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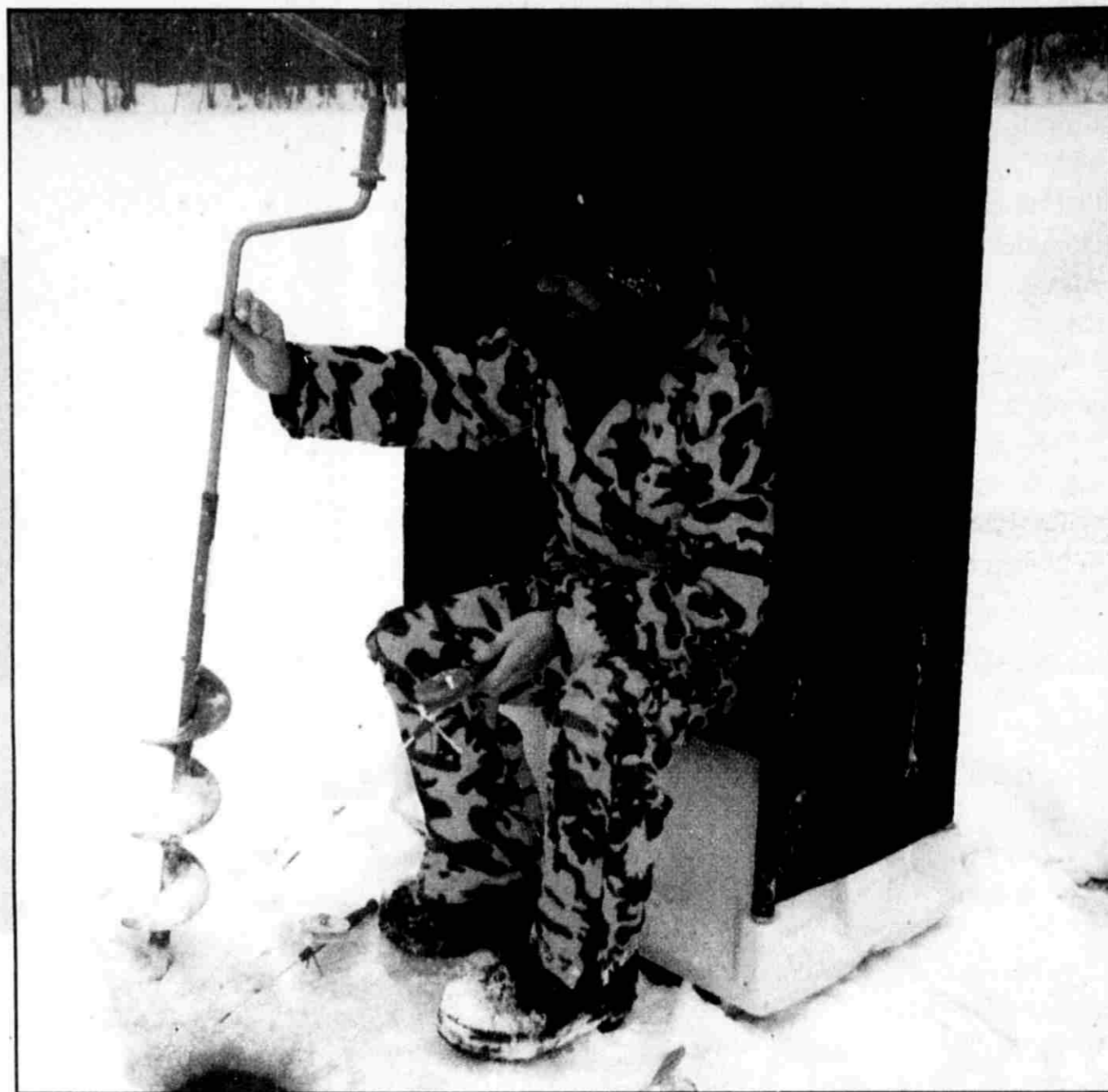
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Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Are their gills blue because of the cold?

Fred Brandt was fishing for bluegills and crappies in sub-zero temperatures last week at Stoney Lake in Lowell. He drilled a hole through six-inch thick ice. When asked if fishing was boring, Brandt said: "It's better than watching TV." His only shelter from the wind was a half shanty. Brandt said if he doesn't catch anything he will move on and drill more holes. A blizzard Saturday caused by lake effect shut down businesses, malls and libraries. Police told drivers to stay home. Some shoppers, however, braved the cold to get groceries and other necessities. U.S. 131 was closed three times Saturday due to accidents involving dozens of cars and pileups near the West River Drive exit. Approximately 400 schools and universities in the West Michigan area closed down Monday and Tuesday due to below zero temperatures.



Person of the Year announced

By Emma Palova

Marj Harding has been named the



past treasurer and board member. She was a chair of the museum membership and fund development committees, as well as past treasurer and board member of the Women's Club.

She is involved in numerous church activities and in Friends of the Englehardt Library. "I was absolutely shocked," said Harding about her award. "It's a special honor."

Harding volunteers at the Gerald R. Ford Museum, and had the privilege of attending one of the private services for former President Gerald R. Ford. Harding is the longest active member of the Lowell Women's Club of which she is past treasurer and board member. She is an avid volunteer for

the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to her retirement in 1999, Harding worked as a district sales representative for Huntington Bank and for Lowell Engineering.

"I liked the interaction with people," she said. "It was a fun job, I had great bosses. Sometimes I miss the people."

However, Harding does enjoy her retirement because she can do more volunteer

activities and spend time with her grandson Jordan.

She grew up in Cassopolis near Niles, and moved to Lowell in 1962 when her husband Dave was transferred.

Harding is a member of Woodview Christian Church, and also attends Cascade Christian Church. She enjoys china painting, collecting angels and nativities. "Friends are my biggest hobby," she said.

The chamber this year received nine nominations, and reviewed past nominations.

"Marj works behind the scenes, volunteering her time and getting tasks accomplished," said chamber director Liz Baker. "She is an asset to many organizations. We're proud to acknowledge Marj Harding with this award."

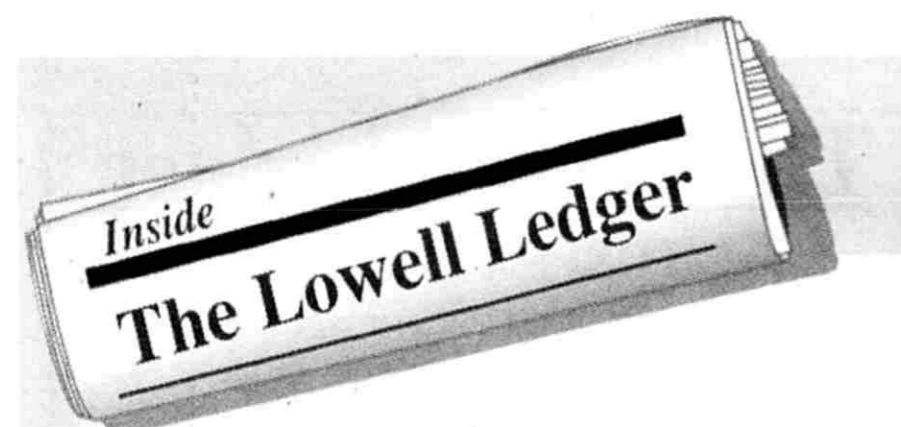
Harding will be honored at the annual Winter Gathering of the Chamber Membership at Deer Run on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. Cliff Yankovich will present the award.

The Business Appreciation Award goes to Cousin's Hallmark. Full story will follow in the Lowell Ledger on Feb. 14.

F.R.O.M. makes the move to new building



Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop is now open for business at the new location at 11535 Fulton St. E. after an extensive remodel. Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Marge Rehl, Sue VanderMolen, Sherri Jahnke, Ann Dimmick, Marilyn and Donna Gerard.



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Obituaries

DOMMER

Louie, Pop Dommer, 89 of Valparaiso, Indiana passed away January 24, 2007. He was born April 12, 1917 in Denham, Indiana and married Ruth Rater in 1939. During WWII he served on the home front making bearings for tanks used overseas. His wife survives as well as 3 children that includes Bill (Denise) Dommer of Lowell, MI 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren that includes Tony (Mary) Dommer with their children Alex and Sophia, Betsy (Matt) Davidson all of Lowell. Pop & Gram always enjoyed visiting family here in Lowell and became friends with everyone they met. Larkins and their wet burritos was always a favorite of his.

ERICKSON

Veryl J. Erickson, age 77, of Alto, went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2007. Veryl passed away after a long battle with cancer at her daughter, Cindy (Cynthia) and Louis Odle's home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Doris Jousma and John Critenden. She is survived by her daughters, Cindy (Louis) Odle, Dories (Larry) Frye; son, John (Sandra) Thibodeaux; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; also special kinship and best friend, Gladys Lofquist, along with many other friends and relatives. The Mass of

Christian Burial was offered Feb. 3 at Holy Family Catholic Church. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.

RAHN

Carol Sally Rahn, age 66 of Alto, went to be with her Lord on February 2, 2007. Funeral services were held Feb. 6 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Building Fund.

RIECKMAN

Mr. James "JOR" Rieckman, age 78, passed away on January 27, 2007. He grew up on the family farm which was south of Greenville and attended a one-room school house (Forest Grove). James is survived by his wife, Bea; children, James M. Rieckman of Cedar Springs, Deborah J. Riddell of Orange Park, FL, Mary L. Curler of Newaygo, Tanya Feutz of Rockford, Eric and Cindy McCuaig of Alto, Laura and Erick Roggenbuck of Sand Lake, Tracy and Clifford Hawkins of Middleville, and Mark McCuaig of Rockford; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Ralph E. and Edla Rieckman of Rockford, Francis and Jeanette Rieckman of Cedar Springs, and John Rieckman of Cedar Springs; many nieces and nephews;

and many special friends including Jose Espindola and Dick and Jane Hawkins. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia A. Rieckman and brothers, Robert and Joseph. The service for James was held Feb. 3 at the Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.



RITZEMA

Josephine Ellen Reynolds Ritzema age 76, of Lowell, died January 31, 2007. She was born to Edward and Marion Reynolds on May 14, 1930. She lived her entire life in Lowell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor, and granddaughter, Katrin. She is survived by Lloyd, her loving husband of 55 years; Her children and grandchildren, Mark (Annette) Ritzema, Mark Neal, Michelle (Steve) DeGroot; Dirk Ritzema; Roseanne (Eric) Greinke, Kris, Anna, Karl; Dion (Cathy) Ritzema, Aaron, Benjamin, Hannah; Ellen Ritzema; Angela (Tom) Hemmingsen, Kailey, Seth; Evan (Ruth) Ritzema, Rebecca, Richard; Maria Ritzema (Rohan de Silva); and her only great-grandson, Will DeGroot. Mass of Christian Burial was Feb. 3 at Saint Mary Church, 402 Amity, Lowell with Rev. Thomas Page presiding. Interment St.

Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Lowell Boy Scout Troop #102.

TICHELAAR

Evelyn Tichelaar, age 92 of Lowell, died February 2, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Tichelaar, son, William H. Joling and sister, Marge VanHattem. She is survived by her son, Ray (Kathy) Joling; grandchildren, David Joling and Pamela Joling; brother-in-law, Robert VanHattem. Funeral services were held Feb. 6 at Ada Community Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Ada Community Reformed Church, P.O. Box 164, Ada, Michigan 49301.

VANDER HOEK

Raymond John VanderHoek, age 57, of Spring Lake, passed away January 29, 2007, at his home. He was born May 20, 1949, to Walter and Eleanor (Schans) VanderHoek in Grand Rapids, and married Kathleen Roetman on August 6, 1971, in Grand Rapids. Mr. VanderHoek served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was employed as a building contractor. Prior to becoming a builder, he had owned and operated Face Veneers in Grand Rapids. He was a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven, and he enjoyed woodworking, restoring old cars, camping, fishing, boating, and animals. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include his loving wife, Kathy; two daughters, Amy (Brad) Plooster of Grand Haven and Anne VanderHoek of Spring Lake; two sons, Andy (Kelly) VanderHoek and Adam VanderHoek, both of Spring Lake; four grandchildren, Jacob and Elly VanderHoek and Dyland and Katie Plooster;

two sisters, Hope (Richard) Veltman of Alto and Nancy (Harold) Erffmeyer of Dorr; and two former sisters-in-law, Judy and Christine. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Peter and Chuck VanderHoek. The service was held Feb. 1 at the VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake. Memorial contributions in Raymond's honor may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital in Memphis, TN, or to Harbor Hospice.

VENNEMAN

Orville "Bill" Venneman, 74, of Belding passed away January 26, 2007 at Metron of Belding Nursing home. Bill was born on October 13, 1932 in Keene Township, near Lowell, the son of Clarence and Harriet Raymor Venneman. He proudly served his country during the Korean War and worked for the Somerville and Wolverine Construction Co in Grand Rapids and Arizona for many years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 203, VFW Post 4406 both of Belding and of Local No. 324 Operator Engineers. Bill liked to work and do crossword puzzles. He had a good sense of humor. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was married on July 16, 1955 in Comstock Park to Mamie "Arlene" Austin and she survives along with their children; Tina and Gale Moehring of Belding, Gaynell and George Deible of Fenwick, Kay and Bobby Brown of Belding, Marty and Heather Venneman of Caro, Michigan and Christopher and Stacy Venneman of Belding. Bill is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and his sisters and brother; Blanche and Jake Livingston of Clarksville, Janie Foster and Leonard and Joan Venneman all of Lowell. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Mick and Lee and two sisters; Evah and Dorothy. Funeral and committal services were

Jan. 31 at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding with Pastor Kendall Harger of Shiloh Community Church officiating. Private interment followed in Rest Haven Memory Gardens, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may also be given to the Venneman Family at www.jffh.com.

WATKINS

Mrs. Cherry Pitt Watkins, age 58, of Bainbridge, GA, died January 26, 2007 at Emory University Medical Center in Atlanta, GA. Memorial Services will be held in Grand Rapids at a later date. Mrs. Watkins was born in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Robert Pitt of Alto and the late Ruth Jones Pitt. She was a homemaker and of Protestant faith. She married Robert James Watkins and moved to Marianna, FL where they lived for about 10 years. They moved to Havana, FL having lived there 10 years before moving to Bainbridge in 2003. Mrs. Watkins is survived by her husband, Robert James Watkins of Bainbridge, GA; her father, Robert Pitt of Alto; two daughters, Dawn Marie Conto of Boca Raton, FL and April Watkins of Tallahassee, FL; three sons, Roger (Debra) VanderHeide II of Bainbridge, GA, Scott Lewis (Debbie) VanderHeide of Dothan, AL and Adam (Cynthia) Watkins of Greenwood, FL; on sister, Pearl Marshall of Grand Rapids; one brother, Robert Pitt of Grand Rapids, MI; eight grandchildren, Clayton Eves, Roger Lee VanderHeide, Jeffery Eves, Zackery VanderHeide, Chanele Dickerson, Mara Dickerson, Nicholas Hollis and Elliott Hollon; three great-grandchildren; Mackenzie Scott VanderHeide, Lucas Whitman and Gabe Whitman. She was preceded in death by her mother Ruth Jones Pitt, one sister Georgia Milligan and one brother Sammy Pitt. Arrangements entrusted to Cox Funeral Home.

Lowell planning to become "Tree City"

By Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council Monday suspended all tree trimming until a policy is formed. A committee will work on the policy that will eventually lead to Lowell becoming a Tree City.

The council's action comes on the heels of a recent proposal by the Lowell Light and Power to

trim 12 trees in the city's right-of-way.

Also, the city will establish a tree planting fund. For each tree removed the city will contribute \$250 into the fund starting on the west side of the city.

Council member Jim Pfaller requested that Lowell Light and Power compensate the city for last year's tree removal on Bowes Road.

"We need a set written policy," said Pfaller. "We need to hire an arborist to determine tree trimming."

The council will form a tree committee consisting of city staff, Lowell Light and Power staff, city residents, and an arborist. The tree committee will work on a tree ordinance and a community forestry program will be

established with a budget of \$2 per capita.

Jim Reagan will start a study committee that will pursue the Arbor City status. "It is my hope we can work with city hall, Lowell Light and Power and the city residents to maintain trees on public property and right-of ways," he said.

MOPS awarded grant from community foundation

The Lowell Community Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$3,000 to Teen MOPS of Lowell to help expand services.

Teen MOPS is a program held bi-weekly to nurture every teen mother in the Lowell community

by meeting her distinct needs of significance, identity, growth, intimacy, instruction, help, recreation, perspective, and hope. Teen MOPS is for every teenage mother - urban, suburban, or rural, stay at home or working, single or married, ranging between the ages of 14 and 20.

The grant from the Lowell Community Foundation was awarded to continue this program in the Lowell community and for possible expansion to surrounding communities where the need so greatly exists.

Teen MOPS of Lowell currently meets at Impact Church on Lincoln Lake Road on the first and third Fridays of each month from

9:30-11:00 a.m. Any teen mom is welcome to show up and join the group at any time.

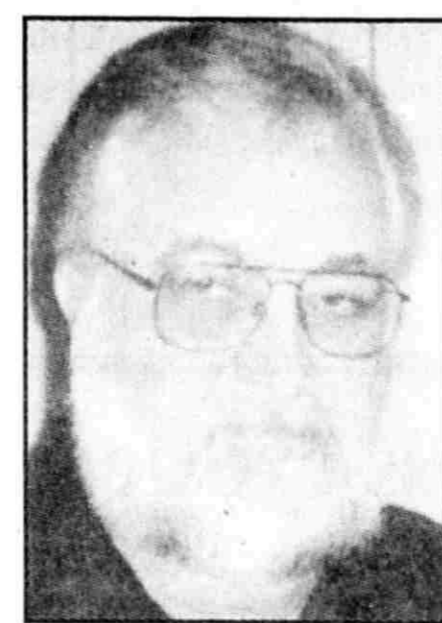
Programs from the moms have included speakers on a wide variety of subjects including nutrition, domestic abuse, parenting skills, creative activities for children, legal issues, and general life skills.

Each program also includes a light breakfast, discussion time in reference to the program subject, and a creative activity. Child care is provided.

Laura Scott, lead coordinator, began this program in June 2005 and has a steering team of six. For more information, e-mail her at teenmops@impact-church.org.

Business Matters

APICS, The Association for Operations Management, announced that Lowell resident, Tony Stencil has been elected to the International Association Board of Directors. Stencil is Past President of APICS-Grand Rapids Chapter and served two terms as the chapter's president. Stencil is also the Voice of the Lowell Red Arrows and is employed as a materials manager at Dematic Corp. in Grand Rapids.



Tony Stencil

Boat show in Grand Rapids will have local exhibitor

Recreational Products of Alto will be a key exhibitor at the Grand Rapids Boat Show Feb. 14-18.

More than 35 dealers will flood DeVos Place, 303 Monroe SW in downtown Grand Rapids, with more than 400 new boats for the 62nd annual show.

The Alto company makes Sunchaser Boat Lift canopies and also represents Metalcraft Lifts and Boat Docks as well as Captain's Choice docks, made in Michigan.

Other dealers are bringing scores of other new boats to DeVos Place for the star-laden Grand Rapids Boat Show.

Show hours are Feb. 14

from 3-9:30 p.m.; Feb. 15 from 3-9:30 p.m.; Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission

is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 14. Kids 5 and under get in free. For more information, call 800-328-6650 or go to www.GRBoatShow.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-182,708-DE

Estate of MARION M. CAVANAUGH deceased
Date of birth: 4/7/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, MARION M. CAVANAUGH, who lived at 3511 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 1/4/2007. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to SHIRLEY WITCZAK, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
January 25, 2007

Susan M. Potyraj
410 Bridge St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-454-4119

Shirley Witzcak
1308 Hillburn NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-453-2322

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Chad, Maya and the Ball families.*

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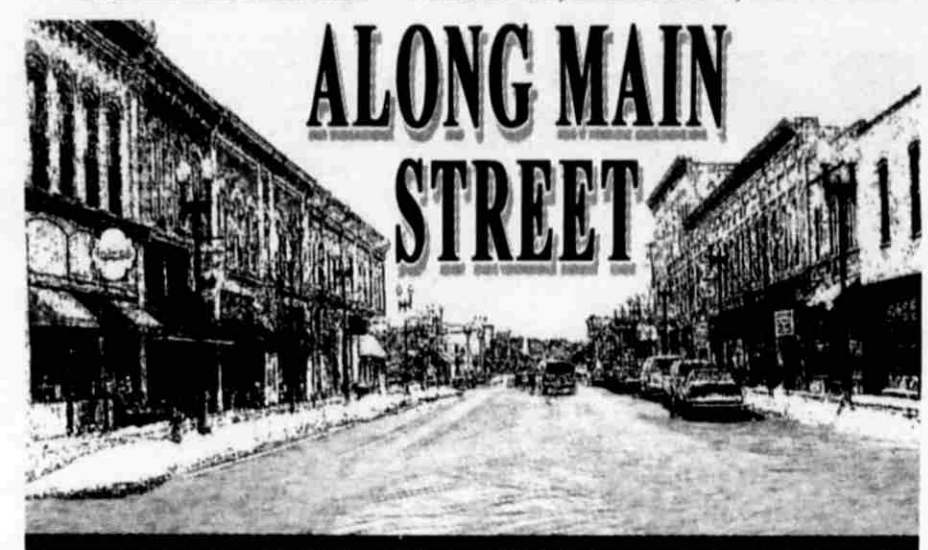
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EPIC MOVIE (PG-13)
1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)
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12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

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LOWELL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

Lowell girls varsity soccer team pop can drive, Saturday, Feb. 10, starting at 10 a.m. If you would like cans pickup up before that or live in the country call 897-9768, ask for Brenda.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM

Free Bluegrass music jam session. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Riverview Restaurant in Lowell. Bring your instrument or just come and listen. Begins at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Free Food Distribution March 1 now at the old Cumberland Manor, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 East Fulton. NOT at the Moose Building. Must have proof for source of all income and Social Security numbers for entire household. Bring bags.

THE ODD COUPLE

Thebes Players production. Performances at Lowell Performing Arts Center, Lowell High School Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12 general admission / \$10 LAAC members, seniors and students. Call 897-8545 for tickets or visit lowellartscenter.org. Tickets also available at the box office 30 minutes prior to the performance.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Curiosity Corner Preschool of Lowell Area Schools is now enrolling children ages 3 or 4 by Dec. 1 for fall 2007-2008 programs. Tuition is \$60 per month for 3's classes and \$80 per month for 4's classes. Families are required to volunteer 5-6 times during the school year. For more information, call Kathy at 987-2532.

WITTENBACH-WEGE ADVISORY BOARD

Wittenbach-Wege Agri-science and Environmental Center has two advisory board positions open. Interested? We are seeking community members willing to advise how WWC can best serve the community. Contact Ranger Steve smueller@lowellschools.com or 987-1002.

WITTENBACH-WEGE BIRD HOUSE

Get a bird house free. Correctly contribute your knowledge with the name and use for the farm equipment at the Wittenbach/Wege Center entrance. Email smueller@lowellschools.com or drop off your answer in the mail box at the building. Agri-trivia contest ends Feb. 17 with answer to follow in Ledger.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

"SUPERINTENDENT'S NIGHT IN"

Greg Pratt will be in on Monday, February 19

to answer any questions from students, staff members or members of the community and to hear comments and suggestions.

Runciman Administration Bldg.
Board Room
300 High St., Lowell
Monday, February 19, 2007
7:00 p.m.



Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins
Board of Education President

The district's educational expectations and standards set by the Board of Education are meant to help lead the way to improved student achievement. The Board is responsible for being knowledgeable about improvement goals, curriculum, assessment and staff development. Lowell

student improvement is steadily growing, but continuous improvement and work remain imperative for the district.

While Board members are not professional educators, we have important responsibilities related to teaching and learning. It is our job to work with our superintendent to create conditions for a professional learning community to thrive.

We recognize that high student achievement occurs under specific conditions. "Shared leadership" - the school board, our district administrators and staff, and community - focuses on student learning through a shared clear vision, high expectations and active leadership on all levels.

Staff must not work in isolation. They must be well informed about progress and challenges. They need to

understand the implications of test scores, new programs and other changes taking place in their buildings and the district, whether driven by national or state mandates or internally developed.

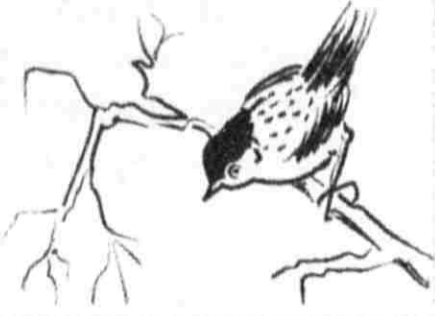
And our schools can't do their jobs without the involvement and support of parents. We support and encourage parent's role in their children's educational success and welcome their ideas and suggestions.

Student achievement is always a priority. One of the most important roles of the Board of Education, setting standards and expectations, will help lead the way to continuous improved student achievement.

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

Outdoors

By
Dave Stegehuis



HOG WILD

The list of invasive species becomes longer year after year. We thought gobies and zebra mussels were a problem. How about a 300 pound boar hog with 3-inch tusks and a bad attitude rooting through your back yard potato patch? We can now add feral pigs to our expanding inventory of Michigan wildlife. The swine may have been introduced into the wild through intentional releases or escaped from farms or game preserves.

Once out and about it is possible for a sow to produce

several litters of four to twelve piglets every year. The animals are world class omnivores. They can eat just about anything including all kinds of plants, nuts, berries, roots, agricultural crops, snakes, and birds eggs. Even the young of larger animals fall prey to the scavenging porkers.

Sustained by such a generous diet, a boar can weigh between 130 to over 400 pounds. Roaming pigs can cause significant crop damage. Their rooting and wallowing adversely affect ecosystems like plant life and streams. This, in turn, has a detrimental effect on fish and other wildlife. There is also the possibility of transmitting disease to domestic livestock.

Wild hogs are considered big game animals in many states and countries. Sharp hearing and a strong sense of smell make it difficult to hunt the potentially dangerous animal. They are extremely wary and will go nocturnal or leave an area if pressured. Pigs are hunted using a variety of methods: spot and stalk and stand hunting with rifle or bow is employed in open country while running the hogs with dogs is more effective in heavy cover.

Feral pigs have been reported in a number of counties in Michigan including the Upper Peninsula. Concern over the proliferation of feral pigs and the associated problems prompted the Department of Natural Resources to allow the taking of wild pigs by hunters who possesses any type of hunting license. There is no limit or closed season. A number of hogs already have been bagged under this arrangement. Hunters are encouraged to bring the carcass to a DNR field office to prevent possible disease transmission to other animals. One must, of course, be positive of the target to avoid killing a domestic animal. So think it over before bringing home the bacon.

Hogs gone wild present yet another challenge for those charged with the management of resources in our great state. The information I found on the subject indicated that once a breeding population is established the odds of completely removing the animals from the wild are not good.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-182,233-DE

Estate of
HENRY W. WRIGHT,
deceased
Date of birth:
11/14/1926

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, HENRY W. WRIGHT, who lived at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center, Lowell, Michigan died 2/10/06.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to GRANT A. WRIGHT, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 730 Godfrey, Lowell, MI 49331 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 31, 2007

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Lowell, MI 49331

CORRECTION
The correct website for Lowell Township supervisor Paula Blumm is supervisor@wvp.lowell.mi.us. It was incorrect in last week's Ledger.

Commission will address exotic animals

By Emma Palova

The planning commission will address the keeping of exotic animals in the city in its ongoing work on the fowl ordinance.

Planning chair Mary-alene LaPonsie updated the city council Monday about the commission's progress.

Fowl may be kept inside in all the zoning districts. Fowl in an outside enclosure is permitted on one acre lots and two animals are permitted on 0.5 acres. The enclosure must be located not less than fifty feet from adjoining property lines.

Also, exotic animals may be kept only with a permit. Animals may include venomous snakes, python, constrictor snake, monkey, raccoon, skunk, leopard, lion, tiger, lynx, bobcat, badgers, fox, coyote, wolf and squirrels.

In other business, the city council approved a contract with Kent County and Hope Network to use Community Development Block Grant funds for transit.

The council also adopted a pre-hazard mitigation plan in order to qualify for FEMA grant assistance.

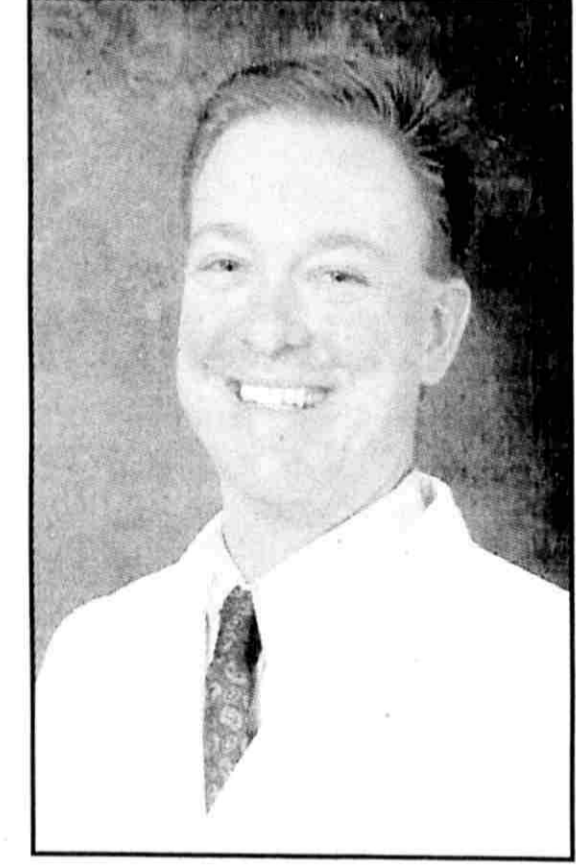
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Thank you!

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. would like to say "Thank You!" to the following businesses, organizations and volunteers who helped so much in the move to our new building:

- L.A. Rental for the truck
- Jet's Pizza for lunch for the volunteers
- Voyages for the coffee
- Corrigan Moving for the moving supplies
- Meijer for the donuts
- The 4-H group of volunteers
- Lowell United Methodist Church
- 7th & 8th grade youth
- Lowell football team
- The 15-20 trucks driven by owners who volunteered
- All of the other Volunteers

Words can't express how much your help was appreciated. God bless all of you!

Viewpoint



Truth is, I do like Prince's music, and I do have those songs, and others, on my iPod.

My daughter called on Monday. She and her family now live in Viet Nam. They live in Ho Chi Min City, or Saigon, as those of us of a certain age know the city. That really has nothing to do with this story other than she had watched the Super Bowl there, even though it was Monday morning, her time. Another example of "Small world ain't it? Yup, wouldn't want to paint it though."

When the halftime show came up during our conversation, it triggered something I'd been meaning to tell her. We are both huge, huge fans of Coen Brothers movies. I told her I was watching " Fargo " (about the fifteenth time) the other day, and in the credits was that goofy symbol that Prince goes by now. I told her Prince played the bit part of a guy who drives by and witnesses a shooting. The bad guys chase the witness down and shoot him. My daughter said, "No Way!" "Really!" I said. "And it makes sense. Prince and the Coen Brothers are from Minneapolis. Maybe they're friends." I added.

We talked a while longer. It was way past her bedtime so she used that as an excuse and hung up. Ten minutes later the phone rang. She'd been online researching my " Fargo / Prince " story.

I need to explain something here. I have a reputation in the family for spewing hard to believe, trivial facts. The kids, especially my daughter and son-in-law, often question my baloney. My pat line is, "Google it!". They do, and nearly always find out that I am right.

In a couple classic examples I stated that more people are killed by falling coconuts each year than by lightning strikes and that the rice genome is more complex than the human genome. When "Googled" it was found I was right!

So, when my daughter "Googled" my line of baloney, here's what she found. Turns out it was a "Prince-like" symbol. The part was actually played by a member of the production crew. The entire ruse was a typical Coen Brothers joke on their audience.

Fooled me. My daughter absolutely could not wait to call me back and tell me that I was full of crap! Glad I made her day. Oh well, I'm still right about rice and coconuts.

After all this stuff on Prince, you may be wondering if I enjoyed the halftime show. The answer is, I didn't see it. I was off in search of more nachos and another brat.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Reading the article in the Lowell Ledger captioned "City searching for balance decision on radical tree trimming" reminding me of the emotions I had when I first saw the destruction I encountered as I walked along Bowes Road this past summer. This destruction did not come from a recent storm but from a man-made decision to destroy so many trees that took a man's lifetime or much longer to grow. I believe there can be alternatives to this type of destruction and so should there be. We look for alternatives for our loved ones when it comes to their longevity and so should it be for the symbol of strength that beautifies our city. Hopefully our city fathers will use their wisdom that they were voted into office for and come up with an alternative. There is a proposal to sell property on N. Washington St. for development but many want this property to stay as a part of our city culture. I believe this judgement should not be left up to our city fathers and should go to a vote of the people considering they are the owners.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

Dear Editor-

Although I haven't lived in Lowell for many years, it is my hometown growing up on North Washington Street very near the city-owned property which is the subject of a debate on what to do with it. I hope the decision makers understand what a valuable asset that property is to the people of the city to be left natural and NEVER get into the hands of developers who only see dollar signs for themselves.

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago



By
Priscilla
Lussmyer

125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
FEBRUARY 8, 1882

"Grand Rapids is having an oversupply of bawdy theatricals."

Miss Cara Louise Peck, a well-known elocutionist, is organizing a class in elocution here.

Temperance meeting at Train's Hall Sabbath night.

Miss Mary Owen goes to Ypsilanti this week to attend the State Normal School.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
FEBRUARY 7 1907

J. Edwin Lee, village trustee for eleven years, dies.

Tiger Fine Cut Cheewing Tobacco "fits conveniently in your pocket", costs 5 cents (Quarter-page ad).

A sleighload from Alto attended the Whitneyville Crusade meeting Wednesday night.

Cannonsburg: "Albert Tiffany, who contemplates going West, has sold his farm to Joe Hefferon."

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 4, 1931

Lowell Township has paid the 2-cent bounty on 24,000 sparrows so far this year, including \$400 to one family, helping the unemployment problem.

Canada and the U.S. plan a "Special International Niagara Board" to deal with the recent massive rock slide at the falls.

State tax commissioner M.B. McPherson predicts that Michigan will eventually have an income tax.

Melody Farms Dairy installs a radio to play music, said to increase milk production by ten percent.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
FEBRUARY 7, 1957

Today's teen boys sport crazy saddle shoes, white blazers, crew cuts and the steady's class ring.

Police kill 172 pigeons in one day in response to pleas from local food processors.

A Root-Lowell fire alarm to be installed at the fire station is discussed.

Gould Rivette and Wendy Christoff are injured in separate accidents at the Yankee Springs Scout campout weekend.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
FEBRUARY 4, 1981

Peter McPherson, Acting White House Counsel, is named by President Reagan to head the Agency for International Development.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle is chairman of Brothers of the Brush for the Sesquicentennial this summer.

Time to start growing the beards.

The state financial crisis puts all school sports programs at risk.

City Council meeting is all about repairing/replacing the Division Street bridge.

Maryllyn (Houseman) McLeod
Martinez, GA



Catholic Schools Week observed at St. Patrick School

Students at St. Patrick School in Parnell celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Each day was celebrated with special assemblies and activities like listening to Fr. Rock talk about being a priest. Other activities included bingo and sled races. They had a change in the dress code that included days like crazy hair day, red, white and blue day, and vocation day. The students also wrote essays on why they liked going to St. Patrick School.

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.

- Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

Reflections of faith

By Pastor Joe Fremer
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lowell

There was a mystery that engaged our imaginations when I was a child. It was one of those things that stuck in your craw and chewed at you. My friends and I debated, conducted countless experiments, and returned to debate again and again that pressing question: when you shut the refrigerator door, does the light inside the fridge go off?

We didn't have a video camera to put inside the refrigerator, recording the moment when we closed the door. (In 1960, television cameras were as big as refrigerators.) Eventually, however, one of us came to a breakthrough discovery- there's a little button inside the door jamb that makes the light go off if you push it. By its position, it seemed likely that closing the door pushes it. Therefore (our young minds were new to this logic business, but we ventured out anyway) the light must go off when you shut the door! It must!

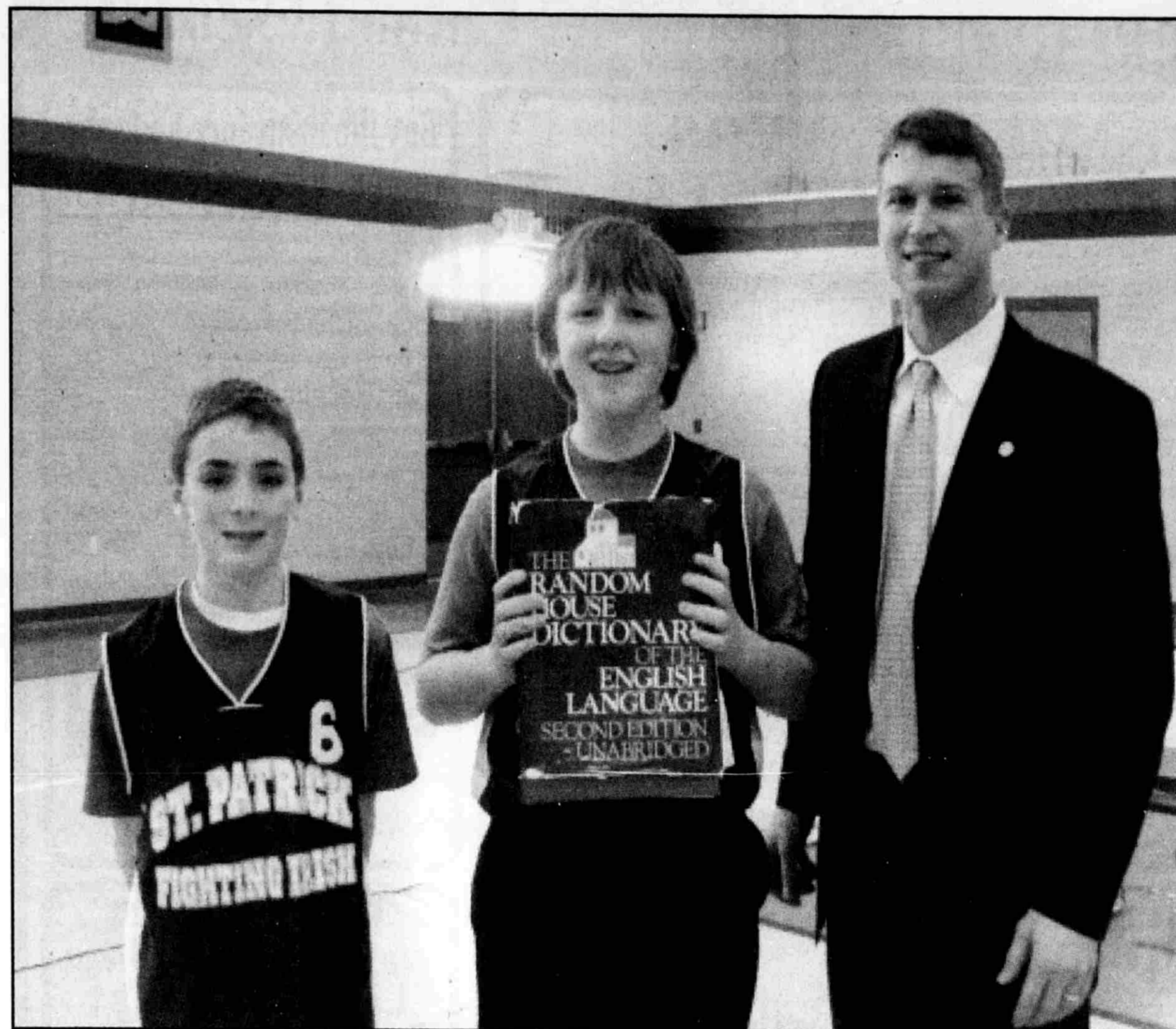
Right?

It wasn't a scientific proof, but a logical one. None of us was about to climb into a refrigerator to verify the theory with experience (thank God!).

Strange to say, now that we have video cameras that are smaller than refrigerators, I have not had the urge to conduct the experiment of recording the view from inside the fridge. I don't know anyone else of my generation who has done this either. In fact, I forgot all about this greatest mystery of my earliest years, until just now. I have opened and closed many, many refrigerator doors since 1960, without giving the light a second thought. Somewhere along the way, it ceased to be a burning question with me. Maybe I accepted our logical conclusion as solid fact.

The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13:11, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways behind me." He goes on to compare our 'now' with our 'then'; to contrast the ways and worries of our present life with how things will be when we see Jesus. "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." When Jesus returns, a lot of stuff that seems super-important today will suddenly cease to matter. I wonder, what "burning questions" of this present age will we be laughing about five hundred thousand years from now?

Spelling bee winners



St. Patrick School seventh grade student Alan Lally, center, won the annual school spelling bee Jan. 19. Nick Smith, a fifth grade student, left, was runner-up. Both students advanced to the regional bee which will take place Feb. 27. State Representative Dave Hildenbrand, right, served as the official word pronouncer for the Scripps-sponsored contest at St. Patrick.

If the English language made any sense, a catastrophe would be an apostrophe with fur.

- Doug Larson

Happy Birthday

- FEBRUARY 8:** Laurie Chambers, Maya Newhouse, Steve Estes, Karis Dilly.
- FEBRUARY 11:** Julie Kenney, Judy Goodwin, Terry Nugent.
- FEBRUARY 12:** Peg Stanford, Kurt Roudabush, Travis Bergy.
- FEBRUARY 9:** Tom Covell, Alan Ryder, Inga Weeks, Noah Newhouse, Allee Brenk, David Potter, "AJ" Alvin Davis Brenk II, Adrian Sterzick, Brady Foster, Dave VanKeulen.
- FEBRUARY 13:** Deb Heydenburg, Emily Gerard, Jodi Kennedy, Alyssa Ellis-Roach.
- FEBRUARY 14:** Heather Claypool, Carol Leyman, Gerri Ellison, Scott Treglia, Lori Rice.

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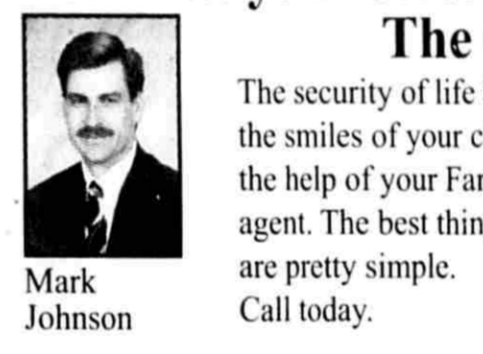
Frostnip and frostbite have to do with the amount of circulating heat in our extremities, especially fingers, toes and nose. Frostnip is the freezing of the top layers of skin. Frostbite is the freezing of all layers of the skin. The skin affected turns waxy white and feels numb. Skin remains soft in frosting, but is hard in frostbite. Treatment consists of warming the extremity. Never rub the skin to warm it as this can cause skin damage. Frostbite is a serious problem that requires medical attention.

Hypothermia is a condition that occurs when body temperature falls below 96 degrees. The elderly are at a higher risk for this than others. Signs of hypothermia include: confusion or sleepiness, slowed or slurred speech, behavior change, excess shivering, and slow reactions. Some illnesses and medications place a person at greater risk for hypothermia. Alcohol also lowers the body's ability to retain heat. Hypothermia requires prompt medical attention. The body must be slowly rewarmed under medical supervision.

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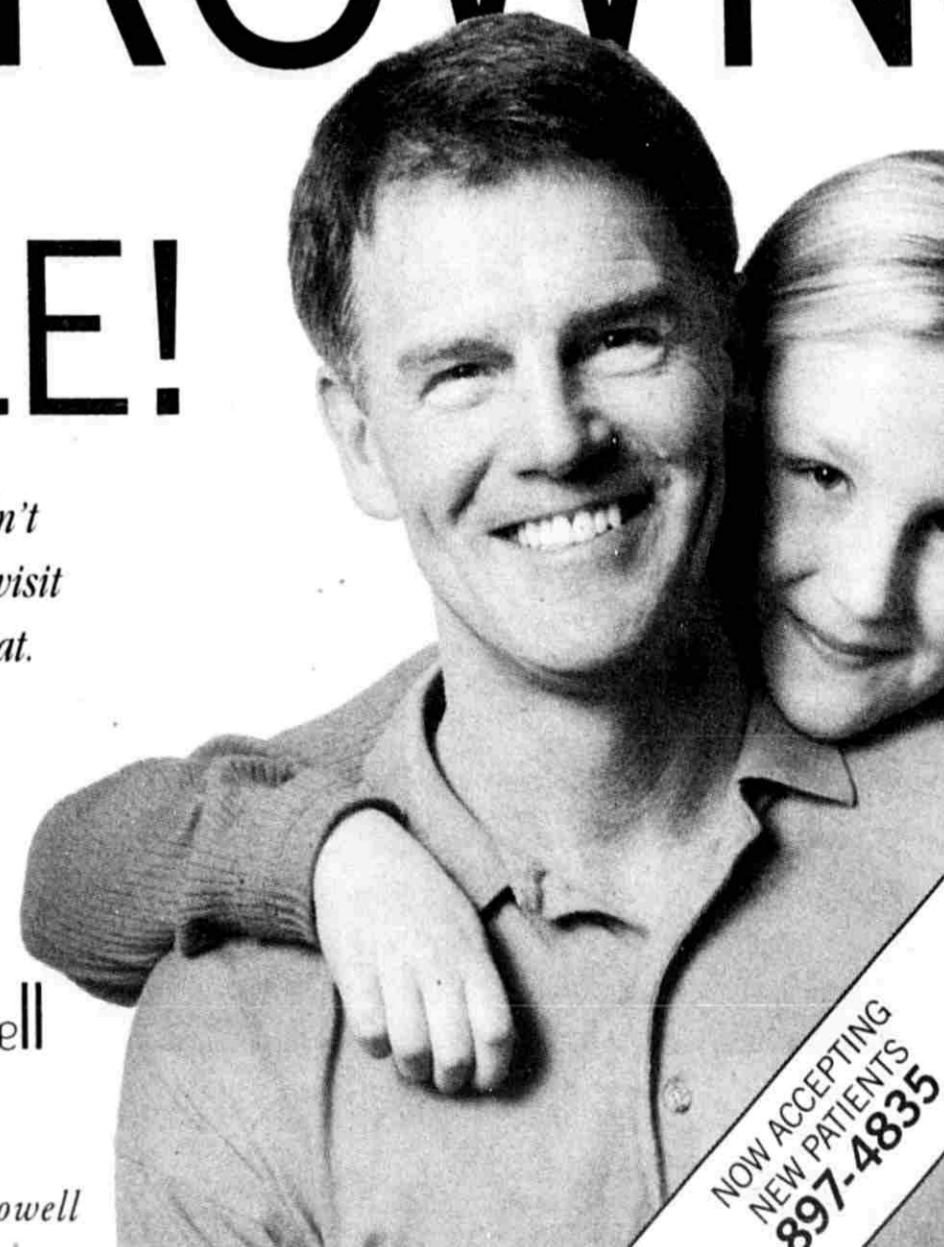
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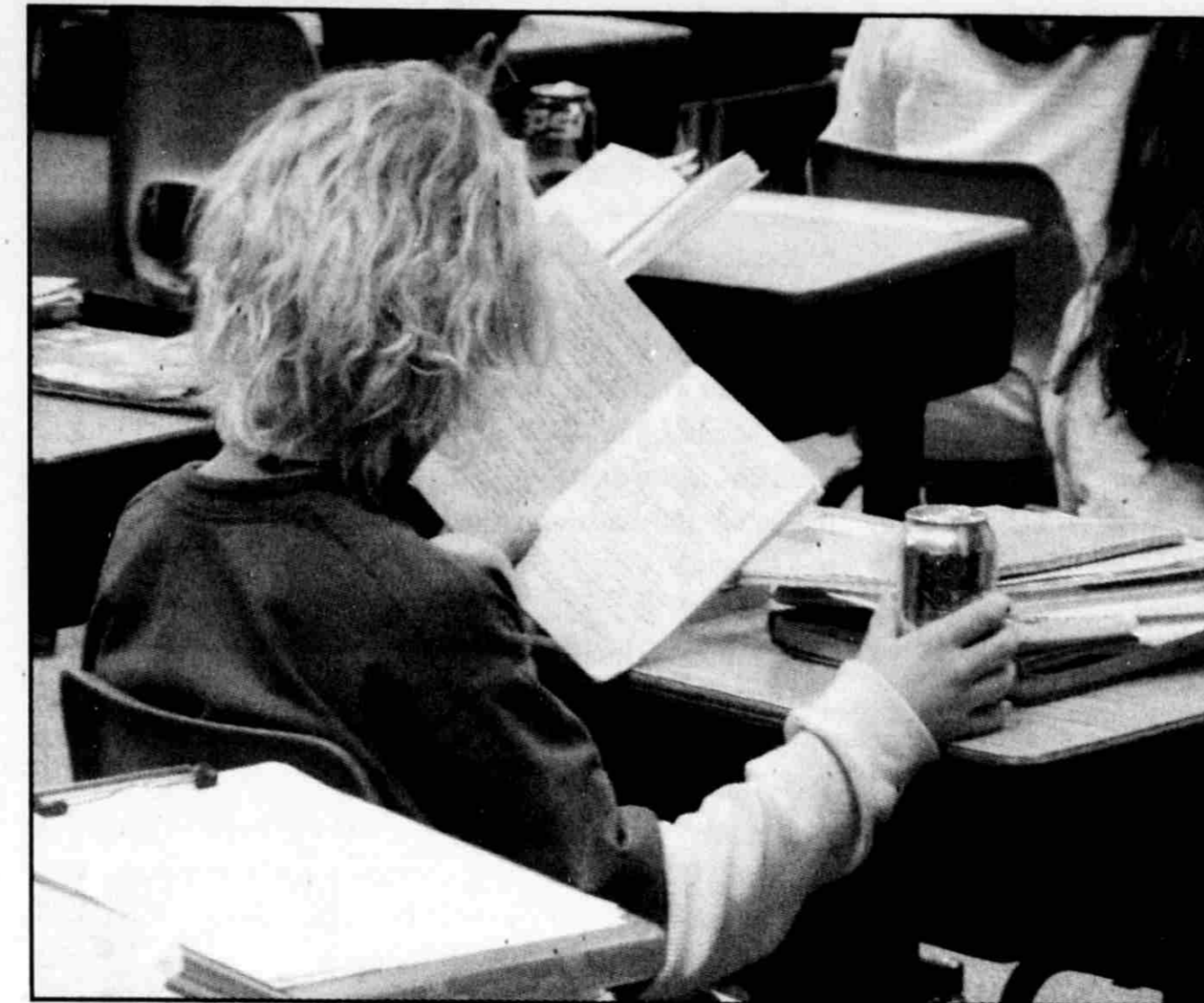
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Pauly's celebrates first anniversary with expansion

By Emma Palova

A nice bottle of dry red Spanish Moser Cleto may cure any heart. That is what Benjamin Carson of Lowell purchased at Pauly's for his heart condition.

And Pauly's Fine Wines and Spirits is celebrating one year anniversary in business just in time for Valentine's. International and elegant is the only way to describe the store that used to be a dilapidated veggie market on the west fringe of town. "I like the store because it has variety in wines and beers that no one else has," said Carson. "I drink red wine for my angina." On top of outstanding

wines and beers, Carson appreciates that Pauly's carries incense. Not just incense and wine, the store is literally stocked with the most crafty beers from all over the world with lovely labels.

A gift pack of Bavarian brews from the world's oldest brewery in continuous operation in Weinheinstephan depicts nuns drinking beer. Other wacky beer brands include Belgian Delirium Tremens with elephants on the label and St. Bernardus in a big tin.

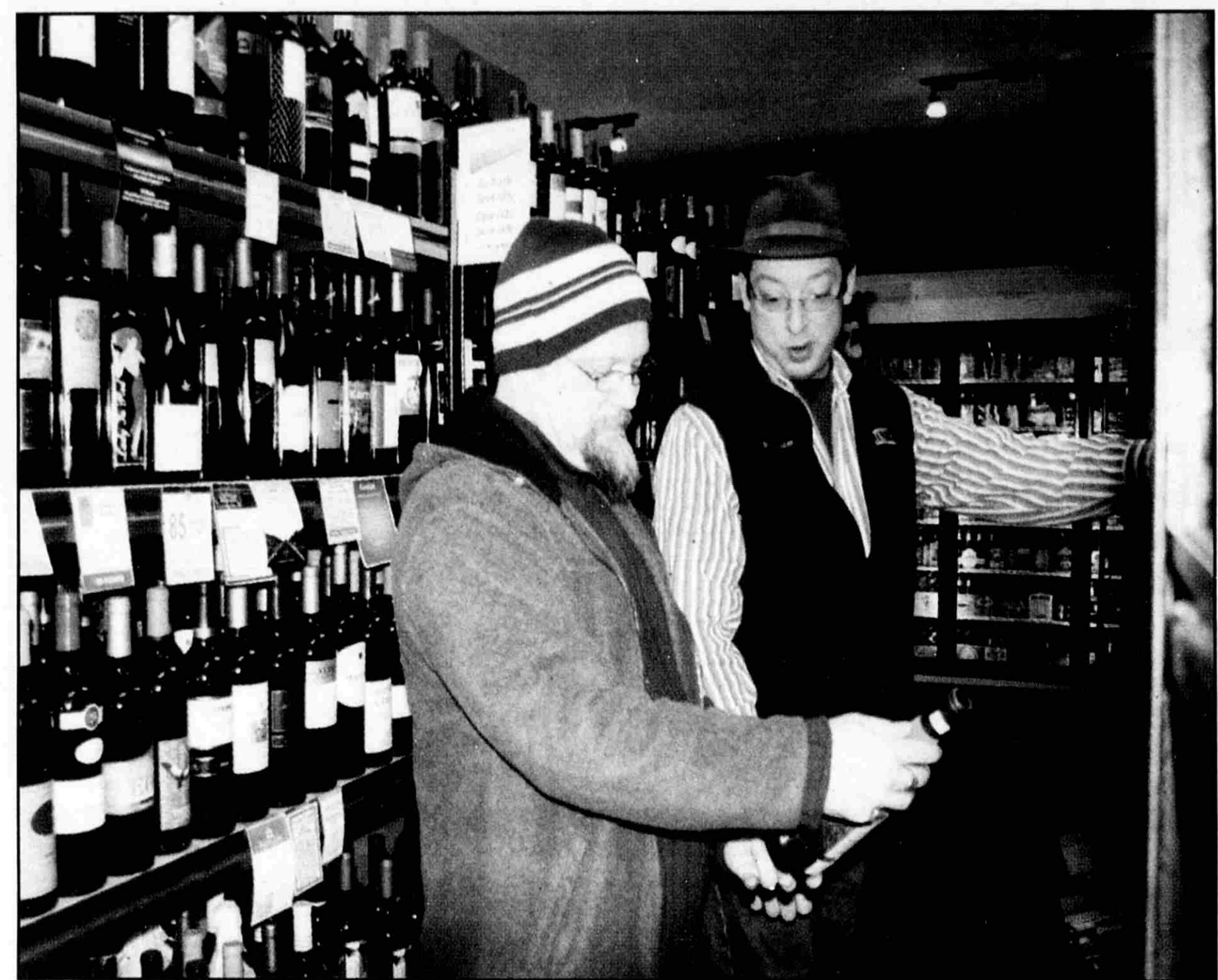
Spirits range from Russian Stolichnaya vodka and French Absinth to Wild Turkey bourbons. Even chocolates come with Bailey's or Tequila in them.

Proprietor Paul Faba said owning a fine wine and beer store has been a lifelong dream for him and his wife Stacey. Not that the couple didn't have any experience. Paul worked as a distributor and import manager for the Australian Premium Wine Collection, while Stacey managed Grapevine & Deli in Grand Rapids.

Now, after one year in business, the couple breathes more freely. They've had an increase in traffic and a faithful following of gourmands who won't just drink anything with their dinner. The Faba's recognize Lowell as a growing

community with lots of opportunities. "Lowell has been under serviced for the amount of growth," said Paul.

One of Pauly's specialties are in-home wine tastings and seminars for private and corporate parties. "These are informational educational sessions, you pick a theme," said Paul, "we bring the wine and glasses." Paul even challenges interested parties to pair the wine tasting with a food potluck. "Wine does not have to be pretentious," he said. "It's a culinary social event." Pauly's also has a full home brewing department including a malt mill and grains. The Faba's will now be expanding all their product lines, as well as adding to their portfolio of events. Pauly's will hold a wine tasting at the Flat River Grill on Feb. 21. Paul will be doing a wine presentation Wine 101 on bus tour to the great wine region in the Traverse City area from March 31 to April 1. For more information go to pauly's.net



Paul Faba shows the malt mill at the home brewing department at Pauly's.

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Rudy Schutte of Schutte Dairy Farms, in Alto, recently won second place in the A No Till/Strip Till Non-Irrigated division of the 2006 National Corn Growers' Association's (NCGA) Corn Yield Contest in Michigan. Schutte won with Pioneer® brand hybrid 34A16, which yielded 234.15 bushels per acre.

The NCGA Corn Yield Contest is an annual competition among corn producers with the goal of producing the highest yields. In the contest, growers compete within a broad range of corn production classes, including non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till irrigated, ridge-till non-irrigated, ridge-till irrigated and irrigated classes. Schutte planted the winning entry on April 27, 2006 in fields grown to soybeans in 2005. He planted the crop into 30-inch rows using a JD 1770 12-row planter at a rate of 34000 seeds per acre. Schutte applied a total of 246 pounds of nitrogen and 27 pounds of potash per acre to enhance fertility. He used a JD 9500 combine to harvest the winning plot on Nov. 8, 2006.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-01
ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 2, 2007

Ordinance No. 07-01 amends Section 8.04 of Chapter 8 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Such amendment provides for side yard and minimum lot area, width and floor area for single-family dwellings in R-3 residential zoning districts.

Ordinance No. 07-01 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Tutors help students be successful in math at Cherry Creek

By Emma Palova

Devon Siciliano, 7, may become a scientist one day because he really likes dinosaurs. He knows math is important in science, so Siciliano works hard to get good scores.

Junior Melissa Slater teaches Siciliano math in a tutoring program that pairs up elementary students with high school students. Slater will earn half a service learning credit, while the Cherry Creek Elementary student, will get help in math. Some would call it a win-win situation.

"She is fun and helps me out a lot," Siciliano said. "It helps me get more into math."

This is Slater's first year tutoring elementary students meaning an additional time commitment after her own classes. She would like to be a teacher.

Eleventh grade student James Dyer too would like to be a teacher which is why he volunteers in the math

tutoring program. Dyer said his own math skills have improved while tutoring others, and he doesn't mind the additional time commitment.

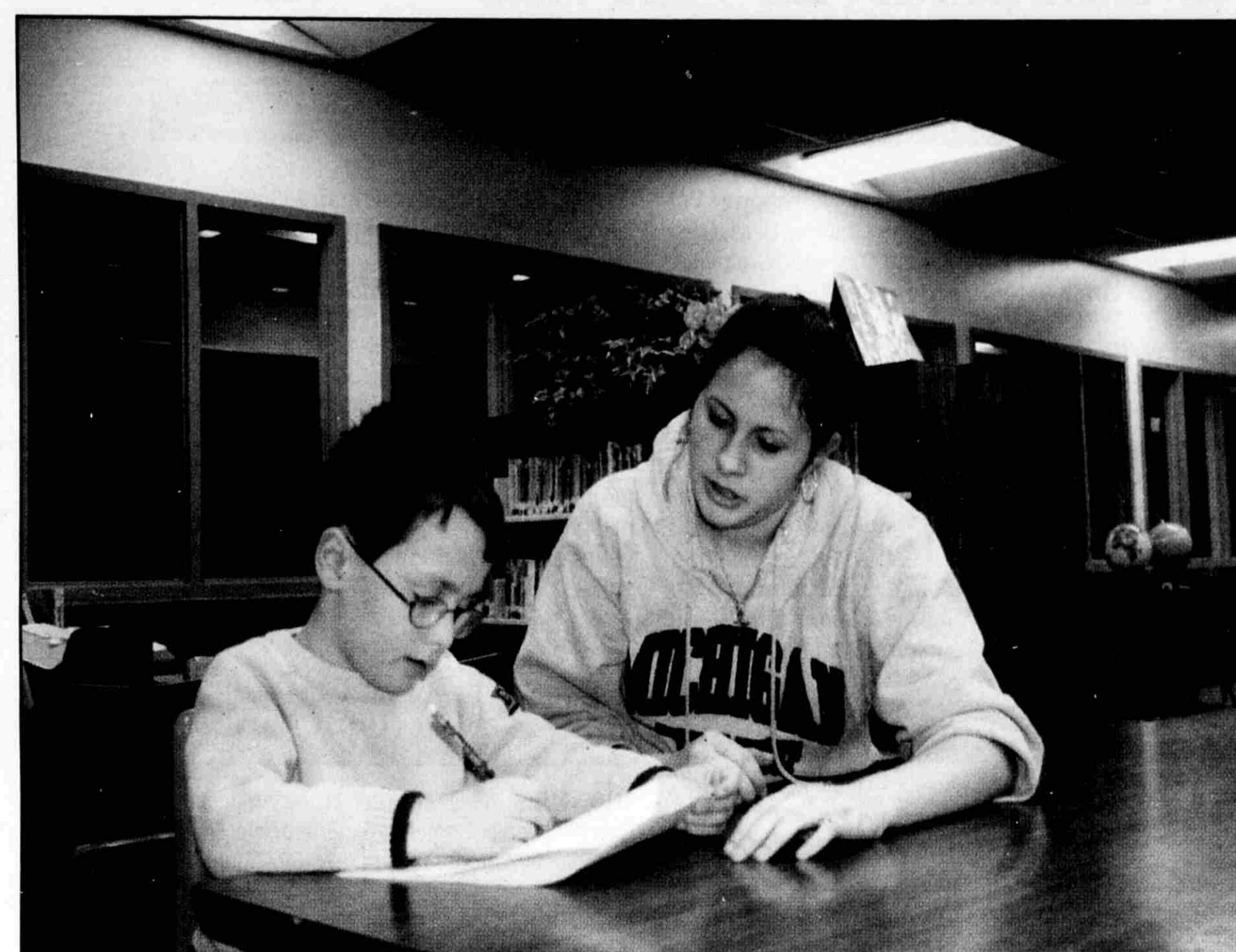
"It's a really cool opportunity," he said. "I am not math inclined but this has helped me with long division. We only use calculators. I like dealing with kids, making an impact."

Cherry Creek fifth grade teacher Eric Bredin enjoys the help he gets from the high school students.

"The kids benefit by learning in a small group," he said. "They get individual attention ... It lowers the student teacher ratio."

On top of that, elementary kids look up to their tutors as role models.

"It's high school kids doing something positive in their free time," Bredin said. "They have positive influence on the younger kids. I am very happy with the responsibility of the students. They are always on time." The math tutoring program, a brainchild of high school math teacher Mike Michaud, has taken off this



Second grade student Devon Siciliano studies math with Melissa Slater at Cherry Creek Elementary.



James Dyer tutors fifth grade students Hannah Nelson, Brianna Landheer, Josh Skinner and Zachary Jahnke at Cherry Creek Elementary.

year. It is in full speed at all four Lowell Area Schools elementary.

"The program seems to be a success," said Michaud. "I am flattered my name is attached to it."

Retired math teacher Sue Beute is in charge of the program. "I've been amazed how kids have taken this to their heart and the teachers are delighted," Beute said. "We

have had measured growth in mathematics. It has ballooned this year." The tutors are usually top notch students in their classes, according to Beute.

Curriculum director Roger Bearup said the program has been very successful.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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.

SAT., FEB. 10: Euchre party with dinner. \$5 per person at St. Mary's activity center, 9041 Krupp Rd., Belding. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., cards following dinner. Prizes. You do not need a partner, public welcome. Questions call Jamie Peterson 897-8097.

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

MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 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 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 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 M#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

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

THURS., FEB 15: St. Patrick School preschool and kindergarten information night at 7 p.m., Parish Center, Five Mile and Parnell, 691-8833.

FRI., FEB 23: Masonic Lodge 355, serving Belding, Ionia and Lowell, and Doric Chapter 73, Order of Eastern Star, will co-host a Sesquicentennial Founder's Day Dinner (complete pork) and Art Hop, 5-7 p.m., in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Over 13 years of age, \$7.50; ages 5 to 12, \$3; under 5 free. For tickets call John at 374-7762 or Harley 794-2396.

TUESDAYS

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.qua-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.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

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

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

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

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartsCouncil.org.

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURSDAYS

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

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

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

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

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at 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, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

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

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/teen moms. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call Pat at 897-7842.

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.



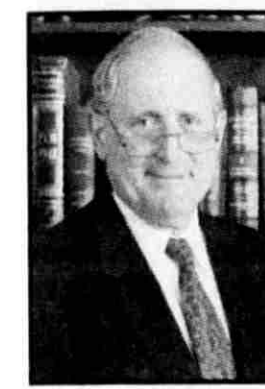
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GOING TO WORK FOR YOURSELF? PLAN AHEAD

Are you thinking of striking out on your own and joining the growing ranks of the self-employed? It's an exciting prospect - and possibly a little scary. But you can remove some of the fear by doing whatever you can to prepare yourself financially for life as an entrepreneur.

What steps can you take? Here are a few to consider:
• *Save as much as you can.* Ideally, you would want to have a couple of years' worth of living expenses saved before you go solo. But that's a pretty tall order for most people. And if you have a spouse earning a good income, you may have less need to put away a large sum. Nonetheless, it's almost always a good idea to save as much as you possibly can before becoming your own boss.



Turning Around a Failed Trade Policy

With Senator Carl Levin

In his State of the Union address, President Bush failed once again to discuss the status and needs of American manufacturing. In fact, he did not even mention manufacturing once in his speech.

A week later, the President delivered a speech in New York, which he billed as a "state of the economy" address. And it speaks volumes that on that trip he went, literally, to Wall Street and celebrated gains in the stock market instead of going to Main Street, where middle class Americans are feeling the squeeze from his economic policies.

In his remarks in New York, the President finally mentioned manufacturing. He described a Caterpillar plant he had visited in Illinois that he said was benefiting from a free trade

agreement with Chile, and he stated: "The opening of this and other export markets has led [Caterpillar] to add thousands of new jobs here in America. Manufacturers, farmers and service providers all across our country have similar stories."

As we know all too well, the reality of the past six years is the opposite of that rhetoric. We have lost three million manufacturing jobs since the President took office, including 200,000 in Michigan, and we are losing more manufacturing jobs every month. Not only is the administration not addressing the crisis in manufacturing, it won't even acknowledge that there is a problem.

A significant reason for this crisis is that we have a failed trade policy. We have a record overall trade

deficit and record bilateral trade deficits with many of our trading partners. And those deficits continue to grow. The U.S. trade deficit with China alone has tripled since 2001. The U.S. market is the most open in the world, yet we have failed to insist that foreign markets be equally open to American products. Our products face steep trade barriers and must compete against foreign products that are given unfair advantages by actions of their governments, including currency manipulation to keep prices on their exports low and weak intellectual property protections that allow American goods to be easily counterfeited.

Some of the trade agreements the United States has entered into have not been in our best interests. And some agreements have just not been enforced. Right now, we are facing a challenge in our trading relationship with China because of that country's flagrant disregard for the agreements it has signed. When China joined the WTO, it committed to abide by international trade laws. But in case after case China has thumbed its nose at those

laws, and our government has not objected. I recently offered testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on the need to take strong action and insist that trade with China be a two-way street for American manufacturers, farmers and service providers.

We need to be strengthening our trade policy, not weakening it, but the President wants to continue with the same failed policies. The President

recently asked that Congress renew what is known as "fast-track" trade promotion authority. Fast track gives the President the power to negotiate trade agreements that Congress can then either approve or reject but cannot amend. By dramatically weakening Congress's voice in trade policy, fast-track has led to agreements that have poor environmental and labor provisions and that do not stand up for American working men and women.

The President's request

to renew fast-track must be considered fairly by Congress, but it should also be viewed with skepticism. I believe in free trade if it is fair trade, but we have suffered under unfair trade policies for far too long. Congress needs to do what the President has not and make revitalizing American manufacturing a national priority and a key part of our trade policy. Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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LHS students prepare for Business Professionals of America competition

Twelve Lowell High School students will compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state leadership competition in March.

The students qualified at the BPA Regional Leadership Conference on Jan. 12. The Regional Workplace Skills Assessment competition took place at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

Scott Beatson took first place in Graphic Design and second place in Global Marketing Team.

Jesi Hook got first place in Prepared Speech and fourth place in Advanced Interview Skills.

Kelsey Crowley finished third in Computerized Accounting and second in Global Marketing Team.

Katie McElroy took third place in Prepared Speech.

Mike Kleinpaste finished fifth in Graphic Design and second in Global Marketing Team.

Ian Fowler took sixth in Advanced Interview Skills and Regan Doyle second place in Global Marketing Team.

Andrea Converse took seventh in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts and seventh in Prepared Speech.

The Parliamentary Procedure team, consisting of Brittney Shellenbarger, Tom Alberts, Andrea Converse, Brian Hook, and Tom Jeffrey, finished in third place.

These students will represent Lowell at the 2007 State Leadership Conference March 22-25 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

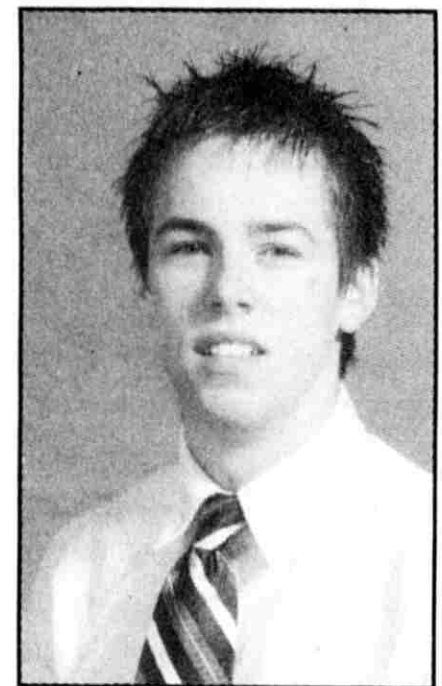
Top students at the state conference will advance to the May National Leadership Conference held in New York City.

Lowell students

attending the regional competition also included Renee Buist, Nicole Halbeisen, Heather Jousma, Katie Krolewicz, Pete Scudder, Kelsey Stickney, Ellie Timpson, Justin VanAcker, Tricia VanGessel, Megan Whinery, and Lauren Wolfe. Dee Crowley, Cari Slot, and Bill McElroy serve as advisors.

College News

Northwood University officials in Midland announced two scholarship

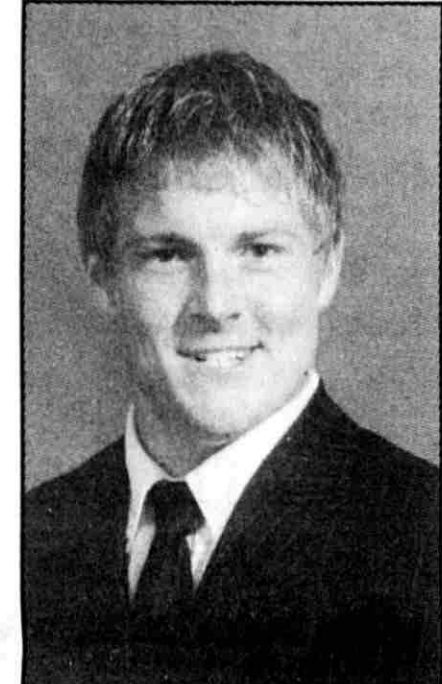


Austin Blough

winner from the Lowell area.

Freshmen Austin Blough and Gabriel Delnick were each granted the Northwood University Aftermarket Industry Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Blough, the son of Arthur and Veronica Blough,



Gabriel Delnick

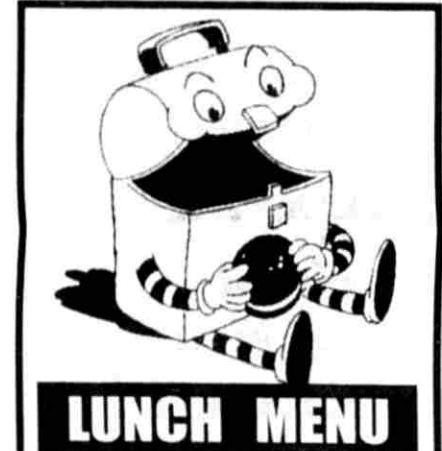
is studying entrepreneurship/management. Delnick, the son of David and Rhonda Delnick, is majoring in advertising/marketing management.

Recipients of the scholarship must be a son or daughter of an employee and/or owner of an aftermarket business with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

Amy Oberlin and Rebecca Bonnell, both of Ada, were named to the dean's list at Liberty University of the fall 2006 semester. They were among 2,319 students earning dean's list recognition for the fall.



In The Ledger



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Feb. 12, 2007

MON: Bosco sticks w/ pizza sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Deluxe nachos w/meat, cheese, lettuce (ham & cheese sub/lettuce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh fruit/apple juice, animal crackers, milk.

WED: Cheese pizza (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), green beans, fruited gelatin w/ whipped topping, milk.

THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven potatoes, peas, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Danimals yogurt w/string cheese & honey wheat pretzel twists (hot dog on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), peas, assorted fruit, milk.

CITY OF LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regular scheduled meeting of Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to add Section 4.13A to Chapter 4, "General Provisions," of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

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

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



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LHS student plays in Division 6 playoffs

The Division 6 Playoffs were held recently at the Suburban Ice Arena in Lansing. The Junior Owls



Drake Chittenden

Midget A. Little Caesars Elite Division II won the tournament. Their home ice is Southside Ice arena located on 100th Street in Byron Center.

Drake Chittenden, a junior at Lowell High School, plays center and helped the Owls to a 5-0 record in the playoffs. He scored five goals and two assists during the five weekend games. Other teams playing included the Grand Rapids Griffins, Walker Hawks, Muskegon Chiefs, Holland Ice Dogs and Lansing Capitols.

Chittenden has played for the Junior Owls for three years, and this year his head coach is Gordie Laxton.

The Junior Owls next challenge will be the first round of the Division II playoffs where the Owls will off the Michigan Jaguars of Troy. Game time is 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 at Southside arena.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 2007 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007
AT 10:00 A.M.

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals and a continuation thereof will be held at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007
from
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
and
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. if necessary

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 9, 2007. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

Commercial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Industrial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Residential Property	50.00%	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000



Charles R. Myers, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

Lowell FFA Teams Advance to regional competition

Seven Lowell FFA teams advanced to regional leadership competition qualifying at the district level Jan. 31 in Caledonia.

Eighteen teams,

totaling 67 FFA members, from Lowell competed against students from five area schools.

The events are designed to help students develop

leadership skills and prepare them for future careers. Students research chosen topics in an area of agriculture and demonstrate their knowledge through

speeches and presentations. The contest areas range from public speaking events to job interview and parliamentary procedure skills. The top two teams in each event advanced to regionals.

Students qualifying include: Junior High Conduct of Meetings-Katie Bartholomew, Audrey Blodger, Caitlin Clover, Mark Harden, Alli Oesch, Emma Roderick, Kelsey Ward, Josh Bartholomew, Michaela Blough, Bailey Groendyke, Ashlyn Hussey, Kendra Merriman

Greenhand Public Speaking - Paula Blough Creed Speaking - Mackenzie Roerig and Mary Kate Walsh

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - Ian Blodger Agricultural Issues - Logan Brenk, Briana Buck, Jim Crosby, Leara Glinzak and Heather Walendzik

Parliamentary Procedure - Nick Canfield, Regan Doyle, Andy Oesch, Morgan Olin, Stephanie Wade, and Pat Walsh

The remaining students were all recognized with either a gold or silver award at the competitions but failed to advance. In Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, the team of Emma Bencker, Kari Berg, Sara Fosburg, Randy Hogan, Katie Jousma, Kelsey Langlois, Josh Phelps, Hannah Ritzema, and Jack Weeber, was named alternate to regional contests.

The team of Cassie Balfour, Seth Boogard, Dakota Both, Bob Crosby, Steve Harden, Kirsten Mork, Chelsea Pipkins, and Kendra Rasch also competed.

Sean Greenhoe was named alternate in Greenhand Public Speaking as was Sheryl Huber in Prepared Public Speaking.

Brian Sejat competed in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Katie Rottier competed in the Job Interview contest.

Matt Burton, Tim Harden, Dan Hogan, April Wolf and Blake Zigmont competed in Agricultural Issues. In Parliamentary

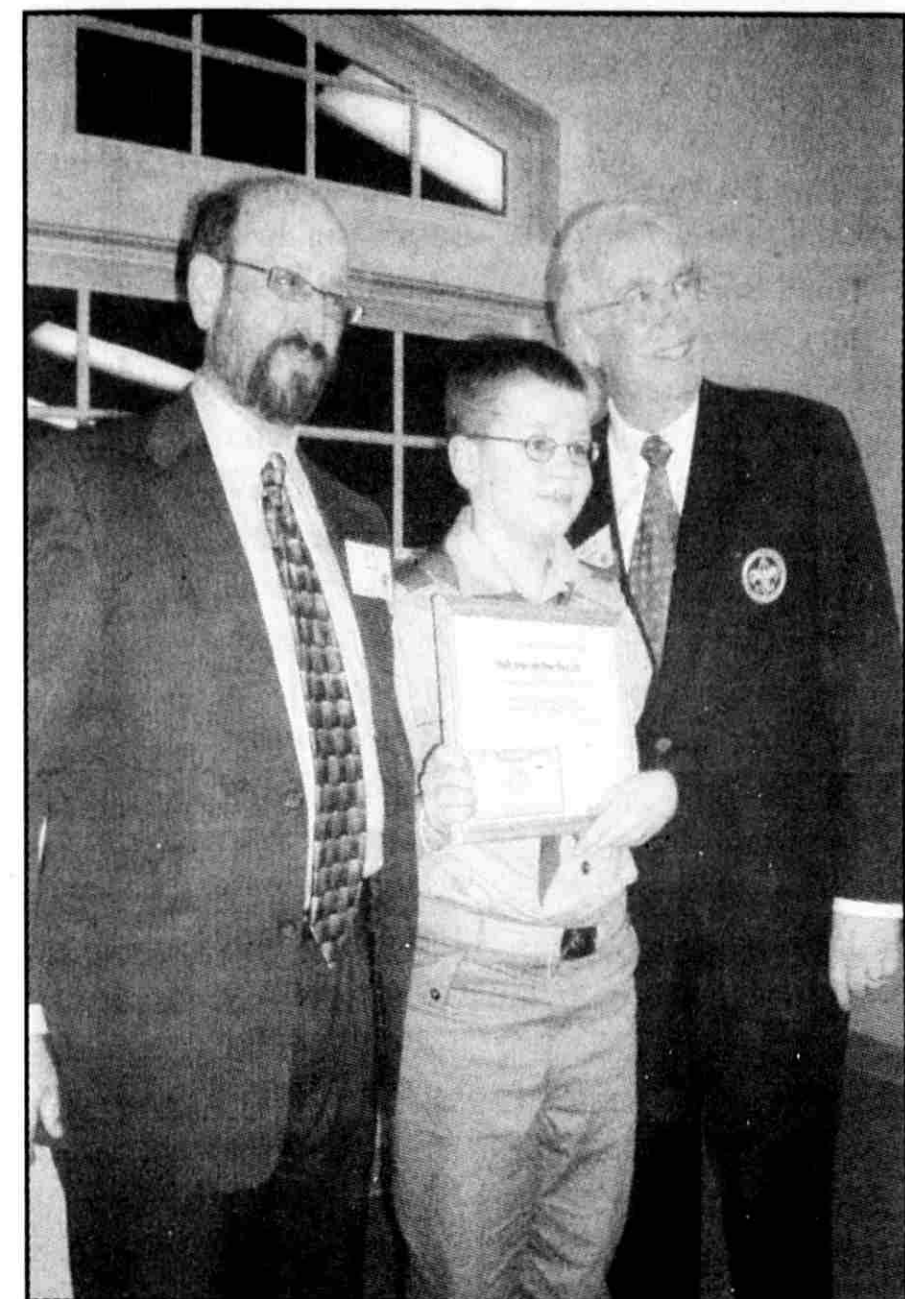
Procedure, Lowell's team included Dakota Berg, Mike Clover, Rachel Folkersma, Cody Kastanek, Kaitlin Schramm and Brandon Thomas.

Lowell also had two teams competing in the Demonstration contest. Ben Canfield, Ryan Canfield, Shane Elliott and Andy Rasch made up one team. The other team included Cheyenne Brown and Dylan Olin.

The regional contest will be held on Feb. 14 at Lowell High School. The top teams at regionals will compete at the state convention March 7-9 at Michigan State University.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 120 members.

Top selling Scout



The Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America recognized Philip Janowski of Lowell's Troop 102 as one of the top three sellers in the Apollo district during the 2006 Fall Popcorn Sale.

Janowski, the top boy scout seller of popcorn in Lowell, received a letter of appreciation and a gift certificate at an appreciation dinner on Jan. 18 at the council headquarters in Walker. Janowski is congratulated by Jim Siegel, council popcorn chair (left), and Hugh Brenneman, council president, of the Gerald R. Ford Council, BSA.

Arbor Day Foundation

offers free trees to new members

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person from Michigan who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. "Colorado blue spruces, with their silver blue-green color and attractive conical shape, will give year-round beauty to homes in Michigan," said John Rosenow, Arbor Day Foundation president. "They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees. They'll also add to the proud heritage of Michigan's 106 Tree City USA communities. For three decades, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Michigan, and planting these graceful trees will add to this vital tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

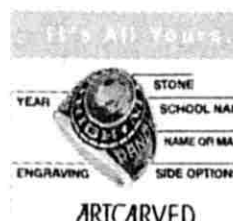
Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about three planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2007. Or join online at www.arborday.org.

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Kelsie Shaw	Kelsey Vanoverloop	Nicole Everitt
Abigail Wester	Caleb Kaufman	Cynthia Smoes
Quinn Summerfield	Collier Kaufman	Kaylee Diamond
Hunter Winchell	Rachel Lezan	Isabella Blakley
Kelsey Wold	Zeth Dean	Sara Schuitema
Zachary Diamond		Maggie Price
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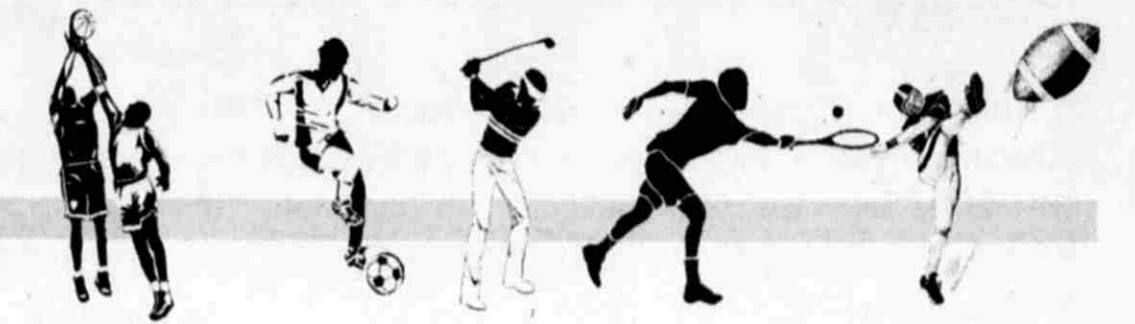
Regal Insurance Agency

RECOGNIZES THIS SEMESTER'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Lowell Middle School Honor Roll 2nd MARKING PERIOD

SIXTH GRADE		SEVENTH GRADE			
Aaron Anderson	Kaitlyn Johnson	Chloe Aalsburg	Kathryn Mork	Audrey Blodger	Paige McVey
Skylar Anderson	Maranda Johnson	William Athmann	Bravot Morris	Sarah Bocskey	Jessica Mertz
Timothy Antel II	Katelyn Kaczanowski	Danielle Bagin	Andrew Morse	Victoria Bossard	Ashley Metternick
Micah Babcock	Christianne Kargl	Kirsten Baker	Gabriel Morse	Griffin Brenk	Katy Miller
Michael Bachmann	Annette Kehoe	Justin Ball	Melissa Mosher	Treasure Bristol	Brittney Milton
Shelby Baird	Alyssa Kenyon	Samantha Barr	Ryan Nanzer	Caitlin Brown	Kelsi Mitchell
Alanna Bancroft	Jacob Khodi	Kendra Belle	Arielle Nausieda	Kelsey Brown	Shelby Mitchell
McKensie Barnes	Sean Khodi	Zoe Beloncis	Jonathan Niemann	Michael Brown	Megan Montgomery
Justin Barrett	Kolby Kloosterman	Luke Bigham	Alexis Noffke	Parker Buck	Summer Moore
William Baughn	Haley Ladd	Sydney Bishop	Alicia Noffke	Ashleigh Buckius	Amanda Mott
Perry Bencker	Kayleigh Lambert	Gregory Blanton	Kristina Noonon	Chase Bueche	Sarah Mundwiler
Jorie Bennett-Walsweer	Ian Larson	Michaela Blough	John North	Noah Burt	Colin Murray
Rebekah Betts	Austin Lemke	Leigha Boogaard	Aaron Nowak	Jill Callihan	Skyler Nauta
Cody Bieri	Maxin Ligman	Martin Brubaker	Jordan Nurmikko	Benjamin Carlson	Kyleigh Newman
Corryn Bieri	Brendan Lobbezoo	Dillon Buck	Renn Osborne	MacKenzie Carlson	Jonathon Nichols
Derek Bitterman	Bailey Loughlin	Austin Buckius	Hope Oudbier	Mia Carvajal	Kimberly Noall
Kevin Blanchard	Dakotah Lytle	Justin Castro	Carissa Paiz	Carissa Paiz	Rachael Nora
Kyle Bowers	Kelli Malcolm	Micah Chapin	Jayne Peterson	Ericka Claypool	Alexander Nurmikko
Nicholas Brzezniak	Tobias Marks	Matthew Charouf	Jelena Petricevic	Chelsea Comdure	Allison Oesch
Haley Buck	Shannon Massey	Laura Christiansen	Joseph Potter	Alexandria Cowden	Brandy Parrish
Mikayla Burke	Delaney McCarrey	Caitlin Clover	Caleb Pratt	Timothy Creighton	Troy Petersen
Ashley Burks	Nicholas McCormick	James Collins	Miranda Regenold	Nicholas Crook	Shelby Pieroni
Hannah Burt	Alexander McIntire	Peter Copeyon	Kristin Reid	Dayna Crumback	Amanda Pitsch
Carley Cahoon	Breana McKendrick	Drew Corson	Thomas Richardson	Brooke Curtis	William Plummer
Holly Canfield	Elena McKendrick	Lindsey Crawford	Alec Roerig	Sarah Cyrocki	Brittney Poland
David Christiansen	Morgan McVey	Gabriel Dean	Kyle Rogers	Sean DenBraven	Brynlee Pomper
Molly Clarke	Emily Milstead	Quincee Denault	Shannon Rose	Marie Dollar	Courtney Race
Jordan Cloud	Sarah Misak	Aleesha DenBraven	Anna Rozema	Olivia Doty	Kailee Richards
Paige Coble	Jacob Mitchell	Kaylyn DeWaard	Cassandra Rybicki	Elliott Drain	Brianna Richardson
Jacob Collins	Jessica Montgomery	Jordan Drake	Connor Smith	Kaitlin Drudy	Dakota Rocco
Scott Collins	Baylie Mooney	Laura Droog	Kelsey Smith	Andrew Drust	Morgan Rogalke
Daniel Cowden	Emily Mundwiler	Ryan Durkee	Kendall Solon	Mason Dumas	Allison Roth
Zachary Crawford	Foster Nethercott	Lenora Edwards	Melissa Southwell	Emma Duvernay	Kristen Schramm
Sarah Crosby	Mattie Newman	Mackenzie Eickhoff	Jacob Stehly	Brittany Essich	Caleb Schultz
Jacey Culross	Doug Nordman	Jordan Ervin-Wakefield	Lucas Stephens	Heather Ferris	Kate Scudder
Nicole Cummings	Grant Noskey	Alexis Foster	Jacob Sterzick	Taylor Flanagan	Valdete Selimi
Zachary Dawson	Danielle Orway	Mackenzie Fox	Stephanie Stevens	Daniel Fleet	Tanner Sheppard
Kanon Dean	Danielle Padgett	Melody Gerig	Shelby Strah	Braydon Foley	Luke Sheveland
Emilyn Dec	Audrey Pearson	Bailey Groendyke	Kaylee Strzyzewski	Maxwell Forton	Thomas Slatten
Molly Denison	Nicole Platz	Morgan Groom	Alexander Swartz	Kacie Foster	Elizabeth Smith
Jordan Dennie	Andrew Potter	Casey Gross	Joseph Sweet	Marcus Fron	Shelby Snyder
Daryann DeRaad	Tyler Prill	Nathan Grudzinskas	Haley Talcott	Samantha Geldersma	Samuel Steed
Heather Dimmick	Hunter Race	Matthew Haan	Hannah Tawney	Nicholas Getz	Jennifer Stevens
Kennedy Dodde	Audrey Rasch	Aaron Hall	Skye Thebo	Melissa Grasman	Conner Swift
Jack Dues	Louis Raymond	Pauline Harrington	Angela Thode	Justin Hall	Evan Swift
Daniel Dyer	Alexis Rife	Nicholas Hawks	William Thompson	Jennifer Hartley	Olivia Taber
Delainey Ferguson	Joshua Rocco	Kathrine Hays	Chase Treglia	Blake Hayes	Kathryn Tackmann
Licia Feuerstein	Abigail Rogalke	Zachary Hofman	Amanda Vietzke	Andrea Herrera	Madison Tawney
Collin Finkhouse	Rebecka Roth	Lee Hovey IV	Mackinzie Whaley	Spenser Hewett	Kelsey Taylor
Kristin Fisher	Tyler Roth	Ashlyn Hussey	Samuel Whaley	Kendall Hewitt	Shannon Theisen
Abigail Flentje	Joelen Rude	Damien Hutton	Rachel White	Kallie Holzhueter	Danielle Thomas
Christina Folkersma	Leah Schlosser	Kylie Jean	Kendra Whittemore	Casey Homrich	Cort Thompson
Michelle Foote	John Schramm	Adam Jones	Nicole Wilcox	Claire Hopkins	Nicholas Toomey
Jonathan Fox	Emily Schreur	Michaela Kehoe	Jake Will	Matthew Houston	Kelly Trapp
Christopher Fuller	Matthew Schuitema	Austin Kempker	Amanda Willson	Craig Huber	Lauren Trasky
Shelby Gaskin	Kyler Shurlow	Stephanie Kline	Jeremy Wodarek	Adam Hubert	Krystal Troyer
Joseph Gauck	Julie Smith	Hanna Kole	Aysia Wolbers	Jalen Humphreys	Hannah Vanderhorst
Madison Hacker	Morgan Smith	Lauren Kurtz	Kelsey Wold	Erik Ingebretson	Mackenzie VanDerWaar
Taylor Harrison	Brianna Steiner	Matthew Kyllonen	Kasey Woodhead	Miah Jackson	Courtney VanNoord
Alexander Heffron	Hope Stepek	Meredith Lane	Hunter Zuk	Krysta Jankowski	Kaitlin Vaught
Terry Henderson	Reed Stormzand	Andrew Light	EIGHTH GRADE	Zackry Jeffries	Samantha Visscher
Matthew Hess	Matthew Stougaard	Emma MacDonald	Kelsey Aiken	Emily Jelsma	Erica Walendzik
Emily Hessler	Ethan Sutton	Sage Maliepaard	Corinne Alberts	Jillian Johnson	Tyler Wallner
Joshua Hewitt	Brittany Tasma	Kelsey Mankel	Bailey Allen	Shannon Johnston	Kelsey Ward
David Hibbits Jr	Brandon Tichelaar	Kyra Marks	Aubrey Ardis	Marina Jones	Brianne Warren
Brianna Higgins	Thao Tran	Taylor Martin	Katherine Bartholomew	Jessica Kansman	Brandy Washburn
Marissa Hills	Taylor Vanderhorst	Dominique Martinez	Jonathan Bassin	Alyssa Kargl	Brittany Watson
Brett Hindley	Nicholas Walker	Wesley McDannold	Robert Becker	Evan Kohtz	Katherine Weaver
Alexandra Hinton	Brad Walling	Hannah McLane	Jennifer Betts	Jessica Lewis	Daniel Wernet
Rain Holton	Blake Warner	Ashley McQueen	Corey Bilski	Bryleigh Loughlin	Eliot Westdorp
Bryce Hrusovskiy	Lauren Weaver	Forrest McRee	Cameron Bishop	Asher Maliepaard	Kay Lee Westerhuis
Ashley Huber	Taylor Whaley	Jacob Merklinger	Tyler Bitterman	Briana Manszewski	Molly Willemstein
Jennifer Huffman	Kyle Wierzbicki	DeeAnne Merriman	Daniel Blake	Mariah May	Ethan Willison
Christian Huisman	Jenna Wilder	Torie Milks	Katherine Maycroft	Conor McCarrey	Rachel Wold
Zachary Huver	Maggie Wissman	Deanna Milton	Conor McCarrey	Nicholas McKay	Samantha Wright
Philip Janowski	Ashley Worthington	Derek Mixon	Mitchell McKenna	Mitchell McKenna	Allison Young
			Monica McRae	Monica McRae	Christine Zvirzidin

RED ARROW SPORTS



Red Arrow gymnasts show some depth at Rockford meet

By Aly DeYoung

The Lowell gymnastics team fell short of winning against Rockford on the road Jan. 31. The final score was 134.72-129.70.

"As a team, we did well," said Lowell coach Skye Fisher. "We're just a little disappointed because we wanted to get in the 130s again."

"We put our new faces in," said Rockford coach Jacquelyn Caprathe. "Not necessarily our best...not necessarily our worst...We put in some of our high scorers, and some of our freshmen- our freshmen did really well!"

In the vault, Lowell's top four scores went to Kelsey Teft with 8.60, Richelle Kimble 8.55, Kelli Kowalski 8.40, and Kaylee Yonker 8.20.

Kim Waters led Rockford's team with an 8.90, followed by Brittney Smith with an 8.65. Rockford won vault, a very close 34.10-33.75.

In the uneven bars, the top four for Lowell were Kimble with 8.35, Kowalski 7.55, Teft 7.45, and Andrea Coffey 7.00. There was a wide range of scores in the uneven bars for both schools, the lowest being 5.55.

For Rockford, Watters led again with 8.52. Alyssa Scheidel followed with 8.20. Rockford won the uneven bars 32.27-30.35.

The top four scores in the balance beam were Kimble with 8.55, Mandy Vezino 8.00, Kowalski 7.95, and Coffey 7.90. Alyssa Bryson led Rockford with a 9.20, and Justine Scogg followed with 8.95.

While Lowell scored a 32.40 on the balance beam, Bryson's score helped Rockford give Lowell a new competitive goal to reach of 34.55.

"She's an all-around competitor," Caprathe said of Bryson. "She had a neck injury earlier in the year, so we kind of held off on her." Kimble won the floor



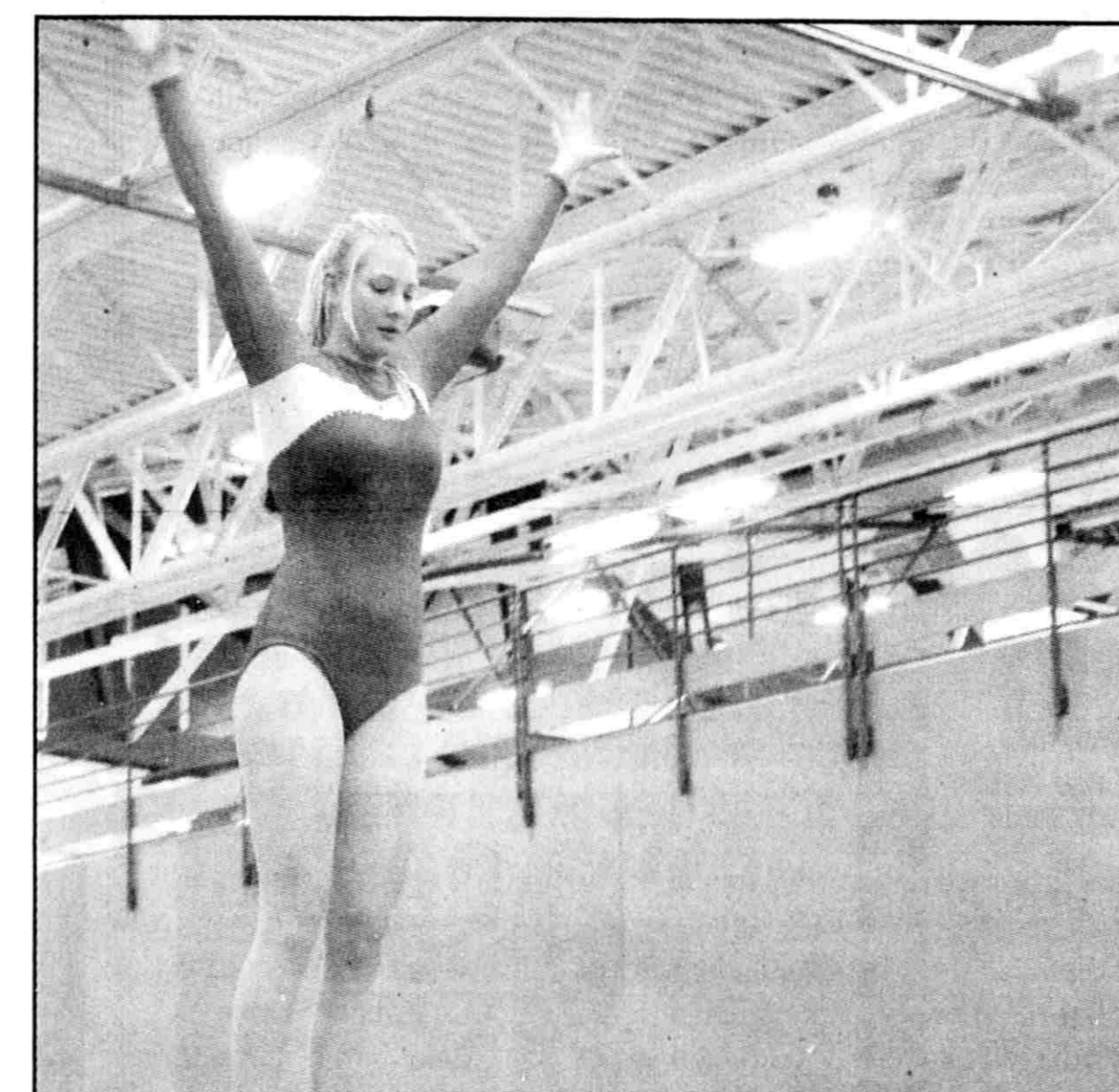
Lowell sophomore Andrea Coffey gears up to run the vault with her teammates looking on.

exercise with a score of 9.00. Teft scored 8.35, Coffey 8.10, and Yonker 7.75. Scogg got the high score for Rockford with 8.85. Jenna Fredrickson scored 8.25.

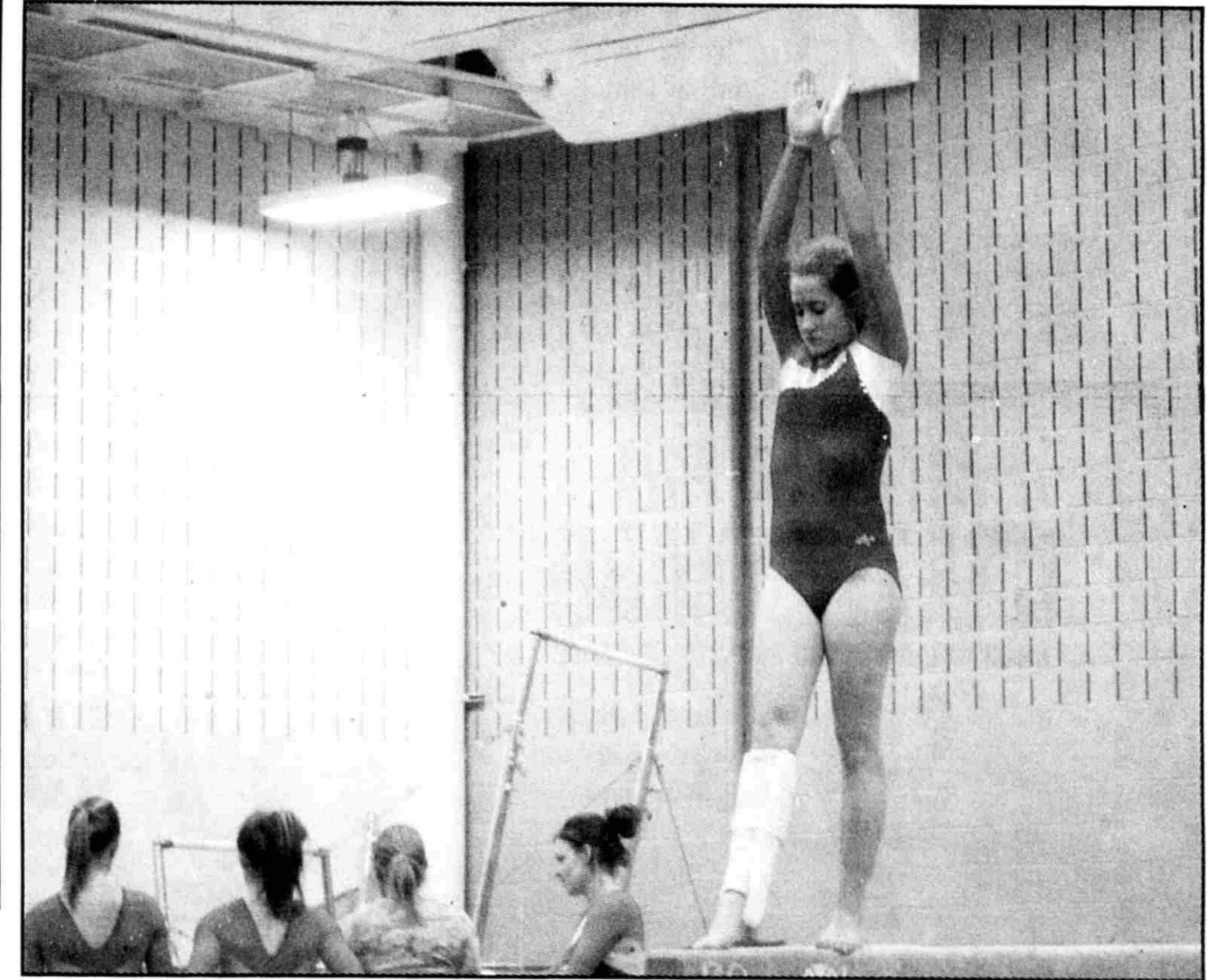
Lowell came very close to Rockford this time, but the Rams won the floor exercise 33.85-33.20.

Fisher said she wanted to work a little harder on the team's floor exercise for Rockford's spring floor. "It's still a good score. The judges just judge a little harder with the spring floor."

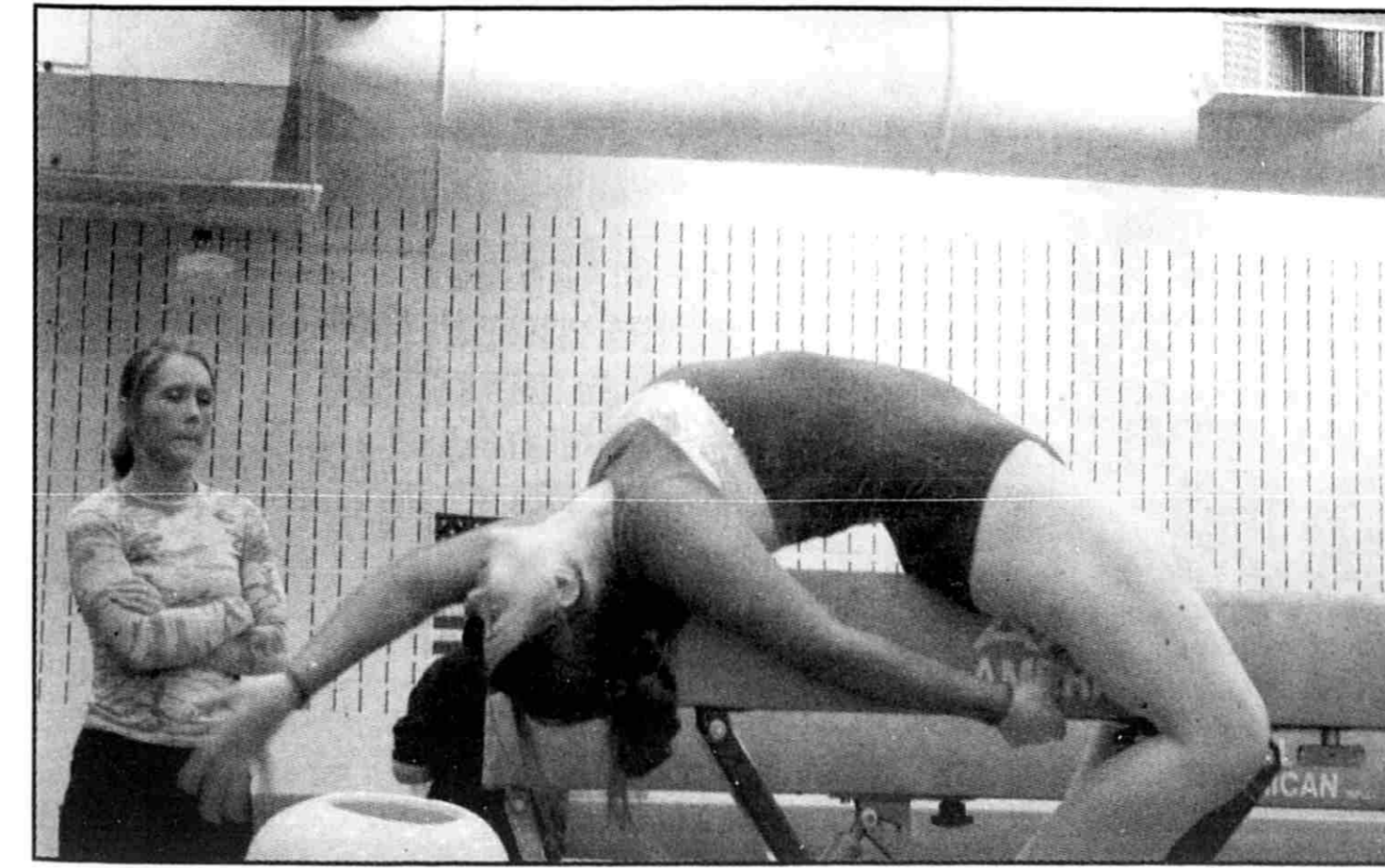
Rockford's team may have been more relaxed than usual. "They were out there to have fun, not to win," Caprathe said. "I think that takes a lot of pressure off."



Lowell senior Kelli Kowalski maintains her balance on the beam.



Lowell sophomore Sara Tarchala, after overcoming multiple injuries, competes in the balance beam competition.



First year gymnast, junior Aubrey Dee, performs her balance beam routine.



At right, senior Mandy Vezino performs her floor exercise routine.

Suggestions for finding a reputable tax preparer

It's National Consumer Protection Week (Feb. 4-10) and the Better Business Bureau reminds consumers to choose carefully if they plan to use a tax preparer this income tax season.

Start the selection process now, so you don't wind up settling for someone you know little about. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for everything on your tax return, even if someone else prepared it.

Most tax professionals are qualified and honest people. The BBB offers these tips for finding a reputable tax preparer:

- Get referrals from satisfied clients.

- Interview the potential preparer. Ask about their training, experience and knowledge of current tax law. Are they a member of a professional organization with continuing education requirements and a code of ethics? Are they willing to guarantee the accuracy of their work and amend the return in the case of a mistake?

- How long they have been in business? You'll want someone who will still be around to answer questions that may arise later on.

- Contact the BBB (www.westernmichigan.bbb.org) to determine if the preparer is one you can trust.

- Get an estimate for their fee prior to authorizing the work.

Steer clear of tax preparers who sound too good to be true. Beware if they:

- Boast that they can obtain larger refunds than competitors;

- Don't ask to review your records and receipts or discuss your qualifications for expenses and deductions;

- Base their fee on a percentage of the refund amount, rather than the complexity of the tax return; or

- Pressure you to sign up for immediate payment of your refund. This involves a loan that typically carries a high interest rate.

Be advised that a tax preparer is acting illegally if he or she encourages you to claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions; manipulates your income in order to obtain fraudulent tax credits; asks you to sign a

blank or incomplete form; or guarantees that you will not be audited.

Always review your prepared return carefully before signing, and get clarification on entries that you don't understand.

Never sign a blank tax form or one completed in pencil! Finally, make sure that your preparer has signed your tax return, and provided you with a copy and a payment receipt for your records.

Before you do business with tax advisor, contact the BBB (www.westernmichigan.bbb.org) to find out if the business is trustworthy. A legal or financial expert can also

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Please remember to clean your sidewalks of snow! Your postal carrier would certainly appreciate it.

Okay people...it's February...It time to take down your Christmas lights or at least leave them off!

Congratulations Keith Nichol on being selected for the All-American Football team. Way to go.

Come on now this is Michigan. Bundle the kids up and send them to school. I can't take off work every time its cold out.

What a life saving blessing it is to have an ambulance stationed in Lowell. They met us within minutes even though it was Christmas Eve.

- George & Pate Raimier

I was recently reading through some older Ledgers. Why don't we get the City council summaries any longer?

A comment on the flag at the Mobile station. I think they did a great job. It looks good.

Lowell Police Department? Looks like the Lowell Fire Department assisted Rockford Ambulance.

Congratulations Marj Harding. You're a wonderful asset to our community.

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• Faulty batteries cause more car starting problems than any other factor. At 0 degrees, a good battery has 35 percent less starting power than in summer. At minus 20, battery power drops 50 percent. If your battery is more than three years old, have a load test performed at most auto supply stores.

• Park your car in the garage. If you have no garage, put a tarp over the hood or park protected from prevailing winds. To keep doors from freezing shut, place a plastic trash bag between the door or window glass and the frame.

• Keep the fuel tank at least half-full to avoid fuel-line freeze-up.

• To avoid frozen door locks, buy a lubricant available in most auto supply stores. If your lock freezes, heat your key with a pocket lighter but remember to wear gloves or hold the key with pliers. Or, fill a plastic jug with hot water. Hold it against

the door panel or lock area. Do not throw hot water on the car. It, too, will freeze and you run the risk of cracking glass.

• If you become snowbound, stay with your vehicle. It provides excellent shelter from the cold and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. If you can start your engine, run it only enough to keep warm. Make sure the exhaust pipe is snow-free. Keep emergency supplies in the car, such as a cell phone, boots, hats, gloves, blankets, a "coffee can heater", flashlight and reflective triangle.

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