The Lowell Leager

Volume 37 Issue 23

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Environmentalist and philanthropist sets example for the country

Driving around the countryside in Vergennes and Grattan townships you may have noticed the bright green signs with a red barn. These signs designate preserved farmland as well as conservation easements donated by environmentalist and philanthropist Peter Wege.

We have been following the stories of these farmers who decided to preserve their farmland for future generations. Today we bring you the story of a man who has been working for the last 40 years to make this happen.



By Emma Palova

a former World War II flying from Dallas in a training plane, Peter Wege wanted to stop in Pittsburgh, but he couldn't find it in the smog in the middle of the day.



Peter Wege

That was long before caring for the environment became a modern trend.

Concerned then as he remains today, Wege, 88, is a true visionary looking beyond the horizons.

"That jarred me," he said, "what are we doing."

Sitting at a community breakfast in Wege's honor for his preservation efforts at the Franciscan Life Process Center last week, one couldn't help but be touched by his presence.

"We should have been preserving since 1950," said Wege. "It should be as normal as kindergarten. It has taken us 40 years to get it started."

Inspired by Health, Welfare Education and Secretary John Gardner, Wege embarked on a lifelong mission to save the planet in 1967. Wege backed his passion for the environment with money through the Wege Foundation established in honor of his parents Peter Martin and Sophia Louise Wege.

"We need to do things for the civilization," he said. "We have to come together to preserve the planet."

Surrounded by area farming families and environmentalists amidst the rolling fields of Vergennes Township, an area he so much loves, Wege has seen the results of his work in action.

along the Parnell Corridor has been preserved through a combination of Wege's donation of conservation easements and his funding of the purchase of development rights program.

"Without you Mr. Wege, this would not have been possible," said Rick Chapla of Land Conservancy of West Michigan, echoing the sentiment of all those present.

Area farming families A total of 1,000 acres the Heffrons, the Seifs

and the Merrimans were honored during the breakfast for putting their land into the farmland preservation program.

And like the rippling effort of a pebble thrown water, Wege's into preservation efforts are spreading around. Farmers Marsha Wilcox and Steve Koning are in line to have their farms preserved. Betty Jo Crosby of Ada Township

Wege, con't., pg. 11



The Heffron family receives a green farmland preservation sign. Heffrons were one of the first to preserve in Grattan Township.

Postage will be raised by a penny starting in May

by Emma Palova

one-penny increase on first stamps starting May 12 will offset

inflation and the cost of gas. From now on, each May, the price of mailing services will be adjusted to the rate of inflation, in accordance Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act.

This year the price of first class stamps will go

priority mail, parcel select, parcel return service and international mail. The new pricing will include commercial volume and contract prices, rebates,

up to 42 cents. The hike

also impacts express mail,

market. "It equalizes the cost of doing business," said Lowell postmaster Gil Brown. "The biggest challenge for us is keeping the correct amount

online price reductions, and

other new incentives in the

highly competitive shipping

of stamps in stock." The universal Forever Stamp with a bell but without a printed value will carry over the annual price increases. So, if purchased now for 41 cents, the Forever Stamp in 20 years will have the value of whatever it costs to mail a first class letter at that time. The Forever Stamp was introduced in April 2007 to meet the demand before price changes.

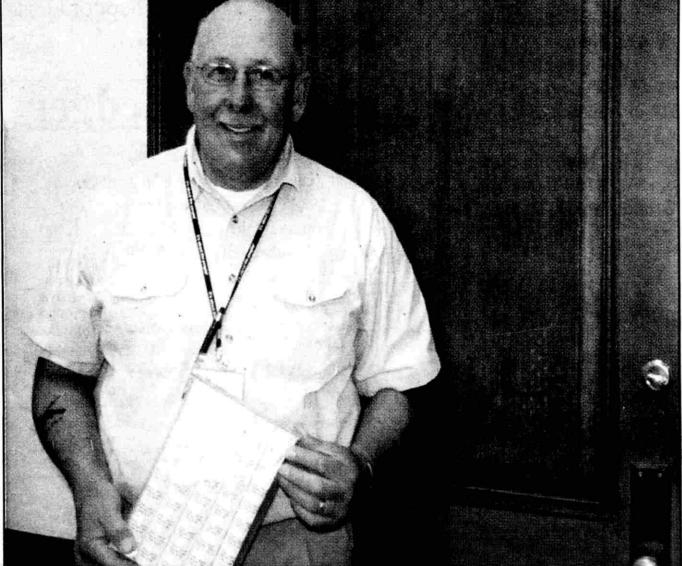
The postal service will have 5 billion Forever Stamps in stock to meet the increased demand before the price change.

Brown said the increase will have no major impact on the customer.

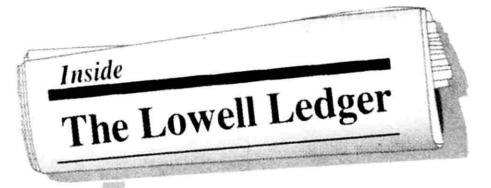
Stamps arrive in coils of one hundred. The 2008

stamp program will feature, among others, Legends of Hollywood, American journalists, Olympic Games, Vintage Black Cinema, Great Lake Dunes and Flags of Our Nation.

For more information. go to www.usps.com



Lowell postmaster Gil Brown holds coils of 42 cent stamps.



New Hall For Bowne ... Page 3

Wittenbach-Wege Expo... Page 11

A Night With The Lincolns ... Page 20

CORNISH

Wilma (Lashbrook) Jean grandchildren and many Cornish 1927-2008, age 80, nieces and nephews. Wilma passed away after a long attended Eastern Michigan battle with Alzheimer's. She University to study voice was preceded in death by her son James, her parents Gus and Mabel Lashbrook, the marching band at Spring brothers Russell, Roy, Rex, Arbor, was in the Borgess Earl, Ervin, Gordon, and sisters Ruby and Beverly. candy striper, was an alto in Wilma will be dearly missed St. Robert's Choir for many by her devoted husband of years, a member of the 60 years, John; her brother Cantata Choir, ministered Purl Lashbrook; children, George Cornish, Nancy Woods Home, volunteered (Curt) Johnson, Carole as part of the St. Robert's (Vicky) bereavement group, was Cornish, Patrick Cornish and Thomas Cornish;

WE OFFER SO MANY **SERVICES! ALL UNDER** 1 **ROOF!**

COPIES Black & White

15¢ per copy or 10c per copy

Color Copies

if more than 10 of same page

8½ x 11 size paper....95c each 11x17 size paper....\$1.25 each discounts for 10 or more of same page

FAXING Sending or Receiving

\$1 for 1st sheet, 50¢ each additional sheet

LAMINATING

Next Day Service

50¢ for cards \$1 for 8 1/2 x 11 \$3 for 11x17

The Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway Lowell 616-897-9261

had a flair for entertaining. Church of Lowell. She is Alzheimer's Association.



JOHNSON

Treva Bell (Rice) Johnson of survived by his children, Lowell, born February 21, John, Vanessa, Alisha, and 1925 in Grand Rapids was Christina; brother, Paul; taken to her heavenly home sisters, Beany and Bruce on Saturday, February 16, and Frances; many nieces 2008. A memorial service and nephews. Services have was held Saturday at the been held. First United Methodist

Funeral mass was held survived by her husband, Betty Bottrall, aged 84 of Shirley Osborne; several Tuesday at St. Roberts of Martin; her children, Ada, died Tuesday, April Newminster Church. The Randy (Ruth) Johnson of 22, 2008. She was preceded family requests memorial Avon, Ind.; Sharyl Seese of in death by her husband, and nephews. Graveside contributions be made to the Seward, AK; Pat Lowery- Robert Bottrall and daughter. grandchildren; 35 great- Bottrall, great, great-grandchildren. (Doug) Meany; brother, Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell

SCHRAMM

Senior Neighbors or the First

United Methodist Church of

Vance Schramm passed away April 2, 2008. He is

Lowell.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT** NOTICE TO **CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 08-184,992-DE Estate of GRACE C.WOLOWICZ

and music. She played

clarinet and percussion in

Follies, volunteered as a

seniors at Whispering

a member of the Rosettes

and the Tuesday Morning

Bible Study. Wilma wore

many hats throughout her

life. She was an operator,

realtor, school bus driver, an

avid bowler, loved golfing,

played bridge, loved taking

fall color tours out east, and

Date of birth: 6/6/1913 TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, GRACE C.WOLOWICZ. lived at 3642 Francis SW, Wyoming, Michigan

died 4/8/2008. Creditors forever barred unless presented to Michael A.

Phillips and Shawn L. Phillips named personal proposed both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed of this notice.

personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 4/16/2008

Justin Michael - P34349 4550 Cascade Road SE Suite 102 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

616-940-9991 Michael A. Phillips 20 Sloganeeer Trail Palm Coast, FL 32164 Shawn L. Phillips 4774 Boyd Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI

616-690-9845

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 08-185-015-DE Estate of GERTRUDE J. PENNING, deceased Date of birth: 7/15/1937

decedent, GERTRUDE J. PERSONS including:* PENNING, who lived at 1304 Spring NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died Martin April 24, 2007. Creditors of the decedent

are notified that all claims interest in the matter may against the estate will be forever barred unless the following: presented to MARK A. VERMEER named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to NW, Grand Rapids, MI both the probate court 49503 before Judge at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW,

Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after for Ethel Martin. the date of publication

Craig Avery - P10311 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080

Mark A. Vermeer 3800 Verschel Drive NE Rockford, MI 49341 616-866-5095

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

> In the matter of **ETHEL MARTIN**

TOALLCREDITORS: The TO ALL INTERESTED missing and unknown heirs of Ethel

> whose address(es) are unknown and whose be barred or affected by

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 5/13/2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa David M. Murkowski. P35026 for the following

to appoint a full quardian

4/21/2008

4/18/2008 John D. Flynn - P27413 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632

> Michelle Boley 415 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-247-6176

PET PEEVE? SOMETHING BUGGING YOU? HAVE A GOOD QUOTE TO PASS ON? The Ledger "Almost Anything Goes Forum" Write Us Online Or Call . Feel Free To Sign Your Name!

www.lowellbuyersguide.com OR 897-0787

BOTTRALL

Yvonne (Roger) Wolfe of survived by her children, Tavares, Fla.; Keith (Beth) Rob (Carlene) Bottrall, Ashla of Gorham, ME; 20 Bottrall, Robert (Deb)

grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; many nieces services will be Thursday, Klingler of Bradenton, Fla.; Sharon Faurot. She is 11:30 a.m. at Ada Cemetery Rev. Frank Lattimore of Day Bible Church, officiating Johnson of Lowell; Jaclyn Roberta Osmolinski, Rick Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Madelyn Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, grandchildren and four (Mike) Spriggs, Terry Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Bill (Violet) Switzer; sister,

◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇



VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

highly invasive plant that is a.m. at Stoney Lakeside taking over our parks and Park and Wednesday, April woodlands. Please join us 30 at 6 p.m. at the Boy for a garlic mustard pull on Scout cabin.

Garlic mustard is a Saturday, April 26 at 10

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

for prospective volunteer or understand English well. tutors. This session is By training people to be held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts tutors, the Council can offer interested in becoming be an opportunity to sign up ESL

for tutor training. illiteracy in our community. 459-5151 to register. Based on 1990 census

The Kent County figures, at least 19,000 adults Council has in Kent County cannot read scheduled an information at a functional level. At least session on Monday, May 5 6,000 adults cannot speak one hour. It allows those one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance volunteer tutors to find out in reading or English as a more about the Council and Second Language (ESL). its literacy programs. At the You do not need to speak end of the session, there will another language to tutor

The information session The Kent County will be held at the Yankee Literacy Council is a Clipper Library located non-profit, United Way at 2025 Leonard St., NE, agency devoted to reducing Grand Rapids. Please call

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

- Theodor Geisel

The Lowell Ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$1700 a year in Kent County. 52600 a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331 TAMMY JANOWIAK......CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING

(616) 897-9261

E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday POSTMASTER: Send address change to: The Lowell Ledger P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Bowne to construct new township hall

by Emma Palova

A new township hall will be constructed near the current historical building, which is home to the Bowne Township government. The existing historical park including the old township building and the school, will remain intact.

The 50-by-40-foot structure will house offices and a conference room to serve the growing needs of the township. Designed and built by Progressive Engineering AE of Grand Rapids, the project was bid out April 22 for contracting

The building will have two levels, a main floor and basement with standing seam metal roof. The overall construction

should be wrapped up by Downtown Development will allow business owners the end of July, according to Authority master plan. The to apply for facade grants architect engineer Brendon updated DDA master plan within the district only. Oozonian.

The township is also in than 2030. the process of upgrading the

will last until 2016 rather Monies captured from tax payments can only be used The updated master plan in the district boundaries.



Front elevation rendering of the new Bowne Township hall located off Alden Nash south of Alto.

MEAP test results show improvements made by Lowell students

by Shelly MacNaughton Contributing writer

MEAP results have been released to the public. Roger Bearup, curriculum director for Lowell Area Teacher Appreciation Day. Schools, offered a report to the Lowell Board of Education at Monday night's regular meeting.

Bearup presented data for MEAP scores in each subject area by grade and compared the averages to State and Kent ISD averages. The students of Lowell scored above the State and Kent ISD average in every subject category for every grade level.

"We continue to see teachers and principals working very hard," said Bearup. Students in grades third through ninth are tested in a variety of subjects each year. Lowell students made significant improvements to their writing test scores from Fall 2006 to Fall 2007.

to commend our teachers and principals for their efforts," said Bearup.

The Board approved its evaluation, the Board of Education is very pleased with Greg Pratt," said Mark Lessens, Board president.

The Board also approved the recommendation to hire Steven Turnbull as director of facilities for Lowell Area Schools. "We would like to welcome Steve to the team." said Pratt.

"I would really just like success rates for students with this new schedule.

Tuesday, May 6 will be different clubs at the high school; such as the all-school play, all-school musical,

evaluation of Superintendent FFA, student council and level in the 2007 MEAP

High School Principal Patricia Murphy-Alderman offered an update to the Board of Education. They are now about two-thirds of the way through their first year of trimester scheduling; more data will be available later this summer on the

Education's purpose is to replace an empty

mind with an open one.

A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE.

PERSONALIZED, AND COMFORTABLE CARE

LIFETIME DENTAL EXCELLENCE

· State-of-the-Art Procedures, Instruments, and Techniques

· Cosmetic Care: Porcelain Veneers, Bonding, and Whitening

• Dentures • Partials • Root Canals • Crowns and Bridges

TODD GILLAN, DDS, PC

2186 MAIN STREET • LOWELI

Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available)

· Professionally Trained, Caring, and Courteous Staff

· Mercury-Free Dentistry · Filtered Water Lines

• Emergencies Accepted • Convenient Payment Plans

Implants
 TMJ (Jaw Pain Therapy)

Serving the Area Since 1981

Murphy-Alderman reported there are 26

Greg Pratt. "To sum up our Model UN. New for next tests, found on the Lowell year, incoming freshmen will indicate three clubs they are interested in during orientation. Club advisors will then be given a list of interested freshman so that they may work to recruit

them and give the freshmen

a chance to get involved. Nugent offered a kind the former assistant to the superintendent. Kay worked with the Lowell Area Schools for 26 years and has now retired and moved on to work with the Clark Retirement Home in Grand

- Malcolm Forbes (1919 - 1990)

"Kay is someone who will be very missed. I will miss having her around to help, we wish her good luck," said Nugent.

Listed below are the high scores for each grade Area Schools Web site.

In 3rd grade, Lowell saw its highest numbers in math and reading, with 95 percents in both subject compared to 92 percent in math and 89 percent in reading for Kent County and 90 percent in math and Board secretary Pat 86 percent in reading for the state. Lowell had increases farewell to Kay Jones, in all four subjects in 3rd

> In 4th grade, the highest number was found in reading, with 93 percent, compared to 87 percent in Kent County and 84 percent

> > MEAP, cont'd. pg. 4



THEATERS

Goodrich

616-897-FILM

On M-21, 5 Minutes
East of Amway H.Q. All Lounger Seats • All Digital Sound Free Drink Refills • 25c corn refills

BIG SCREEN \$4.00 ALL SEATS except adult evening \$6.50

SHOWTIMES 4/21 - 4/24 O No passes **SPRING MATINEES** PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING (G) O FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) PROM NIGHT (PG-13) NIM'S ISLAND (PG)

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!

COUPON

ALONG MAIN

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 - PAGE 3

INTERNET SAFETY

Come learn the ways that you can protect your children and grandchildren but still allow them to experience the positive aspects of computer use. April 24, 7-9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., main level, fellowship hall. Adults only please. To register, call Cindy Kehoe at 897-8764.

LAWARRE RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The community is invited to a reception to honor the ministry and retirement of Roger and Diane LaWarre. Join us for an evening of desserts, candlelight and dancing, April 25 at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Tickets are on sale now for "Copacabana" at the high school main office or at Pep Talk. The show is April 25 and 26, and May 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. Matinee performances are Sun., April 27 at 3 p.m. and Sat., May 2 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for adults, and \$8 at the door.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS

Stoney Lakeside Park on Sat., April 26 at 10 a.m. and Sun., April 27 at 2 p.m. Boy Scout cabin at end of N. Washington St. on Wed., April 30 at 6 p.m. For more info or to sign up, call Peggy at 897-7948.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is pleased to present "Ancient watercraft of the Grand River". Kevin Finney who grew up near Ada, will present an informative program on native history and watercraft along the Grand Rivers. Please join us at the Lowell Township Hall on Tues., April 29 at 7 p.m.

KIDS CREATING ART NIGHT

Join us for a relaxing evening of admiring the art of our preschool students, sampling desserts and creating your own art to take home at the Lowell United Methodist Preschool on Tues., April 29, 6:30-

NEW EXHIBIT

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. "Coloring My World" by artist Mary E. Carter, May 1 - June 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

CROPWALK

The Lowell CROPWALK will take place on Sun., May 4. Walkers should meet in the parking lot of First United Methodist Church in Lowell at 1 p.m.

TALK EARLY & TALK OFTEN

There will be a Talk Early & Talk Often parent workshop at the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria on Tues., May 6, 7-8:30 p.m. The workshop will help parents learn about ways to open the door to conversation with their middle school age children about abstinence and sexuality; recognize and use teachable moments to communicate important facts and values; and to listen and respond with greater confidence and skill. The workshop is free of charge. Registration is required by calling 987-2800 and is limited to 30 parents.

FAXING

Sending or Receiving \$1 for 1st sheet, 50c each

> additional sheet The Lowell Ledger

LOCATED ACROSS FROM ARBYS WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL (616) 897-8491

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

Engineered Building System provides for affordable construction

by Emma Palova

Engineered Building System Co. Inc. (EBS) makes home construction more efficient by using engineered building components such as trusses, floor systems and panelized wall systems.

"We increase quality and provide better product to builders looking for cost control," said operations manager Dave Tichelaar.

Tichelaar has moved his home-based business from Rockford to Lowell physical location. He employs five in Lowell, but deals with suppliers and builders nationwide.

out a building package of material with a cost guarantee. The building Cabinets. materials are high quality

Relationship

Who do you think the winner should be?

because they are built in a controlled environment rather than outside on the High School, and four out

"It's high quality and quicker build time than stick building," said Tichelaar.

Tichelaar works with builders from Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio. His goal is to go on a nation scale from coast to coast within a

advantages engineered building components include guaranteed price of product, the elimination of waste and no cost overruns, while the plumbing and contractual work is done locally.

EBS works with Universal Forest Products A builder comes in in Pittsburgh. Tichelaar's with plans, and EBS prices wife Tammy works on custom kitchen designs for the homes with Homecress

ENTER YOUR MOTHER'S NAME AT THESE

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES BY APRIL 30

Mother of the Day!

■ In just a few words, why do you thank his person should be the Mother of the Day?

The winning Mother will receive a Special Day that includes...

* Wittenbach Pontiac- GMC - Oil change, interior/exterior bath for Mom's car

* Cousin's Hallmark - A Special Gift

* Jones Meat Market - Gift Card

& L4 Boutique - Gift Card

& Voyages - Lunch for Mother of the Day

nter Hanger - Earring and Necklace Set

* Modern Photo - Free Family Portrait

* Bernard's Ace Hardware - Gift Card

A Chimera Design - A Special Gift

🏶 Eja Salon - Free Hairstyle

* Daisy Floral - Flowers

are 1966 graduates of Lowell

Both Tammy and Dave of five of their children live here," said Dave Tichelaar.

"We grew up in Lowell. This "We're excited to be is our comeback to Lowell."

go to www.engineeredbuild ingsystems.net.



Tammy and Dave Tichelaar are back in Lowell to do business.

MEAP, continued ... From Page 3

in the state. Lowell had increases in all four subjects

number came in science, with 92 percent. Kent County

saw an 83 percent average,

and science.

In 6th grade, reading and the state had 82 percent. was the highest-scoring Lowell saw increases in subject, with 90 percent. In 5th grade, the highest ELA and writing, but slight Kent County saw 85 decreases in math, reading percent, while the state saw 82 percent. Lowell had increases in ELA, math, and writing, while their reading

scores stayed the same.

In 7th grade, Lowell had

high numbers in both ELA

and math, with 89 percent.

Kent County had 79 percent

and 75 percent, respectively,

while the state had 74 percent

and 73 percent. Lowell had

increases in ELA, math and

writing, as well, and their

reading scores stayed the

number was found in reading,

with 88 percent. Kent County

had 81 percent, while the

state had 77 percent. Lowell

had increases in ELA, math,

reading and writing, but saw

a slight decrease in science.

studies, Lowell had 84 percent, as opposed to Kent

County's 72 percent and

the state's 71 percent. The

scores are down from 91

percent last year.

In 9th grade social

In 8th grade, the highest

Michigan Drivers... Save up to 43% on your car insurance!
What an incredible opportunity for Michigan residents. Farm Bureau Insurance offers Mark

discounts that could trim your car insurance up to 43%. See how many Call today. Johnson

6095 28th St., Ste. 4 **Grand Rapids** 940-8181

discounts you qualify for. Michigan's Insurance Company Making Your Future More Predictable FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

www.MarkJohnsonAgency.com





Unity High School Gym (Next to Library) 320 N. Monroe Street, Lowell

FREE to participate or shop! Space still available! This is the sale for infant, toddler and preschool clothing, toys, books, and baby essentials in one location!

Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space. 25+ Families!

TOTS is an early childhood project of the Lowell Area Community Fund and the Lowell Area Schools



www.flatsontheriver.com **Call Leasing Office** 616-794-0370 **Immediate Assistance** Nicole 616-477-3829

See agent for details. This offer is not valid with any other specials.

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 2008 - PAGE 5 Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding an issue I have with one of our City Council members. I was having dinner with my family at a Lowell restaurant on Saturday, April 12. My family goes in there almost every Saturday evening to have dinner before the larger crowd comes in. Well, on this particular Saturday, my 3-year-old son finished his meal and we went up front to get some candy out of the machine, and one of our own Lowell City Council members opened his mouth loud enough for the whole place to hear and said "someone needs to cut that kid's hair." I, of course, was quick on Ledger stated "Lowell receives Tree City USA Designation" responding since I am his mother, and I need to protect Here's my viewpoint on the subject. I believe if it wasn't my son since, once again, he is only 3. I told this council for the cutting down of some of Lowell's healthy tree's member I heard his comment and that he needs to mind his in the first place, Tree City wouldn't have come about own business, because my son doesn't need a haircut. This and that makes becoming Tree City nothing more than a council member looked surprised that I stood up for my son and proceeded to lower his voice and talked mockingly this scenario. I believe that Lowell didn't have much of a about me with his companions. I am his mother and I will tree-trimming policy in the first place before initiating their make the decisions on when my son does or does not need 10-feet take-no-prisoner policy, with the dismemberment a haircut. It is my choice if I want his hair longer then what of many of Lowell's healthy tree's. What is left out of this this council member thinks is suitable. I wonder if there is scenario are the years that it took to grow those trees and the something in writing concerning protocol on the personal years that it will take to grow new ones, and becoming tree conduct of council members? I think the city needs to know city will be easier said than done. Sincerely, how their council members act in public and should remind

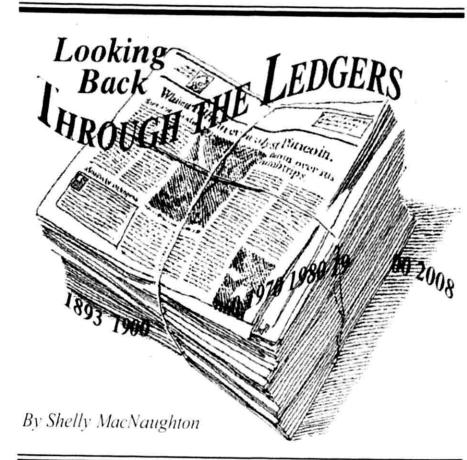
each council member they are representatives of our city

This council member verbally disgraced my son and questioned my parental decision in public, and something should be done about it. Granted, I believe that they should have a life outside of being a council member, but still, they have a reputation to uphold for everyone in our community while they are in this position.

Soheila Dawson

Headlines on the front page of the April 9 Lowell whitewashing of a bad deed. But there's more to be read into

Jim Howard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **APRIL 25, 1883**

If the B & L railroad should be built as prophesized by Mr. Willis in his letter, in another column, Lowell, being the center of the route, would have a chance at securing the car shops, which would add at least 1,000 to our population.

W. W. Cole's circus will visit Lowell during the coming

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 23, 1908**

The three floors of the Kopf block are again rented. The LEDGER has the ground floor, Yeiter & Wadsworth will use the second and the Woodmen lodge the third, formerly G. A. R. hall. Trustee Mange is a good manager.

Secretary William Farrell of the Ada Pioneer Society made the LEDGER a call on Monday. Mr. Farrell is an authority on pioneer history.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO APRIL 27, 1933

Ever since that day in early February when Governor comes in many ways - performance on standardized tests Comstock closed all of the banks in Michigan, people have

> Nobody knows. Banker themselves don't know any more about it than do their patrons. Governor Comstock, who recently made a trip to Washington to straighten out the closed bank mess in Michigan, is plenty sore. He is quoted: "Washington hasn't any program for reopening these closed banks, and it won't let us put our plan into effect."

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 24, 1958

The school electors of the Honey Creek school, north of Ada, voted 66 to 52 not to join Lowell School District.

Bunco Club will be held next week Thursday afternoon, May 1, with Mrs. Margaret Kohn with Mrs. Maude TenCate as co-hostess. Please bring tables, dice and punch and be

R. E. Colby, 75, of McCords, passed away in Butterworth hospital Saturday. Mr. Colby was born October 16, 1882 and owned a general store in McCords for 45 years, and was station agent and postmaster here. He owned and operated lumber yards at Alto, Cascade and McCords.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 27, 1983

Members of the Macker Advisory Council last week sites are certifiable; however, the majority of certified sites how to attract and retain butterflies in a small garden, or get revealed to City Council members plans for the 10th, biggest, and last on the street Macker Basketball Tournament.

Hundreds of scouts and their leaders will converge Because of the persistent development of rural areas over we do need to be careful not to hit the dead tree with all the on Lowell April 29-30 and May 1 to celebrate the lokemo

A barn on the Richard Nies farm, 2216 Fallasburg Park Dr. N.E. burst into flames Thursday April 21, at about 8:30



The Vision With Gregory Pratt

In earlier articles throughout the year, we have discussed the changes in curriculum and delivery methods in education. One of the most recognizable changes to the educational landscape in the past decade has been continual development of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test, which elementary and middle school students take in the fall. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) uses results from the MEAP test to fulfill the requirements stated in the federal mandate of No Child Left Behind. Testing in schools today is considered to have high stakes associated with their outcome. Most recently, Lowell Area Schools has received results from the latest round of our MEAP tests, and we are able to compare those

LHS Superintendent

This year, Lowell Area Schools exceeded State and KISD scores in each of the areas of math, language arts, science and social studies. The excellent scores continue to

average and the State average.

scores with the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD)

indicate that more students are achieving higher standards during the school year. One notable area of improvement was identified in the area of writing (which is part of the English Language Arts test). District students scored higher at every grade level with increases as high as 10 points. Each grade level has content expectations established

by the MDE. These standards have continually changed over the past several years. The district's instructional staff have modified lessons and changed curricular maps to provide the best opportunities for our students. Success for students is just one indicator. Our students excel academically in been asking the question "When will our banks reopen?" the arts, in athletic competition and throughout the various clubs and organizations in which they participate.

I thank all of our staff and parents for their hard work and dedication to provide successful opportunities for each of our students within Lowell Area Schools.



CERTIFIED HABITAT

A sign just inside the woods by our driveway appears to be a NO PARKING sign. A closer look reveals the green and of the National Wildlife Federation. The sign and the paper to maintain the habitat after the sale. certificate we received earlier, recognizes the property as an official Certified Wildlife Habitat site.

places to raise wildlife young, and must employ sustainable are on the property of private citizens. Habitat size can range tips on feeding birds. from urban balconies to thousands of acres.

parcels. The total effect has been a significant loss of wildlife wildlife habitat, every little bit counts.

habitat which, in the long run, can affect the population and sometimes the survival of a species. Governmental units can only address public property, but thousands of individual private sites can have a major positive impact on wildlife as well as the environment.

Wildlife - friendly habitat features can also protect homes from extreme weather, prevent soil erosion, reduce the use of gas-powered equipment, and absorb carbon dioxide, thus slowing global warming. Establishing and maintaining viable habitat is another way to jump on the going green bandwagon. Another benefit is that a certified white rectangle on the rough-hewn post displays the logo habitat could help to sell a home, and new owners are likely

Information about how to certify your property is available from the National Wildlife Federation at www. Certification means the area provides food, water, cover, nwf.org. Even if one is not interested in certification, this site will provide a wealth of information about meeting the gardening practices. Schools, businesses, and community needs of all types of wildlife. For example, you can learn

So the sign by the woods doesn't prohibit parking, but the years, land has been fragmented into smaller and smaller holes in it because someone lives there. When it comes to District's Scout Fest '83.

Maher-Fox

Meghan Sloan Maher and John P. Fox will be united in matrimony on May 24, 2008. Their parents are John and Peg Maher of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Robert C. and Grace Fox of Lowell. The bride, of Coralville, Iowa, graduated from the University of Iowa in 2005 and is attending the University of Iowa College of Law. The groom, of Iowa City, Iowa, graduated from Lowell High School in 1999 and Michigan State University in 2004, and is attending University of Iowa College of Law.



Meghan Sloan Maher and John P. Fox

A Taste of Twilight

the Franciscan Life Process Center's second fundraiser, "A Taste Twilight", which takes place Thursday, June 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The singers will be accompanied

Hagen. Guests can also enjoy strolling appetizers, desserts, wine and other beverages catered by Amway Grand Plaza.

special evening help support the Center's program funds including endowment fund,

Brown, Bonnie

Janice Ryder.

Brzezniak.

Audrey Bailey, Jonathan

APRIL 27:

Pretzel, Debbie Burrows.

musicians Cherie music therapy and lessons, Lynn Hagen and Tom retreat programs, preschool education and art classes and workshops. Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations are required. For tickets or more information, call (616) Proceeds from the 897-7842 or visit www. lifeprocesscenter.org.

APRIL 24:

APRIL 23:

Nathan Roudabush, Jonathan Gary Goff, Trevor Foss, Dixon, Karen Merriman, Nichole Hoag, Don Shaffer, Nicole Cummings, Brandon Logan Propst.

APRIL 28:

Casey

Baird,

Brad

Dennis

Terese Brown, Timmy Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand.

APRIL 29:

K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth, Lucy Wade.

Reflections

by Rev. Randy Mevers

Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Two phrases "It is not what you know, but who you know that counts" and "If you obey the law, you do not have to fear the law" illustrate what is going on in Exodus 19-24.

The first phrase captures the nature of relationships and the second captures the meaning and importance of law. In these chapters of Exodus, we see that law and relationship go hand in hand. God gives laws, but in the context and through relationship. That this section of Exodus reveals this relationship through stories and not lists is significant. Terence E. Fretheim is the author of Exodus in the Interpretation Bible Commentary series. He provides a wonderful way of looking at these chapters.

Humorously, there are 10 ways. First, God is the subject of both Law and Story. God is the giver of law and chief actor in the story. Second, in a story, law is seen as God's gracious gift. Third, the story keeps the personal character of law front and center. Fourth, this relationship keeps divine action and human response closely linked. God has chosen to not do everything alone and invites humans to respond. Fifth, a close look at this relationship shows that creation theology is a prevailing theme of Exodus, too, and not just Genesis. Sixth, God's actions in the story serve as a model

it cannot be abstracted from life. Ninth, obedience to law becomes a form of witness to what God has done. Tenth, both law and story become instructive for children of God.

So? Well, with this understanding and after having read these chapters several times, I hope you will see that there is more to life than obeying what God says and not doing what God says to not do. Sure, you could put up a list of laws on your steering wheel and memorize the list and you would do well. Maybe even better than most. But would you have it all? Not if you believe what this section of Exodus teaches. In addition to the "list of laws," you need to know the story. Indeed you need to participate in the story.

Try it. Dust off your old copy of Exodus and read these chapters a few time over this week. Do not get caught up in the list. Rather get caught up in the story. Don't just hear the relationship. Feel the relationship. God's children were commissioned to be a blessing. God's character was revealed in the revelation of law and through a relationship. The people of God were led to the wilderness to worship God. God met them there and led them. Their journey took them from a bitter spring to an oasis of 12 springs. They spent time, a long time, with God. They knew God's laws from their experience with God and they knew about their relationship with God because of the law. They had nothing to fear when they obeyed the law and they knew God, which is what really counted.

How about you? How do you know God? Do you only remember the lists of laws from your grandparents' religion? If so, I invite you to a Christian church of your choice this weekend. Come with your copy of Exodus in hand (and heart). And come looking to connect with the living God for God's children. Seventh, the motivation for following through Jesus Christ who is another perfect example of the

DAY BIBLE CHAPEL

9305 Centerline, Saranac

897-6332

Nursery & Jr. Church Provided

Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor

"A Nondenominational

Ministry With A Blended

Word Centered Service!"

Ashlyn Karp. $\rho \equiv$ Welcome Elmdale
Church of the Nazarene 11830 Drew Rd. Alto, MI 49302 Ph (616) 868-7690 4 miles west of Clarksville

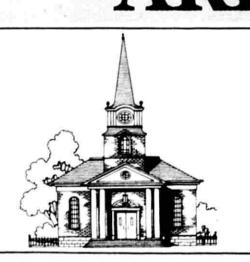
> Hear Pastor Gregory Freed give his message

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

the law is in the stories. Eighth, since law is part of the story, relationship between law and story. AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

...11:00 A.M.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

621 E. Main Street • 897-5936

DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN. PASTOR Barrier - Free Entrance

> **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-2 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service

(Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible

ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison

Alto • 616-691-8011 Children's Church......9:30 A.M.

OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey

FIRST BAPTIST

Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times

Nursery Provided · Barrier Free

CHURCH OF LOWELL

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)

Sunday School..

3050 Alden Nash S.E. 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery John King, Youth Pastor SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m - Worship & Evening:

E home Groups & "The Source" Youth WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God ... Loving People!

SNOW UNITED -METHODIST CHURCH 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Thurlan Meredith .Worship/Fellowship

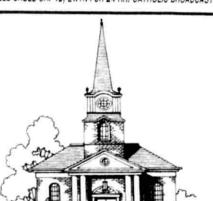
Sunday Schoo 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery & Children Worship Programs Provided (5) A friend...a family...a mission!

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship. .10:00 A. M Sunday School. ..11:20 A.N ..6:00 P.M Evening Worship. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free

> ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com

Weekend Masses: SAT, 5 PM; SUN, 9:30 AN Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-79 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING



LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Come Join Us For Praise & Worship

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH OF LOWELL

(United Church of Christ)

865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906

hursday Faith Alive Worship...

Dr. Roger LaWarre.

Shannon Hanley,

.10:00 A.M

...7:00 P.M.

..C.E. Director

.Nursery Provided

.10:15-11:15 A.M.

.10:15 A.M Greeting & Fellowship. .10:40 A.M Sunday Morning Worship. Wednesday Discipleship Ministries.....7:00 P.M Meets at 201 N. Washington PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided

Barrier-Free Entrance

(616) 897-5569 Visa And Master Card Accepted

Murray Lake March is Reading Month grand prize

winners (L-R): Lawson Weaver, Abbi Bladev, Kelsev

At Your Local Library

WHEELS GO ROUND AT THE

ENGLEHARDT BRANCH

to enjoy stories, crafts and fun activities about cars, trucks

and things that go. This program is best for children ages 6

and under. Get ready to roll at the following programs:

Alto Branch, Monday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m.

www.kdl.org.

Visit the Kent District Library and put on your seat belt

Englehardt Branch, Lowell, Thursday, May 1 at 10:30

Registration is required. For more information, visit

FAXING

GREG VAN STRIEN

HEATING AND PLUMBING

HEATING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

PLUMBING SERVICE & INSTALLATION

WARM AIR/RADIANT HEAT

OIL BURNER SERVICE

Sending or Receiving

\$1 for 1st sheet, 50¢ each

additional sheet

The Lowell Ledger

105 N. Broadway, Lowell

Jurmo, and Eli Boulton.

Reading month winners at Murray Lake

was set for the school. Each week, if students reached

had many reasons to read shattered the 500-hour goal bicycles. during March is Reading each week, accumulating of the offered incentives. in prizes were purchased that the more kids read at month.

Murray Lake students disappointed as they including four grand-prize school. Knowing this, we

The students were not by the Family Links group, home, the better they do in

try to motivate our students "In today's age, kids to choose reading first. Month. Thanks to Murray over 3,500 reading hours have so many distractions at We do regular incentives Lake's Family Links, many during the month. The home." said Brent Noskey, all year long with our AR incentives were offered students earned an extra Murray Lake's principal. program, but we add many to help students read even recess, a "no homework" "They can play their video more incentives in March." more during the month of night, a BMX bike assembly, games, their computer In addition to reading a crazy days week, and a free games, or watch TV. It is over 3,500 hours, the A weekly goal of 500 family pizza fun night. They extremely difficult to get Murray Lake students also "at home" reading hours were also able to enter their kids to pick up a book accumulated almost 5,000 name into a prize drawing before choosing these other AR points during March, each time they read one activities. Yet, we know which is double the points their goal, they earned one hour at home. Over \$800 that the research shows earned than an average

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

VITAMIN D

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 - PAGE 7

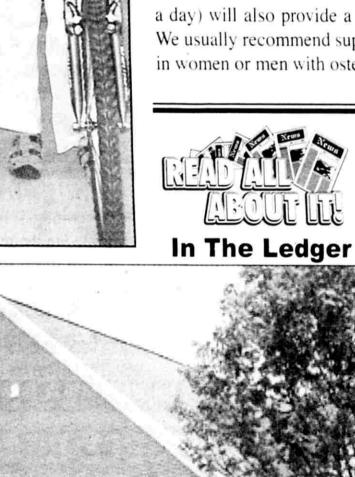
A recent study appearing in the medical journal Circulation, found that Vitamin D deficiency increased the risk of developing a first cardiovascular event by more than 60 percent in people with hypertension. This is one of the latest studies linking Vitamin D deficiency with a variety of disorders.

Vitamin D deficiency appears to be quite common, affecting more than a billion people. It is especially common in people living in northern climates, because Vitamin D is obtained through exposure to sunlight. Older adults with disabilities that prevent them from going outside have high rates of developing Vitamin D deficiency.

Vitamin D appears to play an important part in maintaining health. Besides it's pivitol role in bone metabolism, studies have shown an association between Vitamin D and autoimmune disease, muscle weakness, cancer, lung dysfunction and cardiovascular disease.

There is some controversy regarding what serum levels actually constitute Vitamin D deficiency, but there appears to be a consensus that Vitamin D levels below 15mg/ml indicate a Vitamin D deficiency.

The current recommendation is for daily intake of 600 IU of Vitamin D. Moderate sun exposure (about 15 minutes a day) will also provide a therapeutic dose of Vitamin D. We usually recommend supplementation with 800 IU daily in women or men with osteoporosis.





MENU Week of April 28, 2008

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

assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Walking taco (Fritos, taco meat, cheese, lettuce (ham & cheese sub/lettuce w/ animal crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh fruit, apple juice, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets & dinner rol (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake) mashed potatoes. peaches, milk.

THURS: Stuffed crust cheese pizza (burrito w/sauce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake). green beans, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Chicken patty on bun (baked potato w cheddar cheese/sof pretzel also offered at Alto & Murray Lake) broccoli, peaches, milk.



Advantage Health Cascade

preventive health care plan

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Weekday Office Hours: 6735 Cascade Rd SE

Grand Rapids MI, 49546



currently accepting new patients.

Our Cascade area physicians offer much more than superior Family and Internal

medical care, they deliver more one-on-one communication and accessibility

If you're interested in a truly complete health care experience call 616.913.8075

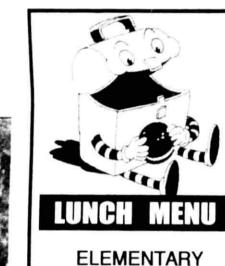
than most local physicians, while also providing each patient with a tailored

Expert Family Physicians

to schedule an appointment or hello visit today.

ADVANTAGE HEALTH

PHYSICIAN NETWORK Complete care. For people like you www.advantagehealth.org



TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC

ATTORNEYS

John T. Sperla Mark A. Kehoe Benjamin A. Zainea Neil P. Jansen

(616) 897-3111 www.mmbjlaw.com

Rich's Service Co. In-Home Appliance Repair howboat

INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES • DISHWASHERS 209 E. Main St. RICH CURTIS Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

Certified Garment T Care Professional

CURTIS

CLEANERS • LAUNDRY

FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY

Lowell • Ada • Cascade

• Ionia • Grand Rapids

APRIL SPECIAL

COMFORTERS, BEDSPREADS &

SLEEPING BAGS

INCLUDES FREE STORAGE BAG

(616) 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main • Lowell

✓ 1 & 2 BEDROOMS
✓ GAS AND WATER INCLUDED

FORDABLE, QUIET, SAFE & CLEAN

1112 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI ww.pebblebeachapts.com • 616-897-6880

CARPORT INCLUDED



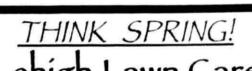
1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI (616) 897-9231 Hours: Mon - Fri 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; Sun 9-3





GREAT DEALS FROM GOOD PEOPLE! 897-9294

goodchevybuick.com



Lehigh Lawn Care \$\$\$ at Affordable Rates.

· Commercial & Residential Lawn Maintenance Landscape Maintenance

 Planting & Pruning A growing local business, est. 2001 Call 897-0276 - free estimates





Richard Ostrander (616) 761-2084 richardroofer@sbcglobal.net



9019 W. Belding Rd. (M-44), Belding, Michigan Phone: (616) 794-0661 • Toll Free: (888) 750-7078 Fax (616) 794-0105

Email: ostrndrsdng@sbcglobal.net Web: ostranderroofing.com



QUICK LUBE • LASER WASH/DOG WASH

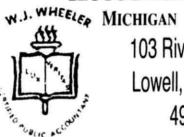
CAR DETAILING CENTER 11729 E. Fulton • Lowell • 897-2700 FREE CAR WASH WITH **EVERY OIL CHANGE** Locally Owned & Operated

FRY DADDY'S 608 West Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 FISH, CHICKEN & SHRIMP

897-FISH Check Out Our Daily Specials OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY

Call For Daily Specials!

BILL WHEELER **Certified Public** Accountant



103 Riverside Dr. Lowell, Michigan

616-897-7711

Looking for attractive tax-free bonds?

Call 897-9261

FIND OUT WHAT THE BUZZ IS ALL ABOUT! Subscribe to the Lowell Ledger!

Your Local News Source!

LHS Sports • Weddings •

Engagements • Births • News of Local High School & College Students & Those In the Armed Forces • LHS Honor Roll • Church News • Several Weekly Columns!

And Much, Much More!

To start your Subscription, use this convenient form. Mail payment along with order form to: Lowell Ledger, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331

Name Address	
CityChoose One	<u>S</u> tate
In Kent County 1 year \$17.00	Outside Kent County 1 year \$26.00





Investing In Michigan Innovation

With Senator Carl Levin

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

If you have never heard of DARPA, you are not alone. But some of the innovations it has supported are familiar to all of us, and the work they are doing today will shape the way we live tomorrow. DARPA began the research that led to the creation of the Internet; it originated the technologies used in our military's stealth aircraft; and it even provided funding to the inventor of the computer mouse.

These innovations have changed the way we learn and

With Christopher C. Godbold

EdwardJones

WHO'S LOOKING OUT

FOR INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS?

are few guarantees in the investment world and that, in one

way or another, you're going to be taking some risks with your

money. Still, you'd like to know that you're participating in a

system that is fair to everyone and governed by rules. So you

government agencies and industry groups are working to

(SEC) was created in 1934, in the midst of the Great

Depression, to restore investor confidence in U.S. capital

markets. The laws that created the SEC were designed to

ensure that companies selling securities must tell the public

the truth about their businesses, the securities they sell and

the risks involved. The SEC may investigate a wide range of

violations, including outright theft, price manipulation, insider

trading and misrepresentation or omission of key information

about securities, For a more detailed understanding of what

Authority (FINRA) was created in July 2007 through the

consolidation of the National Association of Securities

Dealers (NASD) and the member regulation, enforcement

and arbitration functions of the New York Stock Exchange.

FINRA registers and educates financial services professionals,

writes and enforces rules, enforces federal securities laws

• FINRA - The Financial Industry Regulatory

the SEC does, go to its Web site at www.sec.gov.

Fortunately, you're not alone. In fact, a variety of

SEC — The Securities and Exchange Commission

may ask yourself: "Who's looking out for me?"

protect you. Let's take a quick look at some of them:

If you've been investing for a while, you know that there

Financial Focus

Serving Individuals Investors Since 1871

communicate and teach, changed the way companies and both civilian and military applications ranging from bomb entrepreneurs do business, and changed the way our military detection, to exploring distant planets, to pilot-less airplanes. protects the nation. At the same time, DARPA's advances Many of the technologies TARDEC is working on involve have had an immeasurable impact on our economy and on other Michigan entities and researchers. job creation.

Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. These organizations are great examples of how we can use publicprivate partnerships to aid our national security efforts while also positively supporting the economy.

potential innovations hold great promise for our state's economic future

In Warren, the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) is developing technologies aimed toward creating the next generation of autonomous robotic vehicles, which have

and educates individual investors. You can learn more about

Administrators Association (NASAA) licenses brokerage

firms and their agents, investigates violations of state laws,

files enforcement actions and educates the public about

investment fraud. To learn more, visit NASAA's Web site at

world, work hard to protect your interests - because

the capital markets, as a whole, will always benefit when

take steps to defend yourself against "unpleasant surprises"

down the road. Here are a few ideas to consider:

with its potential benefits and risks.

appropriate for you.

feeling to have.

nvestors are confident that they are participating in an

But despite the work of these agencies, you still need to

Know your investments. Never invest in something

Know your risk tolerance. If you're losing sleep

over the fate of your investments, you may be taking on

more risk than you should. On the other hand, however, you

can become a real threat to your financial security.

situation. An ethical, professional financial advisor

These agencies, and others involved in the investment

• NASAA – The North American Securities

FINRA by visiting its Web site at www.finra.org.

www.nasaa.org.

Just last year, I helped secure funding for construction DARPA is just one of the science and innovation of a new state-of-the-art Power and Energy Laboratory at organizations that I have worked with and supported as TARDEC to increase research into engines, fuel cells and energy storage devices. Advancements in this field will be useful for the military's combat and tactical systems, as well as for the automotive industry.

Funding for Michigan researchers will help them Some of the entities are based in Michigan, and their develop artificial intelligence with great potential for commercialization. This technology has a number of military applications, including modeling and simulation, robotics control systems and intelligence analysis.

> Another Michigan-based venture is focused on developing transparent ceramic armor, providing lightweight battlefield protection. But if the technology, which uses something called "nanomaterials", is successful, it could also help to maximize the capabilities of high-powered lasers for use in advanced communications systems.

> At the University of Michigan, the Automotive Research Center, along with TARDEC's National Automotive Center (NAC), is developing automotive technologies, such as advanced engine systems, vehicle design technologies, and high performance and lightweight materials, which can enhance national security and potentially help manufacturers and suppliers as well.

> The technological possibilities of all of these partnerships and projects are boundless, and the potential economic benefits of supporting this kind of research and development

Michigan's automotive industry and our world-class research universities make our state home to an enormous concentration of engineering and scientific know-how. Thanks to the efforts already undertaken, we can expect you don't fully understand. Before you write a check, make great breakthroughs of the next 50 years to happen right here sure you know exactly what goes into an investment, along in our state.

Public-private partnerships and investments in highpotential technologies will spur innovation and create the jobs that provide a bright economic future for Michigan.



Noreen K. Myers

Attorney at Law



Auto Accidents Personal Injuries Work Related Injuries **Sexual Harassment Workers Compensation** Social Security Disability Wills

897-5460

307 E. Main Street, Lowell 25 Years Experience as a Trial Lawyer

Going To The Dentist Doesn't Have To Hurt Anymore! **COMPLETE FAMILY DENTAL CARE**

Accepting New Patients



"Gentle & Painless Dentistry Is Our Goal"

COMPLETE SERVICES:

- Gentle Dentistry for Children & Adults
- ✓ Immediate Emergency Treatment ✓ Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening
- Preventive Care Extractions/Broken Tooth Repaired Dentures (Same Day Repair)
- Insurance Plans Accepted Day & Evening Hours:

.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday...........9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday......9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday......8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Judd T. Carroll, D.M.D. 103 East Main • Lowell, Michigan (616) 897-7595



A Better Place... The Place of Choice

provide choice and convenience for seniors requiring various levels of assistance with activities of daily living. Working together with you, we offer a family atmosphere, companionship and care while our residents maintain their independence and dignity.

Fountain View is pleased to offer quality Assisted Living services and Specialized Memory Care for those dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia and other types of memory loss.

We're in touch with changing needs

- Spacious, Private and Couples Suites
- Assistance with Personal Care Needs for the Independent and Frail Elderly
- Medication Administration
- Separate, special needs Alzheimer's & Dementia Residence
- Individualized Care Plans
- Respite Care Between Hospital and Home or Caregiver Relief
- Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Trained Staff 24 Hours a Day
- · Nutritious Meals and Snacks Provided Daily
- Beautiful Landscaped Grounds, Walkways and Courtvard
- Hair Salon
- Scheduled Activities
- Library





Fountain View Mission Statement

It is the purpose of Fountain View to honor God by providing high quality senior lifestyle services that promote the value and dignity of every person.

> 11535 E. Fulton • Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8413

> > www.leisure-living.com

Wege, continued ... From Page 1

has donated a conservation

country," said Wege.

naturally about his love of

going out of control," he Education remains one of said."farmland is incredibly the most important pillars of

In June, Wege will be speaking to 200 mayors of environmental education College are backing Wege's "We need to set an from all over the country in locally with the Wege effort. example for the rest of the Grand Rapids with the hope Wittenbach Center and the of spreading the word.

"This effort has to grow Wege wants his message to country," he said. presentation, Wege spoke through meetings," he said. His focus is on saving

be done to preserve it. He the Healing Our Waters together," he said. believes that politicians Coalition backed by several "The population is two Canadian provinces. Michigan his foundation.

go world wide.

be involved in U.S. legislators. It targets of Michigan, Michigan for striking a balance preserving the environment. eight Great Lakes states and State University, Western between economics and University, ecology.

> Environmentalist and philanthropist Peter Wege accepts recognition from Rick Chapla.

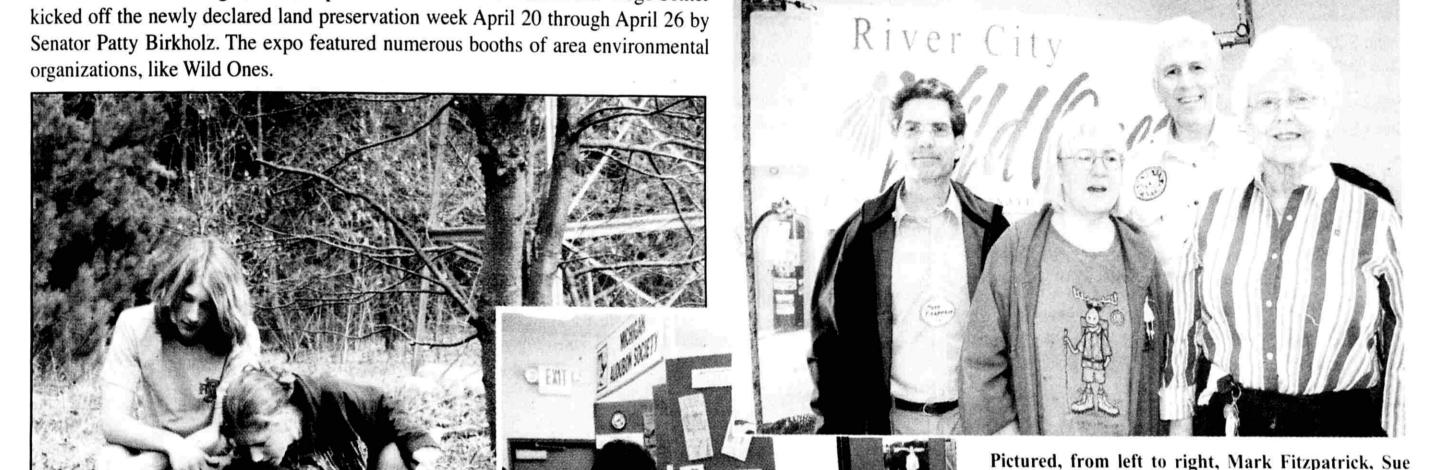
> After sowing the seeds Alma College and Aquinas

"We have to think about Goodvillie Nature Center, what are we doing to this

Wege, who is also a "My goal is to get the poet and a lover of arts, has the land and what needs to the Great Lakes through leading colleges of the world authored two books about environment. He has coined Already the University the term 'Economicology'



Conservation expo at WWC kicks off land preservation week The conservation organization expo held last week at the Wittenbach-Wege Center



Sage and Asher Maliepaard checked out the pond by the hiking area during the expo. There were several

featured hikes in the area.



On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Vittenbach/Wege Center Director

GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS

Stewardship Cluster groups have been organizing garlic mustard pulls since January, working with the Lowell Conservation Association as a participant.

get a variety of groups in the region to pull together to help stop garlic mustard from destroying our local natural areas. To make this even more exciting, the West Michigan

cluster is competing with other clusters in Michigan to see who can pull-the most garlic mustard. The end goal is to pull a total of 100,000 pounds across Southern Michigan. Please help protect your local natural area, including its spring wildflowers, and help us reach our goal by

Listed are all of the garlic mustard pulls in West Michigan. West Michigan's Garlic Mustard Pulls: .. April 26, 9 a.m. Aman Park (Ottawa Co.) .. Grand Rapids Audubon Club

participating in one of the garlic mustard pulls in the region.

Stoney Lakeside Park (Kent Co.) . April 26, 10 a.m. and April 27, 2 p.m. Lowell Area Conservation Association Lowell Boyscout Cabin (Kent Co.) April 30, 6 p.m.

Lowell Area Conservation Association ... May 3, 10 a.m. Hager Park (Ottawa Co.).....

Stewardship Network/Ottawa County Parks Aman Park (Ottawa Co.).. May 3, 10 a.m. Stewardship Network/Grand Rapids City Parks Seidman Park (Kent Co.) - May 3, 10 a.m. Stewardship Network/Kent County Parks . May 3, 10 a.m. Ada Park (Kent Co.) Ada Township Parks

. May 3, 9 a.m. Prairie Wolf Park (Kent Co.). Gaines Charter Township Parks and Recreations Committee Dune Pines Preserve (Allegan Co.) .. . May 10, 9 a.m. Land Conservancy of West Michigan The Stewardship Network has organized a campaign to Pierce Cedar Creek Institute (Barry Co.)... May 10, 9 a.m.

> Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Brower Lake Preserve (Kent Co.).. . May 17, 9 a.m. Land Conservancy of West Michigan Tunnel Park (Ottawa Co.). . May 17, 9 a.m.





Osgood, secretary, Steve Mueller and Carol Phelps,

Corey Sorg of Walker loves butterflies and insects. That's why he came to WWC

expo for second year in a row. Walker

also did the nature hike.

COMING EVENTS

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

APRIL/MAY

shine. No charge.

THUR., MAY 1: Vergennes Co-op club will meet at Schneider Manor activity room at 1 p.m. Program: TV8 staff Brandon Lacic. All welcome.

MON., MAY 5: Masonic Lodge #355, serving the Belding, Ionia and Lowell areas, will hold its regular communication, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. All Mater Masons and their families may attend.

TUE., MAY 13: Doric Chapter #75, Order of Eastern more information, 691-6406.

MONDAYS

Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry 1ST&3RDTUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160. Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. 7 p.m.

1ST MON.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education, 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Alto American Legion Post 528 Auxiliary meets

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

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

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m. 4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at

Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m. Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

TUESDAYS

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

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

AA meeting, Back to Basics, closed, at 865 Lincoln Lake 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call John Mason, cubmaster at 987-0133 or e-mail: jmason@otterbase.com.

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

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary 3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore. Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of 3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited. Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

SAT., APR. 26: Community Garden exchange from Star will hold its regular communication in the chapter 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 6015 Bancroft Ave., room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, Alto. Share plants you have, take home others. Rain or beginning at 7:30 p.m. A dinner will precede the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. All members of the Order of Eastern Star may attend.

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

> MON., MAY 19: Lowell Showboat Garden Club will meet at Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 7 p.m. Contact club secretary Nancy Benner for

TUESDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 2ND TUES.: Diabetic Support, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

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

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers (conception through Kindergarten) 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson, 897-8304, ext 311.

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

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

TUES., WED., THURS.: LAS Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, Tots activity room 104, 300 High St. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., through the school year. Call Kathy to register or for information, 987-2532.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

ALANON: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.), 8 p.m. 897-5936.

Tri-Town Conservation Club trap & skeet shooting open to the public, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Charlie, 443-6097 or Lynn,

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

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore. 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, GR.Dorothy 897-9794.

28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bible Study at Voyages Coffee Shop, 7 p.m. www.SimpleChurchLowell.com. 1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of

Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371. 2ND & 4TH THURS .: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-

ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more

information.

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

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

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

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center, Call 897-7842

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

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

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

N. Hudson, 897-8304. FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call Pat at 897-7842.

1ST SAT.: Come have coffee with the city council, 8-10 a.m. at Chamber office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza,

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada. 2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E.

Fulton, 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system. FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144

Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. 676-9346. SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet shooting open to the public, 5616 Dunn Rd. 1-5 p.m. Charlie

443-6097 or Lynn 676-2048.

turbines on their farms to and oil companies. generate renewable energy. think the Michigan Farm Bureau worksheet is a very good built on your property. In proposal. That's why VanderHaagen, the most (MFB) is advising farmers tool for our members to that case, the situation is everyone needs to negotiate important rule for entering to take advantage of a use when approached by quite similar to oil and gas with their eyes wide open. a lease agreement for a new worksheet that helps a company that wants to leases."

The worksheet is a stewardship product of Michigan State

The Ledger

"Almost"

Goes Column

www.lowellbuyersguide.com

or CALL...897-0787

The article "GOP: Roll back the tax

hike" was very biased! All of the Repub-

lican viewpoint with no other opinions

mentioned. Let's hear both

sides of the story!

Wittenbach Center is a great place for

hiking, and we all should be able to enjoy

it. But, if you take your dog - clean up

after it. If you drink a water or soda -

take care of the containers.

To whatever half-brained doofus took

my pig - put her back! I want to see your

option for them.

farmers evaluate whether lease an easement for a a proposed lease is a good potential wind turbine," said Matt Kapp, MFB land University, and covers all informed, because there the bases of wind leasing, likely will be more and more including payment options. companies popping up, and

into agreements for wind leasing agreements from gas buying up easements to keep

thankful and informational

guidelines.

other companies out, and a Michigan, and each one

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Sound Off" comments,

We will not print any comments that are offensive or

but would like to remind readers of the nature of the column.

"Sound Off" is meant to be a community notice board, a means

for comments that can be regarded as helpful, congratulatory,

libelous. Direct aims at individuals, political figures and

businesses will not be printed. For direct opinions on a

subject (including, but not limited to, politics, businesses, city

government and Ledger criticisms), please send a letter "To

the Editor". All letters must be signed (first and last names).

Please check Page 5 of this week's paper for the complete

How on earth do we get to be Tree City

USA when another 1,000 plus trees are

coming down for the airport. Ridiculous.

When is the city going to repair the holes

on the bridge on South Hudson

and also over the railroad tracks.

I thought with some of their extra money

they might do that.

How about some benches along Main

Street for the elderly people.

Tel. 897-4835 • 147 North Center Street • Lowell

necessarily represent the views of the Ledger.

All comments are submitted by the public and do not

To date, Farm Bureau discouraged from leasing folks who've already gained members have reported at least five companies On the contrary, Farm leases, and that's "consult an exploration to be done. But specialist. actively working to secure Bureau encourages and attorney." "We want everyone to be wind leases in Michigan's supports wind development.

"Those are the farmers are educated and

working land." this wind turbine may never be may have a slightly different MFB attorney David We don't want anyone to be windmill is most obvious to easements for wind power. experience from oil and gas

As more and more Farmers will find that some caution is always the best companies we're aware consider things carefully approach of the areas covered have way to go. And remember of," said Kapp. "There before entering a legal farmers about entering much in common with that some companies are are probably a lot more agreement that involves their oil and gas leases which, According

"Everything We just want to be sure that negotiable," VanderHaagen one wants to enter a 99probably fewer so-called standard provisions with fine print." wind than with an oil and be familiar. But there's no reason to be intimidated."

> have performed analyses to ext. 2027. determine if a wind turbine

Evaluating on-farm wind lease agreements is breeze with worksheet farm. That's in contrast to in many cases, have lots of to exploration to do and need a lease before they can do

> "I think wind leases are more likely than oil and gas leases to earn the farmer money," he said. "There's not as much post-lease remember that agreements is are complicated, and no said. "And there are year lease by accident or because he didn't read the

> A copy of the wind gas lease, which is the lease worksheet is available more established contract on the MFB Web site at with which farmers may www.michfb.com/ecology. The PDF worksheet can be downloaded from the On the positive side, "Additional Resources" VanderHaagen said, if a menu on the right under wind company approaches the "Quick Reference" tab. a farmer and is serious about Farmers can also obtain producing energy from wind, copies by calling MFB's they likely will already Kapp at (800) 292-2680,

LOWELL **CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 6, 2008 school election will be conducted Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331

1/1/1/

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township



Call today to see if you qualify. An Erie Metal Roof will keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. We also have special low interest unsecured bank financing available.

Don't miss this opportunity to save!

1-800-952-3743 www.ErieMetalRoots.com

3012-326 JUNE 15 7503 FLV



Red Arrow SPORTS

FUNDAMENTALLY, WE'VE BEEN PLAYING REALLY SOLID.

- Coach Juston Miller

Red Arrow baseball keeps season perfect with 10-0 start

by Molly Benningfield

but the Lowell baseball team is looking strong as they continue their winning picked up his second win vs. with two RBI streak against area teams, Hopkins, while Will Bryan and get a 10-0 record.

Thornapple-Kellogg doubleheader, winning 14- team had 11 hits and recorded 4 and 10-2. The first game no errors. Zach Stevens

2 in the final game.

Ethan Drain went 2-2.

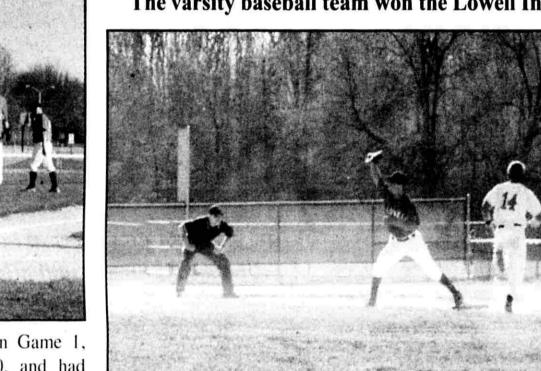
Lowell Invitational Saturday inning. Jesse VandenBosch afternoon, after defeating St. was 3-3, and had three It's early in the season, John's 12-1 and Hopkins 10- runs scored, and four bases stolen, Josh Drake was 2-2, Pitcher Torsten Boss and Pete Scudder was 2-4,

In a doubleheader went 2-3, with two RBI, against Ionia on Thursday, The Arrows defeated Nick Trasky went 2-4, and the team went 2-0, winning Game 1 8-2 and Game 2 11-Against St. John's, the 0, ending the match in the

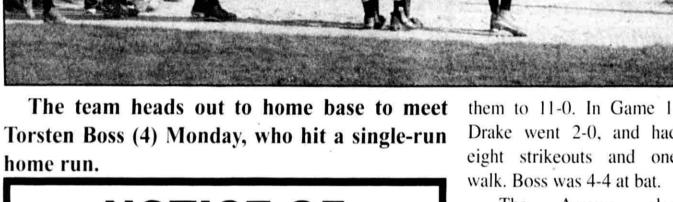
In Game 2, Trasky ended in the bottom of the was the winning pitcher picked up his second win 6th inning, after Lowell for the game, striking out pitching. Stevens was 2-4. 12 players, with no walks. The team scored seven runs The team also won the The game ended in the fifth in the third inning to propel



The varsity baseball team won the Lowell Invitational Saturday.



Lowell makes the out on first base against Thornapple-Kellogg.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance regarding Special Land Uses. These amendments would amend Section 4.7 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The specific amendments would provide standards and procedures for reviewing special land uses, placing conditions on the granting of a special land use, amending a special land use and revoking a special land use.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

Drake went 2-0, and had eight strikeouts and one walk. Boss was 4-4 at bat.

The Arrows also defeated Unity Christian on Wednesday, 7-4.

Boss was 2-2 hitting, picking up a single and a double, and had his first win pitching. Scudder went 2-4, and had a single and a triple. Coach Juston Miller said the team was tied 4-4 going into the seventh inning, and scored three runs to get the lead. Scudder hit a triple in the 7th for two go-ahead

Miller said team has been playing the game well "Fundamentally, we've been playing really solid, getting a lot of guys in. The key role players are playing hard, and making others [play hard] too."

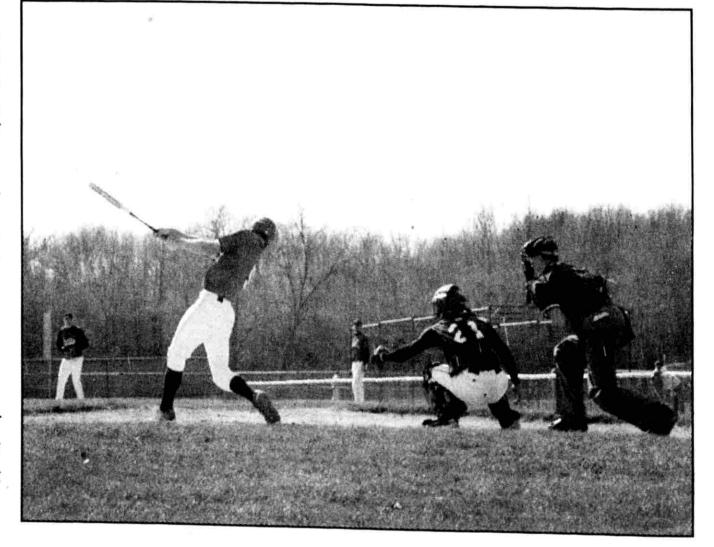
He said the team is going to "take it forward from here. The boys are doing good and working hard to beat the game of

> Today, April 23 @ 4 p.m. **Cherry Creek** vs. Greenville

(Right): Nick Trasky (9) gets a hit against Ionia Thursday.



Pete Scudder (14) at bat against Ionia Thursday.



Red Arrow SPORTS

next game vs. Reeths-Puffer 6:45 p.m.

Red Arrow soccer gets a tie and a win in first week back

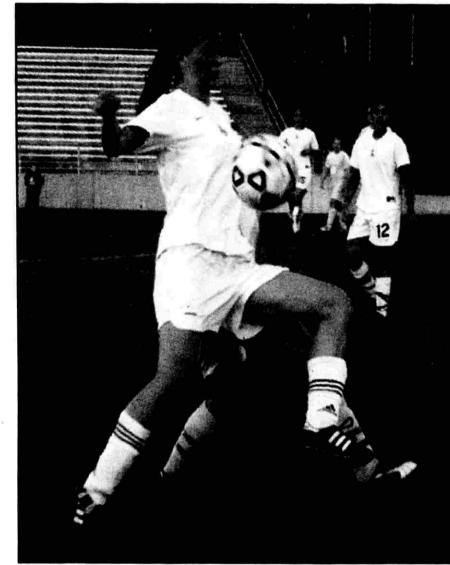
by Molly Benningfield

The girls' soccer team scored a win last night against conference team Greenville, and a tie against Mona Shores last week.

These two games were the first match-up for the team coming back from spring break training in Arizona.

The Arrows won against Greenville 8-0, with the game ending at 24:54 in the second half, invoking the mercy rule. Chelsea Harrison scored the gamewinning goal as the goalie accidentally helped knock

Lowell tied Mona Shores 1-1 last week

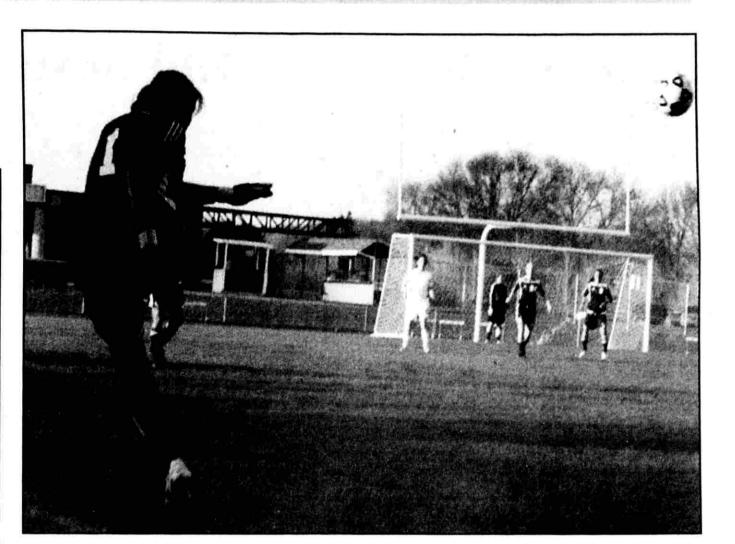




Crew team competes in GR Invitational



On Saturday, April 19, the Lowell Crew Team competed against 25 teams from Michigan and Indiana in the Grand Rapids High School Invitational Regatta, which was held at Riverside Park on the Grand River. The team competed in the Junior Women 8, Junior Men 4, Novice Women 8, and Junior Women 4. The Junior Women 4 A Team, with rowers Sam Hagerman, Jessica Mankel, Lauren Hanson, Mattie Kropf and coxswain Cheyenne Brown rowed to a 7th place finish for the best performance of the day for Lowell.

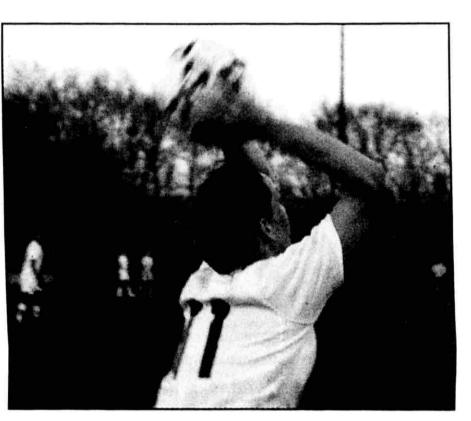


(Left): Courtney Schmidt (14) fights for the ball against Mona Shores.

(Lower left): Chelsea Harrison (15) plays tough D Monday.

(Top): Goalie Cat Howard takes a free

(Right): Hannah Oberlin (11) takes a free throw Wednesday.



Oh My Blooming Back!



Garden Fitness Stretches

· Before stretching for any activity. breathe in and out, slowly and rhythmically; do not bounce or jerk your body, and stretch as far and as comfortably as you can. Do not follow should not be painful.

· 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

· 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 cooldown 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

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.

TREATMENT

Chiropractic care works on correcting fixated vertebrae reducing pain and improving flexibility and function. To see if chiropractic may be able to help you call today for a complimentary

Lowell Chiropractic Aaron J. Buys D.C. (616) 897-8284 2531 W. Main St Lowell, MI 49331

Caledonia Chiropractic Eric Seif D.C. - Tanya Seif D.C (616) 891-8153 9090 S. Rodgers Ct.

Red Arrow SPORTS

TALENT-WISE, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, WE ARE BETTER THAN WE HAVE EVER BEEN.

- Coach Eric Bredin

Lacrosse wins two and hosts third annual lacrosse day

by Molly Benningfield

in a match against Holland he had a great time." Saturday during Lacrosse Lansing, 8-2 on Wednesday. been playing so far. The Arrows also played tight match 6-7.

The team is now 2-3, said. after losses to Grand Haven and Holland Christian.

day tournament, five of the how skilled we are this more points on the board." six Lowell teams won their year. Whether or not we

success from the players on well we come together as a focus on our weaknesses, I the field playing to the event team. t-shirt sales to the volunteers "Davenport, boasting 2 as well as their transition Lowell grads, also won."

Bredin said it was nice to be able to introduce the a senior, has saved over 80 sport to many people in percent of shots so far this Lowell. "In attendance was season.

superintendent Greg Pratt, who saw his first Lowell

Bredin said he's happy

than we have ever been," he attackman Kolin Morgan.

During Saturday's all- a little surprised with and work together to put "Saturday was a huge talented will depend on how group and if we continue to

been the team's strength, history," he said.

Goalie Roman Tapia,

VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes

Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at

10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear

the following business:

slope of the lot.

Ordinance.

Township Zoning Board of Appeals on

the Vergennes Township offices located at

Applicant Craig Veldman has requested a

variance from the front setback distance

described in section 201.304 (F) (1) to

construct a new house closer to the road

than permitted on his property located at

11800 Alden Ct, Lot 22, Carlson Farms,

Lowell. The request is due to the grade

The members may review any other

business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning

The complete application can be reviewed at

Other top players are senior defenseman Drake The varsity lacrosse lacrosse game and stopped Chittenden, who leads the team saw two wins last week, by my classroom to tell me team in takeaways and senior attackman Joel Morgan, who leads the team in day 8-2, and against East with the way the team has scoring. The team has been also helped by newcomers "Talent-wise, from top like junior midfielder Eric Zeeland Thursday, losing a to bottom, we are better Petersen and sophomore

The Arrows will need to "To be honest, I have work offense, said Bredin, been very impressed, and and "learn to move better

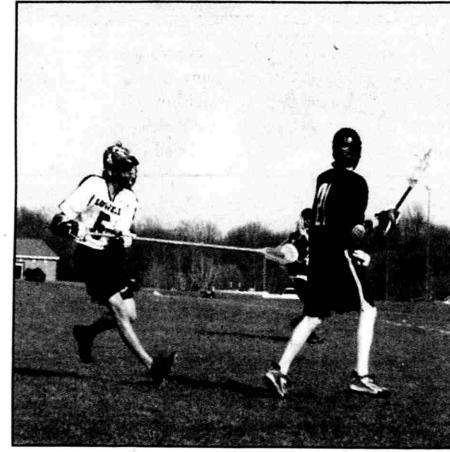
"I'm very pleased with are as successful as we are the effort and attitude of this think we'll be a good team He also noted that the and will break .500 for



(Top): Eric Meyers (25) looks to block an East Lansing player while working the gate," head defense and goaltending has the first time in our short Nick Lachniet (20) gets in close.



(Top): Lowell beat East Lansing 8-2 on Wednesday.



(Top): Drake Chittenden (5) plays defense.

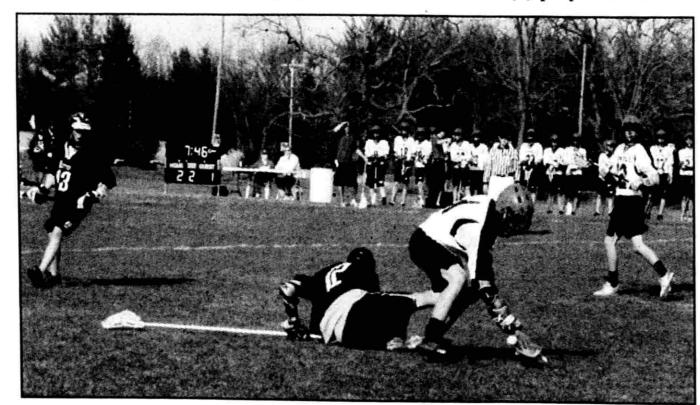
Saturday scores

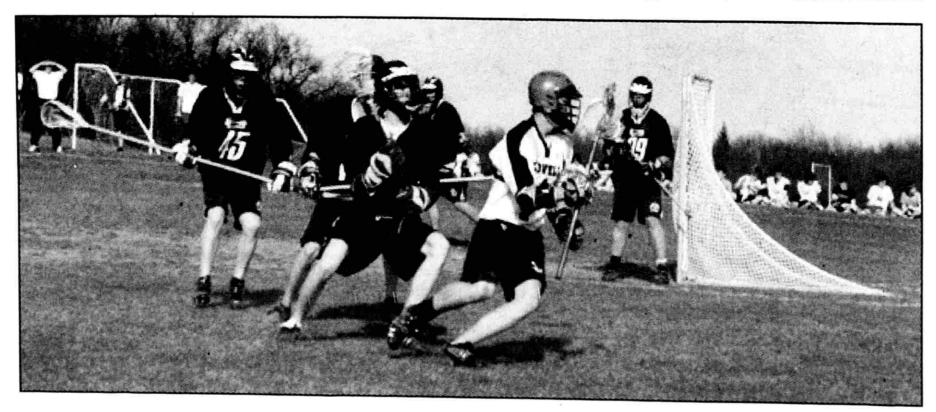
- Davenport 12, WMU 8 - Lowell Varsity 8, Holland HS 2 - Lowell 5/6 grade 3,

Northview 0 Lowell JV 3, Caledonia 2

- Lowell Freshmen 7, Portage Northern JV 2 - Lowell 8th grade 8,

Mattawan 78ers 2 - Lowell 7th grade 2, Mattawan 78ers 9





(Top): Kolin Morgan (4) takes the lead against East Lansing defenders on Wednesday.

Red Arrow SPORTS

WE'RE BETTER THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN PLAYING.

- Coach Bob Rodenhouse

Lowell softball team works to play up to potential

by Molly Benningfield

team's record shows 2- back for the win. been playing."

losing the first game 4-6, but two hits against TCW. rallying back in the second game with an 8-2 win.

The team traveled to East Kentwood for a roundrobin tournament Saturday, Lowell lost 3-13.

score was 4-3 after four doing that.

The Arrows lost to the game. Traverse City West in the othergameofthetournament, and one RBI, Tricia Thuston making the win. 5-8. Rodenhouse said the was 3-4 and had two RBI,

Samantha Mundt had had two hits, and two RBI. past week, but coach Bob three hits against EK and Rodenhouse said his team four against TCW with a team hit the ball well in the is "better than what we've triple, and was 7-8 for the first game, and had a "nice entire day. Ashley Nawrocki rally comeback." The Arrows split a had a double and triple doubleheader Monday night against EK, Cassie DeCator Ionia won 16-4. againstThornapple-Kellogg, and Katie McElroy each had

> close game, I thought we each had two hits. were going to win it," Rodenhouse said.

and lost two tough games. Thursday, the team split a the area. Against host East Kentwood, doubleheader, winning the Rodenhouse said the the second game 4-16.

five errors the team made, in each, and had two runs and said his team can't keep in the sixth. However, they inning also gave up five errors in

game was close, and that the Ellie Timpson had a key team "jumped out on top 5-4 hit, Jourdan Westdorp had The Lowell softball in the sixth", but TCW came a two-strike bunt, Lauren Dood had two RBI, DeCator

Rodenhouse said the

In the second game,

"Ionia just hit the snot out of the ball," Rodenhouse "[TCW] was a pretty said. Westdorp and Nawrocki

The Arrows lost to Unity Christian on Wednesday 0-Against Ionia on 9. UC is No. 4 in Class B for

Nawrocki had two hits, first game 12-7, but losing while McElroy had one hit. Bailey Allen, a freshman In Game 1, the Arrows who picked up her first innings, but EK "just kept went wild in the third and varsity win against Ionia, scoring". He pointed out the fifth innings, scoring five didn't give up a run after coming in in the fourth

> Rodenhouse said the team needs to work on their McElroy had two hits defense and pitching to start



(Top): Ashley Nawrocki (13) slides into home against Ionia.



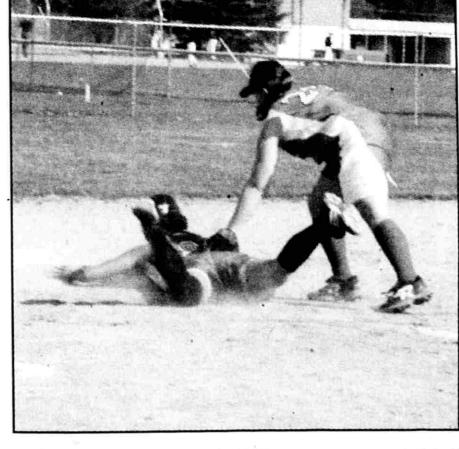
(Top): Bailey Allen (15) winds up against Ionia.

(Right): Katie McElroy (12) gets a hit against Ionia.

Today, April 23 @ 4 p.m. **Cherry Creek** vs. Greenville



(Top): Catcher Trisha Thuston (19) looks for help as an Ionia player touches home.



(Top): Lauren Dood (23) gets an out at third

against Ionia.



BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be a public accuracy test of the Optech tabulator on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 in preparation for the May 6th School Election.

> Sandra L. Kowalcyzk **Bowne Township Clerk**

the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments also be emailed

Vergennes Township ZBA

zoning@vergennestwp.org

(Right): Samantha Mundt (18) goes for a bunt

deals

Red Arrow SPORTS

At No. 1 singles freshman Kelly Trapp 9-2 overall

Girls' tennis team has good showing against area teams

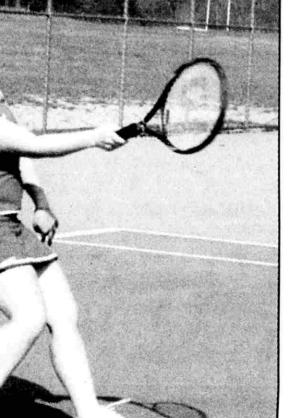
by Molly Benningfield Editor

The girls' tennis team had a busy week, posting good scores and beating many area teams.

At No. 1 singles, Kelly Leara

Greenville, 2-6, 1-6.

Megan Willemstein/Katrina Schollaart defeated Missy Thursday, Lowell defeated defeated Amanda Krebs/ Lowell 7, Greenville 1 4, 6-1; at No. 2 doubles, to top-ranked Forest Hills



Ellen Mork during the Northpointe Christian

Sutphen/Dana Marsh 6- East Kentwood 6-2, but lost Nicole Ethen 6-4/7-6(4). Glinzak/Caitlin Northern 0-8. Coach Bonnie is good. When it's their idea, they will work harder to Michelle

6-3, which Wall said was "an Vermeulen excellent win for Kelly"; at Glinzak/Baker; at No. 3 (EK) defeated Zuiderveen Macey Hallstedt defeated 6-2, 6-1; at No. 3 singles, Lawrence/Mankel 6-2, 6-1; Heemstra defeated Leah at No. 4 doubles, Neredutt Saurman 6-4, 6-2; and at Pasky/Kajal Magal defeated No. 4 singles, Baker defeated Mork/Collins 6-1, 6-0. Killian Rohn 6-0, 7-5.

No.2doubles, Glinzak/Baker the championship with 29 Christian 7-5, 3-6, (10-8). defeated Riane McConnell/ points. Lowell ended with Lowell 5, Northpointe 3 Kristen Constantino 6-0, 6-2; 14 points. at No. 2 doubles, Lawrence/

defeated by Sara Souders of Walendzik/Becca Happie Mankel defeated Jessica defeated Myah Callahan/ Hoany/Jessica Fisher 6-3. At No. 1 doubles, Cecelia Magnuson 6-0, 6-1. 6-2; and at No. 4 doubles, At the duals on Ellen Mork/Kathryn Collins

Lowell 0, FHN 8

At No. 1 singles, Allison Trapp defeated Melissa Cole Baker defeated Heather Wall said, "Northern is one Fecko defeated Trapp 6-6-0, 6-0; at No. 2 singles, Temerowski/Hannah of the top ranked teams in 1, 6-1; at No. 2 singles, Melissa Zuiderveen defeated Schoenborn 6-0, 6-1; at No. the state, and though we Caroline Aleck defeated Ashleigh Deane 6-1, 6-2; 3 doubles, Patty Lawrence/ got beaten badly, the girls Zuiderveen 6-0, 6-3; at at No. 3 singles, Lauren Taylor Mankel defeated played well and made a No. 3 singles, Lisa Gulish Heemstra defeated Shelby Brooke Tomcsik/Nicole good showing. And they defeated Heemstra 6-2, 6-0; Deane 6-2, 6-; and at No. Phillips 6-1, 6-0; and at found out what they need at No. 4 singles, Latherine 4 singles, Tanya Baker was No. 4 doubles, Heather and want to work on, which Liu defeated Baker 6-2, 6-1.

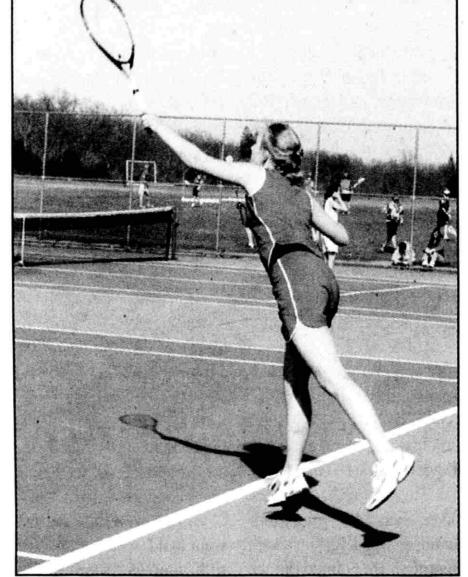
> Shelby Florida defeated Lowell 6, East Kentwood 2 Willemstein/Schollaart At No. 1 singles, Trapp at No. 2 doubles, Kari defeated Maria Tran 7-6(5), Vredenburg/Alison No. 2 singles, Kiersten Erb doubles, Anna Bakeman/

McMahon/

At No. 1 doubles, eight teams at the Lowell Christian 4-6,4-6. Carbone/Alexa Invitational Saturday.

Catholic Central and Lawrence/Mankel

Trapp took 2nd place Trapp, who



Taylor Menkel at No. 3 doubles against Greenville.

At No. 3 doubles, took Willemstein/Schollaart; at Forest Hills Eastern tied for 3rd place, defeating South

Winners

in a "very tough No. 1 Taylor Stephens 6-0, 6-3; singles flight." She was Zuiderveen, who defeated defeated in the finals by Sherri Beute 6-1, 6-3; and The Arrows took 6th of Andrea Meyerling of South Baker, who defeated Grace Campbell 7-6(4), 6-4.

> In doubles, the combo of Glinzak/Baker defeated Herbrach/Molly Mulhargy, while Mork/ Collins won 7-6(8), 7-5 were over Rachel McIntyre/Caley defeated Terry.

Track teams travel to Caledonia, Hastings for meets

Thursday, and taking eighth

match on Monday.

traveled to Hastings and lost 66-71. Winners in at shot put, with 30-feet, Caledonia last week to their categories were: 7-inches; Kimble at 100compete, narrowly losing Amy VanEns at high jump, meter hurdles, with a time of on posting 5-feet even; Richelle 18.11; The 800-meter relay Kimble at long jump, posting team of Megg Fitzpatrick, of 12 teams at the Hastings 15-feet, 1-inch; Kimble at VanEns, Paige Senters and pole vault, posting 10-feet Megan Majestic, with a time of 1:54.64; The 400meter relay team of Kelsey Teft, Fitzpatrick, Mary Richardson and Kimble, with a time of 55.28; Kendall

At Caledonia, Lowell even; Jasmine Holliman,

with a time of 28.78. At the Hastings Relays, Lowell scored 20, with Hudsonville winning the relays at 77 1/2 points. Lowell won the pole vault relay, posting 17-feet, 6

The boys' track team lost to Caledonia Thursday

(All track photos by rett Bremer)



a time of 1:06.64; Kallie McElveen was the only Holzhueter at 800 meters, Arrow winner in his category with a time of 2:38.74; and at long jump, posting 19-Paige Senters at 200 meters, feet, 6 1/2-inches.

> McElveen competes in the 100 meters at Cale-

(Top): Richelle Kimble wins at 100-meter hurdles at Caledonia. in 18.11 seconds.

(Right): Jasmine Holliman wins at shot put, with 30' 7".



ads small **FOR SALE**

TRAILERS 5x8 UT.ILITY FOR SALE-lift chair, brand

& more! Checkout the

area's newest & largest

hunting & fishing store!

GoldStar II, 12208 M-66

3 miles N. of M-43, 616-

AIR BEDS - Selecta com-

fort firmness for each of

you. Dual chambers. Digital

remote, never used. Perfect

for couples with different

firmness needs. Queen

\$795, king \$995. Air Bed

Store, G.R., 682-4767 or

LOWELL CITY DIRECTO-

RIES ARE HERE! - If you

need an extra one or didn't

receive one - stop by the

3 FEMALE POMERANIAN

PUPPIES FOR SALE .

374-8001.

293-6160.TEN

Ledger office!

897-6371.

TRAILER - treated deck, new tires, \$699; 6x10 enclosed trailer w/pkg & ramp, \$2,295. Large selection of car haulers, utilties & enclosed trailers. GoldStar II 12208 M-66. 3 miles N. of M-43. 616-374-8001

ROLL TICKETS AVAIL-ABLE AT LOWELL LITHO Sinale & double rolls, variety of colors. Single roll \$5 ea. + tax & double rolls \$7.50 + tax ea. Lowell Litho. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell Ph. 897-9261.

MATTRESSES - All new. All sizes starting at \$49. Large selection. Low overhead = lower prices. Shop & compare before you buy! R.C.D. Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.TEN

NEW HOME NEAR COM-PLETION - 8705 Vergennes, Ada Township. Call John 498-0020, TEN

FOR SALE - NordicTrack GRT 950 weight system. Includes squat deck, bench press, Lat pull downs, peck deck, leg curls & much more. Call Nick 745-1393.

FOR SALE - Honda motorcycle tank pad, brand new. Paid \$112 - sell \$45. Call

GREAT GIFT! - A picture pen! Will hold a 2 1/2" x 1 3/4" photo around the barrel of the pen! Only \$5.99 + tax. Perfect for Mother's Day or Father's Day! Available at the Buyers Guide office, 105 N. Broadway.

2007 WILDWOOD - Parkmodel, 39 1/2 ft., 25 ft screenroom, 6 year warranty, loaded, must sell asking \$28,000 obo. Call 897-6596 or 318-6176

POTTED TREES - 4 to 5 ft. Blue Spruce, \$25; 2 to 3 t. Blue Spruce, \$15. 616-761-7588.

FOR SALE - Above ground pool, 18x48. Call 269-945-9382, if no answer, leave name & number, we'll call you back.

NEWSPAPER END ROLLS AVAILABLE AT THE BUY-**ERSGUIDEOFFICE-Many** uses! Stop by & grab one today! 105 N. Broadway.

MEMORY FOAM MAT-TRESS - Relieves back pain! Temperpedic queen, "samething", \$899. Is the name worth that much? Brand new. Also twin, full & kings. Try them at RCD Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.TFN

FOR SALE - 1994 Ford Ranger, great little truck. Newer tires & other things. Runs great, \$1,600 or reasonable offers considered; also pool, with all accessories, ladder, pump, etc. \$75 obo. Call 616-642-0395.

FOR SALE - 1999 Dodge Durango. Excellent condition. 102,000 miles, \$6,800. Call 897-0172.

FOR SALE The Lowell Ledger

coys, calls, blinds, ammo, guns in stock! Mathews, BowTech, Fred Bear, Hoyt

> TO PLACE AN AD In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell

By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331 By Phone: 616-897-9261 By Fax: 616-897-4809

E mail: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com Deadline Monday at 5 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Saturday & Sunday

Classified ad rates: \$300, 7 weeks old. Call 20 words...\$4 SEARS - 18 hp garden tractor w/snow thrower, tire each additional word 10¢ chains & weights, \$1,000. Steve, 642-6735. Bold \$1 each or Box \$2 each

WEEKLY SPECIAL - Lowell Beer Store - Highlife, lighlife Lt. and Icehouse 24 oz cans 99¢ OTD April 21 - April 27.

10% OFF - any deck package plus free delivery thru April. Open Saturday. info call George at 616-754-Durkee Lumber, Alto,

HIGH EFFICIENCY - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace, 25 year warranty. Dual fuel models. Maxim Corn & Pellet 616-554-8669 or 616-915- 616-862-6712.

FISH FOR STOCKING Most varieties, pond, lakes. Laggis' Fish Farm, 269-628-2056 days or 269-624-6215 eves.

AFFORDABLE CUSTOM HOMES - From \$990 per month. www.michaelnoskoinc.com 676-9961.

LOOK FOR THE GARAGE SALE PAGE NEXT WEEK

EVENTS

CPR - 1st Aid Certification Classes offered May 1,2 or 3, choose one. Reserve your spot, space limited. For info call The Hammock 616-893-5661

GARAGE SALE SECTION

IS BACK - beginning with the April 27 edition. For only \$12 for 20 words your sale will be advertised in the Buyers Guide & The Lowell Ledger on the Garage Sale Page. Deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Receive a free sign when you bring your ad in & pay for it at the counter. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9555, fax 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowell buyersquide.com

FOR RENT HELP WANTED

For full discriptions please

visit www.lowellschools.

DRIVERS - Profession

ally trained. Since 1984

U.S. Truck Driving School.

Guaranteed jobs before

you start! Stevens is pre-

hiring! Earn 1st year \$725

- \$1,000/wk. 800-397-

SUMMER FUN WORK!

LOWELL MOBILE HOME LOWELL PARK - Under new man-SCHOOLS - is current seeking qualified appliagement. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailer for rent. For cants for the following position: Unity High School 0276 or 616-813-8041.TEN Lead Teacher, Curiosity Corner Preschool Teacher.

UPSTAIRS 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT - Downtown Lowell. House w/separate entrance. All utilities included! Deposit regired.

today! SOS your "Stock- FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, Lowell area.

WATERFRONT COTTAG-ES - It's time to get away, weekly & daily rental, completely furnished. Boats & air conditioning included. 897-5062.

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

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

APARTMENT FOR RENT 1 bedroom apartment no pets. Basic cable, gas water, electric, trash included, \$150 week. Call Bob 299-3198.

> **PHONE LINE** 897-0787

SOUND OFF

WANTED

WANTED - Cash paid for motorcycles, running or not. Road bikes only. Call Bonz

ROOMMATE WANTED - \$400 a month. Call 897-

SALES

GARAGE SALE - Clothes, infant to adult, refrigerator stove (white), baby items, table w/4 chairs, toys, misc. 6054 Bancroft, Alto. April 24, 25, 9-5.

STREETSALE-7HOMES! Yard & house furniture, adult to infant clothes, books, household, home decor, puzzles, motorcycle parts, hammack frame & MUCH MORE on BAN-**CROFT** in Alto. Thurs & Fri, April 24 & 25 from 9 to 5.

MASSIVE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Something for everyone. April 24 - 26 Thurs. & Fri., 9-4 p.m. & Sat., 9-2 p.m. 316 Springreene Dr., Ada.

OUTSIDE AUCTION & FLEA MARKET - Consignment accepted for auction. Free setup for flea market. Sat., May 3, open at 8 a.m., auction at 10 a.m. Phone 616-835-1844.

GARAGE SALE - April 24, 25 & 26, 9 to 5. Lots of new & used items. Tools, clothing, books, home decor, etc. You have to see to believe! 13397 Forest

GARAGE, HORSE TACK CRAFTS & HERB SALE Tools, English saddle & show clothes, exercise equipment, skis & much more. April 26 & 27, 9 - 6 p.m. 1280 Parnell Ave. NE. 1.2 miles N. of Bailey.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Thurs., April 24 & Fri., April 25, 9-? Vergennes between Cumberland 8 Parnell. Tons of namebrand girls & boys clothes, infant to tween, mens, womens to plus size, purses, shoes toys (some new), oak crib kids books & videos, desk holiday decor, home decor household goods, bedding

Accepting applications too much to list! for part-time pool monitors. Call or come by Valley Vista 3 FAMILY YARD SALE for info. 616-8427. Lots of clothes - Girls 2T-5 boys 6-10, men's, women's HELP WANTED - Part-time & maternity; treadmill grill cook. Apply in person, Backwater Cafe, 109 Rivvacuum, kid's bikes & toys, baby items, construction erside Dr., Lowell

equipment, appliances, HOME WORKERS WANT- tools & much more. Fri., ED - for a variety of tasks April 25, 9-3 p.m. & Sat., (any or all) cage & home 9-1 p.m. 311 North, off cleaning, driving, yard & barn work, gardening **ALLCHURCH RUMMAGE** and pet sitting. Call Linda, SALE - Bowne Center 897-9202. Also seamstress United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & Alden Nash

CARD OF THANKS

that attended the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to Elect Jerry Hale for Lowell Township Supervisor. Your support is greatly appreciated. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you. Please visit my website and share your questions or concerns at www.electjerryhale.com Paid for by the committee to elect Jerry Hale, 3061 Alden Nash

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, plumbing, electrical, screen & window

SERVICES

ADAMS ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME - has an opening for one female Call Val 897-5526.

repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-

WE BUY GOLD - Cash or trade for new bling. Chi-mera Design, 208 E. Main St. 897-9480

AVON - Buy or Sell. Call days or evenings at 616-897-5086 or e-mail: AvonbySherry@atcmi.com or website: www.youravon. com/sgrimm.

TREE REMOVAL - Tree trimming, spring cleanup, landscaping. Call 885-

> CA\$H FOR GOLD & SIL-VER-Antiques, collections & other vintage items. Turn your stuff into \$\$\$. Call 616-550-0521 today!

GET A HEAD START ON SPRING CLEANING . window washing, inside and out, commercial and residential. Makes a great Mother's Day gift also. Other services available include: gutter cleaning: power washing, houses and decks; deck staining and air duct cleaning. Cal Randy for a free estimate

NEED A DUMP-Dumpsters. Dumpsters priced to get rid you cash! Garage, atjunk etc. 14 to 20 vards available. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.TEN

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEP-**ING SERVICE** - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351. E OWTEN

BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$26 for 250. (white card, black ink) Before you order your cards from somewhere else check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

GALLERY and CUSTOM FRAMING - Fire and Water Art! 219 W. Main St., Lowel 890-1879. OPEN Wed Sun. 1-6 p.m. and Friday 1-7 p.m. NEW ART created by OUR 25 leading local artists! ART CLASSES! www. fire-and-water-art.com

HORSESHOEING&TRIM-517-647-2846.

April 26, 9-noon. **SERVICES** Thank you to everyone

BECOME ANOTHER SAT-ISFIED SKYLINE GUT-TER SYSTEMS, LLC customer! We offer over 40 colors of seamless aluminum, several cover Quick FREE ESTIMATES Call today for your free estimate, 616-891-4663

(M50). Thurs., April 24 &

Fri., April 25, 9-5 & Sat.,

616-581-8561. STER? - Dudley's of your trash & save tic, household cleanup, roofing, trash,

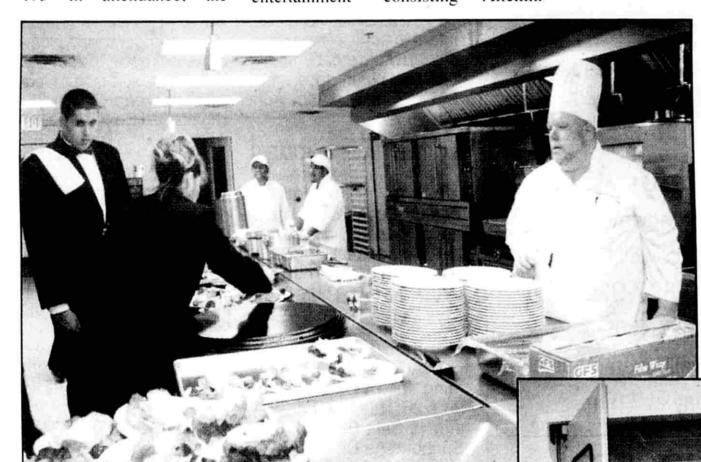
MING - 7 years professional service, experience in correctional shoeing & trimming, BS in animal science, no disappointments Call the certified farriers at Johnson Horseshoeing

Somewhere in Time

The Somewhere in Time museum fundraiser with Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln at the Grand Volute Ballrooms was a big hit. With approximately 195 in attendance, the

program featured a Chinese auction, delicious food cooked up by executive chef Jonathan Studley, excellent service by local employees and humorous entertainment consisting

of the Lincolns courtship. Even locals pitched in as Mary Todd's suitors, Brian Doyle and Dave Thompson. "We're making history," said museum director Pat Allchin.



Mary Todd, Brian Doyle, Abe Lincoln and Dave Thompson.

Chef Jonathan Studley of Grand Volute Ballrooms prepared an inaugural banquet Friday for the Somewhere in Time museum fundraiser. The meal consisted of a salad, beef tenderloin kebabs or Michigan chicken with beans almondine and wild rice. The service delivered by a local team of employees was excellent.

Maranda Ruegsegger brings out a tray of salads in an orchestrated grand entrance into the ballrooms during the museum fundraiser last week at the Grand Volute Ballrooms.



Mary Todd and Abe Lincoln played by Fred and Bonnie Friebe

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

BARKEN WEARINGOUPS

Book By: Barry Manilow, Bruce Suspenses
and Jack Religious
Lyrics By: Bruce Suspenses in
Jack Religious
Jack Religious
Music By: Barry Manilous
Music By: Barry Manilous

April 25 & 26 7:00 April 27, 3:00
May 2, 7:00
May 3, 2:00 & 7:00

\$5 Students / Senior Citizens

\$7 General Public

\$8 All tickets at the door

*tickets on sale starting April 1st in the LHS Main Office *tickets also available at Pep Talk

Join us before the show for dessert!
For show information call 616-987-2956

Lowell Performing Arts Center
Lowell High School 11700 Vergennes Rd. Lowell, Mil



Above: The Copa Boys and Copa Girls (Phil Getzen, Brian Sejat, Sean Briggs, Josh Brubaker, Rebecca Hommowun, Molly Doyle, Brooke Spoelman, Whittney Bunn, Sierra Moore, Andrea Converse, Breanna Bueche, Becca Happie, Brianne Warren, and Nikki Gould.

Below: Rehearsal Photos of the cast.





