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Lowell MEAP scores above average/ juniors will take merit exam

By Emma Palova

owell Area Schools students scored above state and county averages in MEAP tests last month.

Only two grades tested at the county level in writing, but within one percent point average.

"It's our lowest area but still at the county level," said curriculum director Roger Bearup.

Although the scores would be hard to compare to last year, they are a good indicator if the students continue to show growth, Bearup said.

The state uses the scores to check adequate yearly progress from year to year. The MEAP testing is also part of the No Child Left Behind federal unfunded mandate.

"We look at the data and the subject areas we're doing well and where we

need to focus," said Bearup. "We're very happy with our scores, but we will focus on writing."

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Also, for the first time this year, high school juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), an equivalent to the ACT test. The testing window is March

13-16. The test focuses on different core subject areas including reading, math, science, social studies and writing. "The test sets ACT norms, whether the students have shown competency in different subject areas," said Bearup.

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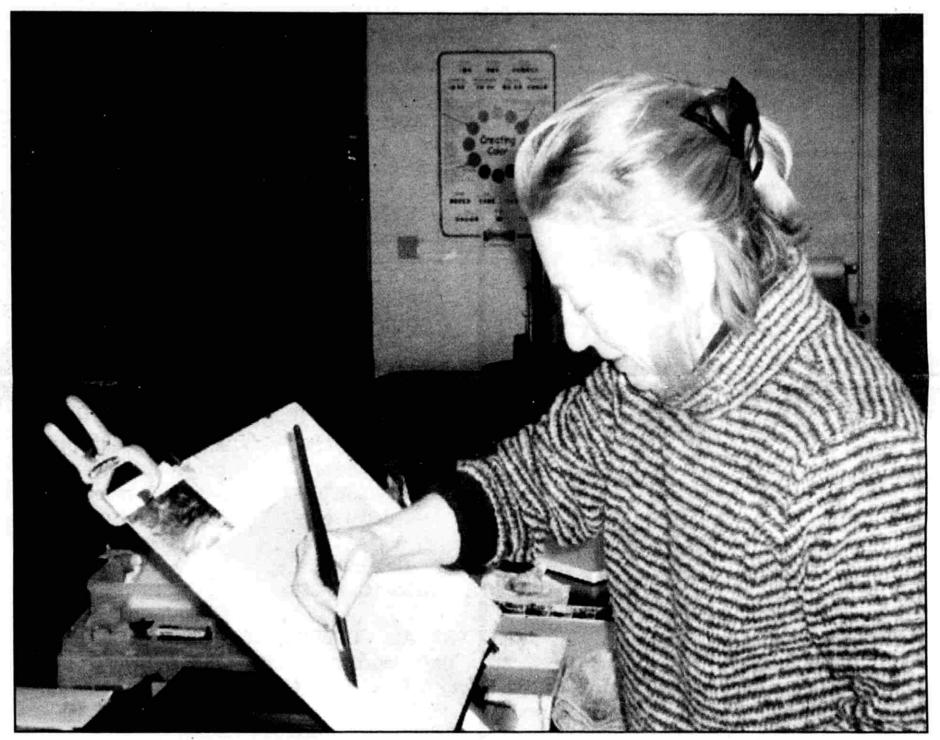
MME testing is part of the new Michigan Merit Curriculum. The scores will help plan and organize the content and teaching of the new curriculum, according to Bearup. "The kids will do well," he said.

Franciscan resident artist to offer workshop

By Emma Palova

"n Kathleen Crane's watercolor painting "Walk on the Wild Side" live oaks sneak up out of the water Lalong with cabbage palms.

A common environmental theme resonates in all of Crane's work, often set in conservancies and nature preserves. Crane is now the artist-in-residence at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) through the end of February. Her show titled "Fragile Images" reflects Crane's love for the fragility and beauty in this world.



"I try to include enough information for the viewer to recognize a beech forest, to experience sunlight filtering through pine needles," Crane wrote in her artist statement.

She paints both on site and from photographs, landscapes ranging from beech trees to Florida mangroves.

And painting at the FLPC gives Crane a place to concentrate without distractions in natural light.

"It's very quiet, peaceful," she said. "It gives me a nice area to work."

While painting "Mangroves" from Florida, Crane listens to soothing classical music. She uses glazing technique to layer colors instead of mixing them.

Hastings artist Kathleen Crane is also entering the 21st West Michigan Regional Competition organized by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Black Cats goodbye concert this weekend

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By Emma Palova

1 and the Black Cats fans are invited to come out and say goodbye before the group leaves for Europe.

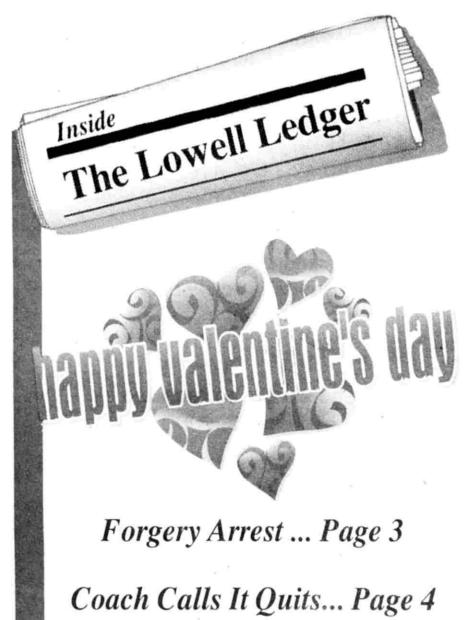
The local rock and roll band is giving a farewell/ Valentine's Day concert on Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main St.

Just on the heels of a newly released CD "Shakin' at the Knees," the band will be promoting the CD in Europe.

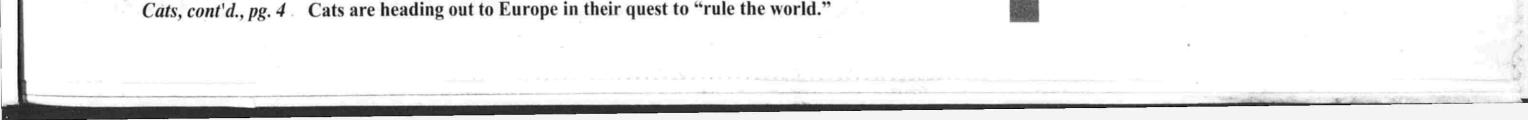
The farewell show will highlight what the guys have been up to so far. The band is made up of Al Krivoy, Tony Cozzaglio, Hugh Skiffington and Eric Soules.



Tony Cozzaglio, Hugh Skiffington, Al Krivoy and Eric Soules of Al and the Black



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BAER

age 75, of Fawn Run, died Funeral services were held February 8, 2007 at Conway Wednesday at the Chapel of Medical Center. Baer was Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf born in Greensburg, IN, the Funeral Home in Grandville. son of the late Delmar Floyd Memorials may be made to Baer and Opal Mary Wolfe University Baptist Church Baer. He was a member of Audio Visual, 1740 Hwy University Baptist Church, 501 E. Conway, SC 29526. the American Legion and Conway Country Club. Mr. Baer was a Decorated Marine Veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, Reva Baer of Conway, SC; three sons, Larry Dale Baer and wife Judith of Chesapeake, VA, Terry Willian Baer and wife Glenda of Lowell, and Gerry Wayne Baer and wife Cynthia of Jenison; twelve grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one

SC, many nieces, nephews, Frederick William Baer, and many, many friends



HOBBS brother, Robert Dale Baer Helen L. Hobbs, aged 79 of and wife June of Loris, Harrison, MI, formerly of

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49503.

by his side. He is survived over 2,300 flight hours and

Henry A. Johnson, age 83, his passion for aviation. Church Saturday. Memorial Lake 6, 2007 with his family for over 50 years with Methodist Church.

LYONS

10, 2007. Mrs. Lyons has UCC. been a member of Bost-

TOWNSHIP HALL 10381 BAILEY DRIVE, LOWELL, MI, 49331 ON **MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007**

VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP

WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

and also on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,

for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal an assessed valuation one of two ways:

1. To appear at the Board of Review, call 897-5671 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment to appear in person.

2. By letter* addressed to: Vergennes Township Assessor P.O. Box 208 Lowell, MI 49331-0208

> *Letters must be received by March 9, 2007

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and estimated multipliers Required by MCL 211.34a are

Multiplier – 1.00 Ratio – 50%

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN JAMES WEMPA, named PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

• LEGAL NOTICE •

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 07-182,775-DE

> Estate of **OLGA L. WEMPA** deceased

Date of birth: SSN 148-16-3663

TO ALL CREDITORS: P10311 The decedent, OLGA L. WEMPA, who lived at 747 Mile Seven Road NW. Comstock 49321 Park, Michigan, died 616-784-5080 10/31/2006

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

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. February 8, 2007

Craig Avery 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI

> **James Wempa** 747 Seven Mile Road NW Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-1271

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET **HEARING NOTICE**

Please take notice that there will be a budget hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 followed by a regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk



The Offices of Lowell City Hall, Lowell Police, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2007 in observance of Presidents Day.

Due to Presidents Day, the Lowell City Council meeting date will be Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.



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Alto, passed away, Saturday, by Maxine Johnson, his owner of several different wick Lake Congregational February 10, 2007. She is beloved wife of 60 years; airplanes. He was a member Church, UCC since 1950. survived by her husband, his four children, Steve of the Aircraft Owners and She is survived by her Charles; children, Laurel (Karla) Johnson, David Pilots Association for 50 husband of 65 years, Glenn; (Ronald) Hayward, Charles (Pat) Johnson, Jaci (Ernie) years. He shared his passion their children Glennda and M. (Raney) Hobbs, Neil Gutierrez, and James (Susan) for flying with others by Gerald Parker, John Lyons Hobbs, Patrick (Bobbie) Johnson; niece loving teaching his sons to fly and and his special friend, Paula. Hobbs; brothers, Roland grandchildren, Jason, Jeff, giving hundreds of people Ronald and Diane Lyons; (Beverly) Clark, David Drew, Alex, Claire, Jessica, their "first" airplane ride their grandchildren, Denise (Laura Lynn) Clark; sister, Justin Johnson, Hank and from his private airstrip he and Sgt. John Jensen, Shaun Mary Feedback; brothers Staci Gutierrez; special established on his farm. He Parker and his fiancee. & sisters-in-law, Eleanor niece, Jean Coles; and many was also a sports enthusiast Dawn Metternick, and Dintaman, Eloise Courter, other relatives, friends and who played many sports Gerald Parker, Jr., Kathleen Evelyn (Bill) Courter, neighbors. Henry "Hank" while at Caledonia High and Dale Wilson, Kevin Howard (Helen) Hobbs, was born on the family farm School and continued to Lyons, Brad and Lisa Lyons, Estelle (Harvey) Stark; nine on October 5, 1923 to Henry play competitive fast-pitch and Brent and Carlie Lyons; grandchildren; five great- and Edna Johnson. The softball for many years. four great-grandchildren; ingrandchildren; many nieces youngest of six children, he Hank was an avid Chicago laws, Marjorie Harris, Ruth and nephews. Funeral elected to take over the farm Cubs baseball fan and Hunt, Mrs. Doris Geldersma, services were held Tuesday and ran a dairy operation for. Michigan State University and Lloyd and Dorothy at Alaska Baptist Church. over 45 years. He served sports fan. He especially Lyons; and nieces and Memorial contributions on the board of directors enjoyed watching his son nephews. She was preceded may be made to Hospice of of the Michigan milk "Jimmy" play football in death by a granddaughter, Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Producers Association and for the M.S.U. Spartans Amy, brother, James Harris, Grand Rapids, Michigan as a board member of the football team. A memorial Sr., and sister, Ila Drew. The Agricultural Conservation service celebrating Hank's service for Mrs. Lvons will and Stabilization Service. life was held at the Bowne be Wednesday, February 14, Hank was also known for Center Untied Methodist at 11:00 a.m. at Bostwick Congregational passed away peacefully on He was an active private contributions may be made Church, UCC with the Rev. the family farm on February and commercial rated pilot to The Bowne Center Dr. Brian Byrne officiating. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression Mrs. Florence Lyons, age 86, of sympathy are asked to of Lowell, passed away on consider Boistwick Lake Saturdayafternoon, February Congregational Church,

> **CITY OF** LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

ALSO

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Lowell High School gets statewide award

Lowell High School's serves disadvantaged youth Freshman Center service and Camp Tuhsmeheta St. Johns High School excellent service learning learning project received accolades from the Michigan Community Commission (MCSC).

The project, which helped disadvantaged and visually impaired youth. received one of four service students built cabins, cleared learning awards given out by the MCSC statewide.

The Freshman Center walkways. received the 2007 Innovative Program Award, which is looks for sustainable presented to the K-12 service impact on participants and learning program best demonstrating innovation to school curriculum. and excellence.

Over two years, 650 students and over 200 adult volunteers put in around 4,000 hours to refurbish Tuhsmeheta.

Camp Mel

visually impaired youth.

Students at Mel Trotter Service built sheds for animals, spread mulch, restored tile flooring, raked and cleaned woods, and built fencing.

> At Camp Tuhsmeheta, trails, constructed decking by the water, and mulched

The MCSC program community and connection

connected well to the social studies and math curriculums.

Camp Mel Trotter and Camp Learning awards were responsibilities. also presented to school Trotter leaders in Wayne-Westland

Community and L'Anse Creuse High skills in K-12 classrooms. School.

The MCSC hosts the agency that strengthens annual awards to pay tribute communities

to service learning leaders service. **Business Matters**

Cathy Ormiston has joined the staff of the Franciscan Life Process Center as receptionist/ secretary. A lifelong Lowell resident, she earned an The Lowell project executive secretarial degree from Ferris State College. She will also assist the accounting and development Outstanding Service departments with various



Cathy Ormiston

State offices will be closed for President's Day

Secretary of State Terri license or license plates license plates can "skip the branch offices may close Office of the Great Seal will Feb. 19.

mails notices to motorists penalty. 45 days before their driver's

Lynn Land reminds residents expire to give them ample trip" to the branch office for the lunch hour. On that all branch offices and the time to renew. Licenses and do business by mail, Wednesdays most offices are and plates that expire on a or if eligible, by Internet or open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., be closed in observance of day when state offices are touch-tone telephone. Easy- with those in city centers Presidents Day on Monday, closed, such as a holiday or to-follow instructions can open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS weekend, can be renewed be found with the renewal offices and SUPER!Centers The Department of State the following day without notice. License plate tabs are open from 9 a.m. to

Former Lowell resident arrested on forgery charges

The arrest followed a long in the city of Lowell. search by the Lowell Police Department.

County Sheriff Department Rapids. also held a felony fraud warrant for Scoby.

passed forged checks and reports by the Kent County used a stolen credit card at Prosecutors office. the Meijer store in Lowell

YEAR SCHOOL NAME

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SIDE OPTIONS

will arrive by mail within 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Motorists renewing seven business days. SUPER!Centersalsoprovide

> holidays, branch offices to noon. are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday form visit the department web site 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

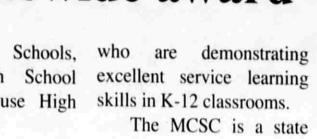
With the exception of Saturday hours from 9 a.m.

For more information



Jan. 27 by Belding police. homes and vehicles located held in the Kent County

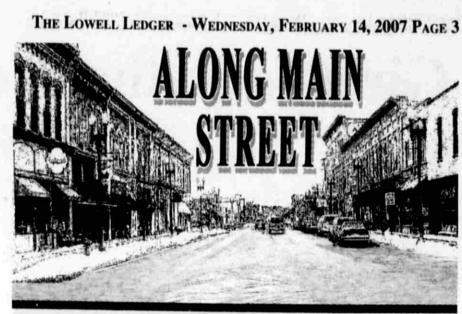
Scoby was arraigned Correctional Facility on a Jan. 29 for two felony \$30,000 bond. A preliminary warrants of forgery that were examination hearing was



through







FROM FOOD PANTRY

The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of dairy products (cheese, milk, yogurt, milk), canned fruit, laundry soap, and paper products. Please help if you are able.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Make your reservations now for Dinner with Friends, Feb. 24. Choose from one of five special Lowell homes, each feacturing an exciting theme. Call Melanie at 897-8711 with questions or to make your reservation. Proceeds benefit the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

RIVERWALK GALLARY

Encore, 2006 Revisited, art work by Lowell artist Jan Y. Johnson will be on display at the Riverwalk Gallary through March 7., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Located at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

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. Evervone welcome.

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 LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for the 2007 season for Lowell Little League will be held on Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 28 from 6-8 p.m., March 7 from 6-8 p.m. and March 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children ages 7-14 who live within the Lowell Little League boundaries are eligible to play. To register online, go to: www.eteamz.com/ lowelllittleleague. For more information, call 616-752-8109 or visit the website.

FREE JUGGLING WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Juggling Club will be offering a free juggling workshop on Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. held in the community room of the Englehardt Library. Both beginning and intermediate ball juggling skills will be taught. Open to ages 10 and up. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Call 897-9879 with questions or to register.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Free Food Distribution Thursday, 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.

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 the community. Contact Ranger Steve smueller@lowellschools.com or 987-1002.

THEBES PLAYERS NEED DIRECTORS AND PRODUCERS

The Thebes Players are seeking directors and producers for the following four productions: Velveteen Rabbit - (Youth Theatre Production), Production Oct. 2007; Moon Over Buffalo - Production Feb. 2008; Honk! - (Youth Theare Production) Production March 2008; Jake's Women - Production June 2008. Interested applicants must submit a theatre experience resume by April 28 to LAAC (Thebes Players), PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information call 616-897-8545 or email infor@lowellartscouncil.org or go to our website at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

Girls basketball coach say this will be her last season

By Sean Garner

"burned out."

So, after leading Lowit quits.

according to Crowley, After a historic seven- whose daughter Kelsey will year run as the head coach be graduating from Lowell of the Lowell Red Arrows in May and will be playing varsity basketball basketball for Grand Valley team, Dee Crowley is just State University next win- for my family," Crowley ter.

ell to the Breslin Center for ketball future played a large port my daughter's team at the MHSAA Class A state role in her mother's unex- Grand Valley. Family alsemifinal - the farthest the pected resignation. Because ways comes first." Red Arrows have ever ad- of a recent federal court

The reasons are many sports will be changing seasons, including basketball, which moves from fall to winter, to mirror the NCAA schedule.

"It just wouldn't work said. "I would like to be In fact, Kelsey's bas- able to be a parent and sup-

Additionally, Crowley vanced-Crowley is calling ruling, many of the female said she needed to take a

break from the passion that she claims consumed a great deal of her energy since she began coaching over 20 years ago.

tunity and I enjoyed every minute of it," Crowley said. "I put a lot of time into making it (the program) successful. After coaching as long ber one, I had a lot of qualas I have, I just needed to step back and get refreshed a little bit.'

Over Crowley's tenure, and become better. They the Red Arrows compiled were ready to put in the time a gaudy 147-22 aggregate that was needed." record with several mile-Although Crowley does stones, including six confer- not regret the decision, she "It was a great oppor- ence championships. Crowadmits that it was a very ley admits that assembling tough one to make. the program into the peren-"I was very sad about nial power it is now was not it for quite some time and all her responsibility. "Numam just now starting to get over it," Crowley said. "I ity players,' Crowley said. honestly don't know if I am "We had a lot of athletes that going to return to coaching were willing to work hard again."

Parents advised to check car seats during child safety week

common mistakes parents riding safely."

National Child Pas- and caregivers make when senger Safety Week is Feb. installing child safety seats," funding to law enforcement sheriff's office, Michigan road Feb. 10 specifically should be buckled up in 11-17, and the Michigan said Michael L. Prince, agencies in Barry, Cass, State Police (MSP) to enforce child passenger all seating positions under Office of Highway Safety OHSP division director. Kalamazoo, Kent, Mason, Rockford Post and the Planning (OHSP) is urging "Visiting child safety seat Montcalm, parents and caregivers to check events or making and Oceana counties for Springs, Grand Rapids, make sure their child safety an appointment with a enforcement of child Grandville, Kentwood, four ride in an approved reach four feet, nine inches seat is installed correctly. technician are excellent passenger safety laws and Lowell, Rockford, Sparta, "There are several ways to ensure their child is to host child safety seat Walker and Wyoming will

OHSP is providing events.

employer's retirement plan. If your new job comes with a

401(k), find out when you'll be eligible to contribute, if there's

an employer match and if the match also applies to "catch-

up" contributions you can make after age 50. You'll also want

to find out if your new plan will accept a rollover of your old

401(k). If it does, and if you like the investment options that

come with your new plan, you may want to make this move.

advantage of it. Contribute as much as you can afford and

increase your contributions whenever you get a raise. Look

among them in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-

term goals and time horizon. And no matter how much you

like your new job, don't "overload" your 401(k) plan with

company stock - a downturn in your employer's fortunes

could drag its stock price down for quite some time.

carefully at your investment options and spread your money

In any case, if your new job does offer a 401(k), take full

In Kent County, the put extra officers on the age 15 and Muskegon police departments of Cedar

safety laws.

child safety seat. Passengers in height

Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold Edward **Jones** Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

CONSIDER BENEFITS BEFORE CHANGING JOBS If you are thinking of switching jobs - especially in midto-late career - you'll want to pay careful attention to the benefits offered by your new employer. At this stage of your life, you've got a lot to protect.

For starters, you'll need to take a close look at your new

Cats, continued ... From Page 1

until we fall over," said Krivoy who manages the new CD has a lot more group.

"We're going to take crazier," said Soules. "It over the world," said Soules. has a lot more of our own each one of them." The band "We're going to keep doing influence."

"We're going to play what we've been doing." Skiffington thinks the personality. "It's faster.

The CD is based on the band's heroes. The Rockabilies. "They are our mentors," said Krivoy. "We've covered songs from

has also been influenced by the Bang Bang Bazooka and the Misfits. "This is our quest to rule the world." said Soules.

The ambitious trio and manager also wants to move the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame from Cleveland, Ohio to Lowell.

Of course, not all companies have 401(k) plans. If your new employer offers a "defined benefit" plan - the traditional pension that pays benefits based on years of service - you'll want to ask a lot of questions about the plan's solvency. As you may know, many pension plans are currently underfunded or face other major problems. If you are concerned about a potential new employer's financial status, you might want to visit the company's Web site and search under "investor information" for documents such as the annual report and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Beyond Retirement Plans** Your new employer's retirement plan isn't the only ben-

also want to consider the following:

· Disability insurance - Have you ever thought what would happen to your family and your long-term financial goals if you became disabled and couldn't work? Disability insurance can help protect you against this risk. Some employers offer short-term disability coverage as an employee benefit. But if your former employer offered disability insurance, and your prospective new employer doesn't, you may have to purchase your own coverage.

Life insurance - Some employers also offer life insurance as an employee benefit. Even if you are not that far from retirement, life insurance can play an important part in your financial strategy, so the presence or absence of an employer-backed life insurance policy is a factor you'll want to consider before taking a new job.

A new job may offer you more money and the chance to do work that you will enjoy. But before you make the move, take a close look at the benefits package - it can play a big role in your comprehensive financial strategy.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my friends in Lowell Township and neighboring communities, township staff and faithful supporter Betty Yeiter.

Thank you for the kindness and thoughtful recognition shown to me at my retirement party Thursday evening, February 8th.

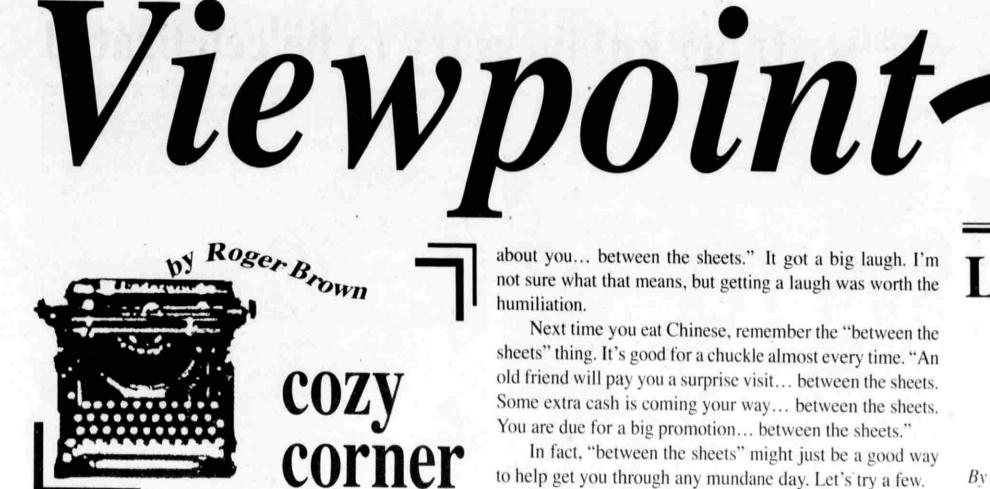
Your presence and well wishes will remain fond memories of my years served as township supervisor. Knowing you has been my privilege.

> Sincerely, Jobn R. Timpson



younger state law. Booster seats are Michigan law requires recommended for children that all children under age over age four, until they

efit you'll need to evaluate when weighing a job offer. You'll



My Rotary Club has a tradition of collecting "Happy Dollars" at each meeting. At the end of our Friday meetings the microphone is passed around and each member offers up a buck, or few, for various reasons they have to be happy.

Most of the Happy Dollars end up being offered for lame stuff. Thank goodness it's Friday. Acknowledging a member's birthday. Welcoming a new member or a visiting Rotarian. Stuff like that. Also, there isn't much originality. Once, an idea for a Happy Dollar has been used, everybody seems to jump on the bandwagon and be happy about the same thing. Boring.

guys who always seemed to have some fun with the Happy Dollar thing. Natural comedians I guess. They have moved between the sheets? You wanna super-size that... between increased lately." on and left the club with a void in Happy Dollar humor. A the sheets?" few of us try to get a laugh with our Happy Dollar offerings. try to come up with something better than "T.G.I.F."

I clicked last Friday with a spur of the moment gag. Various local restaurants take turns catering our lunchtime a fortune cookie at the end of the chow line.

When the microphone was handed to me for a Happy Dollar, I explained that a friend told me to always add, reserve for fortune cookies. I'm afraid "between the sheets" "between the sheets" to the end of my fortune cookie prediction. Handing over my dollar, I said, "If that's the a little chuckle here. case, then I'm really happy about my fortune." I read from the little scrap of paper, "People are saying good things the sheets!

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Since last Monday's Lowell Area Conservation

Association meeting I advised my daughters about what was afoot, and we've been heating up the Net with e-mails back and forth between here and Indiana, Massachusetts and France. Under leadership of their mother Betty Coons, who led Camp Fire Girls for 40 years here, they all went through the system and have vivid recollections of their adventures at the Scout Cabin. I've selected a few excerpts of their messages the last few days:

... Of course the Scout Cabin is very vivid in my mind from many years of weenie roasts, day camps...with one night of sleeping over...how neat it was sleeping under the stars, one of the few times I've done that...Mike Blough fed us hermit stories into the night at Methodist Youth Fellowship...and those tales got retold at Camp Fire Girls campouts...the hermit being trapped in the Hut by repeated nocturnal visits from Bigfoot-like Hairy Little Men...enough to keep me awake for years of campouts.

...How I love hiking up, and occasionally beyond, Devil's Peak, and looking out over the fields of grain waving in the wind. I learned most of my Michigan trees and flowers on that trail, not to mention learning to identify poison ivy.

... If the Scouts and other groups are still using the cabin, then it seems obvious to me that they should be fighting as hard as they can to preserve the whole wild area...Is it that the cabin itself would be kept...but the wild acreage around it...would be developed? If so, I fully agree that the cabin would lose its value if surrounded by houses.

...Algonquin (publisher) has that book out called Last Child in the Woods, about how Ninendo-and-judo kids are starved for exposure to nature, sky and trees. The Scout Cabin, and all its surrounding waterfront and woods, should part. be a Lowell-area treasure, and you're right to fight for it! David F. Coons

to help get you through any mundane day. Let's try a few. How about the morning headlines? "Clinton and Obama now officially in the race... between the sheets." Or, "Congress will haggle over budget ... between the sheets." This might have some potential.

Weather... "More ice on the way ... between the sheets." Sports... "Pistons outscore the Bulls in overtime... between Yeah, I know, sounds kind of corny. And, you're right, it is. the sheets." Traffic ... "A rollover has slowed the morning commute... between the sheets."

At work you might hear, "Hold on, I have to re-boot my computer... between the sheets. Can I put you on hold... between the sheets? The boss is a real jerk... between the sheets. I really need a vacation... between the sheets."

At lunch it might be "What kind of dressing ... between the sheets? How do you want that cooked... between the Block.' When I first joined the club, there where a couple sheets? How about some dessert... between the sheets?"

At the drive-thru it could be, "You want extra catsup...

At the grocery checkout it would be, "Paper or the Davis House for the Band masquerade. Sometimes our jokes work, sometimes they flop. At least we plastic... between the sheets? Have a nice day... between the sheets."

At home you could hear "How was your day ... between the sheets? I don't feel like cooking. Let's have pizza... meetings. The Chinese joint was up last Friday. I had taken between the sheets. Honey, have you seen my bowling ball... between the sheets?

On second thought, maybe this little gag is best kept in H.J. Heinz Co. of Pittsburg Pawill build and operate a pickle salting station in Lowell if area growers will plant would get old in a hurry if used every day. Hopefully it got 200 acres of cucumbers. The Board of Trade takes it on.

Oh, by the way... Happy Valentine's Day... between regulations

Dear Editor,

How did our well-respected Lowell Light and Power get to be the bad guy in this tree-trimming ruckus? Maybe the Representatives of us all, as well as we ourselves need to stop the rhetoric and remember that their primary function is to provide us all with reliable electric power. It is important to keep the emphasis on "reliable". Some Council Members need to set aside their guts as thinking equipment and use their brains.

If we want to save the trees, Devil's Peak is the place Michigan for enjoying trees. Here in town there is a need to provide The county will pay for township labor in snow removal, and is paying to build Butterworth Road, to ease safe, reliable power to our homes and businesses. We will still have trees in the community, but secure power must unemployment. The Lowell Welfare Union needs donated funds, food take precedence. It was only a few years ago that ice and strong winds combined to knock down large limbs and trees. and clothing to carry on its work. which took out electricity to many, many people. Remember the cold, unheated house, spoiled food, no water and all the **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** necessities of life as we know it. Let's keep our priorites in **FEBRUARY 14 1957** A new fire hydrant goes into the Gee's Hardware corner the right order. David W. Miller at Main and Broadway.

Dear Editor,

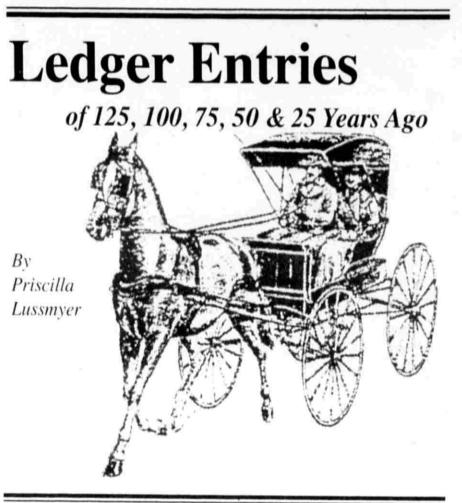
My solution to 27 acres: With all the letters to the The Ledger tut-tuts the school lunch program for not including cherry pie on Washington's birthday. Ledger that support keeping the 27 acres on N. Washington as green space, I suggest an easy solution. The undefeated eighth grade boys' basketball team

The area could easily be sold to a developer for brings home the tournament trophy. \$500,000, which would bring in about \$5000 in tax revenue to the City of Lowell. So instead of selling this property, I 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER am sure there are 50 property holders in Vergennes, and 50 **FEBRUARY 11 1981** property holders in the City of Lowell that would be willing The Big Storm of the season is predicted for tomorrow. to have their property taxes increased each year to cover this Roads are already slick. \$5000 loss of tax revenue. Possible dismissal of a fifth-grade teacher brings crowds

A committee to obtain the necessary property holders to school board meetings. that would be willing to have their taxes increased this small A phone survey of attitudes toward the schools, planned amount to keep the area as a green space, might be the hard some time ago, also starts this week. The LAAC play, "Strange Bedfellows", will run two

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Sincerely, R.E. Reagan DDS



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **FEBRUARY 15 1882**

"Dr. Malcolm now offices with Dr. Wells in Train's The post office handled almost 5000 valentines.

"The clerk of the weather must have had his salary

Elegant costumes can be rented from Mrs. Reynolds at

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEBRUARY 14 1907

"Hustling" Methodist pastor Russell Bready secures \$750 of the \$1500 needed for the new pipe organ from Andrew Carnegie.

State veterinarians request a state board and licensing

U.S. Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks will open the Organ Chautauqua in Lowell August 31 with a speech.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEB 12 1931

The village caucus Monday will nominate officers for the next two years.

Pres. O.J. Yeiter will not be running again.

The past 9 years, trappers have taken 4,496 coyotes, 4,478 foxes, 683 bobcats and about 600 timber wolves in

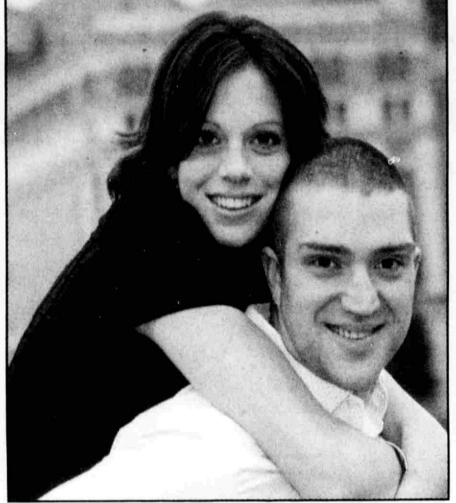
A record voter turnout is expected Monday for Lowell Township Supervisor; Theo Bailey Theron Richmond and Ray Rittenger are running.

weekends in the new "dinner theatre" format

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Engagements

Pendleton/Ayars



Megan Pendlton and Cody Ayars

of Saginaw Valley State University of Minnesota.

Announcing their plans University and attending for a May 19, 2007 wedding Aquinas for her Masters in are Megan Pendlton and Education. The groom-elect Cody Ayars. The bride-to- is the son of Vic and Karrie be and her parents, Brian Scudder, of Lowell. He is a and Lu Pendleton, are of graduate of Caledonia High Belding. She is a graduate School and attended the



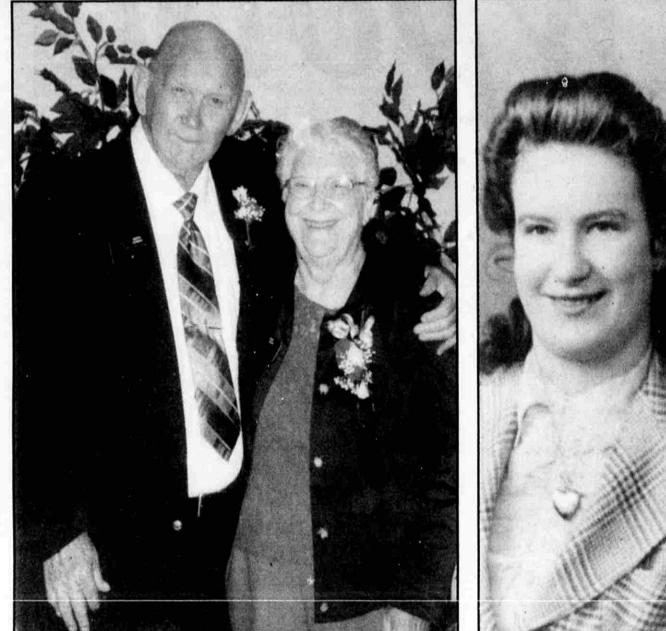
Bv Pastor Joe Fremer Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lowell-

symbols of romantic love. It's too bad romantic love Him "Savior." He is the Donor who traded places with us, so isn't enough, or this world would be turned into quite the that we could trust in Him and have His innocence applied Marcus Kline. paradise, to judge by the amount of money people will to our account. spend on Valentine's stuff today.

feelings are sweet – but they all fade away sooner or later. natural love, that you feel toward those who are close to You can't live on chocolates alone, and a marriage can't your heart, becomes ruled by a supernatural love, the love Chris Hodges, Justin survive on romance alone, and the failure of the Hippies that God has for you, and for your beloved. That means the proves that the world is not going to be changed by a best Valentine gift you can give your loved ones is this: Summer of Love.

Our marriages need something solid underfoot. Our in turn.

65th wedding anniversary to be celebrated



Martin H. and Treva (Rice) Johnson of Lowell will celebrate 65 years of wedded bliss on Wednesday Feb. 21. Children of the couple are Randy (Ruth) Johnson; Sharyl Seese; Pat Lowery-Klingler; Yvonne (Roger) Wolfe; Keith (Beth) Johnson; Jaclyn Ashla. They have 20 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren.

workplaces, our schools, all of our social institutions need people with a more radical attitude adjustment than you can get from a sensitivity training seminar.

Posters, slogans, and even values education won't do it alone. We don't need to reform our hearts, but to replace them, so that they beat with God's own love. A heart transplant requires a donor, and fortunately a match has been found: Jesus, who is 100 percent human, has a heart that is free of disease and corruption, and He can offer it to Happy Valentine's Day! Hearts, flowers, candy - the us because He is also 100 percent God. That's why we call Jim VanDyke, DeeAnn

Once you let God give you His heart, you have George Blocher, Matthew Flowers smell sweet, candy tastes sweet, romantic something truly beautiful to give to those you love. Your Schuitema, Tracey Main. give your heart to Jesus, and trusting in Him, receive His



FEBRUARY 14: Leyman, Gerri Ellison, Scott Phillips. Treglia, Lori Rice.

FEBRUARY 15: Merriman, Deanne Newell,

FEBRUARY 16:

FEBRUARY 17: Reatha Johnson, Lynda Treva Johnson. Horsley, Deb Tulecki.

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FEBRUARY 20: Mike Rivers, Gary Kemp, Barbara Carpenter, Sara Soyka, Madison Emelander. FEBRUARY 21:

Betsy Vezino, Ashton VanderWarf, Kimberly Stanford, Stephanie Ellison, Sterzick, Robin Martin,



Second annual Lowell Holistic Health Fair

United The First Methodist Church of Lowell planned. At 10 a.m., Mark will host the second annual Lowell Holistic Health Fair. Tibetan singing bowls and on Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. - 4 perform a concert. p.m. Over 30 exhibitors will provide products and services intended to nourish benefits of body rolling to an individual's body, mind relieve stress and pain. and spirit.

Private

graduated from the Marine

Corps Recruit Depot in San

Diego, Calif. The 12 weeks of

training consisted of Marine

teamwork, physical training,

water survival qualification,

Marine Corps history and

military customs.

Corps drill and discipline,

Two presentations are Hamler will talk about

At 1 p.m., Stephanie Hicks will focus on the

Training also took

In December, Neubecker

Calif. with emphasis on

field skills training, patrols,

was selected Team Leader

at Marine Combat Training

training and testing.

In The Service

class

Kyle Neubecker recently place at Camp Pendleton,

A reasonably priced, donation will be taken for healthy luncheon will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church dining room.

Admission to the fair is free, however, a free-will

each presenter. call Pamela Jones at 897-5069. First United Methodist Church is located at 621 E. Main St. in Lowell (six

where he learned patrol, IED and ambush survival skills. currently stationed at Twentynine Palms, Calif. where he is

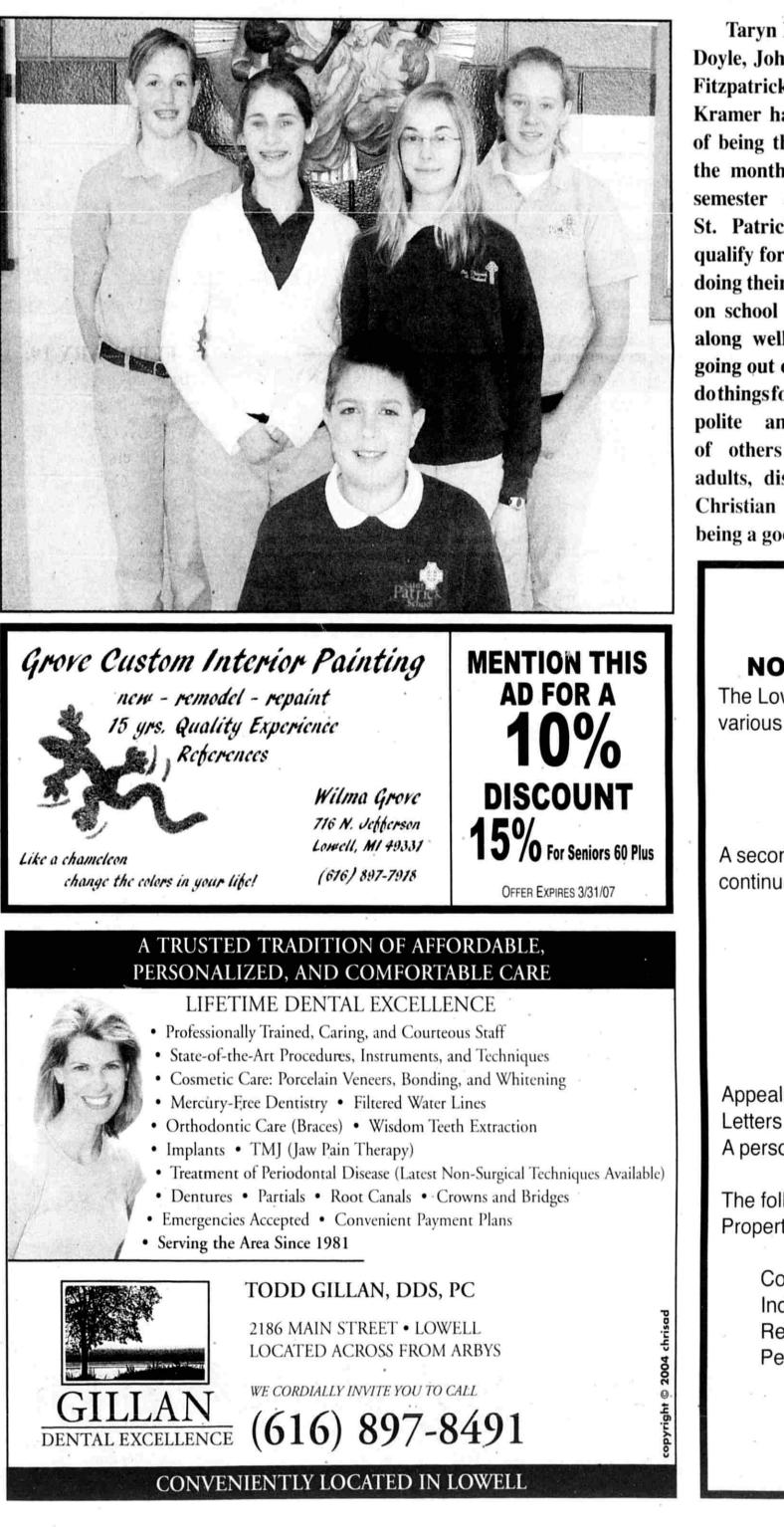
enrolled in Marine Corps

Communication Electronics rifle markmanship, medic School. Neubecker, a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Mark and Denise Neubecker, of Lowell.



Kyle Neubecker

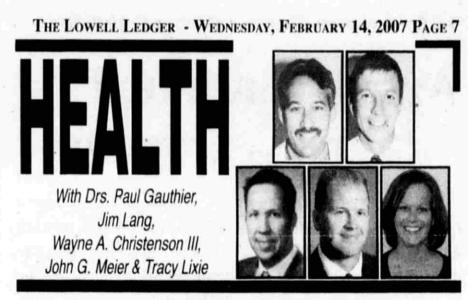
St. Patrick Students of the Month



Taryn Endres, Molly Doyle, John Mark, Ellie Fitzpatrick, and Sarah Kramer have the honor of being the students of the month for the first semester of school at St. Patrick. Students qualify for this honor by doing their personal best on school work, getting along well with others, going out of their way to dothingsfor others, being polite and respectful of others - especially adults, displaying good Christian behavior and being a good role model.



For more information. miles east of Ada).



THE "STOMACH FLU"

We have recently seen an outbreak of viral gastroenteritis. commonly called the stomach "flu" This is typically caused by norovirus and is what caused the massive cruise ship illnesses publicized recently.

Norovirus is an extremely contagious virus that causes vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, and headaches. Some experience low grade fevers.

Symptoms usually have an abrupt onset and last from 24 to 60 hours. The time from exposure to developing the illness is typically 12 to 48 hours. Dehydration is the most common complication.

Norovirus is spread by exposure to droplets from vomit or exposure to infected stool. The virus itself is extremely tough. It can survive freezing and temperatures as high as 140 degrees.

Hand washing is the best way to prevent infection. Areas that have been contaminated with vomit or diarrhea should be cleaned with a chlorine bleach mixture of one part bleach to 50 parts water.





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 Industrial Property **Residential Property** Personal Property

50.00% 50.00% 50.00% 50.00% 1.0000 1.0000 1.0000 1.0000



Charles R. Myers, Mayor James Marfia, Assessor

Artist, continued ... From Page 1

She will be sharing her Lowell

In this workshop, Crane watercolors. would like to disperse the painting is unforgiving.

Although it is more talent in a two-day workshop difficult to correct a mistake Feb. 16-17 from 9:30 a.m. in a watercolor painting to 3:30 p.m. each day at the than in oil because of the FLPC, 11650 Downes St., technique, Crane will show how to control and plan

In a watercolor painting, notion that watercolor the artist paints from light to dark all the time saving



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Crane loves to paint trees in their fragile environment such as in her watercolor painting, "Walk on the Wild Side" from Florida.

the white on the paper. dark to light. Oils can be out of it, it's valuable." painted over - watercolors latex fluid.

treedom with colors

View 2

Lowell

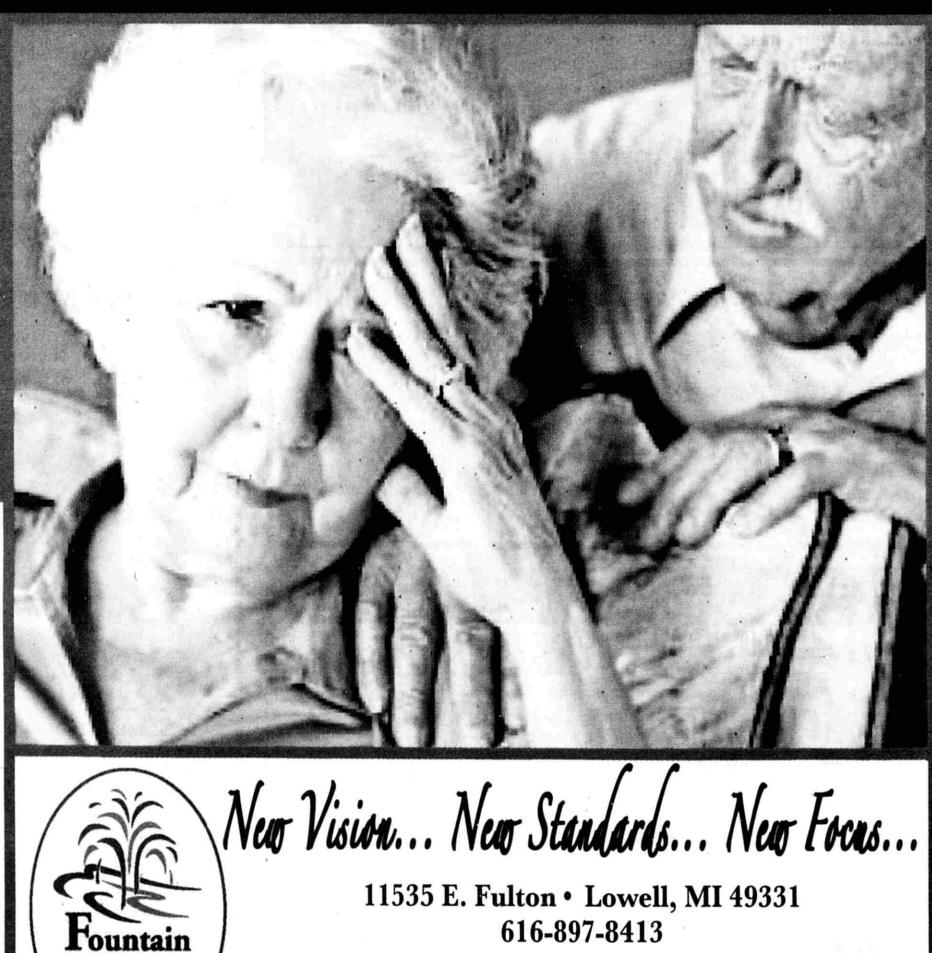
"Most people enjoy the Oil paintings are reversed, workshops," she said. "If where the artist paints from you get one or two things

In the workshop, Crane can only be masked with a plans to introduce basic color mixing with a limited palette, Crane hopes that after explain the relationship taking the classes, the between the water and the artists will feel a little more paper and paint a still life with simple objects.

"You don't need any palette to cover up the colors drawing experience," she with Saran wrap at night." said. "You need two brushes To sign up for workshop (and) a butcher's tray as a call the FLPC at 897-7842.

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Eighty percent of success is showing up. - Woody Allen

By Emma Palova

when capturing rural and house in the background. urban landscapes. Her

images are now on display Biernacki said. at the Huntington Galleria sponsored by the Lowell self-portrait using optical Area Arts Council.

One of Biernacki's surprise. scene

Cumberland Lowell photographer at the beginning of its Annemarie Biernacki thinks development. It portrays about the bigger picture mixture of farming with a "I like the mist on

Featured Artist

Annemarie Biernacki

photographic Cumberland Avenue." Her black and white

photography came out as a

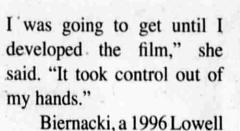
"I didn't know what



Biernacki captures images such as the spider's web with a greater underlying social context of environment



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High School graduate, got her first camera from her dad, social studies teacher Jerry Biernacki, when she was nine years old. She remembers growing up in the darkroom with her dad. "I just took off from there," she said.

Biernacki worked her way through school as a framer, and still frames all her photographs.

Although her main emphasis is on traditional black and white and color photography, Biernacki loves to experiment with different techniques.

"I like to use different types of photography to get across the message with she said my work," she said. "I like photographs that create a transfers, certain feeling."

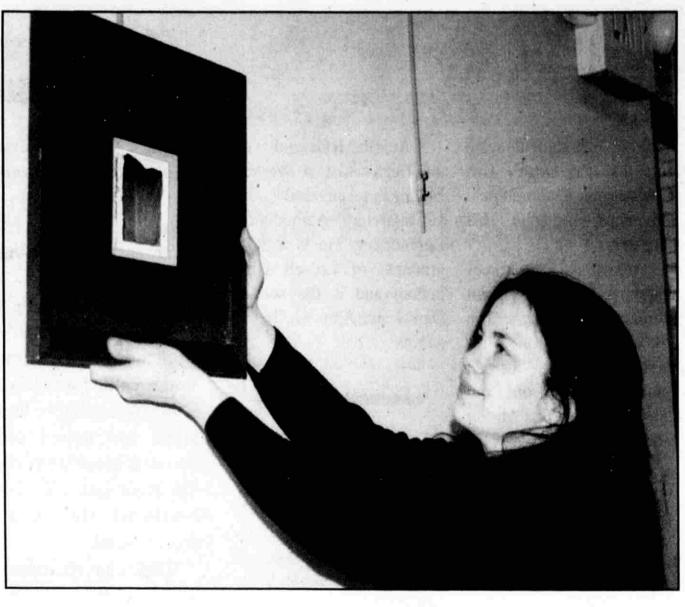
Many of the images such as the Lillies by Traverse City prints. are aesthetically beautiful and peaceful, but they also has ventured into a fairly depict social issues.

Biernacki hand-painted therapy is mainly used with over the Lillies image to the elderly, and children work and volunteered as throat. create an overall calming to help them connect and the darkroom technician effect.

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issues.

She

photographs, black and white, and silver gelatin

new field of art therapy. Art photography.

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Annemarie Biernacki finds bigger picture in rural and urban images, such as social

digital

"It's like an abstract," increase the quality of life. "I use art to help people Contemporary Arts. uses polaroid in a therapeutical way," she

said. "It's hard." from Kendall College of Biernacki's work, at the Art and Design in 2004 Lowell Farmer's Market last Moreover, Biernacki with a bachelor of fine arts degree with an emphasis on

for the Urban Institute of

David Davis, coorganizer of the show, Biernacki graduated got reacquainted with summer.

"I like her work," he said. "It has a good statement She has done freelance without jumping down your



Local therapist opens second office and adds an associate to better serve the needs of families in our area

Beverly Anderson LMSW and her Associate Susan Wiggins, MA are now accepting clients in two locations: 215 E. State Road, Suite A, in Belding, and 865 Lincoln Lake, Lowell (in the new Congregational Church).

Beverly and Susan are committed to serving all populations (children, teens, adults and families).

Beverly has 14 years of experience in the Social Work field and specializes in Trauma, EMDR, and other trauma related therapies. Susan has worked for 8 years in diverse settings with different populations with an emphasis in Crisis Management. She also specializes in Pastoral

You may contact them at the office in Belding: 616-794-9999, or on their individual cell phones: Beverly, 616-430-8555; Susan, 616-826-1291.

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College News

Four area students were named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technological Michigan University. He University for the fall semester.

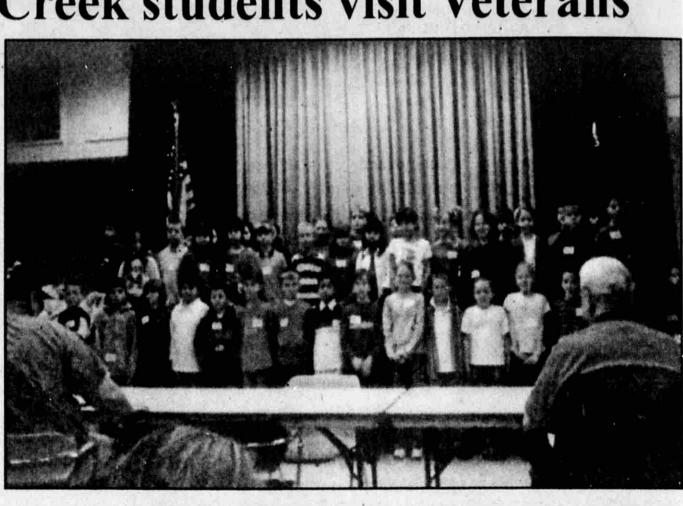
Among achieving a grade point School and is the son of average of 3.5 or higher (on Darryl and Amy McGregor a 4.0 scale) are from Alto- of Ada. David J. Steffler (4.0) and Duane A. Stephenson; from Lowell-Joshua G. Abdoo and Colin J. Moore.

Austin McGregor is on the Dean's List at Western studying Aeronautical is Engineering. He is a 2006 honorees graduate of Lowell High

Cherry Creek students visit Veterans

Some third grade at Cherry students Elementary Creek the Grand visited Rapids Home for Veterans Jan. 31 as part of a service learning project.

Mandle's Carol and Mary Beth Reed's students sang patriotic songs, raffled off fleece blankets they had made and passed out donated items from the Vet Wish List. The visit concluded with an ice cream social.



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Their conversations with the veterans lead the students to understand more about the veterans' service to their country. Each pupil came away with renewed compassion toward the veterans and the sacrifice they made for the United States.



When anger rises, think of the consequences. Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)

RED ARROW SPORTS

Lowell/Caledonia hockey falls to the Eagles 4-0

By Aly DeYoung

the Hudsonville Eagles, Lowell/Caledonia didn't get

a single goal. Despite goalie Corev Phillips' 23 saves, Hudsonville 4-0. won Lowell/Caledonia While often had the puck down on Hudsonville's side of the staying focused too much on once, Kelly was penalized where they were just undisc- Hudsonville's goal. ice, scoring proved to be too stealing the puck as opposed three times. On his third iplined." difficult.

"We were undisciplined

Lowell/Caledonia coach we had some good goal tending that kept us in the penalized. game.

to more supportive play.

In a tough game against Mike Ballard. "Basically, just wanted to try to steal."

Hudsonville received eight penalties Ballard said the team while Lowell/Caledonia had the misconduct," Ballard the game, as three different lacked discipline which 11. Tim Kelly received the said, although he added players fought over the puck, up, he's able to dominate the involved shoving the other most penalties for Lowell/ that he thought the other Story swooped in and took it ice." team when goaded, talking Caledonia. While many on penalties were reasonable. out of the tangle of hockey and final penalty in the third "We've been working period, the referee made a for Lowell/Caledonia, just After a game, opponents'

interference.



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Both teams were heavily other two penalties were for most of the time, he jumped in to help his team in tough "Very disappointed on spots. Towards the end of

puck," Ballard said. "They call forcing Kelly to sit out on Jan. 27. Not only did he him. A junior, Story will be for most of the period. The stay right on top of the puck playing on the team again next year.

> one of our "He's Ballard. said captains," "When he turns his game

In the end, the problem back to the referee, and the team were penalized "There were a couple calls sticks, moving it towards was not getting the puck there, but getting it in the Ballard said that Story is goal. "We started out the Justin Story stood out one of the team's top scorers. year pretty well," Ballard said, "but the kids are getting



By Sean Garner

Lowell varsity wrestling of the regional portion of the overtime decision to Blake cess in one can breed suc- also good for the individual. team is back on top.

Saturdav was a very OK-White championship, to detail. with a first-place finish at at Forest Hills Central.

a 6-1 record, trailing unde- with a great deal of intensity match up with." feated Greenville, who beat and compete for their comthe Red Arrows 36-28 ear- petitions. It was really a nice postseason action Wedneslier in the season.

edging Greenville 230- room' 222.5.

because the Yellow Jackets Alex Fleet (189) all won ti- districts.

MHSAA state tournament.

Lowell Head Coach

"It was one of our better

are ranked second in the area tles individually. Eric Dean

by The Grand Rapids Press (152) and Dominic Doyle For the time being, the for Lowell in the first round with Dean dropping an 11-9 sets, Dean believes that suc-Thorlund of Greenville.

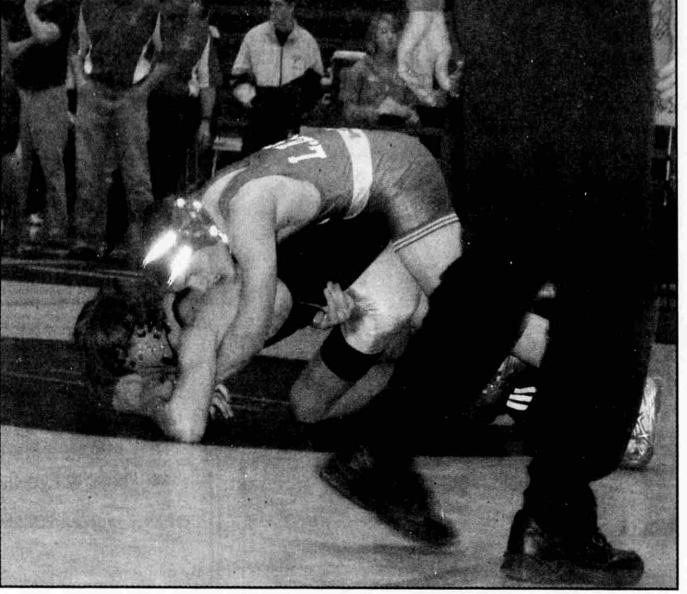
Despite their narrow good day for the men in red Dave Dean says what put victory, Dean's thoughts on and white, as the Red Ar- his team over the top, was Lowell's chances against the rows captured a share of the their intensity and attention Yellow Jackets in the postseason have not changed.

"You still look at their the conference tournament performances of the season." line-up and you see a lot of Dean said. "The focus we great wrestlers," Dean said. Lowell entered the tour- put on this tournament was "They were missing a couple nament in second place with we wanted them to wrestle of guys. They'll be tough to

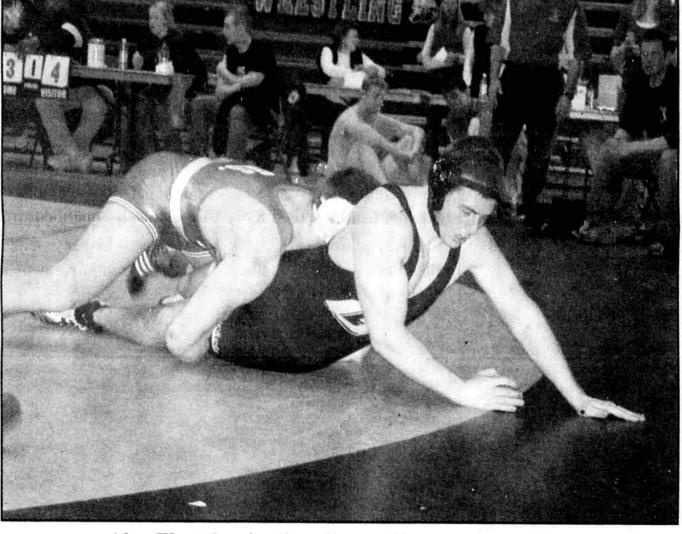
The Red Arrows begin step in the right direction. day, returning to Forest Hills Lowell won the tourna- The kids took what we were Central for team districts ment by a mere 7.5 points, working on in the practice with Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern. Jackson Morse (125 On Saturday, the individu-The Red Arrows have pounds), Tim Gingrich als get their shot, heading to also been eyeing Greenville, (135), Ryan Olep (160), and Cedar Springs for individual

While the two series cess in the other.

"The two really go You have to be peaking at and are the likely opponent (285) both took second place require two different mind hand in hand," Dean said. the right time. All of those "What's good for the team is things help in both aspects of the sport." You have to get your rest.

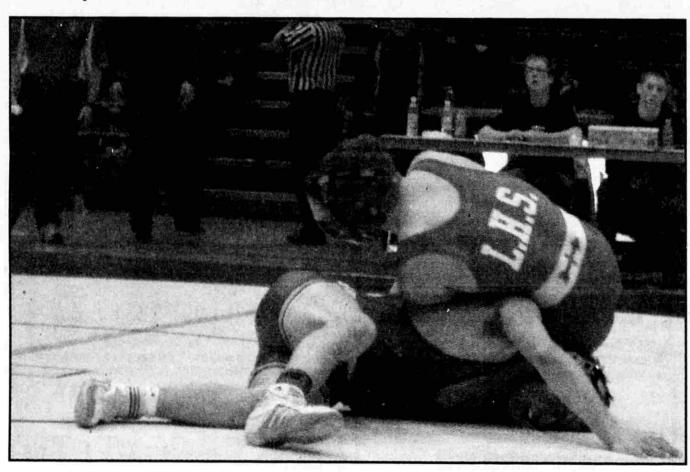


Rocky Pabon takes down a member of EGR's team.



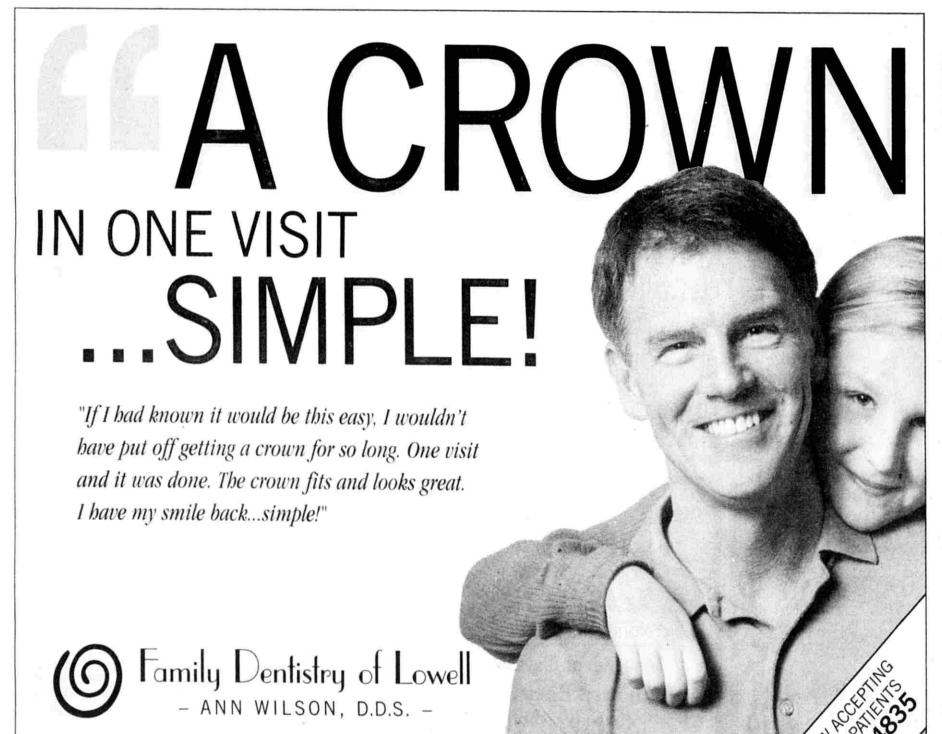
Alex Fleet dominating Greenville opponent.

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Red Arrow Eric Dean battles Northview wrestler.

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RED ARROW SPORTS

Lowell basketball falls to Forest Hills Northern 47-41

By Sean Garner

though their season was finally beginning to turn around.

the struggles for the Lowell high school boys' basketball team continued.

halftime on the road against halves trying to score in the that he wants his team to be Arrows with 9 points each. all scorers with 17 points, victory coming against Forest Hills Northern, the west basket. Forest Hills Red Arrows had trouble Northern scored only three energetic environments. both defending and scoring, points in the first quarter, "We had right in our losing in the end, 47-41.

two halves," Head coach like there was a lid on the half basket in the west end of the gym. They could not score welcomed by a raucous say things you don't like. the Red Arrows have had us." Sixteen minutes later, in the first half and we could not score in the second."

> The two teams particularly struggled at the

"It really was a tale of while Lowell could only game plan - it said thrive comfortable playing with a muster five points in the first on the environment," lead. It's a great point, how them

> environment in the Forest Hills Northern Fieldhouse, which included flamboyant play-by-play from the one that performs its best in

things you don't like...The wouldn't know." The Red Arrows were student section is going to be successful on the road."

said. "Maybe we're not

Close meet against Ludington for Lowell gymnasts

By Aly De Young

The last home meet of the gymnastics season at Lowell High School was also Senior Night and honor ed not only seniors, but involved with varsity parents of gymnasts.

lost 133.175narrowly 130.60 Ludington to Monday on Senior Night.

"It's the last home meet of the season, and then play because of a leg injury we try to recognize all the that requires surgery.

parents and seniors," said Coach Skye Fisher.

This year there are four Fisher said. seniors. Kelli Kowalski gymnastics all throughout The Lowell team high school. Tiffanie Curtis and Kaylee Yonker have every time. been on the varsity team for the last two years.

Curtis was unable to exercise.

Kelsey Teft and Richelle 6.25. and Mandy Vezino were Kimble stood out against Ludington. Both were in the scorers on the uneven bars Mirretti scored 8.65, and taking on Rockford earlier in top four in each category. In were Alex King with 8.05, Kari Bradshaw had an 8.55. the season. In that meet, they fact, they were the top two and Andrea Mirretti with

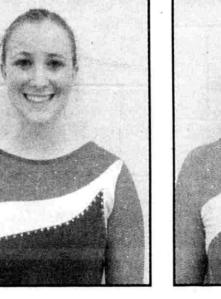
top four in all but the floor Teft scored 8.65, and scoring in the nine-point Lowell closed that gap and

7.90.

On the uneven bars, Kimble had the top score,

Kowalski finished in the







Lowell senior gymnasts, from left to right: Mandy Vezino, four-year varsity gymnast; Kelli Kowalski, four-year varsity gymnast; Tiffanie Curtis, two-year varsity gymnast and Kaylee Yonker, two-year gymnast. ***

> **Progress might have been all right once,** but it has gone on too long.

- Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971)



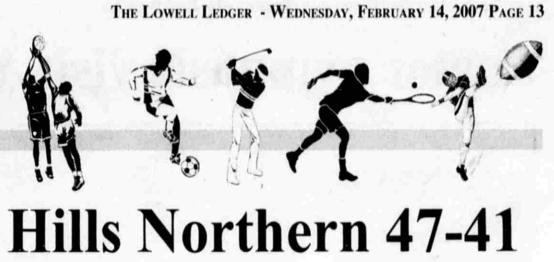
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You have to be able to use this season came Wednesday leads this year," McDonald including 3 three-pointers. in the season.

"We really outfought Wednesday," One half, it looked as Jeff McDonald said. "It was 11 minutes of the second McDonald said. "They do do you play with a lead? We McDonald said. "It's one of the few times where things One of the few big leads have really gone right for

Lowell currently stands that and create new energy to when Lowell earned their at 3-11 on the season. The first road victory of the Red Arrows also dropped Brett McMahon and year, beating Middleville to 1-8 in the OK-White, Leading by ten at beginning of their respective scorers table. McDonald said Eric Saenz led the Red 53-37. Ryan Magnuson led with their only conference "We haven't had many while McMahon added 15, Forest Hills Northern earlier



Sara Tarchala finished with Kowalski were also in the with 8.90. top four with 8.10 and 7.50

a competitive match, with score was just under 130. In On the balance beam, gymnasts from both teams the meet against Ludington, range.

> Teft scored a 9.15 and Kimble received 8.85. individual King scored 9.05, and Alicia individual scores. Farrin 8.40.

Chelsea DeKuiper had the does the same.

"I was just really an 8.45, and Teft 7.70. Kimble added 8.30 to the high score of the night 9.30. impressed with the seniors," Kowalski scored 7.05, and group score. Vezino and Behind her was King again

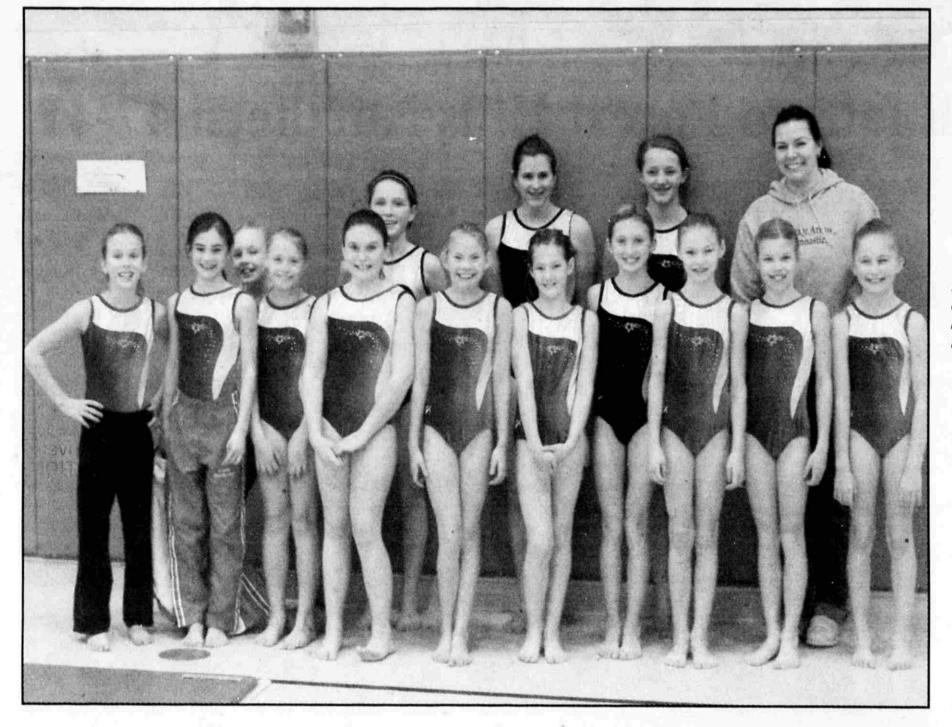
> The gymnastics team Ludington's top two respectively. For Ludington, did step up its game since The floor exercise was lost by five points - the final scored above 130.

the team and gymnasts Andrea Coffey scored 8.65, for Lowell qualified for and Kaylee Yonker 8.25. On regionals. Fisher would the other side, Ludington's like to see improvement in

"We're just going to try The top four were all to shoot for higher in the very close in the vault. Teft 130s," Fisher said. Not only received an 8.55, Kimble does a team score of 130 8.45, Kowalski 8.40 and qualify for regionals, but an Yonker 8.30. Ludington's individual score that high



Junior gymnasts visit Alto Elementary



Members of the Lowell Junior Arrows visited Alto Elementary Jan. 25 to showcase their gymnastics skills. The Junior Arrows is the brainchild of Michele DeHaan, Lowell Community Education gymnastics coach. The team is made up of elementary and middle school girls who are invited to join when they reach a certain level in gymnastics. The Alto students were thrilled to see the Junior Arrow performances as the girls flipped their way across the Alto gym. Nancy Anderson, physical education teacher at Alto, invited the Arrows to demonstrate their skills as a conclusion to the gymnastics unit in gym classes. Anderson thought it would be fun for students to see kids closer to their own age doing complicated moves. Two members of the Junior Arrows are Alto Elementary students - Katie Haan in fifth grade and Morgan Taylor in fourth.



"Almost" Anything Goes Column

Brief, "Sound Off" comments are always welcome but wil edited for content and length. All comments are submitted by the public and do not neccessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To The Editor". Just wanted to say thanks to the guys who watched me fall at the wrestling match, try to get up, and not even offer a helping hand! Your mothers would be proud!

Can't we just all get along in Lowell? Good grief, if you have a problem then use your manners! - Kayla

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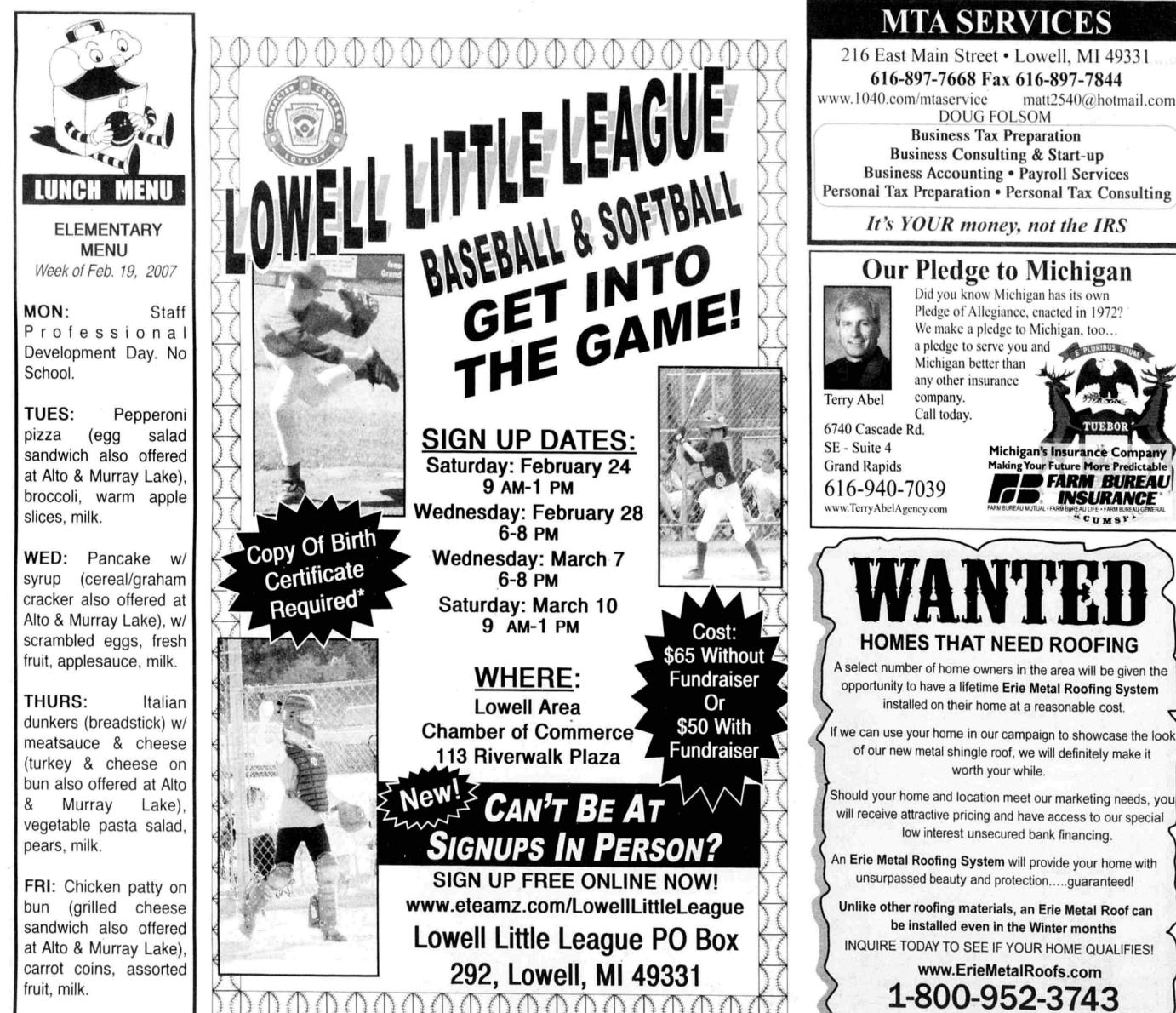
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