

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Lowell receives Tree City USA designation

by Emma Palova

Lowell has been named Tree City USA as one of five new communities boasting the designation in Michigan. The town will celebrate its first Arbor Day on April 25.

"I am really excited about being named Tree City USA," said mayor Jeanne Shores.

The national program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, shows Lowell's commitment to tree care, according to Kevin Sayers, MDNR urban and community forestry coordinator.

In a city council meeting Monday, Shores and Dana Chase, member of the tree board, accepted the national recognition. In order to become a tree city, Lowell has met the required four standards in an organized approach to its trees. The city has a tree board, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"It shows our commitment to trees from now on," said manager Dave Pasquale.

The city has a \$2 per capita budget for various tree-related activities. The Look Memorial Fund has granted \$5,000 for tree planting on Boves Road and Gee Drive.

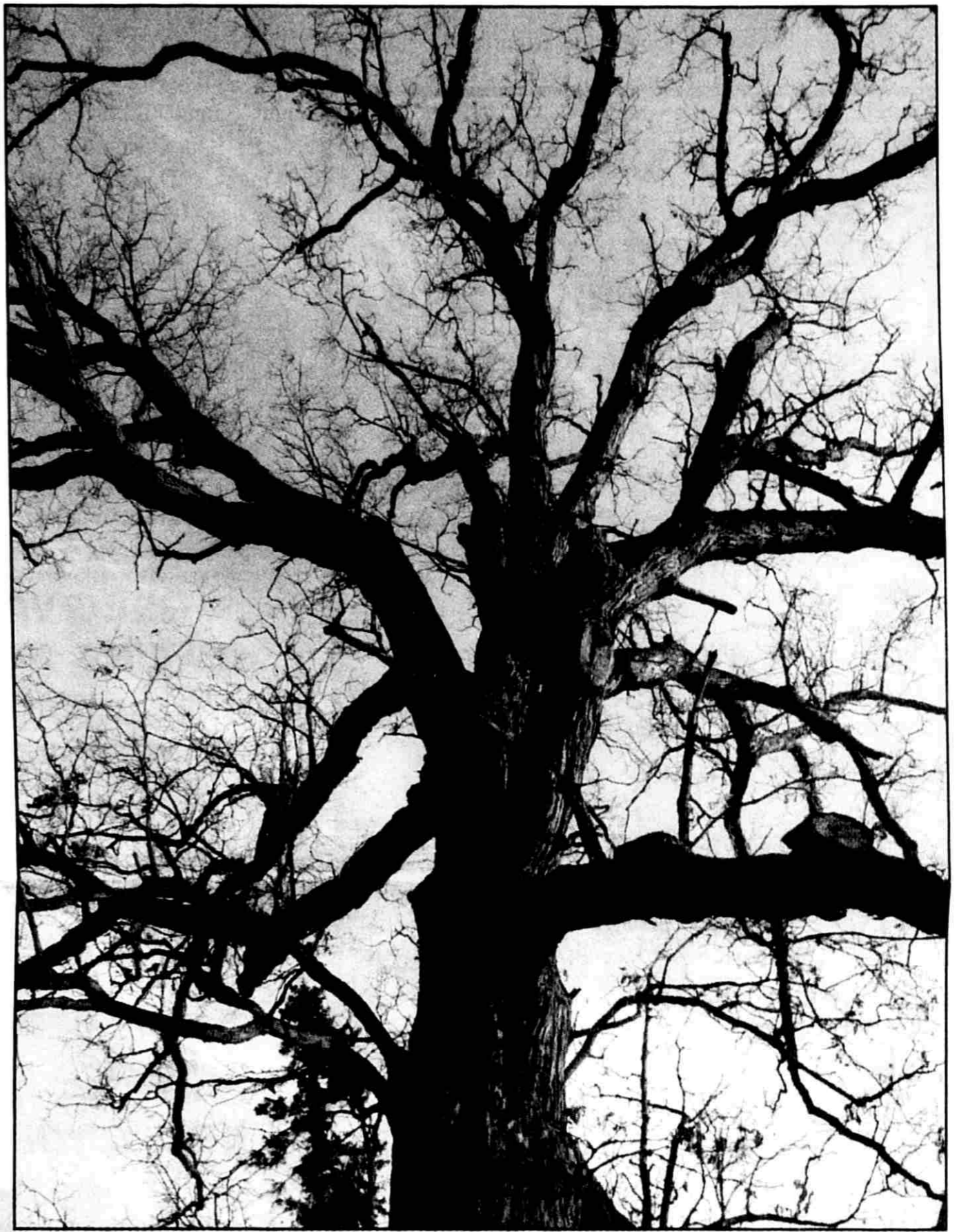
The Lowell Area Community Fund is providing \$25,000 for planting, while Lowell Light and Power is submitting the first of two annual \$8,026 payments to the tree fund.

According to the Arbor Day Proclamation read by Shores, trees enhance the economic vitality of business areas.

"I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations," Shores read.



Dana Chase and mayor Jeanne Shores accept the Tree City USA recognition from Kevin Sayers.



Hudson Street in downtown Lowell is lined with beautiful big trees.

## Pastor LaWarre of First Congregational Church retires

by Emma Palova

Pastor Roger LaWarre of First Congregational Church will bid farewell to the congregation and the community with a service of closure on April 27 at 2 p.m.

A visionary, LaWarre's accomplishments are highly visible in the community from the new church to the well-anchored Flat River Outreach Ministries.

LaWarre came to Lowell in December of 1991 equipped with a doctorate of ministry from McCormick Seminary in Chicago and master's of theology from Princeton Theological Seminary.

"At first I was glad I was near Grand Rapids," he said. "It didn't look like there was much to do in Lowell."

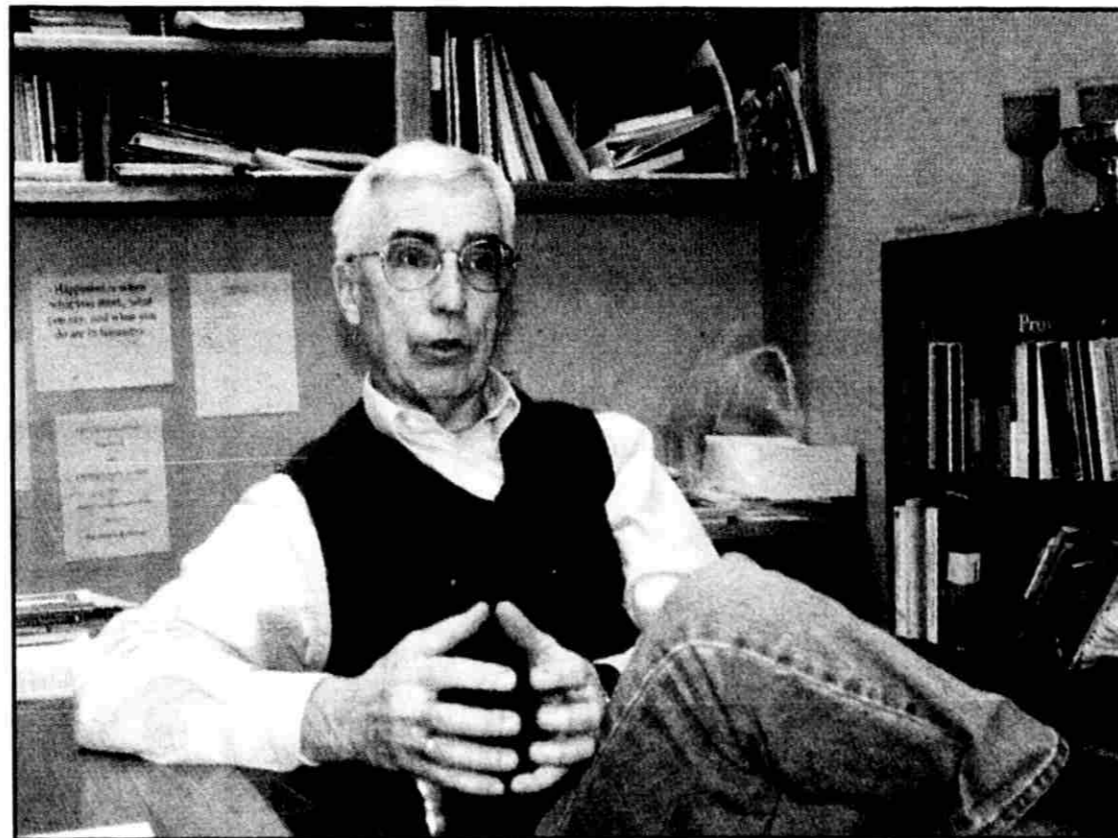
However, LaWarre soon found out what Lowell had to offer, including his

favorite event of the year, the Riverwalk Festival.

During his ministry LaWarre always worked toward a vision to help those in need, while accepting all into the congregation.

"We've grown towards being open and affirming," said LaWarre. "No one is turned away from here. People are not judged here based on sexuality, creed or color."

Building a real presence in the community, LaWarre established a strong and growing youth ministry.



Pastor Roger LaWarre speaks about accomplishments during his ministry in Lowell.

Under his leadership, the church connected with the needs of the community through various outreach ministries.

"We've come a long way," said LaWarre. "We've developed a real sense of spirituality connected to living in justice and peace.

That is the underlying heartbeat within the congregation."

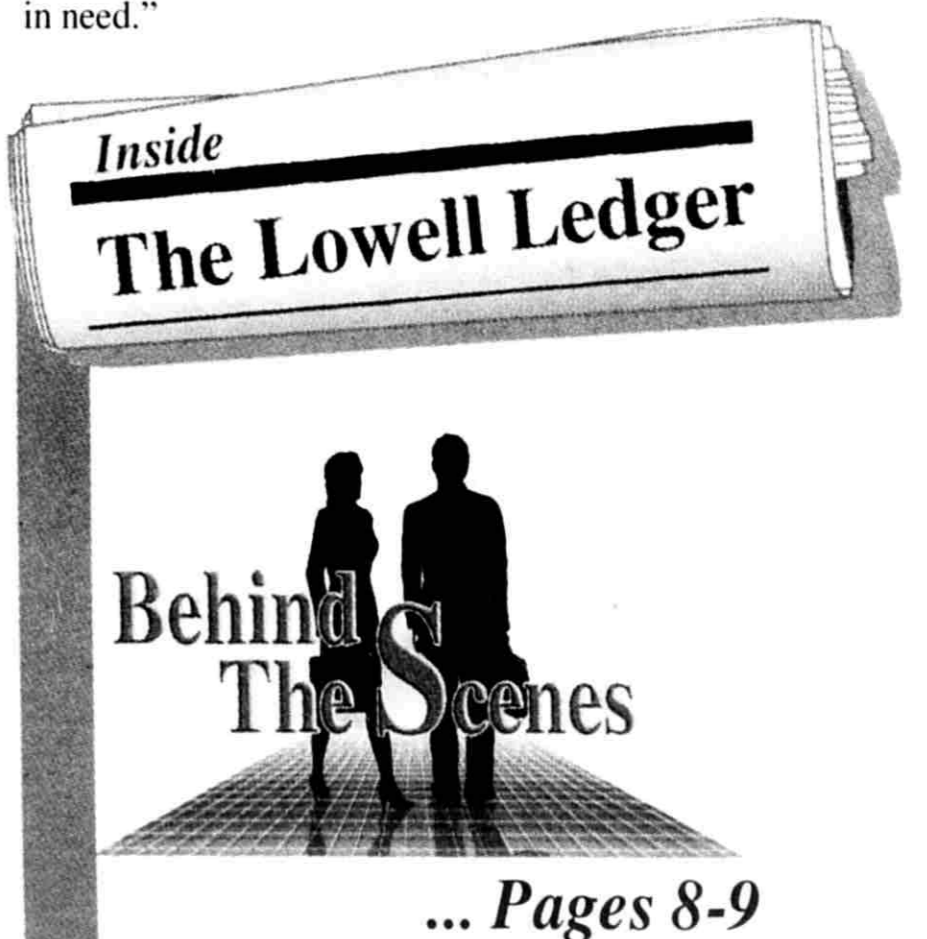
LaWarre said he will miss the relationships created with so many people the most. He plans to travel and do some missionary work on a volunteer basis in his retirement. LaWarre

also wants to volunteer for F.R.O.M. and the arts council.

"I believe a person should follow the master and not the pastor," he said. "My hope and vision is that the congregation and the community will continue to work together to help those in need."

To fill the vacancy, the congregation will first look for an interim pastor prior to seeking a senior pastor.

LaWarre's last service will be April 27 at 10 a.m. prior to the service of closure.





# Obituaries

**GEELHOOD** by her daughter, Judith and Lillian Lorene (Sterzick) Geelhood, age 90, of Lowell, passed away April 1, 2008 in Lowell. She was born February 6, 1918 in Clarksville, the daughter of John B. and Helen (Woodhead) Sterzick. Lillian married Raymond Geelhood June 28, 1947 in Saranac, who preceded her in death June 18, 2003. She is survived



**LA PEER**  
Mrs. Mary Lou LaPeer, aged 82, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, who died in 1961. She is survived by her children, Jack (Sue) LaPeer, Jill Tellez, Jerry (Donna) LaPeer and Jim (Alice) LaPeer, and grandchildren Jackie (Jeff) Baum, Robin (Troy) Winters, David LaPeer, Ritchie Tellez, Michelle (Todd) Liles, Jamie Tellez, Brian Tellez, Mary LaPeer, Tom LaPeer, and numerous great and great-great grandchildren. Mrs. LaPeer was born Mary Lou Morgan, daughter of William Sanford and Maggie Belle Morgan of Bumpus Mills, Tenn., and was raised there and later

in Miami, Fla., where she graduated from high school in 1941. She was descended from a long line of Welsh Morgan Baptists that fled Wales because of religious persecution, starting with Rhees Rhydderch (an officer in Cromwell's Army), then Rev. Abel Morgan I who came to America from Wales in 1711, and was very active in establishing early Baptist churches (including the Church Academy that became Brown University) and published the first English-Welsh Bible Concordance. Later relatives included the Rev. Abel Morgan II, whom had the British fire a canon ball through his church in the 1778 Battle of Monmouth, and Morgans that later migrated to South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, Oregon, and California in the early 1800s. Mary Morgan LaPeer was a classically-trained pianist and enjoyed playing old Baptist hymns. Over the years, she worked as a model (Macy's in WW2), an LPN and then later as a registered nurse. She met

Kenneth LaPeer in Miami, Fla., in 1941 where Mr. LaPeer was undertaking US Army Air Corp training as a B-17 pilot, and they were married a short time later. They settled in Mendon, Mich. and later Texarkana, Texas where they raised their four children before

Mr. LaPeer's untimely death in 1961. This death was very hard on Mrs. LaPeer and her family. She will be buried next to her husband in the family cemetery plot located in Mendon, Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 08-184,910-DE Estate of MARGARET ORZEHOSKI, deceased Date of birth: 7/26/1920**

**TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, MARGARET ORZEHOSKI, who lived at 12330 Abbott St. NE, Belding, Michigan died March 19, 2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to**

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Bids will be accepted at Progressive AE, 1811 4 Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525-2442, until April 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Construction Documents will be available at Progressive AE on April 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a pre-bid meeting on April 14, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the offices of Progressive AE. For additional information, contact Brendon Ouzonian at 616-361-2664.

The Bowne Township Board reserves the right to postpone, accept, or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part, on such basis as the Bowne Township Board deems to be in its best interest to do so.  
No bid proposals may be withdrawn for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time of the proposals.

**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
The annual spring clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell, Michigan will be the week of: **APRIL 21ST THROUGH APRIL 25TH, 2008**  
Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc., you wish to keep by **SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008**  
**REMEMBER:** All artificial (plastic, silk, etc.) flowers, plants and arrangements are to be placed in an urn or hanging basket from April 1st to October 31st each year.

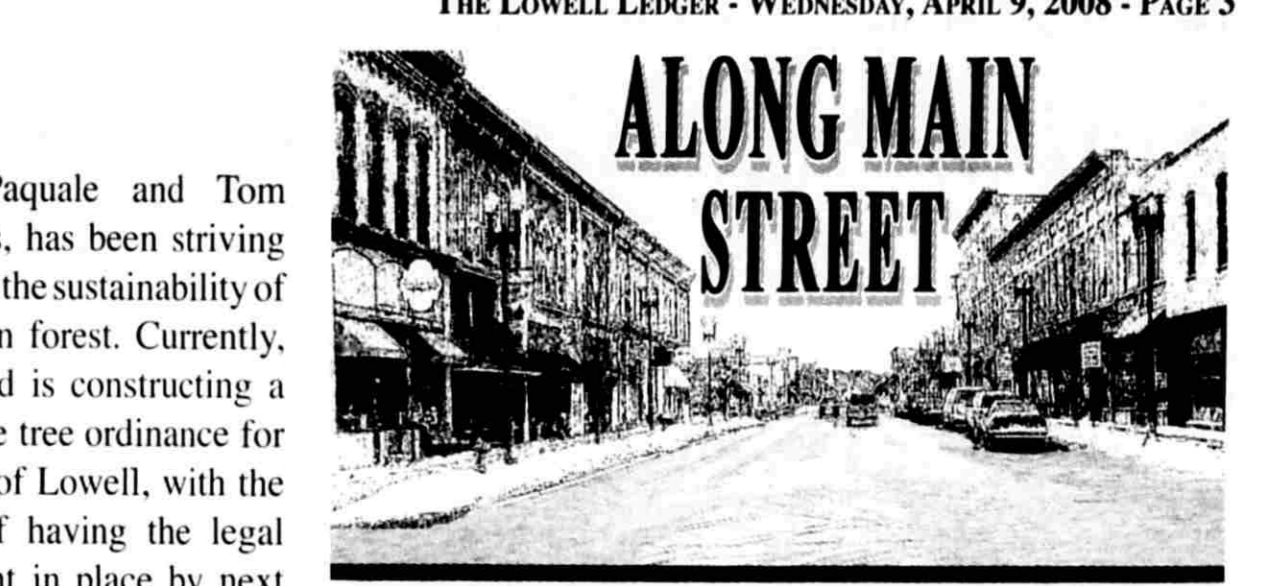
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## Lowell celebrates Arbor Day 2008

The Arbor Board of Lowell will be observing Arbor Day on April 25 with a commemorative tree planting and the kickoff of a biggest tree contest. Recently, the Lowell Area Community Fund awarded the Arbor Board with \$25,000 to be used for planting and maintaining trees throughout the city. In honor of Arbor Day, a tree identified with a plaque will be planted on the Unity School grounds. Over the course of the next year, many scheduled plantings will take place, including over 24 trees to be planted at the recreation park fairgrounds and many more to be placed throughout the community. Funds have also been made available to the city of Lowell Light and Power. A donation of \$250 for each right-of-way tree will assure replacement of trees that have been removed for electrical safety. Significant replacements have already taken place along Boves Road and more will soon be happening on Gee Drive.

## CMU student to be inducted into business honor society posthumously

Andrew Benedict never saw the letter from Central Michigan University inviting him to be inducted into a prestigious international business honor society. It was mailed the week following his death. The Lowell senior was scheduled to graduate in May with a degree in accounting, but his life was taken in a snowmobile accident Feb. 16. With the approval of the national headquarters of Beta Gamma Sigma, his family was invited by the College of Business Administration to accept his posthumous induction into the CMU chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma. "His exceptional student achievements prove that he truly deserves this recognition." Each year, select CMU College of Business Administration students are invited to become lifetime members of Beta Gamma Sigma. Based on overall grade point averages, the top juniors, seniors and MBA students are invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma. Beta Gamma Sigma is the only honor society recognized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the accrediting organization for schools and colleges of business.



**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up for April 26 delivery at First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St., Friday, April 4, 4-6 p.m. or Sat., April 5, noon - 4 p.m. All welcome. Call Earl at 897-6609 or the office at 897-7168 with any questions. Delivery will be announced for April 26, 10:30 a.m. - noon at the church.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. Fri., April 11, 6-8 P.m. or Sat., April 12, 10 a.m. - noon. Everyone welcome. Regular box is \$30 and feeds a family of four approximately a week. Any questions call Esther at 897-7395.

**LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**  
The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., April 14 at 7 p.m. Please come and support our athletes.

**ATTENTION LHS ALUMNI**  
The Lowell Alumni Association will be publishing the second edition of the LHS Alumni Directory. If you are a LHS alumnus and your name was missing from the first edition or you now have changes in your information, call Alumni Research at 1-800-299-1230 on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. or Sat. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or go to [www.lowell.k12.mi.us](http://www.lowell.k12.mi.us), click on "Alumni" and "Online Alumni Community." The deadline is April 15. Completion is scheduled for July 2008.

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES**  
Beginning Tuesday, April 15 for 6 weeks. Classes meet 6-8 P.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 W. Main St. Call (616) 975-0123 to register or go to [www.tobaccofreepartners.org](http://www.tobaccofreepartners.org).

**ALTO PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Kindergarten parent meeting is Thurs., April 17, sign up and turn in completed paperwork 6-6:25 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent information meeting during student visitation is Tues., May 13, a.m. only and Wed., May 14, a.m. only. For more information, call 987-2600.

**PRESCHOOL SCREENING**  
If you have a 3-or 4-year-old that may have a developmental delay (speech, physical or behavioral) and would be eligible for our special education preschool program, or to be considered into the Kent Co. Head Start program or 4-year-old Readiness program, call Carol Briggs at 987-2516 to make an appointment for an April screening. Deadline is Fri., April 18.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
The museum is having their spring event "Somewhere in Time Gala," at the new Grand Lux Ballrooms on April 18. This year's program is titled "Dinner with the Lincolns." The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a social hour, a gourmet dinner, and raffle. Tickets are \$40. Please call the museum to reserve your ticket, 897-7688.

**MURRAY LAKE PARENT MEETINGS**  
Kindergarten parent meeting is Tues., April 22, sign up and turn in completed paperwork 6:15-6:25 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent information meeting during student visitation is Tues., May 6. For more information, call 987-2750.

**BUSHNELL PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Kindergarten parent meeting is Thurs., April 24, sign up and turn in completed paperwork 6-6:25 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent information meeting during student visitation is Wed., May 7 and Thurs., May 8. For more information, call 987-2650.

**ALMOST NEW SALE**  
Lowell Area Schools TOTS Program will be holding its annual sale on April 26 at Unity High School from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free to sell. Please call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space.

**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008**  
Minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted and the accounts payable were approved.  
Kevin Sayers of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources presented the City of Lowell with the Tree City USA Designation.  
The following actions were taken:  
Motion to approve the Park Use Agreement between the City of Lowell and the Lowell Rugby Team.  
Motion to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation recognizing every last Friday in April as Arbor Day in the City of Lowell.  
Motion to approve the Temporary Signs Ordinance Amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
Motion to approve the text changes in the Residential Zoning Districts as recommended by the Planning Commission.  
Motion to postpone the Master Plan Amendments of Park designations until Upper Bridge, McMahan and Recreation Parks are reviewed.  
Motion to approve the contract to perform sweeping of the City streets six times a year at a cost to the City of \$19,200 and M-21 eight times a year at a cost of \$3,200 to the Michigan Department of Transportation to Kent Vac.  
Motion to upgrade four Police In-Car Computers through Drew Wireless at a cost of \$4,000.  
Motion to award the 2008 lawn mowing contract of the Water Treatment Plant to Zach's Clean Cut Lawn Care of Lowell at a cost of \$75 per cut for 24 weeks.  
Yea: 3. (Councilmembers Altoft, Hodges and Pfaller).  
Nay: 1. (Mayor Shores). Absent: 1. (Councilmember Ellison). Motion carried.  
Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2008.  
Complete minutes will be available after approval on April 21, 2008 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.  
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

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6:30-7:30 PM - Meeting  
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Kindergarten Parent Meeting TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008  
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6:30-7:30 PM - Meeting



## Map designating North Washington as park tabled

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday tabled the map distribution showing North Washington property as a park, the first step in preserving the area into the future due to inaccuracies.

In order to preserve the city-owned property as a park, the council has to approve an amended master plan, along with

maps showing the new designation.

Council member Jim Pfaller pointed out that Upper Bridge Park was omitted. Once the maps are distributed, a 42-day public comment period follows. After that, a public hearing is held, and the council may adopt the proposed amendments, according

to city manager Dave Pasquale.

Along with North Washington property, Stoney Lakeside Park will too have new designation for parks and recreation.

In related business, the council approved an amendment to the temporary signs ordinance. The change allows businesses to display

temporary signs for up to 60 days.

"We want to support our businesses so they can compete on an even level," said planning commission chair Maryalene LaPonsie.

Lowell Township has 21 days to display temporary signs, however, according to car dealerships in the city,

that has not been enforced.

The council also approved residential text changes in the zoning ordinance with the master plan.

"This will clarify things a lot," said mayor Jeanne Shores.

As part of on-going

issues, the council is in the process of completing agreements for park usage with various community organizations, including Boy Scouts.

The council Monday approved an agreement with the Lowell Rugby Team to use Burch Field during April and May for five years.

## LPD upgrades in-car computers using community grant

by Emma Palova

A grant of up to \$25,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund will be used to upgrade in-car police computers and other technological infrastructure.

This year the police department will purchase four computers model

Tough Books for \$15,000 from Drew Wireless. The officers, according to chief Jim Valentine, are familiar with the configurations and operation of Tough Books, since they've used them in the past.

Valentine is hoping to have the bid process waived as was in the 2002 project.

"It's time to beef up our horsepower," he said.

Up to now, the police department has spent \$8,900 on technology upgrades including emergency cruiser lights, administrative work stations, voice recorder and transcription system and

computer server for transcription equipment.

In other business, contract for street sweeping was awarded to Kent Vac for \$25,000. Mowing contract at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been awarded to Zach's Clean Cut Lawn Care out of Lowell.

On the issue of mowing, resident Charlie Bernard of Bernard Ace Hardware asked the city to look into their mowing ordinance and trash and leaf bags.

"Your mowing ordinance is nebulous," he said. "It's arbitrarily enforced. This ordinance doesn't ben-

efit anybody. Do we want to live on a golf course?"

However, mayor Jeanne Shores said there is a cosmetic value to having grass mowed.

"It speaks well for our town," she said.

## Local man receives award of "Plankowner"

Richard Vorase of Lowell recently received notation that he would be receiving an award as a "Plankowner" on the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge CV-45. "Plankowner" means Vorase was one of the original crew members

assigned to the ship when she first was put to sea.

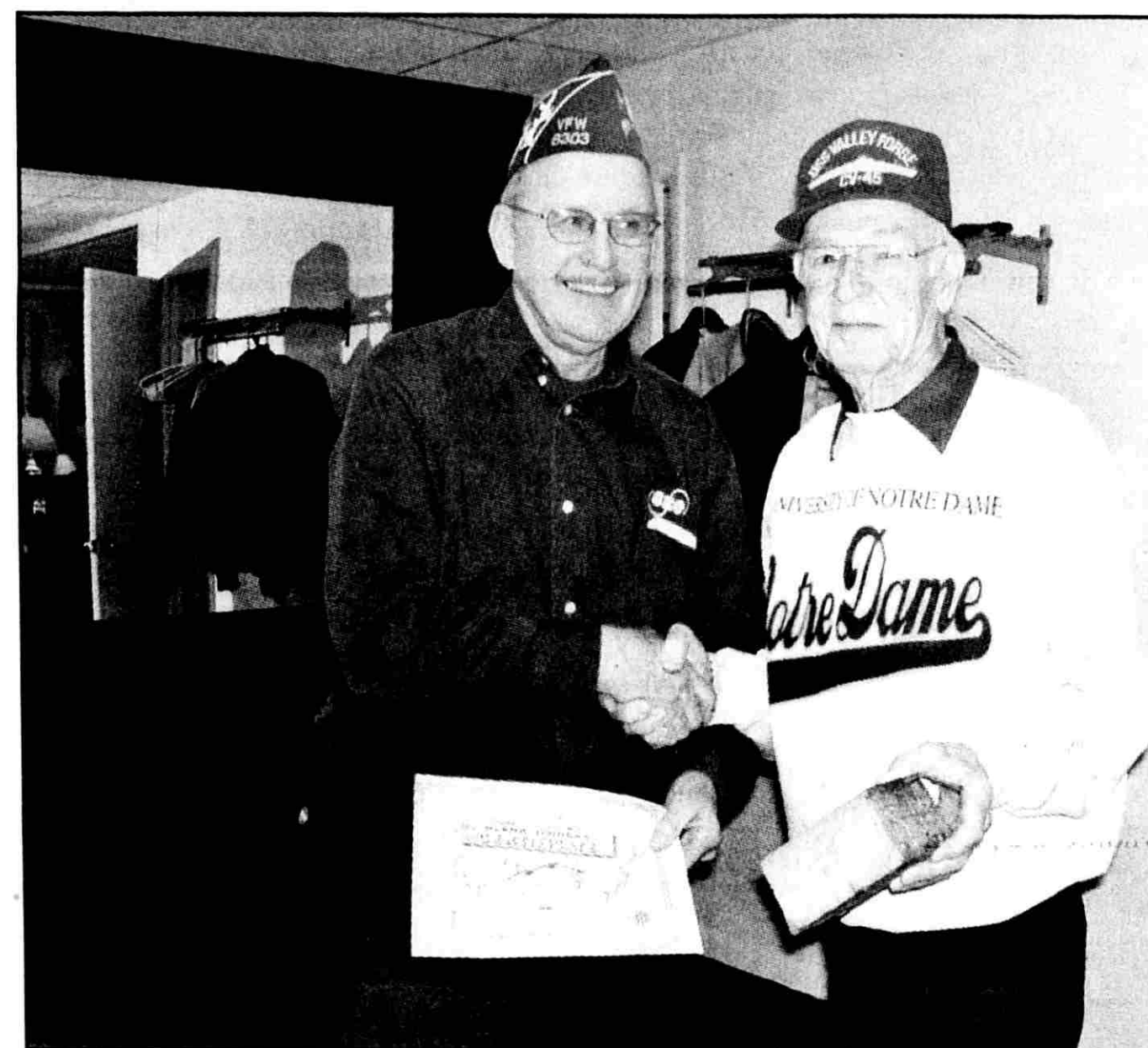
The Valley Forge was laid down Sept. 7, 1944, completed Nov. 18, 1945 and commissioned Nov. 3, 1946. She was one of the Essex Class carriers, but was too late to see service

in the Second World War. The Valley Forge was the first U.S. carrier on station off Korea soon after the outbreak of hostilities in June of 1950. There were four tours of duty to Korea, and then reclassification to

CVA-45 in late 1952. The Valley Forge was deployed to Vietnam in mid-1965 and

saw duty there throughout the late 1960s. She was decommissioned on Jan. 15,

1970, and was subsequently broken up.



Vorase receives his award from VFW Post-commander Herm Weststrate.

**Free Community Breakfast**

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- Kent/MSU Extension
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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On Sunday, I went to visit Creekside Kingdom as a reminder of my childhood. What I found was not part of my childhood, but a disaster.

After the people gave the town rights to the park it has only gone downhill. It looks as if no one has been there to clean it up in over a

year. There is trash all over the place and it extremely unkempt.

When I was younger, I remember my father and mother donating their money and their time to build Creekside Kingdom. Now, it seems as if their efforts were just a waste of time. I

hurt to see it look the way it does. I would like to go to a board meeting, but I feel it would be a waste of time because I am not a resident of Lowell and I am under the age of 18.

However, I would like to clean up Creekside Kingdom but, unfortunately, I do not have the recourses

to do so. I am not asking for help, just trying to open up people's minds and eyes to what is going on. Many of Lowell's residents contributed in one way or another to create Creekside Kingdom, so why is it now the way it is? Thank you for your time.

Kristin M. Johnson



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL APRIL 11, 1883

Alfred Burch, of Vergennes, died a few days ago, after a long illness.

Arthur Burnett, of Lowell, has engaged in the drug business at Belding.

Several inches of snow fell Friday night. Let every person interested in the future of Lowell do their best towards securing the Battle Creek & Lowell Road.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 9, 1908

Fire broke out in the home of Walter Morris one block north of the Congregation church about three-fifteen Sunday morning during the absence of the family, and, gaining great headway before the arrival of the fire department, ruined the house and destroyed the contents. Mrs. Morris and little daughter were away from home and Walter was on duty at the citizens telephone office, when the fire started. Mr. Morris showed a soldier-like devotion to duty, remaining at his post until relieved, knowing that his home was being destroyed and calmly answering telephone inquirers as to "Whose house is burning?" "It is my house, lady."

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO APRIL 13, 1933

Headline: Lowell Township has Modern St. Patrick. According to the legend, St. Patrick is credited with banishing the snakes from Ireland. Now it remains for Fred Beimer to be given credit for banishing, to some extent at least, snakes from Lowell Township. During the past week Mr. Beimer has killed 20 Blue Racers, all from one hole on his farm south of town, as they emerged from their winter's hibernation. The snakes ranged in length from three to six feet each.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 10, 1958

Betsy Byrne and Jean Jakeway, are valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of St. Patrick, Parnell, 1958 graduating class.

The last basketball game this year marked the end on an activity for three Lowell High Senior girls. Sandra Bozung, Margaret Court and Judi Ellis are three cheerleaders who will not be returning next year because of graduation.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 13, 1983

The Lowell Showboat is coming out of it's brief retirement for a Memorial Day weekend performance which could ease its \$45,000 debt by as much as \$15,000.

The Showboat Board of Directors and representatives from radio station WCUZ together worked out a weekend, which will include a parade, a 40-team softball tournament, and a one-night performance by country singer Bobby Bare at the Showboat amphitheatre.

## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### LOOKING AHEAD

About the only thing that doesn't change is change itself. We are living in a time of grim predictions for the future. It would seem that we are on a collision course with political, economic, and environmental calamity. This will pass. If you have been around for a while, or are a student of history, you know that we have been here before, solved the problems, and moved on.

Recent government and industry studies revealed that the number of people involved with fishing and hunting is on a downward trend. This would seem to be good news for someone who spends valuable fishing time waiting in line at a public boat launch or been crowded out of a deer stand. The problem is that about 75 percent of funding for state wildlife management agencies across the country comes from license fees and taxes on equipment paid by those who hunt and fish.

There are a number of reasons generally attributed to the decline in participation. Urban sprawl, the lure of competitive sports, the distraction of interactive electronics, and population shifts from rural to urban settings all take their toll on the will of people to follow our longtime outdoor traditions. Who will advocate for wildlife and provide financial support in the future?

Let's not despair. Remember that everything

changes. The destruction of vital habitat occurred because nobody paid attention—now we do. Just ask the developer who proposes building a strip mall near a wetland area. It can be and will be done, but it won't be easy, because open space has been assigned a much higher value lately. A seaside Mexican village decided the economic return and lifestyle afforded by establishing a whale sanctuary open to tourists was preferable to high-rise beachfront condos and hotels.

Although the total number of hunters and fishers is declining, the number of youth and women taking up outdoor activities is increasing significantly. It is now common for teen and even preteen girls to bag bragging-size bucks and bring home a wild turkey for dinner.

Pheasant hunting peaked during the '40s and '50s, then crashed and never returned. On the other hand, we who live in the highly populated southern Lower Peninsula don't have to go on long expensive trips to find good deer hunting. Areas that supported Ring-necked pheasants are now home to a growing deer herd. Turkeys share that same landscape where they were non-existent not long ago.

Many small trout streams are inaccessible because of private land ownership. But who would have guessed the Grand River would rival classic west-coast streams for steelhead and salmon fishing. Lake trout all but disappeared from the Great Lakes and now provide a high percentage of the catch.

So, don't give up. There is still a chance we can learn to get along with one another, the Dow-Jones will eventually ratchet up, and we may still have time to save the planet. Our children and grandchildren can experience the same closeness with nature, as did their grandfathers. But we all must care, and be involved to make it happen.

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*Better shun the bait, than struggle in the snare.*

- John Dryden (1631 - 1700)

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# Reflections of faith

by Rev. Randy Meyers  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church/When

God's children were freed from their slavery in Egypt. Moses led them out into the desert. Very quickly they found themselves trapped between a rock and a hard place. They were apparently trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh and his army.

According to Terrence Fretheim, God was the hard place and Pharaoh was the rock. The Hebrew word for "glory" sounds similar to the word for "hard." God's glory was about to be revealed as Pharaoh collided with something that was harder than him.

Exodus 14 and 15 tell us that, at the last moment, God made a way through the sea for his scared children to escape. God then shut the sea. God closed access. God's hardness and glory was revealed and Pharaoh was smashed to bits in the collision.

What can we learn from this lesson? First, you must consider what tight squeeze you are currently facing or about to face. Might it just be that God has led you to this place so that God's glory might be shown? Hold on at just the right moment - God will open up a way.

Second, you must ask how hard are you? Sometime it seems that hardness is honorable and tough guys and girls rule the streets; don't smile, that would not be hard-core. But in looking at your own hardness, make sure to ask are you as hard as God? Are you going up against a divine someone who might be harder than you? What will your collision look like? What might you be able to do to avoid it? Who can help you?

Third, is God even calling you to be hard? Jesus showed us the way of meekness, humility, and service. Through his life, teaching and ministry, scripture tells us that God's glory was revealed. Was Jesus leading us to be hard like God or Pharaoh? Or did Jesus ask us to follow God like the children of Israel?

Children who followed God and a way opened up so they followed, even though it was through a liquid valley full of shadows of death. If Pharaoh and his army had survived their collision with God, I suppose they would have laughed at the children singing, dancing, and worshipping God on the freedom side of the shore. Well maybe we can learn from this story that we are not as hard as we think we are. Maybe we are not even called to be hard? How might we give glory, God?

## Lowell student accepted to People to People academic program

Shannon Massey, a student in Lowell, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Massey will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., April 7-13 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

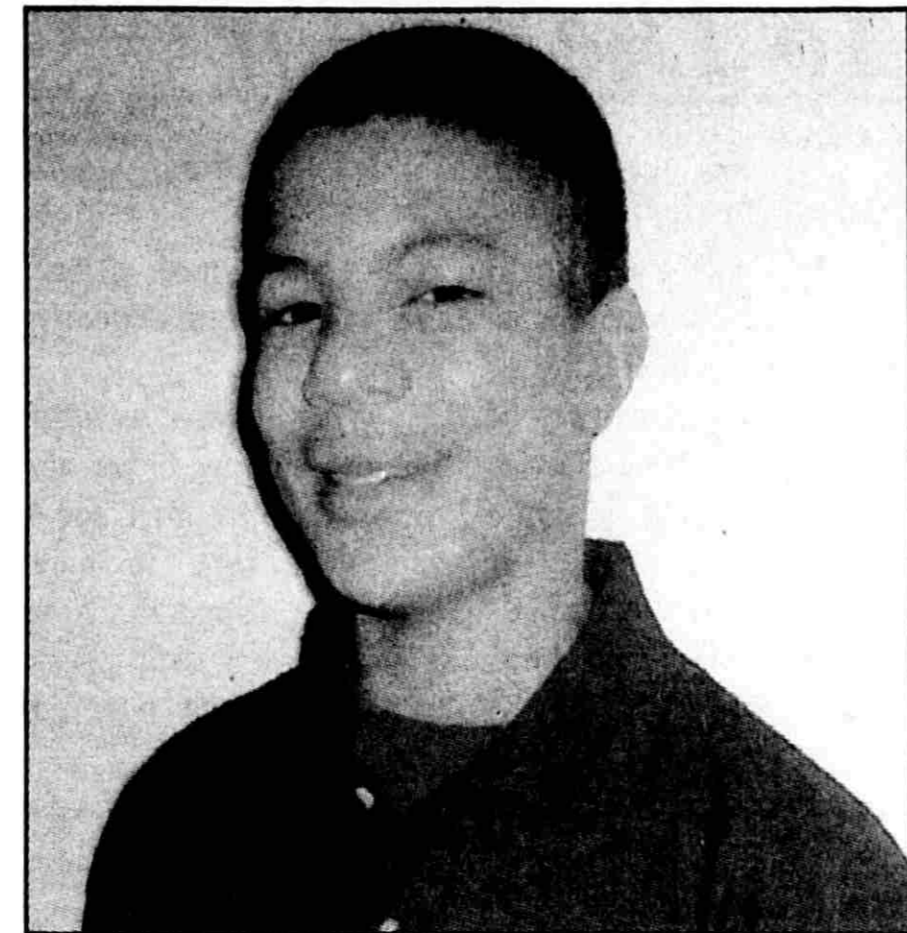
From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Massey will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times

of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Massey was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for

fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information, visit [www.wflleaders.org](http://www.wflleaders.org).



Shannon Massey

## LHS March 2008 Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Gabrielle Tremblay, 12th grade, and Heather Walendzik, 12th

grade, are the LHS March Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms for the month are then

reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting, selecting two students to be honored for the month. Students are selected based on academic

achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1350 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Gabrielle and Heather. The students receive a key card to the local businesses and a certificate.

Gabrielle was nominated by Cari Slot, "Gabby is the editor of the yearbook and has displayed extreme dedication and responsibility. I have watched Gabby grow more confident with her leadership skills over the past two trimesters. She has spent countless hours at home and after school to make this year's yearbook a standout. Gabby has displayed great maturity and calmness under pressure. She is always logical and uses common sense when making decisions. She is extremely successful in all aspects of her academic career and I am very grateful to have had such a responsible editor. She is a true leader."

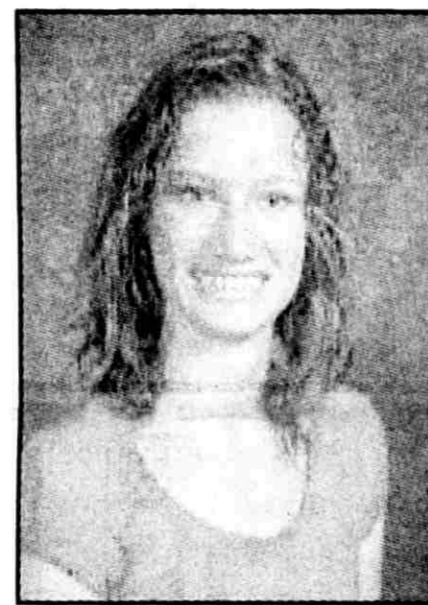
Heather was nominated

by Tammi Dent who said, "Heather has been teaching Spanish after school at Cherry Creek two days a week for two trimesters. She is a perfectionist and it shows in her work. She also is a very kind student. She has routinely befriended new students and she is liked and respected by her peers. I greatly respect her determination. She stays after class to speak to me all in Spanish. She is never afraid to try. There is nothing that will hold this young lady back."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters, call Laura Becker at 897-5653.






Gabrielle Tremblay



Heather Walendzik

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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# HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



## MEDICINE INTERACTIONS WITH GRAPEFRUIT

A medicine interaction occurs when a medicine or food changes how another medicine works. Eating grapefruit or drinking grapefruit juices can cause some medicines to enter your body faster. This makes it more likely that you will have side effects from the medicine.

Interactions can occur up to three days after eating or drinking grapefruit and its juices. This means you cannot drink grapefruit juice in the morning and take your medications later in the day to avoid possible interactions.

Only certain medicines interact with grapefruit. Examples include medicines for: high cholesterol (Lipitor, Zocor), high blood pressure (Plendil, Procardia), and heart arrhythmia (Cordarone, Norpace).

If you don't know if the medicine you are taking interacts with grapefruit, ask your doctor or your pharmacist. Your doctor can usually prescribe another medicine that doesn't interact with grapefruit.

All other fruit juices, even other citrus juices, are safe to drink when taking medicines. There is no proof that these other juices interact with medicines.

Remember, an interaction can occur even if your drink or eat a small amount of grapefruit. However, if you like grapefruit and want to continue to enjoy it, ask your doctor if there is a different medicine for you that doesn't interact with grapefruit.

## "Coats for Kids"

The "Coats for Kids" drive, held by Lowell Chiropractic this past winter, was a success. Dr. Aaron Buys is happy to report that during the week of Dec. 17, the community of Lowell donated over 25 winter coats for distribution to Lowell area families who were missing this basic winter need. "It felt great to be able to do something for families in our area that needed a helping hand," said Buys.

Lowell Chiropractic donated complimentary

healthcare in exchange for new or gently used coats and the collected donations were given to St. Mary's Pregnancy Resource Center. Dr. Buys said, "We had an outpouring of generosity from both our current and new patients including some that went out and purchased new coats just so they could make a donation." Due to the overwhelming response, Lowell Chiropractic plans to make this an annual event and hopes this year will be even more successful.



Pictured holding one of the donated coats are Phyllis Lessens and Aaron Buys D.C.

## Happy Birthday

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- APRIL 11:** Toni Blough, Delores Gabriion, Adaline Thaler, Al Roe, Harry Carigon, David Johnson.
- APRIL 12:** Sarah DeShane-Dalga, Jesse Lewis-Anes.
- APRIL 13:** Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries, Carol Brzezniak, Melissa Quada.
- APRIL 14:** Phyllis Jones, Dennis Rasch, Joshua Anderson, Nichol Gurney, Bernie Boersma, Brenda Stuart, Cole Wade, Stephanie Ossewaarde.
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**WED:** Hotdog on bun (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh mini carrots, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**THURS:** Baked chicken fries w/dinner roll (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

**FRI:** Cheese pizza (fish & cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), seasoned corn, fresh fruit, graham crackers, milk.

**LOOK AT ME NOW!!!**

The Laurels of Kent celebrates another successful rehab to home!

Pauline Ladue (pictured on left) and Joyce Williams (pictured on right) enjoy one last therapy treatment from their Physical Therapist Jay Maglasang before returning home. The two became great friends while they were at The Laurels of Kent for Sub-Acute Rehabilitation. Both accomplished their therapeutic goals and returned home where they are doing great and still keep in touch with each other. Pauline and Joyce stated "I would return to Laurels of Kent if I needed rehabilitation, it is a wonderful place with lovely people!"

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- LYNN MITCHELL

## Talented hairstylist deciphers clients' beauty wishes



**Position:** Hairstylist  
**Residence:** Lowell  
**Education:** Kent Skills Center  
**Experience:** 19 years hairstylist  
**Family:** Husband Brian; kids, Kelsi, Kile, Kennedy  
**Hobbies:** Sports, reading, camping

by Emma Palova  
 A talented hairstylist, Lynn Mitchell of Salon 206, knows what her clients want, even though sometimes it's hard to decipher, like a riddle.  
 As a new client, Carrie Monaghan of Lowell put it well why she picks Mitchell.  
 "She does what I want her to do," said Monaghan.  
 That may sound easy, but it is the hardest part of the beauty business. But for Mitchell, it's easy. Even though she doesn't have a magic wand, she can, with her scissors and knack for color, create ephemeral style and beauty becoming to each individual woman.

"I've always wanted to cut hair," she said.  
 As a kid, Mitchell cut hair on her Barbie dolls. She was trained at the Kent Skills Center, now Kent Career Center. So, she's been cutting hair for the last 19 years with the occasional few breaks to raise her children.  
 She revealed her secret to what makes a good hairstylist while doing Monaghan's hair.  
 "A good hairstylist listens to what the client wants and asks the right questions," she said.  
 Two years ago, when a client called if the salon would recommend a hairstylist who can cut difficult short hair,

than messing around at home.  
 "You spend more money to have it fixed," she said.  
 "We're trained to do it." Mitchell's motivation is meeting new people every day and making them feel good about themselves. She plans to continue to cut hair, along with her educator plans.



Hair stylist Lynn Mitchell works on Carrie Monaghan's hairdo.



- JIM BALL



**Position:** Owner  
**Residence:** Lowell  
**Education:** 1976 graduate of Lowell High School, Northern Michigan University  
**Experience:** 37 years in ice cream business  
**Family:** Wife Kim, daughter Summer, granddaughter Olivia  
**Hobbies:** Acting

## Ball's Softee Creme serving since 1971

by Emma Palova

Jim Ball grew up in the ice cream business started by his parents, Harold and Rose Ball, in the early '70s in a building that used to be an old gas station. All five kids had to work hard to make the business a success. At that time, the Balls also owned a floral shop.  
 Over the years, Ball's has served generations of

kids from babies to today's grandparents. Even the ice cream cone sizes reflect that, from baby cones to large waffle cones.  
 "You meet tons of people," said Jim Ball "from all over, both coasts, from Canada."  
 To keep up with the growing business, the ice cream shop kept expanding physically in size and

technologically. Instead of old gravity fed machines, new pressurized machines were added.  
 "It has become busier in terms of the volume of product and customers," said Jim Ball. "We have to get the product out as fast as we can."  
 Speed of service is of utmost importance in the ice cream shop, both

due to the product and the customer standing outside in the sun.

Jim Ball's sister Colleen added that all the products are homemade from scratch. The hottest sellers orange sherbet, lemon custard and the famous chili dog are all homemade.

It has also been a lot of trial and error throughout the years in the seasonal business dependent on

weather. Adding the food, expanding ice cream offerings and adding an outdoors patio was a must.

"I like what I am doing," said Jim Ball. "We're in a high traffic area. People can walk here from town, from the Riverwalk."

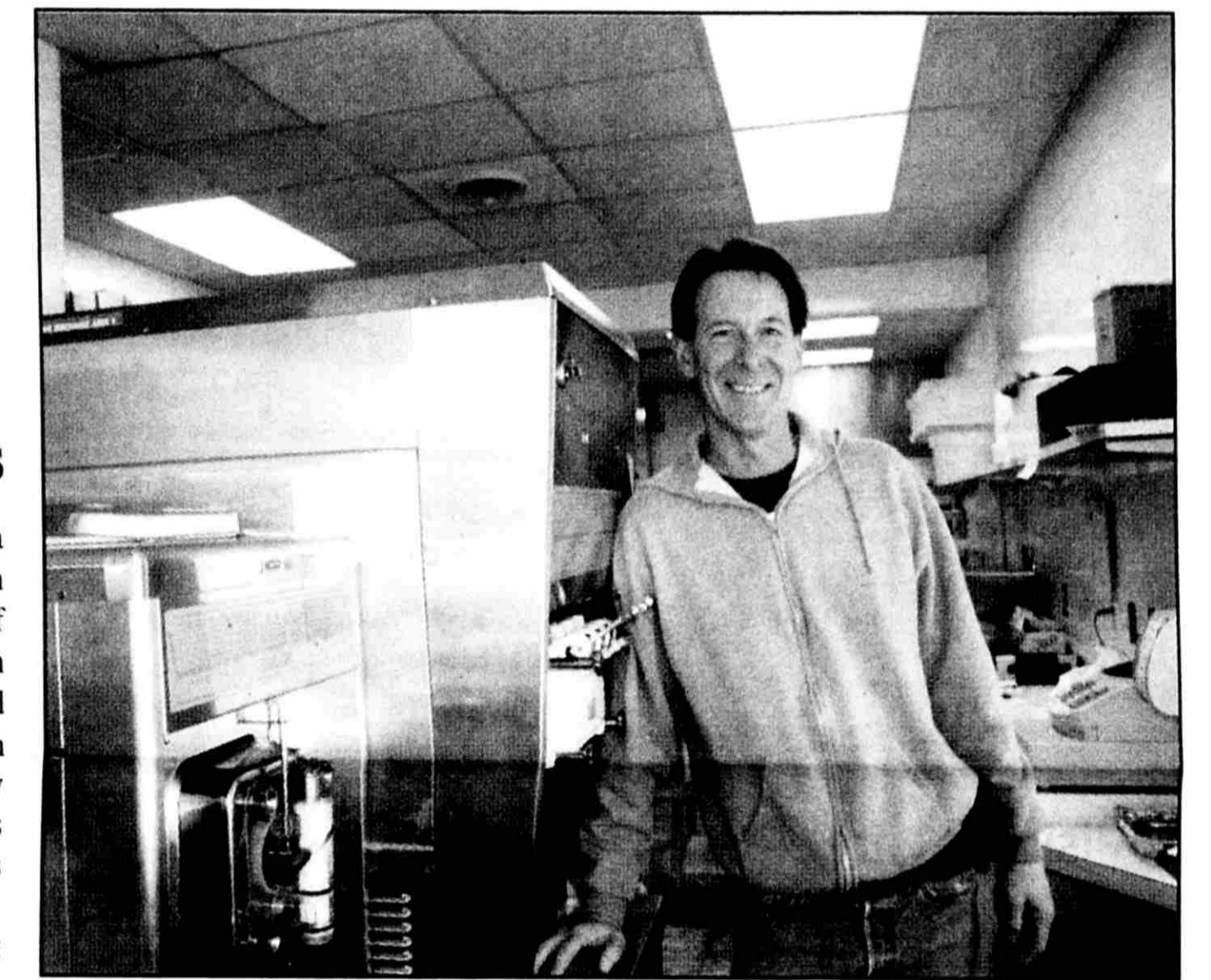
A large outdoor seating patio area boasts a beautiful garden maintained by Rose and Harold Ball.

garden and take care of the exterior," said Jim Ball.

Working long hours, holidays and weekends comes to Jim Ball naturally. When asked what motivates him, Jim Ball laughed with an immediate answer.

"Fear keeps you going," said Jim Ball. "We'll keep doing this as long as the economy allows us. I hope things straighten out."

"Mom and dad do the



Jim Ball loves working in the ice cream business.

## Fourth-graders adopt endangered primates

After reading "How to Babysit an Orangutan", Alto fourth graders decided to foster a baby orangutan at Lamp Leakey in Borneo. In five to 10 years, orangutans could become extinct in the wild, their main threat is the destruction of their

rainforest habitat. Only 15,000-20,000 remain, less than 10 percent of their former population. Camp Leakey in Borneo offers a safe haven for orangutans, created by OFI - Orangutan Foundation International. For a \$75 contribution,

fourth graders receive a foster parent kit which includes a photograph of their adoptee, an orangutan activity booklet, stickers and other items. The care of each infant costs approximately \$2,000 a year and OFI's care center receives dozens of new babies every year. The fourth graders will get quarterly updates on Faisal, their adopted orangutan. For information, visit www.orangutan.org.

## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Lisa Brown received Realtor of the Month in March. This award recognizes Brown for her outstanding success and achievements.



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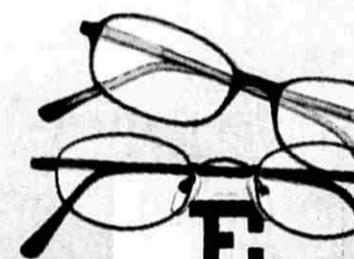


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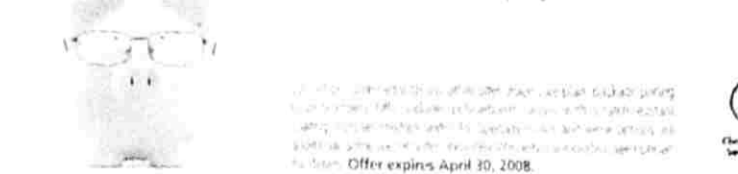
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## Lowell middle school chess champs

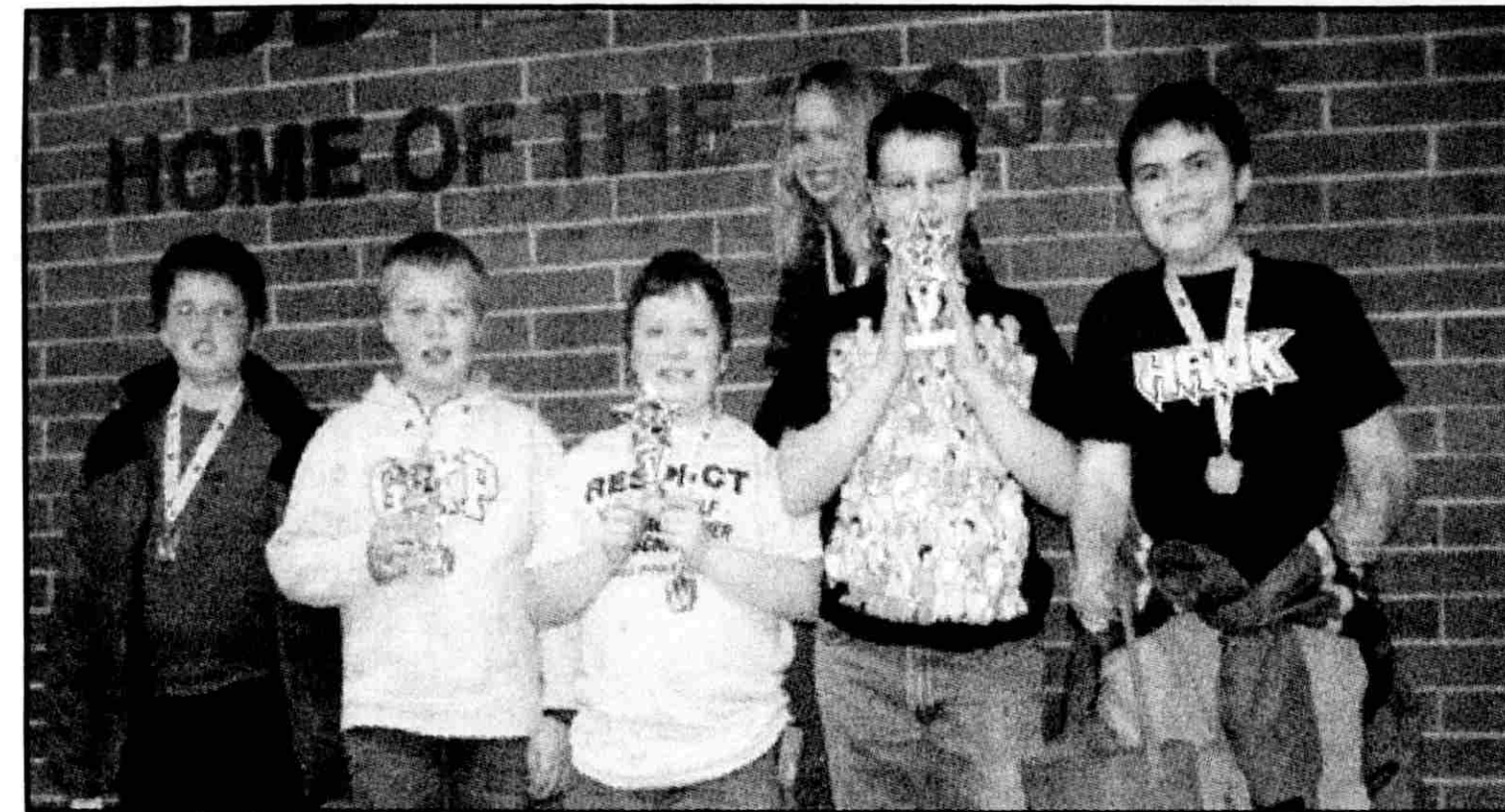
Lowell Middle School and the LMS Chess Club crowned its 2008 champions, and competed at the annual Thornapple-Kellogg Chess Tournament. Philip Janowski is the 2008 LMS champion, with Josh Burns and Joseph

Ryder earning 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. At the regional tournament on March 29, Burns took 1st place, with Janowski, Ryder and Billy Dickson placing

'runner-up' in their age divisions. Also competing for the Lowell team at Thornapple-Kellogg were Charlotte Hayden, Sean Henry, and James Kendall.



Lowell Middle School chess championship winners, from left to right: Philip Janowski, champion and Joseph Ryder, 3rd place. Not pictured: Josh Burns.



Thornapple-Kellogg winners, left to right: Sean Henry, Billy Dickson, Joseph Ryder, Charlotte Hayden, Philip Janowski, James Kendall.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

next game

APRIL 16 @ Greenville 4 p.m.

## Girls' tennis gets win against Thornapple-Kellogg

The girls' tennis team won another match last week, going 6-2 against Thornapple-Kellogg.

Coach Bonnie Wall said her team "swept the singles, losing just one game in the four matches."

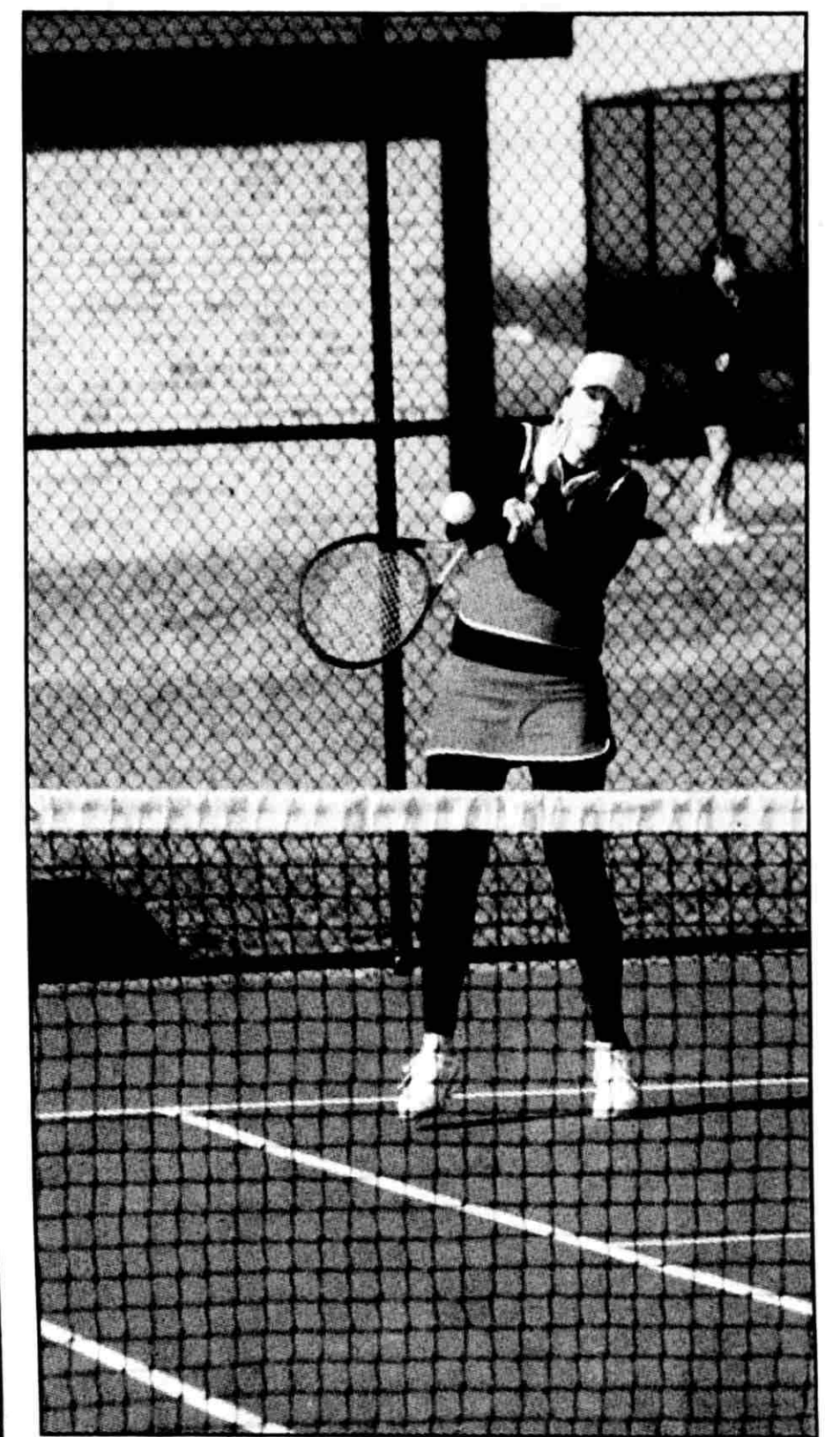
Singles winners were Kelly Trapp, who defeated Syd Kilmartin 6-0, 6-0; Melissa Zuiderveen, who defeated Lindsey Faber 6-1, 6-0; Lauren Heemstra, who defeated Carrie Selleck, 6-0, 6-0; and Tanya Baker, who defeated Audrey Meads 6-0, 6-0.

The No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams also both won in straight sets. Winners were Megan Willemstein

and Katrina Schollaart, who defeated Danielle Johnson and Sarah Roskam 6-1, 6-3; and Lera Glinzak and Caitlin Baker, who defeated Jenna Plets and Rachel Jazwinski 6-0, 6-1.

Ellen Mork and Taylor Mankel in No. 3 doubles lost to Shelby Kenyon and Erin King 5-7, 3-6. Nikkie Bailey and Taylor Moore lost to Jess Jacobs and Kim Junglas 6-4, 5-7, 7-10, in a super tiebreaker instead of third set to decide the match.

The Arrows will next play at Greenville on Wednesday, April 16 in their first match coming out of spring break.



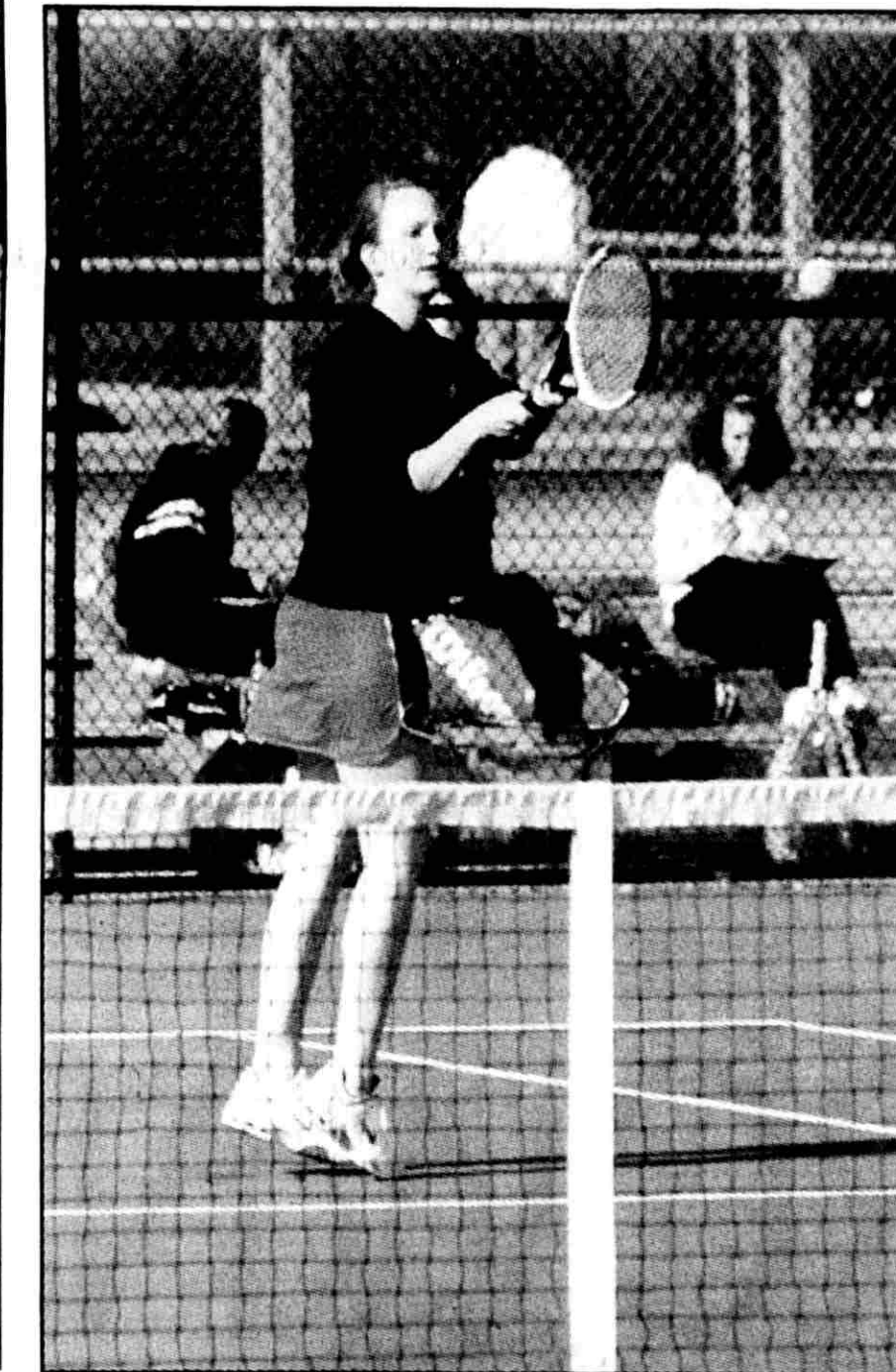
(Top left): Megan Willemstein got a win against Thornapple-Kellogg at No. 1 doubles on Wednesday.

(Top right): Katrina Schollaart was the second half of the No. 1 doubles team, winning 6-1, 6-3.

(Far left): Taylor Mankel reaches high for the ball as Ellen Mork stands ready behind her. The duo lost at No. 3 doubles to Shelby Kenyon and Erin King of TK 5-7, 3-6.

(Left): Tanya Baker won in her singles match-up against TK's Audrey Meads, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

next game  
**APRIL 16** @ Unity Christian  
4:15 p.m.

## Lowell baseball gets good start to the season at 3-0

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

The Red Arrow baseball team has started the season off strong, going 3-0 last week.

Against Wyoming Park on Thursday, Lowell won 11-1 in six innings, before the game was called.

The Arrows also won both games in a doubleheader Wednesday against Grandville.

Game 1 started off slowly, with no score until the top of the fourth inning, when Grandville scored with two outs already notched. Lowell secured their third out after a pop-up failed to connect with

any Arrow glove, but the second and third basemen outran a Grandville runner attempting to make it to third.

The fifth inning was much more successful for Lowell, garnering three runs for the team. Torsten Boss, a junior, got the first RBI, and then Zach Stephens drove in two more runs.

The second game was called after five innings, due to loss of daylight, but the Arrows were up 10-3 after Lowell started to pull away.

The team is in Gulf Shores, Ala. for spring break training, and will be back in play on Wednesday, April 16 at Unity Christian.



(Top): Zach Stevens pitches to a Grandville batter in the first inning of game 1 in the doubleheader on Wednesday.



(Top): Nick Boelens (11) swings for a ball during the first game against Grandville.

(Right): Josh Drake take a big swing during Game 1 of the Grandville doubleheader. Drake would go on to pitch five innings during the victorious second game.

(All photos by Molly Benningfield)



### Track at GVSU for meet

The track teams traveled to Grand Valley State University for the annual meet on March 24.

#### Girls' team results

Amy VanEns was 2nd in high jump, clearing 5 feet, 2 inches.

Richelle Kimble took 5th in the long jump, jumping 15 feet, 1.5 inches. Kimble also took 7th in pole vaulting, clearing 9 feet. She also qualified for the finals of the 50-meter hurdles, taking 8th in the preliminaries, but disqualified.

Jasmine Holliman took 25th in shot put, throwing 29 feet, 9.5 inches. Paige Senters took 54th, throwing 24 feet, 10.5 inches.

Kallie Holzhter took 10th in the 800-meter run, with a time of 2 minutes, 39 seconds.

Carlee Lewis took 23rd in the 1600-meter run, with a time of 6 minutes, 12 seconds.

Heather Jousma took 24th in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 1 minute, 10 seconds.

#### Boys' team results

Adrian McElveen took 5th in the 50-meter dash, with a time of 6.21 seconds. He also took 10th in the long jump, jumping 19 feet, 7.5 inches.

Dylan McElveen took 13th in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 56.10 seconds.

Spencer Sellner took 21st in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

coming up  
**APRIL 19** @ LHS Stadium  
Lowell Lacrosse Day

## Area Wushu demo team will head to China for a performance at the opening ceremonies of summer Olympics

A group of young athletes from Grand Rapids and its surrounding areas make up the 2008 Young Champions Wushu Demo Team, including Robby Coffey from Lowell.

Wushu is a Chinese martial art, and is featured in films with Jet Li and Jackie Chan.

The team has been invited to perform during some of the preliminary opening ceremonies for the

2008 Olympics in Beijing. They will travel to China as a team in August.

In November, the team also competed at the first international Wushu tournament in Saint Charles, Ill., near Chicago. The team took a gold medal in team performance, against countries like Japan, France, Singapore, Hong Kong and Colombia. Many individuals also scored medals in their events.

The team this year has members from Zeeland, Whitehall, Caledonia, Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood, Plainwell and Lowell. Two of the students from Grand Rapids - Moses and Brian Kuria - are originally from Kenya.

Coffey, 14, is from Lowell and has been in martial arts for seven years and Wushu for four years. He has achieved the rank of purple belt in Kyo Ka Shin

Ki Sensai Aaron Bailey's program at the Lowell YMCA. Coffey specializes in double broad swords and whip chains. He will travel to China this summer on his third trip to the country. At the competition in Illinois, Coffey received a gold medal in fighting and bronze in spear.

The team is coached by Wang Fang, originally from China.



— The 2008 Wushu team —

Pictured are (seated): Noah Gilleylen, from Zeeland; (second row, L-R): Brian Kuria, from Grand Rapids, Robby Coffey, from Lowell, and Moses Kuria, from Grand Rapids; (third row, L-R): Courtney Terryn, from Whitehall, Amanda Powell, from Kentwood, Ashley Churchill, from Caledonia, coach Wang Fang, Ethan Dang, from Wyoming, Case Glieden, from Plainwell, and Roger Whitley, from Wyoming.

## JV Hockey gets big win for last game

submitted by Steve Anderson

The last game of the year turned out to be the

most complete game for the Lowell-Caledonia JV hockey team, as 10 different

players registered points. L-C came out strong as the line of Logan McGregor (3

continued to "suck it up" and notched an assist with his broken arm in a cast.

Craig Coolman and Tyler Bitterman (1 goal, 2 assists) combined on a pretty deflection on a blast from the point.

Connor Donker and Nick Clay's strong defense helped Nathan Propst earn a shutout in net.

Kyle Stanford skated hard and had numerous scoring chances, including a breakaway near the end of the game where he proceeded to hit the target on the goalie's chest.

Joel Bieri added a goal by roofing one over the CC netminder's left shoulder and also tallied an assist.

Dan Tome' was all over the ice creating chances and back-checking like a madman.

Shane Videan (1 goal, 1 assist) and Jake Anderson (1 goal, 2 assists) also got on the scoresheet.



### THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield  
sports editor

#### Kansas takes the title

What a great 3-pointer for a team that hasn't seen a national championship in 20 years.

Kansas, always a fixture in March, had been winless until their bracket run this year, and were thought to be done when the closing seconds of the game Monday night counted down. They held the lead in the first half, but Memphis answered back and looked as if they had the game locked when Kansas struggled down the court and fumbled with the ball, only to see Mario Chalmers calmly lob a perfect 3 into the air and tie the game with only seconds left. Kansas owned overtime as they had owned the North Carolina game - well, at least the first half and ending few minutes.

This was a game that definitely had an exciting end. The first half was relatively slow, as both teams played tough defense and kept each other's sharpshooters at bay. But with a Memphis rally coming out of halftime and the Kansas solid finish, the game was anything but boring.

assists), Blake Rittersdorf (1 goal, 2 assists), and Eric Vansledright (2 goals, 1 assist) accounted for three goals by the end of their fourth shift.

Playing Catholic Central for the seventh time this year, with the previous five games ending in ties, L-C finally put it all together to win 9-0.

Jordan Swift managed two goals, despite fighting off some sort of stomach ailment. Adam Hubert

### JV TRYOUTS

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## Lacrosse team falls to two lakeshore teams

The boys' lacrosse team started its season with two losses, losing to Holland Christian in a close match 5-6 last Tuesday and falling 3-9 to Grand Haven on March 27.

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Specifically, once you retire, you'll need to decide what percentage of your investment portfolio you can withdraw each year without running out of money. There's no one right answer for everyone. However, when you're considering a suitable withdrawal rate, you'll need to look at a few factors — one of which is your age at retirement. Given today's longer life expectancies, you could easily be

around — and incurring a wide variety of expenses — at age 90. Consequently, the younger you are when you retire, the lower your annual withdrawal rate should be.

But, when determining your ideal withdrawal rate, it isn't just the sheer number of years that you need to consider — it's also what's happening to your purchasing power during those years. Even with a relatively mild annual inflation rate of 3 percent, it would take just 25 years for the cost of living to essentially double. So, if you need, say, \$75,000 per year to cover your expenses when you retire, you will need \$150,000 per year in 25 years. If we go through a period in which inflation rises significantly, you might have to scale back your annual withdrawals or adjust your investment portfolio to provide more opportunities for growth.

Speaking of your investment mix, it's also a key factor in determining your annual withdrawal rate. If you own mostly fixed-rate investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs), you will probably have to take smaller withdrawals each year than you would if your portfolio contained a greater percentage of stocks. That's because stocks, over time, have more growth potential than

other types of investments — and you will unquestionably need this growth to combat the two risks to your retirement income described above: longevity and inflation. (Of course, stocks also carry the risk of losing some, or all, of your principal, but if you invest in an array of quality stocks and hold them for the long term, you may be able to reduce the effects of price volatility.)

Another factor behind your annual withdrawal rate is the amount of income you can expect from other sources. If you open a small business or do some consulting, you may be able to withdraw less from your investment portfolio than if you had no earned income during your retirement years. You also may be able to make lower annual withdrawals if you've built up a sizable pension or 401(k), supplemented by your monthly Social Security checks.

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The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 08-02 amending Sections 20.07.B.2. and 20.07.E. of Chapter 20, "Signs" of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on April 7, 2008. The amendments permit the display of special event signs for up to 60 days prior to the special event and the display of certain temporary signs such as balloons, pennants, streamers, banners, sandwich board signs, etc. in C-1, C-2, C-3 and Public Facilities zoning districts for up to 60 days (consecutive or incremental) during a calendar year and require the display of such signs to keep a log of the location and number of days displayed which shall be available to the City for review upon request.

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### Garden Fitness Stretches

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- While sitting, prop your heel on a stool or step, keeping the knees straight. Lean forward until you feel a stretch in the back of the thigh, or the hamstring muscle. Hold this position for 15 seconds. Do this once more and repeat with the other leg.
- Stand up, balance yourself, and grab the front of your ankle from behind. Pull your heel towards your buttocks and hold the position for 15 seconds. Do this again and repeat with the other leg.
- While standing, weave your fingers together above your head with the palms up. Lean to one side for 10 seconds, then to the other. Repeat this stretch three times.
- Do the "Hug your best friend." Wrap your arms around yourself and rotate to one side, stretching as far as you can comfortably go. Hold for 10 seconds and reverse. Repeat two or three times. Finally, be aware of your body technique, form and posture while gardening. Kneel, don't bend, and alternate your stance and movements frequently.

As springtime approaches, weather warms up and leaves turn green, many people will spend more time outside planting bulbs, mowing the lawn and pulling weeds. Gardening can provide a great workout, but with all the bending, twisting, reaching and pulling, your body may not be ready for exercise of the garden variety. Gardening can be enjoyable, but it is important to stretch your muscles before reaching for your gardening tools. The back, upper legs, shoulders, and wrists are all major muscle groups affected when using your green thumb. A warm-up and cool-down period is as important in gardening as it is for any other physical activity. Performing simple stretches during these periods will help alleviate injuries, pain and stiffness. To make gardening as fun and enjoyable as possible, it is important to prepare your body for this type of physical activity. The stretches located on the left will help to alleviate muscle pain after a day spent in your garden. Always remember to consult your physician prior to beginning any new activity.

If you already feel muscle aches and pains and did not complete the warm-up and cool-down stretches, there are ways to alleviate the discomfort. Apply a cold pack on the area of pain for the first 48 hours or apply a heat pack after 48 hours, and consider chiropractic care.

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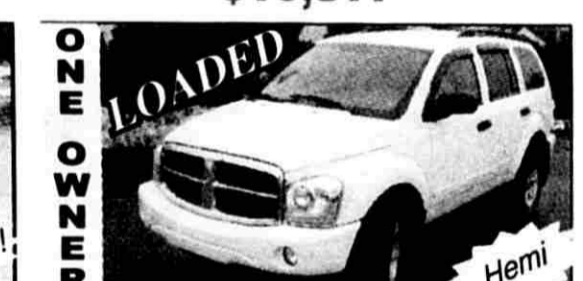
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