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World Slam champion readies for turkey hunting season

By Emma Palova

With a World Slam champion title in her hands, Vicki Bishop-Kennedy trusts her own voice to call in turkeys.

But she also doesn't like the sound of wooden callers screeching like nails on a chalk board.

"I can't call with a wooden caller and shoot," she said. "So I use my voice, it's hands free, but I gag."

As the turkey hunting

season approaches, Bishop-Kennedy, owner of Promo Print & Stitches 2 just outside of Lowell, clears her schedule for the passion of her life.

Although the garage is lined with trophies, Bishop-Kennedy doesn't consider herself a trophy hunter. It's all about the pageantry of the beautiful birds, strutting their feathers and showing off their colors. Plus she likes Butterball turkey better than the muscular meat of wild turkeys after a two-month long breeding season. After the breeding

season, a turkey will only weigh around 18 pounds.

Since her 2003 World Slam title in turkey hunting, Bishop-Kennedy has matured as a hunter. "I am much more confident now," she said. "It's a maturity thing for me."

Having an entire arsenal of turkey voices, Bishop-Kennedy says she will call turkeys for anyone, and serve as a hunting guide in Michigan. She is also working on her second World Slam, although not as

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Vicki Bishop-Kennedy is a world champion in turkey hunting.

LAS Food program tweaks menu to offer more variety



Lowell High School junior Matt Brearily gets his lunch.

By Jane Lally

In an effort to combat childhood obesity, the Lowell schools food service department is finding ways to take extra fat out of its offerings without sacrificing taste.

Students still gobble up the french fries, but may not realize that the fries don't add unnecessary fat to their diet as they are prepared without fatty oils.

"The fries are baked, not deep fried," said Kay Hahn, Director of Dining Services for Lowell Area Schools. Before offering the new fries

to students, the schools' food service company Chartwell, conducted taste tests to determine which recipe was the most palatable.

The new fries are one of many seemingly small, but effective changes in the menu. Students generally get what they want, but they are not getting as much fat as they used to.

Whether taking a full meal or just a snack, students can look for the "Balanced Choice" icon if they are looking for healthier options. The Balanced Choice menu has been available for the past year, according to Hahn.

Each day the Balance Choice program offers a complete balanced meal. Last Wednesday's balanced offering was pasta with Italian meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, mini carrots, an apple and low fat milk. Special Balanced Choice meals are offered at the high school daily and two times per week at the elementary schools. The meals are in addition to the regular offerings under U.S.D.A. requirements.

Students opting for a smaller meal or a snack can look for the Balanced

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Lowell sells cable system to Comcast for \$3.5 million

By Ellen Mork
Special to the Lowell Ledger

The Lowell City Council Monday night approved the sale of Lowell Cable to Comcast, a decision that has been in the works for two years.

Lowell Cable, in business since 1982, is finding it hard to keep up with new technology. After many discussions, it was found that selling the company would be the best solution.

Subscription numbers have been decreasing, mostly due to the impact of home satellite services.

There is no capacity to add the popular and most requested cable networks.

Lowell Cable's high speed Internet is slower than competitors also because of system capacity limits. By selling to Comcast, current subscribers will receive a wider channel selection, services such as DVR, video-on-demand and high speed Internet. Rates for these services have not been determined.

In the purchase agreement, Comcast is required to interview up to five current technical employees of Lowell Cable, but is not required to hire them. It is unknown how

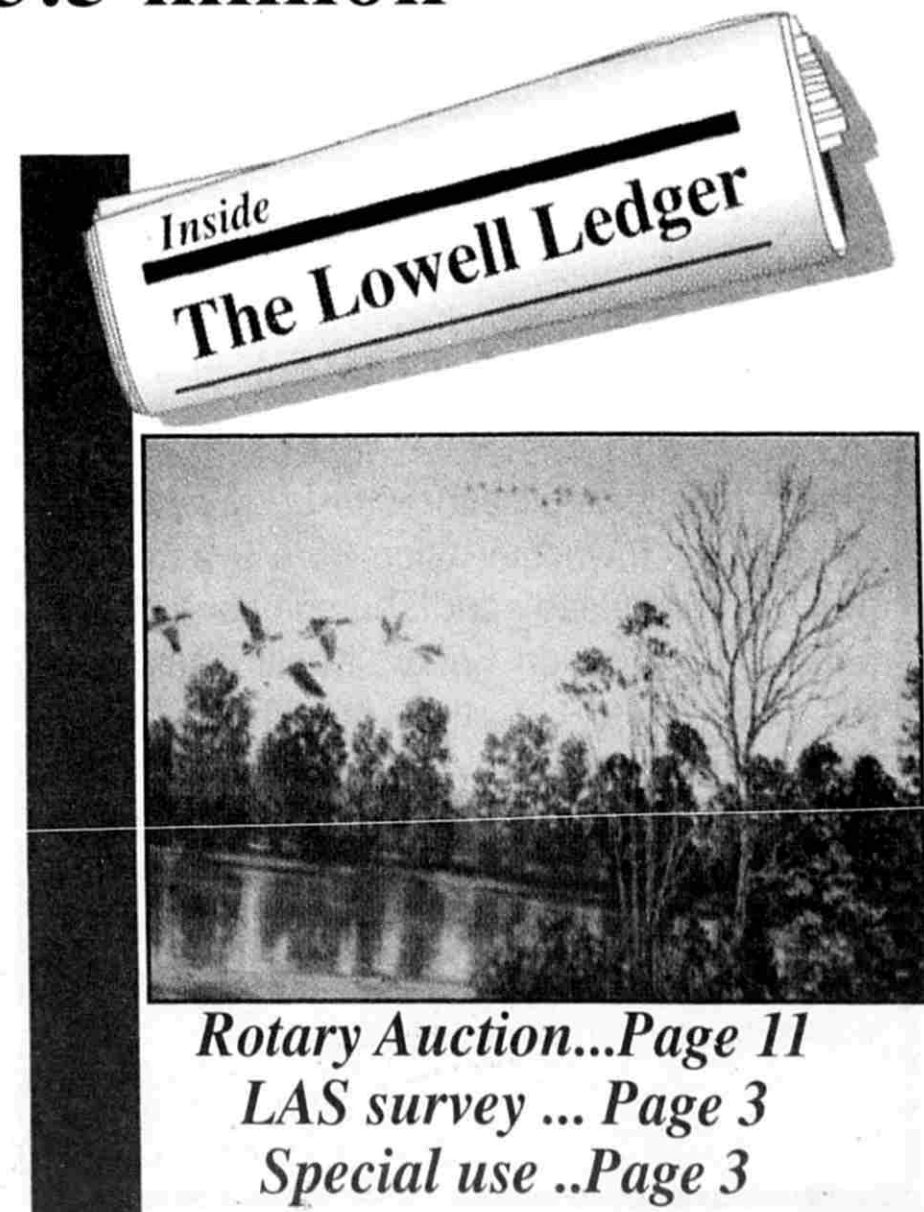
many jobs will be affected.

"The real issue is the ability to stay up with the technology out there and being able to afford to do that," said Mayor Chuck Myers. "I think we've recognized it is becoming more difficult to do that. That's where this whole saga came about."

Lowell Cable's small staff has made it more difficult and costly to provide advanced services such as an upgrade, mandatory in 2009, to provide digital and high definition signals of local stations, according to general manager Tom Richards in a report to the city.

The report estimated that Lowell Cable staff has put in 500 hours preparing information requested by Comcast and advising on agreement details. Additionally, the company received legal advice and counsel from the city attorney along with review and advice from an expert cable attorney.

Broker/appraiser firm Dugan Financial of Florida highly recommended the sale given the limitations of Lowell Cable's small system and the current competitive environment. The firm, one of three consulted, advised that the sale price and terms were reasonable.



Obituaries

HOAG

Avis Marie Hoag, aged 75, of Alto passed away April 12, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Hoag and daughter, Debbie. She is survived by her children, Mindy (Kelvin) Potter, Mike Hoag, Terrie Hoag, Kevin Hoag, Denise (Scott) Dykhuis and Stuart (Jennifer) Hoag; brothers, Bruce (Grace) Densmore, Wayne Densmore; in-laws, Phylis Pawloski, James (Bonnie) Doll, Brian, (Carol) Hoag, Ruth Hoag, Wilma Hoag; eight grandchildren, Kelly (Karen) Potter, Kurt Zalakar (Melinda Chandler), Kristin (Kevin) Miller, Justin (Mandi) Dykhuis, Cody (Amy) Dykhuis, Amanda Dykhuis (David Kerman), Abigail Hubbell and Jarrod Hoag; eleven great-grandchildren; close friend, Agnes Kent; several nieces and nephews. Avis



was a lifetime member of American Legion Auxiliary #528. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16 at the First Baptist Church of Alto. Memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church of Alto or American Legion Auxiliary #528.

HUCKLEBEURY

Kenneth William Hucklebeury, age 82, of Lowell passed away Monday, April 9, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara; sister,

Beatrice Hoover; nephews, James (Barbara) Austin, Ricky Kelly, Donald Kelly, Ernest Hoover; nieces, Sandra Snyder, Sandra Feutz, Lee Ann Bruursma, Nancy Wilson; many great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday, April 13 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

RITSEMA

Evelyn (Deboer) Ritsema, age 95, of Grandville, formerly of Wyoming, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, April 13, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Fred Ritsema. Evelyn was a longtime active member of Faith Community CRC. She is survived by her children, Verna Jansen of Holland, Sandi (Jack) Vander Laan of Caledonia; grandchildren, Douglas (Cathy) Jansen of New Hampshire, Cheri (Gord) Penninga of Lowell, Jackie (Joel) Vander Kooi of Kalamazoo, Jeff Vander Laan of Texas; eight great grandchildren; brother, Bernie De Boer; brothers-

in-law, Henry Busscher, Al (Gladys) Ritsema, Bob Speyer. Funeral services were held Monday at Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan or Sunset Association Patient Assistance Fund.

VOS

John William Vos, aged 77, of Saranac, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away April 11, 2007. He was preceded in death by his sisters and their husbands, Gert (Peter) Lugtheid and Jessie (Harold) Gerritsen. He is survived by his daughters, Kathy (Rob) Ebmeyer of Lowell, Sue (Denny) Kiel of Rockford and Carol Vos of Grand Rapids; one brother, William (Terri) Vos of Pearson; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons. Upon his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering was held at Fountain View on April 13 for family and friends to celebrate his life.

Show Us Your Heart campaign

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and Kentwood Mayor Richard Root are asking all residents if they have a heart sticker on their driver's license or state identification card.

The two public officials met at the Grand Rapids Area SUPER!Center to sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry as part of the state's "Show Us Your Heart" campaign and receive their heart stickers. Also lending their support were Dr. Michael Stoiko from Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake.

"With the new 'Show Us Your Heart' campaign, we've made it easier than ever to be an organ donor," said Land. "I appreciate Mayor Root, County Clerk Hollinrake and R. Stoilo's willingness to add their names to the registry. Donation is a compassionate gift of love and brings hope to the thousands of people on Michigan's transplant waiting list.

"Signing up is as simple as going online at www.Michigan.gov/sos or talking to the clerk the next time you're at a branch office. Once you get your heart sticker, you're all set. Don't delay, show us your heart today!"

Land explained that a recent change in law allows the department to place a heart sticker on the front of the license or state identification card to inform medical personnel and emergency responders of your organ donation wish. The heart logo also eliminates the need to fill out the donor information on the back of the card. The Secretary added that anyone who signed up on the registry before Jan. 1, which is when the new heart logo law went into effect, should re-enroll in order to receive the heart sticker.

Root said that because the state has made it so easy to add your name to the registry, signing up takes only a few minutes and is an act that can save many lives.

"There aren't many things you can do that take so little time and yet can positively impact so many lives."

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Lowell Township addresses special use

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Township Board fielded questions from residents Monday about special use permits in agricultural zones in the wake of recent ordinance amendments.

Following a public hearing, the board approved an ordinance change that will allow the sale of processed food on farm markets by special use.

The markets will now be able to serve cider and other small snacks except for alcohol and commercial

vehicle sales. However, the sale of non-farm products will be subordinate to the main agricultural use, according to the ordinance amendment.

In relevant business, resident John Timpson questioned why he needs a special use permit to store apples, as he was recently cited for non-compliance on his operation. Timpson used to grow apples for Gerber for decades.

However, now according to Mike Seiloff, with the adoption of the 1980 township zoning ordinance, the storage of apples would

be considered a legal non-conformity.

Seiloff said he was confused why there is a need for a special use permit for a corn maze or for market agritourism in the township.

According to township supervisor Paula Blumm, special use permits will allow the township to control signs and parking.

Resident Sandi Miles complained about manure coming from the neighboring Pelon horse farm, and its classification as home occupation in a residential area.

"Why give a special use

permit to farm in a residential area," said Seiloff.

However, most board members maintained that agricultural uses are allowed under the Right to Farm Act.

In other business, the board consolidated all building codes into one to be current with Michigan codes.

The township will contract with Cascade Township for the Construction Board of Appeals.

The board also appointed Mary Mayhew to the zoning board of appeals.

Survey shows many residents favor \$14 million bond for facilities

By Jane Lally

Many Lowell residents responding to a community-wide survey would probably approve a proposal that would use an unspent \$10.9 million from the 2000 bond issue along with a new \$14 million bond to finance facility improvements.

The other option, canceling the remaining \$10.9 million from 2000

and approving a new \$25 million bond issue, was less favorable. Both proposals would add zero additional mills to property taxes, but would extend total bond debt another five years from 2021 to 2026.

Jeffrey Gartner, of Gartner & Associates in Grand Rapids, presented the firm's survey findings to the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Monday

night. The board will take some time to sort out the information, president Nancy Hopkins said. Superintendent Greg Pratt said that the information will be made available through community meetings.

The online survey was administered from Feb. 16 to March 29. Of the 642 who took the survey, 360 were parents with kids in the district, 128 did not have

children in the district and 154 were staff members, according to Gartner.

Top priorities were safety and security, technology upgrades and preventive maintenance. Gartner stressed that the improvements have to be urgent and essential and it would be up to the board to time an additional \$14 million bond request.

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Petition to preserve North Washington

Petition to be presented to council in May

By Emma Palova

A concerned group of residents from the greater Lowell area is determined to preserve the city-owned North Washington property as a nature park. The Lowell Area Conservation Association is circulating a petition to be submitted to the city council in May.

The coalition, led by Sharon Ellison and Peggy Covert, is hoping to get some attention from the

city council. The council's lack of action on the issue has raised questions about the future of the property, according to Ellison. The group has teamed up with the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) to preserve the entire 27-acre property, not just a portion of it.

"We want the entire land to remain as public property," said Ellison. "There is no reason not to leave it alone."

If necessary, the coalition will bring the issue to a public vote, said Ellison. "The petition will show

there is enough concerned residents to discuss options," she said. "We trust the council will do what the people want. We oppose the development of Washington property."

The coalition considers North Washington property as the last treasure in the area much like Fallsburg Park. Any development of the property would curtail nature activities, according to Ellison.

"People are concerned something is going to show up there," said Ellison. "We want to make it into a

park like Fallsburg for our grandchildren."

Resident Gary Dietzel, who occupies the city-owned house on the property, related some of the history of the property, as well as possible contamination due to buried transformers by the Lowell Light & Power. "We are concerned about our community," said Covert. "It's not a free for all anymore."

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Estate of RICHARD MAHANEY deceased

Estate of IMELDA THOME deceased

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NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007 7:30 P.M.

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township office located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 to hear the following variance application.

Doug Miles is requesting three (3) variances at 10540 Baker Avenue, located in Section S.E. 1/4, Parcel number 41-24-34-400-004 and 005. The request is for Section 3.02F(3) Accessory structures for lots greater than three (3) but not more than five (5) acres, 2,000 feet, to allow an established 4700 sq. ft. accessory structure on a 3.5 acre parcel. Second request is for Section 3.02(H) principal structure must be present, or have an approved building permit before accessory structures and uses, because the accessory structure is in existence. Third request to Section 6.05 Height, Area, and Dimension Regulations, which requires lot width to be a minimum of 250 feet in the rural residential district, parcels 6 & 7 do not meet this requirement.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the Township office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be e-mailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

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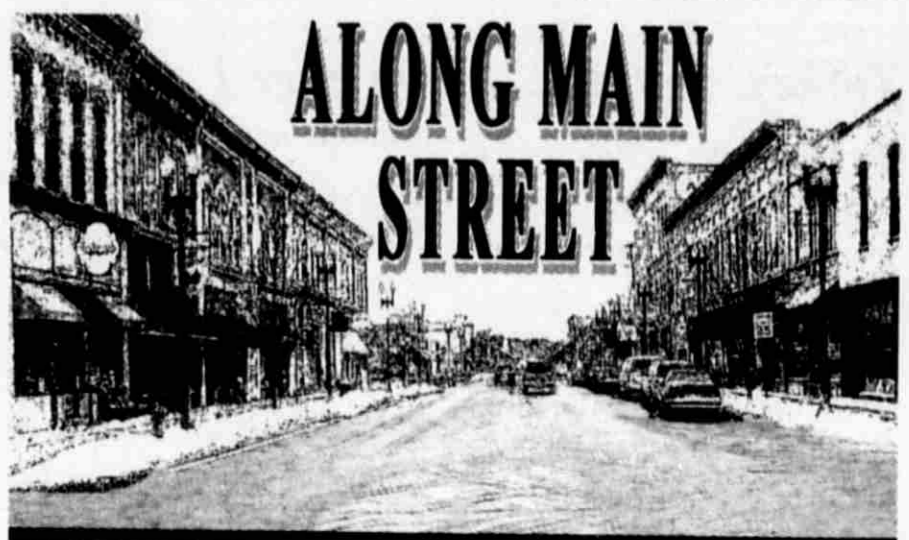
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BAG O' BOOKS SALE Great used books at bargain prices. Purchase a bag for \$3 and fill it with a great variety of fiction and non-fiction as well as hobbies and children's. Friday, April 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to helping build a Kent District Library Foundation. Sponsored by the Friends of Englehardt Library.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD The Lowell Scouts will be collecting food for Flat River Outreach Ministry. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be providing printed collection plastic grocery bags on your doors starting April 21. Please fill them with nonperishable goods and place on your porch by 9 a.m. on April 28.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM SESSION April 21 at T J's Bar & Grille in Lowell. Bring your instrument or just come and listen. Begins at 7 p.m., free, everyone welcome.

LAS ANNUAL PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR 3-4 YEARS OLD To identify preschool-aged children who may be eligible for one of the district's specialized Preschool programs: Head Start, Readiness, Early Childhood Special Education. Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at Bushnell Elementary School, 700 Elizabeth St. Please contact Carol Briggs at 987-2516 to schedule a screening appointment. Deadline to schedule is April 19.

CROP WALK Are you walking to help end hunger? Have you signed up your friends and family members to sponsor you or are you sponsoring someone else? The Crop Hunger Walk is on Sunday, May 6, and begins at First United Methodist Church on the corner of Main and Jackson streets at 1:30 p.m. A share of money collected will benefit FROM and the Senior Center.

CLASS OF 1997 Attention Class of 1997, it is our 10 year class reunion this summer. August 18 is the day reserved. Please contact Heidi Barber (Noskey) at 616-642-0738 or by email hbarber79@hotmail.com, with your address or if you are interested in helping.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS The Thebes Players Community Theatre is seeking three male and two female adult actors for Deathtrap. Dates of production are June 15 - 24 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, April 30. Auditions are on April 26-27 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. For more information or to borrow a script for review call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 616-897-8545 or refer to our website at www.lowellartsCouncil.org.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1977 30 year reunion, July 28 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Hilton, \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Canfield Plumbing and Heating or by sending a check to Lowell Class of 1977, PO Box 144, Lowell, MI 49331-0144. Info online at LowellClassof1977@iserv.net.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL ALL ALUMNI GATHERING Save this date, Sat., Sept. 29 at Deer Run. Watch for more information to follow.

F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY Presently in need of crackers, canned fruit, tuna and hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and shampoo. Please help if you can.

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Kennedy, the couple has a hunt booked in the jungles of Mexico in pursuit of the Ocellated turkey subspecies. To complete the second World Slam, Bishop-Kennedy needs to get six subspecies of turkeys. These include, the Rio from Oklahoma, Eastern from Michigan, Merriams from South Dakota, Goulds from North Mexico and the colorful Ocellated jungle turkey.

"The jungle Ocellated turkey is very colorful," said Bishop-Kennedy. "It blends into all the colors of the jungle." Her collection

also features a rare smokey grey turkey, sort of an Albino with a slightly different coloration, but not a pure Albino.

Bishop-Kennedy easily relates the entire science of calling. Sometimes she calls in the hen, hoping the tom will follow. "I am so hooked on to this because it is interactive, and there is so much biology involved," she said. "I've come into my own, the pressure is off me."

Last year, Bishop-Kennedy guided friend Don Nesmyer from Oregon, and called in a turkey for

him right in her own back yard. She uses a 12-gauge Remington for turkey hunting.

A trophy turkey is determined by the length of the beard, the length of the spears and the weight of the bird. In case of multiple beards, the longest strand on each beard is measured.

Each year in the fall, Bishop-Kennedy helps organize a deer hunt for disabled hunters in partnership with private land owners in Montcalm and Ionia counties. "Every hunter gets an opportunity to hunt," she said.

Two years ago, Bishop-

Survey cont'd.....From Page 3

Part of the \$27.5 million bond issue that was approved by voters in 2000 was used to build Murray Lake Elementary, add a freshman wing at Lowell High School and to make miscellaneous infrastructure improvements throughout the district.

The district never spent the remaining \$10.9 million earmarked for a second new elementary school. The board and administration decided not to build the school when enrollment stopped growing.

Survey participants were asked to rank district needs such as updating older buildings, technology, safety and security, athletic facilities, energy efficiency and preventive maintenance.

According to the survey, 70 percent of parents with kids in the district, two thirds of residents without children in the schools and 85 percent of LAS staff responding said they are satisfied with how the district has used funds approved in previous bond issues.

Food, cont'd.....From Page 1

Choice icon on the vending machines or on the selection of chips. Besides soda and sports drinks, the vending machines also offer various bottled waters, and the chip selection offers 100 calorie bags and baked chips.

Even if students take the homemade pizza every day, they still get whole grains in the crust. The popular Bosco cheese-filled breadsticks are made with whole grains and low fat cheese, and whole grain white bread is used at the popular sandwich bar.

Students can also grab a chef's salad, a yogurt parfait or a fruit plate with yogurt. The school only offers low fat or skim milk and low fat salad dressings.

"It's just an easy way to keep the fat content down," said Hahn noting that food manufacturers are helping

the cause as well.

"The manufacturers are aware of the focus nationally on childhood obesity," said Hahn. "They are driven by the need for products that meet the parameters."

Hahn said menus are planned, using U.S.D.A. requirements, to include milk, meat or a meat alternate, vegetable or fruit and grains/breads. For each student who takes at least three selections from the U.S.D.A. categories, the school gets government reimbursement.

Hahn said reimbursable meal consumption is up five percent over the last school year and there is 80 percent participation in the entire food program which includes milk and a la carte purchases. "It's an indicator that students are liking some

Heart stickers cont'd.....From Page 2

Root said. "I would encourage everyone to add their name to the donor registry and get their heart sticker. It's simple, quick and effective."

They took the action in observance of April 10 as Buddy Day, an annual event in which Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank "Buddies" visit Secretary of State offices to promote greater organ donor awareness. About 300 volunteers visited more than 130 offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share their personal stories and encourage residents to add their names to the donor registry.

The story of organ donation is one of greatest triumphs in medicine. Stoiko, who works in pediatric critical care, said that in spite of the success, the need for organs outpaces the supply.

"It is truly amazing to see a child, who was once near death, become healthy and strong thanks to organ donation," said Stoiko, who works in pediatric critical care. "Tragically, about 18 people die every day in this country because not enough organs are available. Those deaths could be eliminated if we increase the number of names on the donor registry."

Buddy Day marks the second day of Buddy Week, a collaborative five-day celebration among the state's organ donor advocates geared toward increasing the number of names on the registry. This year, Land's efforts focus on promoting greater involvement among businesses, universities, municipalities and hospitals.

Throughout the week, Land and other advocates travel the state and recognize several individuals and a corporation with Shining Star awards for their extraordinary efforts at promoting greater organ donor awareness. The Shining Star award was established by Land in 2005 and has been presented to 14 individuals and groups to date.

In Michigan, more than 3,100 people wait for a lifesaving transplant. Although last year set a state record with 905 organ transplants, more organs are needed to meet the demand.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service recovery organization. For more information about organ donation, contact the Gift of Life Michigan Web site at www.giftoflifemichigan.org or (800) 482-4881.

The Michigan Eye-Bank works to restore sight by education people about the ongoing need for eye donors. Visit www.mebtc.org or call (800) 247-7250.

For more information about Department of State organ donor initiatives or to sign up on the donor registry, visit www.Michigan.gov/organdonation or call (888) 767-6424.

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Viewpoint



In 1959 my family moved to the little village of Saranac. We moved in the summer. I was nine years old and going into the fifth grade. We had only moved from Belding, just fifteen miles to the north. Still, packing up and leaving all my childhood friends was traumatic.

Most likely as a result of some whining on my part, my parents arranged for a couple of my Belding pals to visit for a day. A vivid memory from that day was a stop at "Daryl's Recreation" for a chocolate malted. The lunch counter treat was concocted with hand-dipped ice cream and served up by Daryl's wife, Henrietta. I didn't know it at the time, but Henrietta would become my second mom. It should be noted that Henrietta was a second mom to practically every kid in Saranac during those years.

Henrietta passed away on April 4. Daryl left us a couple years ago. I understand that an attorney is moving into the "Daryl's" or "The Pool Room" as we most often referred to the place. Henrietta's obituary said "Daryl's" opened in 1956. I'm not sure if it ever officially closed. A friend told me Henrietta, with the help of one of her daughters, opened the lunch counter on a limited basis until a year or so ago. Fifty years. Wow!

My real mom told me about Henrietta's passing. She attended the funeral. She said the chapel was crowded. Virgil Biggs offered a eulogy. Virgil's parents owned the dime store across the street from "Daryl's". Virgil still lives

in Saranac and owns an accounting firm there. I'm sure he did a great job.

My mother said that following the eulogy several people took the time to offer fond memories of Henrietta. My mother has trouble with her hearing in such situations and couldn't report on what was said. No matter. I can well imagine. Still, I would like to have been there.

Describing "Daryl's Recreation" is fairly easy. Physically, it wasn't much of a place. Up front was a lunch counter with perhaps a dozen stools bolted to the floor. There was a jukebox and a couple pinball machines. The jukebox volume was controlled, strictly, by Daryl and Henrietta. If you got a little zealous with a pinball machine and "tilted" it, you might be banned from playing for a while. They had their ways of keeping us young hooligans under control.

Out back there was a nice, regulation size, Brunswick pool table. It wasn't coin operated. We paid by the minute. Daryl or Henrietta kept track of the time. Rough use of the table was a huge no-no. When racking, the balls were gently placed in the rack. An errant ball on the floor meant the old "evil-eye" from the kitchen. A second ball on the floor might mean a suspension from playing for an unspecified time. Back in those days, pool was about all we had for entertainment. Not being able to play was a big deal. Right up there with being ineligible for football.

There were also two large, round card tables covered with well-worn linoleum. The tables attracted a strange mix of characters. The core of the group was some old retired guys that us kids had nicknames for. Bulldog, Superman, Rockin' Robin and Dog Killer are a few I remember. Some working class guys often sat in on the games during lunch hour. Farmers in town to trade at the hardware or feed mill might stop in for a couple games. Then there were us kids.

I don't recall the exact age, but at 15 or 16, and with a note from your parents, you were allowed to play cards. The games were Euchre, Rounce and sometimes Hearts. If there were only two or three players, it was cribbage. The stakes were chits, good in trade at the "Pool Room". I can remember being a kid and getting cleaned out of my allowance by a crusty old cigar smoking WWI vet. These

days a fifteen year old is busy with his Play Station. Thanks, but I'll take my childhood any day.

Then there was the food. The menu was limited, but I remember hot beef from a big old steamer. A healthy scoop of shredded hot beef on a hamburger bun was a specialty. The burgers came off an ancient griddle and had a flavor all their own. Cheesburgers were made by spreading Cheese Whiz on the bun. There were bags of chips and ice-cold sodas in a glass bottle with a paper straw. All the malts, shakes and sundaes were made from hand-dipped ice cream. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it.

As a physical description goes that pretty well covers it. Trying to paint a picture of what a wonderful place it was is another story. I simply can't imagine what life would have been like without the "Pool Room". It is where we met with our friends. It is where we met with girls to buy them a soda and play the jukebox. It is where we learned to associate with adults. It is where we learned to play cards and pool. It is where we learned some hard lessons, like losing your allowance money. It may have been a smoky, dimly lit, somewhat grungy old pool hall, but it was Heaven to all of us. PPP Of course it was Daryl and Henrietta that made the place. Henrietta ran it during the day, Daryl at night. They were firm with their rules, but friendly toward us all. I think they genuinely cared about their customers, from the crusty old card players to the young punks like me.

The last time I saw Henrietta was three or four years ago. I stopped in with my grandkids. She whipped us up some of those chocolate malts. They were just as good as they were back in 1959. Henrietta and I talked about old times and tried to catch each other up on what we knew about kids from my era. She was sharp as a tack and remembered a few stories I'd forgotten.

All too soon the malts were gone and the grandkids got antsy. We said our goodbyes and that was it. I never saw her again.

Henrietta, Daryl and "The Pool Room" are all gone now. I think I can speak for hundreds of Henrietta's "adopted kids" by saying they will live on in our memories forever.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It's that time again. The dreaded Garlic Mustard is invading our parks, woods, fields, and our gardens. In order to protect our native plants it's important to prevent the further spread of this extremely invasive plant.

Please join us for the annual Garlic Mustard pulls on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Boy Scout Cabin and on April 22 at 2 p.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park. For important information about the plant check out the display at the Lowell library.

Also watch Lowell Cable Channel 20 for an informational video presentation. For more information call me at 897-7948. Thank you for your concern and support.

Peggy Covert

Dear Editor,

To all the stories about Gerald Rudolph Ford since his passing, let me add one more, a local happening. I did not know him personally, though our birthplace homes in Grand Rapids were only about three blocks apart. I have visited the museum several times since its opening.

When Ford was our Michigan Representative to Congress, he attended a performance of the Lowell Showboat

on Saturday night, closing night. He sat in the front row, and was introduced along with any other celebrities, as Mr. Runciman always did. Showboat regularly had well-known attendees.

I was singing in the chorus that summer (probably 1945-48 time frame), and the last performance on Saturday night was followed by a square dance at the nearby gym, which was the new high school gym/elementary building. Mr. Ford came to the square dance. Sets were mixed up frequently for variety; and I danced in the set with Gerald Ford for one dance.

Sincerely yours,
Priscilla Lussmyer

Financial Focus

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TIME FOR SOME FINANCIAL "SPRING CLEANING"

Now that April is here, you might decide to spruce up your home, both inside and out. But you also may want to do a little "spring cleaning" to help keep your financial house in order.

What steps should you take to tidy up your financial situation? Actually, some of the moves are the same as those you'd use to reinvigorate your house and yard. Consider the following:

- Get the clutter out. When you open some of your closets, you probably ask yourself: "Why on earth do I need that?" Strange as it may seem, when you open your investment portfolio up for examination, you might have similar thoughts. Perhaps you've had some investments for so long that you no longer remember why you bought them. If you aren't sure why you own a stock, bond or other type

of security, you might want to sell it and use the proceeds to invest in something else that might be more useful in helping you meet your goals.

- Rearrange the furnishings. Over time, and almost without your being aware of it, the furnishings in a room can get "out of balance." Perhaps you have too many chairs in one corner, or maybe your new entertainment center is crowding out a couch. Usually, with a little rearranging, you can get things back in order. And the same is true with your portfolio: Over time, it might have become unbalanced, with too much of one investment and too little of another. This situation could prove hazardous to your financial situation, especially if the imbalance means you are taking on too much risk or, conversely, if your holdings have become too conservative to provide the growth you need. A well-balanced portfolio can help you achieve your long-term goals and accommodate your individual risk tolerance, but it won't assure you of a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets.
- Update your home's "look." If you've lived in a place for a long time, the rooms and even the landscaping can start to look a little "frumpy." Perhaps the way you lived in 1997 isn't quite the way you'd like to live in 2007. So, you make some changes. And when you look at your investment portfolio, you might also think that some elements aren't reflecting new realities of your life, such as marriage, divorce, a new child, a child going off to college

or impending retirement. If this is the case, you may need to adjust your holdings.

- Check your security system. It's always a good idea to check your smoke detectors and alarm systems to make sure they are functioning properly. And, just like your home's security features, your life insurance needs to be checked periodically. If you've moved to a more expensive home, or if you've added a child to your family, is your insurance still sufficient? Or, if you have recently remarried or divorced, have you changed your beneficiaries?

As you can see, you can gain a lot of benefit from a financial spring cleaning. Get started soon.

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New Arrivals

Eggerdink



Kylee Ann Eggerdink

Jenny Dee and Adam Eggerding are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kylee Ann Eggerding. Kylee was born March 13, 2007 weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dave and Lynne Dee of Lowell, Tim and Ruth Eggerding of Lowell, and Carol Eggerding of Grand Rapids.

Bittrick



Pace Bittrick

Betty and Gaylord Heaston of Lowell have recently welcomed their fifth great-grandson and first great-granddaughter into their family. Diana Bittrick, their daughter, is the delighted grandma and the grandpa is Barry (and Cathy) Bittrick of Ada.

Pace Allen Bittrick was born to Brett and Amanda Bittrick of Paw Paw on February 3. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. His big brother, Landon age 9, was so excited. Other proud grandparents are Yvonne (and Marv) McQueen of Lowell and Kurt (and Faith) of Manclona.

Sophia Elizabeth Wunder was born to Brenda and Doug Wunder on April 1. She was 7 lbs 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Big brother, Dylan, age 2, is happy to have a little sister. Other proud grandparents are Jim and Carol Wunder of Bark River (Escanaba).

Wunder



Sophia Wunder

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Degage Ministries celebrate 40 years of relaxing with a concert



Roger MacNaughton, Charlie Hoats, Steve Anzvine and Carlos Mendez.

From the French verb meaning to "be at ease," Degage Ministries is celebrating 40 years of "relaxing" with a benefit CD Release Concert by "MacNaughton Boulevard."

Both the new CD and concert will feature Degage-inspired jazz originals and some heartfelt blues by award-winning composer and pianist Roger MacNaughton. Joining MacNaughton is Charlie Hoats on fretless bass, Steve Anzvine on drums, and Puerto Rican guitar "monster" Carlos Melendez.

As a long-time supporter of Degage, MacNaughton sees an immediate fit with the album's flavor and the Heartside organization. With the emphasis on relationships, Degage provides a safe alternative to the streets through its Coffeehouse and Life Enrichment Center. Located on Division Ave, Degage strives to be a welcoming oasis and provide a wide variety of programs including a state ID program, hygiene facilities, access to pro-bono legal services, and overnight refuge for adult women.

The concert will take place on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton Street, Grand Rapids. Tickets are \$7 at the door or can be obtained by calling Acoustic Arts Music (616) 975-9966.

Christian poets sought

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 21, 2007.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Lavender Aurora, the organization's contest director. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, poem of praise, or one that inspires the reader.

Lowell seniors enjoyed spaghetti at Alto Elementary

Alto Elementary fifth grade students sponsored a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on March 23 at the school. Proceeds will be used to help fund fifth grade camp. Parents served up nearly 400 dinners as students greeted diners, cleared tables, emptied trash, served desserts and escorted senior citizens to their seats. Fifth grade families were overwhelmed by the tremendous community support for this event, not only by people showing up to eat, but also by the generous food donations from community members including Kelly Witt and the Alto American Legion Hall, the Oesch family, Cole's Bakery, Jimmy's Grill and Sam's Club. Three quilts designed by the fifth graders were also raffled off at the event.



Lowell senior citizens enjoy spaghetti at Alto school.

Lend A Hand

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an hour-long information session for Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. for prospective volunteer tutors.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Council and how to become a volunteer tutor is welcome to attend the meeting at the Cascade Library located at 2870 Jacksmith Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). Volunteers do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

Call 459-5151 to register.

In The Service



Jason Offenbacher

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jason A. Offenbacher has graduated from the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Jay Offenbacher of Saranac, and Diane Offenbacher of Kentwood, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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In children, celiac disease can cause different problems at different times. Infants may have stomach pain and diarrhea. They may not grow well or gain enough weight. Young children may have stomach pain and nausea and may not eat as much as usual. They may not have enough iron in their blood and they might get mouth sores or a skin rash.

Children may be irritable or clingy. In later stages of the disease, children may become malnourished. Teenagers may hit puberty late and be short.

Adults with celiac disease might have a general feeling of poor health. They might be tired, irritable, or depressed. Osteoporosis, anemia, and lactose intolerance can all occur with celiac disease.

The main treatment for celiac disease is following a gluten-free diet. By following the right diet, you can fix the damage in your intestines. Diagnosis of celiac disease can be made through blood, or by duodenal biopsies done with a scope of your stomach.

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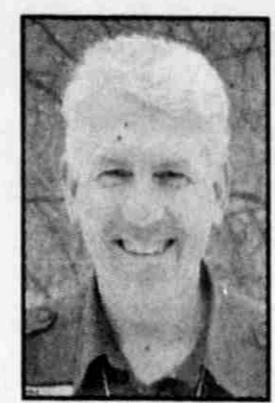
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LOCAL CONSERVATION GROUPS GATHER

Earth Week is a time to recognize the common cause we all share. The air we breathe is a shared resource as is the water flowing under our homes. Area communities have community water wells and wellhead protection committees. Most people do not think about community members protecting ground water from contamination. Who would contaminate our water? Terrorists? More than likely it would be your good neighbor and friend. Why?

Basically they do not think about actions. I taught at a rural college where many young mothers decided to return to school. An obstacle for them was the cost of childcare. To help the college decided to provide day care for the kids at the college but the state would not permit infant care at our facility. The well water was contaminated with nitrate fertilizers leached from neighboring farm fields. Older children's and adult livers can handle the nitrates but infant livers are not fully functional and infants could die from drinking the water.

Our farm neighbors only wanted to provide the

community with crops. They had no intent to contaminate ground water or to endanger their neighbor's baby. In current times most farmers with help from the Extension Service are more careful about how much nitrate fertilizer is used. The amount put on the ground gets taken up by plants and not washed into drinking water. Soils are tested to learn how much should be used. This saves farmer dollars and protects water. This is conservation and environmentally responsible behavior for a sustainable community. Now we have a community of environmentalists' farmers.

Environmentalists are often looked upon suspiciously because being environmentally responsible prevents individual behavior that is harmful to neighbors. For example, many members of community used to dump old engine oil on the ground to get rid of it. Now it is illegal because it is dangerous to our community water supply. We no longer are allowed underground oil tanks because many began to leak and contaminated our well water.

Some farmers became environmentalists willingly and some because laws forced them to protect community health. Meanwhile there is the rest of the community. Many use lawn and garden fertilizers without concern about applying too much. It becomes especially problematic when we have lawns that extend to a lake or stream. Fertilizers frequently get washed in the water and cause algal blooms that can consume oxygen and kill fish. It may be their yard where they apply fertilizer but it is the community resource the may be negatively affected.

Today people with small yards and those who maintain lawns to waters edge generate much of the fertilizer

contamination.

How can a regular guy or gal become an environmentally responsible citizen while having fun in the process? On Saturday, April 21, over a dozen conservation organizations are getting together to share with you how they connect with the Earth. Each has its own special appeal and you are invited to the Earth Day Celebration to learn directly from them. Each is concerned about a healthy environment in which to live and enjoy life. Each has its special focus to cater to different community members.

Come talk with their members and visit their booths between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Wittenbach/Wege Center on Vergennes Road one mile west of Lincoln Lake Road in Lowell. Hosting organizations will also lead short walks. Hosts are Grand Rapids Audubon Club, Grand Rapids Camera Club, Howard Christensen Nature Center, Izaak Walton League, Land Conservancy of West Michigan, Lowell Area Recreation Authority- Trails Association, Lowell High School Environmental Club, Lowell Wellhead Protection Committee, Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Natural Awakenings, Sierra Club, Vergennes Township Open Space Committee, Water Resources Institute, West Michigan Butterfly Association, West Michigan Environmental Action Council, and Wittenbach/Wege Agri-science and Environmental Center. Live Bald Eagle and Owl presentations will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 616-987-1002 for more information or e-mail smueller@lowellschools.com.

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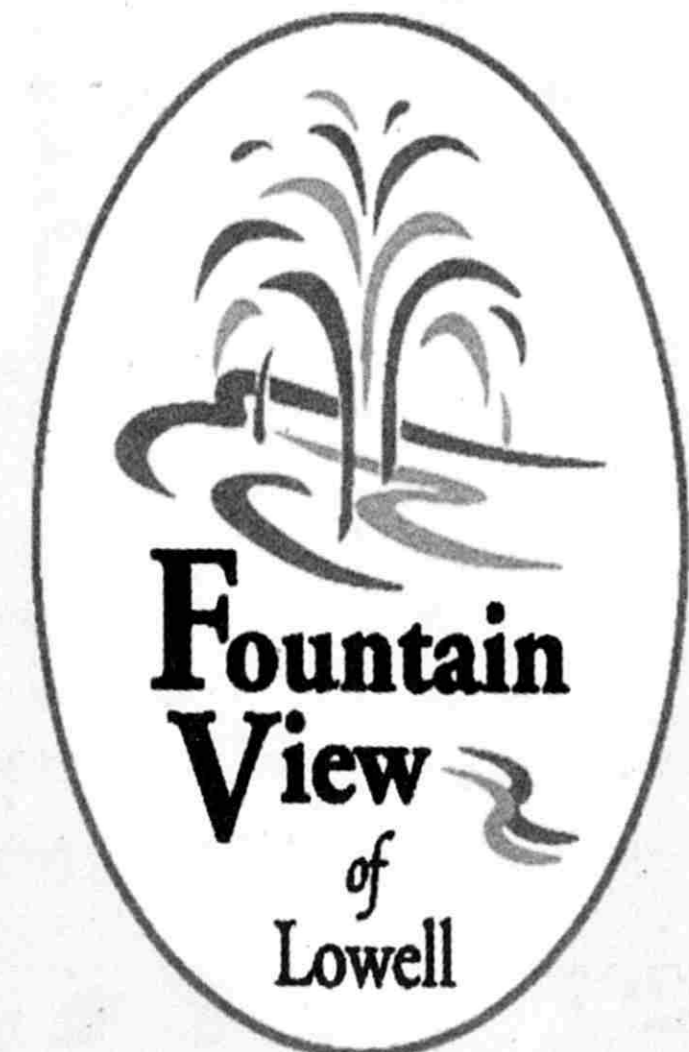
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Rotary auction to raise funds for scholarships/clean water

By Emma Palova

Two top items at the Lowell Rotary auction have a strong connection to water.

This year's biannual Rotary Auction, to be held on April 27 at Noto's, will benefit the Lowell Area Student Scholarship Fund and the International Clean Water project.

The first item is Jeanne Rockett's painting of "The Mighty Grand," and the second is a floating chaise just begging to escape to the next place on the banks of the Grand River.

"You'll love it when you see it," said event co-chair

Lorain Smalligan. Roger Gardner of Good Chevrolet confirmed the quality of the chaise as he posed for a photo at the dealership. The bidding on the chaise starts at \$1,500, although the real value is close to \$3,000.

The "Mighty Grand" painting is on display at the Ionia County National Bank.

Rockett, a native of Michigan, has made the painting of Lake Michigan her trademark. Her paintings have brought her numerous awards and honors. In 1987, she was the first place winner in Michigan's sesquicentennial "Living Legend Art Competition."

Her work can be found in many private and public collections.

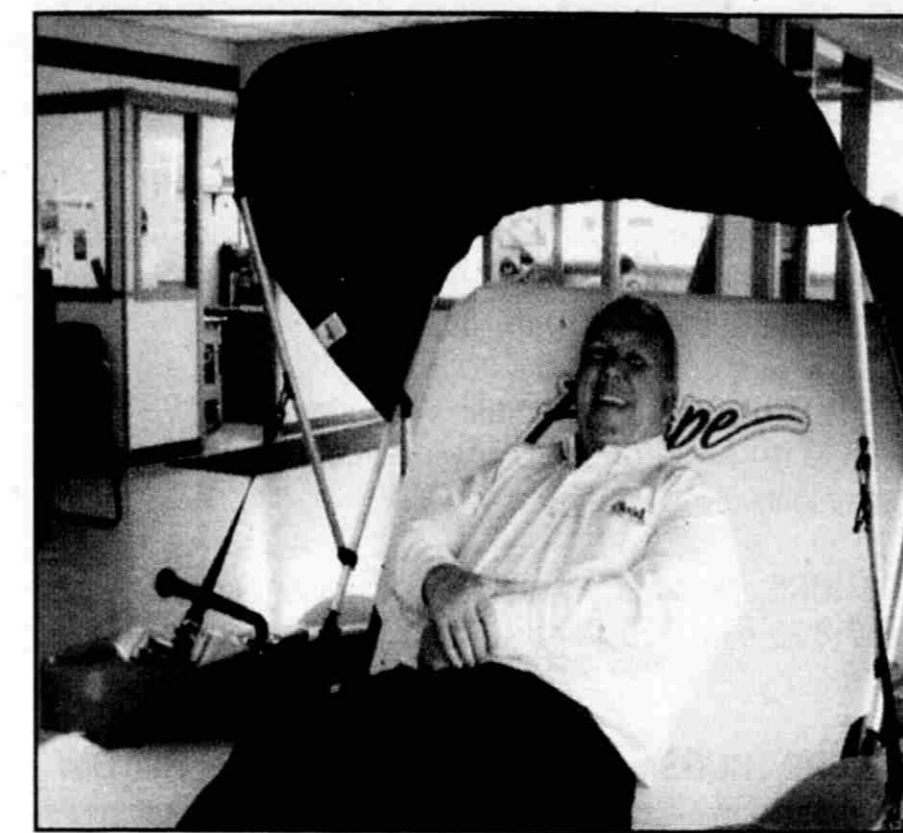
The items can be pre-bid on by using forms available at both the bank and the dealership.

Tickets for the auction are \$50 each. The auction will feature live entertainment and international walking food stations.

"You don't have to be a Rotarian to participate, so go ahead and purchase tickets," said Smalligan. For tickets, contact the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or Betsy Davidson at 293-3206.



Lowell Rotarian Chuck Myers pictured with "The Mighty Grand" at the ICNB.



Roger Gardner of Good Chevrolet takes it easy on a floating chaise.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE.

On the agenda will be the election of officers and any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

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THURS., APR. 19: Meijer Gardens at 12:45. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

SAT., APR. 21: Community Garden Exchange in front of First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft Ave., Alto. 9 - 11 a.m. Bring what you've got, take what you like. Questions call 868-6403.

SAT., APR. 21: Free Bluegrass music jam session at TJ's Bar & Grill in Lowell at 7 p.m. Everyone welcomed.

SUN., APR. 22: Community Garlic Mustard pull at 2 p.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park. For more information contact Peggy at 897-7948.

TUES., APR. 24: Traveling Breakfast at Fresh Start Cafe at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., APR. 25: Dr. Smith at 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry at 12:45 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THUR., MAY. 3: Vergennes Coop Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Floral arrangement by Wild Flower Shop. Hostesses: Julia Hurley and Aileen McCabe

MON., MAY 7: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Belding, Ionia, and Lowell, will hold its regular communication at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner precedes the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

SAT., MAY 19: 4th Annual Rex Collins Memorial Golf Outing at Deer Run. Get your teams together. More info call 485-4478 or email jtd@aol.com.

MONDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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.

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. Bellline) 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

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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

8 p.m. ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.) 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.

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FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

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 & 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.

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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 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries. 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.

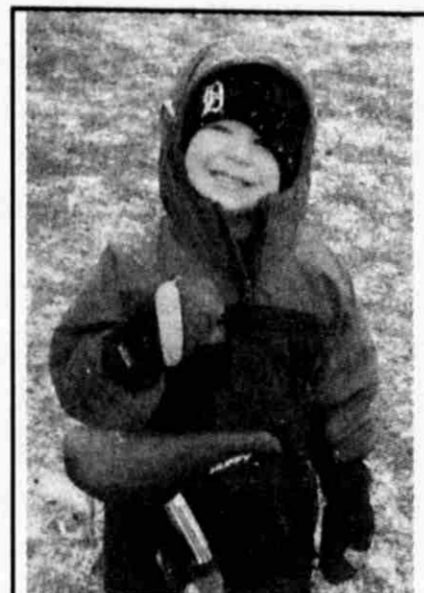
SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

Lowell Moose Easter egg hunt winners

The Lowell Moose Lodge's annual Easter egg hunt took place April 7 at Creekside Park. Meijer donated bicycles for the top two egg hunters in four age groups. Taking top honors this year were Abigail Donahue and Levi Myers in the 1-2 year old age group; Ethan Willard in the three-year-old age group; Andrew Hackstedt and Isabelle Lee in the 4-6 age group and Joseph Lee and Cort Davis in the 7-9 age group. Also winning a \$25 check were Darby Fuller in the 4-6 age group and Avery Lupton in the 7-9 age group.



Abigail Donahue



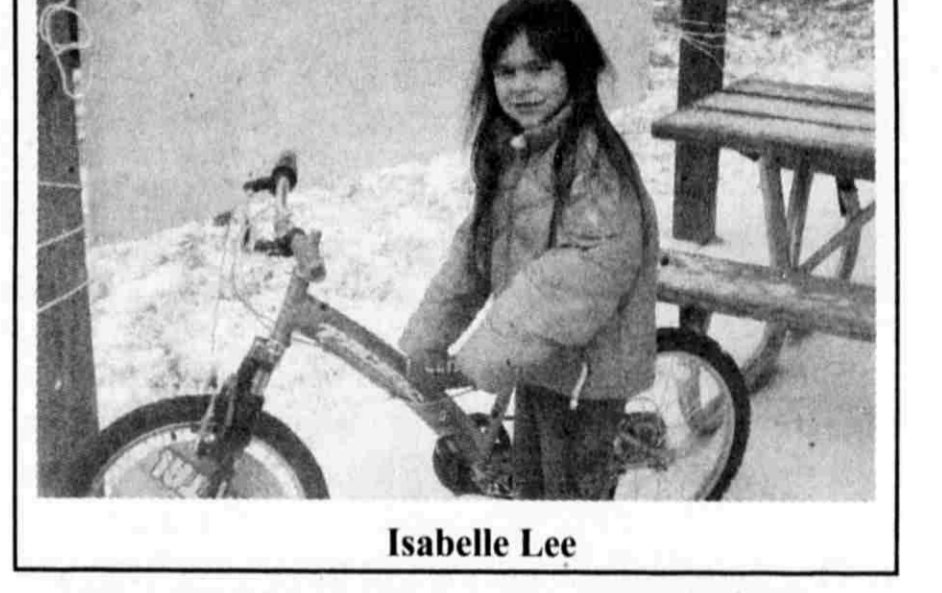
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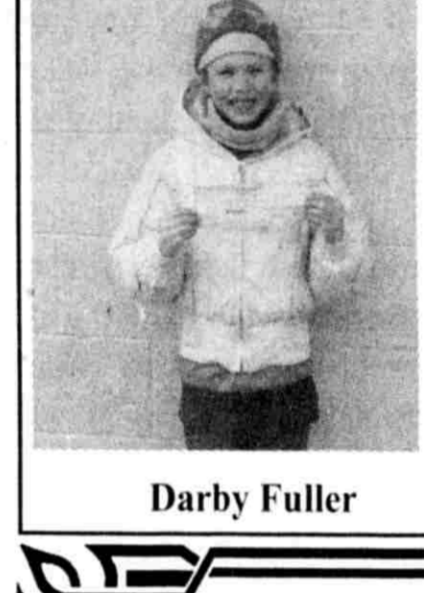
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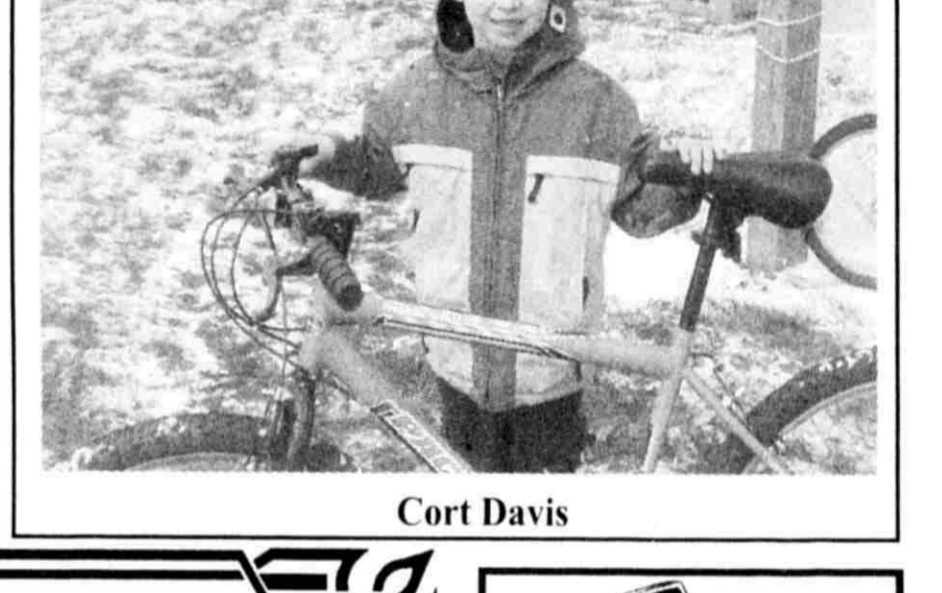
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THURS: French toast sticks/syrup (cereal/ graham cracker also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, 100% fruit juice, milk.

FRI: Pizza bagel (sloppy jo on wheat bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), whole kernel corn, assorted fruit, homemade peanut butter bar, milk.

Murray Lake chess



The top three finishers in Murray Lake Elementary's annual chess tournament are from left to right, Jonathon Roberts (second place), Santana Boulton (champion) and Doug Weed (third place). Over 40 students participated in the double elimination tournament. Roberts and Boulton split their first two matches before Boulton won the final championship match.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,976-DE

Estate of DONALD A. HORN deceased

Date of birth: 12/20/1929

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, DONALD A. HORN, who lived at 404 Riverside Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, died 11/8/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICIA HORN, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 404 Riverside Drive, Lowell, MI 49331 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Patricia Horn 404 Riverside Drive Lowell, MI 49331

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,082-DE

Estate of DICK FETTERHOFF deceased

Date of birth: 6/27/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, DICK FETTERHOFF, who lived at 319 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan, died 12/20/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CONNIE SCOTT, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1296 Sibley St., Lowell, MI 49331 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Sharing The Vision

With Gregory Pratt
Lowell Area Schools Superintendent

LAS COMMUNITY SURVEY COMPLETE

The Lowell Area Schools community survey has been completed and the data received will help provide valuable benchmarks for developing the district's strategic plan. As a precursor to the survey, the administration met with a series of 7 focus groups consisting of over 100 people who gave valuable input in designing the actual survey tool.

An online questionnaire was made available via the link on the Lowell Area Schools' home web page in mid-February. Parents and community members received notice of the survey via letters, building newsletters, notices in local newspapers and signage about town and were requested to participate. Printed copies of the questionnaire were also made available upon request.

Survey responses were submitted from Feb. 16 through March 29 and a total of 642 questionnaires were completed. Highlighting some of the findings from the survey include that 81 percent of the current parents responding to the survey feel welcome when they visit schools within the district and 77 percent of the current parents feel informed about the Lowell Area Schools.

In response to curricular items, 83 percent of current Lowell Area Schools parents are satisfied with how students perform on the MEAP and other standardized tests. Most current Lowell Area Schools parents (82 percent) who responded are satisfied with how technology is used to enhance teaching and learning in the Lowell Area Schools.

Three-fourths of the current parents (75 percent) are

satisfied with how their children's interests and talents are being developed by the Lowell school district and with how their children's social and emotional needs are being supported.

When asked if parents feel they're informed about how they can support their children's learning in LAS, 70 percent of current Lowell area parents who responded feel they're informed including 21 percent who reply that they are very informed.

Many of these statistics are helpful gauges and indicators of where the district will continue to work and how we can set targets and benchmarks for areas of improvement in the upcoming years.

When asked about building needs and structure needs regarding urgency for specific improvements, additions, and/or renovations, parents and non-parents alike rated safety/security and technology upgrades as the first two concerns.

In the months leading up to the survey, the district has had an outside company, Owen-Ames-Kimball, do an extensive study of the facilities to identify areas of the infrastructure that need repair and renovation throughout the district. Administration and the Board of Education continue to study that report and identify logical recommendations for facility improvements.

An announcement will soon be made regarding community meeting dates and locations where we will share the survey results and the results from the Owen-Ames-Kimball building needs study.

College News

Sarah M. Niemeyer of Alto, and Austin A. Blough and Jacob D. Rickert of Lowell were named to the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

I was the kid next door's imaginary friend.

- Emo Phillip

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS MAY 15, 2007 4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.



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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

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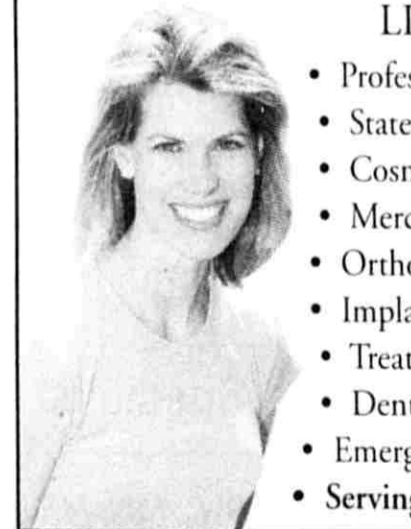


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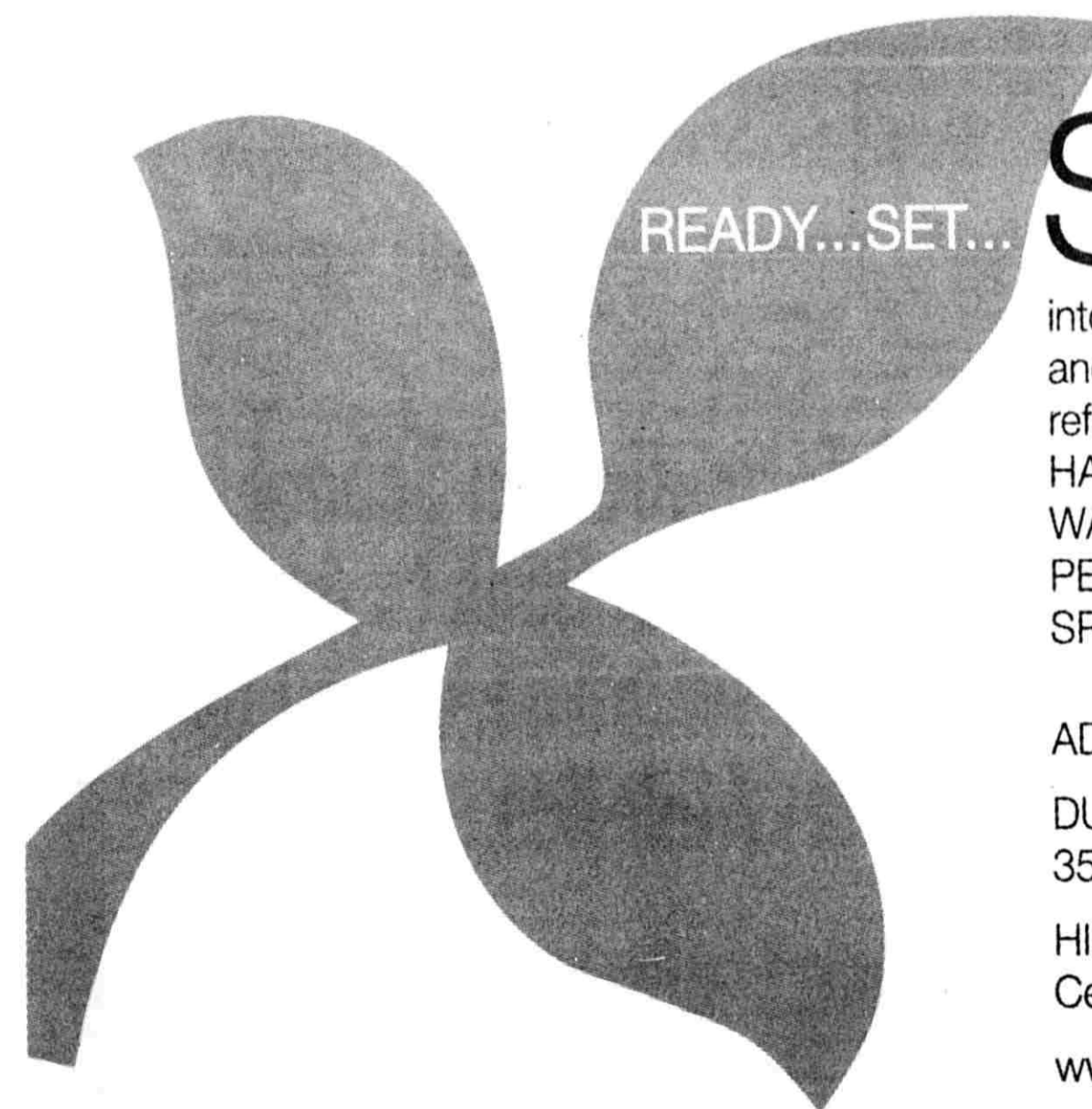


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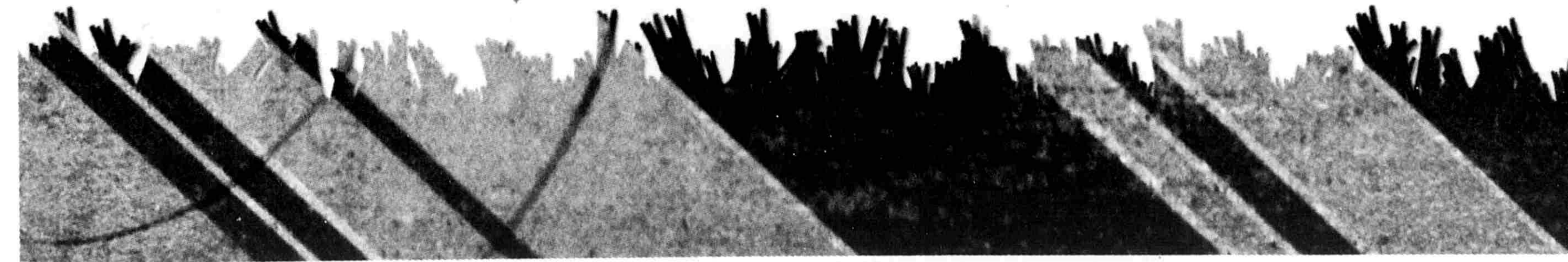
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

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BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek baseball field
Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

- 4/18 Ionia
- 4/20 at 4:15 p.m. Cedar Springs (2)
- 4/21 at 10 a.m. Hamilton Tournament
4/23 Wyoming Park*
- 4/25 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids*
- 4/27 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Central (2)
- 4/30 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville
5/1 Creston*
- 5/3 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Northern (2)*
- 5/7 at 4:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills*
- 5/9 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids
- 5/11 at 4:15 p.m. Northview (2)*
- 5/14 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville*
- 5/16 Lakewood*
- 5/18 at 4:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills
- 5/21 at 4:15 p.m. West Ottawa*
- 5/23 at 4:15 p.m. Caledonia*

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek softball field
Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

- 4/18 Ionia
- 4/20 at 4:15 p.m. Cedar Springs (2)
- 4/21 at 10 a.m. Hamilton Tournament
4/23 Wyoming Park*
- 4/25 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids*
- 4/27 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Central (2)
- 4/30 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville
- 5/3 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Northern (2)
- 5/7 at 4:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills
- 5/9 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids
- 5/11 at 4:15 Northview (2)*
- 5/14 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville*
- 5/16 Lakewood*
- 5/18 at 4:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills
- 5/21 at 4:15 p.m. West Ottawa*
- 5/22 Mandy Tichelaar Tournament*
- 5/23 at 3:30 p.m. Hudsonville (2)*

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

* Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

- 4/17 Greenville
- 4/24 Forest Hills Northern*
- 4/26 Forest Hills Central
- 5/1 Northview*
- 5/3 Kenowa Hills
- 5/5 at 9:30 a.m. Lowell Invitational*
- 5/8 Caledonia*
- 5/10 time TBA Conference at Northview
- 5/11 time TBA Conference at Northview
- 5/21 time TBA Champ of Champs at Wyoming Rogers

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home meet at Deer Run Golf Course.
All meets begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated.

- 4/18 East Grand Rapids*
- 4/24 Greenville
- 4/27 Belding/Lakewood at Belding
- 4/30 Forest Hills Northern*
- 5/1 Forest Hills Central
- 5/4 time TBA Kenowa Hills Invitational
5/7 Northview*
- 5/9 Kenowa Hills
- 5/10 Ionia
- 5/15 at 8 a.m. Conference at Thornapple Pointe
5/16 Belding*

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.
Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated.

- 4/18 Zeeland East
- 4/20 Thornapple Kellogg
- 4/23 East Grand Rapids*
- 4/25 Greenville
- 4/30 Reeths Puffer
- 5/2 Forest Hills Northern*
- 5/3 Forest Hills Eastern
- 5/7 at 7:10 p.m. Forest Hills Central
5/11 Northview*
- 5/14 Kenowa Hills
- 5/16 OK Conference Tournament*
- 5/21 OK Conference Tournament*
- 5/23 OK Conference Tournament*

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home game at LHS tennis courts
Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

- 4/18 East Grand Rapids*
- 4/21 at 8:30 a.m. Big Rapids Tournament
4/23 Greenville
- 4/28 at 8:30 a.m. Caledonia Tournament
4/30 Forest Hills Northern*
- 5/2 Forest Hills Central
- 5/3 NorthPointe Christian*
- 5/7 Northview*
- 5/9 Kenowa Hills
- 5/12 time TBA Conference*

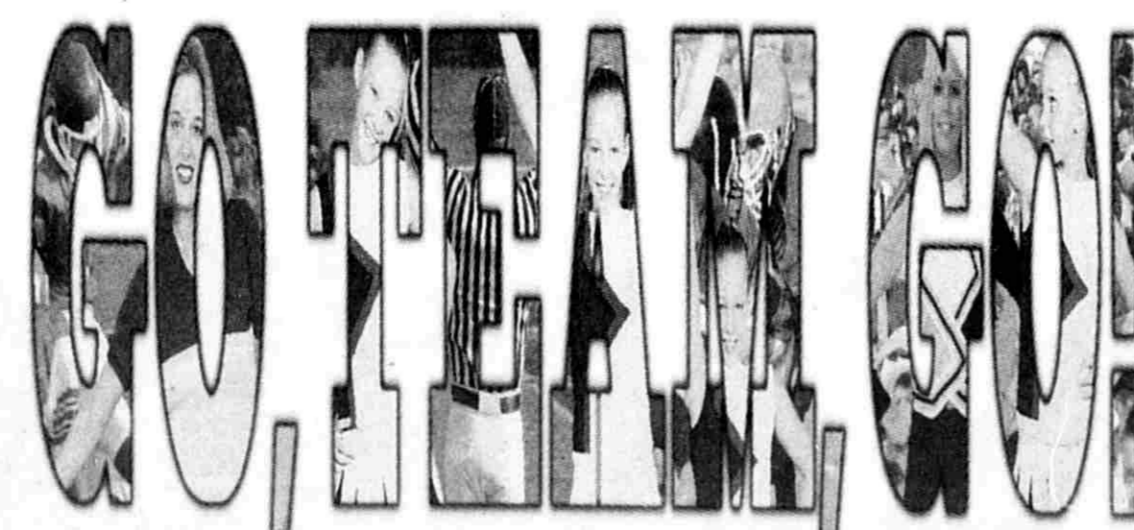
BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Indicates a home game at LHS Lacrosse Field (next to tennis courts)
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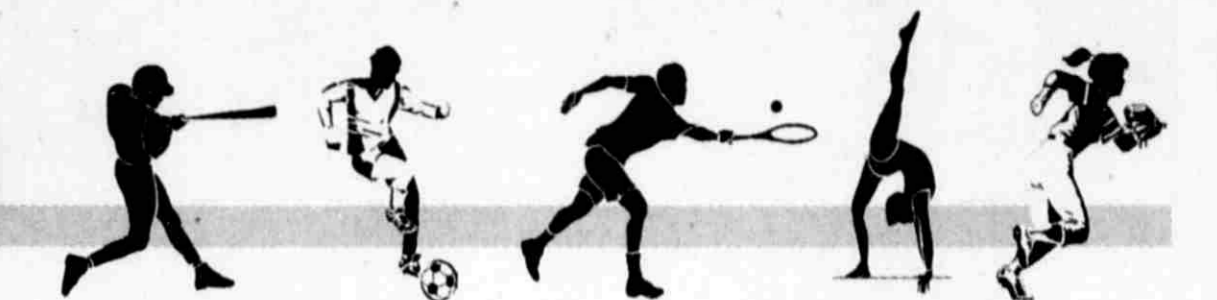
- 4/19 Catholic Central
- 4/20 at 5:30 p.m. Caledonia
- 4/24 Holland Christian*
- 4/26 Forest Hills Eastern*
- 4/28 at 2 p.m. Portage Northern
- 5/1 Zeeland West High School
- 5/3 Grand Haven*
- 5/5 at 1 p.m. Holland*
- 5/15 time TBA Conference Tournament
- 5/17 time TBA Conference Tournament
- 5/19 at 1 p.m. Kalamazoo United*



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Under Athletics.



RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell varsity girls softball team ready for 2007 season

The Lowell High School varsity girls softball team is ready for the 2007 season to begin. After training in Alabama, the Red Arrows are eager to begin the campaign.

The defending district champs and regional finalists the last two years have a good mixture of experience and youth that highlight their lineup.

Brittany Bueche, a senior and four-year starter at shortstop will anchor the infield. "Bueche brings experience and talent to our infield," said veteran coach Bob Rodenhouse. "We are counting on her to lead the infield and have some great at-bats - we will need her bat this season."

On the mound will be junior Katie McElroy, senior Terrah Tawney and junior Alex Gibbs. "Mac and Tawney each have some experience on the mound while Gibbs is a first-year player on the varsity," said Rodenhouse. "We need

all three to slow down the other team to give us a chance at the plate. Mac will catch and Tawney will play first when not pitching."

Junior Monica Vigil is in her second season holding down second base. "Monica was solid for us last year at second and we know she will continue her fine play," commented Rodenhouse.

At the corners will be senior Ashleigh Smit and junior Tricia Thuston at third, while senior Karri Ort and junior Cassie DeCator will hold down the first base side. "Smit and Orr saw lots of action last year and we need their senior leadership and experience to guide this team," said Rodenhouse. "We are also looking for a great year at the plate from them. Seniors need to step up and make this team successful." Thuston will also see some time behind the

plate and Ort will play some outfield.

Third year starter Ashley Nawrocki, a junior, will move from right to center in the outfield. "She can run down any ball hit and has a cannon for an arm," said Rodenhouse. Nawrocki will also catch when McElroy is on the mound.

Two year varsity players senior Jen Ettinger and junior Jessica Meyer will also patrol the outfield along with juniors Sam Mundt and Kristin Nagy. "Both Ettinger and Meyer have strong arms and can run balls down," said Rodenhouse. "Nagy and Mundt will add depth to the outfield. I feel we will have a solid outfield."

Rodenhouse is assisted by Bill McElroy, Terry Weiland and Andy Bronkma. Steve Nelson coaches junior varsity and the freshmen are coached by Kim Griffin.

Lowell varsity softball team defeats Forest Hills Eastern in a doubleheader

The Lowell Red Arrows varsity girls softball team opened its season April 10 defeating Forest Hills Eastern twice in a non-league doubleheader.

The girls won both games in five innings 15-2 and 10-0.

Junior Katie McElroy picked up the win on the mound

in the first game striking out 12 batters and walking two. She retired nine of the last ten hitters and only allowed one hit.

The Lowell bats came alive as 10 Red Arrows banded out 14 hits. Senior Jen Ettinger, senior Karri Ort, junior Jessica Meyer and McElroy smashed two each. McElroy, Meyer and junior Kristin Nagy hit triples while senior Brittany Bueche, Ort and Ettinger doubled. A nine-run fourth inning broke open the game.

In game two senior Terrah Tawney and junior Alex Gibbs limited the Hawks to three hits. Tawney picked up the victory as Gibbs mopped up in the fifth.

Bueche collected three hits including a triple and Ettinger banded out a single and a triple. Senior Ashleigh Smit and McElroy also had two hits each. Lowell scored three runs each in the first and second and two in each the third and fourth for the win.

Lowell was to play a doubleheader Monday at Portland and a single game at Ionia today. The team plays Cedar Springs on the road Friday and travels to Hamilton Saturday for a tournament.

Gallert named new basketball coach

Danielle Gallert is the new girls' basketball coach at Lowell High School replacing the retiring Dee Crowley.

Coach Gallert, assistant varsity coach at Lowell for six seasons, is a graduate of Union College in Kentucky where she played intercollegiate basketball for four years. She has taught in the math department at Lowell for the past seven years.

Gallert has also coached AAU basketball in the Western Lakers organization.

Basketball runs in the Gallert family. Her sister Roxanne was recently named head coach at Forest Hills Central, and sister Brianne is head coach at Ottawa Hills.

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Wacky Science

Students at St. Patrick School learned how wacky science can really be with Doug Scheer's Wacky Science Assembly Show. Using simple, everyday objects in an entertaining format, students "saw" invisible gas trapped in a jar, learned about chemicals and watched a kindergartener raise three fifth graders high using mechanical technology- a lever. Pictured from left to right are students Jacquelyn Pytlik, Mike VandenHout and Eva Szebeldy.



A Long Overdue Honor for the Tuskegee Airmen

With Senator Carl Levin

The Tuskegee Airmen were recently honored with the Congressional Gold Medal in a moving ceremony in the U.S. Capitol. More than 350 Airmen from across the country, including many from Michigan, were in Washington to receive Congress' highest honor for their heroism in fighting for our country abroad during World War II while challenging bigotry and racism here at home. It was a day of heartfelt joy and gratitude that was long overdue. It was my honor to have sponsored the legislation that awarded the Airmen the medal, along with Congressman Charlie Rangel of New York.

The story of the Tuskegee Airmen began in 1941 when President Franklin Roosevelt overruled his top generals and ordered the creation of an all black flight training program at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. President Roosevelt did so one day after the NAACP filed suit in federal court on behalf of a Howard University student and others to force the Department of Defense to accept black pilot trainees.

The first class of 13 cadets began at the Tuskegee Institute in July of 1941. By the time the last class completed its training, nearly 1,000 black pilots had graduated alongside thousands of aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, control tower operators and other personnel

essential for conducting flying operations.

The statistics of their heroism are overwhelming - more than 15,000 combat sorties, 260 enemy aircraft destroyed, 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses and Legions of Merit, and more than 700 Air medals and clusters. As the reputation of the Airmen grew, white bomber pilots did not just come to accept escorts by the Tuskegee Airmen, they requested the Tuskegee Airmen.

But the spiritual legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen transcends any statistics. They not only fought for us on the battlefield. They fought for our very soul as a nation.

As young men, the Tuskegee Airmen saw something in our nation that drove them to defend it in the face of the pain inflicted upon them by laws promoting segregation and practices reflecting racism. They must have sensed that, despite the bigotry, this was a nation worth fighting for. They must have seen a spark of hope that this was a country worth dying for and sensed that they, in their courage and patriotism, could help that spark become a flame of justice.

In commemoration of the ceremony in the Capitol, the Airmen who attended received bronze replicas of the Congressional Gold Medal. The medal itself will become part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian, the world's largest museum and research complex, contains some of the most important artifacts of American history, including the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner and the desk on which Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

The medal awarded to the Airmen will have a permanent home among these national treasures, reflecting the Airmen's



Budding Artist

Murray Lake Elementary fourth grade student Kennedy Coxon's Aborigine art project was accepted into Calvin College's art show which exhibits outstanding artwork of K-12 students from Kent County. Coxon is shown with Murray Lake art teacher Lori Coffman. She created the project in Coffman's class.

enduring place in American history. The display in the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum will also include uniforms, films, personal stories, and possibly one of the planes the Airmen trained in. Over 20 million people visit the Smithsonian each year, and they will soon have the opportunity to learn more about the sacrifice and service of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Finally, I want to note that the Tuskegee Airmen have a special place in Michigan history as well. In addition to their training at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, in subsequent years some of the Airmen trained at Selfridge Field and Oscoda Field in Michigan. The late Coleman Young, former mayor of the City of Detroit, trained as a navigator bombardier for the 477th bombardment group. The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Museum is located on the grounds of historic Fort Wayne.

And in 1972, the concept of a national, nonprofit organization was discussed at the home of World War II POW Lt. Colonel Alexander Jefferson, and Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. was soon a reality and continues to motivate and inspire young Americans. We were honored that Detroit's own Lt. Colonel Jackson played an active role in the recent Congressional Gold Medal ceremony. Michigan is justly proud to be home to so many Tuskegee Airmen.

By not giving up on the promise of America, the Tuskegee Airmen gave our nation an extraordinary gift, and our country has been strengthened by their faith in it. The Congressional Gold Medal is a symbol of the Airmen's place in our history, but that place was established long ago, when the Airmen fought for the right to fight for our country.

*** Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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FISHING EQUIPMENT ESTATE SALE - selling inventory from the estate of Glenn VanWoerkom, tackle salesman for 30 yrs. Sat., April 21, 9am - 5pm, 9771 Foreman (W of Parrel).

RUMMAGE SALE - Ada Community Reformed Church, Sat., April 21, 9-1 p.m. 7239 Thornapple River Drive.

EVENTS

LOWELL CLASS OF 1977 30 YEAR REUNION - July 28, 2007, 6 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Hilton. Prime rib or balsamic chicken dinner, \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Canfield Plumbing & Heating or by sending a check to Lowell Class of 1977, PO Box 144, Lowell, MI 49331-0144. Info online at LowellClassof1977@iserv.net.

LOST

LOST - Black canvas boat cover. Lost April 6, on Lincoln Lake bet. Fallsburg & M-44. 897-0567.

LOST - 2 street signs, Morehouse and Swift. Last seen hanging from our mailboxes at 906 and 920 Fallsburg Park Dr. respectively. No questions asked if returned. 897-5548.

SPORTS REPORTER NEEDED - The Lowell Ledger is looking for a stringer to cover Lowell High School sports. Along with your name, address & contact information, applicants should send writing examples to: The Lowell Ledger, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com in the subject line sports reporter.

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SOCIAL WORKER - The Laurels of Kent is accepting applications for one of its full time Social Services positions. Long term care and MDS experience are required. Please apply to Administrator, The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331. Or email resumes to wtorrey@laurelhealth.com.

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Lowell Fire Dept. & Rockford Ambulance Service for their quick service they gave us March 15. I would also like to thank our children & granddaughter for the help while my wife was in the hospital and at home.

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