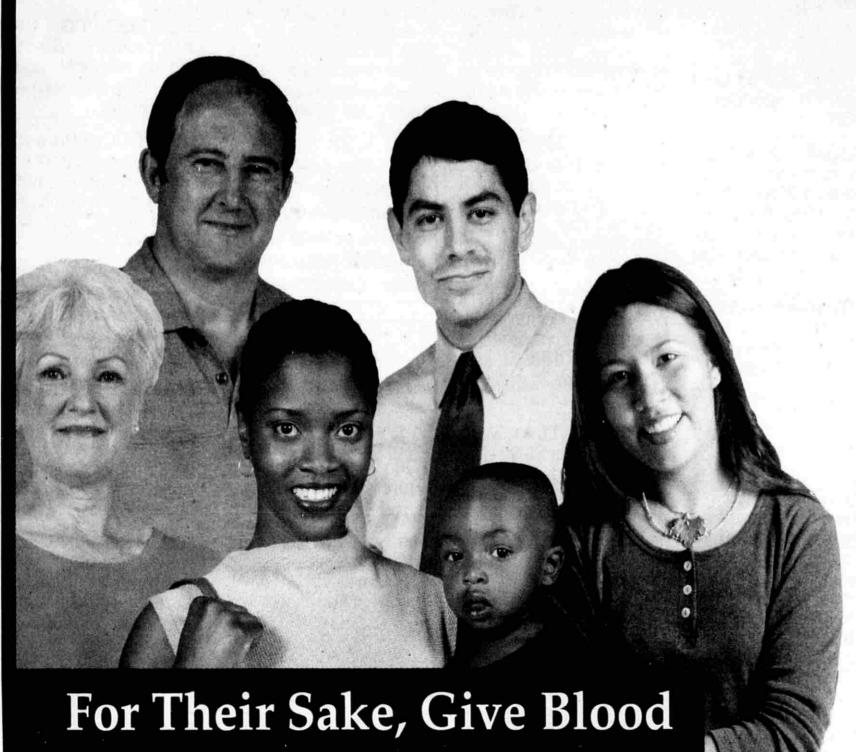
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