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Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Annual chamber gathering a big hit

by Emma Palova

he annual chamber membership gathering drew large crowds to the new venue at T.J. Sports Bar & Grille on the east end of town. Among the

honored were Betty Yeiter as Person of the Year, and John and Jeff Wilterink of Lowell Granite received the Business Appreciation award.

Chimera's

Yankovich presented the awards along with chamber director Liz Baker.

"Bushels of thanks," said Yeiter calling herself a farm girl. "Lowell is my home, Lowell is my love." Yeiter is a former educator for Lowell schools. She still volunteers for spelling bees in the area schools.

Also attending the award ceremony was former Lowell Area Schools superintendent Bert Bleke.

The menu consisted of chicken, pork and beef roast. However, due to the fact that more people than expected attended, the food ran out.



Betty Yeiter received the Person of the Year Award.



Emcee Cliff Yankovich looks on as the Wilterinks accept the Business Appreciation Award.



Attendees applaud as civic leaders were honored.

Hildenbrand helps students celebrate reading month at Cherry Creek

by Molly Benningfield, Editor

In celebration of "March is Reading Month", Representative Dave Hildenbrand read "America: a Patriotic Primer" by Lynne Cheney (vice president Dick Cheney's wife) to third and fifth grade students at Cherry Creek Elementary Monday morning.

Hildenbrand read to the students and also introduced

his first annual "March is Reading Month Contest" for elementary school students within his legislative district.

To go along with the various school's plans for the reading month, Hildenbrand gave all students a bookmark to keep track of all the books they read during March. At the end of the month, the students can drop off their completed

bookmarks in a contest box either at their school office or at the Englehardt Library.

Winners of the contest will get to be a state representative for a day, visiting Hildenbrand's office in Lansing. The announcement will be made in April.

During his visit, he told the students, "if you can learn how to be good readers, you can do anything."

Students were asked, "What's your favorite book and why?"

Brayden Ergang, 9 -

Favorite book: Wisconsin Werewolves, by Jonathan Rand. He likes it "because it's really cool and scary."

Brayden said he reads "a lot, and also plays sports and stuff, like football."

Alex Dommer, 9 -

Favorite book: Stranger in the Woods, by Carl R. Sams and Jean Stoick

He likes it "because there are some of my favorite animals in it, liked deer, birds, and rabbits."

Alex said he does like to read, and also "play football." Reading month, cont'd., pg. 8



Rep. Dave Hildenbrand read to students on Monday.





BRENNER

(Wingeier) Brenner aged 70 of Saranac, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2008. She

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Dan (Marcy) Wingeier and Richard (Patty) Wingeier; sisters, Bonnie (Tom) Gokey; also several nieces, nephews and cousins. Donna was a manager of a finance company in Lowell and Belding for many years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall, 7700 Wingeier Ave. in Alto with Mr. Aaron Steffen officiating. The family would like to thank Michelle was preceded in death by DeMaagd, Dr. Krutel and her parents, Daniel and all the staff at 6 South at

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NOTICE

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

2008 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2008 will be held at

Vergennes Township Hall.

10381 Bailey Dr, on the following dates:

Monday, March 10

at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Board of Review Organizational Meeting Tuesday, March 4, at 7 a.m.)

The Board of Review will meet as many more days

as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests,

and to equalize the 2008 assessments.

You may appeal an assessed valuation one of two ways:

To appear at the Board of Review, call 897-5671 on

Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

to schedule an appointment to appear in person.

By Board resolution, residents are also able to protest by letter

provided the protest letter is received prior to March 12,

and is addressed to:

Vergennes Township Assessor

P.O. Box 208

Lowell, MI 49331-0208

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class

of real property and personal property for 2008 are as follows:

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services

to individuals with disabilities at the

Board of Review meetings upon 2 days notice.

Contact: Supervisor Tim Wittenbach, 10381 Bailey Dr.

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Ruth Wingeier. She is

survived by her brothers,



Kent for all their wonderful

care given to Donna. In

CASLER

Mary Lynn Casler of Lowell left this world with peace, grace and beauty was surrounded by family be remembered fondly by dignity, compassion and friends and family, far and love they showed our Lynn near. She will be missed during her final days. especially by grandsons Andy and her "twinkies"

Hospice of Michigan along Leslie Jansen, dear friend his mother, Doris Harrall, with the staff at Laurels of KevinSmith, formerhusband Madonna Bigelow; brother Bruce Jansen, brother David Casler and wife Roxie, sister Eddie Harrall; grandson, Kathy Casler and husband Cody Harrall; sister-in-law, Dave Mersman, sister Carol Susie Gessler and brotherto Cherry Street Patient and husband John Scheidt, in-law, Ray Quada. Jack brother Don Casler and is survived by his loving Cherry SE, GR, MI 49506, wife Joan, brother-in-law wife of more than 41 years, Charlie Furtaw, sister-in-law Madonna (Mary) Harrall; Marva Casler, and special four children, Madonna stepmother, Ruth Casler. Hause (Kevin Blanker), She also leaves behind Jason (Kim) Harrall, numerous nephews, nieces, Brad (Tricia) Harrall, and great-nephews and great- Amberlei (Mike) Blocher; nieces, cousins, aunts and grandchildren, uncles. Other loved ones Austin, M. Renae, Nathan, missing her are beloved pets Allison, Drew, Justene, Caesar, Angel and Spice as Elle, Jack and Hannah; well as her close friends the his father, William (Bill) Dilly family and Geri Plite Harrall; brother, William and lifelong friends Jennifer (Donna) Harrall; sisters, Clark, Janet Liebermann, Deb (Ed) Visser, Virginia Brian Rowland and Niki Woodard. Lynn's family will law, Nancy (Dan) Fansher, celebrate her life during a private memorial later this month. The family extends on February 29, 2008. She heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Metro Hospital's and loved ones. She will Intensive Care Unit for the

Butterworth Hospital and Mike Freeman, daughter was preceded in death by

parents-in-law, Wes and

(Rob) Biondo; sisters-in-

Cindy (Bruce) Boyce,

Beverly Quada, Rose

(Randy) Maxim, Penny

(Marc) Bullerman; brother-

in-law, Jerry (Laurie)

Gessler and many nieces,

nephews and large extended

family. Jack was employed

Corporation for 27 years. He

enjoyed hunting, fishing and

everything that involved his

family. He proudly served

Mass of Christian burial

was held Tuesday at the St

Mary's Church. Interment

may be made to 5 Heart

Center, Spectrum Health

and Renucci Hospitality

House, Spectrum Hospital

his country during

Vietnam War, with

United States Army.

Cemetery.

contributions

Amway (Alticor)

Mathew and Colin Freeman,

daughter Erika and husband

HARRALL Jackie "Jack" Ray Harrall of Lowell, went to be with his heavenly Father, February 29, 2008 after a long and courageous battle with heart disease at the age of 64. He

· LEGAL NOTICE .

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT CIRCUIT COURT -FAMILY DIVISION**

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 08-001222-NC

In the matter of BRENT **AUSTIN SCOGGINS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including* whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski, bar number P35026 for the following purpose: on the petition of Brent Austin Scoggins to change his name to Brent Austin Saulic.

2/26/2008

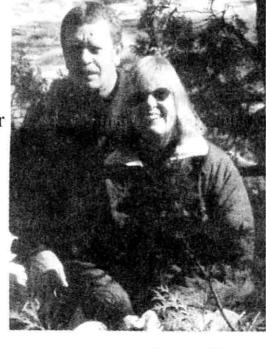
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Brent Austin Scoggins

My deepest thanks go out to everyone who responded to the February 8 accident at Michigan Wire that took the life of Vince Heinze.

Special thanks go to James Hinton and Shannon Witherell who did their difficult job with sympathy and understanding. Special thanks also to Chief Jim Valentine and Tom Molnar, who each also lost a friend that day, Frank and

Dawn Dykstra and our many other friends for their help, their kindness and concern and their support. Thank you to my entire family, I couldn't have gotten through this without all of your love and support.



Someone told me you never get over it, you only get used to it. Vince was my best friend and I miss him every day. - Susan Williams

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Gearing up for Earth Day at Cherry Creek



Cherry Creek students, left to right, in front: Ethan Eversman and Zack Tichelaar Cherry Creek office. and in back, Jarius Gerulis and Paul Owen

From circuits to stars, students

Murray Lake Elemen- physics teacher involved

tary held their second the students in many

annual Science Expo Day. hands-on physics activities.

The day began with Lowell Students were racing their

High School chemistry own flying machines with

teacher Tim Antel, AKA Lowell Middle School

Mr. Wizard, and some of his teacher, Burt Breuker.

top students sharing some These were just some of the

The "Earth Day Recycle Challenge" promotes an awareness of "Earth Day", which is celebrated on April 22 each year. The challenge for 2008 is to collect plastic grocery bags - only No. 2 and No. 4 plastic grocery bags are accepted. The five schools that return the greatest proportion of bags per student will receive benches made of plastic lumber engraved with their school name and the number of bags they collected. Cherry Creek students will be collecting bags throught March 28. If you have any bags you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please drop them off at the

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FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, March 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 E. Fulton, old Cumberland Manor. Must have proof for source of all income and Social Security numbers for the entire household. Bring your own bags.

TOTS FAMILY NIGHT CANCELLED

The TOTS program of Lowell Area Schools will not be holding the March 11 Family Night due to gymnasium repairs. The March 20 Wiggles and Giggles Night will be held as scheduled.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., March 14, 6 - 8 p.m. or Sat., March 15, 10 a.m. - noon. Regular box is \$30. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Lowell Women's Club will be requiring grant applications this year. Grant request information is available on our web site at www.lowellwomensclub.org. Applications are due by March 15. For further information contact Becky Reagan at 897-9656.

MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Held on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in Lowell Middle School band room.

CLASS OF 2012 ORIENTATION

Orientation will be held at Lowell High School on Tues., March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Parents and students are invited to learn about high school policies, requirements, and schedules. Teachers as well as group/activity leaders will be on hand.

TOBACCO FREE FOR GOOD

Open house/class reunion on Tuesday, March 18, 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. This event is open to anyone who attended a TFFG class during 2007 or 2008. Please RSVP at 616-446-7058.

STORY OF EMMA COLE AT MUSEUM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Friends of the Library will bring to you the Secret Gardens - The Story of Emma Cole. This program will be at the Lowell Township Hall, March 18 at 7 p.m.

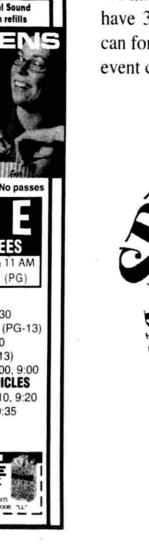
F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is presently in need of canned fruits, juices, cereal, green beans and corn. Please help if you

LOOKING FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS

Fundraising is starting during the months of March-June. The third Annual 24-hr. Relay For Life of Lowell will take place from noon to noon, Fri., June 27 - Sat., June 28. Teams are now forming. Consider forming a team (small businesses can group together to form teams). We have 18 teams who have signed up and our goal is to have 34. For more information or to find out how you can form a RFL team or be on another group's team, call event co-chair, Carol Briggs at 897-5501.

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the staff's dedication, all of

well. It was a great day for

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11:05, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

chemistry activities with the science activities going on Murray Lake students. There at Murray Lake. was color-changing liquid, Fifth grader, Rachel exploding bottles, flaming Yomtoob commented, "The bubbles, and more. The energy activity we did was students were mesmerized really cool. We had to peddle with the experiments that a bike to get a lightbulb to were demonstrated during go on. It took a lot more the assembly. Fifth grade energy to get a normal student Logan Wilcox said, lightbulb to stay lit than it "The assembly was the best. did to get a fluorescent bulb I loved seeing all the fire and to stay on." Fifth graders Todd Hovey and Riley Hale get ready to the explosions. I never knew "The star lab was the send off their balloon racer. science could be so much best. It was cool to see how way to bring science to life have here, many of which the stars look so different were on our Science Expo Following for our students. I hope that the in the sky depending on assembly, students were what season we are in," said committee. I truly appreciate

enjoy Science Expo Day at Murray Lake

different science presenters. grader. Students had to create

A play in two acts by Phil Grecian

Based on the book by Margery Williams

off to experience over 20 Paige Wilson, another 5th

Students were in awe of day possible. "It was truly

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Fifth grade teacher, Who knows, maybe one the parent volunteers as circuits on an online science Mike Fillman chaired the day a Murray Lake student site. Stars were witnessed event. Several teachers and will go onto to make a great kids!' in the 20-feet high star lab. parent volunteers made the scientific contribution to all the animals shown by an amazing day. I have Fillman. "This day could DNR officer Mark Bishop. taught science for many not have happened without The Lowell High School years and this is just one the dedicated staff we

the excitement that today brought for the students will our society," commented

carry on into their future. the presenters we had, and

Directed by Coleen Downey Directed by

Brent Alles (PG) 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:20 **JUMPER** (PG-13) 11:40, 9:35 **FOOL'S GOLD** (PG-13)

Board of Review Members: Jim Herb, Ken Ford & Dan Faulkner 1571 Queen Ave NE Tim Wittenbach, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review. Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

FFA teams advance to state

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, 16 students from the Lowell Issues contest, the students Blough, Caitlin Clover, FFA Chapter earned the have to discuss both sides Sarah Crosby, Christina right to compete at the State of a local issue dealing Folkersma, Mark Harden, Competitions to be held with agriculture. The team March 5-7 at the State FFA Convention in East Lansing. the State level. Advancing from Lowell were students in Agricultural Issues, Jr. High Conduct of Meetings. and Extemporaneous Public Speaking.



Ian Blodger will compete at State in the Extemp Public Speaking contest.

In the Agricultural Josh Bartholomew, Kayla Kari Bergy, Sara Fosburg, Roerig and Mary Walsh interviewed people about the process of horse the equine markets and show the Regional contests.

contest, Ian chooses a broad contests. topic area to research. At the contest, he draws a specific question and then is given strives to make a positive a half-hour to prepare a difference in the lives of speech. This is Ian's second students by developing year competing at the State their potential for premier Level in this contest.

Parliamentary Procedure. with over 120 members. Members on this team are

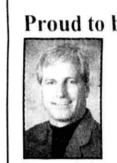
Kendra Merriman, Katy consisting of Emma Bencker, Mork, and Emma Roderick. Also competing at the Kelsey Langlois, Mackenzie Regional Contests for Lowell

were Katelin Schramm in the have researched the issues Job Interview contest and the team of Logan Brenk. Briana Buck, Jim Crosby, slaughter and its effects on Rachel Folkersma, Heather Walendzik, Kate Wehby and circuits. They placed first at April Wolf in Agricultural Issues. Both Katelin and the Ian Blodger also placed Ag. Issues team finished in first in Extemporaneous third place and were named Public Speaking. In this the alternates to the State

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that leadership, personal growth The Jr. High Conduct of and career success through Meetings team has to show agricultural education. The that they can run an efficient Lowell FFA is one of the meeting using correct largest chapters in Michigan

The Jr. High Conduct of Meetings team consists of (First row, L-R): Mark Harden, Sarah Crosby, Kendra Merriman, Kayla Blough; (Second row, L-R) Josh Bartholomew, Emma Roderick, Caitlin Clover, Christina Folkersma, and Katy Mork.





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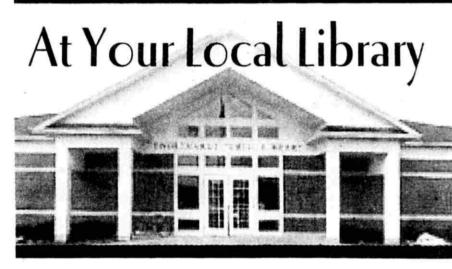
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Representing Lowell in Ag. Issues will be (First row, L-R): Emma Bencker, Kelsey Langlois, Mary Walsh; (Second row, L-R): Mackenzie Roerig, Kari Bergy and Sara Fosburg.





THE STORY OF FAMOUS EMMA COLE

unlikely for women. After studying botany at Cornell Mich., Emma Cole was University, she returned to an esteemed botanist in a Michigan where she taught time when that was highly school in and around Lowell.

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Cole spent her summers driving a horse and buggy around the county to her "secret gardens" where she study her collection of flora, and in 1901 Cole published Grand Rapids Flora which attracted the attention of scientists around the world.

Learn more about Emma Cole and her studies at The Secret Garden World of Emma Cole on Tuesday. March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Sponsored by the Kent District Library, the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Friends of the Library, this program features Doris Larson, an artist and retired teacher, telling the story of Emma Cole.

For more information or to register, please contact the Englehardt library at 647-3920. The Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell.

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Viewpoint-



Keeping Families In Their Homes

With Senator Carl Levin

More and more homeowners are having trouble keeping up with their mortgage payments, particularly when they have adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). Michigan has seen an increase in the number of foreclosure filings of 282 percent since 2005.

the crisis in manufacturing. Although the U.S. has lost three foreclosure rates to help rehabilitate abandoned properties million manufacturing jobs since he took office, the Bush Administration continues to disregard our manufacturing bill also provides funds for pre-foreclosure counseling, and sector. While we await an administration that will support it authorizes states to issue new tax-exempt bonds to help a broad-based American manufacturing initiative that homeowners refinance adjustable rate mortgages. can boost our economy as a whole, we also need to act immediately to address the mortgage crisis directly.

and local governments, community and neighborhood Relief Act, based on Senator Debbie Stabenow's legislation organizations, and lenders, brokers and borrowers. A that I cosponsored, which allows homeowners to have their comprehensive solution is the only way to keep people in mortgage debt forgiven by a lender without being penalized their homes and to maintain a housing market where families on their income tax returns. Previously, the forgiven debt was to a depth of 28 feet at Kalkaska. will have an opportunity to own a home and where property values are stable.

Recently I convened a series of roundtable meetings in a number of Michigan communities. Leaders from local together to discuss practical ways to help homeowners and protect our economy from further damage.

Participants in the meetings said that communities would like to rehabilitate abandoned and foreclosed properties so that surrounding property values do not fall. But currently the funds do not exist to do that

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strategy, by and large, has probably revolved around

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retirement. But once you have retired, you can't just sit

distributions from your 401(k) and IRA. But you'll

also probably need to generate some income from your

back and put your investment portfolio on "autopilot."

retiree? Here are a few possibilities:

For most of your working years, your investment

We heard that foreclosure prevention counselors are overwhelmed and that a lack of funds is tying the hands of local groups trying to help keep families on track.

We also heard that many homeowners face the financial pressures of owing more on their mortgages than the dollar value of their houses. Participants in the meetings discussed the need for more affordable loans that would help these families refinance and stay in their current homes. Most homeowners do not want to uproot their children and leave their community behind even if the balance of their mortgage is greater than the current market value of their home.

The Senate is considering a housing stimulus package that includes a number of proposals to address some of the problems raised in my roundtable meetings. The bill The foreclosure crisis in Michigan has compounded includes increased federal grants to areas with the highest and prevent further damage to local housing values. The

Congress has already taken some modest action to help limit the impact of the foreclosure epidemic for taxpayers. That will require a team effort among federal, state In December we passed the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt taxed as income, resulting in a significant and unexpected tax bill that further exacerbated financial problems of at this place have shut down on account of back-water. homeowners trying to avoid foreclosure.

and state government as well as organizations that are in on foreclosure issues, they made clear that a number of the trenches working with families facing foreclosure came commonsense measures can be helpful in confronting this fooling. problem. Hopefully Congress will enact some of these measures shortly. I will continue to work for legislation that will make a difference for Michigan homeowners who find themselves on the ropes. Effective action to address the mortgage crisis is critical for us to secure Michigan's and this nation's economic future.

investment portfolio. Consequently, you'll need to own the

appropriate mix of investments, including stocks that have

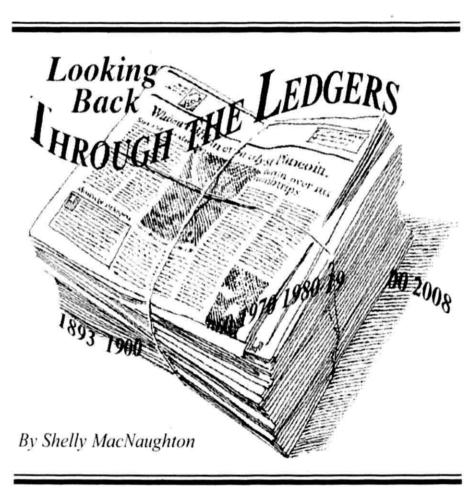
the potential to pay dividends, bonds and certificates of

of your investments to provide an income stream, you

could spend 25 years — or more — in retirement.

· Protect against inflation. Even if you use some

Financial Focus, cont'd., pg. 7



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL MARCH 7, 1883

The journal is out late this week on account of the late arrival of the Lansing letter.

We are reliably informed that snow has fell this winter

Grand River is over the road on the south side. The mills

Kilmer, the man arrested for the murder of Jacob In my meetings with Michigan citizens who are working Boldman was convicted of murder in the first degree.

Don't plant your corn yet; the weather clerk is just

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 5, 1908

Headline: "Muskegon Factory Comes to Lowell" The Muskegon Carving and Art furniture company of Lowell, Michigan. That's the way it looks. Done this day by the Lowell Board of Trade, thank you, and how do you

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO MARCH 9, 1933

can't ignore the need for growth - because you'll have to Franklin D. Roosevelt took the oath of office last contend with inflation. Consider this: Everything you buy Saturday as president of the United States among the today will cost about twice as much in 25 years, assuming most dramatic circumstances in the nation's history. The a 3 percent annual inflation rate. In other words, if you president pledged speedy action to relieve America's acute need \$75,000 a year to retire comfortably now, you'll economical crisis and asked Congress for war-time powers need about \$150,000 per year in 25 years to maintain your to meet the emergency.

standard of living. And with advances in medical treatments Prosperity struck the Watts' farm on inauguration day leading to longer life spans, it's entirely possible that you which the Watts boys are highly elated over. A pair of Jersey heifer calves arriving and the names were given at once, To fight inflation, then, you will need at least some Eleanor Roosevelt and Ruther Garner and now it will take a What types of portfolio moves should you make as a exposure to stocks, which offer the potential to help you large sum of money to buy the pair. keep pace with inflation. While it's true that by investing in

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 6, 1958

Lowell citizens and those from the surrounding proposed area will go to the polls Monday to decide whether Lowell will become a city.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 9, 1983

Mark Wilcox, a junior at LHS and a member of the Lowell wrestling team, fought his way to fourth place in the 155-pound weight class at the MHSAA state finals held March 4 and 5 at Ferris State College.

Writing to the editor ...

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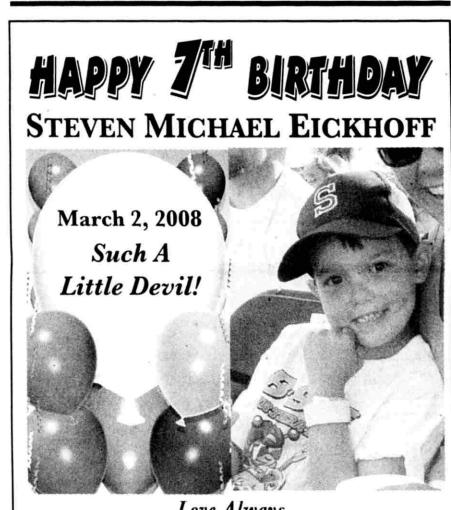
WHERE DO YOU GO IN TIMES OF NEED? WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR SAFETY?

by children's pastor, Beccy Blann Church of the Nazarene

"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." (Psalm 32:7) This verse has been in my mind all week, as I shared it with my ministry team last Monday evening. As God's people, the church is called to be a safe haven for those in trouble. We are called to show people the One who can deliver them. Because ultimately, He is the only one able to protect, comfort, deliver, and save.

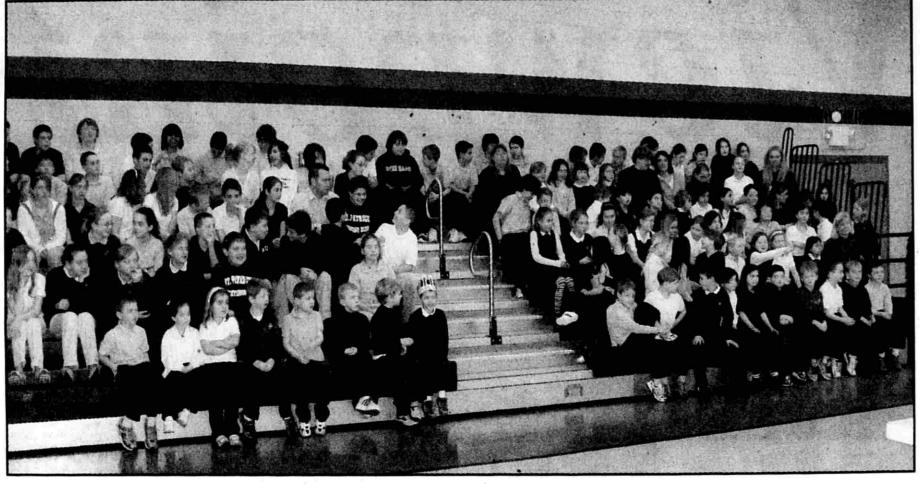
I found that out in a very real way last Wednesday. Nine weeks into a long-awaited and much-welcomed pregnancy, I lost my child. I belong to a great church, have a wonderful family, and am surrounded by amazing friends. I have leaned on all of them this week, thankful for their love and support. But they are people just like me, and realistically cannot always be around. In those times, when I can only crawl in bed and hide, God is still there. He is the one whispering words of comfort when I am by myself. He is the one holding me day and night. He is the one giving me words to sing when I cannot find my voice.

Do you have that? When the worst life has to offer comes at you, do you turn to God? Did you know that you can? As David declared in Psalm 34:4, "I sought the Lord, and He answered me."



Mommy, Daddy, Austin and Grandpa Hayden We love you so much!!

St. Patrick is School of the Week



St. Patrick School is featured on Channel 17 morning news as "School of the Week" for the week of March 3 - 7. They are shown taking part in their morning prayer led by the 6th graders. Kathy Leeunwenburg, the media center teacher, is shown teaching a computer class to the middle school. Carole Walsh, the kindergarten teacher, talks about how next year's kindergarten will include five-day and three-day programs. There will also be a young 5's program added for the first time. Students throughout the school were featured doing their daily routine in their

College News

University has announced the term. the results of its Presidential Scholars competition for high school seniors who will attend NMU in the fall.

or out-of-state tuition, most semester hours. required fees and room and board for eight consecutive

Patricia Lawrence, Lowell Fall 2007 Dean's List in the High School.College News College of Arts and Sciences

Beniamin Den Houter has been placed on the who earned a grade point

Michigan average of 3.5 or better for

Chris Gerard, of Lowell, has been placed on the 2007 fall semester Dean's the List at Bethel College in Presidential/Harden Mishawaka, Ind. Eligibility Scholarship receive a full- for the Dean's List requires Brandy Washburn. ride, which covers in-state a 3.5 GPA with 12 or more

Erin Beddows, a 2006 McClure. Lowell High School gradu-Recipients included ate, has been named to the at Lewis University.

Megan Meade has Dean's Honor List in rec- achieved a 3.5 or better ognition of outstanding aca- grade point average for Fall demic achievement during Semester 2007 placing her Fall Term 2007. The Dean's on the Michigan State Uni-Honor List represents those versity's Dean's List. Megstudents who completed 12 an's parents are Dennis and hours of credit or more and Lynn Meade of Lowell.

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Shirley Canfield.

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MARCH 10:

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Financial Focus, continued ... From page 5

"Michigan is blessed they use the map for travel numbers also are included of Transportation map is with many natural attractions associated with recreation, for M-10 (Lodge Freeway) now available at Travel and scenic vistas, so the the second biggest use was in Detroit. Secretary of State offices choice for our 2008 map," said the size of the map Drive a Roundabout," a new across the state. The 2008 said State Transportation was "just right." The most type of circular intersection theme is "Michigan, more Director Kirk T. Steudle. frequently used features in Michigan. Emergency freshwater coastline than "The map incorporates some (other than the obvious use information changes recommended from of roads) were: mileage prominently displayed, with The map features an Internet questionnaire table, municipality index, advice to call "911" in an

from a "Pure Michigan" and 98 percent said MDOT which MDOT re-numbered will be printed this year, at

years" considerably brighter.

it. Most people indicated the actual highway. Exit

Other updates include

adding phone numbers Steudle said there are and Web site addresses for fisherman, and barefoot and comments. We are several important updates all of Michigan's major beachcombers. The cover listening to our customers. on the new map, including bridges, and identifying the photo features Holland's Our staff is planning using road sign symbols for state's three National Scenic improvements both M-routes and county Byways: River Road in Iosco customer roads that duplicate signs County, Copper Country used on the highway. Also, Trail in Keweenaw County, Steudle also noted that exit numbers are now listed and Woodward Avenue (M- sports-related injuries.

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The clavicle, or collarbone, is the bone that runs from your shoulder to your breastbone. A clavicle fracture is a crack or break in this bone. It can happen if you fall on your shoulder or get hit directly on the bone. Fractures of the clavicle are commonly seen in motor vehicle accidents and

Most clavicle fractures are not too serious. Usually you need to wear an arm sling for several weeks to stop your arm from pulling on the broken bone. The sling rests on the opposite shoulder and supports the weight of your arm on the injured side. Sometimes a figure-of-eight dressing is used. This pulls your shoulders back to make sure the bone heals in the right position. You will have to return to your doctor's office for repeat x-rays to monitor the progress of the healing of the bone. If the injury is more serious, you may need surgery.

Clavicle fractures usually take about six weeks to heal. You may need to avoid contact sports for longer than this. But you can start using your arm again as soon as you have Consult with a competent tax or legal advisor about your less pain, usually in about two to three weeks. Starting a course of physical therapy a few weeks after the injury may help it to heal.

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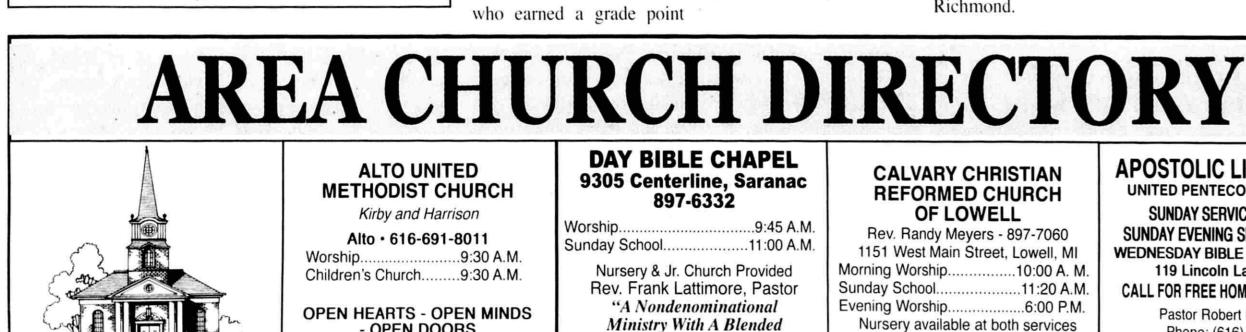
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Reading month, continued ... From Page 1

Madeleine Haines, 8 1/2 -

Favorite book: Henry Beverly Cleary

She likes it "because of the characters and the way Winter, by Gary Paulsen she writes."

Favorite book: Wild Bears, by Seymour Simon - "I just read it today."

She likes it because "it play video games. teaches you a lot about bears Rebecca Weaver, 10 and where they live", even though she said she doesn't by Gary Paulsen like bears much.

Avery does like animals though, and has a "dog, a and the Paper Route, by ton of fish and one cat." David Rose, 10 -

He likes it "because Max Barber, 11 -Madeleine also likes to I like going outside, and

Favorite book: Brian's

Avery Cunningham, 8 1/2 - wilderness and it tells us Pullman how to survive. love reading, but he likes to

Favorite book: *Hatchet*.

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She likes it because "I like to learn about survival, I like to go out into the woods and it tells how to survive."

Rebecca likes to go "tubing on the snow."

Favorite book: The he got stranded in the Golden Compass, by Phillip

He likes it because David said he doesn't "it tells about a different universe far away, going from one universe to another."

Max said he likes to read, as well as to "go outside with my friend, Jonathan." Amber Cook, 10 -

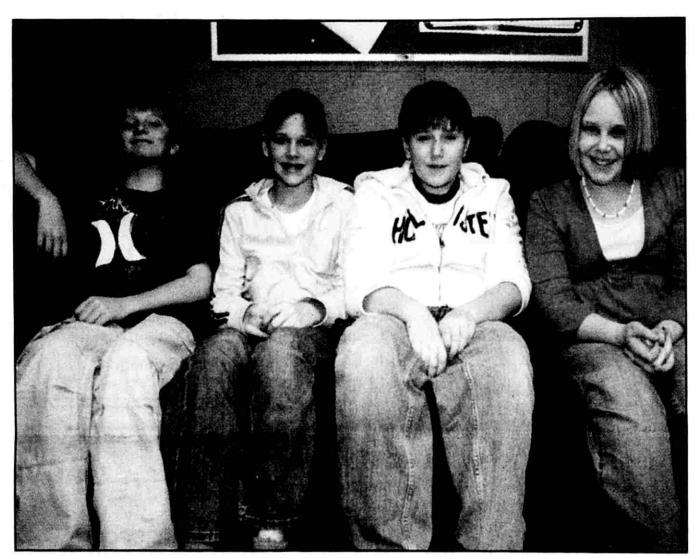
Favorite book: So B It, by Sarah Weeks

She likes it because "it's about a girl and her mom found on a doorstep one day, and then the girl travels by bus to figure out her mom's

Amber likes to read a bit. and play with her "friends who live down the street and my two dogs."



Third graders Brayden Ergang, Alex Dommer, Madeleine Haines and Avery



Fifth graders David Rose, Rebecca Weaver, Max Barber and Amber Cook.

No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

- Confucius

Unprovided with original learning, unformed in the habits of thinking, unskilled in the arts of composition, I resolved to write a book.

- Edward Gibbon (1737 - 1794)

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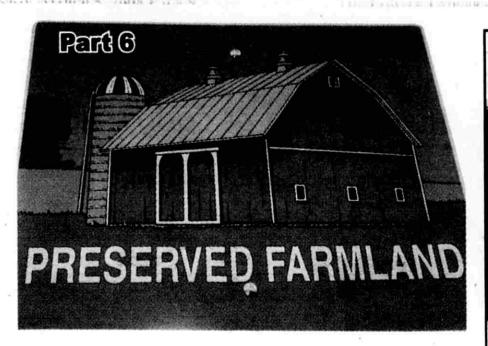
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By Emma Palova

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located at Boynton and are going into their parents' roads, Gordon still keeps his herd out the rest of the acreage.

supportive." "The kids didn't want the responsibility to farm.

However, the Wilcox family did invest into the land by selling off 20 acres for development.

"You can't work as Vergennes hard as you used to, so you Township have put into develop that parcel to have retirement," she said.

To keep that connection the farmland, the grandkids are in 4-H.

"It's a long process to through," Marsha Wilcox Their family farm is said, "Not as many children

Marsha Wilcox says if of 30-head of cattle. He rents you believe in something you have to put your mind

> "People don't preserve were because they don't have the information," she said.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

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- Coach Rocky Eickhoff

Girls' team takes 11th, Jahnke qualifies for match play

by Molly Benningfield

The girls' bowling team Coach Rocky Eickhoff said, against area teams. "the girls bowled good, we they bowled well there."

schools out there that are Nicole Videan of the girls'

strong – the west side of the team, and Brandon Jahnke Daher, bowling 174 to 248 state is good."

The girls' team finished with a regional title and the first round to move on to conference title, as well as finals, with a total score of numerous good matches 1268 for six games.

missed some easy spares, but bowlers to the individual Brownstone Woodhaven, respectively. state tournament on who was the state champion Eickhoff noted that Saturday – Liberty Clark, last year and runner-up this there were "a lot of good Ashley Nawrocki and year

Lowell sent four No. 1 seed Abed Daher of 52nd and 54th in the state,

Jahnke went 1-3 against

in Game 1, 218 to Daher's Jahnke finished 16th in 200 in Game 2, and 183 to 224 in the third game.

Clark, Nawrocki and Videan didn't qualify for the Jahnke bowled against next round, and placed 46th,



Brandon Jahnke, bowled 1268 in six games to qualify for the finals. He is pictured with coach Dave Adrianse and girls' coach, Rocky Eickhoff.

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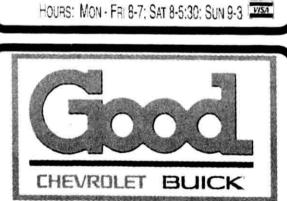
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- Coach Skye Fisher

Richelle Kimble qualifies for vault in State finals Saturday

by Molly Benningfield

gymnastics team, will be headed to State finals this weekend, competing in the

which put her in the Top 6 to qualify, during Saturday's the team score." regional meet at Rockford. The score puts her in contention for a state title.

missed the qualifying score which she normally does not Kimble, for State finals in floor do," Fisher said exercise by .025 points, and in all-around by .3.

> Coach Skye Fisher floor and vault. said, "Overall, Saturday

Cassie Miles, a the obstacles we had." sophomore on the team, was able to step in for the team proud of her team on

(Left): Richelle Kimble, a junior, performs a back extension roll on the floor Saturday.

sophomore on the team, at the "last minute for us, more go on next year.

Olivia Breuker, a senior on the team, performed on believe that will happen. It

"[She] had an ankle was a good day for the girls, injury that she worked Kimble scored an 8.6, considering Sara Tarchala through to do floor and was out with a big injury for vault for us. Getting a 123something was great for all

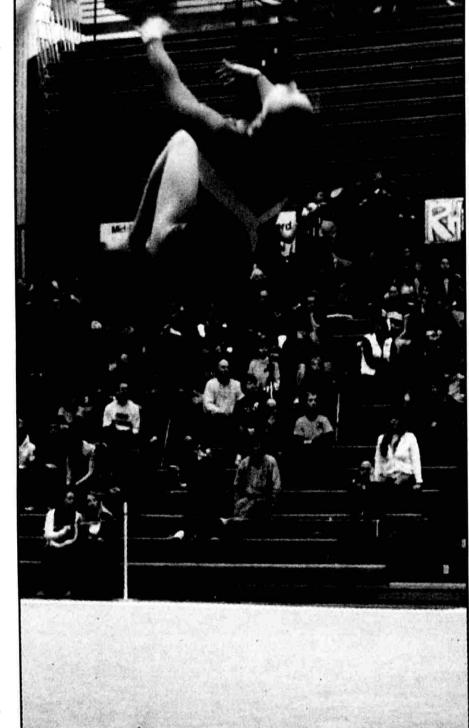
> Fisher said she was and performed on the bars Saturday. "They really pulled together as a team to make the last meet of the year count. They had a great season and I was very proud of their dedication to the

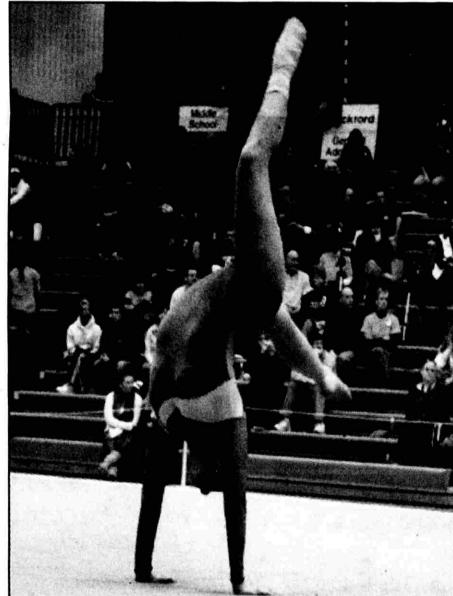
> > Kimble will compete at State finals Saturday morning at Plymouth Canton High School. Fisher said she hopes to see a few

"I am looking forward to a few more of them advancing to state, as will be a good year."

WATCH FOR

Richelle Kimble will perform on the vault during State finals this **Saturday morning** at Plymouth-Canton High School.

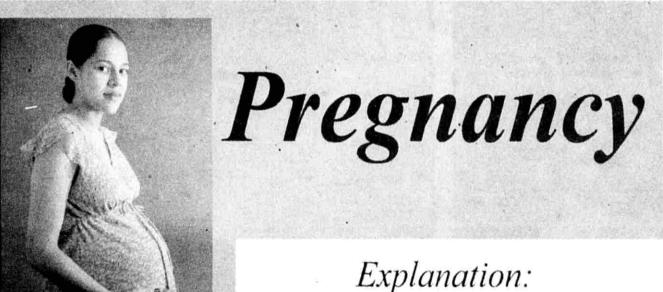




(Top): Kelsey Teft, a sophomore, performs one of her tumbling passes during Saturday's regional meet.

(Left): Olivia Breuker, a senior on the team, performs a back walkover on floor with an ankle injury Satur-

This week's fans of the week were the hockey crowd at Wednesday's regional match-up against Rockford. During the third quarter, when Lowell-Caledonia scored two goals in less than a minute, the crowd went crazy, prompting two fans to get up and start the wave.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

 MATT KURTZ HAD 17 POINTS AND MICHAEL SCHUMM HAD 15 POINTS IN THEIR LAST GAME WEARING RED ARROW JERSEYS.

Lowell boys' basketball ends season at Northview

by Molly Benningfield

They were up and then were down, up again and moments Wednesday night. in the end, were down too Near the end of the third far to come back, losing to quarter, Tim Hettinga stole Rockford 48-58. The Arrows were in it to Matt Kurtz for a layup

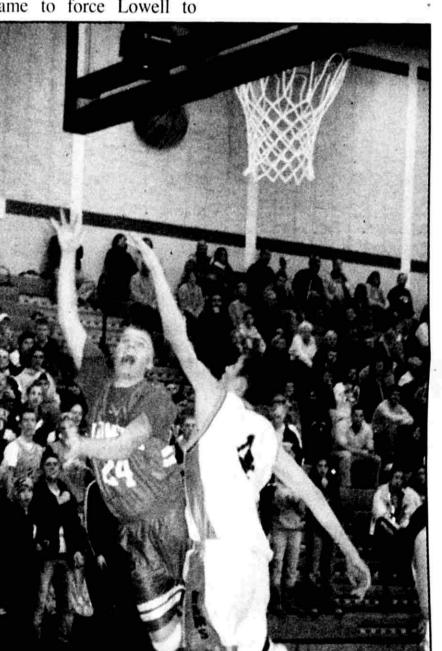
the first round.

Lowell pulled ahead in pressure on their 3-point junior Hettinga had 7. game to force Lowell to

arc contest.

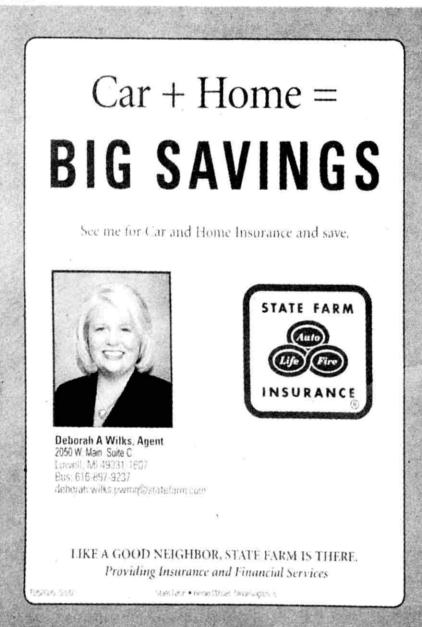
a Rockford ball and lobbed their first game of the District and one free throw. Kurtz's tournament at Northview three points tied the game High School, with a bye in at 26, but Lowell couldn't catch up after that.

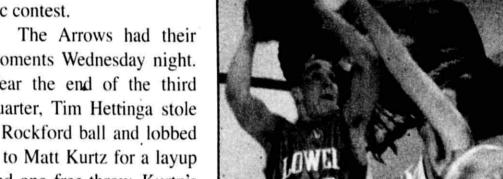
In Kurtz's last game as the second quarter of the an Arrow, he scored a teamgame to go into halftime with high 17 points. Michael a 19-18 lead. But Rockford Schumm, also a senior, outshot the Arrows and put posted 15 points, while



(Top): Michael Schumm (24) goes in for a layup against Rockford.

(Right): Brett McMahon (10) fights for the







(Top left): Matt Kurtz (22) looks to the hoop.



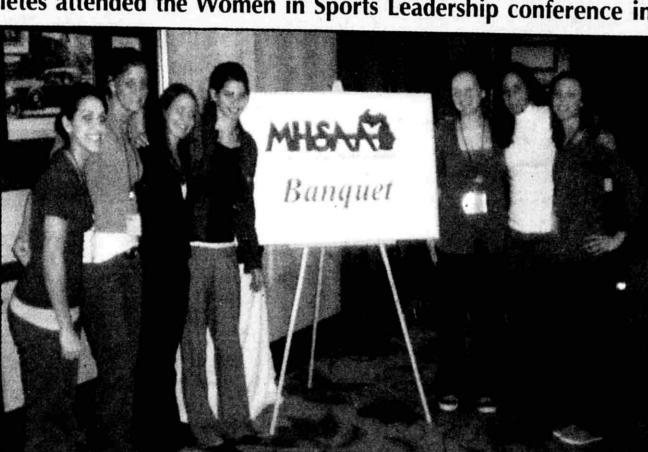
(Below): Tim Hettinga (20) shoots for three.





Seven LHS student-athletes attended the Women in Sports Leadership conference in Lansing Feb. 10.

Pictured are junior Declercq, Logan senior Mary VanderLaan, senior Bueche, Breanna **Andrea** senior Converse, senior Patty senior Lawrence, Harrison, Chelsea and junior Richelle Kimble. (photo courtesy of Harrison)



Red Arrow SPORTS

I AM SO PROUD OF THE GIRLS' EFFORTS. THE SENIORS WILL BE VERY MISSED, BUT I HAVE A BIG NUMBER OF RETURNERS WHO ARE ALREADY MAKING PLANS. THAT IS EXCITING FOR ME TO SEE THE TRADITIONS LIVING ON FROM SEASON TO SEASON.

- Cheer coach Kari Dawson

Cheer team has best Round 3 of the season at Regionals

by Molly Benningfield

couldn't quite pull together started out in a hole.' three rounds to move on to

639.876. Kenowa Hills was "In Round 2, I was very

with a score of 742.708.

of very good competitors came out with 191 points. during the Division 2 Coach Kari Dawson said skill in Round 2, but did not cheer regionals at Kenowa the team "did not have a have enough on varsity. With Hills Saturday, and Lowell real strong Round 1, so we the new freshmen, we were

In Round 2, though, the Arrows were able to The team finished 11th come back in points, with of 16 teams, with a score of 168.376. Dawson said,



perform in Round 3 at Kenowa Hills.

the champion for the day proud of three freshmen who just were moved up to In Round 1, the team varsity, and threw their back handsprings. We needed this able to keep our springs in Round 2 and have our strong

Dawson was especially pleased with the team's Round 3, which she called "the very best performance of the season." The team scored 280.500.

She said she was "so proud of the girls' efforts. The seniors will be very missed, but I have a big number of returners who are already making plans. That is exciting for me to see the traditions living on from season to season." (Left): The Red Arrows

> The varsity team performs their end stunt in Round 3 during Saturday's Regional meet.



Lowell-Caledonia ends season with loss to Rockford

by Molly Benningfield

the third period, it seemed as if Lowell-Caledonia was going to break its losing

advance to the Regional close game until the last finals. But Rockford, a Tier few minutes. The first For a few minutes in 1 team, broke from the period started as a standstill Arrows to score three goals between the two teams who in three minutes to advance. were tied at one apiece, with

streak against Rockford and to the Rams in what was a Jordan Steger.

Joel Morgan (9) protects the puck against Rockford's Shea Mills (32) Wednesday night.

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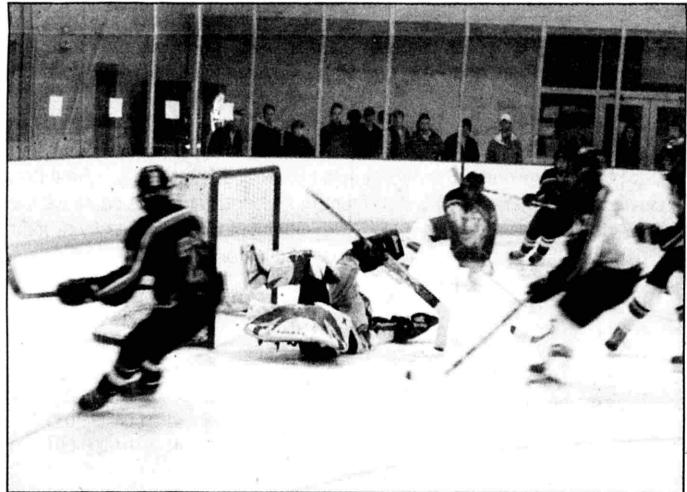
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The Arrows lost 3-6 L-C's goal coming from Rockford broke away in the second period with

two consecutive goals. But in the third quarter, Lowell-Caledonia answered back with two goals in less than a minute, by Drake Chittenden and Bo Adams to get the fans on their feet. Lowell-Caledonia

ends its season with an impressive record and as Tier 3 champions. They will move to Tier 2, per league rules, next year.



Goaltender Corey Phillips blocks a Rockford puck in the 2nd quarter.

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Council meetings along with a petition with 164 signatures and a recent Sound Off all with a overwhelming number in favor of preservation. What's it going to take another election?

Oops! Wrestling news was wrong! More than one wrestler going to state!

I like the articles in the Ledger telling us a little bit about the people working here in Lowell.

Why aren't more people in this town outraged by the way we are charged for water?

Keep up the good work and introduce us to lots

more people with pictures and articles.

Br-r-r-! It's been quite a winter! Thank you to

all who clear the sidewalks and roads for us. We

all appreciate it.

A wonderful evening at the "Person of the Year" Chamber dinner. The food was excellent and a good job by all. Thanks.

BOWNE **TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED **Development Plan and Tax Increment** Financing Plan for the Bowne Township **Downtown Development Authority**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Bowne Township Downtown Development Authority. The proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan updates the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan adopted in 1987, adds projects to the Plan, and extends the term of the Tax Increment Financing Plan to 2036.

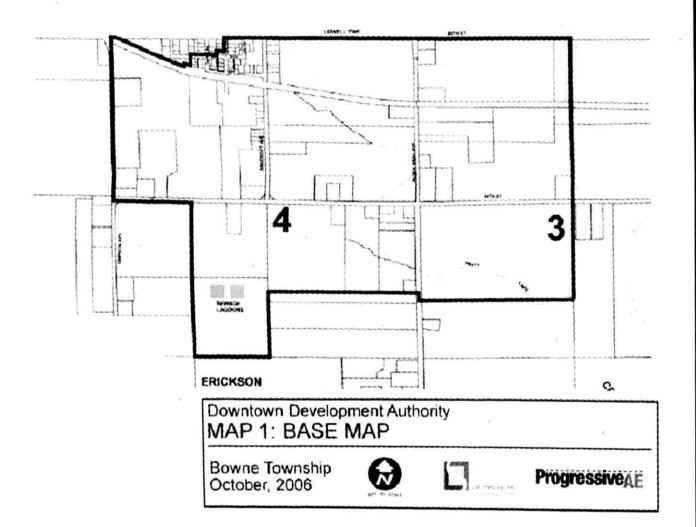
The Development Area of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan is described as follows:

List of Parcels. The Development Area of the Bowne Township Downtown Development Authority in the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan is the same as the Development Area under the 1987 Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan and consists of the following parcels:

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41-24-03-100-008	41-24-04-130-008	41-24-04-176-028
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Map. The following map describes the Development Area of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan in relation to highways, streets, streams, and otherwise:



All aspects of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. At the time set for hearing, the Township Board shall provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk, P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertaining to the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (and maps, plats, and a description of the Development Plan, including the method for relocating families and individuals, if any, who may be displaced from the Development Area) are available for public inspection at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan provides that minimal displacement of families or individuals from the Development Area is anticipated as a direct result of the Downtown Development Authority's activities.

> February 18, 2008 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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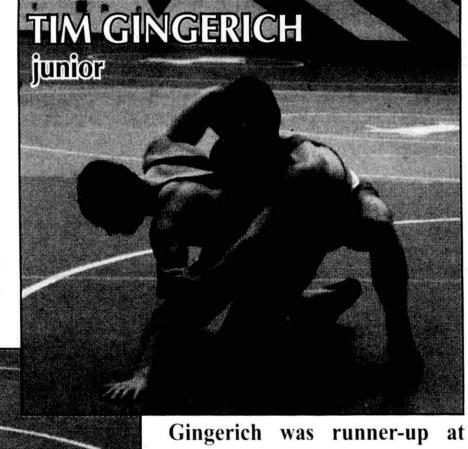
Lowell sends six wrestlers to individual state finals

by Molly Benningfield Editor

[Editor's note]: It was incorrectly stated in last week's Ledger (2/27) that Jackson Morse was the "lone wrestler headed to State". There are actually six wrestlers headed to the Palace this weekend for individual state finals, as they placed in the top four in their weight wrestling.

class during Regional finals Feb. 23. Jackson Morse, along with Zach Baum, Justin Boss, Tim Gingerich, Ryan Olep and Nate Vaught, will take part in the Division 2 state finals.

My apologies to the wrestlers who all deserve special recognition achieving what is the ultimate goal in high school



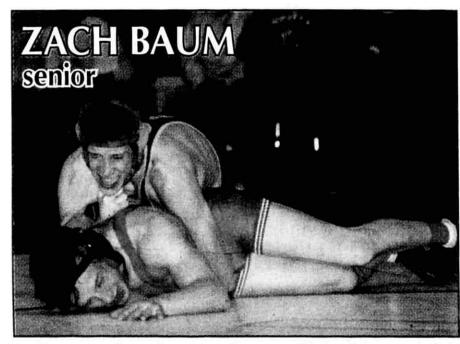
145, falling to Greenville's Jordan Miller.

JACKSON MORSE sophomore Morse was the champion at 140, pinning Jory RYAN O sophomore

Olep took third place, after defeating Tyler Fuller of Greenville at 160.

JUSTIN BOSS senior

Boss was only narrowly defeated by Plainwell's Tim Burnham, who won in overtime. Boss was runner-up at 152.



Baum placed second overall in his region's weight class at 130, falling to Alec Wilcox of Hastings. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

Elementary wrestling wins State title by Kim Taylor included Hartland, Hesperia, Rapids by a score of 54-16, The elementary tea

by Kim Taylor

The Lowell elementary and middle school dual wrestling teams both competed on Sunday, March 2 at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA) Duals at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich.

Qualifying teams in the elementary division included Bronson, Eaton Rapids, Hamilton, Hartland, Hesperia, Holt, Lawton, Lowell, New Lothrop and Sparta. Qualifying teams in Holt, Hudson, Lowell, New Lothrup, Shelby and Springport.

The Lowell elementary dual team wrestled New Lothrop in the championship round, with a win of 57 to 24. The team also defeated Sparta 56 to 12, Eaton

Hamilton by a score of 63-24 and Bronson by a score of 68 to 12.

The middle school team was defeated in the consolation round Hudson. They also wrestled New Lothrop, Hartland and Hesperia.

The elementary team will travel to the Wisconsin Dells, Wis. on Friday, April 18 to compete against the No. 1 and No. 2 teams from Minnesota and try to capture the Big Cup Trophy.



Vaught took third place, after defeating Tim

Burnham of Plainwell at 171 pounds in the con-

Kurkjian of Rogers for the win and title.

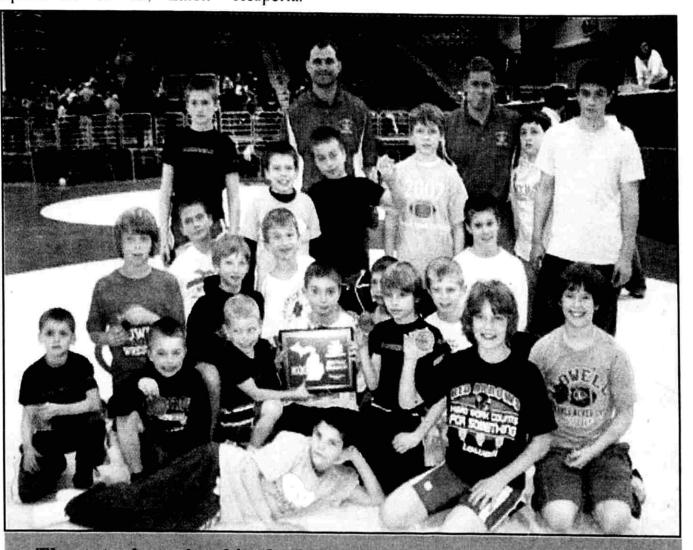
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The state championship elementary team (First row, L-R): Zeth Dean and Ben Bigham. (Second Row, L-R): Avry Mutchler, Sage Serbenta, Matthew Stephens, Jacob Stephens, Chris Poland, Derek Krawjewski and Zach Kaywood. (Third row, L-R): Isaac Brenner, Baily VanAnberg, Jake Dennison, Garret Taylor, John Luc Richmond and Nate Limmex. (Fourth row, L-R): Jacob Sweet, Baily Jack, Nate Stephens, Coach Kevin Taylor, Andrew Metternick, Coach Brian Krawjewski, Max Dean and Garret Stehley.