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Superior Furniture partners with Jasper Cabinet Co.



Superior Furniture was established in 1936.

By Emma Palova

Superior Furniture has partnered with Indiana-based Jasper Cabinet Co. to stay competitive in a deflationary market. Jasper is a niche supplier of accent furniture.

Superior will extend finishing capabilities to include Jasper's line of occasional heirloom furniture with 46 stain and finish options in the 65,000 square-foot Lowell plant.

In the art room of the plant, some pieces will be enhanced with painted designs for an eclectic look. New partners Bill Lee, CEO of Superior and Robert Cribbs, call the alliance a win-win situation.

"Manufacturers have been forced to think outside the box," said Lee. "You have to differentiate yourself. What was once an heirloom is now disposable."

Both companies will be building the alliance on a long tradition of excellence.

Employees at the Lowell plant last week were ecstatic about the new partnership.

"I think it's great," said finish supervisor Julia Bosworth of Saranac. Operations manager Craig Hansen gave a tour of the plant explaining various operations - such as the three levels of distressing - that provide antique look, staining and painting.

Over the last few years, the workforce at Superior has shrunk by two-thirds, while Cribbs had to revive Jasper after it shut down.

The partners now predict a slow comeback within the industry with possible growth in the future with their niche products. Superior offers large space capacity, moreover the two manufacturers will not have any crossover in product lines. "Our lines do not overlap," said Cribbs. "We match together well to offer a broader line of products." The main benefit of the alliance will be financial stability in a climate of change and shifting over to

imports, according to Lee. "I will be able to offer to my customers wood tone finish," said Lee. "And add production into the factory to offset fixed costs."

The partnership will also strengthen marketing opportunities of the two established companies. They will target dealers who sell to the high-end market for adults 38 years and older nationwide.

"It's all about service," said Lee. "We will grow into

options in the near future by being different from competitors."

Superior Furniture Co. was established in 1936, and has grown into a well-known niche supplier of occasional, casual dining, bedroom, and accents. Superior, along with Kendall, are the only two remaining manufacturers servicing the residential side in the area, according to the partners. Jasper has created the curio, the roll top desk

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Finish supervisor Julia Bosworth works on a finished table frame at the Superior plant.

Earth Day Celebration



Greg Brook gave a Bald Eagle presentation during Earth Day last week at the Wittenbach/Wege Nature Center. The WWC also celebrated its sixth anniversary. Various organizations showcased their programming and activities. These included the West Michigan Butterfly Association, the Lowell Area Recreation Authority and many more.

Rags to Riches concert to raise funds for museum

Renowned pianist to perform in Lowell



By Emma Palova

In the "Rags to Riches" concert on May 11 at the Lowell Area Performing Arts Center, renowned pianist Rich Ridenour will bring alive the history of

American music.

"He is an amazing musician and entertainer," said Judy Straub, director of Lowell Area Historical Museum. "Rich is a high caliber performer. It's a wonderful thing for our community."

The concert is the museum's largest annual fund raiser that will fund the museum's year round programming and activities. This year, the fundraiser becomes especially important, as the museum is facing cuts in grant funding from the state, according to Straub.

Ridenour will explore the whole gamut of American music, while the museum will notch up the performance with American classic desserts. A Grand Rapids pastry chef will be offering miniature pecan pies, shortcakes and a brownie bar.

"We want this to go

with the history of American music," said Straub. "We want to make people understand where we come from in weave that into the cultural fabric of our community."

As in any activity the museum puts on, the main focus is to help preserve history at the local level or at the global level with local flavor, according to Straub.

Ridenour, a Grand Rapids native, has played at the Pops Concert with the Grand Rapids Symphony. He has also conducted the Symphony Orchestra in Detroit, as well as many other music venues in the Midwest.

The concert is sponsored by Huntington Bank. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$20 per student. Call 897-7688 for tickets. Gourmet desserts and coffees will be served at 7 p.m. followed by the concert at 8 p.m.

Obituaries

HUIZING

Louis (Al) Huizing, age 56, of Pierson, passed away April 15 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He was born February 1, 1951 in Grand Rapids the son of Louis and Joan (Vantil) Huizing. During his working years he worked for Aggregate Industries for 18 years. Al enjoyed golfing, tubing, boating and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Sand Lake Eagles, American Legion in Grandville. In 1974, he married Linda VanDyke who survives. Also surviving are his parents, Louis and Joan Huizing of Alto; grandparents, Josephine VanTil of Alto; one son, Troy Huizing of Lowell; three daughters, Wendy Dow of Grand Rapids, Brandi (John) Magoon of Cedar Springs, Joni (Brian) King of Manitou Beach; 15 grandchildren; one bro-

ther, Scott (Marla) Huizing of Alto; one sister, LouAnne (Russ) Wells of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Phil; a grandchild Adrienne and a grandfather, Pete VanTil. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Heckman Funeral Home.

WITHERELL

Julce Jo Witherell, aged 48, of Jenison passed away unexpectedly April 16, 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Vivian Mortor. She is survived by her husband, Mark; two sons, Travis Mark and Adam J Witherell; one grand-daughter, Ciana; sisters, Judith Vandersloot and Joy Whitesell; in-laws, Arlyn (Ruth) Witherell; brothers-in-law, Craig and Eric Witherell. Funeral services were held Friday, April 20

at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Mark Witherell Family, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

HOOVER

Bonnie J. Hoover (Hoseth) age 80, of Lowell, passed away Friday, April 20, 2007 at Metron of Belding. Bonnie was born in Wilton North Dakota March 3, 1927 to Carl and Mable Peterson Hoseth. As a tiny infant, along with her mother and three siblings, she rode on a passenger train to Flint, to meet up with her father who had found a job at the Buick Plant; quite a feat for one so small, perhaps that is where her strong spirit came from. After be-

ing ravaged by the awful disease of Alzheimer's for nearly ten long years, Bonnie left this hell on earth on April 20, 2007. Before Bonnie passed away, she at last found peace by being comforted and cared for by the wonderful, supportive staff at Metron of Belding (especially angels Bevin Rowland and Cindy Wireman and a special thanks to Julie from the family). Bonnie's great sense of humor, her extraordinary inner strength and her fear of leaving loved ones kept her going as Alzheimer's destroyed her life. Now at last Bonnie is with the ones she loved so dearly who left before her; she has finally gone Home - which she wanted to do for so many

years. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Mabel Hoseth; brothers Wallace (Ted), Jackie, and Erwin Hoseth, as well as former spouse, Robert L. Hoover and brother-in-law, Neil Geelhoed. Those who remain behind, missing and loving Bonnie are her sister, Phyllis Geelhoed; brother Robert (Bonnie) Hoseth; daughters, Karen (William) Alles, Maria Hoover; grandchildren, Craig Alles, Sam Laase, and Kirk Alles. Bonnie loved children and was blessed with many nieces and nephews. Memorial Services for Bonnie will be Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Belding, MI at 303 S. Bridge St. Please

make memorial donations in memory of Bonnie to the Alzheimer's Association Research Dept.

BEEAN

Tammy D. Beean, aged 45, of Lowell passed away unexpectedly April 16, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Jim; children, Becky (Jason) Becker, Jamie Beean, James Beean, Samantha Beean; grandchildren, Zoe Becker and Katelyn Becker; mother, Dawn Swain; father, Robert Olson; brother, Britton Olson; sister Cathy Lowe. A private service will be held by the family at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of MI, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Smoking cessation classes offered

Free smoking cessation classes have returned to Lowell. Tobacco Free Partners, a West Michigan non-profit, provides the classes at no charge.

Group sessions meet for six weeks beginning Monday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. The classes are held at Lowell Family Medical 2550 West Main Street. To register call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org and click on classes.

Tobacco Free For Good classes were offered to Lowell area residents in January and were very successful. "The response to that class was excellent. This reflects the need for community-based health initiatives, which have been well received in the Lowell," said Jodie Seese, the facilitator. Seese is a nationally certified tobacco addiction specialist and has been involved in cessation programs for eight years. "People are tak-

ing advantage of programs and group activities that improve their health, particularly those offered locally."

Cessation classes are effective for a wide range of smokers. In January, there were family members who quit together; there were grandparents and new parents; there were people smoked for only a few years and several who had smoked for over 40 years.

Lowell resident Mike Oligney participated in the January sessions. "This class worked for me because I was ready to quit and looking for assistance. I wanted to learn how to go about it. The class gave information on the tools available, what to expect and helped me build a sound plan for quitting. The material provided

was accurate and truthful and did not take a preaching attitude. Thanks to this program I am now smoke free after 49 years of being a smoker."

Class topics include: Developing your personal Quit Plan; reviewing medications and nicotine replacement therapies; understanding withdrawal symptoms; coping with stress; managing weight control and fitness; and preventing relapses.

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) participating in an educational program can increase your chances of quitting by 70 percent. "It's important for people to understand that quitting is a process, a transition. It's

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on April 16, 2007, the following ordinance was adopted: Ordinance No. 2007-01, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, a summary of which is as follows:

Section 4.1.1 Table of Use Regulations, Column 2, to regulate the sale of farm products grown primarily on the land under the control of the person selling such products in the AG-1, AG-2 and R-1 Zones.

Section 4.1.1 Table of Use Regulations, Column 3, to regulate the sale of non-farm products in conjunction with farm products and to regulate rural recreation/agricultural amusement enterprises in the AG-1 Zone as a Special Land Use.

Section 4.1.1 Table of Use Regulations to add a Notes Section listing specific standards for the sale of farm products and non-farm products from a building, and rural recreation/agricultural amusement enterprises.

Section 2, Definitions, to amend the definition of building, farm, farm operation, farm product and GAAMP.

The ordinance shall become effective May 2, 2007. A copy of the complete text of the amending ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

An amendment to Section 6.8, Penalties. The proposed amendment would stipulate the fines to be levied for a violation of the Township Zoning Ordinance and add language to clarify the nature of such violations and the method of paying fines.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please contact Bowne Township for an application if you are interested in serving on the Alto-Bowne Downtown Development Authority. The position requires that you reside, own property or work within the 4 mile radius of the district.

Please contact the Bowne Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035 for an application, or call 616-868-6846, Wednesday, Thursday 9-5 or Friday 9-12.

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Residents rally for art funding in Lansing



The speaker at the rally was president and CEO of ArtServe Michigan, Neeta Delaney inside the Capital.

By Emma Palova

The Lowell area cultural fabric may be jeopardized in the future with a moratorium on state grant funding for arts and history.

The Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) and the Lowell Area Historical Museum have lost approximately \$20,000 in frozen grants. In a rally last week in Lansing, local arts and history representatives opposed the cutbacks that will significantly impact the programming of both organizations. It is the mission of these organizations to make arts and history accessible to all, thus creating a unique cul-

tural niche in a small town atmosphere.

"The chamber and the arts council envision a Lowell community that is vibrant, economically thriving and immersed in arts," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker.

According to LAAC director Lorain Smalligan, many businesses came to Lowell because of the council's impact on economic development. The LAAC, chamber and museum annually offer a smorgasbord of cultural activities ranging from festivals, concerts, plays, exhibits, theatrical productions, parades and

museum tours. The LAAC has already been impacted by the cuts, while the museum is struggling with decisions where to cut back. The LAAC had to reduce hours for the marketing director/office coordinator and employee health care benefits have been frozen.

Other impacted areas may include reductions in support of community arts classes, business and financial management for Thebes Players and reduction in gallery hours. Also the LAAC may have to raise fees and ticket prices for events.

Last year, the museum used grants to bring historically significant program-

ming to the community such as the special exhibit "From Caves to Computers." Due to the cuts, director Judy Straub said the special exhibits may be impacted.

The next scheduled exhibit "Gadgets and Gizmos" in the fall may not happen. "The museum and the arts council are vitally important to our community," said Straub. "We cannot provide programming and exhibits without our volunteers and financial support. We're looking right now at what to cut."

Since 2002, funding for arts and culture from the state has been reduced by more than 60 percent.

Age to me means nothing. I can't get old; I'm working. I was old when I was twenty-one and out of work. As long as you're working, you stay young. When I'm in front of an audience, all that love and vitality sweeps over me and I forget my age.

- George Burns (1896 - 1996)

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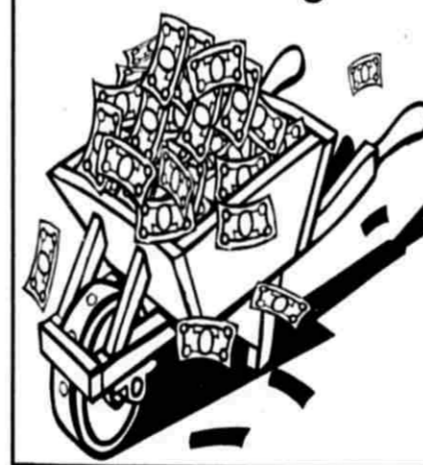
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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the May 8, 2007 School Election is Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Office - 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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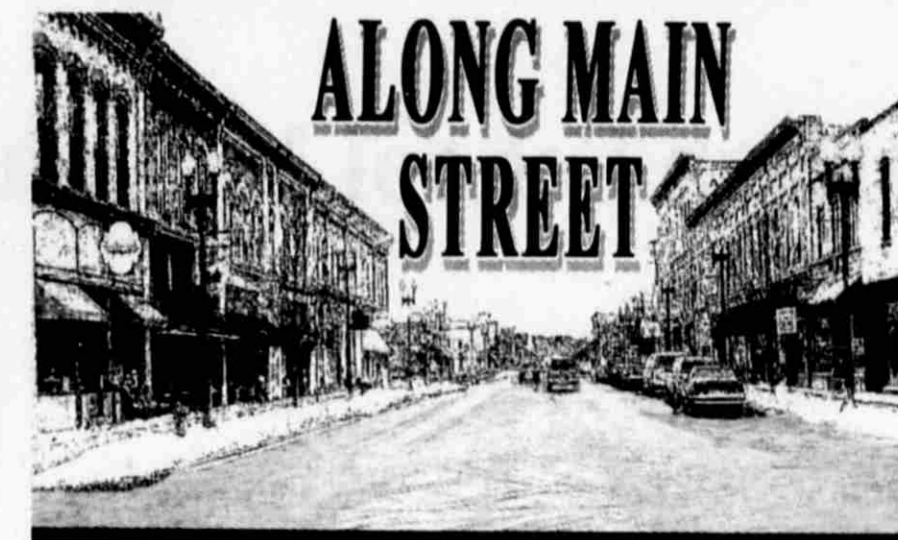
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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Lowell Scouts dropped off bags for collecting food for Flat River Outreach Ministry. Please fill them with nonperishable goods and place on your porch by 9 a.m. on April 28 and the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will pick them up.

TOTS SPRING ALMOST NEW SALE

April 28, 9 a.m. until noon. Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High Street. Set-up will be held from 8 - 9 a.m., bring your own table. Please call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space. Participation is free.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Start Monday, April 30 at 6 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. Call 616-975-0123 to register or www.tobaccofreepartners.org.

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.

CALLING ALL FORMER ENDMEN & CHORUS MEMBERS

The Lowell Showboat is looking for all former members of the Showboat Chorus and all former endmen to become a part of the Showboat Nostalgia - 2007. Information meeting Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. For information see www.discoverlowell.org.

TOTS ON TRACK FOR SCHOOL PRESCHOOL FAMILY CARNIVAL

Games, prizes, ice cream, face painting & balloons, \$2 per child. May 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High Street. Please call TOTS office at 987-2532 to register.

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"High School Musical" features variety of talent

By Jeff Larsen
Special to The Lowell Ledger

If you're looking for high-energy entertainment this weekend, look no further than the final three performances of Disney's High School Musical at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School.

For those without "tweeners" who made the Disney Channel movie one of the top-selling DVDs last year, "High School Musical" is a feel-good phenomenon, filled with great music, dancing and humor, all brought to life by students at Lowell High School.

The musical follows the budding relationship between Troy (played by Sean Briggs) and Gabriella (Andrea Converse), a "jock" and a "brainiac" who discover their hidden talents while auditioning for the school musical.

"The show will definitely take the audience into the high school hallways of today," said director Kim Nyson. "With 17 song and dance numbers, there is something in it for everyone."

Nyson said she picked the show strictly by reading the synopsis and reviewing the script. "I loved the moral of the story," she said. "It basically tells kids to never be afraid to try something new. High school has so many opportunities for kids these days."

Nyson also said she had no idea that the show was "all the craze."

"As my kids are in their twenties, I don't spend a lot of time on the Disney Channel these days," said Nyson. "However, it didn't take long before I realized that this was a very popular story."

Audiences can expect the magic of the theater, according to senior Andy Oesch, who plays Jason, one of the school jocks. "No performance is exactly the same," he said. Oesch also said that the voices of Briggs and Converse blend well together. "They have great chemistry."

Oesch added that senior Regan Doyle and junior Meghan Ross have a couple of scene-stealing moments in their roles as Coach Bolten and Miss Darbus.

Senior Mike Klinepaste, who plays another school jock, said that the two numbers "Getcha' Head in the Game" and "Status Quo" are extremely energetic with a surprise ending in the latter song.

Nyson said that the basketball number "Getcha' Your Head in the Game" is very difficult. "The boys have worked very hard on it and are in very good shape because of it," said Nyson. "It also makes a catchy phrase for the director when they aren't as focused as she thinks they should be."

The music is played by a combination of students and community members and is directed by retired Greenville band director Keith Hudson.

Approximately 200 schools across the country have secured the rights to perform High School Musical this season. But only Lowell has tailored the show to fit its school. Fans of the film will remember the action taking place at East High School, but the Lowell presentation features sets based on Lowell High. As an added treat, a number of kids from Lowell elementary schools are featured in each performance.

Tickets are still available for the final three performances this weekend. Performances are Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance for students and seniors and \$7 in advance for the general public. All tickets at the door are \$8.

Tickets can be purchased at the main office at Lowell High School between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays or at Pep Talk.

Be sure to "get your head in the game" and see Disney's "High School Musical" this weekend.

For more pictures from musical and cast turn to pg.11



Stan Karas narrates the musical story.

THANK YOU!

The Lowell Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) would like to thank the following businesses for donating funds to help support our high school chapter this year. Through the help of these businesses, over 20 students were able to compete at the Regional competition and 12 students at the State level competition.

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and the secretary. The company is in the process of launching a high-end computer secretary.

Cribbs said he still believes in domestic products. "A lot of companies have jumped offshore too quickly," said Cribbs. "I believe the opportunity is here."

Superior will ship and

deliver the finished product within two to four weeks. "Jasper and Superior will be doing this for years to come," said Cribbs. "We blend well together. Our goal is to be a domestic company."

Workers at Superior will be doing everything from pre-finishing inspections, light assembly to final packaging.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Nextel West Corporation for a Special Land Use Permit to co-locate an antenna on an existing tower for wireless communications.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 4283 Timpson Avenue SE between 40th Avenue and Cascade Road (PP# 41-20-20-400-003)

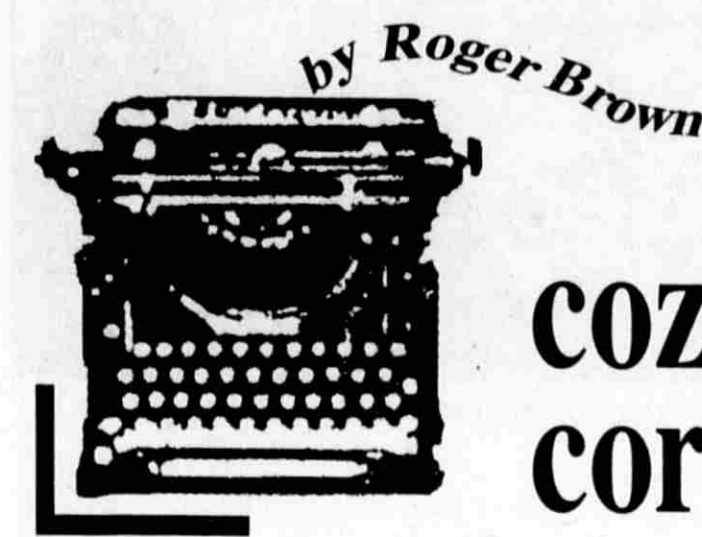
The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

The proposed rezoning request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

Viewpoint



cozy corner

Up until this writing, I've known the following subject matter was off limits... taboo... verboten! Since my wife proofs this column for me each week, she wields powers akin to a presidential veto. No sense trying to sneak one by.

Saturday was the 26th running of the somewhat famous Seven Mile Bridge, held here in the Lower Florida Keys. Terese, my wife, has lived here for 14 years and has secretly wanted to enter the field all this time. This year she made it a goal.

Whether this was actually a New Year's resolution, I'm not quite sure. The timing was about right. She joined the local Weight Watchers. The women who heads the group has run the "Seven Mile" nearly every year, and Terese tapped her for inspiration and guidance. The training began.

First, a little info about the bridge run. Since the bridge is part of U.S. 1, the only artery in and out of the 120 mile length of the Florida Keys, it is obviously a logistical nightmare to close

it down for a running event.

Extensive efforts are made to give advance notice to motorists. Traffic is stopped at 6:45 the morning of the race. Water stations and rescue personnel are then posted along the route. The 1,500 runners take off at precisely 7:30. The bridge is scheduled to re-open at 9:00. A school bus, nicknamed "The Slacker's Bus" picks up any stragglers.

At 9:00 the Slacker's bus, water station vehicles, rescue vehicles and the portable finish line (mounted on a flatbed truck) all clear the bridge. The cops give the waiting traffic the green light. Just like that... traffic is back to normal. It is surprisingly well choreographed.

So, they give you precisely ninety minutes to complete the seven-mile distance. That equates to a mile every 12.8 minutes. That is a fast walking pace, or a slow run. I walk four miles most mornings. If I don't run into somebody to chat with, and don't let Mick dally too long at his swimming hole, I make it back to the house in a little over an hour. No way

am I beating the Slacker's Bus across the bridge.

That Slacker's Bus is exactly why I haven't been at liberty to discuss Terese's training and entry into the event. She was scared to death of that thing. If I had publicly announced she had given this race a try, and she didn't beat the bus, there would be no forgiveness. If the Nuns at the Catholic grade school she attended drove anything into her young skull, it was the old adage "Pride cometh before the fall". I'd like to know how many times I've heard that over our 34 years together.

For the last four months Terese has been training for the event. She does a run/walk/jog thing for four to six miles about four days a week. Three mornings a week she heads off to a friend's home gym for weight training. She has recently added an aerobics and stretching class once a week. Can you say, "Whew?"

Then there is the food. By sticking to Weight Watcher guidelines, she has lost over twenty pounds. Plus, all the exercise has toned her significantly. Every time we're getting ready to go somewhere, I'm subjected to a fashion show of clothes she hasn't been able to wear for years.

Since I've basically told you Terese beat the Slacker's Bus, I guess I should go ahead and tell you how she did. She finished at 1:23:38 for a 12:18 minute per mile average.

Walking with her Weight Watcher friend held her up. In training, Terese was clocking average miles between ten and eleven minutes. I'm certain she could have shaved a good ten minutes off her time and finished near the top of her age group. Now that she has done the race once, and learned the ropes, I'm guessing she'll do exactly that next year.

It is nice to be able to report all this. I'm very proud of her. There is a slight problem, and I knew it would be coming. Yup, pressure for me to step to the window. I'm being told to pick up the pace on my walks. The comments about my weight are becoming more frequent. I'm often reminded that there are a couple guys in her exercise class. There are even suggestions that I train for next year's bridge run.

To be honest, Mick and I enjoy our leisurely walks in the morning. I kinda like not having to count points when I eat. And, if I was entered in the race, I couldn't wait with my camera at the women's finish line. Mick and I thought watching all those hard bodies pound out the last few yards was quite good entertainment.

More importantly than all the above reasons, I don't want to lose sleep for a year worrying about that big yellow Slacker's Bus.

Congratulations Terese!!!

Assisted living offers skilled care

When older persons can no longer live independently, but do not require 24-hour-a-day skilled health care, the answer to the need for regular assistance with basic aspects of daily life (bathing, dressing, eating, housekeeping, and transportation) is often assisted living/residential care. The services provided through such care, plus the security of living with others in a supervised setting, offer a viable alternative to in-home care for thousands of older Americans.

An assisted living residence is designed to meet personal service needs, housing needs, and, in some cases, health care needs. Housing situations vary from single and double rooms to kitchen-equipped apartments. The residence may be part of a retirement community, nursing home, or elderly housing facility, or it may be an independent building on its own campus.

Types of services Assisted living/residential care services typically include the following: meals, assistance with daily living activities (bathing, dressing, eating, toileting), help with medications, housekeeping, laundry, transportation, shopping and social activities.

Choosing a Residence Each assisted living facility/residential care facility offers its own menu of services and fees, as well as its own unique atmosphere. If many residences exist in your area, choosing the most appropriate one will require some investigating. According to the MetLife Mature Market Institute, visit several before making a choice and ask these questions:

What types of services are available? Are services provided by employees or contractors?

How much input do residents have in their daily schedules and care?

What range of accommodations is offered? What's included in the rate? What extra services can be added?

Can residents bring furniture or other personal items from home?

What kinds of social and recreational activities exist?

Does the facility provide other levels of care? Or might a move to another facility be necessary later on if more care is needed?

In addition, you'll want to learn more about the facility's licensing status, safety, and environment. Consider taking the following steps:

Ask to see the most recent licensing inspection report from the state.

Examine the physical aspects of the facility: cleanliness; lighting; adequate handrails, especially in bathrooms; and ways patients can get help in an emergency.

Observe the staff. Make sure the personnel are respectful and friendly.

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Copies of Choosing An Assisted Living Facility is one of a series of Since You Care guides for caregivers produced by the MetLife Mature Market Institute in cooperation with the National Alliance for Caregiving. Single copies are available free to the public.

To The Editor

Editor:

We're not keeping it a secret. If you're a senior and you haven't been to the Lowell Senior Center, what on earth are you doing? Being a couch potato, moaning and groaning because the kids haven't stopped by to see you. Hey! We got fun. Pokeno, Euchre/Cribbage, Crafts, walking at Woodland Mall, Bible study and much more. Lunch at noon with a great group of people, dinner at restaurants around Grand Rapids and Lowell. All kinds of trips from the casinos to Niagara Falls and even concerts and movies.

All this is possible because we have Marcia Roth heading the Senior Center. She's made great changes at the center from decorating to all kinds of help for the seniors' needs. She's a wealth of information inviting doctors to come and give us lectures on all our health needs to help with our taxes. She always has a smile and always ready to dig in and do whatever it takes to help the seniors. She's a real asset to this community and we seniors want all of Lowell to know how much she's done for us.

Eva Cain and all the seniors at Lowell Senior Neighbors

Dear Editor:

April 18, 2007 Article in the Lowell Ledger stated "Survey shows many residents favor \$14 million bond for facilities." It was said that there would be zero additional mills to property taxes and would just expand the bond debt another five years. I believe this country in recent times had a president that said read my lips no new taxes. And you and I know what happened. Considering the city of Lowell is in harsh economic times and there is an unspent \$10.9 million bond issue already in existence I believe there should be a breakdown on how this money is going to be spent and published for the benefit of the constituents of Lowell before there is an additional bond. Speaking on surveys- Why isn't there a survey to see if this community would fund through taxes any new facilities or operation and maintenance of these facilities on the Wege land donation before spending a \$35,000 grant from the Lowell community fund for a feasibility study. I believe that there are some of our distinguished community leaders putting the cart before the horse in how to use our community's fundings. Read my lips no new taxes.

Sincerely,
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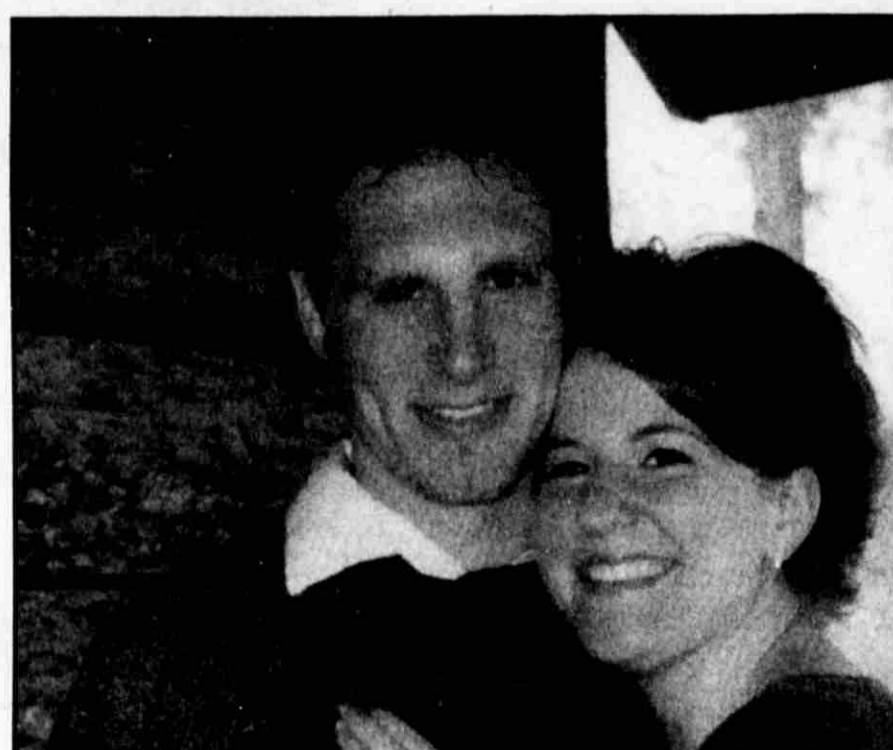
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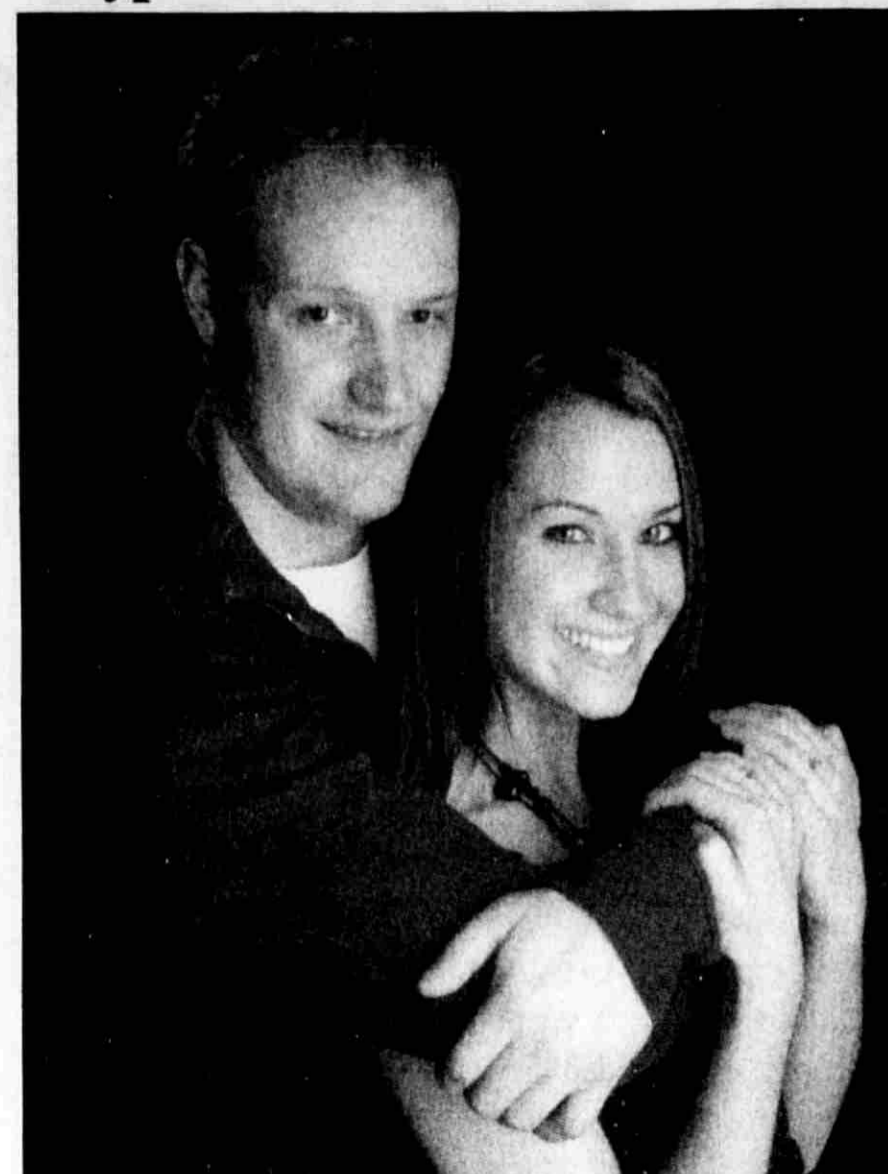
Oesch/Vredenburg



Amy Oesch and Wayne Vredenburg

Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Denise Oesch of Saranac announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Oesch to Wayne Vredenburg, son of Wayne A. and Lynda Vredenburg of Grand Rapids. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Saranac High School and is currently a student of Grand Rapids Community College in the dental hygiene program. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Union High School and a graduate of Baker College in the Paramedic program. The couple will wed June 16, 2007 in Grand Rapids.

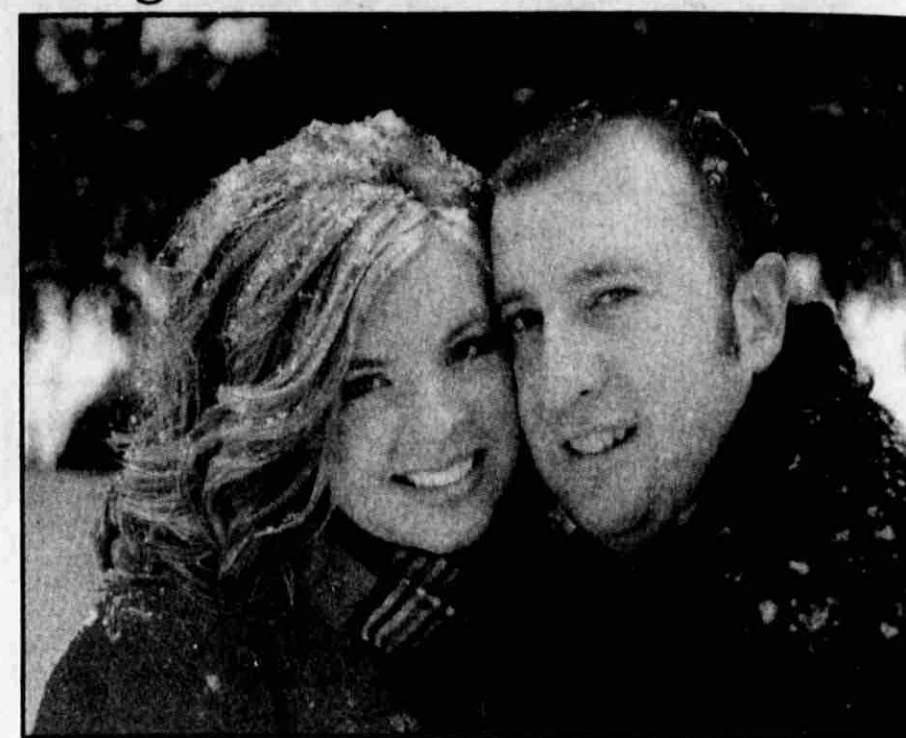
Claypool/Woods



Ashley Kay Claypool and Daniel David Woods

Ashley Kay Claypool and Daniel David Woods will be pronounced husband and wife on May 19, 2007. The bride-elect, of Lowell, is the daughter of Rick Claypool of Rockford and Sherry Claypool of Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School and Excel Academy of Cosmetology. She is currently a hairstylist working for Aesthetica Image group in Grand Rapids. The groom-elect, of Ada, is the son of David and Jean Woods of Lowell. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and is currently self-employed as a trim carpenter for his company Woods Carpentry.

Craig/Pullen



Nikki Craig and Scott Pullen

The marriage of Nikki Craig and Scott Pullen will be celebrated on January 4, 2008. The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School. She and her parents, Charles and Patricia Craig, are of Alto. The future groom also graduated from Lowell High School. He and his parents, Patrick and Charlotte Pullen, are of Lowell.

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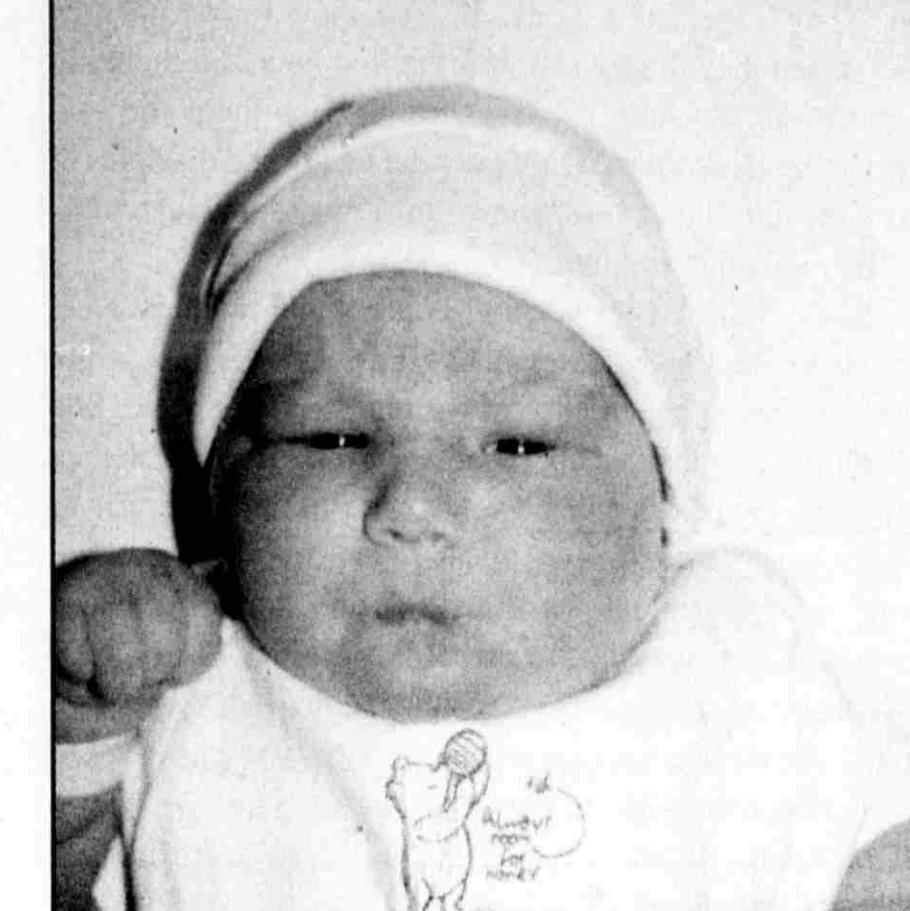
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New Arrivals

Sitzer

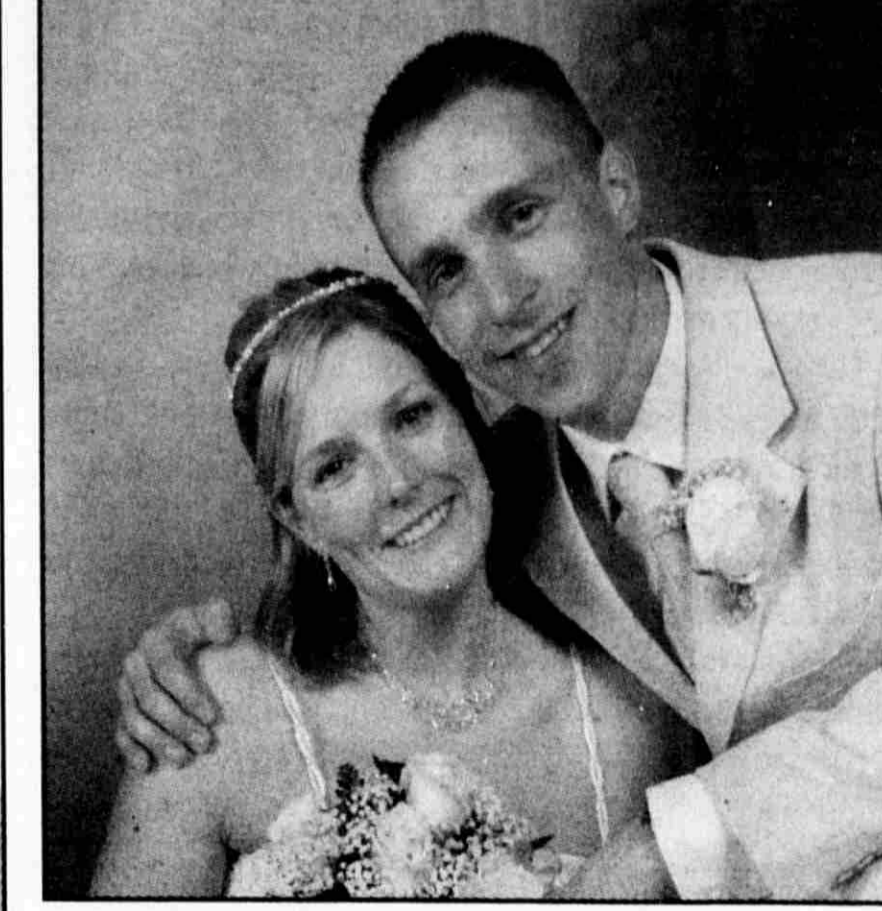


Blake Edward Sitzer

Kyle and Amanda Sitzer of Lowell, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Blake Edward. He was born April 13, 2007, weighing 11 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are James and Mary Lou Boos of Lowell, Ronald Sitzer Jr. of Ada, and Randy and Sue VanSpronson of Lowell.

Weddings

Hedlund/Barnhorst



Courtney Hedlund and Andrew Barnhorst

Courtney Suzanne Hedlund and Andrew Nathan Barnhorst were united in matrimony on March 15, 2007 in Jacksonville, Florida. Parents of the couple are Vicky and William Hudlund of Lowell and Jacquelyn and Robert Barnhorst of Bristol, Indiana.

HEALTH

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LACTOSE INTOLERANCE
If you have lactose intolerance, you have trouble digesting milk, cheese, and other dairy products. This is because your body does not make enough lactase. Lactase is an enzyme that breaks down the natural sugar in milk, called lactose. Lactose intolerance is most common in people of Asian, American Indian, Hispanic, South American, or black heritage.
The main problems caused by lactose intolerance in adults are rumbling abdominal sounds, gas, stomach cramps, stomach bloating, and diarrhea. The condition varies from person to person. Some people with this problem can safely drink small amounts of milk, especially if they eat food with it. Other people can't drink any milk at all without having problems. The problems of lactose intolerance often start around two years of age, when the body naturally starts producing less lactase.
To treat lactose intolerance, you can make changes in your diet that will help you digest milk, or you can get calcium from other foods. Milk and milk products are an important source of calcium. Your goal should be to get 1,200 to 1,500 mg per day. If you can, eat and drink smaller servings of dairy products, but have them more often. The smaller the serving of dairy, the less likely to be problems with digestion. Eat food when you drink milk. Yogurt may not be a problem, especially if it includes active cultures. Lactase enzymes can be bought over-the-counter, and can help with dairy digestion. Other foods that are high in calcium include dark leafy greens, oysters, sardines, canned salmon, shrimp, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and calcium-fortified orange juice.

Mother Goose celebration May 1

Children ages three to eight are invited to a celebration of Mother Goose on Tuesday, May 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Lowell branch of the Kent District Library. Participants will play games, enjoy rhymes, create crafts and have a special Mother Goose treat.

Registration is required and participation is limited to 35 children. To register online, visit www.kddl.org. For more information, please contact Susan VanderVeen at 647-3920. The Lowell branch of the Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell.

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Reflections of faith

By Randy Meyers
Pastor, Calvary Christian Reformed Church

One of my Elders sent me a pre-Easter email. You know the kind that get forwarded around the world. This one was about Easter cookies. You mix the ingredients and tell the Easter story. Well I thought this would be the perfect activity for my 4 year old and me. We got out the walnuts and zipped them in a plastic bag. We smashed them with wooden spoons

and a rolling pin until we basically had walnut dust. I told him that this is what the soldiers did to Jesus before they crucified him.

We poured some vinegar into the bowl. He tasted it and said that it was kind of spicy. I told him Jesus had some vinegar on the cross when he was thirsty. We tried some salt. Jesus' tears were salty, too. Then we beat egg whites and sugar till stiff peaks formed. The foam was sweet and white like the gospel story which is sweet and pure. We dolloped the foamy mixture on wax paper into little boulder shapes. We imagined the stone that was rolled in front of the tomb. Finally we slipped the tray into a preheated oven and sealed the door with some tape and a sticky note which had my son's Crayola marker crest.

He was disappointed that we could not eat the cookies that night. Jesus' disciples were disappointed that their savior had died without saving them from political oppression. Easter morning I was at church early for our extra early morning worship. My wife opened the oven with our son and pulled out the boulders.

Their surface was supposed to be cracked. They were supposed to be hollow. We were supposed to be able to talk about the earthquake and the empty tomb. While I am at least glad the oven was not empty, our son was a little

disappointed. The boulders were now flat river rocks. The smooth skinny ovals were not hollow. They had the consistency of melted marshmallows without the campfire puffy brown crust on the outside. We could not touch them without getting sticky. Our son could not touch them without getting gooey from face to feet.

The women who went to the tomb were disappointed too. They expected a body. Instead they found nobody. They when they finally saw Jesus at first he asked them not to touch him. In John 20, Jesus breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit. Only later did he ask the disciples to touch his hands and side. Somehow now the message to us is, "Be my hands and feet."

Some think Easter is about bonnets and bunnies. Neat and clean. Strangely enough this Easter we had a white pigeon make an appearance in our children's message. She was a little agitated by my preaching. Yet, Grace helped us anticipate Pentecost and how we need the Holy Spirit to fulfill Christ's resurrection mandate to forgive others. So, Easter is really about marshmallow goo and getting our hands and feet dirty in the name of the risen Christ. That disappoints some. Maybe we should email this message around the world as a forward? That way next Easter more people will know what to expect.

Crowley to compete at national BPA conference

Lowell High School student Kelsey Crowley will compete at the national Business Professionals of American conference in New York May 9-13.

Crowley, one of 12 Lowell students competing at the state level, placed second in the computerized accounting category. She also competed in the global marketing team category.

Over 2,000 students competed in the state contests March 23-25 in Grand Rapids. The top three in each division advanced to nationals.

Lowell's Andrea Converse placed fourth in prepared speech and Jesi Hook sixth. Converse also competed in parliamentary procedure and Hook in advanced interview

skills. The 12 Lowell students earned the right to compete at the state level after qualifying during regional competition last January.

Other students competing at state were: Scott Beatson (graphic design promotion and global marketing team); Mike Kleinpaste (graphic design promotion and global marketing team); Regan Doyle (global marketing team); Katie McElroy (prepared speech); Ian Fowler (advanced interview skills); Brittney Shellenbarger (parliamentary procedure team); Brian Hook (parliamentary procedure); Tom Alberts (parliamentary procedure); Tom Jeffrey (parliamentary procedure).

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday May 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Amend Chapter 1 Title and Purpose, to change the old zoning act name to the new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act name. Amend Chapter 2 Definitions, to change Act name, adding definition of where a front lot line is located on a back lot and change section number reference in the variance definition. Amend Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, section 201.426 Subdivision of Property, to update, correct typos and add all of the Land Division Act requirements.

Amend Chapter 5 Special Exception Uses and Variances, to put in the new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act noticing and publishing requirements, clarify the approval time limit for a SEU permit and site plan and move the variance section to the Zoning Board of Appeals area (chapter 7). Amend Chapter 6 Administration and Enforcement, to specify the relevant duties and responsibilities of the zoning administrator and building inspector.

Amend Chapter 7 Zoning Board of Appeals, to move and add the variance section from chapter 5, add noticing and publishing requirements as required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, add membership details, describe the appeal process and time limit including Circuit Court and the Court of Appeals. Amend Private Roads Part 202.000, of the list of relevant State Act names to reflect the new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act name.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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LLP earns award for safety

Lowell Light and Power earned the American Power Association's Electric Utility Safety award for safe operating practices in 2006.

The utility, which reported zero work-related injuries or illnesses during 2006, earned a first place award in the category for utilities with 30-60 thousand worker hours of annual worker exposure.

John Twitty, chair of the APA Board of Directors presented the award on April 16, during the association's annual Engineering and Operations Technical

Conference, held in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Implementing safe utility practices requires the commitment and hard work of the entire utility," said Twitty, general manager of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri. "This collaborative effort to ensure the safety of employees is well demonstrated by these recognized utilities."

"We're very proud of our safety record," said Tom Richards, General Manager of the community-owned Lowell Light and Power. "Winning this national award

in two of the past three years is a reflection of our trained and skilled employees and our team commitment to the highest standards of safety and public service. Lowell Light and Power will continue its work to meet the high expectations of our owners and customers for safe, reliable and affordable electric service."

The safety contest has been held annually for the last 47 years. APA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community owned electric utilities.



Jon Francis and Mark Droog of LLP received award for safety.

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learning experience and it's highly individualized," said Seese. "Every smoker is a little different and what worked for your neighbor or a co-worker may not be right for you. The benefit of a class is that you determine your own Quit Plan based on your smoking patterns and previous quit attempts. You also have the support of everyone in that class which participants cite as a tremendous value to them."

Seese also recommends the "Become an Ex" program developed by the American Legacy Foundation and the Mayo Clinic. It offers a free step-by-step quit manual as a learning tool. It also includes online coaching and phone counseling. Call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to BecomeAnEx.org for more information. "I tell people, 'now is a great time to be a smoker.' You have more resources, more options and more information than you've ever had. There's new medication, community support programs and a free class right here in Lowell. Stay positive and stay focused. You can do it."

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Photographer tells stories

By Emma Palova

Bruce Doll's mysterious image of "Dreaming of Christa" conveys the photographer's philosophy of capturing a moment in time that tells the story.

Although the image is not on display at the Huntington Bank Galleria, other images like the magical "God's Light" shot in Phillippines, and the Flat River reflection grace the walls of the bank through May 14.

Overall, Doll likes to capture silhouettes, reflections, shadows and Northern lights in his photo stories. In spare time, he loves to do "Piece of Mind" shoots, just for the fun of it dropping everything else. "In a silhouette you have to tell a story without a lot of information," he said.

Though Doll sometimes

manipulates images using computer technology like in



Bruce Doll

his "The Crossing," at other times he balances that out with a pure landscape shot.

Most area residents would recognize the ageless horse in the "Colorful Horse" image shot by the Fallsburg Covered Bridge.

Doll recently self-published a photography book titled "Images of Wisdom," available at published.imagesofvision.com.

Doll, who used to live

in New York City, said that living in Michigan is like living in the middle of a big park. When he moved to Lowell in 2000, he found himself deep in the country with its old world charm.

Many of his images are in fact shot in the greater Lowell area. Quite often they depict the country life with barns and animals. In the last two years, Doll said he has renewed commitment to his spiritual life trying to capture the beauty of creation.

Doll also does senior and wedding photography. Last year he started his photography wedding books to eliminate the need for endless albums stacked up high that usually end in a closet.

"I like to provide a good product at a reasonable price," he said.



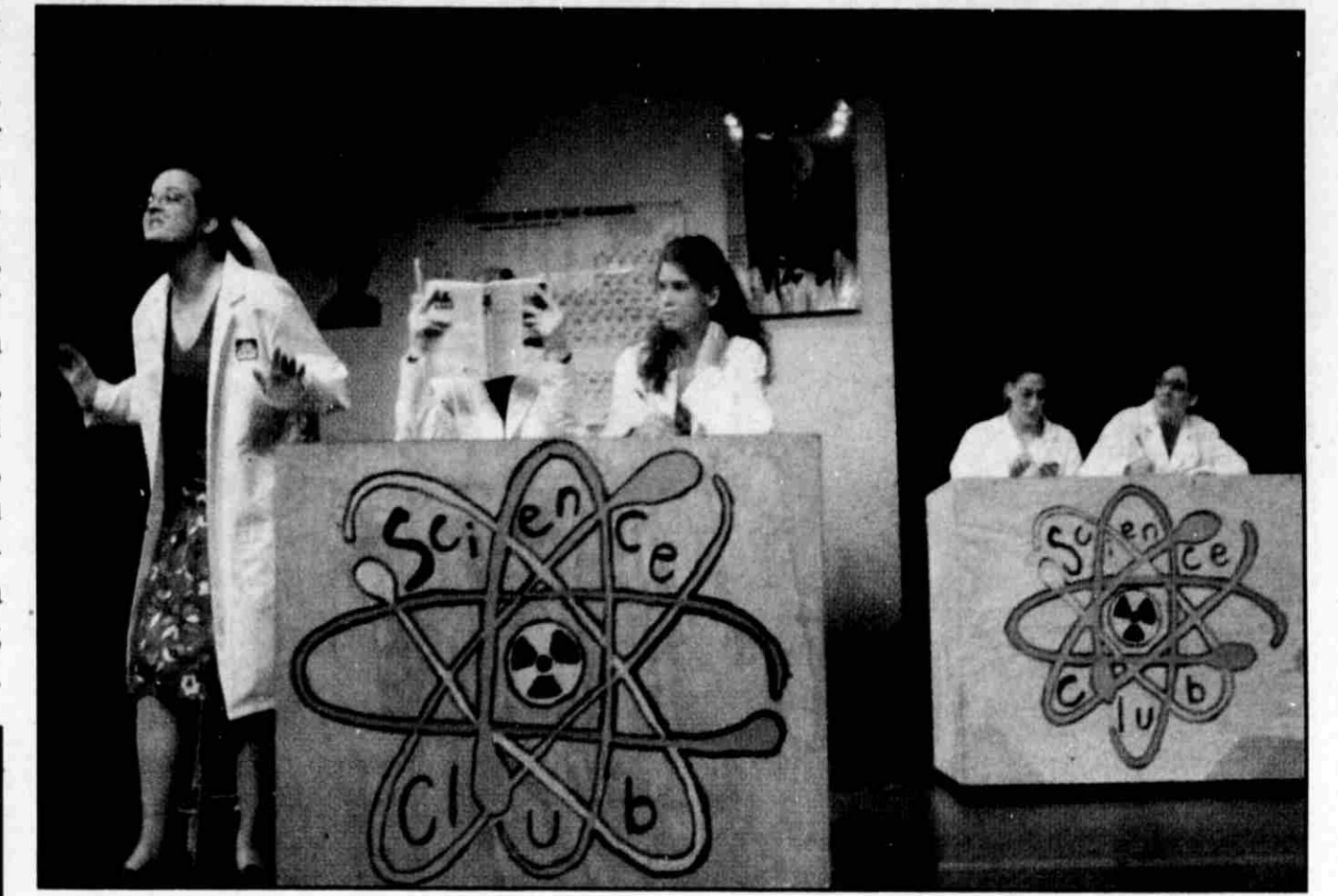
The ageless horse in Fallsburg Park.

Musical strikes note with great cast of characters

The cast of "High School Musical" includes the following: Jock Troy Bolton-Sean Briggs; Brainiac Gabriella Montez-Andrea Converse; Thespian Sharpay Evans-Holly Vaught; Thespian Ryan Evans-Gary Kilgore; Ms. Darbus-Meghan Ross; Coach Bolten-Regan Doyle; Jock Chad Danforth-Matt Dec; Jock Zeke Baylor-Brennan Prill; Jock Jason-Andy Oesch; Brainiac Taylor Mckessie-Rebecca Hommowun; Brainiac Martha Cox-Amber Lyles;

Brainiac Katrina-Listyn Chapman; Skater Dude Ripper-Meghan Mathews; Skater Dude Mongo-Lauren Smit; Student Stan the Man-Stanley Karas; Student Kelsi Nielson-Megan Zinke; Other Jocks-Mike Kleinpaste, Allen Huber, Kyle Riley, Jim McCormick; Other Brainiacs-Amanda Geldersma, Sierra Moore, Megan Padgett, Katie Sefton; Other Thespians-Renee Buist, Ali DeCenzo, Nathan Duley, Doug Halbeisen, Becca Happie, Sheryl

Huber, Sebomi Jang, Jillian Lane, Sarah Mosher, Morgan Nelson, Hannah Stewart, Marin Tawney; Other Skater Dudes: Nate Duley, Kristin Dunn, Becca Happie, Mallory Hines, Heather Jousma, Hannah Stewart; Red Arrow Cheerleaders: Breanna Bueche, Marissa Endres, Meghan Gallup, Nikki Gould, Caitlin Sirowatka, Rachel Walendzik, Marylou Yowais; Stage Managers-Dakota Bunn, Erica Raymond, Shelby Herb; Backstage Crew Chief-A.J.



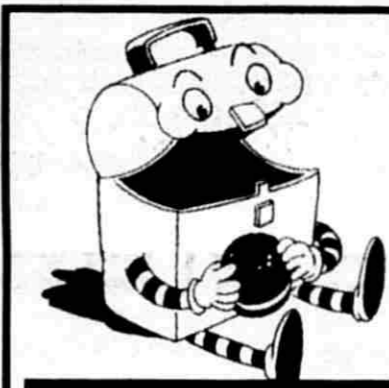
One of the many colorful props featured Albert Einstein in the background.



The basketball act was vibrant. Photos by Emma Palova.

Freeburg, Sound Engineer- Brooke Spoelman; Crew-Cody Acker, Stonne Capman, Cody Herring, Flynn Hoag, Jac Holford, Tim (Rat) Hollister, David Hommowun, Andrea Hysell, Aaron Johnson, Joe Johnson, Brianna McBryde; Pit Band-Zach Baum, Bryan Bredwell, Deb Knauf, Ryder

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Week of April 30, 2007

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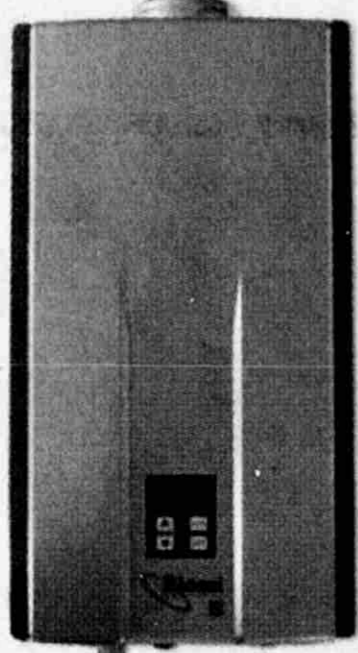
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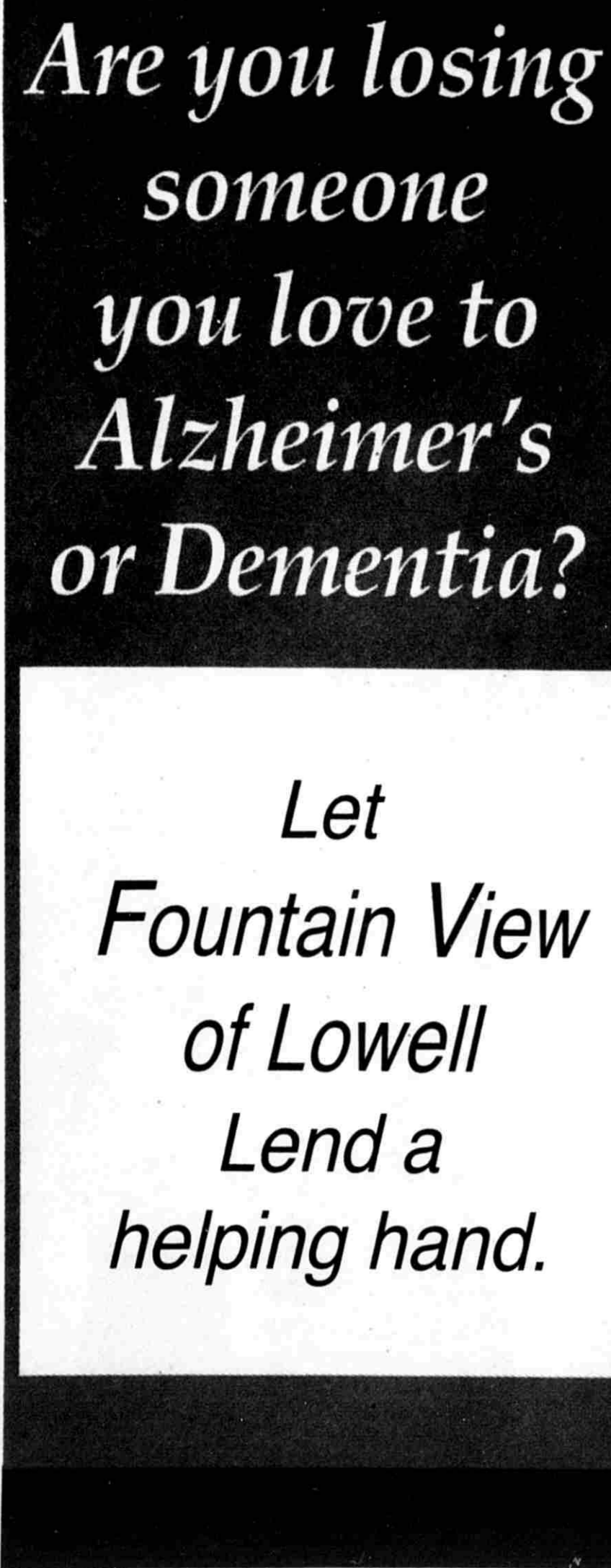
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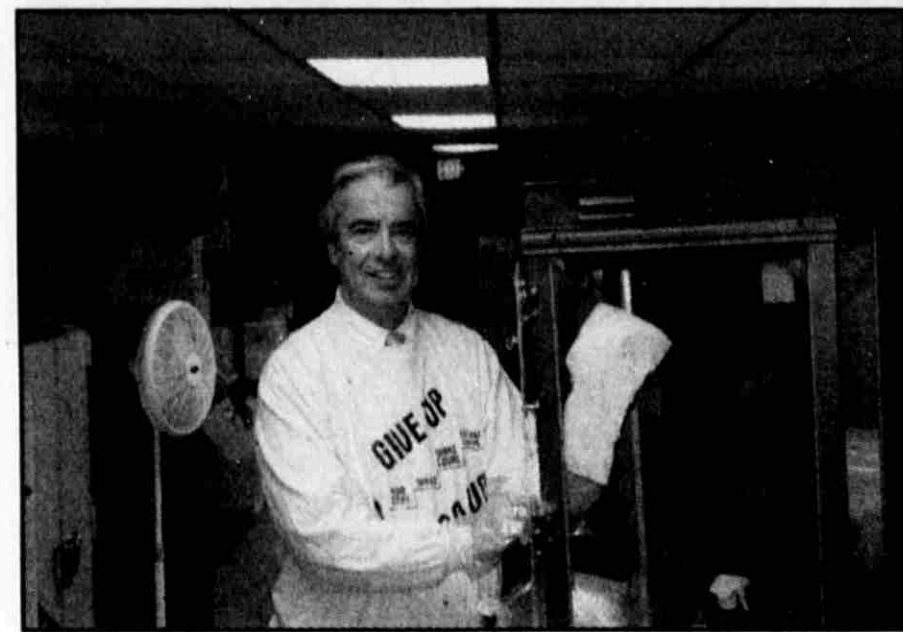
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ICNB holds auction for cancer society



Chuck Myers cleans the ICNB popcorn machine.

To raise money for the American Cancer Society, ICNB held their first annual Officer Auction. The internal fundraiser lasted from December until

winning employees then received a half day of service from their respective member of senior management. Tasks performed by senior management members included cleaning, envelope stuffing and data entry. President James D. Fast served a half day in loan processing performing data entry while Chuck Myers, vice president, retail administration, did a thorough cleaning of the ICNB popcorn machine. President James D. Fast remarked, "It's great to see the staff of ICNB work together and raise a large

sum of money for a great cause. Personally, I can't wait to see what I get to do next year!" All eight members were happy to serve in their new role for the half day and each took pride in knowing that their services helped raise funds for a worthy cause. At the end of the campaign, ICNB successfully raised \$1,200 for the American Cancer Society which will be added to other various ACS fundraisers throughout the year.

March and involved the eight members of senior management. Each member of senior management took a turn being "auctioned off" to ICNB employees. The

LHS freshmen help Mel Trotter

Lowell High School freshmen again helped get Mel Trotter's summer camp ready to serve at-risk children. The school recently received the 2007 Outstanding School Service Award from the Michigan Community Service Commission for its efforts to help the community.

The Lowell students were at the camp in Hopkins last Thursday and Friday.

"This event has helped the students with team building and getting kids out of their cliques," said teacher Ryan Graham who coordinates the event. "They also see a different side of their teachers as they work along side each other."

Each student works six hours over two days - a total of 960 work hours. Parents are also involved as small work group leaders. This marks the third year Lowell has assisted at the camp.

The Mel Trotter camp serves at-risk, low-income children who attend eight weeks of camp free of charge. Campers are involved in activities such as a low-ropes team challenge course, a drug and alcohol prevention program, and a program to experience God in creation through nature walks and petting zoo.

Dads volunteer



Pictured from left to right are Matt Smith, Jeff Phillips and Hank Fetterhoff.

To get dads involved in the school lives of their children, Family Links organized a Dad's Volunteer Day at Cherry Creek and Bushnell elementary schools on April 20. The activity was meant to help get rid of the misconception that being involved with the schools is just for mothers. The National Center for Education Statistics reported that when both parents are involved in their children's education, those students get better grades and are more likely to enjoy school. The dads worked

Acker addresses legislature

Cody Acker, a Lowell High School freshman, addressed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs on April 18.

Acker is a member of the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council, joining as a 4-H youth through the Kent County MSU extension office. Since its beginning, the M4-HYCC has focused on one or more environmental issues and presented its "voice" through intense research. This year's research focused on "Land Use and Cool Cities."

"I will present the Council's research, findings and recommendations as an exhibit at the Kent County Youth Fair this summer," said Acker. "The M4-HYCC was a great experience for me and all the other teen members. It has definitely enhanced my presentation and speaking skills and was an excellent opportunity to network with teens, professionals and government officials using state-of-the-art communication technology. 4-H has opened up avenues I never expected. I encourage other youths to join 4-H. The M4-HYCC is only one of the exciting programs that 4-H can offer," said Acker.



Cody Acker

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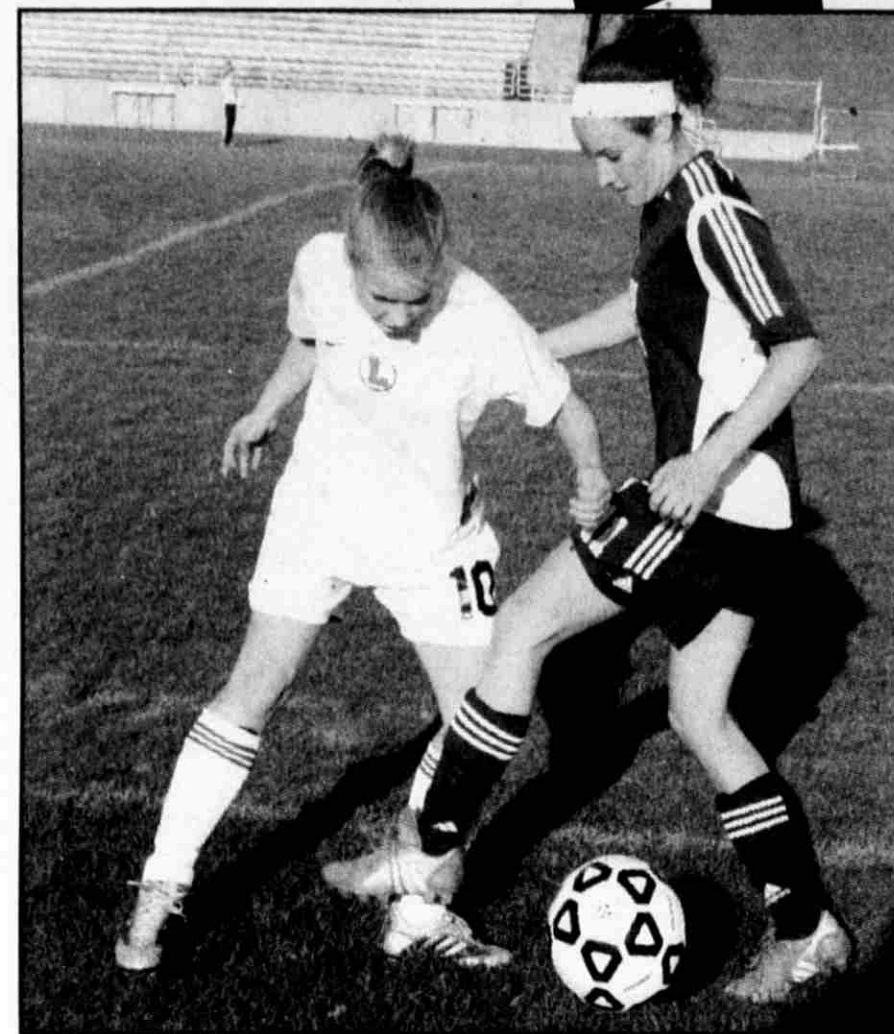
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Heather Jousma and Amy Bratschie

Newcomers fire up soccer field

By Aly DeYoung

After experiencing a rocky start, the Lowell varsity girls' soccer team is bouncing back.

The Red Arrows defeated East Grand Rapids 2-0 at home Monday.

Freshman Sara Nagy scored both Lowell goals. Coach Paul Legge said the

many freshmen on the team are coming into their own.

"Things have been better," said Legge. "We've won three in a row now. The biggest thing, I think, is the kids are starting to get used to it. Our older girls are meshing with the younger ones."

Legge said that Nagy had been hesitant, but really stepped up in leadership. "Lowell played like

they wanted it more and beat us to just about every ball," said East Grand Rapids coach Hollie Bonnema.

If there was a downside in the game, it was a minor injury sustained by Brittany Lyman in the second half. The injury was something akin to an ankle twist, and she was soon back on her feet.

While Legge still wants to work on the forward play,

he's happy with the improvement in his team. "There's more maturity."

Lowell beat Zeeland East and Thornapple Kellogg on April 18 and 20 respectively. The Red Arrows lost to Rockford April 16.

Lowell's next home game is May 2 against Forest Hills Northern. The Red Arrows are at Greenville today and travel to Reeths Puffer on April 30.

Boys tennis wins tournament

By Aly DeYoung

The boys' tennis team defeated Harbor Springs, Greenville, and Big Rapids in a tournament at Big Rapids April 21.

The Red Arrows scored 22 followed by Harbor Springs with 12, Greenville 11, and Big Rapids 3. "So far, our record

is 3-1 in dual matches," said Lowell coach Bonnie Wall who said Lowell did particularly well in doubles.

Tony Dubbink and Pat Misner won 6-1 twice, as did Greg Harrel and Brandon Lee. Chase Canning and Josh Spratt won 6-2 and 6-3. Nathan Willemstein and Clayton Stedman won 6-3 and 6-1.

"They have a lot of strong players," said Harbor Springs coach Denny Green. "I was very impressed with their team."

The next home match for the Red Arrows will be against Forest Hills Northern on April 30. The Red Arrows will also play in the Caledonia tournament April 28.

Golfers beat East

By Aly DeYoung

The Lowell Red Arrow girls' golf team defeated East Grand Rapids 182-186 on April 18.

"We've won all three of our matches, and we won the conference tournament," said Lowell coach Bob Stuewe at the meet against East. While the Red Arrows remain undefeated this season, they still have things to work on.

"Always the short game - chipping and putting," Stuewe said. The lowest score of the game went to senior Stephanie Stuewe. Selected twice for all-conference, Stuewe's score was 42. The three remaining scores went to Crystal Dietz, Sarah Eikhoff, and Kim Kline.

"It's good to see all that practice paid off for her," said Coach Stuewe of Dietz, who got the second lowest score of 44. Eikhoff and Kline both shot 48 respectively.

CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 8, 2007 LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS AND GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the May 8, 2007 Lowell Area School District and Grand Rapids Community College Election will be conducted on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
 Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the students had a good trip to Biloxi, Mississippi on the Alternative Spring Break trip and a report will be given at the May Board meeting. The high school musical "Disney's High School Musical" will be held during the next two weekends and it should be a great performance. She thanked the teachers who come in before schools and stay late in helping students prepare for the AP testing. The blood drive brought in 80 pints. Brooke hopes to introduce next year's student council president at the May board meeting.

REPORTS - Kent ISD Annual Report
 Ron Koehler from the Kent Intermediate School District gave a brief overview of the Kent ISD 2005-06 annual report and shared specific information on services they render to the Lowell Area Schools.

Community Survey Report
 Jeff Gartner from Gartner & Associates gave an overview of the community survey results. There were 642 total responses to the survey. Community forums will soon be scheduled for the purpose of sharing the results.

ACTION ITEMS -
 The Board accepted the following gifts:
 • Patricia Bohm donation of learning tools valued at \$200 to be used by Mrs. Buck's Room at Murray Lake Elementary.
 • Van's Sport Center donation of service work valued at \$276 for the Lowell Area Schools' Crew Club.

• Altior donation of computer equipment valued at \$2,910.50 to be used by the LAS Tech Department.
 Adopted the resolution naming Michigan Teacher Day at Tuesday, May 8 and purchase reading materials for each of the school libraries.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted/denied were:
 • Minutes for the March 12, 2007 Special Meeting, March 12, 2007 Regular Meeting and the March 26, 2007 Board Workshop and Closed Session
 • The following payment of bills for February 2007:
 GENERAL FUND.....\$1,101,928.34
 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 A. Food Service Fund.....\$65,993.53
 B. Athletic Fund.....\$5,417.11
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$44,832.85
 2004 Debt Fund.....\$17,553.11
 • Personnel - Leave of Absence
 • Shared Time Program at St. Patrick School
 • New Board Policy #5205 "Possessing, Transporting Dangerous Weapons"

BUDGET UPDATE - Greg Pratt reported that news from the state is not good. The current year school aid budget has a projected shortfall of approximately \$377 million. There is talk that school aid payments may be reduced by approximately \$90-\$125 per pupil which would mean nearly \$500,000 loss to Lowell Area Schools this fiscal year. The Board and administration continue to look at probable budget reductions for the 2007-08 budget.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Greg Pratt shared that 8th grade and 9th grade teachers met this week to discuss transitions for the 8th grade students entering the high school in the fall. There is a math committee looking at new textbooks for the high school. During the upcoming Professional Development day, teachers will be looking at how to strengthen writing skills.

DISCUSSION - Greg Pratt reviewed two new Board policies #8045 "Homeless Children" and #4520 "Filtering Software." These will come back to the May board meeting for adoption on their second reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt expressed appreciation to all those who completed the recently posted community survey. The information that has been gathered is valuable and will help the district move forward with district strategic plans. He encouraged people to attend upcoming performances of the high school musical, band, and orchestra concerts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 14, 2007
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell varsity softball team wins five of nine games

The Lowell Red Arrow girls' varsity softball team won five of nine games last week.

Snow and wet fields canceled five games the first week of the season.

The week started out with two losses to state honorable mention team, Portland 10-0 and 3-1.

"We did not play well in the first game," said Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse. "But we came back in game two and played much better."

In game one, Portland scored seven runs in the last two innings to break open the game. Katie McElroy, who suffered the loss on the mound, collected the only two hits for Lowell.

In the second game, Terrah Tawney allowed three runs on just six hits.

But a base hit, a walk and a second base hit in the sixth - both hits just inches fair past third base - allowed Portland to put a runner on first and second and score a run. A double drove home two more runners and gave the Red Raiders the victory. Lowell took the only lead of the day on a walk and sacrifice followed by

Brittany Bueche's base hit in the fifth inning.

The Red Arrows traveled to Ionia on a cold, nasty Wednesday to take two games 5-3 and 14-10.

In the opener, Lowell scored three runs with two outs in three different innings. Ashleigh Smit scored on a wild pitch after she doubled in the second.

Smit scored again in the fourth on a Jen Ettinger base hit. In the sixth, Cassie DeCator walked, stole second and came home on a McElroy hit up the middle. Bueche had two hits in the game while McElroy picked up her second win of the young season.

The second game saw the Red Arrows come back from a 7-3 deficit after three innings. Lowell scored 11 runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth to put the game away.

Freshman Lauren Dood came in relief of Alex Gibbs and picked up her first varsity win. "Give Lauren credit she did a fine job in her varsity debut," said Rodenhouse. "We did not give up after being down." Monica Vigil batted in three runs and McElroy had three hits.

Lowell traveled to Cedar Springs on a warm, sunny day April 20 and strolled away with 9-0 and 12-1 victories. The second game went five innings.

McElroy allowed one hit in game one while Tawney no hit the Red Hawks in game two. "Katie and Terrah both pitched fine games," said Rodenhouse. "Any time you pitch like that you give your team a great chance to win."

The Red Arrow bats stayed alive as McElroy, Ort and Smit each collected two hits. Ort drove home four and Smit knocked in three runs.

In the night cap, nine Red Arrow hitters collected 13 hits led by Bueche with four.

Lowell traveled to Hamilton for a tournament last Saturday picking up one win and losing two. Number four ranked Unity Christian defeated the Red Arrows 9-0 in the first game. "They can hit the ball from top to bottom," said Rodenhouse. "I do not see a weakness in the lineup." McElroy and Ashley Nawrocki picked up the only hits for the Red



Katie McElroy winds up her pitch.

Arrows. McElroy took the loss on the mound as three Red Arrow pitchers tried to contain the strong hitting attack of the Crusaders.

Lowell beat Hamilton 10-9 in the second game of the day. The Arrows scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Ettinger scored on a passed ball. Lowell scored three in the sixth taking a 9-7 lead, but Hamilton scored two in the top of the seventh to tie

the game. That led the way for Lowell's comeback in the seventh.

McElroy pitched well in the last game of the week, but a two-out, fifth inning pinch-hit double down the line drive home two runs as Comstock defeated the Red Arrows 3-1.

The Arrows only picked up four hits in the game. Mac pitched a good game. Comstock got a clutch hit

when they needed it," said Rodenhouse. "Overall, it was a good week-one that will prepare us for the league schedule."

Lowell stands at 7-4 on the year and was to play Wyoming Park at home on Monday. They play East Grand Rapids today and travel to Forest Hills Central on Friday.

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Lowell Middle School chess club



Members of the Lowell Middle School Chess Club traveled to Middleville for the Thornapple Kellogg Schools annual Kings and Queens Chess Tournament April 21. The team won three trophies including first place. Pictured from left to right are Ben Nickson, Philip Janowski, Nick McCormick, Josh Burns, Josh Zalis, and Scott Zalis. Not pictured is Matt Hess. Burns took first. Janowski and McCormick were runners up.

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Photographer's work at Riverwalk Gallery

The Riverwalk Gallery is featuring the work of fine artist photographer Annemarie Biernacki through May 10.

Biernacki, a 1996 Lowell High School graduate, attended Grand Rapids Community College and finished her undergraduate work at Kendall College of Art and Design. She graduated with honors from Kendall in December 2006 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis on photography.

Since graduating from Kendall, Biernacki has shown her work in various galleries and art festivals in Grand Rapids. She has also done freelance work covering local events in the Grand Rapids area. Biernacki is an assistant director of activities at a behavioral health center in Grand Rapids where she teaches art and other positive activities. Biernacki plans to continue to develop her personal work as well as pursuing how art can be used to develop positive ways of learning and healing now and in the future.

The gallery is located at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office at 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Call 897-9161 for more information.

Lowell Showboat searches for chorus endmen

The Lowell Showboat is looking for all former members of the Showboat Chorus and all former endmen to become a part of the "Showboat Nostalgia-2007."

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Lowell Showboat, the extravaganza is being planned for Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25. The two evenings will include a reunion of former endmen and chorus members under the direction of Roger MacNaughton.

An informational meeting for former endmen and chorus members will take place on Monday, May 7 at the United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. For more information go to www.discoverlowell.org.

It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him.

- Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-183,126-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-183,148-DE

Estate of
KATHERINE J. FORD
deceased

Estate of
GORDON LEE
STERZICK
deceased

Date of birth:
5/30/16

Date of birth:
1/28/33

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, KATHERINE J. FORD, who lived at 1378 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, Michigan died June 17, 2004.

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, GORDON LEE STERZICK, who lived at 11969 60th Street SE, Alto, Michigan died March 17, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JEAN HUVER, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, 2nd Floor, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DEBRA LEE AUSTIN, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, 2nd Floor, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 13, 2007

Date: April 19, 2007

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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.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Ruby Bridges visits Lowell elementary schools

Cherry Creek Elementary School welcomed Ruby Bridges last week as part of a service learning project that fourth grade teachers Carmen Reynolds and Joseph Audia have implemented for the past several years.

The project connects fourth grade students with partner students from Grand Rapids' Campus Elementary School, as they learn about diversity and equal rights.

As part of the project, students read the autobiography of Ruby Bridges called Through My Eyes, and watched Disney's Ruby Bridges. Bridges is an American icon. In 1960,

her bravery was broadcast worldwide as she, a lone African American first grader, integrated into an all-white New Orleans elementary school. This was the result of desegregation laws and the support of President Kennedy. Among death threats and daily crowds of hecklers, Ruby was escorted into William Frantz Elementary School by U.S. Marshalls throughout that whole year.

The presentation focused on her story and the simple message of giving others a chance before judging them. Students came away from her presentation with a greater understanding of her place in history, the

power of forgiveness, and the resilience of the human spirit. They were moved by the experience, asking her questions like, "Did you really pray for those people that yelled at you?" Ruby spent two days in Lowell Area Schools, presenting also at Alto Elementary, Murray Lake Elementary, and Lowell Middle School. Over 1,000 Lowell students heard her speak.

This week, the partner students will come together to interview one another and participate in team building activities. Later this year all four classes will join together to create fleece blankets for those in need through a local outreach organization.



Pictured left to right: Carmen Reynolds, Ruby Bridges, and Joseph Audia

Girl Scout Food Drive



Girl Scouts throughout the entire Grand Rapids area, including Lowell, held a clothing drive for Goodwill Industries last Saturday.

This is the third year the Girl Scouts and Goodwill have teamed up. The Flat River Neighborhood scouts were at the Lowell Goodwill store accepting donations.

Goodwill provided bags for each girl in each troop to fill and bring. Girls also encouraged friends and neighbors to help with the effort.

The drive brought in approximately 13 cubic yards of goods.

Pictured at the donation site are top row from left to right: Jordan Harding, Paige Wilson, Montana Launer, Paige Rozell, Mackenzie Bush; bottom row: Sara Barton, Tara McQueen, Rachael Yomtoob. Not pictured are Breana Rich, Anna Norder and Colleen Sterly.

Mayor Logie visit St. Pat's

Former Grand Rapids Mayor John Logie shows St. Patrick School third grade students his patriotic tie. Logie visited the school on April 10. He spoke about city government and the students played a game to figure out the annual city budget for Grand Rapids - \$260,000,000! He also told students that the water pipes that carry water from Lake Michigan are big enough for him to stand in.

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

- Edgar Allan Poe (1809 - 1849)

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 8, 2007 school election will be conducted Monday, April 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of the March board meeting. List of all invoices.
- Reappointment of Donna Boeema & William Bruinsma to the Alto-Bowne Downtown Development board.
- Alto Fall Festival, September 15, 2007

Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

COMING EVENTS

APRIL/MAY

THURS., APR. 26: Dinner at "Big O Fish" at 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., MAY 1: Lowell Area Conservation Association Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Fire Dept. Building.

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.

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.: 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 MI#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

2ND TUES.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr.

TUES., MAY 8: Doric Chapter #75, Order Eastern Star will hold its regular communication in the chapter room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding at 7:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

WED., MAY 9: Hooker Chapter #73, Royal Arch Masons will host a dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. The stated convocation will be held in the lodge room at 7:30 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.

MON., MAY 21: Lowell Music Booster meeting, 7 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School band room.

TUESDAYS

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting, 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30. 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 404 N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 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.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 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.: Avérril Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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

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HOUSE FOR SALE - 10702 Settlewood. Open house Sunday, April 29, 1 to 4 p.m. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, completely remodeled. Call Kim 540-6541.

SALES

GARAGE SALE - April 26-27-28, 9 to 6 p.m. 506 Lafayette, N. of 21, W. of Monroe. Inside and outside. You name it, we probably have it, spring cleaning. Contemporary accessories, name brand guys, teens & misses clothing. Vintage womens shoes (size 6-8), vintage clothing (size 8-12). No toys or baby items.

GARAGE SALES - April 26, 27 & 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 3535 & 3480 Bewell (36th & Alden Nash). Getting out of daycare, lots of toys & children's & brand name teen clothes.

PEDDLERS MARKET - next on-line auction is Thursday, April 26th, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 9 p.m. Items can be viewed at store at 420 N. Lafayette St., Greenville or at peddlers-marketonline.net. We also are having our first outside flea market on Sat., May 5th and set up is free for anyone wanting to sell. Call 616-835-1844 to reserve space.

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, April 29, 400 Exhibitors. First show of 2007. Rain or Shine. 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, located at the Fairgrounds, right in Allegan, Mich. \$4 admission. www.alleganantiques.com.

HUGE MOVING SALE - 2655 Gulliford, 1 mile west of Alden Nash off Grand River Dr., just south of town. April 26 & 27, 8:30 - 5:30.

HUGE SALE - Triple stroller, tables, chairs, desk, hutch, Fisher Price toys, crib, clothes, golf bag, much more. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 27 & 28. 15 Pearson Ct. Lincoln Lake to Burroughs.

YARD SALE - Proceeds to Relay for Life American Cancer Society. April 27 & 28, 9 to 2? 2948 Marble Rd. (between Pinckney and Whites Bridge off Centerline). Asst. items, jewelry, clothes, household, books.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - in Alto, 1 bedroom, \$350 deposit, \$350 per month plus utilities. Immediate occupancy available. 868-9915.

SALES

GARAGE SALE - So big we've moved it to the barn! Many different items. April 27 & 28. 8381 Two Mile Rd., Ada.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Thurs.-Fri., April 26 & 27, 9-? Sudan Dr. off Vergennes between Cumberland and Parnell. TVs, couch, love seat, desks, bikes, tree stand, bedding, toys some new, name brand infant-boys/girls size 14 some new, adult clothes, household items, home decor, too much to list.

EVENTS

RIVENDELL STABLES RIDING SCHOOL - new session beginning soon, ages 7 thru adults, beginning to advance riders welcomed. Please call Maureen 269-317-9999 for pricing or scheduling.

JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHERS DAY! - Open house, free food, door prizes, several small businesses displaying their products and services. Free rose for the first 3 dozen moms. May 5, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at River Financial, 623 W. Main St., Lowell.

THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE - at Double R Ranch, league starts May 3rd. Sign up now! 616-794-0520.

AMATEUR TALENT ACTS WANTED! - Hurry! May 1 deadline! Talent needed to perform at the Lowell Showboat Nostalgia Nights later this summer. For more information about this historic opportunity, visit www.discoverlowell.org.

FOR RENT

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

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HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers in Lowell. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 mo. rent deposit. No dogs please. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

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