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Residents vote for change with three new faces on council

By Emma Palova

sweeping victory, newcomer Sharon candidate Ellison was the top vote getter with 409 votes in the Nov. 6 city council election.

Trailing right behind was newcomer Altoft Jeff 292 with votes. Incumbent Jim Hodges came in third, securing himself another two years on the council.



Sharon Ellison

The victory was hardly unexpected for Ellison who campaigned on the platform of change due to recent controversy over the

North Washington property. "I think voters sent a clear message they are ready for a change," she said. "The citizens want to be heard."

Ellison's plans for a change include a proposal

> to turn North Washington property into a natural park, an agreement with owners rental home on that property, replacing the abandoned amphitheatre

on the river with a pedestrian friendly park.

the middle school principal and a rookie to city politics,

got involved because of the city's lack of action on preserving the North Washington property.

Ellison formed citizens group to help preserve the property. She

also circulated petitions in support of preservation. During election, Ellison had a poll watcher observing who has voted.

"She active campaigning," said city clerk

Betty Morlock, "I've never had a poll watcher in a city election. It was good to see all that campaigning."

Morlock also acknowledged the need for a to move out of the city. change.

"People were more time over this," aware than usual," said Morlock.

> other hand, long-time politicians Chuck Myers and Al Mathews the took biggest hits in terms of number of votes. The lowest vote getter was

Mathews

On the



Jeff Altoft

with 116 votes.

Mathews took his defeat and read." with humor promising a big comeback as a township

politician because he intends

"I am still having a good

said Mathews Monday in telephone interview.

Mathews credits two major things contributing to his defeat. First of all, public misconception about his stance North

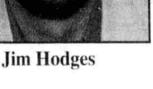
Washington property.

"I never wanted it developed," he said. "People believed what they heard

Secondly, an advertisement published in the Buyers Guide against Mathews and Myers.

"At first I was upset but

I got other important things to do,"laughed Mathews. "The cable upset a lot of people, but I've always been against cutting trees and developing North Washington



property.

"The taxes in the city are terrible."

Myers said he suspected his defeat because the

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Christmas through Lowell showcases local talent

by Emma Palova

he 16th annual Christmas through Lowell will kick off the holiday season in the historic downtown area, as well as in the outlying neighborhoods.

Organized Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the event will showcase more than 200 artists and crafters and 48 homes, churches and businesses that are unique.

This year the talented duo Dorla West and Beth Haner decided to join in with their "Angels Among Us" original artwork for the home and the garden.

They will be selling snowmen made from the electric poles as seasonal door greeters that can stay outside all winter long.

"I try to repurpose," said West.

However, don't expect to find angels at 525 Front Street. Instead there will be metal butterflies and dragon flies.

Also new on the tour is Monroe Mistletoe

presenting unique conjewelry, temporary handbags, live holiday centerpieces and buttery homemade caramel corn located at 704 Monroe.

Family Treasures at 529 Avery Street represent three generations of arts and crafts, homemade soaps and a variety of Christmas ornaments.

Other newcomers include the Backyard Wildflowers, Boutique, Flat River Cottage, Simple

Pleasures and Off the Cuff.

"Christmas through Lowell is a three-day extravaganza that attracts shoppers from all over the state," said chamber director Liz Baker. "You will find handmade treasures, folk art and much much more."

Christmas through Lowell will take place Nov. 16 - 18. For more information go to www. christmasthrough lowell.



Dorla West joined the event this year with "Angels Among Us" station showcasing snowmen made from electric poles.



BAUGHMAN

Phoebe Sayles Baughman (Pinckney) was two months shy of living 100 years. She passed gently "into that good night" at the home of her daughter, Pat Leete on November 3, 2007. Her loving husband of 54 years, Benjamin, passed away in 1981. Along with Pat, Phoebe leaves her son, Paul Baughman and special friend, Sally Kammeraad; her grandchildren; Bradley (Dawn) Leete of Grand Rapids, Rick (Cheryl) Leete of Frederic, Rob (Beth) Leete of Holt, Stuart Leete of Santa Cruz, CA, Mark (Ann) Baughman of Lowell, Tom (Sherri) Baughman of Ann Arbor, and Howard (Julie) Baughman of Tampa, FL. She leaves 8 great grandchildren, two greatnieces and nephews and her from Rapidstan and was lifelong friend, Jessie Barry. MI and devoted her life to her family and friends. She loved her husband dearly. Grand Rapids, Timothy

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family. She was a wise and gentle friend who believed and deeply in the essential goodness of all people. May her memory and the two sisters, Susan (Stan) sunshine of her smile radiate Swedwa and Karen (Mick) through our lives and remind us to be loving and kind to one another. The family expresses their gratitude to Hospice of Michigan. Memorial services will be be Wednesday, November held on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 2 p.m., followed by refreshments at The Unity Church of Peace, 6025 Ada Drive SE, Ada, MI 49301. Memorial contributions may be made to The Trinity Church of Peace or Hospice

FLYNN

Thomas Edward Flynn, age 68, passed away on Friday, November 9, 2007. Mr. Flynn retired an avid sportsman. He enjoyed life and family. Survivors include four sons, She was the anchor of her and Kimberly of Grand years. Funeral services were

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of Florida; three daughters, Debbie Flynn of Woodland, Cathy Noffke of Lowell and Patricia (Timothy) Stillson of Grand Rapids; a great many grandchildren great grandchildren; one brother, Mike Flynn of Cedar Springs, and Lyons also of Grand Rapids. Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert and Katherine Flynn and a sister, Patty. Visitation will 14, 2007 at Memorial Alternatives, 2432 Fuller Ave. N.E., Grand RApids, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Please send flowers on Tuesday.

Haven, Andy and Danny

GLENDENNING

Steve Robert Glendenning. aged 52 of Vergennes Township, went to be with his Lord, Monday, November 5, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sherry; mother. Gerrie Glendenning; brother, Bruce Glendenning; sister, Raymond and Jennifer of Linda Glendenning. Steve worked for Amway for 32

held Friday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church or Gilda's Club.

(Mac)

Dambro, Brian

(Robin) Story; sister-in-law,

Virginia Behler of Haslett,

MI; very close friends, Gilbert (Sandy) Van Weelden



HATCH

Florence Arlene Hatch aged

93 passed away Saturday,

November 3, 2007 and Willis "Ish" Myzeal Hatch aged 92 passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2007 of Alto/ Lowell from accidental automobile injuries. Arlene Club, both belonged to Alto was preceded in death by United Methodist Church. her brother, Jerry Behler; Funeral services for Mr. Ish was preceded in death & Mrs. Hatch were held by his brother, Doyne Hatch Monday at the Roth-Gerst and sister, Evelyn Bartlett. Funeral Home. Memorial They are survived by their contributions may be made nephew, Michael (Deborah) to the Alto United Methodist Behler and their daughter, Church. Jessica Behler of Lake Odessa; niece, Quenda

of Lowell and Steve (Joan) VanderZiel of Alto; also many cousins and friends. Arlene and Ish were married in Lake Odessa in 1950 by her father Allen Behler (Justice of the Peace). They lived in the farmhouse that had been in Arlene's family for over a hundred years. Ish worked the 300-acre farm and raised cattle until he retired. Arlene taught in the Lowell Public Schools for 33 years until she retired. Ish was a Veteran of WWII, member of Masonic Lodge Lincoln 523 in Macy, Indiana, and the Alto Lion's Club. Arlene belonged to the Eastern Star in Macy, Indiana and Lowell Women's

KETCHUM

(Donn) Story of Okemos Scott Richard "Popeye" and their children, Alison Ketchum aged 44 of Lowell

Ketchum ran off the

roadway to the left, lost

control and re-entered Alden

Nash before swerving again,

Sheriff Department said

an embankment, causing

the vehicle to flip before

Ketchum collided

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to the right.

passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 10, 2007. He is survived by his parents, Al and Phyllis Ketchum; brother, Mike (Dawn) Ketchum; sisters, (Don) Sherwood Brenda Schullo; grandma, Hazel Strouse; nieces and nephews, Ken (Tiffany) Sherwood, Craig Sherwood, Alex, Brent and Erika Ketchum, Zachary Treadwell. Scott loved his job and employees at LDI. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday. November 14, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St, Lowell with Rev. Roger LaWarre from First Congregational Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. contributions Memorial may be made to Family of

Scott Ketchum, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral.

He was then ejected from

the vehicle and sustained

the vehicle, and no other

vehicles were involved in

a factor in the crash.

No one else was in

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fatal injuries.

the crash.

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Lions club donates to Alto Elementary



The Alto Lions Club presented a \$1000 check to Alto Elementary. The money will be used for library books in the media center. Pictured are (L-R) Chris Godbold, from the Lions Club; Christine Beachler, the LAS director of media services; and Mary Ann Schramm, the principal at Alto Elementary.

Radon mitigation doesn't have to be "Extreme"

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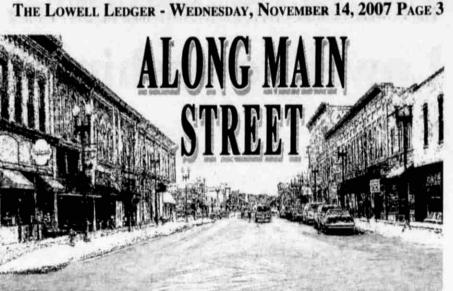
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According to the U.S. departments and can also Environmental Protection be found in some retail Agency, radon is the second stores, with the typical price

For more information available from local health information.



KOREA, THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Three Lowell veterans tell their stories on Lowell Cabel Channel 20, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

Kick off your holiday shopping season in Historic Lowell at the 16th annual Christmas through Lowell event, on Fri., Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the website at www.christmasthroughlowell. org for a complete listing and map or call the Chamber at 897-9161 for details.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Lowell Women's Club is sponsoring their 5th Christmas Through Lowell luncheon on Nov.16 and 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring homemade soups, pies and hot sandwiches. Take outs available. Proceeds support the Lowell High School senior girls scholarship fund.

F.R.O.M. HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Flat River Outreach Ministries presents an evening of music on Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Larkin's The Other Place. Donate a child's toy or love offering at the door for admission. Doors open at 8 p.m.

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Two band, big jam session, and food on Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at TJ's Sports Bar & Grille in Lowell. All for

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The semifinal football game will be played Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing. Parking is off Stabler or Cavanaugh. Ticket booth opens as 11 a.m. and gates open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the LHS Athletic Office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music boosters meeting will be Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School band room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Impact - A Wesleyan Church, is partnering with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at 1070 N. Hudson St. All donors will receive a Red Cross winter stocking cap. To give blood you must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. You can call 897-8304 ext. 200 for more information or if you prefer to make an

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our lovely parlor, decorated for Christmas, on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited. Please call the museum for more information 897-7688.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum would like to start your Christmas holidays off right with an elegant Christmas dinner in our Victorian dining room on Dec. 4, 5 & 6 starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. We have seats for 12 each night so call for your reservation early; cost for this unique evening is \$50 per person. For more information and the fabulous menu please call the museum at 897-7688.

Lowell man killed in crash on Alden Nash colliding with a utility pole.

A Lowell man was

Scott Ketchum, 44, was

killed Saturday night driving north on Alden Nash after crashing his truck on when he attempted to pass Alden Nash Ave. SE, just a vehicle in a no-passing

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 2.19A TO CHAPTER 2, "DEFINITIONS," AND SECTION 4.08A TO CHAPTER 4 "GENERAL PROVISIONS," "APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07- 10 adding Section 2.19A to Chapter 2, "Definitions," and Section 4.08A to Chapter 4, "General Provisions" to "Appendix A -Zoning Ordinance to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on November 5, 2007. Ordinance No. 07- 10 defines a temporary storage unit and prescribes the requirements for the placement of temporary storage units in the City.

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



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Lowell township planning commission discusses splits in Ag1

By Emma Palova

plan update process, the Lowell township planning commission discussed land splits in rural agricultural zone Monday in light of another potential exit off

residents favored splits on a sliding scale on large parcels Tim Johnson suggested 40 of agricultural land.

would allow the township to keep its rural character. Chairman Dave Simmonds proposed the minimum size According to a recent of a buildable lot in Ag1 to survey, be 80 acres.

Larger parcels for with something that the public can react to," said Johnson, "We can also allow houses to be built through a special use permit."

Simmonds' theory was

planner "if you own enough land you get to do splits."

Other options for splits "We need to come up included allowing more homes per quarter section and cluster PUD housing.

Dec. 10. The caboose-style will coffee shop needs a setback plain in the back of the frontage requirements from parcel.

will include work on-site In related business, the plan review, special land use ordinance, wind generator ordinance and RV parking

on M21 west of town for Timpson's request to accommodate their trucking operation in the township variance due to the flood will be up for discussion in



To Raise Or Not To Raise Taxes

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

On Sept. 30 just before midnight, minutes before state services were closed in a brief government shutdown, the state House and Senate were forced to raise taxes on Michigan residents and businesses to get the governor to agree to a meeting Monday night. continuation budget and avoid a full-fledged government shutdown that would further devastate Michigan's economy and national standing. I voted NO on both tax increases because many of my efforts to reform state government spending and realize efficiencies all across the board were located on Cascade Road not enacted as part of an overall budget agreement.

The arguments and opinions differ greatly on the Cascade and Alden Nash. necessity to raise taxes, and my Republican colleagues and I stood firm in opposition to raising taxes without long-term future use of this land could government reform and restructuring. We know Michigan residents cannot afford increased financial burdens, and businesses - the very core of our communities - should not be made to bear the brunt of our government's fiscal mismanagement. The deal that was ultimately approved did said Mark Lessens, Board include some reforms to public employee health care benefits, putting them more in line with those of the private sector, but it also included a \$744 million income tax increase; an expansion of the state sales tax to hundreds of services that will provide the state another \$600 million plus; and \$440 million in proposed cuts elsewhere in government.

The "hand-picked" services selected for the six percent sales tax extension is a particularly onerous form of taxation for more than one reason, but even its birth in the dark o night reflects a blackened start. As Sept. 30 waned into Oct. 1, this measure was discharged to final passage with no public conversation or debate. These quick and reckless actions resulted in many concerns and unanswered questions.

This tax will do nothing to encourage economic growth and for this reason I have introduced legislation to repeal the expansion of the sales tax onto services. At the very least, if residents must now pay more in income tax, we can protect them from taking a double hit by repealing this detrimental and job-killing tax.

If you would like further details on the final budget agreement or any other issue please contact Rep. Hildenbrand's office toll-free at: (877) 328-3086.

School district set to receive a 25-acre donation of property

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell School The board approved a donation of property from Betty Yeiter. Yeiter is donating 25 acres of land near the intersection of Superintendent Pratt stated include a small school or athletic facility.

"We really appreciate Betty Yeiter's generosity,"

taken place with the administrators and central offices support staff. Both contracts received minor language adjustments with the administrators receiving percent increase.

A settlement was reached for the 2007-08 open dialogue between and 2008-09 school years. will receive a 2 percent design instruction going increase for the 07-08 year.

Roger Bearup offered Surveying teachers, staff, and administrators help to increase. make decisions.

curriculum updates as that the State is attempting gave a presentation to the well as their use and to repeal, so things are board. They offered some Contract talks have understanding of the still a bit uncertain at this Measurement of Academic point," said Zelinski. Progress (MAP) program. This is a program used to council representative, currently working on. evaluate student progress. updated the board on some

variety of questions and

300 feet to 250 feet to create

commission set a public

hearing for Mainline Coffee

more lots.

forward," said Bearup.

a curriculum update and the board on the budget shared with the board information coming from data to evaluate decisions passed a State Aid Bill, curriculum. and it looks like the district will receive a \$96 per pupil

Teachers have been the revenue coming from the school board meeting. regarding the new sales tax on services The students in grades 3-5

Teachers were given a student council initiatives.

able to offer comments to He said Homecoming was a great success, with the "Looking at data can Student Council partnering with the Make a Wish teachers and administrators foundation. They raised Central Office support staff allowing us to evaluate and \$6,000 to grant one wish.

Barkacs recognized the collaborative effort put John Zelinski updated forth in this fundraiser by all schools in the district various ways he uses Lansing. Legislators have members. The students also organized a blood drive that collected 69 pints of blood.

> Several members from the Murray Lake "This money is tied to student council attended background on what they do in student council, as Tyler Barkacs, student well as the projects they are

Election results, continued ... From Page 1

election boiled down to are fitting in with me," he emotionally-charged issues by single issue candidates.

"Unfortunately election results do not reflect on the conscientious work done by the council,"

Hodges was the only incumbent securing another term on the city council.

"The other candidates

said about the newcomers. "New faces are always good, change is good.'

However, Hodges refused to make any predictions about the future direction of the city

> "Iamalways surprised," he said. "There were six good people running.'

votes, said he was going to out a few things.

"I want to know why the taxes are so high and

second highest number of the streets," he said.

According to the final take it slowly and first find tally, 539 people voted out of 2,663 registered voters.

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- James Thurber (1894 - 1961)



Viewpoint-

To The Editor

To the Editor

This letter is to thank, Chuck Meyers, a man who I feel has given this great city and its people his heart and soul. He moved us forward, and was tireless in his devotion to the people and city. Maybe he made some mad, maybe he was misunderstood at times, but he did what some never have. He got us talking about how WE can do better for ourselves and Lowell. I fear we have lost the knowledge of a sound financial advisor who was only trying to keep this city moving forward, in a time when money is tight. He always had time to listen to us the folks of Lowell, no matter how big or small the trouble, maybe some members should learn from this. No way am I making it like Chuck was the only one on the council. There were other members who brought us back to watching our local government. And I thank them too. I will watch this new council with a sharp eye to see if it was empty promises, or are they going to do as they said? And watching them will be more fun with my Friend Mr. Meyers. So for him or not, we need to say thank you chuck and thank you to all who give their time to move us on into the future. Lowell is a great place to be.

Don Welch

To The Editor.

Lowell citizens are looking for change!!! Why??

Many feel that our public servants are manipulating events for their power and convenience rather than for public good. There is a conviction that our desires are neither considered nor heard before action is taken. There is outrage brewing over the cable company sale, the cutting of old shade trees, and the threat to develop the beautiful river property at the end of Washington Street. The citizens feel that there is a great lack of communication.

And then there is my story. I, Janet J. Bieri, had my water disconnected two weeks ago due to the late payment of a water bill. Two men and a truck came to my home and disconnected my water supply without a phone call or note left on the door. When I arrived home in the evening. I was unaware that the bill was not paid and engaged my neighbors in a flashlight examination of every aspect of my property to find the reason for a water disruption. When no cause was found, I slept very fitfully feeling that something was certainly wrong and I might wake up to a flood or other costly problem in the morning. Imagine my surprise when I called our city hall and was told that it was more cost and time effective to turn off the water than to phone me and ask if I had a problem in paying my bill. They told me that this is their policy and that they would not consider making a phone call because they are too busy. After talking to a city clerk, I asked to see the city manager who affirmed this policy. People of Lowell, I felt like a criminal who was being judged without a hearing. I have been a resident of this area for 48 years. I have taught in Lowell Area Schools and worked in credit and collections at Attwood Corporation for over 10 years. If I had treated a student or customer in this manner, I might have received a reprimand or threat of being late or delinquent. Yet our city hall feels no remorse for this gross inconvenience or unnecessary embarrassment. To add insult to injury, I was charged \$35 to restore my water service. I timed the two men and a truck at less than two minutes to do this job at my home. The truck maybe runs on water and the men were probably unpaid volunteers so that the job was cheaper than making one phone call. I am asking my fellow citizens to support me in asking for a change in this grossly outrageous city policy.

Sincerely, Jan Bieri

Dear Editor:

As a former Scoutmaster of Troop 102 and a resident of an outlying township, I read with great interest the letters by the Halls, published in the November 7th Ledger. Mr. Hall rightly points out that the city of Lowell has "other property" available beyond the land now used by the Scouts.

Perhaps someone can tell us on which of those properties the Scouts could build campfires? Which parcels will hold a dozen or more tents and dining flies, along with the cars of the Scouts' leaders and parents? How many of them have canoe landings within easy portaging distance?

Mr. Hall's assertion that the Scout Cabin is "old, tired, and handicapped-inaccessible" is simply wrong. The cabin is not handicapped-inaccessible. A driveway leads from N. Washington St. to the backside of the building, and there is ample room to drive a vehicle directly up to the cabin's back door. Furthermore, through the efforts and generosity of Scout leaders, parents, and the community at large, the cabin is not tired. The plumbing and electrical systems have both undergone recent improvements, and both egress doors have recently been replaced. Would anyone happen to have a cost estimate for a comparable new facility, which would surely cost more than simply maintaining the present one?

Both the Halls' letters seem to infer that the disposition of the "Scout Cabin property" is the sole concern of city residents. That is no more true than the idea that the Boy Scouts who have provided service to Lowell and its institutions for 65 years all lived in the city.

Mrs. Hall compares the city's property tax rates to those in nearby townships. It's a fair point. How much higher does one suppose the city's residential tax rate would be if the good people of Ada, Boston, Bowne, Grattan, Lowell, and Vergennes townships ceased doing business in Lowell? I enjoy dining at Keiser's and buying meat at Gary's. I buy repair parts for my cars at Showboat Automotive and maintenance items for my house at Bernard's Ace Hardware. What would happen to the city's commercial tax base if we pioneers, died Friday morning Nov. 8, 1907 at her home in residents of the aforementioned outlying areas took our this village, aged nearly 82 years. business elsewhere?

who think the city is supported only by its residents might and Book Store. do well to consider that.

> Sincerely, Terry Cavanaugh

PS: The opinions expressed in my letter are mine alone and are not officially connected to Troop 102 in any way.

In regards to the letter submitted by Beverly Hall:

Ms. Hall, you do govern yourself, since only residents can vote, but others may still have an opinion about what happens in the city of Lowell! It's called the freedom of speech. In case you haven't heard of this, it's one of my rights as a citizen of the United States.

I'm sorry that you have to pay taxes in the city, but in return for that, you have water and sewer, a fire department, a police department and city maintenance.

Ms. Hall, you are forgetting what all the non-residents do for the city. The residents may own the buildings, but what would you do without all the volunteers who work at places like F.R.O.M. (which is now located outside city limits), and the Lowell Historical Society. The people who work at these places do not all live within the city limits. My mother-in-law is one of the volunteers who gives her time every week and she is not a city resident. As for the other buildings that you own, such as the Lowell Public Library, I thought the money for that came from the Englehardts, not the taxpayers of Lowell. The library is also part of the Kent District Library, which operates on a millage. This is voted on by all the people who live in the Kent District, not just the citizens of Lowell.

The fairgrounds are leased from the city and your city taxes do not pay for the maintenance. A new horse barn was recently built, my son and many volunteers, who are not city residents, volunteered their time to wire this building.

The park land where our children play some of the sports are owned by the city, but we also pay for each child to play in Little League or in any of the other sports.

The sports that are played at the school are pay-to-play and supported by the athletic boosters, and I'm sure that the majority of these people, who volunteer their time and money, are not all residents of the city of Lowell. The fields

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 13



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **NOVEMBER 15, 1882**

Our streets are now illuminated by the glow of 10 new

First snow of the season came Monday, Nov. 18. A large number of our streets are being graveled and graded. Let the good work continue.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 14, 1907**

Mrs. Emerette P. White, one of Lowell's few remaining

Ad: "Sultana" Olive Oil - The real juice of the fruit of The city of Lowell does not exist in a vacuum. Those the oldest olive trees in the world...D.G. Look, The Drug

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 10, 1932**

Headline: "School Asks Cooperation in Preventing Whooping Cough" - The superintendent of the Lowell schools has issued a letter to patrons regarding whooping

"Pack Up Your Troubles" the new feature starring Laurel and Hardy comes to the Strand this Sunday and Monday laden heavy with that brand of hilarious and riotous fun that is their particular brand.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 14, 1957**

Headline: "Swimming Pool Fund Nears \$10,000 Mark" The treasures of the Lowell Lions Club, Bernard Kropf, reports receipt of a check from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for \$119. This brings the total in "The Fund" near

The Lowell High School bands, in an attempt to raise money for band uniforms, are conducting a pre-Christmas fruitcake sale.

Three from Lowell were among the 18 school bus drivers from this area to have completed the recent beginners class of the Michigan School Bus Drivers Education program held at Forest Hills School.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **NOVEMBER 10, 1982**

A barrage of burglaries in the Vergennes Township area has prompted residents to organize an informed neighborhood watch program.

A group of Lowell Township citizens is urging other residents of the township to attend a Lowell Township Board meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The persons making the pleas say that input from residents is important in deciding what route the township will take in the matter of cable TV.

OPPORTUNITIES

SKIERS NEEDED

CCSA is looking for volunteer downhill skiers of an intermediate skiing ability or able to help individuals with disabilities learn something fun and rewarding. Mandatory orientation is Thursday, Nov. 29 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Cannonsburg Ski Lodge. Ten hours of on-hill training are arranged in December. Lessons begin the week of January 6 and end February 23. Lessons are two hours, once a week for seven weeks, at Cannonsburg Ski Area in Grand Rapids. Membership fee of \$25 includes liability insurance. jacket usage, and membership in Disabled Sports USA. The benefits of the program are free skiing and rentals on the day of your lesson, and satisfaction with assisting the disabled Please attend our mandatory orientation, or contact us one of the following ways: info@skiccsa.org (www.skiccsa. org), or leave us a message at 616-874-3060.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

The Visiting Nurse Association of Western Michigan is looking for volunteers who would like to visit seniors who are homebound in the Lowell area. These "Friendly Visitor" volunteers may spend time talking, playing cards, going out for a cup of coffee or running an errand with seniors who are often isolated from their community. Training is provided by Visiting Nurse Association. please call Sondra, Volunteer Coordinator at 616-486-3956.



by Rev Randy Mevers Calvary Christian Reformed Church

in prayer. This has led us to a study of the Lord's prayer. This past Sunday we spent time looking at the phrase "your become motivated intentional servants." kingdom come." If this phrase conjures up Lord of the Rings also means that there are vassals or subjects. The equation is not difficult to figure out from here. We are the subjects and real king sitting on a golden throne with a scepter in hand time comfort us by clearing our record. would think of flippant usage of his name? I wonder what

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



GUIDELINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The period from a little before Thanksgiving to just after the New Year creates extraordinary stress on people. There are cultural, religious, social and business pressures on people unlike other times of the year. The not so pressured times of the year I often refer to as the "ordinary times" because the stress levels are less and more predictable. The holiday stress is greater especially if you are a "Michigander." The bad economy and poor business climate in our state compounds the stress that we feel. Our budgets are stretched further.

In my years of working as a therapist, I have found that many people fall "prey" to these unusual pressures. Those individuals who are prone to acting out and those that are impulsive are at the greatest risk. The end result of this acting out often is costly and the individual will re-enact the traumas of their past. They might overeat, overspend, over-imbibe in alcohol, or do reckless sexual behaviors. The intent is to alleviate the anxieties, but this acting-out behavior doesn't work. It makes matters worse. What helps is for the individual to become aware of this tendency for re-enactment. Once the individual gains that awareness, the chances of controlling the negative acting-out in a more positive way is greater.

To prevent loss and pain during the holidays, it is

advisable to not make any major life decisions between just before Thanksgiving through January 15th. Major life choices would include selling a house, getting engaged, married or divorced or changing jobs. These just add to the stress of the holidays, and can put individuals into "overload" very quickly. Anything that is very important probably can wait for a few weeks. I call this putting a "moratorium" on major life changes. You want to create as many win-win situations as you can. Delaying making these decisions once you are out of the holiday pressures is just a good common sense move. While you are in the middle of the holidays, just enjoy your family, friends and the spirit of the season, and may you all have a blessed holiday this year.

NOVEMBER 14: David Durkee, Doris Rhines, Deaken Roth

NOVEMBER 15: Beth Stouffer, Emily Myers, Gina Gildner, Doug Decker, Alyssa Rash, Dave Hildenbrand, Janet Allison.

NOVEMBER 16: Cherryl Lilley.

NOVEMBER 17: Scott MacNaughton, Cory

NOVEMBER 20: Brian Brown, John Butler DuBridge, Tyler Shindorf, Sr., Michelle Wernet.

Mary Schutts, Anastasia

NOVEMBER 18:

Brent Noskey, Fran Powell,

Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs,

NOVEMBER 19:

Zoodsma, Marlene Nash,

Jamie

Mulder.

Barnes, Ali Wernet.

Lindsey Sherman.

Lewis Powell.

of the kingdom and "secretly" reserve some of the profits welcomed into the kingdom as heirs to the throne. Our for themselves? "Your kingdom come" also means we ask God not to family through the work of Jesus. Participation in kingdom

in preserving and advancing the kingdom. However what Occasionally we join in.

would a real king think of us sitting on the sidelines while he does all the work? Occasionally you might read about a like enjoyment of a picturesque sunset over Lake Michigan king who serves a subject but many times this comes with attributing the rich color combinations to God's divine During our evening worship times we spend much time test of loyalty or guise of secrecy. So then for us to maintain palette. It looks like picking up trash along a stretch of and promote kingdom causes becomes our joyful task as we "adopt a mile" highway and imagining, without much more If the kingdom can be stalled or diminished, there must looks like a Lowell High Jr. Rotarian who saved \$50 dollars imagery, it should. To have a kingdom implies that there is be something that is working to hurt its growth. God calls of her birthday money to buy a water filter that will provide a king, a lord, or someone who rules. Having a kingdom this destruction of kingdom evil. God's "public enemy six people in the Dominican Republic with clean drinking number one" is the devil. Revolt, resistance, conspiracy, and water. And it looks like an hour less time in front of the

sabotage actively chip away at kingdom advancement, while TV this week freeing up an hour more for something that God is the King. God reigns. We submit. An old document apathy and indifference passively prevent health. What really matters. This could be just about anything. Especially written long before Middle Earth was discovered says it would a real king do when you decide to partner with such when you think about a real king, on a real throne, with this way, "Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way deviant forces? The Bible, in particular Revelation, shows real subjects, in a real kingdom, which is here and still that more and more we submit to you." I wonder what a us how God will destroy the devil's work and at the same coming. What does "Your kingdom come" look like to you?

"Your kingdom come" means that God has through praying. that king would think of lazy subjects who carve out hunks Jesus Christ completely cleaned us up so that we will be

status of "fellow heirs" comes with our adoption into God's let the kingdom shrink. It also means that we want it to life bubbles out of this reality within and around us. God is grow. Of course we know God's Spirit takes the largest role perfecting and completing the kingdom. Often we miss it.

> What does "Your kingdom come" look like? It looks of a stretch, that God did the same thing with your soul. It Go ahead, develop kingdom habits and see what you are

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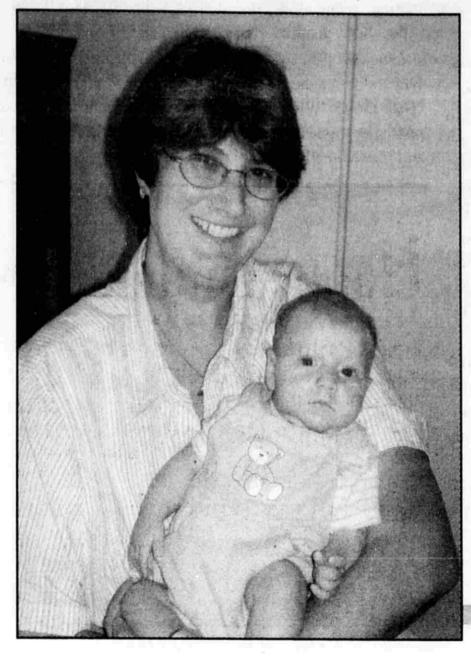


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Fund set up for former Lowell resident injured in moving accident



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College News

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Lowell, with a Bachelor of Lowell.

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education, graduating Cum

chemical warfare

unarmed combat,

Editor

A fund has been set up at Fifth Third Bank in Lowell for a former resident who sustained injuries during a move in Escanaba, Mich.

Karen (Saldino) Ham. 40, was injured in a freak crushed both of her legs. Ham has been in the hospital for more than a month, with numerous surgeries on her lower limbs. After the surgeries, it will take rehabilitation efforts to regain strength.

Ham recently gave Peggy Ham.

reading, field tactics, military

courtesy, military justice

system, basic first aid, foot

marches, and field training

Laura Yanna of Bay City,

Mich., and niece of Marge

graduate of Bay City Western

High School, Auburn, Mich

Ferris State University

located in Big Rapids, Mich.

ending August 2007. Local

equipment; Patrick Johnson, has announced its academic

of Lowell, with a Master of honors list for the semester

Keith Kemen, of Lowell, Bailey, Tamara Coffey, Jill

with a Bachelor of Science Egler, Amanda Ezinga.

degree in manufacturing Brittany Huisman, Linda

and Michael Whitman, of Michael Whitman, all of

administration; students include: Karri

technology; Stretton, Andrew Vogel and

Tyler of Saranac, Mich.

She is the daughter of

Francis is a 2007

exercises.

Karen (Saldino) Ham is shown with her son, Alex James at 6 weeks old.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Nov. 19, 2007

MON: Baked mini corndogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake) oven baked beans assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Baked chicker nuggets & dinner ro (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake) potatoes. mashed beaches, milk.

WED: No School

Нарру THURS: Thanksgiving

FRI: No School

Wayne A. Christenson III. birth to a son, Alex James, three months ago, with her John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie husband, Bill, originally from Greenville.

Jim Lang,

cereal at 2-3 months of age.

Ham was born and in the infants' diet have varied over the past several years. raised Most physicians now feel that solid food should not be given graduated before four months of age because earlier introduction may High School. Her family has moved back to Lowell while she undergoes surgeries.

Prior to the moving accident, Bill lost his job, breastfed infants and 29 percent of breastfed infants receive prompting their move.

Karen is the daughter of Howard and Gail Acheson, who still live in Lowell, and Bill is the son of Bill and

> allergies or allergic rhinitis. Of the articles reviewed, these studies showed that early introduction to solids was associated with eczema while four studies showed no correlation with eczema. One study showed an association with development of pollen allergies. No evidence was found indicating a link between

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SOLID FOOD IN INFANTS

increase the risk of allergies. Despite this recommendation

there have been no definitive studies supporting this

opinion. Estimates are that more than 50 percent of non-

A recent review of the medical literature regarding this

topic appeared in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent

Medicine. The authors were attempting to determine

whether early introduction of solids increased the risk of

allergic diseases in infants. They defined allergic diseases

as asthma, eczema, food or pollen allergies, animal dander

Recommendations on when to introduce solid foods

rhinitis or animal dander allergies. The author concluded that introduction of solid foods before four months of age may increase risk for eczema but that there is little evidence to support the association with other allergic disorders.

early solid introduction and asthma, food allergies, allergic

Allergic disorders have increased dramatically in infants and children. Be sure to discuss when to start your children on solids with your physician. There isn't one right answer for everyone.

I am not young enough to know everything.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

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Bow and arrow hunter: Good hunters don't take bad shots

by Emma Palova

the compound bow with close within 25 yards. It's nocturnal, as they are change. aluminum arrows as they months worth of practice." swish into the tranquil woods without even the slightest twang of the strings.

and arrow is a gratifying experience regardless of feeding patterns. whether he takes a shot or of the upcoming firearm season, it presents a magic of its own.

"I see coyotes, fox, just let them go."

still hunts with a slug barrel not quite as peaceful. gun, he prefers bow and years of practicing.

"You can't just take a backdrop."

shot, you have to practice," is he said. "You have to be

On top of practice, when hunting with a bow and arrow, all the conditions of For hunter Bill Nagy the surrounding environment at 12 from semi-accurate come into play such as the recurve or a long bow to button buck, a fawn born in straps, which he marinates said rain, the wind and changing the accurate new generation

not. Although the bow and scouting, Nagy runs into an arrow season doesn't have entire herd with bucks or releases. the high impact and intensity does fighting. He rarely sees another human being.

> "You could hear their horns clicking," he said. "I

pheasants," he said, "all the shot an eight-point buck with don't take bad shots. You And although Nagy for the firearm season, that is about the animal and its

the acquired skill after many is disturbed running around. as responsibility. Nagy first

frightened animals

constantly on the run.

too has evolved since Nagy got his hunter's certificate pushed.' compound bow. The new while bow is light, fast, silent - it

> Nagy uses broad head arrows with carbide tips that zip right through.

> has let-offs with sights and

"It's a good, clean, quick, humane shot,' Now, Nagy has already he said. "Good hunters bow and arrow as he readies have to be knowledgeable "It's kind of helter

And more time goes arrow hunting because of skelter," he said. "Everything into bow hunting, as well You worry about your patterns the herd during scouting, because the

the patterns change from year to the spring, is like shooting turn year as the herd and its runs next year's crop, said Nagy.

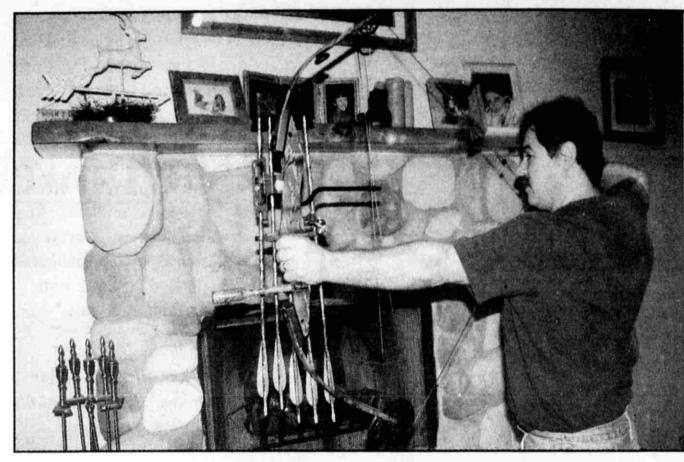
"You have to set up keep the herd healthy is The hunting equipment in their pattern," he said. "The animals are not being accidents.

But taking older does to prudent to also prevent car

Nagy primarily hunts For example shooting a for meat. He uses the back

also makes jerky by first curing it and drying it in the oven at 200 to 250 degrees Fahrenheit for an hour in five pound batches out of hind quarter meat.

"It's like candy," he



Bill Nagy of Alto uses compound bow with silencers for hunting deer.

Michigan wildlife conservancy asks deer hunters for help

can play a vital role in years, the MWC has areas with plentiful deer "Michigan deer hunters can Form can be obtained by Resource at its website: organization dedicated to helping people help wildlife through restoring wildlife habitat and educational

programming.

article, detected cougars in widely-separated areas of both the Upper and Lower of trail cameras by hunters,

"Cougars (mountain

thought to have vanished the Michigan Wildlife elusive predator." from the state by the early Conservancy is asking

> "With the expanded use the odds of getting more

photographs of the big cats

lions) are often sighted in have increased," he said. Cougar Observation Report and conducted research on and adequate cover," said be a real help in documenting contacting the Conservancy big cats, which were once Haywood. That's why the distribution of this directly at (517) 641-7677

or can be downloaded from

Deer hunters observing the organization's website David Haywood, president 1900s. Fieldwork by the Michigan's 750,000+ gun cougars are encouraged to at: www.miwildlife.org. established a Michigan of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, published in and bow hunters to take submit a sighting report Citizens can also report (MWC), a peer-reviewed scientific video or still cameras with along with any images they cougar sightings and related may have taken. An MWC information to the Michigan

www.Michigan.gov.dnr.

The cougar is fully protected by state law,

> Help from hunters, cont'd., pg. 15

Sheriff offers tips for safe hunting

Michigan's fields and forests will soon be alive with blaze orange hunting gear. Sheriff Stelma wants both visitors and residents of Kent County to know some important safety rules before setting out to deer

Your hunting license to purchase (Michigan driver's license, identification card, or DNR sport card) must be carried with you at all times while at least 50 percent of the property owner.

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It is illegal to drink Hunting hours begin alcohol or use intoxicating

Sheriff Stelma also approximately one-half hour wants hunters to take the following precautions to Safety zones include prevent injury or death while

> Familiarizeyourself with the area where you will be hunting

 Never assume you are alone in the woods

 Never assume other hunters are acting responsibly.

If sitting against a rock or tree, make sure it is wider than your shoulders so you are not mistaken for a

Be 100 percent sure of your target before shooting.

Sheriff Stelma urges all hunters to act responsibly this season. "Reacquaint yourself with Michigan's hunting laws and follow these safety tips to prevent a tragedy from happening this

Lowell High School Dec. 1 @ 7:00pm Dec. 2 @ **Tickets** 3:00pm \$5 Students/ Seniors \$7 Public \$8 All Tickets at the door. **Lowell Performing Arts Center** Lowell High School . 11700 Vergennes . Lowell . MI

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Christmas Through Lowell featured artist works with colorful wood

by Emma Palova

designs.

Purple heart, blood wood, maple and cherry \$2 bowling cups to a \$250 wood are all intertwined in exquisite jewelry box. his lovely one bud vases or Knauf also carves flag napkin holders.

New this year are his cat dishes. carved bookmarks made of blood wood or lace wood, the Knaufs are hoping to as well as jewelry. Knauf's designs are contemporary and elegant with clean simple lines.

"I use all local wood,"

is his sofa table made of oak including writing.

designed a helicopter toy with a CD top and a wooden is No. 4 on the tour located whistle. Knauf stressed at 1950 Parnell.

Local woodcarver Joe he doesn't use lead based Knauf uses colorful types of paint. Actually, he tries to wood in his intricate wooden keep everything as natural as possible.

> His items range from display cases, and dog and

In hard economic times, maintain at least the same level of sales as in the past.

"We get a lot of repeat business," said Knauf.

This year, the tour may draw more business to the Handy and interesting northeast region of Lowell due to newcomers like that can be used for anything St. Pat's, Arrowhead Golf Course, Hidden Treasures Recently, Knauf has and Paige Creek Creations.

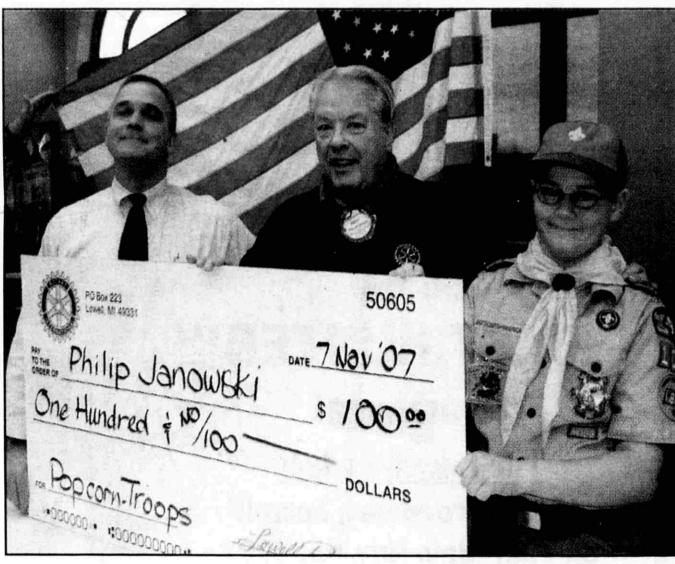
Knauf's woodworking

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPER'S GUIDE



Joe Knauf uses colorful wood in his designs.

Popcorn for the troops



Rotary president-elect Eric Lundstrom and president Dave Thompson presented a check for \$100 to Boy Scout Phillip Janowski for raising money for popcorn for the troops. Janowski has raised \$500 by placing money jars at the local businesses. "He epitomizes the attitude of service above self," said Thompson. Popcorn packets will be mailed to the troops shortly.





Featured Artist **Judy Potter**

by Emma Palova

watercolor painting by Judy students to do it right and Potter shows a level of to know why they are doing advancement much like her it." in-depth "Trilliums."

shades of purple.

"I just want to see if I her work.

The biggest challenge Davis. for Potter is the execution of a painting, not the subject inspired by local landscapes, matter or the format or the as well as what she calls media.

"The way I visualize it is road not always the way it comes out," she said. "That's a good withkoifish as it dramatically thing, sometimes it's just a changes with the seasons happy accident."

Davis, Potter strides for The study shows reflections perfection when painting a in the water, as well as the model, or anything else for ever changing dynamics of that matter.

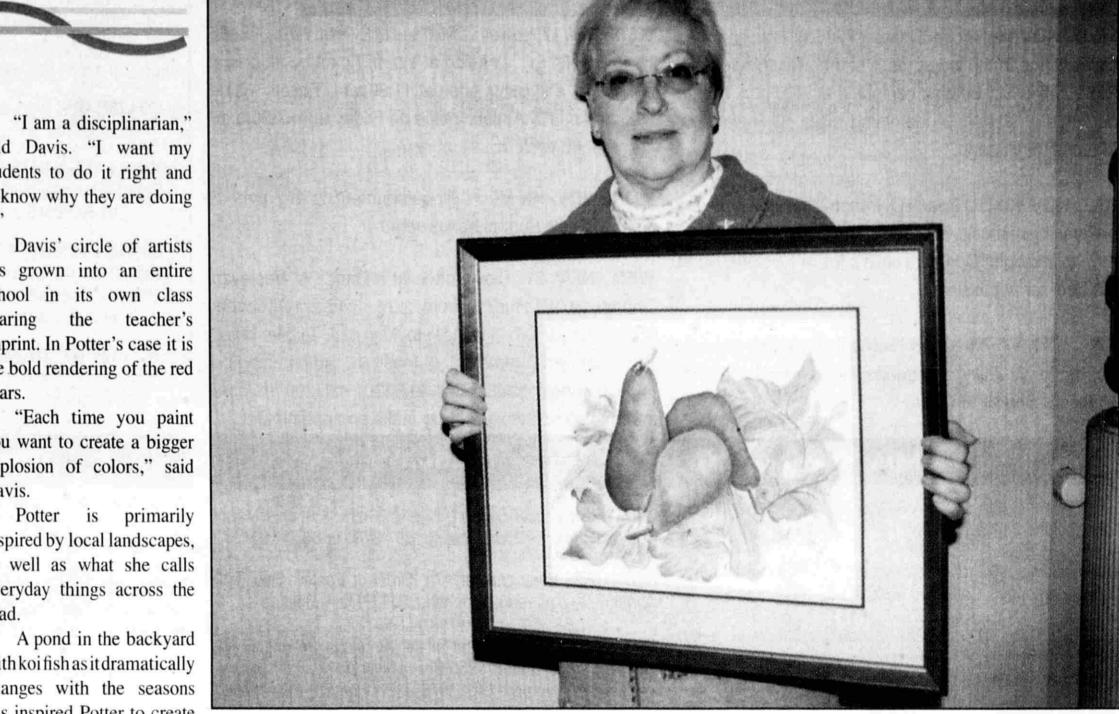
"I am a disciplinarian," The "Autumn Pears" said Davis. "I want my

Davis' circle of artists Although primarily a has grown into an entire watercolor artist, Potter has school in its own class also drawn with colored bearing the teacher's pencils impressive peaches imprint. In Potter's case it is and shells in soft pinks and the bold rendering of the red

"Each time you paint can do it," said Potter about you want to create a bigger explosion of colors," said

> Potter is primarily everyday things across the

has inspired Potter to create As a student of David "On the pond" pastel series. an aquatic ecosystem.



Judy Potter with her "Autumn Pears."

"Sometimes surprised," she said, "how did I do that?"

material from the local Davis. Farmer's Market. Painting

> for Davis' students. So, the results vary it is to the public.

"She's making every in public places, the better mark count," said Davis.

for the community," said

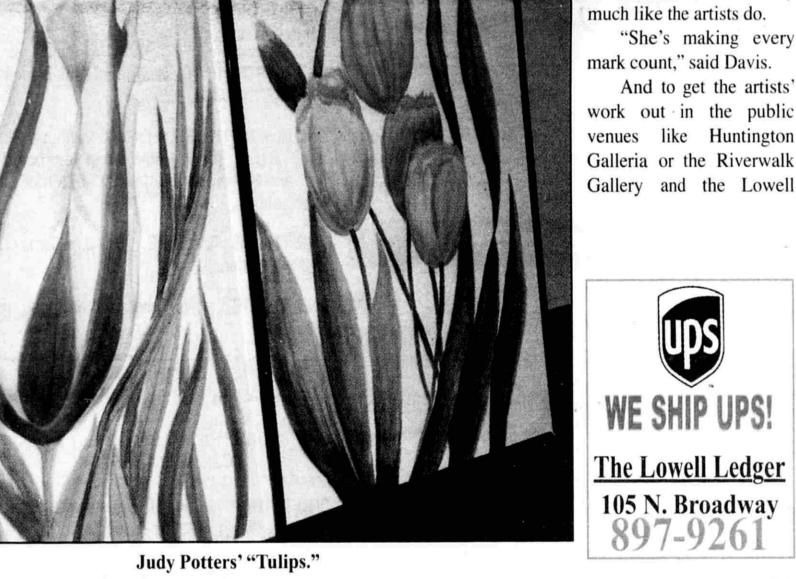
Potter said she was like Huntington excited about the exhibit, Galleria or the Riverwalk hoping to sell some work frightens."

For still life paintings, Area Arts Council is a great and get some positive the class quite often uses advantage, according to encouraging feedback.

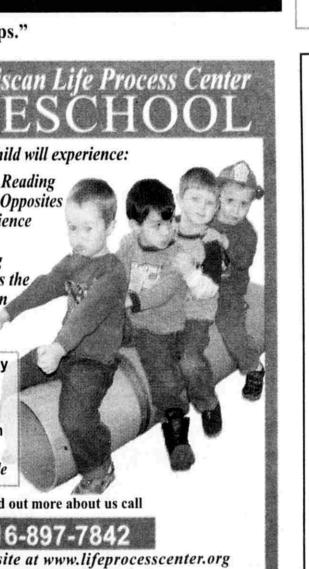
However, So Potter's first solo definitely does not paint for the produce often becomes show at the Galleria after money but mostly for fun.

the basis of an assignment three years of painting is just Both Davis and Potter as important to the artist, as agreed the next class interesting. It will be the "The more works of art

"I like my classes less formal," said Davis, "students learn better in a fun environment. Stiffness







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COMING EVENTS

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.

NOVEMBER

WED., NOV 14: Hooker Chapter #73, will hold its stated convocation in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

SAT., NOV. 17: Flat Reach Outreach Ministries presents an evening of music at Larkin's The Other Place at 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Donate a child's toy or love offering at the door for admission.

SAT., NOV. 17: Bluegrass Hotbands Fundraiser at TJ's Sports Bar & Grille. Two bands, big jam session, food. All for \$5. Begins at 7 p.m.

MONDAYS

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

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.: Alto American Legion Post 528 Auxiliary meets School at 7:30 p.m. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. - March 10 a.m. & April - Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

2ND & 4TH MON.: Needlers, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

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 Lake (behind Fireplace Plus). room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www. freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

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

Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m., Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd., www.ThornappleRiverBNI.com or call Cheryl 868-7551.

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.

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.

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.

SAT., NOV. 17: Lowell vs Midland at Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St.., Lansing at 1 p.m. Ticket booth opens as 11 a.m. and gates open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the LHS Athletic office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$6 each.

MON., NOV. 19: Music Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School band room.

WED., NOV. 21: Blood drive at Impact - A Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson, from 1 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. All donors receive a Red Cross winter stocking cap. To give blood you must be 17 years old, at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. Call 897-8304 ext. 200 for more information or if you prefer to make an appointment.

TUESDAYS

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

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

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 & 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 (conception through Kindergarten) 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304, ext 311.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary

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.: AA meeting, Back to Basics, closed, at 865 Lincoln Lake 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

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

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

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

1ST WED.: Free blood pressure screenings at Lowell Senior Neighbors provided by The Laurels of Kent.

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.

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.

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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

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,

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at United Methodist Church in Alto at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

2ND & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walkins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

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

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library at 2 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.: 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.

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

on which they play are paid for by property taxes, and this money comes from all the people of the Lowell area.

so maybe the people who have children in the Scouts have a right to be concerned about what happens to the land. If the city can make space for a dog park, shouldn't they also feel as you do! Lowell is known as a friendly place to live make room for the Boy Scouts?

The trees in the city were something that everyone city limits. enjoyed and loved. I miss the beauty they brought to the city streets.

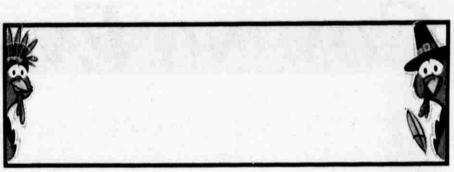
No, Ms. Hall, I am not a Lowell city resident, but I consider myself a Lowell resident. I worked for Lowell Area Schools for 32 years, and still substitute drive for Please respect us! the bus garage. I do a lot of my shopping in Lowell, and my husband also gets many things for the farm from the

Lowell businesses. Do you shop in Lowell, Ms. Hall? Our children and grandchildren attend Lowell schools and we I'm sure the Boy Scouts are not all city residents either, are members of the Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church, which is in the city limits.

> I sincerely hope, Ms. Hall, that not all the city residents and raise a family, and I don't think that means just in the

Remember, Ms. Hall, without all of us who live outside the city limits, Lowell would dry up and blow away, and then what would you govern? You better hope we keep supporting you with our time, our money, and our opinions!

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AGING PARENTS' ISSUES SURFACE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

In Lowell, Michigan, baby boomers visiting aging parents during the holidays may be in for a shocking surprise, warns Certified Senior Advisor (Carrie Pattee, Administrator for Fountain View of Lowell). The pristine house and yard of the past now look shabby and neglected. Dirty dishes fill the sink and the kitchen table is covered in crumbs. Unopened bills are stacked haphazardly all over the countertops. Mom seems unfocused and Dad is having trouble getting around. It's clear that help is needed but what should family members do?

Ms. Pattee encourages clients to take advantage of the time when everyone is gathered together to initiate a conversation with parents and family members about "what if" scenarios and health and financial concerns.

Eldercare Link, one of the nation's leading free eldercare referral services agrees. CEO Robert Brooks says that historically, the week after Thanksgiving generates more requests from anxious family members than any other week of the year.

The holidays are a good time, the organization says, for family members to be alert for signs that elderly relatives may need help - physical, mental or financial. The most important thing, they say, is to look for signs of change in mood, health and living conditions. Checking in with people who visit the relative frequently can indicate whether there have been recent changes.

Some signs to look for include:

- Personal hygiene problems
- Home in disarray or needing to be cleaned
- Weight loss or weight gain check for spoiled food or insufficient food at home
- Failure to manage medications or medical appointments
- Increased difficulty with mobility (such as climbing stairs or using a bathtub)
- Changes in judgment, mood or overall behavior
- Increased forgetfulness-check for unopened mail or unread newspapers
- Missed bill payments or other financial difficulties
- Unusual or extravagant purchases that are out of character
- Decreased social activities or failing to maintain friendships

Experts warn that it isn't necessary to panic if you recognize a few changes. Some are simply part of the aging process. Slowing down doesn't automatically mean that your parents are ready move to an assisted living facility or in with you.

This is a good time Ms. Pattee says to talk about concerns and ask parents what kind of help they would like. Start researching the options. There are many organizations that can provide expert advice about a range of senior services ranging from home health aides, visiting nurses, Meals on Wheels and Adult Day Care to financial planning and legal issues.

While you are visiting, take a look around and learn more about the community where your parents live. Visit facilities, contact senior organizations, take notes and start a file so you will know whom to call when something needs to be done. Keep adding to it and pretty soon you will be able to treat your parents to home-delivered meals or arrange for a senior companion to take your parents to meetings and special events.

When you get back home, check out some of the websites offering gadgets that can help safeguard your parents and ease your worries. Video monitors, for example, enable you to keep an eye on how your parents are coping and automated medication carousels ensure that they are taking their pills in the right dosage and at the right time.

If you feel there are legal, financial and insurance questions that need discussion, go to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging website at www.eldercare.gov for a checklist of these topics.

Ms. Pattee adds a few parting words of advice. One of the most difficult aspects of dealing with aging parents is dealing with siblings, other family members and outsiders. Everybody has an opinion or an agenda. Take the lead and encourage everyone in your family to really listen to one another, respond with respect, keep a sense of humor, and stay focused on the prize - providing your parents with the best possible quality of life.



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TEACH YOR CHILDREN TO **BE SAVERS AND INVESTORS**

Ideally, our children should learn good behavior from us. But when it comes to living within our means, and saving and investing for the future, we're not setting such a good example. Consider the following:

- Savings are low The personal savings rate in the U.S. in 2006 and 2005 was negative - something that hadn't happened since the Great Depression. Thus far in 2007, the savings rate has crept into positive territory, but it's still anemic.
- Debt is high Household debt, as measured by the ratio of debt payments to disposable personal income, has reached record highs over the past couple of years.

Of course, your children aren't responsible for our discouraging savings and debt trends. But if you'd like to help them boost their chances for achieving financial stability in their adult lives, you can take a number of steps, including the following:

- · Reward children for saving. Children, like adults, tend to repeat behavior that is rewarded in some way. So, if you want your children to become good savers, you might want to match their contributions, either fully or partially, whenever they put money away, whether it's in a big jar or a bank account. Once they've saved a certain amount, you may want to let them withdraw part of it to purchase something they want.
- Exhibit restraint in spending. When you want to teach your children an important lesson, what you do is sometimes more important than what you say. So, if you want to stress the importance of delaying immediate gratification and avoiding excessive debts, you might want to talk about something like your car, if it's older, and say you wish you could get a new one. When your child asks why you don't, you can respond that you don't have them well throughout their lives. the money for it now, and you don't want to borrow too

much money to get one, because that would just mean a big payment later on.

- Explain principles of investing. Even fairly young children can typically understand what it means to invest in stocks, if it's carefully explained to them. Use examples of the companies with which they may be familiar — Disney, McDonald's, etc. -- and stick to the basics, such as the ability of anyone to own small pieces of these businesses. You might even decide to buy a few shares of one of these stocks and, along with your children, follow its returns.
- Give examples of inflation. If you want your children to become financially literate, they'll need to understand the effects of inflation. Start them out with simple examples, such as the cost of candy or milk when you were a child versus those costs today. Then, explain that as the cost of virtually everything goes up over time, you need to put some of your money in investments that can potentially grow faster than the rate of inflation.

By following these basic suggestions, you can help your children develop financial behaviors that can serve



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We in the United States are fortunate to have some of the best medical facilities and services in the world. Yet, shamefully, 2005 US Census data estimates that there are 46.6 million people in our country – approximately 15.9 percent of the population – who are uninsured.

How to provide everyone in our country access to affordable, quality health care is the subject of extensive progress in making sure that the most vulnerable members or CHIP but are not receiving services. of our communities - including children - can receive basic medical services.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was created in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 in recognition of the need to provide medical services for children from lower income families. In the past 10 years, CHIP has received about \$40 billion in appropriations, and the program currently has about 6.6 million children enrolled. Seventy percent of those children come from families with incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (\$25,752 for a family of three), and more than 90 percent

Help from hunters, continued

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the cougar's presence and Conservancy is Michigan's biology, aid future research, first and foremost nonprofit and help in curbing illegal organization dedicated to killing. Donations to the the restoration of all habitat fund can be made on-line at vital to sustain fish and the group's website: www. wildlife. Since its founding in 1982, the MWC has informative conducted major projects in brochure, entitled "Living 67 of Michigan's 83 counties with Cougars in Michigan" is from remote rural areas to also available free of charge Michigan's most denselyfrom the Conservancy. populated, restoring more a copy, send than 10,000 acres of wetland and prairies, and countless miles of creeks, streams and

The Conservancy has also been a key player in re-establishing Michigan's wild turkey population and creating habitat for the rare meetings, sporting goods Kirtland's warbler. For more stores, retail establishments information, visit: www. miwildlife.org.

are from families with incomes below \$35,000 a year for a

particularly impressive results: Michigan currently has the second lowest rate of uninsured children in the nation. trailing only Vermont, which provides universal coverage.

leads to better access to preventative and primary care services, better quality of care, better health outcomes and are now working hard to create a new bipartisan bill that improved performance in school.

many children who qualify for the program are unable to receive insurance because of inadequate funding. There are still 9 million uninsured children nationwide, 6 million of whom are eligible for either Medicaid or CHIP. In Michigan, 55,000 children are covered under CHIP, and debate. Over the years, though, we have made some 90,000 Michigan children are currently eligible for Medicaid

To help address this problem, the Senate and House have both passed a bipartisan bill -- the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 -- that would increase funding for the program by approximately \$35 billion over five years and allow well over three million additional children to enroll beyond the 6.6 million children already in CHIP. Michigan would receive an additional \$64 million in funding for children's health in 2008 under this proposal, which is 44 percent more funding than the state would receive if the program was maintained at status quo. Up to 80,900 more Michigan children would have access to much-needed health insurance.

Although both houses of Congress approved the CHIP bill by large majorities - and it has the support of 43 state governors - President Bush vetoed the bill, citing opposition to the \$35 billion expansion, particularly because it is funded

through increased tobacco taxes. The administration's approach, which would add only one-seventh of the funding Michigan's CHIP program, called MIChild, has had in the bill, would likely not even sustain the current levels of coverage and certainly would not help the millions of children still without health insurance.

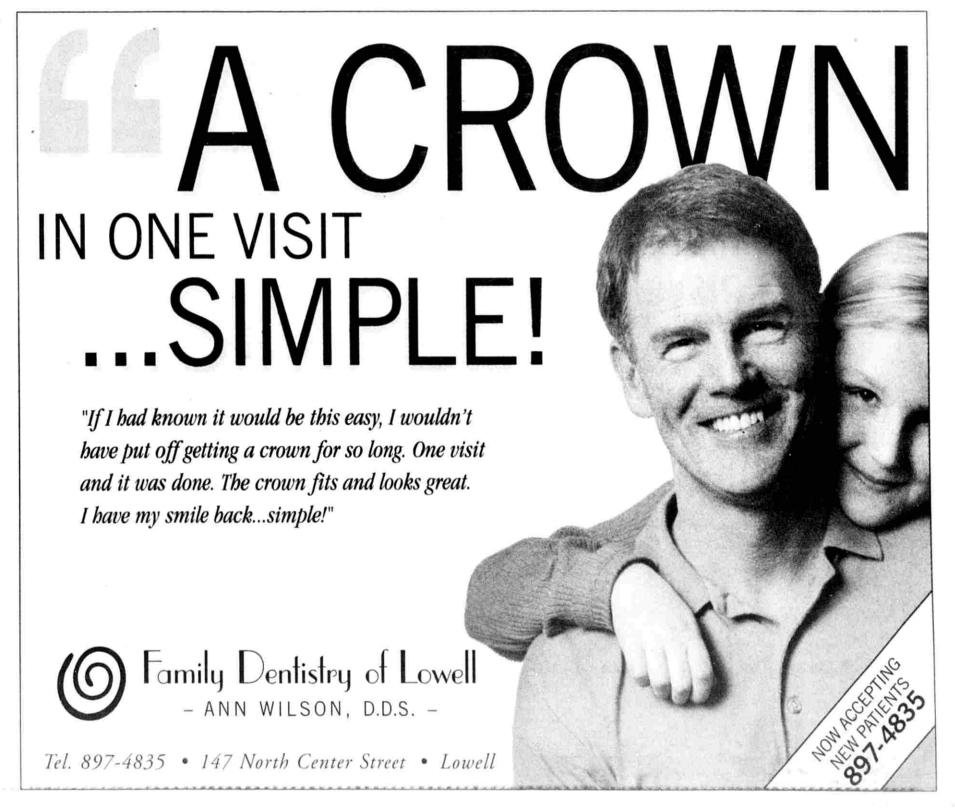
Although the Senate passed the bill by a veto-proof In the past ten years, we have seen that CHIP coverage majority of 67 votes, the vote in the House of Representatives fell 25 votes short of overriding a veto. We in Congress addresses the items to which President Bush objected so that While CHIP has been a successful program nationwide, our children can begin to receive the care that they need.

A hardworking mother from Royal Oak, Mich., wrote: "As a single working mother, I could not afford the family insurance that my employer offered, and definitely could not afford private [insurance]. Without this insurance I do not know what I would have done. [CHIP] offered us options, doctors instead of emergency rooms, less time missed at work and school."

We have a moral obligation to provide Americans access to affordable and high quality health care. No person, young or old, should be denied access to adequate health care, and the expanded and improved Children's Health Insurance Program is an important step toward achieving that goal.



Deadline for the Nov. 28 edition of the Ledger is 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 26 Ads requiring a proof should be here Wed., Nov. 21, by 5 pm. The Lowell Ledger



Lowell football stuns Hudsonville in regional win

by Molly Benningfield

It was a rematch the

for the Regional finals. Both on. teams were coming off of

Lowell again traveled to District final and Hudsonville neither was Lowell. The against Lowell teams of the Eagles Stadium Friday night shocked Muskegon to move team has steadily improved

big upsets against previously outplayed a young Arrow match up against other played teams; Lowell team in August were not the big teams in the area, and Week 2 to Hudsonville, defeated Caledonia for the same team Friday night. But more importantly, match up

since Week 1, proving their The Eagles that relatively young team can

the team just needed time.

weeks and we'll see what these boys are made of," Dean said. "I'm a better man for knowing these kids."

28-13 to move them one in passing. step closer to Ford Field and achieve their first Regional rushing, with 14 attempts for title since 2004. The team 124 yards. Graham had 24 will play Midland on attempts for 119 yards. Alex Saturday in the State semi- Debniak had 16 attempts for

on the board with an 8-yard Hudsonville. run in the first quarter, and halftime, 14-13.

belonged to the Arrows, as the Eagles. Nichol would dominate on offense, scoring on 1- and defense, finishing with a 61-yard runs in the third and stellar 13 tackles. Trevor fourth quarters.

Dean said that without tackles. the earlier match-up, his team wouldn't have made it so far.

game, we wouldn't have had Coach Noel Dean said this game," Dean said.

"I said 'give me nine Hudsonville both in the air and on the ground. The Arrows had 256 rushing yards and 144 passing yards, compared to Hudsonville's The Red Arrows won 244 in rushing and 28 yards

> Nichol led the Arrows in 161 yards for the Eagles.

Nichol was 8-12 in twice in the first quarter, passing, with 65 yards. on 34- and 18-yard runs by Torsten Boss was 1-1 with Jordan Jonker. Sophomore 79 yards. Brian Grysen Austin Graham put Lowell was 2-8 for 17 yards for

Boss led the Arrows in Kyle Nichol scored on a receiving, with 7 receptions 3-yard run in the second for 134 yards, while Jacob to put the Arrows ahead at Swift had 1 reception for 79 yards. Travis Martin had The second half 1 reception for 12 yards for

Boss also lead the Lucas of Hudsonville had 8

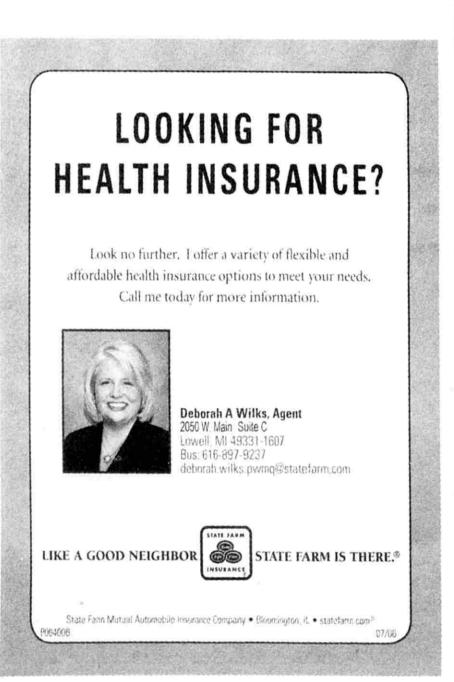
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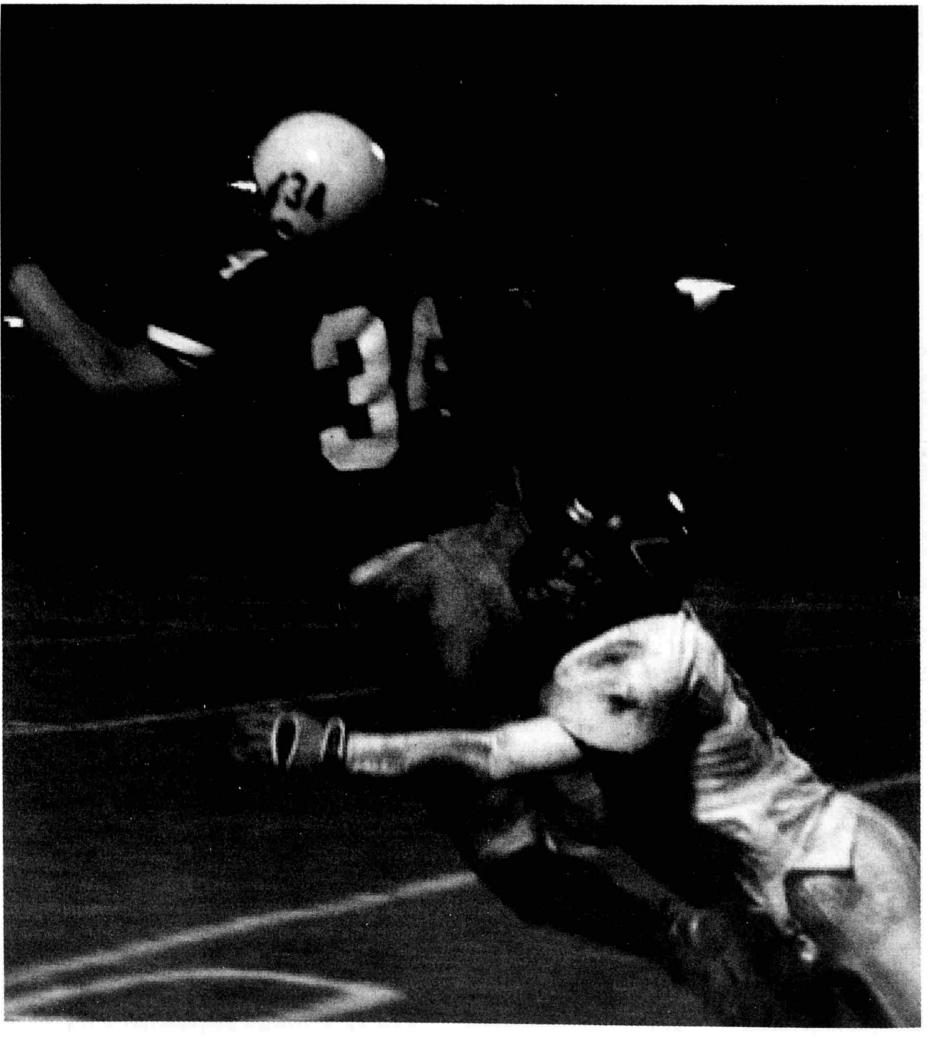


Torsten Boss (4) makes a spectacular catch against two Eagle defenders.



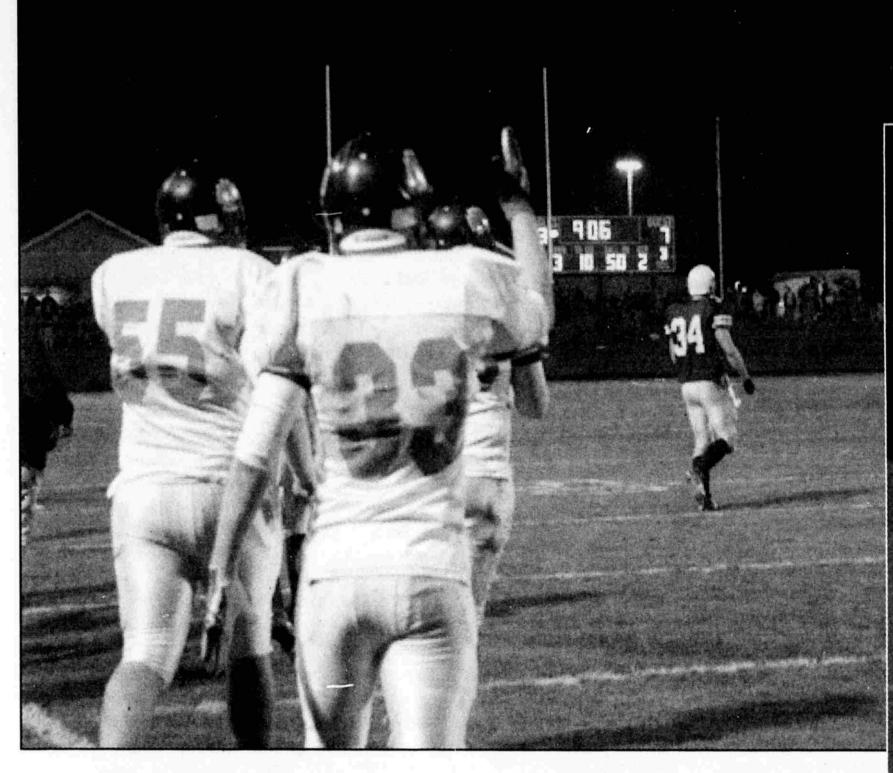
Check out the Nov. 21 issue of the Lowell Ledger for a wrap up of the fall season. The All-Conference athletes in cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball will be featured, as well as the conclusion for each sport.





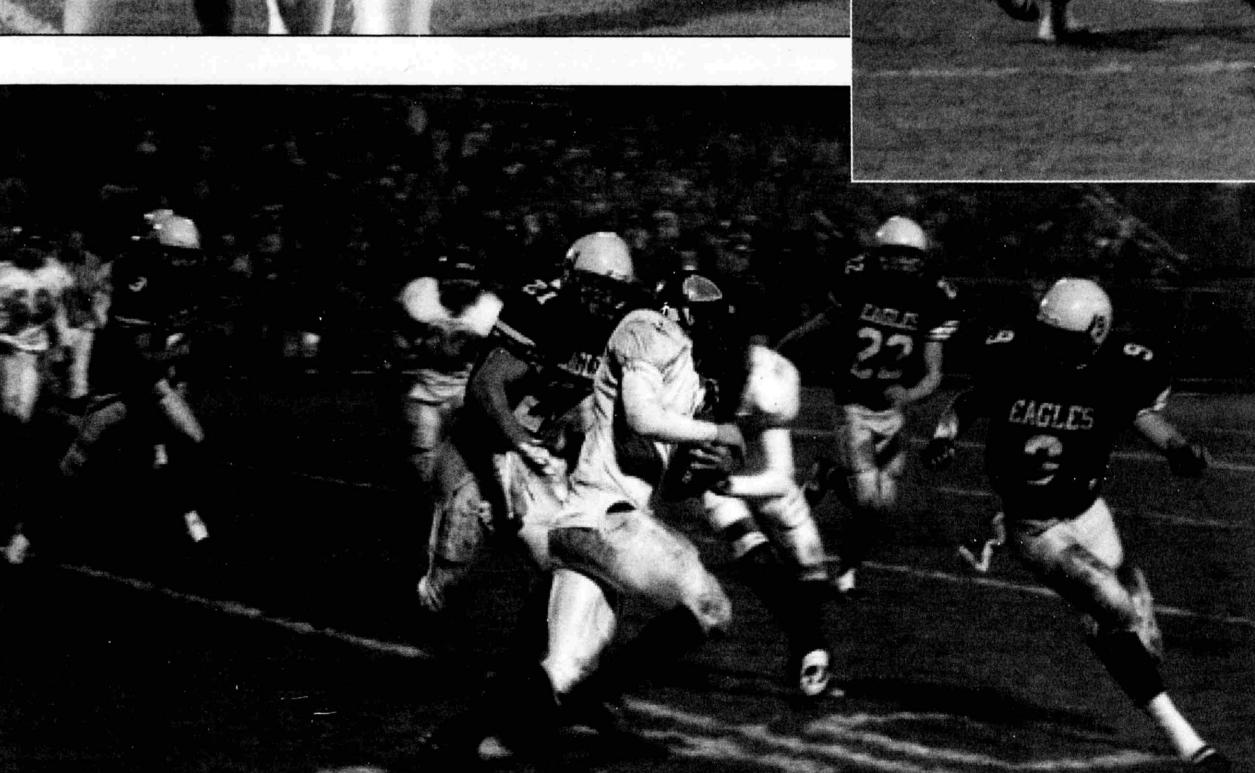
A Lowell defender tackles a Hudsonville player.

Regional champs, continued... From Page 16



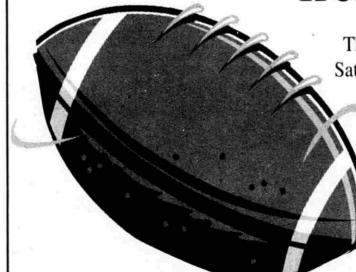
At left, Austin Graham (33) pumps his fist while Connor Kruse (55) looks on.

Below, Torsten Boss (4) makes a great catch Friday



Kyle Nichol (3) takes the ball up the field.

Saturday game is one step away from Ford Field



The Red Arrows (10-2) will travel to Lansing Saturday afternoon to face the Chemics of Midland (10-2). The game starts at 1 p.m. at Everett High School.

On the road to Ford Field, Lowell beat Hudsonville 28-13 last Friday to win the Regional title in Division 2. They also beat Caledonia 45-27 for the District title and Portage Central 42-7 in the first round of playoffs.

Midland defeated Davison last Friday 7-3 for their Regional finals. They have also defeated Bay City Central 48-6

and Saginaw Arthur Hill 43-29 in the 2007 playoffs. Lowell played Davison in the first game of the season, defeating the Cardinals

The winner of Lowell-Midland will go on to play the winner of Rochester Adams (11-1)-Detroit Martin Luther King (12-0) at Ford Field in Detroit on Friday, Nov. 23

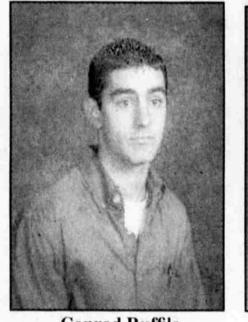


Lowell High School November Students of the Month

Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Jacob Nawrocki, 12th grade, and Conrad Ruffilo, 12th grade, are the LHS Students November of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor, a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms

reviewed and voted on at selected based on academic the monthly department achievement, two students to be honored 1353 students eligible for to the local businesses and a welding class at M-Tech



Conrad Ruffilo

character, for Jacob and Conrad. The "Conrad is in his second year

Jacob Nawrocki

Jacobwas nominated by is employed by a welding Mr. Keith Boeve who said, "Jacob will do anything you ask of him and always with to be "Student of the High School." Conrad I commend Conrad and at 897-5653

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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To the person who was listing the ranking of Michigan's tax rate and its state government's officials salaries -How do we know that your data is accurate?

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All comments are submitted by the public and do not

The flags looked great for the Veterans. Thanks to all who served from all of us.

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> This has to do with common courtesy. People need to use their turn signals.

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Thank you to Flat River Grill and Gary's Meats for their contribution to the Lowell Varsity Football players meal. - From the parent rep

> If Lowell is "The next place to be" I think Lowell needs a Walmart.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

> - Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)



of the column. "Sound Off" is meant to be a community helpful, congratulatory, thankful and informational. We will not print any comments that are offensive or

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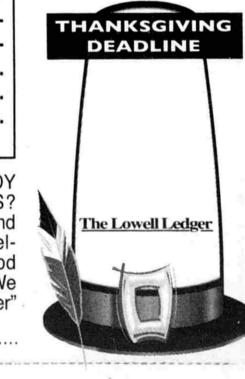
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Lowell High School for the month are then for the month. Students are nomination, so this is was nominated by Mr. Bob nominate him as "Student quite an accomplishment VanBelois, and he said, of the Month" because of his willingness to not only meeting, selecting and work ethic. There are students receive a key card of Dual Enrollment taking help the counselors, but also for the times he has helped through GRCC. He already students who have come into the Student Service company. Conrad has shown great improvement with his This program is made

maturity this year. Conrad possible by the support enthusiasm. Jacob deserves had an open hour, 3rd period of the LHS Academic because of dual enrollment Boosters, who support the Month" based on character, and he has been coming to high school in many ways. If his respect for others, his the Student Service Center you are interested in helping sense of humor, and the to help out on his own support the LHS Academic pride he shows in Lowell free time as a student aide. Boosters call Laura Becker

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