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Snowy Christmas Festivities ring in the holidays

by Emma Palova

chilly December night in historic Lowell, the second annual nighttime

parade took to the street to ring in the holiday spirit last Saturday.

More than 63 units signed up, and many kept with this year's parade green theme.

The first place for the best their green theme decorated parade float went to Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. The Lowell Area Schools Bus Association received second place for

Bus driver Betty Nelson was behind the whole idea focusing on reducing waste,

reusing and recycling of materials. "It's a green Christmas," she said.

The bus was decorated with tin can luminaries, milk jug globes and green twoliter pop bottles that formed a Christmas tree. Wreaths were made of pop cans. There was a total of 10 bus drivers walking, and one driving.

"We do something every year," said Nelson. "We want the Lowell community to know that bus drivers are involved. It's great to be exposed, to let them know we're here. It's just fun."

The third place went to Equine Medical LLC.

In the ice sculpting contest, first place People's Choice award went to Nicole Cantrelle for Penguin, second Ivan Blough. place to Natasha Buck for Seahorse, and third place to Jennifer Zirkle for Venus Fly Trap. The contest was under the direction of Bob Schultz, professor of hospitality from Grand Rapids Community College.

"Hundreds of volunteers made this year's parade a success," said chamber director Liz Baker.

This year's Girls Night Out winner Jennifer Depew of Alto was the queen of the parade riding in a Good Chevrolet vehicle along with a court composed of friends, Tanya Steffen and Sheri Litchfield.

Resident Jim Hall lighted the town Christmas tree with energy efficient lights. Some of the mainstays in the parade included last year's winner, Backwater Café with the Red Neck theme. a live nativity scene, middle school band, the Calliope by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the showboat replica, created last year by

Santa will still be available for photos in his room on the Showboat Wednesdays Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 with a special Friday night on Dec. 12 and Saturdays on Dec. 13 and Dec.20.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in Lowell Saturday night.

Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

New supervisor takes office in Lowell Township

by Emma Palova

rry Hale took office of the supervisor in Lowell Township on Nov. 20. He won over incumbent Paula Blumm by a slim margin in the August primary.

Hale, a Republican, plans to continue work started

by Blumm. Most recently, the township signed an agreement with the city that will create an authority governingthefiredepartment. This agreement covers fire department services between the city, Lowell and Vergennes townships. It splits the costs between the three municipalities based on population, state equalized value and the number of fire runs.

Also recently, the township board approved the wind energy ordinance.

"I want to continue to run the township effectively," he said. "And to take care of citizens' needs."

Hale will now start working on the township budget which is due by April 1. He wants to continue the communication, perhaps in form of a newsletter, started by Blumm.

"We are facing the challenges of a growing community," he said.

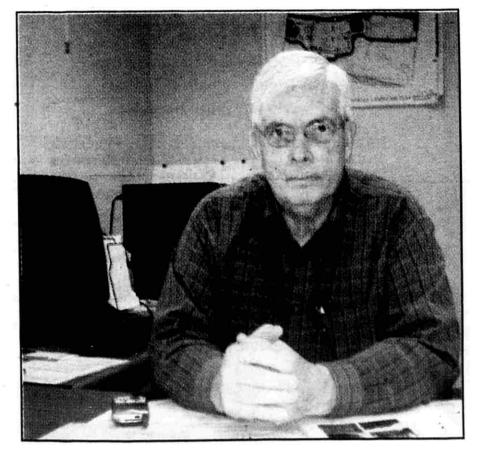
Hale feels that all three municipalities could accomplish a lot more if they worked more closely together.

> New supervisor, cont'd., pg. 3



Bus driver Betty Nelson her parade-ready with ride.

At left, Tanya Steffen, Jennifer Depew, Girls Night Out Queen of the Parade and Sheri Litchfield.





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his fiancé, Gerri Piechocki;

Christmas dinner held at LAHM

second annual Christmas week.

The Lowell Area fundraiser dinner in the Historical Museum held its Victorian dining room last

Always an entertaining and exciting fundraiser for the museum it is also a great

way to start the holiday

The Flat River Grill caters the full menu that starts with appetizers, and finished with an incredible dessert. The cost for the dinner is \$50 per person and the museum receives fifty percent of that for the fundraiser, which goes for operational support.

Pictured at the table for the Victorian Dinner; starting at the left, are Linda Barnes. Dianne LaWarre, Bill Roth Dottie Roth, Nancy Kuyers, Roger LaWarre, Connie Phillips, and Nancy Roth. Not shown in the picture are George and Pat Allchin.

Social Security improves disability program with compassionate allowances

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security

Public Affairs Specialist Social Security is making the disability process much faster for people with rare diseases and cancers.

That's because Social Security has begun the first phase of its Compassionate the disability determination technical assistance from the first 50 impairments

to expedite the processing of a series of public days, rather than months or of disability claims for hearings where Michael J. years." applicants whose medical Astrue, Commissioner of conditions are so severe that Social Security, received launching this expedited their conditions obviously information from leading decision process with a total meet Social Security's experts on cancers and rare of 50 conditions. Over time, diseases. Social Security more diseases and conditions

> the National Institutes of - 25 rare diseases and Compassionate Allowances initiative is based on sound, up-to-date medical science.

> benefits quickly to people with the most severe medical conditions is both the right and the compassionate thing to do," Commissioner Astrue said. "This initiative will SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via allow us to make decisions

Allowances initiative - a way process are the result on these cases in a matter of

Social Security is

The improvements to also has been receiving will be added. A list of information about Compassionate Allowances can be found online at www.

> Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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Lowell Education Foundation organizes food drive to benefit F.R.O.M.



Lowell Area Schools staff members pose amongst over 1,200 items that were donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. The Lowell Education Association organized the event in an effort to bolster the FROM food pantry in these difficult economic times. The schools were engaged in a friendly competition to win the treasured "Golden Can" trophy which was awarded to Unity High School as their staff tallied an astounding 24 items-per-person average donation. Rounding out the top three schools: Alto had a 12 items-per-person average donation and Cherry Creek had a 16 items-per-person average donation, as well as the highest total of any school bringing in 454 items.

College News

proud to announce that recognizing and rewarding received Academic Honors Louis and Lynnea Glinzak of undergraduates at institutions Lowell, has recently become of higher learning. a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Phi Sigma Theta is a national and Design has announced Doering, Jill Greenop, Mendez.

the cooperation," he said.

The township has

along the M21 corridor, Township."

Phi Sigma Theta is honor society dedicated to the students who have Blair Jeffers, Lindsey Kicz,

Supervisor, continued ... From Page 1

"I look forward to doing

"We need to continue mainly signage and lighting

cooperated with the city on this," Hale said. "And to

creating uniform standards serving the people of Lowell

standards.

Ferris State University Anderson, Alison

Louie Glinzak, the son of academic achievement in for the semester that ended in August 2008. Students

Ada included: Deborah Michigan State University. and Kendall College of Art Smita Chandra, Mary Jo

According to Hale,

Walgreens has completed

the purchase of property

on M21 and Bowes Road.

They plan to break ground

in January.

Students from Lowell included: Corinne Cozzaglio. Brittany Huisman, Whitney Jernigan, Andrew Kelly,

Kristie Kurth, Graham

Otten, Alyssa Spielmaker.

Tricia Trombly, and Ryan

included: Lauren Alexander,

Allen Devoll, and Judith

Students from Alto

Walker.

Blake Spoelman, Linda Stretton, Marissa Thaler, and Andrew Vogel. **ADA LOWELL 5** www.GQTI.com





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CHRISTMAS PARADE

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce nighttime Christmas parade will be shown on Channel 20 on Wed., Dec. 10 at 12 noon, Thurs., Dec 11 at 6 p.m., Fri., Dec 12 at 5 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

TOTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

An event especially for families with preschoolers; crafts, songs, games and cookie decorating. Thurs., Dec. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 300 High St., gym. \$1 per child, under one free. Questions contact Kathy Cole, 987-2532.

CHRISTMAS IN FALLASBURG

Please join us for our community celebration, "Christmas in Fallasburg" on Sat., Dec. 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse, 13944 Covered Bridge Rd. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, which will go to the continued preservation of our historic village. For additional information, 897-7161 or www.fallasburg.org.

LESSONS & CAROLS

The Lowell Congregational Choir, under the direction of organist Joel Gray will present "Lessons & Carols" on Sun., Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.

RETIREMENT PARTY

There will be a retirement party for Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine on Tues., Dec. 16, 4-6 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, Council Chambers. Public welcome.

FAMILY TREE NIGHT AT LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is pleased to announce "Family Tree Night" (Genealogy) beginning in January on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, from 4-8 p.m. Come and look up information on your family. For more information call 897-7688.



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Cherry Creek Elementary receives grant for trail construction

by Emma Palova

Cherry Creek Elementary has received \$289,815 grant from the Michigan Department the construction of a multi-

update advance warning and crosswalk signage. The proposed grading easements project will be a part of the Safe Routes to School program.

and cross over to north and go to Alden Nash.

Transportation (MDOT) for agency project, it will be properties. bid through MDOT in May, use pathway along Gee according to project engineer Dave Austin of Williams also & Works. The construction will start in June.

> original cost of more than \$300,000, the engineers

path will connect Cherry to landscaping and lawns for the school. Creekside Park to Alden some properties. Additional

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Nash. The trail will run along allowance of \$32,000 would Elementary is not directly the south side of Gee Drive allow for additional retaining connected to the adjacent Cherry Creek Elementary and biking to school more and disruptions to adjacent Although it is a local

trade some of costs related to retaining walls," said walls for grading easements. To bring down the This way we have more the intersection of Gee Drive Safe Routes engineering,

instead of placing retaining Lowell Area Recreation across the street from the Creek East connection. Authority (LARA) trail and the proposed Lowell to and the Safe routes path on Routes wide resultinnoticeabledisruption Greenville rail trail east of Gee Drive for an estimated

Currently Cherry Creek

walls to minimize grading trailways. Gaps exist easement requirements between Gee Drive and the east, connecting the east and school and the proposed LARA trail on the north side "We felt we could and from the west side of the existing sidewalk in front of

school to the east.

A 10-foot wide path estimated cost of \$22,000. Austin. "We traded retaining from the west side of the Cherry Creek parking lot to and Foreman Road would Gee provide a link to the LARA sidewalk to Creekside Park cost of \$33,000.

would continue the trail Metric Manufacturing for an

of The summary potential projects includes said Drive retaining walls, Cherry Creek West connect into the proposed trail, as well as directly Connection and Cherry

Schools, to coordinator and grant writer health." said the whole point of the

The pathway in front of project is to make walking accessible and safer. The parking lot environment in west driveways and the bus front of the school will be entrance driveway and the improved, as well as signage that will be more visible.

> "We will be using more visible tape on the road to slow down traffic," Draigh

Also sidewalks will be connected to Gee Drive.

"I am thrilled we were able to receive this funding," she said. "It adds another Lynn Draigh, Safe thing to Lowell community to children's safety and

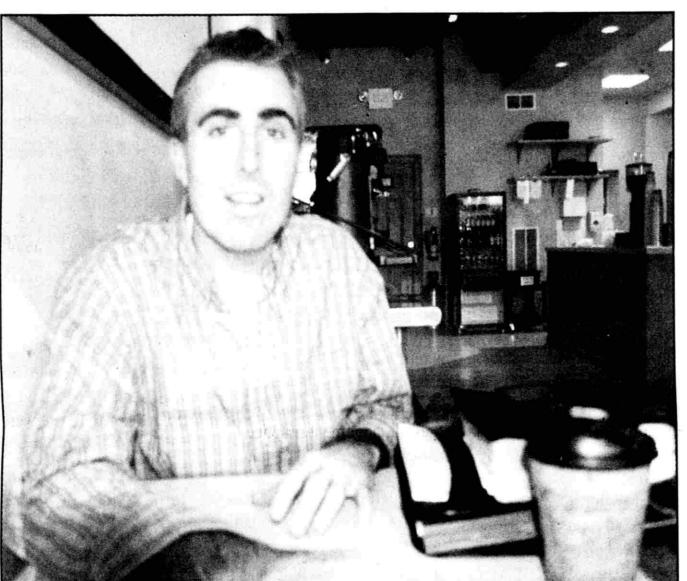
Impact Church branches out on Main Street

by Emma Palova

Rumors of selling and buying, and closing can be greatly exaggerated along Main Street. While Larkin's Other Place has not sold, Voyages coffee shop owner Sterling Massey has transferred ownership to Ignite church, a new autonomous body in the community started Impact.

Massey has decided to pursue another business opportunity with State Farm Insurance Agency in Kentwood. Massey wanted Voyages to help fill a need in the community for teens and families with teens.

The name will stay the same with the commitment community, according to Massey. Even though the economy has to a certain



Impact and Ignite church pastor Phil Struckmeyer talks about church planting attending. It's the fresh start years. So far, the following

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business, it wasn't the and to express faith in deciding factor in the transfer relationship with God." of ownership on Dec.1.

Voyages to the next level that as one person cannot do," Massey said. "Come here and take a deep breath."

in the past serve as a place a weekend. for meetings managed by a team from Ignite.

Impact and Ignite lead fresh start. pastor Phil Struckmeyer said Ignite is part of a church relationship with God, revitalization movement.

"It acknowledges the fact that if the church is going relevant," he said. "The to continue to exist that new building doesn't matter as churches must be started," he said. "Church planting is the most effective way of to plant three churches in reaching people who are not five years, and 10 in 10

extent impacted the coffee of starting new traditions

Impact was started as a "The goal is to take church plant five years ago. after a Wesleyan church closed down at the same location. Over the years it has grown tremendously Voyages will much like with up to 700 attendees on

> Struckmeyer attributes its success precisely to its

The church explores church planting such as with new patterns of faith in according to Struckmeyer.

> "It's more culturally much as the body."

The plan initially was of things, it provides a way churches have been planted. Encounter in Belding, Epic in Portland and Ignite. Due to exponential growth, and the need to impact 10,000 lives within a five-mile radius, the new church plant will reach out to more people.

"We want to make a

Church branches out, cont'd., pg. 18



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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

came forth with a logical look at one way in keeping our community solvent by farming out a community service. His idea might not come to light, but he is on the right track and that track is not the spending of money but the saving.

What the community doesn't need at this time is spending on anymore projects, like the revamping of the Township. You get what you pay for! Amphitheater.

DDA - Downtown Development Association seems to have money to squander.

Our community shouldn't be spending on any new Support your Lowell Police Department. projects while our community, State and Nation is in an economic downturn of such giant proportion.

The revamping of the Amphitheater is just another act of pork barrel spending. What this is about is the ability of the DDA to spend a good share of their taxes as they please.

Our community is struggling financially losing some of its tax base and state revenue sharing. To help remedy some of the communities financial problems now and in the future, the DDA should be dissolved and all their taxes of the new facility. Interestingly, however, Senator Levin should go into the general fund where they belong.

I was told that was not possible. Well, I say baloney to that. All it will take is the will to do it or a referendum.

Dear Editor,

FYI - FROM Thrift Store is now open the next two checked it out and the bargains are exciting. The great benefit is that in this time of such hardship, the proceeds go back to the community to help those in need.

This is such a wonderful resource where everyone wins. Thank you to all the great volunteers who work so hard to make this possible.

Peggy Covert

Dear Editor.

I can usually read about the City Council meetings and refrain from making public comment. However, the idea proposed of eliminating the Lowell Police Dept. and contracting with the Kent County Sheriff's Dept. sent my In the Dec. 1 City Council meeting, a council member blood pressure skyrocketing. What would be the point of living in the City of Lowell if the City did not provide "city services?" What would come next, county road

> If the City were to actually adopt this plan, they might as well tear up their charter and return to being part of Lowell

Lowell has one of the finest police departments, and The city is struggling to balance its books while the even without Chief Valentine, it can remain one of the finest police departments. That is part of his legacy to the City of Lowell. Do you think our low crime rate is just an accident?

Judy L. Noonon

Senator Carl Levin presented an interesting perspective on the newly opened U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. He described in detail how it provides an extension of the U.S. Capitol facilities, its location with regards to major Washington landmarks, and some of the historical attributes decided to omit the fact that this new facility is \$356 million dollars over budget (CNN.com). He chose not to explain that the money was "borrowed" from foreign countries Sincerely, that may not necessarily have our best interests in mind. Jim Howard He also avoids the fact that our children will be saddled with this debt for years to come. It is unbelievable that our elected officials, both Republican and Democrat, grill auto executives (rightfully so) about their management practices Wednesday evenings until Christmas from 6-8 p.m. We and then go out and praise government run projects that are grossly mismanaged. Whenever I hear these people speak or read their writings, one word immediately comes to mind: Hypocrites.

Todd Smithee

Green Christmas

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

HAVE A MERRY "GREEN" CHRISTMAS

This past weekend the Lowell Chamber of Commerce held its annual nighttime Christmas parade downtown. The theme of this year's parade was "A GREEN Christmas: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

This year's theme to "reduce, reuse, and recycle" is a

good reminder to take our plastic, paper, glass and aluminum cans to local recycling centers to reduce the amount of trash we take out to our curbside each week. We should all try to use less and take steps to be more environmentally conscious stewards of the great abundance of natural resources Michigan has to offer. Much of the trash we do end up with can be recycled and made into new items.

For more information on how, what, and where to recycle, please visit the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.michigan.gov/deq and keyword search "recycle." If you do not have internet access or would like information sent to you, please call my office at (877) 328-3086 and I will be happy to mail it to you.

Have a Merry "Green" Christmas!

Writing to the editor ...

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Viewpoint-By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **DECEMBER 12, 1883**

J. Gulliford has purchased the large frame building west of the commercial house and is moving it to the vacant lot west of his blacksmith shop.

Scarlet fever in Lowell is subsiding - only one case resulting in fatality so far, and that one owing to a complica-

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 10, 1908**

Goods taken from the Scott Hardware store the night before Thanksgiving have been recovered and the alleged burglars arrested by detectives.

Entrance to the hardware store was made through a rear basement window and goods valued from \$75 to \$100, mostly cutlery and guns were taken.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **DECEMBER 14, 1933**

Fifty men will start work Friday morning of this week on the Central School building. The work of reconditioning and repairing will be rushed to competition, with the men working in shifts in order to resume school in about three

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 11, 1958**

The municipal ice-skating rink will be made ready just as soon as the weather bureau promises a prolonged cold spell, according to village park officials.

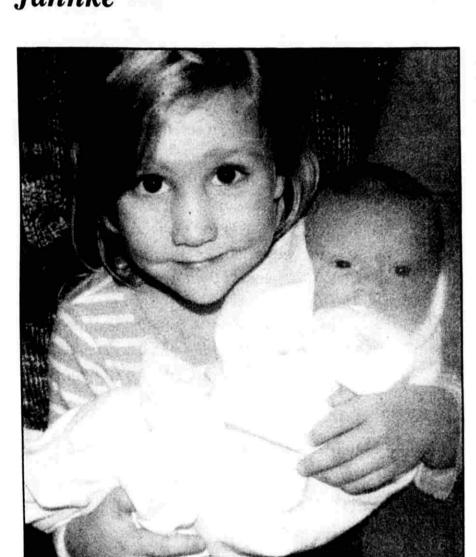
An estimated 92,500 deer were taken in Michigan during the 1958 season, according to the conservation depart-

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **DECEMBER 14, 1983**

Headline: Jury rules in city's favor

Daniel Riggs of 209 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, was found guilty of violating the city's general nuisance ordinance before a jury in 63rd District Court last Thursday. Riggs has several pieces of inoperable farm machinery parked on his property in a residential area of the city, and following numerous complaints Lowell Police issued a citation for violating the city ordinance.





Ayvah Jaylin Jahnke held by big-sister Kaytlynn.

Big sister Kaytlynn is excited to welcome home Clark and Robert Jahnke of her new sister, Ayvah Jaylin Lowell. Jahnke. She was born October 22, 2008, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Proud parents are Amy

More than 200 people enjoyed the first annual Town Square Christmas party at Richards Park Saturday after the parade. The event was sponsored by Ignite, Impact, Calvary Church and Lowell Rotary. There was live music, free food, drink and ice skating. Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.

- George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)



by Dean Bailey. Pastor Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

ADVENT-EXPECTATION

These days leading up to Christmas are called by the have eternal life." (John 3:16 NRSV) church, "Advent," meaning "to come." As Lent is a six week period of spiritual preparation for Good Friday/Easter; love for each one of us.

so Advent is a four week period of spiritual preparation for Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth.

As Jesus' mother, Mary, was "expecting" his birth long ago; so we live in expectancy during Advent. We eagerly await the holiday (holy day) of Christmas to praise and thank God for the gift of God's son. God entered into history to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves - to save us! Through this lowly birth, God brought salvation to the world, inspiring the Gospel writer to write these words:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but

Advent leads us to Christmas - to God's seeking, saving



DECEMBER 10: Bill Fluger, Evelyn Heim,

Skating party held after parade

Barbara Decker.

DECEMBER 11: Dave Rhodes, Kathryn Karen Latva, Tammy Baird,

DECEMBER 12:

Brad Briggs, Joyce Potter. Stormzand, Matt Newhouse, Sally Hacker.

DECEMBER 13: Chrys Thaler, Jeff Bowne,

Michelle Fyan.

Chris Kropf, Bryan Robert

Zalewski, Amber Waldron.

Roger Brown, Kathry Duiven, Kristin Danielle Brenk, Marea Borg, Kimberly Kline, Kelly

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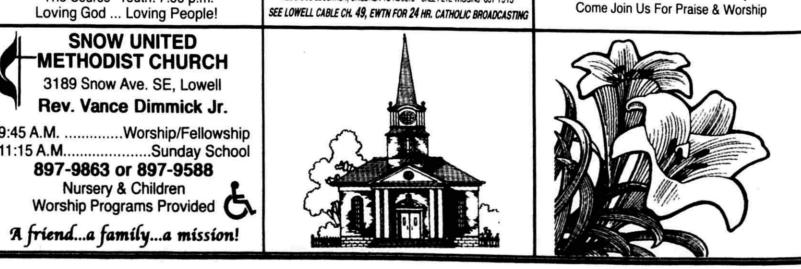
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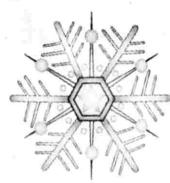
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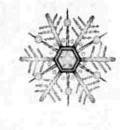
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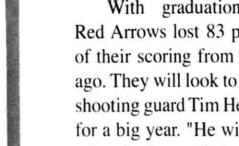
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position.

The front line will be

anchored by the man in last year has changed, but the 12-7, 2007-08 Lowell improvement. He's strong, Rapids being a favorite has year, is also expected to be according to its coach, will away games at Lakewood has great hands and when and they have a big guy

Juniors Isaac Tawney players on the perimeter and and Derrick Cornish will both see time. "Derrick The scheme is intended makes plays and Isaac to help dictate tempo and has really been a pleasant force opposing guards into surprise for us thus far,"

Seniors Danny Lane and Mitchell Malling are "In this offense our also expected to contribute. guards will be posting up "Danny is our junkyard their defenders," MacDonald dog. He's active and plays explained. "We'd like to be extremely hard. Mitchell able to change the tempo of didn't play much last year due to a bad ankle injury, but With graduation, the he's healthy, athletic, runs Red Arrows lost 83 percent the floor well and can jump,"

Senior Lance Fargo had shooting guard Tim Hettinga limited playing time last for a big year. "He will play year, but his high energy a lot of minutes. He's a great will earn him some time in Offensive success will

His ability to find the depend on spacing and open shot will be enhanced Lowell's ability to drive to by the point guard play the basket or enter it into the Kevin Luyk and Zach

also expected to contribute.

calls this year's club deeper an offensive rebound. than last year's 11-9 team. "We have any one of four four is senior-laden. Oberlin

of stepping up for us." lot about over the next three score. years, are Katie Tompkins, Holzhueter.

sophomores who are capable

WINTERS PORTS PREVIEW

Long season will serve Lowell's inexperience well

second-year coach Dani mingling, playing together

of the 2008-09 season, a to end up a better basketball

pretty good basketball team. team," Gallert said. "It will

inex- Gallert, believes by the end and evolving, but we're going

"It's going to take some take some time."

Tompkins Holzhueter are strong outside shooters. Tompkins has a strong inside presence.

the next Hannah Oberlin. "She can play inside or get to the basket. outside, handles the ball Gallert said.

She's the one diving to not afraid to be physical," Northview and East Grand the floor for a loose ball, Gallert said. working tenaciously on

The Lowell coach defense and pulling down

is the most versatile Lowell and Messing is a good allplayer. She can play outside round player. The four sophomores, or inside, is a stellar who fans will be hearing a defensive player and can balanced

Lowell's best scorer on the experience." roster. She runs the floor

well and can block shots," hustler. "She also gives us a solid presence in the middle. Loughlin is the fighter. Sarah works hard and is

Seniors Krista Foster and Sara Messing should The Red Arrow core also contribute. Foster is a threat from behind the arc

"I think we're pretty Defensively, I see us Logan DeClercq is the pressing more than we Bryleigh Loughlin, Taylor fire. The senior provides did a year ago," Gallert Flanagan and Kallie the defensive heat. "She explains. "Our keys to being plays in-your-face defense successful will be playing and and is very quick," Gallert together better, cutting down on our turnovers and Kara Rasch may be our sophomores gaining

> Like it or not the league quite well and knows how to has been strengthened by the addition of perennial Sarah Fetzer is the team basketball power Grand Rapids Christian. Gallert calls the Eagles the conference favorites with Rapids not too far behind.

First row, left to right: Taylor Flanagan, Logan DeCiercq, Krista Foster, Sara Messing, and Kallie Holzhueter; second row, left to right: Danielle Gallert, Katie Tompkins, Hannah Oberlin, Bryleigh Loughlin, Sarah Fetzer, and Kara Rasch.

Non-traditional approach may spell hardwood success

by Thad Kraus

by Thad Kraus

Sophomore

senior leadership

perience sprinkled in with

what do you have? Lowell

Missing are an honor- the middle, Josh Faulkner able mention and two all- (6'3" 245 pounds). "Josh conference starters from has shown incredible basketball team.

Leaving eighth-year he wants the ball in the post head coach Jeff MacDonald he will get it," MacDonald to a nontraditional approach explained. which will deploy four one in the post.

doing something they are not MacDonald said. accustomed to... guarding the post.

game with our approach."

of their scoring from a year MacDonald explained. ago. They will look to senior kid with skill," MacDonald 2008-09.

of Jon Hanson and Jacob post effectively. Meyer. Both will battle

The league in which middle who is also good," Lowell finished second MacDonald said. Grand Rapids Christian,

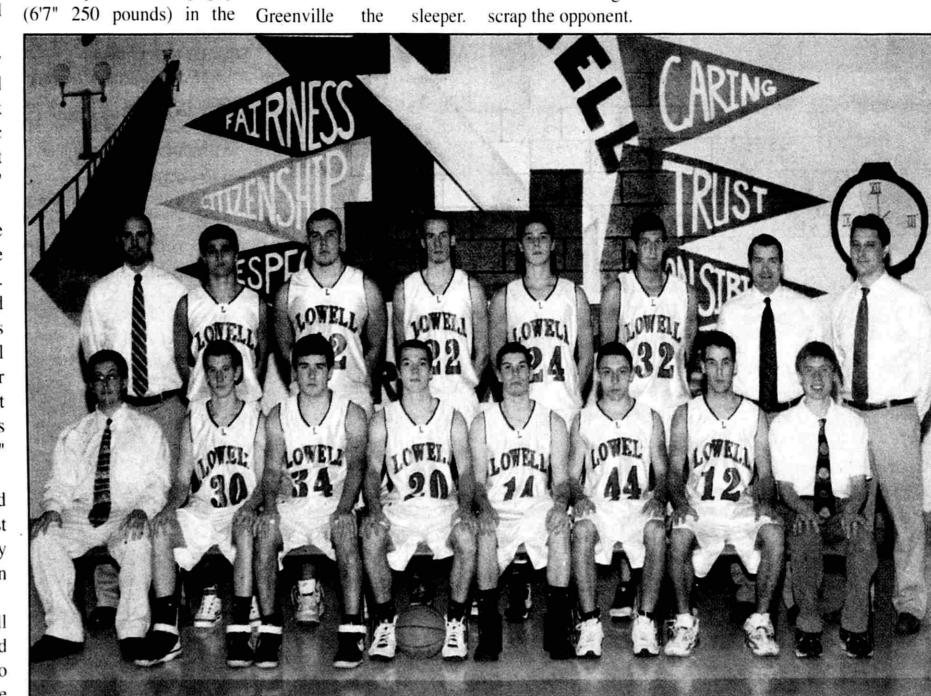
predictions of East Grand new to the O-K White this not. "East will be very good good.

MacDonald

caught sleeping against the its season at home against

Yellowjackets." be determined in part on its and Northview. calls hustle and willingness to out

Cedar Springs on Dec. 12. Lowell's success, That will be followed by



First row, left to right: Matthew Spickler, Jon Hanson, Zach Noskey, Tim Hettinga, Lance Fargo, Jacob Meyer, for play at the point guard Noskey, role players, are Derek Cornish, and Jeff Kropf; second row, left to right: Nic Bond, Mitchell Malling, Josh Faulkner, Danny Lane. Isaac Tawney, Kevin Luyk, Jeff McDonald, and Jordan Beel.

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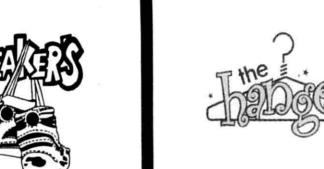
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Red Arrow skaters success will come with strong defensive efforts

by Thad Kraus

The challenge will not be to defend against what it lost, but to defend what it move up and compete in has going forward.

The Lowell/Caledonia

scorers, is challenge enough, this year will depend on our Morgan. but the Red Arrows will also

nine seniors, Caledonia hockey coach, Chris Bilski; and juniors

included in that its top five Mike Ballard. "Our success Billy Watson and Kolin games Lowell/Caledonia lost 5-4 defense and goaltending."

Returning for the 2008- club are freshmen Braden 2-0. 09 season are seniors Mike McGillicuddy; "We look forward to Przbyzs, Brent Steele, Justin Logan McGregor, Shane effort in our opener against the challenge," said Lowell/ Bowlyer, Corey Phillips and Videan and Jake Anderson.

skated to a 1-4 record. The New to this year's Red Arrows defeated Holt

"The boys gave a strong Lowell/Caledonia Over its opening five coach Mike Ballard said.

> Since the seasonopening win, the Red Arrows have dropped games to Forest Hills Central (4-1), Bay Area Thunder (7-2), Warren Sterling (5-4) and Kenowa Hills (6-3).

> Thanksgiving Invitational we had been playing well. think we lost a little of our focus against Bay Area Thunder," Ballard explained.

Sterling as the Red Arrows concluded.

In its first Tier II game, Lowell/Caledonia skated to a 2-0 lead against Kenowa Hill on power-play goals by

A one-minute burst by the Knights tied the game

The Red Arrows third goal of the game came in the second period on a powerplay goal by Billy Watson.

The third period belonged to the Knights. Kenowa Hills controlled the action and midway through the period netted three goals in a span of 58 seconds before adding an empty net goal late in the game.

"This club is making The focus was back in progress and is heading in a solid effort against Warren the right direction," Ballard



Front row, left to right: Nick Clay, Jake Anderson, Mike Przybyzs, Joel Morgan, Chris Bilski, Corey Phillips, Kolin Morgan, Logan McGregor, Nolan Blair, and Eric Vansledright; back row, left to right: Coach Maylone, Justin Lehman, Braden McGillicuddy, Jon Woods, Kevin Vandenberge, Justin Bowyer, Brent Steele, Shane Videan, Justin Quiggle, Billy Watson, Jordan Swift, Coach Buerer, and Coach Ballard.

Lowell clubs roll for third straight league title



by Thad Kraus

teams this winter.

however, are the same, roll out another conference think we are the favorites to championship.

Both the girls and boys White champions.

First-year coach Tom rollers in the pocket for a third consecutive title.

"I'm not sure if I know

what I'm getting into," said There is a new head pin Lowell first-year bowling leading the Lowell bowling coach Tom Alberts. "If everybody keeps their heads expectations, together and stays focused on what they are doing I

win the conference." One possible stumbling are two-time defending O-K block for the boys' bowling team is lack of depth.

> around 10 bowlers on a team. Having only seven will make things tougher," Alberts explains.

Lowell has a good core

returning to lead the charge. Senior captain Tom Alberts brings a 205 average into his final year. "He throws big games

and picks up spares," Alberts

and Brian Hook. Washburn, like Alberts, depth. "We normally carry averages right around 205 and has been rolling for challenges will come from Lowell the past three years.

Hook doesn't miss many spares and throws in strikes. said. Last year he averaged 175.

Jeremy Drake, is expected to help out with his 200 average, but will sit out the opening six weeks.

Underclassmen Dillon Buck, Alec Bosko (freshmen) and Jake Teaming with Alberts Hornbrook (sophomore) will be Trevor Washburn will be needed to fill in the void and add much needed

"I believe our league Union, Northview and East Grand Rapids," Alberts

First row, left to right: Trevor Washburn, Alec Boblro, Jeremy Drake, and Dillon Buck; second row, left to right: Coach Tom Alberts, Jacob Hornbrook, Brian Hook, and Tom Alberts. Missing: Coach John Stuckey.

Clark to Lead Red Arrow Girls

Liberty Clark qualified identifies tournament in 2007-08.

The senior, with the help from a few teammates, to see her step up and help will focus on qualifying for this club a lot," Alberts the team tourney this year. explained.

Clark and Kristin Bouwhuis are this year's co- will be filled by a core of captains and each possess a young, promising bowlers. 190 average.

and Kristin is diligent and her game is right there," Geldersma, Sara Mogor: Alberts said.

The Lowell coach

for the singles state bowling Geldersma as this year's surprise.

"I think we're going

The remaining two spots

"Liberty is just good Jessica Alberts, Kasey Woodhead, sophomore,

Shelby

Mitchell; and junior, Nina Richardson.

"They all are just starting, but have potential. The girls are easy to work well and are capable of making adjustments," Alberts said.

The Lowell coach points to Union as his club's top league challenger.

"We have a good core concluded.

returning with some girls capable of filling in," Alberts

First row, left to right: Liberty Clark, Sara Mogor, Jessica Alberts, and Kasey Woodhead; second row, left to right: Coach Tom Alberts, Kristin Bouwhuis, Amber Geldersma, Shelby Mitchell, Sammi Geldersma, and Janina Richardson. Missing: Coach John Stuckey.



SWINTERS PORTS PREVIEW

A few major hurdles along the way for Red Arrow wrestlers

by Thad Kraus

anticipation Lowell wrestling

return from last year's be good anyway," Dean emotional, creative and coach as "tough as nails." regional finalist team. The explained. program's depth stretches as

the wrestling fervor, it is pounds. only made possible because rich program.

"That already in place when I two freshmen Morses. arrived," Lowell wrestling their hands in and and yelled in at 135. 'state champion.' I knew then "Gabe has great skills that by coming to Lowell and is a winner. Andrew is that I'd hit a home run.'

Meeting expectations will require maneuvering through a schedule full of challenges. None, however, returns after a difficult loss will be any bigger than the in the state finals last year at O-K White showdown with 160 pounds. defending Division II state

champion Greenville on great skills and the promise

great Jan. 14. fans were left with a year ago standard we have to pass. be exceeded by today's great That's the test. They lost expectations for 2008-09? a few wrestlers but got a be your man at 189 pounds. Eleven of the 14 starters few wrestlers. They would

Jackson Morse was far as the eye can see. The real good as a sophomore, incoming freshman class is as and is expected to be much and was district runner-up. 112. strong as in recent memory. better as a junior. That's All of which readies Lowell saying something about for a big run for many years. a wrestler who won a While that heightens state championship at 145

"He's made big strides. of the winning culture that Jackson has reconnected exudes within a tradition- with wrestling," Dean said.

What's better than wanting to having a junior Morse in accomplish culture was your lineup? A junior and

The family trio will coach Dave Dean said. "My be unveiled this years. first-year here, after my Freshman Gabe Morse will first practice the wrestlers fill the void at 125 while huddled together, all put Andrew Morse will weigh

> intense, hates to lose and is powerful and athletic," Dean explains. Senior Tim Gingerich

of his best year of wrestling I see medaling at state this athletic. Aaron has put in "Greenville is that yet into his senior year. year," Dean said.

> If you're looking for funk, junior Ryan Olep may

funky," Dean says.

champion at 140 pounds, Zach Jeffries will follow at

"He's a tough kid who

Tom Fleet was a regional qualifier at 215 pounds last year. Cousin, Dan Fleet, 130 pounds, is labeled by his

Freshman Aaron Nowak Ryan Dean was league will step in at 103 pounds,

the time and has made great strides," Dean said.

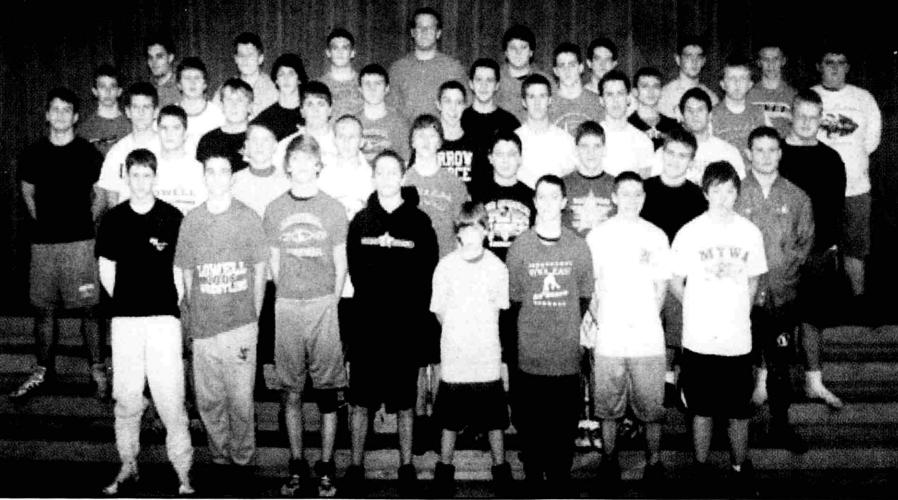
lineman Connor Kruse will wrestle heavyweight. Keith Williams returns after a year off and will wrestle at 171

Rocky Palbon, 145 prepare it for the journey.

"Zach is skilled and pounds, is an experienced tough kid with good skills.

> "All roads to a regional and state championship lead through Greenville," Dean explained.

Lowell has scheduled a number of featured matches, including a couple of nationally ranked schools to



Front row, left to right: Howdy Griffioen, Matt Hogeboom, Ty Jack, Taylor Martin, McKael Barcley, Aaron Nowak, Calvin Meyer, and Chris Frisbie; second row, left to right: Jackson Morse, Rvan Dean, Joe Sweet, Eli Scoby, Austin Hause, Dan Fleet, Rocky Pabon, and Tim Gingerich; third row, left to right: Jake Stehley, Tyler Mitchell, Nick Schaeffer, Luke Stephens, Andrew Morse, Dylan Olin, Eric Ingebretson, Ryan Olep, and Tyler Hall; fourth row, left to right: Zach Jeffries, Chase Treglia, Gabe Morse, Gabe Dean, Chase Beuche, Wade Schlosser, Jake Gould, and Alan Lally; fifth row, left to right: Zach White, Jake Murray, Keith Williams, Conor Kruse, Jake Tyler Jack, 119, brings Lynema, Nick McKay, Tom Fleet, Mark Johnson and Shawn Dulin.

Feeder program sets Lowell gymnasts up for a strong season

by Thad Kraus

All indications are that the 2008-09 Lowell gymnastics team will the strongest in coach Skye Fisher's four-year tenure.

on this club. I think this team is going to do pretty well," Fisher said. Fisher explained.

"We have a lot of talent

All 11 Red Arrows are products of the local gymnastic feeder system which was started and is run by former Red Arrow coach Michelle DeHaan.

Michelle has put into the program it's quite possible Lowell would not even have a team," Fisher explained. "All of the girls on our team have come up through Michelle's program."

At the top of the Lowell roster are senior Richelle Kimble and junior Kelsey Teft. "They are very talented gymnasts. They both take "She does everything Fisher concluded. private lessons and have put

practice," Fisher explained.

the state tournament on the this year has been homevault a year ago. "Richelle's schooled," Fisher said. fabulous in all events. She qualified on the vault last year despite an injury," in the floor exercise.

and talented," Fisher said.

will be looked to in the floor in the floor routine. Senior Sara Tarchala, plagued with a lot of injuries, is expected to add depth on the beam.

Juniors Cassie Miles

and Emma Benker also bring strong beam talents to the Red Arrow squad. Junior Sarah Piell, new

in a lot of extra time and well. Sarah will be a great addition. She's taken lessons Kimble qualified for for years, but up until

> Freshman Vonda Keyes excels both on the vault and

Sophomores Lauren Teft qualified for state Traska and Morgan Rogallke on the balance beam last are also expected to to make year. "She's just very strong contributions. Fisher says Traska, who has never Senior Andrea Coffey done gymnastics before has phenomenal beam talent. exercise. A year ago she was Rogallke has the skills Lowell's most dependable to do a bit of everything, according to Fisher.

Junior Jenna Sullivan will also compete for the Red Arrows.

Fisher says Forest Hills is the favorite in the O-K Rainbow this year with Rockford and Kenowa Hills challenging. "I think we can to the team this year, is a be right there with Kenowa strong all-around gymnast. Hills and do very well."



First row, left to right: Morgan Rogalke, Sara Tarchala, and Andrea Coffey; second row, left to right: Lauren Trasky, Sarah Piell, Emma Bencker, and Vonda Kyes; third row, left to right: Coach Fisher, Cassie Miles, Coach DeHaan, Richelle Kimble, and Kelsey Teft.

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State was 8-4 after losing

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game to the Spartans. This

year they are 11-1 and

going to the prized Rose

won nine games this year

as compared to seven in

early in the season,

and actually won five

conference games and

4. Minnesota

surprised most everyone

a tough defensive line.

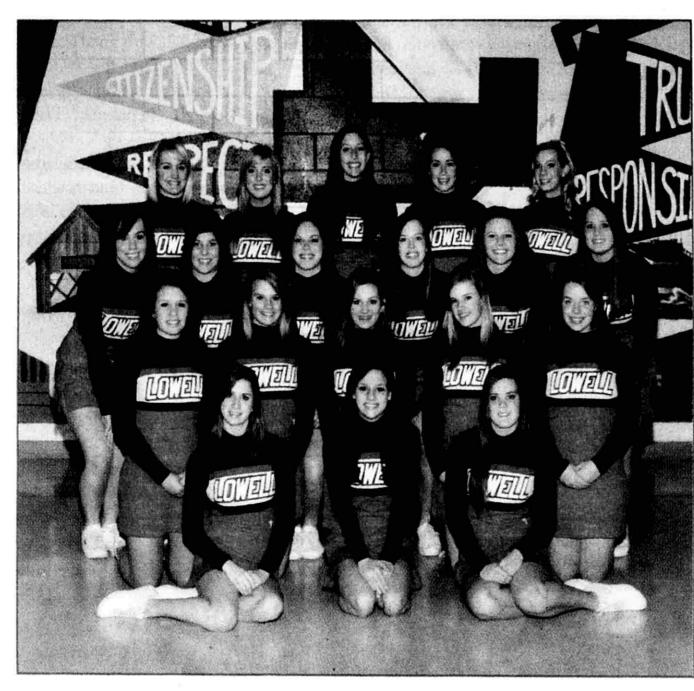
2. Northwestern

3. Iowa struggled

in the Big Ten.

WINTERS PORTS PREVIEW

Qualifying for regional could be just a few good tumbles away



they're doozies.

"For us to take the awarded top team honors. round that could hold us Karas. back from qualifying for the regional."

Alma College for three days ice breaker. When we need Kari Dawson, Lowell's over the summer and learned a laugh she's there for us," competitive cheer coach, new material, and garnered Dawson explained. hopes her club takes a new ideas and experience number of tumbles this year. from a new staff," Dawson competition is broken down Furthermore, she hopes said. At the end of the three- into three rounds, leadership day camp, Lowell was

Competitive cheer

(presence and flat cheer).

10 count/five skills and

schedule against Comstock

Lowell opens its

The nine-team O-K

Rainbow league favorite is

tumbling and stunting.

Anchoring the 2008more gymnastic/tumbling 09 Red Arrow competitive cheer team are seniors have to manufacture harder Sydney Burrows, Theresa Park. tumbling skills. This is the Buist, Alex Herb and Kylee

"Sydney is the reliable Kenowa Hills. Grand Rapids one. Knows everything Christian and Sparta could Of the 19 girls on this about everything. Theresa is be a challenge according to year's roster, 13 competed fearless. She'll do whatever Dawson. "We finished fourth at the varsity level last year. it takes to compete and in a six-team conference last "This is the strongest group win. Alex is our rock. We year. Our goal is to compete I've had in three years. These depend on her for all the and to finish high up in the girls went to cheer camp at extra things. Kylee is our league," Dawson said.

First row, left to right: Sarah Baughman, Theresa Buist, and Hailey DeGrote; second row, left to right: Becky Chamberlain, Kate Scudder, Ericka Claypool, Anna Scudder, and Erin Fleet; third row, left to right: Alex Cooley, Rachel Copeyon, Alex Herb, Kylee Karas, Cassidy Venneman, and Lindsey Stehley; fourth row, left to right: Christen Baerwalde, Lauren Gurd, Sydney Burrows, Molly Fizer, and Montana Bergy.





OKAY -

Someone Has To Say It ...

It doesn't officially start Troy vs Southern until Dec. 20, but let's have some fun before the bowl season begins.

There are 34 bowl games in all. I'm here to tell all you fine readers of the Lowell Ledger that I believe I can correctly pick the winner of all 34.

At the very least pick more winners than any of those who dare do the same.

Here's the deal, I'm picking all the winners this week. I encourage any and all readers to do the same before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19 and either drop off or mail their selections to the Ledger

there are any College participants who choose more games correctly than I do, The Ledger will put those names in a hat and pick a winner. The winner will receive a \$50 certificate to the Victory Club.

If, which is likely, none of you do, than Thad will Here are the games:

Navy vs Wake Forest Colorado State vs Fresno BYU vs Arizona

Boise State vs TCU Hawaii vs Notre Dame Florida Atlantic vs Central North Carolina vs West Virginia Florida State vs Wisconsin California vs Miami

Louisiana Tech vs N. North Carolina State Northwestern vs Missouri Nevada vs Maryland Oklahoma St. vs Oregon Rice vs Western Michigan Houston vs Air Force

Oregon State vs Pittsburgh Vanderbilt vs Boston Kansas vs Minnesota LSU vs Georgia Tech Iowa vs South Carolina Georgia vs Michigan State Nebraska vs Clemson Southern Cal vs Penn State Cincinnati vs Virginia Tech Texas Tech vs Mississippi

Kentucky vs East Carolina Utah vs Alabama Connecticut vs Buffalo Texas vs Ohio State Tulsa vs Ball State Florida vs Oklahoma

All you have to do is go through and circle the winner

of each game and then either bring in your entry form or mail it to the Ledger office by 5 p.m. on Dec. 19. For the computer literate your entry can also be e-mailed to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.

Here are my choices: Wake Forest LOWELL Fresno State South Florida BYU Troy **Boise State** Notre Dame Central Michigan North Carolina Florida State California Louisiana Tech Rutgers Missouri Maryland Oklahoma State Western Michigan message. Air Force So it's official. Penn Oregon State **Boston College**

Georgia in The Capitol One in Orlando on Jan 1.

play South Carolina in The when unifying leadership Outback.

Kansas in The Insight And The Badgers will consistent tough training is play Florida State in the mandated and at the core

every day, and when off the As we get closer to field activity is regarded as just as important as on Christmas, maybe I will the field production, good things will happen. Now expect the Big Ten to play two years later, we know the rest of the story.



bowl we frequent. The sermon/ Michigan unemployment homily was "Faith...in rate is 9 percent. Right? Times Like These." The So doesn't that mean that Hebrew 11:1, "Now faith So let's get that 91 percent is the substance of things to fix it. Easier said than hoped for, the evidence of done. Yet...I like those things not seen." Excellent odds. Keep looking up,

State will play USC in the Dantonio arrived at Duffy Rose Bowl on Jan 1. The Buckeyes will Building two years ago

play Texas in the Fiesta (Hire date 11/28/2006).

Missouri in The Alamo.

The Gophers will play an accurate assessment

Champs Sports Bowl.

Now, for the reason of

weekend including the sermon on arrived faith in this column. First, a few general comments.

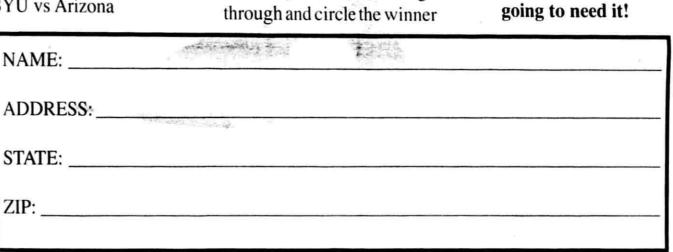
1. How bad is the the local economy? We all know where it's a little shaky. Plus the on 91 percent are employed? eight total wins. They have

and will be going bowling. friends. Keep looking up. 5. Wisconsin 2. Spartan Coach struggled through a disappointing October Daugherty Football partly because of offensive line injuries and then finished strong. Coach D did not have So have faith. The The Spartans will play evidence that he could see word "faith," starts with a 7-5 and 9-3 season. In the letter "f." Lots of fact he arrived in a program healthy words start with Northwestern will play that was in disarray. He "f." Faith, friends, family did have faith that when and FOOTBALL. The Hawkeyes will things are done right,

is central, when thorough

of players is done, when

See you next week and allow me to leave you with this...Give, then save, then plan your work and work your plan, then make more good decisions. What is the sign of a good decision? It's feeling confident...even in uncertain times. Yes, have faith especially in uncertain times with friends, family and football.



When a true genius appears in this world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.

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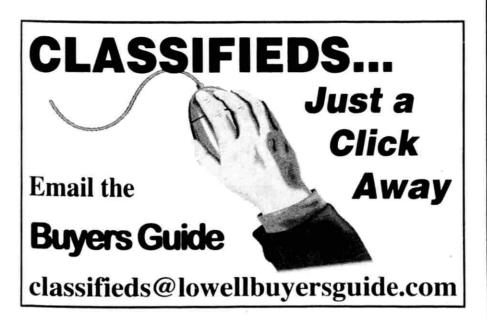
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell girls unable to overcome hardwood turnovers

by Thad Kraus

too fast."

Lowell has averaged more turnovers than she in its opening three games.

"Calm of Ottawa Hills and a 46down you're doing things 32 beating at the hands of some." Forest Hills Northern.

After three games, and nearly 30 turnovers a game care of the ball. The girls the Huskies. are rushing and doing things The results were a 54- in a panic mode," Gallert turnovers haven't even been 12 points and Kara Rasch far. advice 41 loss to Kentwood, a said. "We had 17 steals in forced," Gallert explained. 46-44 defeat at the hands our loss to Northern, but we gave them all back and then Lowell trailed by only four Hills, Lowell could not

The Red Arrows turned

at half-time, 20-16. The Red Arrows, 28) advantage over the last teammate (Gordon) who however, were bitten by eight minutes. Ottawa Hills threw in 22. third-quarter scoring woes outscored the Red Arrows

Despite the turnovers,

by FHN 11-2, pushing a Arielle Edwards contributed 42-34 lead with a quarter four-point deficit to 13 at with 12.

In three games Lowell 16 and Oberlin chipped in Hannah Oberlin tallied 11. has scored a combined 13 with 12.

"We're just not taking the ball over 36 times against points in the third quarter. Lowell played its best game against the best team Hannah Oberlin led (Kentwood) its played thus "The majority of the all Lowell players with

> The Red Arrow defense In its loss to Ottawa held Kentwood's leading scorer (Crumpton) to seven protect a five-point (33- points, but was hurt by her

Lowell led 29-28 after for a third consecutive 18-11 in the fourth quarter. two quarters, but a 14-4 Dominique Gordon led Kentwood burst in the third Lowell was outscored the victors with 14 points and quarter gave the Falcons a to play. Rasch led Lowell in Rasch led Lowell with scoring with 13 points and





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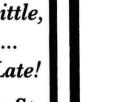
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Red Arrow SP0315

Late decision helps Lowell "Kruse" to 34-32 victory

by Thad Kraus

Wrestling for the first time this season and as the 30-29. feature act at its high school pep assembly, Lowell battled Central 34-32.

win. Our guys came wrestling coach Dave Dean.

at a 29-10 deficit going into at 29-15.

Dean, 160 pounds, controlled his match to a 23-0 advantage with throughout, before giving up pins at 103 and 125, a void some points late, in earning at 119 and a major decision a 12-8 decision.

With Catholic Central's he levied a pin at 3:44 of the second period.

Detroit Catholic Central's void

propelled Lowell into its first lead of the afternoon at

It was short lived as Red Arrow Tom Fleet lost a back from a huge deficit bruising 8-3 decision at 215 to defeat Detroit Catholic pounds, giving Central a precarious 32-30 advantage "It was a nice quality with one match to wrestle.

Lowell heavyweight through," said Lowell Connor Kruse, using a distinct size advantage, Lowell dropped six of bullied his way to a 14-6 its opening eight matches decision, giving Lowell a and found itself looking up thrilling two-point victory.

"That was the epitome its 152-pound match. Who of high school wrestling," better to start a comeback said Detroit Catholic Central than Jackson Morse, the coach Mitch Hancock. "Our club's best wrestler. The kids fought and learned junior had to work before against a well trained, well posting a 20-6 major decision coached Lowell team. The and cutting the deficit to 14 difference was Lowell earned more bonus points."

The visitors jumped out

"That's a better wrestling lead cut to 11 (29-18), Tim team than I realized," Dean Gingerich brought the deficit said. "They are well coached (29-24) into single digits as and their kids have sound first crooked number with earned a convincing 17-6 over Red Arrow Rocky

130 pounds, posted Lowell's 135 pounds, Andrew Morse

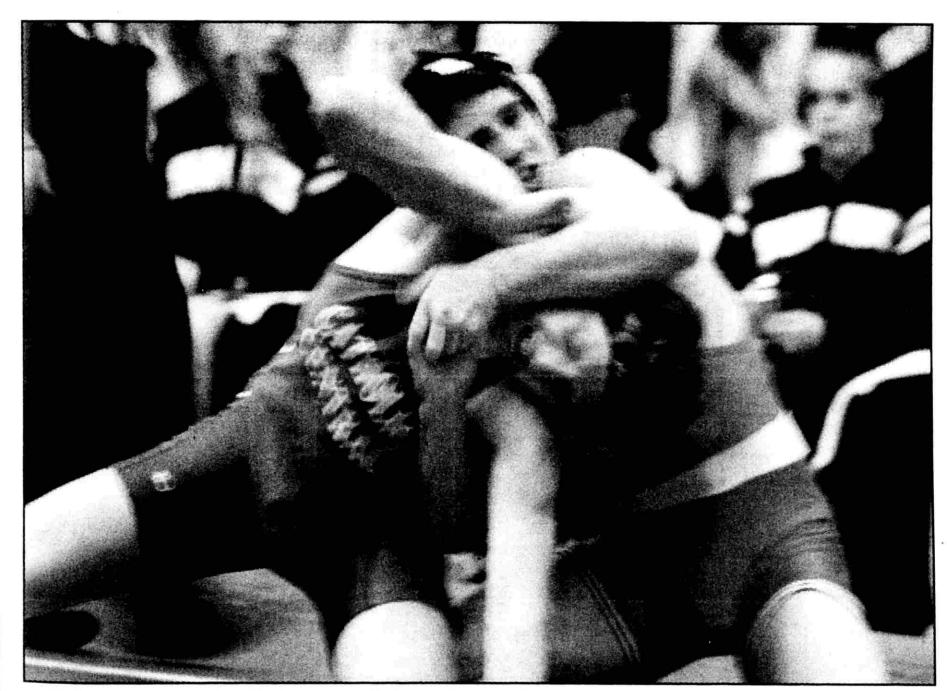
a 20-6 technical fall.

technique and maintain great a pin at 4:52 of the third win at 140 pounds. Detroit Palbon. period. Following Dan Catholic Central answered

Jackson Morse, 152, sparked Lowell's comeback victory against Detroit Catholic Central with

Tyler Jack, wrestling at Fleet's tough 6-4 loss at back with a 6-2 decision for us and he had to fight this our kids' eyes are wide to get it done," Dean said. open."

six minutes that Tom Fleet "Tyler came through gave us. After a match like



Gabe Dean earned a 12-8 decision in his 160-pound match.

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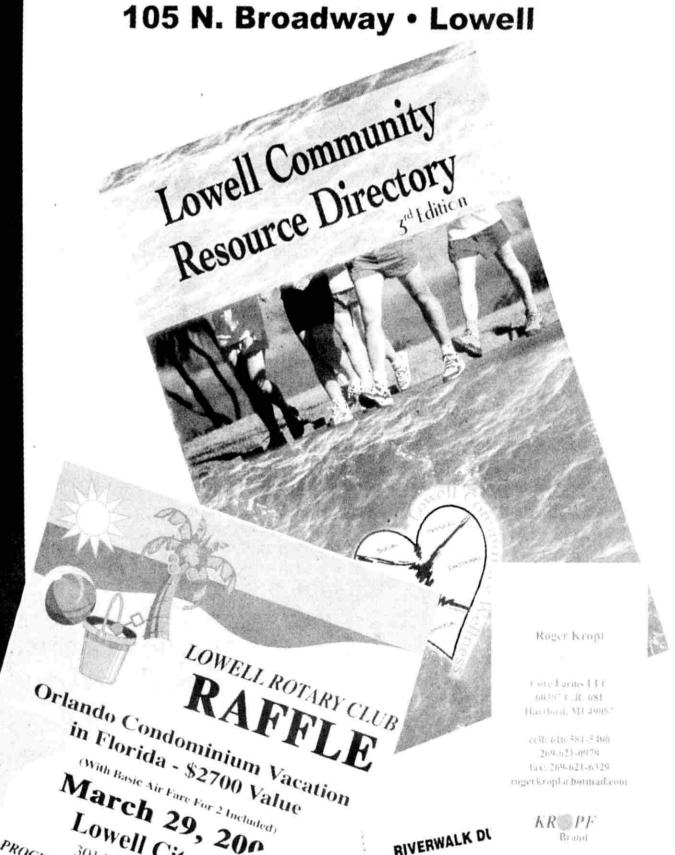
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Church branches out, continued ... From Page 4

Struckmeyer.

needs of teens and families the world we live in."

"It'samulti-generational would serve more as a money from the church. church that wants to meet community center than Struckmeyer likened the faith. the needs of teens and a traditional church with families with teens," said family programming and of the 1950s. Struckmeyer.

Struckmeyer said Ignite Other Place.

from the coffee shop to the theater," he said. "God is shop.

dent in the 10,000 lives there as much as anywhere and YMCA to meet the love God, one another and

community events.

According profit entity like the coffee building."

"It's not a money maker want to go, to entertainment community," he said. "We think of himself as leaving of the Wesleyan Church for planting. The church will work venues and be there with want to maintain the coffee the Catholic church. He was approximately \$300,000 to God. It's all about people shop to gather and talk about a high school teacher and school and middle school, banding together to try to life and the daily grind."

> shop to be self-sustaining coffee shop to a barber shop

to at." he said. "Not some is very interested in Larkin's Struckmeyer, churches are location where you go for have a purchase agreement have a lot of money. We're East End Pastries will also allowed to make a certain one hour once a week. It's for Larkin's Other Place still booking." percentage of profit in a for about the people not the by the end of the year. He

a coach, and did student The goal is for the coffee ministry

Church planting is part fall of 2009. Larkin's Other Place rather than receiving of a global and national movement to revitalize

> "Church in America is dying," he said. "US is the "It's where people are third largest mission field."

hopes to start renovations

50%

Struckmeyer, born and in January pending approval Calvary Christian Reformed that can be reached," said else. That's where people but a social space in the raised Catholic, doesn't from West Michigan District Church to create a new

Rachel Stadt and Marsha \$400,000 in renovations. He Johnson are co-managers of is planning a soft launch in Voyages. Stadt previously March, with completion by worked at the coffee shop.

"I love seeing people "We will continue to meeting," she said. "The business has been steady all planting movement," he said. "Reaching new lives."

Voyages no longer "We're still in negotiations. serves sandwiches, but does It's a back and forth serve soup in bread bowls. Struckmeyer expects to situation. Churches don't They added sozo coffee, and

Mike Larkin said,

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> Tyler Groeneweg 2nd Grader at Cherry Creek Elementary

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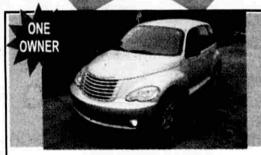
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