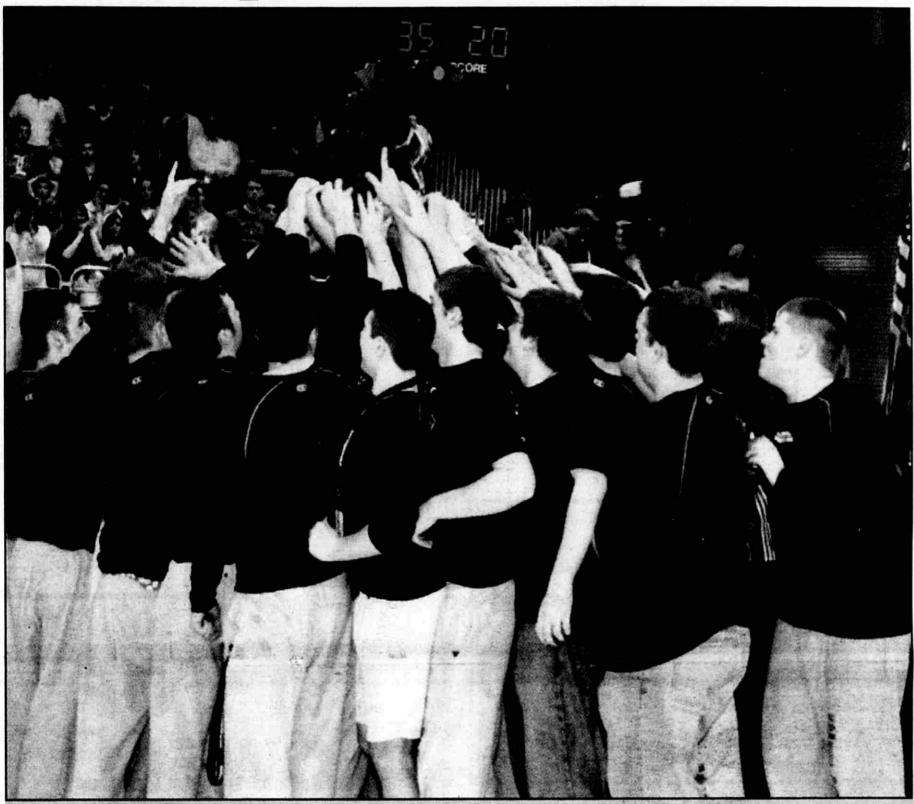
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## Lowell pins down third state wrestling title



Following title win, the Lowell wrestling team holds the trophy for its faithful following.

by Thad Kraus

or the third time in eight years Lowell claimed a state wrestling championship.

The most recent one came Saturday at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek as the Red Arrows overpowered Oxford 35-20 in the Division 2 state final.

"The boys stuck with it. This is their reward for all their effort and hard work," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean. "I am proud of them."

There were plenty of challenges along the way. Arguably the most formidable was a regional final match-up against Greenville.

That victory slid Lowell into a number one seed and heaped some pressure on the Red Arrows as well.

"I felt a change right after we beat Greenville. There seemed to be a different state of mind. We didn't seem the same. We felt a lot more pressure," Dean said. "Knew we were in number one seed and didn't want to let that down."

Lowell got out of the gate a little slow against Oxford, losing two of the opening three matches, but there was no let down.

From there, the Red Arrows ripped off eight straight matches to take a 35-11 lead.

Ryan Olep's 7-1 decision at 189 pounds sealed the state title for Lowell with three matches still to wrestle.

"We just tried to stay focused and to get done what we needed to get done," Olep explained. "The first match today was little tough, but we were ready to go for the finals."

State title winners, cont'd., pg. 13

## City will act as agent for LARA trail grant application

by Emma Palova

he city of Lowell will act as an agent on behalf of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) for grant application for phase 1- of the trail project.

Phase 1 will connect Cherry Creek Elementary School with the high school and Wittenbach Agri-Science and Environmental Center. The estimated cost of the 2.5 mile trail, partly paved and partly wooden boardwalk, is approximately \$1.3 to \$1.5 million.

The LARA group has been seeking funding through a combination of grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources trust fund, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Enhancement monies and private donations.

"No local taxpayers' money will expended," assured Dave Austin of Williams and Works.

The firm had been hired in December to assist LARA with design of the trail and the grant application.

LARA grant, cont'd., pg. 2

## Recycling of cell phones will prevent toxins from entering landfills and soils

by Emma Palova

or Hayley Jones and Ashley Middleditch, recycling is an important way of preserving our planet.

Jones and Middleditch are members of the Lowell High School Environmental Club that carries out the message of preservation of the earth for the future generations.

"Recycling helps keep

our planet clean," said Jones.

The club has partnered with Planet Green, a printer cartridge and cell phone manufacturing and recycling company out of California, to start a new recycling program in Lowell.

Collection boxes for old used cell phones and ink cartridges have now been placed at the Wege Wittenbach Center (WWC), at all the Lowell Area

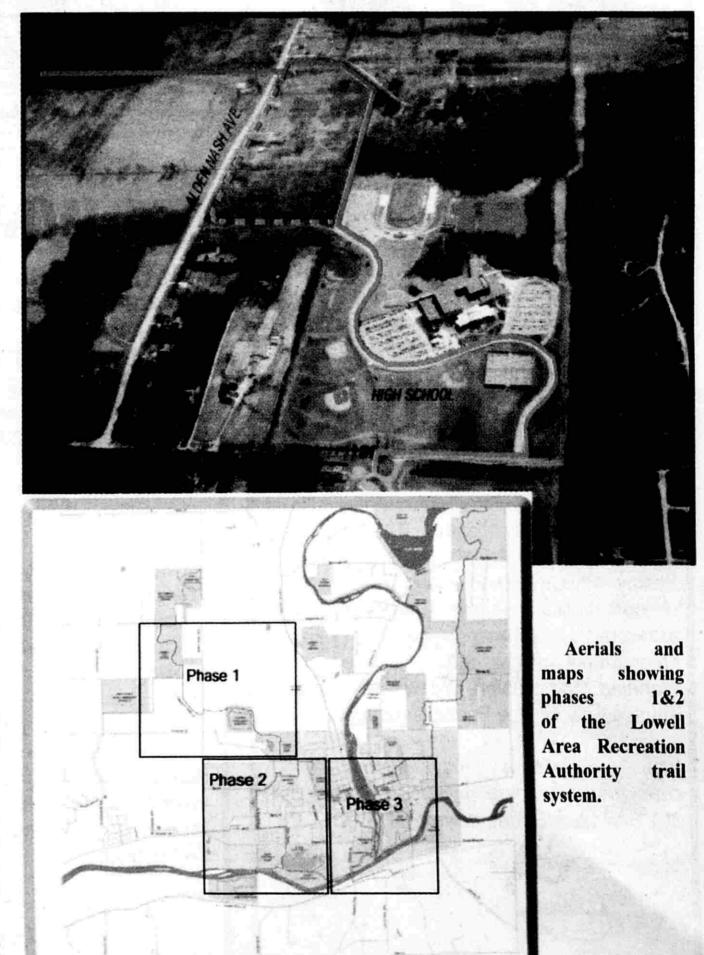
Schools buildings and at the Englehardt Library.

The program will also help raise funds for other activities sponsored by the environmental club and WWC such as Earth Day activities.

"Not only is this project for a good cause, but the funds will go to other projects that are environmentally friendly," said Middleditch.

Recycling, cont'd.,

pg. 4



LYON

Chaplain Juliann Lyon, age 62, died suddenly yet peacefully at home on Thursday, March 5, 2009. She was born July 1946 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Jules and Sarah Erler. Survivors include her husband, Bart Lyon; her son, Daniel; grand-daughter Anna; and two sisters, and Beulah Shirley Tap Doyle. Funeral Services at St. Thomas the Apostle CatholicChurcharecurrently pending. Arrangements are being completed by the Nie Family Funeral Homes.

**SCHUFF** 

Michael Jacob Schuff III. Age 61, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at his residence. A native of Mansfield, OH and resident of McMinn County the late Michael Schuff II and Emma Erndt Schuff and was a member of Mayflower Church in Mansfield, OH. He was a former employee of Lowe's in Athens and former Amway and reserve to Hospice of Chattanooga. police officer while in 4355 Hwy 58, Suite 100, Lowell. He was preceded Chattanooga, TN. 37416.

Michael Emma Schuff. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Janice Sue Boggs Schuff of Athens; one daughter and son-inlaw, Michelle and Scott Barber of Ionia; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael John and Cheryl Schuff of Athens; four grandchildren, Torrey Gessler and wife, Adrianna, Samantha Ann Gessler, Michael Schuff Jr., and J.J. Gessler; one great granddaughter, Alison Shirlene Gessler; brothers-in-law, Barbara and Lewis Rhoades of Boise, ID, Toni and Robert Taylor of brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Audrey Schuff of Jeanine Schuff of St. Louis, MO: several brothers and formal visitation or service. at this event. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made

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The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Impact Church, who wishes to establish a church-community center called Ignite at 2173 West Main Street (the Family Dollar store in Ridgeview Plaza). This property is zoned C-3 General Business District. Under Section 12.03 H. Special land uses, theaters, concert halls or similar places of public assembly, determined by the zoning enforcement officer are considered under Planning Commission review and approval. Thus, a Special Use Permit is required.

nterested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

## LARA grant, continued ... From Page 1

However, the Michigan requirements DepartmentofTransportation responsibility of the grant (MDOT) Enhancement grant applicant and an Act 51 agency. The city in death by an infant sister, is the only Act 51 agency comprising LARA.

> nod from the city that it will act as an Act 51 agent.

approval, the city clerk Betty Morlock said it will not cost the city any money.

All state and federal

cannot sponsoring agency.

"It is ultimately for the municipalities LARA to be the responsible deadline of party for grant application, piggybacks on the MDNR Thus the group needed a the trail and its maintenance," said Austin

Following last week's may enter into a separate tremendous amount of work agreement with LARA to by LARA volunteers," said set up project guidelines and Austin. responsibilities.

In a similar case

the scenario, the city of Belding acted as an applicant for the will MDOT Enhancement grant requires that the applicant is be delegated on to the for the Flat River Trail from Lowell Township Hall at 6 Lowell to Greenville.

> The MDOT application deadline of April 1

"The project is moving city along well, due to the

The project progress be presented on Wednesday, March 11 at the

The LARA trail project will also be showcased at the March Expo on March 28 along with the other trail projects in the area including the proposed Flat River Trail and the North Country Trail Association.

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Mobile, Alabama for more

than \$50,000 in college

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Michigan's Junior Miss

Coffey is the daughter of

Bob and Tammy Coffey, of

Scholarship Program.

Lowell.

scholarship money.

## Lowell grad competing in Michigan Junior Miss program

Andrea Coffey, of Lowell, among contestants the Michigan's Junior Miss State Scholarship Program. at local elementary schools, The program is coming local Girl Scout Troops, Sandusky, OH, Pam Perry to Saline High School on Motts Children's Hospital, of Columbus, OH; two Saturday, March 14. The and senior citizen's facilities. event will begin at 6 p.m. They will also be rehearsing and is open to the public. for their opening number, Dunnellon, FL, Fred and Fourteen high school senior physical fitness routine, and young women from all over their talent segment. the state of Michigan will sisters-in-laws, nieces and be competing for \$13,000 in Junior Miss will go on nephews. There will be no college scholarship money to compete at America's

The Junior Miss contestants will spend a week in the Ann Arbor area performing community service projects

The winner of Michigan's

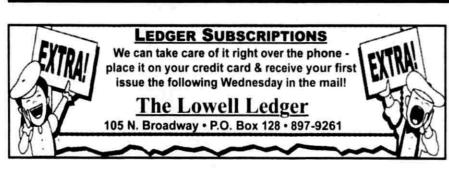
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## **BOWNE TOWNSHIP**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON** PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. the Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the 2009-2010 Township proposed budget. The public hearing will be held at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, MI 49302.

The property tax millage rate of 2.6738 proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2009-2010 budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the new township office, 8240 Alden Nash SE Wednesday & Thursday 9-noon, 1-5; Friday 9-noon.

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



**Andrea Coffey** 

## CITY OF LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE** ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL **AND TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS** 

The City of Lowell's Water Treatment Filtration Plant is now softening and fluoridating the

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Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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## Rotary Club accepting scholarship applications

The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for five Rotary Club of Lowell scholarships.

The Rotary Club of Lowell has been awarding scholarships to graduating Lowell area seniors since 1997. One scholarship is specifically designated for a student at- the Rotary motto of "Ser-

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Grand Rapids

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campaigns for weather shelter

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for a weather shelter and

other improvements at the

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Dog Park, located at Stoney

Lakeside Park. Local users

highlight the sense of

community the park has

brought for dog lovers,

along with providing a fun

environment of socializing

and exercise, not only for

The one drawback has

been the summer heat.

"With the lack of shade,

dogs would run for 5-10

minutes then seek out shade

under the flower box seats

or benches," reported Jeff

Eckstrom of the Lowell

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dogs but people too.

tending Cornerstone University, while the other four are not university specific. All applicants must be either a graduating senior attending Lowell High School or a graduating senior, living in the Lowell Area School District, attending any public, private, charter or home based school. In line with

vice Above Self," communi- stated Greg Flick, Chairman

"We are pleased to increase granted. the size of the scholarships which will be awarded this the scholarships or to obtain year, and hope that area an application, please visit students, upon graduation, www.lowellrotary.org. will return to Lowell to be leaders in the community,"

ping skills are strongly encouraged to take this class before

Computer Basics I & II - Designed to meet the needs of the

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terms, using a mouse, opening and closing windows, and

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ciently locate information on the Internet. Participants must

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crosoft Word. Participants will learn how to enter and de-

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features. This class is taught at the introductory level, but

participants must have basic typing skills and must know

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learn to interact with the computer using both the mouse

Wide Web. For participants with a working knowledge of

any other KDL Computer Confidence Courses.

other essential skills for getting started.

be able to use the mouse.

how to use the mouse.

personal computers.

The Lowell Dog Park Dog Park Committee. dogs. We are hoping for a raise the approximately

Committee has announced "Human park users would May construction date," \$5000 for the structure.

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ty service is a primary factor of the Rotary Club of Lowin awarding the scholarship. ell Community Foundation. Applications must be post- Since 1997, over \$70,000 marked by March 20, 2009. of scholarships have been

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St., Fri., Mar. 13, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Mar. 14, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther at

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#### MAPLE SYRUP FEST

The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience Environmental Education Center will be having a Maple Syrup Fest on Sat., March 14. Join them for a pancake breakfast, served from 9-12 p.m., and a chance to go back in time and learn how maple syrup was made by both the Native Americans and early settlers. Call 987-1002 for more details or check out our website at www.lowellschools.com.

#### **BAKE POTATO FUNDRAISER**

The Lowell Senior Center will host a bake potato and salad fundraiser on Sat., March 21, noon-2 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted for the Lowell Senior Center Building Fund.

#### LWC GRANT REQUESTS

The Lowell Women's Club is now accepting grant requests from Lowell Community Organizations which are in keeping with our philosophy, goals and mission. This application does not apply to LWC Scholarships. You can access an application form from www. lowellwomensclub.org or call Karen Thomure at 897-9862. Deadline is Mar. 18.

#### LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS General Local Scholarship applications are due to

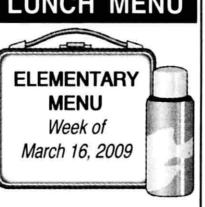
Mrs. Nauta in the Student Services Center no later than

3 p.m. on Friday, March 20, absolutely no exceptions.

Don't forget your two letters of recommendation and

personal statement. For more information please call

987-2913.



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w/cheese & bosco stick stacked ham & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, pineapple, milk.

FRI: Tony's cheese pizza (chili & crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh tossed



Donations can be sent to the

Lowell Dog Park Project,

Lowell City Hall, 301 E.

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MON: Cheeseburger on bun (taco salad w/tortilla chips also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray vegetables, assorted fruit, peanut butter bar, milk.

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## Board receives energy savings updates

Board held its regular Unity High School. During may access information the Greg Pratt. The Board heard various into history; information a website they created at representative for the Lowell across the district.

The Lowell Area School class he is now teaching at History Project anyone come," said Superintendent the Board approved and on phase three of the

the class students delve students have gathered via

"I'm very proud that Mark

s the face of Farm Bureau

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Rapids area. Farm Bureau

Insurance is 'Michigan's

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Farm Bureau Insurance,

one of the Michigan's major

insurers, has a statewide

field force of 450 agents,

serving nearly 500,000

of agents like Mark."

gathered includes historical http://sites.google.com/site/ Board of Education, offered and activities taking place research about Lowell Area riversideorg/. "I would like an update to the Board Schools and the Unity to say thank you to our staff on activities at the high Stempien High School building. and students; this will be a school. Recently Model UN presented a report on a Known as the Riverside treasure for many years to competed for its 17th year at Hope College. "We really put this together," said Liu.

Parker Liu, student

Jim White updated the to energy savings; they do Board regarding district energy savings for the past Jim White. year. Several years ago

appreciate the teachers at been \$2,466,505. There and really contemplate the the high school that helped are 930 schools and other necessity of new classrooms. with this program and four program in the nation. with the Superintendent and congratulations to all those the Board of Education and involved with the musical," including all teachers and support staff are committed

Bids will be going out

entered an agreement with construction updates for Energy Education Inc., Lowell Area Schools. an organization that helps Included in this bid package schools and other non- will be the addition of profits save money and the classrooms to Murray Lake environment by energy and Alto Elementary. The conservation. Savings to Board met during a special date since working with Saturday retreat to go over Energy Education Inc. has the needs of the district nonprofits that participate With impending directions from the State requiring Lowell has the number one that districts move to all program in all the Great day everyday kindergarten. Lakes States, and the number it is becoming evident "Our entire staff starting be necessary in order to accommodate all students.

"FFA will be competing at State Competition this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Michigan State an outstanding job," said University," said Board Secretary Pat Nugent.

## **Business Matters**

Mark Johnson, local agent Bureau Insurance, said for Farm Bureau Insurance that Johnson has done an in Grand Rapids, was excellent job in representing honored for excellent sales the organization to the and service to clients at the community. "Mark is recent Multi-Line Marketing trusted advisor to clients, Convention held in Traverse helping them with the

Jim Robinson, Executive need and the service they Vice President of Farm deserve," said Robinson. policyholders.

prevent items containing

planet," said Johnson.

Planet Green's web site.

toxins from ending up in the water.

Ink jet, laser cartridges

"This is a great way to

not only prevent recyclable

materials from entering our

landfills, but to also help

support the environmental

crisis, according to the web

site, stems from the fact that

The environmental

club," said Johnson.

insurance products they

cell phones contain a large

Recycling, continued ... From Page 1

"We only have one when cell phones are incinerated, while the quality lower the costs of making of the soil and drinking new ink cartridges. It is water is compromised when estimated that cell phones cell phones are buried in are discarded after 18 world wide, according to landfills, as the compounds months of use.

> when the units are purged. Many of these toxins, such as antimony, arsenic, lead, nickel and zinc, are cartridges, persistent toxins. They stay 9,599 breaking down.

number of hazardous and to the web site, have been associated with cancer and a cancer causing compounds that pollute the air, soil and wide range of reproductive, neurological Air pollution is created developmental disorders.

Recycling also helps

More than 40,000 tons leach out of the devices. of plastic and metal are saved from landfills annually as a result of cartridge recycling. beryllium, cadmium, copper, For every 100,000 recycled approximately kilograms in the environment for long aluminum, 40 tons of plastic periods of time without and one million liters of oil is saved.

Becky Wieland

Pam Krause

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HS Wrestling

Dee McKendrik

Lowell Lacrosse

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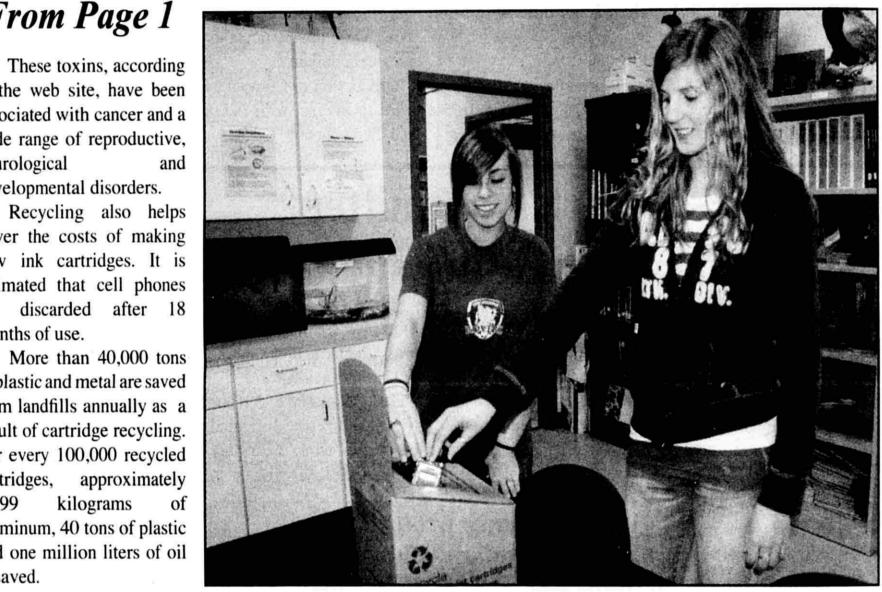
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Ashley Middleditch and Hayley Jones of the Environmental Club encourage people to recycle their used cell phones and ink cartridges.



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# Viewpoint-

hunt and seasons. Game habits must be understood in order to a licensed taxidermist before you take possession. There

usually require hiring an outfitter which includes guide South Dakota or dangerous game in Africa, it certainly pays

Lately there has been a lot of news about trails coming to communities. Those are regional trails coordinated by

Lowell. People are wondering what types of trails are being the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition along

considered and where they will go. Careful planning has with each local municipality. This coalition is a nonprofit

been studied for the placement of a potential trail in Lowell. organization that helps develop paved, non-motorized

National experts recommend building trails in phases, trails to connect communities, wilderness areas, parks and

starting with segments that link key areas of a community historical landmarks throughout West Michigan. Examples

together. Often trails connect to existing sidewalks to of these types of trails are the Fred Meijer Heartland and

community. It would run from Cherry Creek Elementary how it will connect to other regional and national trails in

What kind of trails are being considered in Lowell?

increase accessibility and coverage. Building a trail in Fred Meijer White Pine Trail.

homework is no excuse.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor.

Outdoors

and a hand-full of shells.

by Jodie Seese.

of Lowell.

One recent controversy facing Lowell City Council is "the deer hunting ordinance." For those who are not aware, it is a proposed change to a Public Safety Ordinance that would allow the use of bow and arrows on city lots of 10 acres or to voice your opinion. Thank you.

Too many deer are cited for proposing the change, yet the facts fail to prove deer are an increased safety hazard. We have also heard complaints regarding landscape damage.

HOMEWORK

As the world becomes smaller through modern

communications and transportation, hunting opportunities

have expanded. Hunters now routinely roam beyond state

and national boundaries in quest of game. These excursions

require more preparation than just locating the dog leash

Hunting on your own in other states for unfamiliar game

requires learning about local regulations as well as where to

to establish a hunting strategy. Local weather conditions

curve gets even steeper. Choosing a reliable outfitter can

increase the chance that one has a quality hunt by providing

advice and assistance with all the issues related to hunting in

strange places. Hunting in foreign countries and some states

service. An experienced guide takes some pressure off the

hunter for knowing specifics about the hunted game. Check

references or, better yet, talk to friends or acquaintances

phases allows construction to proceed as funds are raised

The proposed trail for Lowell would be a paved,

nonmotorized trail and Phase I would connect downtown

Lowell with parks and schools on the west side of our

to the Lowell High School and continue to the Wittenbach

Wege Center. Lowell's proposed trail would also connect

with a Safe Routes to Schools project on Gee Drive thereby

linking local sports parks to schools and the business district

There are different types of trails for different purposes. For

example, the North County Trail (NCT) is a nature footpath

that travels through seven states covering over 4,600 miles.

It runs from New York to North Dakota. It is a rustic hiking

trail that winds through Kent County, including Lowell as

part of its route through Michigan. Its national headquarters

are located in Lowell at 229 East Main Street. For more

information visit their web-site at www.northcountytrail.

There is another type of trail that is happening in

and as demand for use increases.

who have hunted with the prospective outfitter.

When traveling beyond national borders, the learning Michigan.

dictate clothing needs and the proper care of bagged game.

Since only five private and 10 commercial lots could potentially allow hunting, I question the impact, if any, it would have on our deer population.

My current opinion is that the Public Safety of all citizens outweighs the inconvenience of some. The ordinance does not merit change. I appreciate input from citizens and urge you to attend a City Council meeting or contact a city official

An added challenge of international hunting is getting

firearms through airports and across borders legally,

smoothly, and intact. It is necessary to register firearms

with U.S. Customs before leaving. It is also a good idea to

register items such as rangefinders and cameras to insure

getting everything back into the country upon returning.

An industrial strength gun case to protect firearms in transit

is a good investment. Hiring an agent to shepherd firearms

Getting capes and meat back into this country can

be relatively easy or may become a bureaucratic maze

depending on where the game was taken. Homeland

security and animal disease have made the process more

complicated. Sometimes, it is required for game to be packed

and documented in the country of origin, then shipped to a

broker in the U.S. where it is inspected and then shipped

Information about all this is available at outdoor shows as

well as state, federal, and foreign agencies. The Internet, of

So whether you plan to hunt birds on the great plains of

to do your homework. This takes time, and the dog ate my

West Michigan that could connect Lowell with other

That coalition is currently working on the railroad track

that would link Lowell to Belding and Greenville to the

north and has already secured the railroad property that

the area. That is a very unique opportunity," says Carolyn

Kane who is with the West Michigan Trails and Greenway

Coalition. "We encourage and support the development

of local trails because they feed into larger regional trails

which connect communities." To learn more about regional

Steps toward a local trail for Lowell continue this week

with a public meeting for input on a DNR grant. That

meeting will take place Wednesday, March 11th at the

LARA, the Lowell Area Recreational Authority is the

organization working to bring local trails to Lowell. Betsy

Davidson is a board member for LARA and has been

would connect Lowell to Ionia.

trails go to www.wmtrails.org.

Lowell Township Hall at 6 p.m.

involved in early fund raising efforts.

course, is a convenient way to become informed.

through customs in some countries is worth the price.

Sharon Ellison City Council Member



#### THE LOWELL JOURNAL MARCH 12, 1884

The roller skating rink is well patronized.

F. B. Hine has a patent elevator in his hardware store. It will run everything up except prices.

Those who refused to sell potatoes last fall at 75 cents per bushel now wish they had sold at that figure.

A postal card from Dr. Webb says he will be home this week to resume practice. He is at Ann Arbor.

#### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 11, 1909

The matter of rebuilding Train's opera house is still "in the air," and as the difficulty will doubtless be settled between the authorities and the owner and agent, we reserve

David Wilcox has bought the Nancy Lewis cottage on are also strict requirements for importing deer and elk North Street, east side, consideration \$400; and Chauncey from a number of designated states and providences into Townsend has bought, of Mrs. Lewis, the vacant corner lot adjoining his own for \$100.

#### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **MARCH 15, 1934**

Joel W. Batchelor, age 54, was found dead at about 7 o'clock last Monday morning in the hallway of the home occupied by William Gibbs, S. Hudson Ave.

When found, Batchelor's body was covered with a couple of blankets. There was a pool of blood near the body, quite frozen. The left eye was discolored as if from a blow.

The autopsy held a few hours later revealed a fracture of the skull

Was it foul play?

Or had the man died following an alleged drinking bout

#### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **MARCH 12, 1959**

Good news for Lowell was made known this week when C. H. Runciman, President of the State Savings Bank, revealed that the board had obtained options on the area of Main Street burned out in the fire of January 2, 1958, for a

The area approximately 100 x 150 extends from "What's exciting about the proposed trail for Lowell is Wepman's to the corner of Lafayette. The Levee Restaurant now owned by Peter Speerstra would be removed if the project goes through.

#### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 14, 1984

The home stands went wild Saturday as the final buzzer sounded, making the hosting Red Arrows District Tournament Champions for the first time since 1978.

Jim Hostler, who was a big key in the whole tournament and Jason Barber, were leading scorers for the week with 45 points apiece. Other high scorers were Luka Ivanovic with 39 points, Craig Porter with 33, and Pat Brown who chipped

Coach Akers was very pleased with the Arrows' What kind of trails, cont'd., pg. 7 performance. "The kids just play super," he said.

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**Benjamin Raymor and Anna Boruta** 

Anna Marie Boruta and Lowell High School and Benjamin LeRoy Raymor are attending Grand Rapids will be joined in marriage Community College. They on April 25, 2009 at St. and their parents, Mike Robert's of New Minster. and Mary Boruta and Terry The future bride and groom and Nancy Raymor, are of graduates of Lowell.

Reitz/VanderKlok

Andrea Reitz and Bill VanderKlok

Wedding vows will be Community College. She exchanged on April 24, 2009, by Andrea Reitz and Chiropractic. The groom, of Bill VanderKlok. The bride, Lowell, is the son of William of Grand Rapids, is the and Regina VanderKlok, daughter of Pastor Gene and also of Lowell. He graduated Robin Reitz, of Adrian. She from Lowell High School attended Freedom Baptist and went to Grand Rapids High School, graduated Community College. He is from Lenawee Christian in working at Knapp Hearing Adrian, and went to Jackson Aids.

MARCH 11:

Pat Ball, Renee Nugent, Larry Martin.

Stevens, Dan Baird, Kari Merriman, Chase Peterson, Shannon Lambert, Sara Schoen.

**MARCH 12:** 

David Baird, Lisa Homrich, Laura Horsley, Julie Idema, Kathy Fyan.

**MARCH 13:** 

Sophia D'Agostino, Dode Dey, Paul Seese, Tyler Schneider, Jack Robert Greg Briggs, Louise Weeks. Malone.

**MARCH 14:** Venita Wheeler, Mike Landman.

**MARCH 15:** 

Daniel Vegter, Ward Boulard Jr., Brett Hobrla, Margot Miller, Skylar Bowne-Anderson.

MARCH 16:

**MARCH 17:** 

Renee Barnes, Logan





by Roger LaWarre

In the letter to the church in Ephesus, a letter reportedly written by the Apostle Paul, the subject of "unity" is addressed as the answer for such church ailments as (1) arguments among members, (2) unorthodox teachings and (3) fractured efforts at doing service to humankind. It sounds simple. Just build relationships that bring honor and praise to God. In practice, the church (meaning the memberships of countless local religious groups) has found innumerable ways to break itself apart and go their separate ways. Unity is not an easy fix and we in the church (and outside the church, for that matter) have not displayed the tenacity of Spiritual commitment to make unity a hallmark of true Christian living. You have to ask yourself why it

mandate of Christ to lead our life in ways that are worthy of of times and lay on the track crying. being called a follower of God.

another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and finally, to a person, came to an abrupt stop. In concert, they patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit all turned around and hurried back to their fallen comrade. by the peace that binds you together." (Eph 4:2-3) Then Paul One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him continues by speaking of the "Oneness" that we all share and saying, "This will make it better." They helped him up and the "Oneness" of the nature of God - "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all..." (vs. 5-6) It can imagine that the spectators rose to their feet in great is this life to which you and I must subscribe if we are to be truly a person who lives in the Spirit of God's sovereignty.

A Story: At the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, starting line for the 100 yard dash. At the gun, they all to run the race to the finish. All, that is, but one young man

is so easy for us to cling to differences and overlook the ahead while this young lad tumbled over and over a couple

The others heard the cry and turned to see from where Paul describes the "life of unity" by saying, "Bear with one it was coming. They slowed their pace as they looked and all nine together, arm in arm, walked to the finish line. You cheers of admiration and pride. In fact, the cheering and clapping continued for several minutes.

Deep down each of us, upon hearing this story, recognize all physically or mentally challenged, assembled at the the true meaning of Unity that it conveys. Life is not about personal conquest and winning for ourselves. It is about started the race (not exactly in a dash) with determination helping others "win," even if it means slowing down, and changing course in life. Paul is right. Unity is the true path to who had the unfortunate experience of tripping and falling life and love and relationship. Please, reflect on this thought to the asphalt as the gun sounded. The other eight moved as you continue in your Lenten journey.

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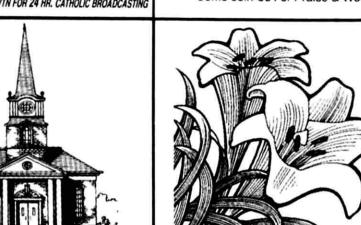
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I have been dealing with marital concerns for over 20 years in my practice as a psychologist. One of the most alarming problems that marriages face today is the accessibility of pornography. According to the Internet Filter Review, the amount of money that has been made from pornography on the net is \$97.06 billion dollars. There are 4.2 million websites that are pornographic in nature and child pornography is proliferating and is one of the fastest growing businesses online. In 2004, the Internet Watch Foundation found 3,433 child abuse domains but in 2006,

0,656 child abuse domains were counted. These startling facts come from a recent book that was written by two local authors, Robert J. Baird, M.Div., MSW, Ph.D. and Ronald L. Vanderbeck, Psy.D. The title of the book is: Behind Closed

With the health and well-being of marriages in mind, the next five articles will focus on pornography and the impact that it has on families and especially on marriages. The first article will be titled, "The Temptation of Pornography." The next two articles will be on "The Destructive Cycle of Pornography," and "How to Confront Someone Who is on this Destructive Cycle." The fourth article will discuss "How to Protect our Children from Pornography," and the final article will be about how to "Recover from a Cybersex

Questions or personal stories (that will remain in confidence) are welcome. Please email them to me at this address: kathryndenhouter@gmail.com. I always welcome If colon cancer goes undetected, symptoms will eventually your personal perspectives.

## international Pennies for Peace campaign

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season of Lent, will have an opportunity to study the cultures of Afghanistan and Pakistan, learn to work and share together in their to five years Pennies for Peace campaign, and come to understand

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are ultimately our future

leaders, to learn the value of

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About Pennies for Peace

of Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes girls in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. than 28,000 students, 14,000 for colonoscopy.

the web at www.ikat.org.

Colorectal cancer originates in the large intestine or rectum and it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Most colon cancers, if detected early enough, can be cured. Unfortunately, there are no early warning signs of colon cancer, and that is why screening is so important. occur and they include blood in the stool, change in bowel movements, cramping or pain in the abdomen or rectum.

COLON CANCER

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009 - PAGE

With Drs. Paul Gauthier

Jim Lang,

Wayne A. Christenson III

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

The American Cancer society recommends that all people age 50 or older should be screened for colon cancer.

The most effective screening procedure is a colonoscopy. During a colonoscopy, you will be sedated and a long tube attached to a video camera will be inserted into the rectum and passed through the entire length of the colon. The procedure itself only takes 5-10 minutes and it allows the physician to view the entire colon, looking for small tumors or polyps. During the colonoscopy a small snare is used to remove polyps or biopsy larger tumors.

If your colonoscopy is normal you will not need to repeat the test for 10 years. If polyps are found, your physician will New York Times best seller, usually repeat the colonoscopy in 3-5 years depending on Three Cups of Tea. CAI is a the number and type of polyps found.

Colonoscopy is painless, as you are sedated throughout the procedure. In fact, the only complaint that patients express and provides community- is that they have to take a laxative the night before to clear based education and literacy out the colon. This is a small price to pay for the possible programs, especially for prevention of a deadly colon cancer.

CT colonoscopy (virtual colonoscopy) is a newer test that involves 3-D x-ray pictures of the colon to detect colon Founded in 1996, CAI has cancer. It may be as effective as colonoscopy, but the prep built, to date, nearly 100 is the same and biopsies or removal of polyps cannot be schools in Afghanistan and done simultaneously. At this time CT colonoscopy is not and Afghanistan are on the Pakistan, which serve more available in this area and should not be used as a substitute

of whom are girls. Greg's For more information on colon cancer and screening, talk story and more information to your physician or contact the American Cancer Society at about CAI can be found on www.cancer.org.



## What kind of trails, continued ... From Page 5

"A lot of research and planning has gone into this project. We will have a booth at the Lowell Community EXPO and we invite residents to stop by and see the progress. You will also be able to see where the local trail is planned and how it will connect with the regional and national trails in our area." Davidson also hints to exciting news to be announced at EXPO. "We have also planned a press conference at

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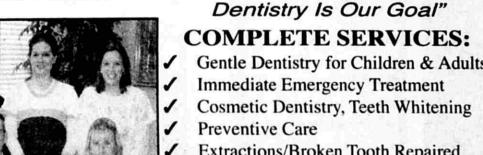
Anyone with questions or ideas about Lowell's trail can visit the LARA website at www.lowellareatrail.org or call Jodie Seese at 616-446-7058.

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- Bill Cosby (1937 - )

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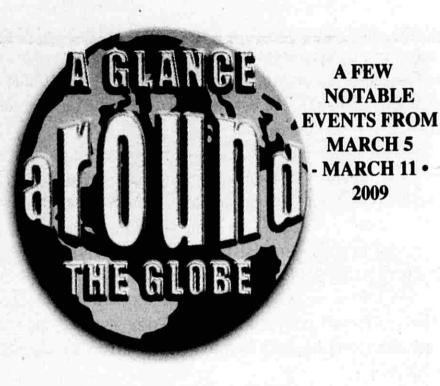
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- Comedian/actor Robin Williams to undergo heart surgery.
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- Zimbabwean Prime Minister injured and his wife killed in car accident.
- President Obama abolishes stem-cell research
- The French Legion of honor was awarded to Harry Patch, 110, Britain's last surviving World War I veteran.
- The real-life 'Cheers' bartender, Eddie Doyle, 66, was laid off after 35 years tending bar at the Boston tavern that inspired the television
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## College News

the 2008-09 academic year.

Saint Mary's College, Mooney, Ryan Nugent, Notre Dame, Ind., named Graham Otten, Robert Caitlin Stevenson, of Ada, Schaub, Kari Searls, Alyssa and Edith Chittenden, of Spielmaker, Kasey Stowell, Lowell, to the Dean's List Nicholas Szymanski, and for the fall 2008 semester. Claire Vredevoogd, all of A student must achieve a Ada. earn academic honors at Saint Mary's.

School graduate.

Design.

University of Findlay for Hyma, Blair Jeffers, Kristie Susan Mulder, Jonathan

Sarah Lockwood, Daniel

grade point average of at Lauren Alexander, Sara least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to Fifarek, John Lloyd, and Judith Mendez, all of Alto.

Tamara Coffey, Devin DeCator, Travis Gillan, Bradley Nordman, of Trevor Hoard, Brittany Lowell, has been placed on Huisman, Whitney Jernigan, the Dean's Honor List in Andrew Kelly, Michael recognition of outstanding Kleinpaste, Carlene Lyons, academic achievement at Eric Mundt, Maranda Ruegsegger, for the 2008 fall term. Spoelman, Linda Stretton, Nordman has also been Marissa Thaler, Andrew nominated for membership Vogel, Kyle Wittenbach, in Tau Beta Pi, the national and Angela Worsley, all of Lowell.

Some 827 students completed the requirements University officials have for certificates, associate, announced that 3,549 bachelor's, master's and students received Academic doctoral degrees at Ferris Honors for the semester that State University, Kendall ended in December 2008 CollegeofArtandDesign,and at Ferris State University, the College of Professional Kendall College of Art and and Technological Studies

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during the semester that

ended in December 2008. graduating were: Deborah

Andrew Vogel, and Angela Worsley, all of Lowell.

The University of North-

western Ohio is proud to acknowledge that William Lowell. Jade Barrera-Wilder and January 2009 session in the was honored as an outstand- the individual that nomina-Judit Mendez, both of Alto. College of Technologies. eing student leader during ted them, along with a small Carlene Lyons, Linda Full-time students must re- Northwood University's token of the University's

of 3.5 or better to be named to the Dean's List. Zigmont is a 2008 Lowell High School graduate. His parents are Al and Helen Zigmont of

Stretton, Marissa Thaler, ceive a grade point average second annual Leadership appreciation.

Dinner. Faculty and staff were asked to nominate outstanding student leaders participating in student o ganizations, athletic tear or taking initiative in the made the Dean's List for the Taylor Verdon, of Lowell, dents received a letter from

University of Michigan engineering honor society. He is a 2007 Lowell High

Sealed bids, in triplicate, for the Lowell Area Schools Phase 3 Renovations, will be received at Lowell Area Schools Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan on Thursday, March 26 2009 at

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A construction pre-bid meeting will be held at Lowell Area Schools Administration Building in the Conference Room, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI, on Wednesday, March 17 2009 at 3:00 P.M. Appointments can be made for other site visits as needed. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

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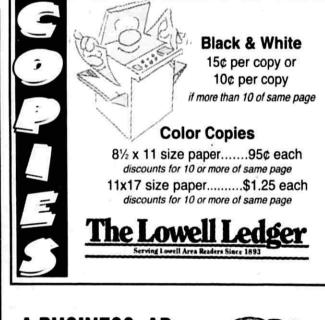
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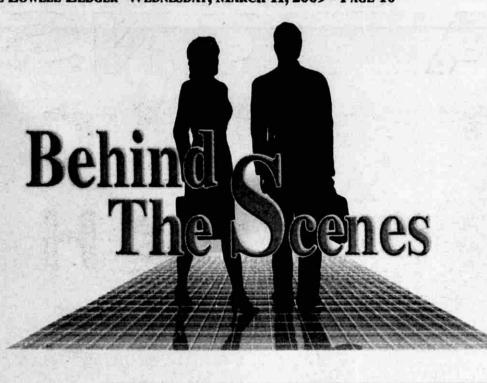












Position: Residence: Lowell

Maintenance at the post office

Education: 1976 Graduate of Lowell High School

Family: Hobbies:

Experience: Military 1976, post office since 1980 Children Cory, Tracy and Kevin Bowling with dad, John and deer hunting in November on the farm



- TOBY JONES

## Postal worker loves helping out fellow business people

by Emma Palova

Jones, doesn't mind lending wanted to quit since. a helping hand here and there. In winter, you see Lowell Ledger.

flag pole, and meticulously doing whatever is needed. watering them in the heat temperature or precipitation.

then postmaster Charlie Doyle, helped Jones get the

A true altruist, Toby compassionate, Jones never day," he said.

outdoors," he said.

Jones, who is also a maintenance of front of the post office and farmer, definitely likes the parking lots and extra even helping out his fellow outdoors and he meets nice expenses to heat. On top business owners like the people all the time. Over the of that Jones is still upset years, his job has changed over the closing of the alley the kids through life," he In summer, you see him from carrying mail on a between the post office and planting flowers around the walking route in the city to the Ledger Buyers Guide

"You have to like the economy, but the winter has been rough with increased

Kevin. His Airedale Kia is also a part of the family.

"I was taught that hard work pays off," he said. Divorced since 2005, Jones is a full time dad trying

to keep the kids focused. "My main goal is to get

The kids and dad hunt

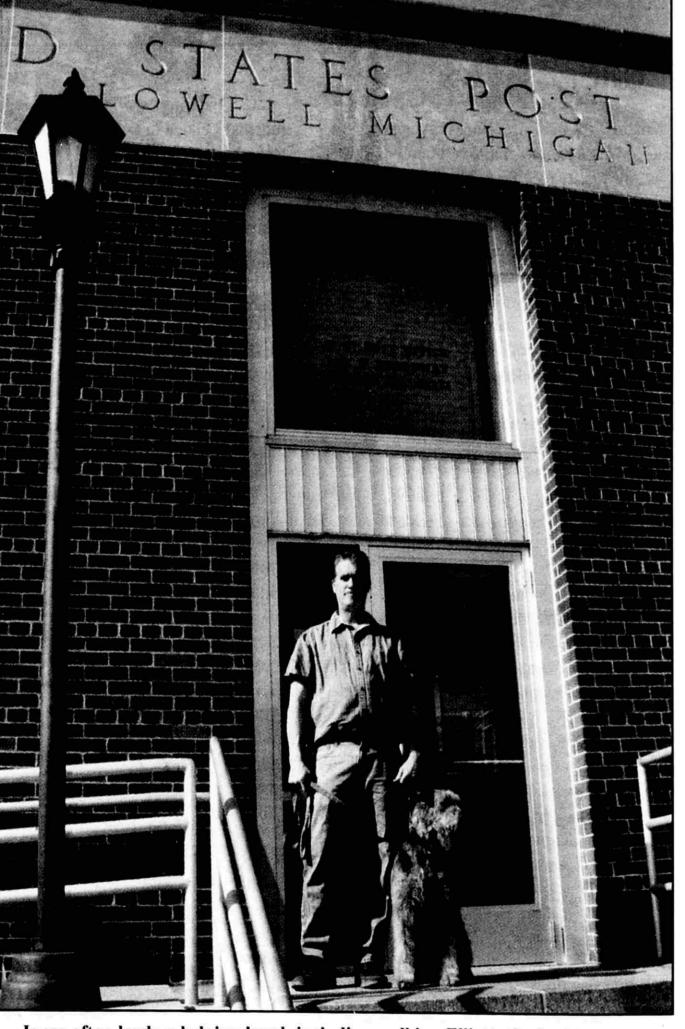
postal job. Dedicated and you want your mail every Cory, and twins Tracy and together every November he said, "but I love the 4on the 80-acre family farm on 52nd Street. The kids are a lot of good friends with involved in 4-H with pigs people from out of town. I and Pigmy goats.

excited Although about the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Kent County Youth Fair, Jones fears possible cutbacks for

"You know it's scary," and pick back up.

H atmosphere. You make am hoping for an excellent He plans to retire in five

years and farm full time and help the kids. As far as the post office, Jones knows it will survive the economy,



Jones often lends a helping hand, including walking Elliott, the Ledger company mascot owned by J. Boss.



## "I think it's terrible," he "I show up and do of the day. He is weather- whatever needs to be done," said. "It's an inconvenience for the carriers. They have to In a rough economy, go around the block; I don't Jones, a former when people are shipping understand what the city carrier and a maintenance less, Jones takes it one day accomplished." He credits his parents worker, has been with the at a time. But, he doesn't post office for the last 30 think any of the potential John and Phyllis Jones, who One Wednesday trimming of delivery days taught him to work hard night, at the bowling alley, will actually happen. for his success. His every "As a business owner, day motivation are his kids."

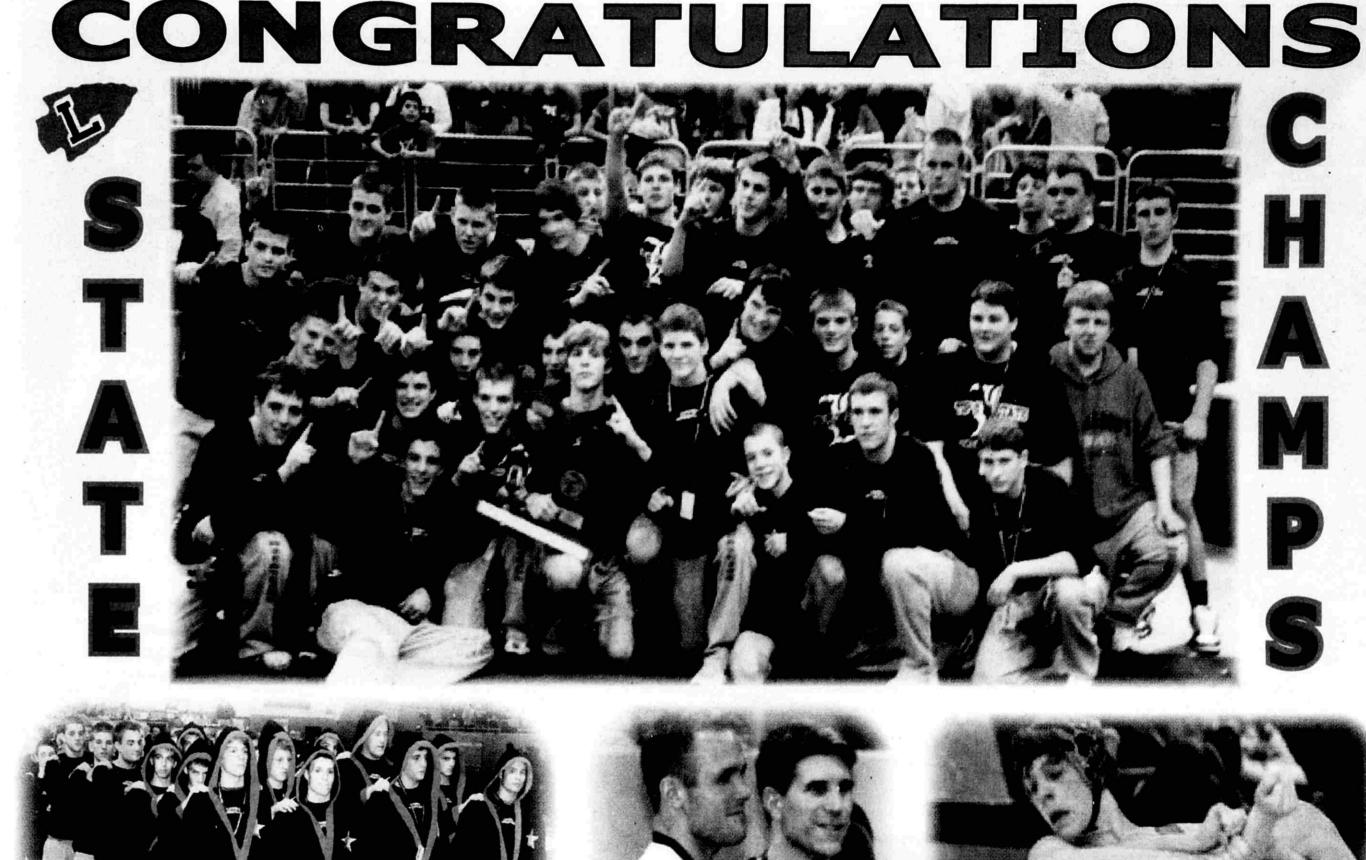
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## Red Arrow

## State title winners, continued ... From Page 1

preceded by Gabe Dean's give Lowell a 6-5 lead. Jackson Morse's (152) 13-4 major decision against Mike Ben Ralston.

"I've worked so long and hard for this. Everybody stepped up. It was a team didn't want that feeling of losing a finals again," Pabon said. "Everybody came through. We wanted it. This is the best way to go out."

straight wins began with Dan Fleet's (130) 12-4 over Dakota Peasley; and Andrew Morse's (140) 18-0 technical fall against Luke

I had a pretty good idea we were going to take it."

Trailing 5-0, Lowell's Ty Jack (119) put Oxford's Mike Thomas on his back

Olep's decision was in 1:59 of the first period to

"Being the first time in the state finals and to come out and finish runner-up is something to be proud of," said Oxford wrestling coach, Scott Couch. "We Myer; and Rocky Pabon's didn't wrestle great in the (145) 10-8 decision against finals, but we have good young guys and we'll come back and be ready to go."

#### St. Johns 26

Lowell's toughest challenge came Saturday in the semi finals against a strong St. Johns

The Redwings won the first four matches to take an early 13-0 advantage.

For Red Arrow fans, it wasn't the fact they won four matches as it was the wrestlers St. Johns took down during that stretch.

Ryan Dean (135) lost a 5-3 decision; Andrew Morse (140) fell 8-4; Rocky Pabon (145) dropped an 11-3 Ryan's (Dean) and Jackson's it because we thought it was Morse (152), for the first time this year, lost 7-6.

"We knew all that was possible. St. Johns is a very dangerous team.'

Following the four division championship matches, medals were handed out to the partici-For coach Dave Dean fan, the match at 152 pounds and his Red Arrows the was special not only for its pounds as a match they

point in the match where Lowell had the upper hand. "The match started at the strength of St. John's lineup," Dean explained. "We were hoping to win

didn't. We also knew we had some mismatches we were getting to."

For the pure wrestling

focus was on getting to the timing but for what the wrestlers represented. St. the match at 52-0 against Morse who was 34-0.

St. John's coach thought a match that special is good for the fans and also helps

"Lowell's a strong team and real good." we'd need some help at the six at 23-17. lower weights."

Ballard pointed to 103 thought they needed.

Johns' Taylor Massa entered Aaron Nowak on wrestling's biggest stage put forth his finest effort in recording a "We didn't set up the 16-2 major decision against

"It was an opportunity "Once we beat Greenville major decision; and Jackson (Morse) matches, but we the best for the team," Dean for Aaron to step up for the Lowell 39 program. To see him do that Hazel Park 12

has taken his share of hard knocks this season felt good

"I went out there and the ability to tried my best and wrestled

keep winning. We also knew Lowell's lead from two to

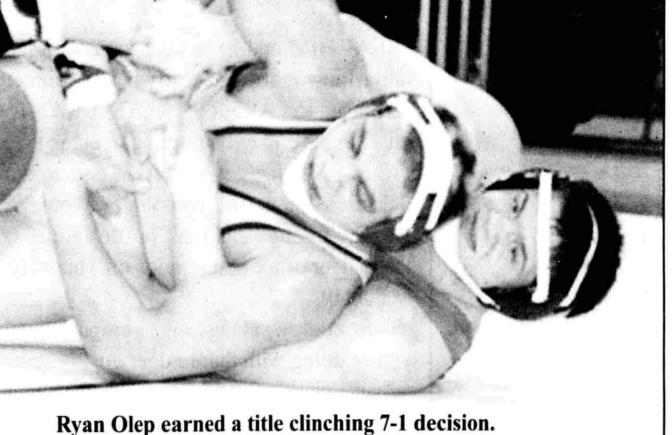
"It's a win we needed, he wrestled better than we thought. Give the Instead, Lowell freshman Lowell kid credit, he had a

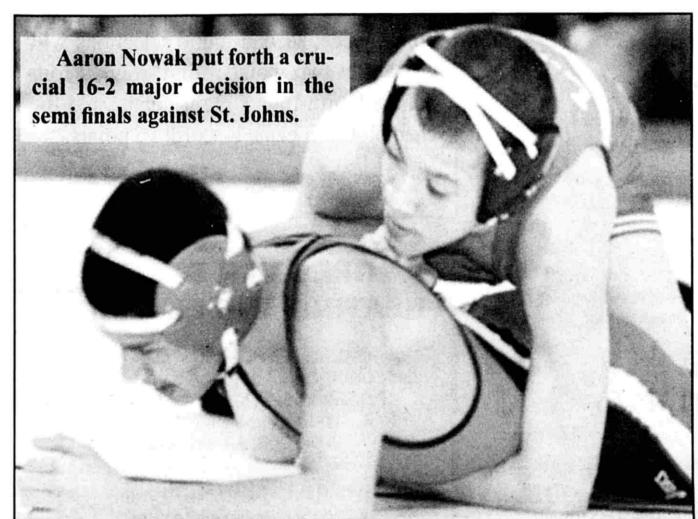
> good day on the mat.' The two teams split the 14 matches. Lowell. however, tallied more bonus points (13-5).

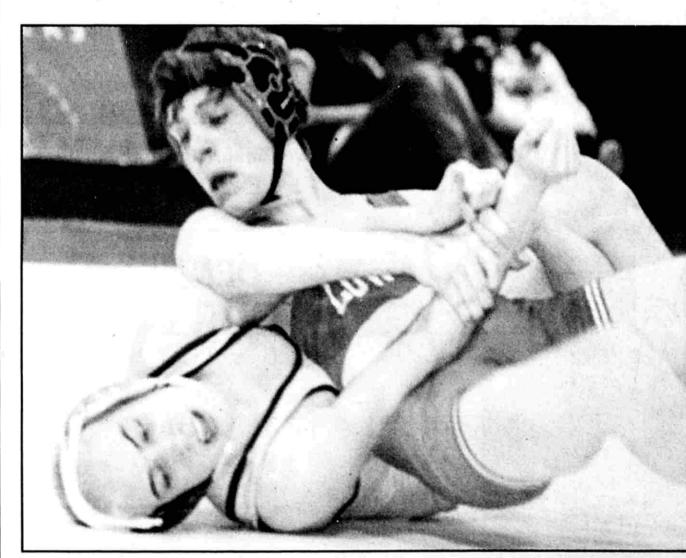
14 matches in knocking off Hazel Park in the quarterfinals on Friday

Red Arrows jumped out to a 16-0 lead them," said Redwing my hardest," Nowak said. before the Vikings battled Zane Ballard. "To win for the team feels back to within four at 16-

> Lowell responded by winning the final six matches.







Lowell's Ty Jack (119) put his Oxford opponent to his back at 1:59 of the first period.



## Red Arrow SPARS

## High marks send Teft and Kimble to state gymnastic meet

by Thad Kraus

With the level competition as high as it's ever been, the top eight at the regional competition in Kenowa for state competition," said. Hills on Saturday.

high," said Lowell assistant gymnastics coach Michelle DeHaan, who was filling in for Red Arrow head coach second at the regional. Skye Fisher.

"I don't think there has ever been a year in the time excellent. After not being I've been in gymnastics that able to execute a double full a 9.1 in the floor exercise twist in practice she hit it hasn't qualified a gymnast during her routine," DeHaan DeHaan explained.

Kimble did, however, with her single full twist. qualify for the state competition on the balance

on the beam, placing her one another and have pushed Kimble recorded an 8.75

point was on the vault tying her for Kelsey is going to be lost Kelsey Teft on the vault.

The senior tallied a 9.1

year," DeHaan said. "I think without Richelle next year." Despite not qualifying Teft was second at the for the state competition, Rockford, at 3:30 p.m.

"Kelsey's floor routine was

Teft was also successful

Both Teft and Kimble

"Those two girls feed off

one another throughout the

continued their consistent

ways on the vault.

qualify her for the state regional in the floor exercise Andrea Coffey had a good with a mark of 9.275.

> "Andrea was just wonderful in the floor exercise and she hit everything on the beam," DeHaan said. "The only thing that kept her out of the state meet on the balance beam was the high level of competition."

Coffey's highest two marks came on the beam with a mark of 8.25 and an 8.8 in the floor exercise.

Lowell placed eighth at the regional with a team score

competition this Saturday at

Morgan Rogalke 7.85 Sarah Piell 8.0 Andrea Coffey 8.25

Richelle Kimble 8.75 tie for 8th place Kelsey Teft 8.75 tie for 8th place

Lauren Trasky 4.85 Sarah Piell 6.25 Andrea Coffey 7.15 Kelsey Teft 8.55 Richelle Kimble 7.85

Lauren Trasky 5.25

Cassie Miles 6.25 Andrea Coffey 8.25 Richelle Kimble 9.1 2nd place Kelsey Teft 7.45

Emma Bencker 6.95 Sarah Piell 7.85 Andrea Coffey 8.8 Richelle Kimble 9.1 Kelsey Teft 9.275 2nd place

## **Lowell's Boss named Mr. Football**

Mr. Football Award at Tuesday night's tackles. basketball game between Lowell and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer.

After four months of fans and Metro Torsten Boss as its best 2008 Michigan high school football player of the year. Boss recorded 1,700 yards in receptions, scored

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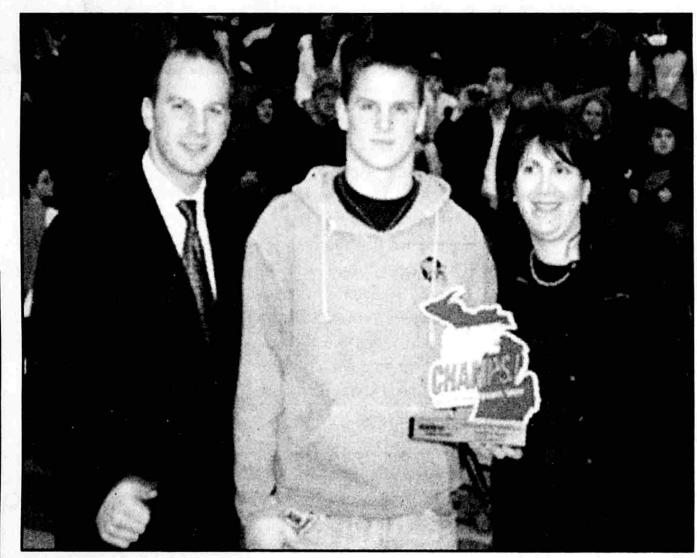
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Metro PCS awarded its 22 touchdowns and led the Rapids' Joe Glendenning Red Arrow defensive unit in were two of the final four

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## Red Arrow SPORTS

## **Seniors find the** touch in final regular season home game

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by Thad Kraus

It's the type of win that can put a number of glimpses propel a team with a below together over four quarters," average record to March- said Lowell basketball coach maddening troubles for its Jeff McDonald. "There's

Lowell boys' basketball senior night to watch your team, less than a week away seniors walk off the floor from the start of the district after a victory. I'm happy basketball championship, for the seniors. They have found its confidence and stayed positive and hung in shooting touch as it buried there.' Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 65-46 in a nonconference balanced an attack as it has tilt at Lowell High School.

The Rockets, coming off a tough 70-64 loss to O- points (five threes) to lead K Black division-leading an attack which saw four Forest Hills Central, did not Red Arrows score in double have an answer for what awaited them at Lowell High School.

"Nothing we tried worked and Danny Lane scored 10. well," said Rocket basketball coach Dalrecus Stewart.

Asked if its game with "It was a fun night. There Lowell, coming off the loss was nothing that this team to FHC, was a trap game.

'I guess so," Stewart said. said. "They just shot the lights out. Lowell did a terrific Northview 61 iob of shooting from the Lowell 51 perimeter. Our offense, on the other hand, did not resemble how we've played the last two weeks."

A 21-10 Lowell secondquarter scoring advantage in open a 33-24 half-time lead. Northview. "We've shown glimpses throughout this tough year in the half court, which stretch, but tonight the boys makes it a must that we get

any offensive tempo off pressure and turnovers, the Lowell offense sputtered an opening-round enabled the Red Arrows to district basketball loss to

"We have struggled all

An inability to sustain

baskets off turnovers," said Lowell boys basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "We need the score to be in the high 40's and low 50's."

For the 6-15 Wildcats was a big first game in the post season.

"It's a huge game for our guys," said Northview basketball coach Trevor Lowell produced as Chalmers. "I thought our underclassmen played well and I thought our seniors Isaac Tawney netted 17 stepped up as well."

The third meeting between the two schools proved to be much like the first two.

and led by three (26-23) at

"They were pretty much Tim Netting threw in 12, identical," McDonald said. Mitch Malling added 11 Northview broke on top early, building an eight-Elliot Drain contributed with point second quarter lead nine points off the bench.

to six at 39-33.

Lowell never got closer needed more," McDonald than the half-time deficit in the third quarter as the Wildcats stretched their lead

> Lowell's deficit ballooned to as many as 12 over the final eight minutes. The Red Arrows did mange to trim the deficit in half (51-45)

with 2:35 to play. Northview outscored Lowell 10-6 over the final two-and-a-half minutes.

Danny Lane led all Lowell scorers with 17 points and 13. "I thought we did a good at 5-17.

Isaac Tawney contributed job guarding the perimeter and not giving up many open Jordan Steverson led all looks from three." Chalmers scorers for Northview with explained.

20 while Kevin Rich netted Lowell finishes its season better young men for having

Danny Lane goes hard to the hoop in Lowell's win over Muskegon

last game always hurts," McDonald said. "You can only hope the seniors are played in our program."

## **Lowell girls Varsity Club goes to Lacks Cancer Center**

The positive ripple effect it was important to be part of the Pink Arrow Project of a team. is continuing through One of the goals of taking educational initiatives in the Lowell girls Varsity

Lowell Area School district. Club's trip to Lacks Cancer One of the first of these Center was to increase projects was for the girls their awareness, stress the Varsity Club to travel to importance of education and Lacks Cancer Center for an how vital early detection of opportunity to learn more breast cancer can be in the about the disease. Nearly 30 fight against the disease. Lowell High School female

"I enjoyed being able to athletes participated in this see all the job opportunities trip to Lacks Cancer Center available in the medical field at Saint Mary's Health and healthcare industry,' said Lowell High School The girls' Varsity Club is student Becky Chamberlain. an organization that was "It was especially nice to created by Kathy Talus see there are ones available approximately ten years ago that don't include seeing all

with one of the first grants the blood and guts." awarded by the Lowell Jamie Caughren, MD who Area Community Fund. is the head of the Breast She believed that leadership Cancer Center, spent a great skills were an important skill deal of time talking about for all girls to learn and that the importance of early

units first-hand and were cancer survivor. able to ask many questions The group visited the about all aspects of the

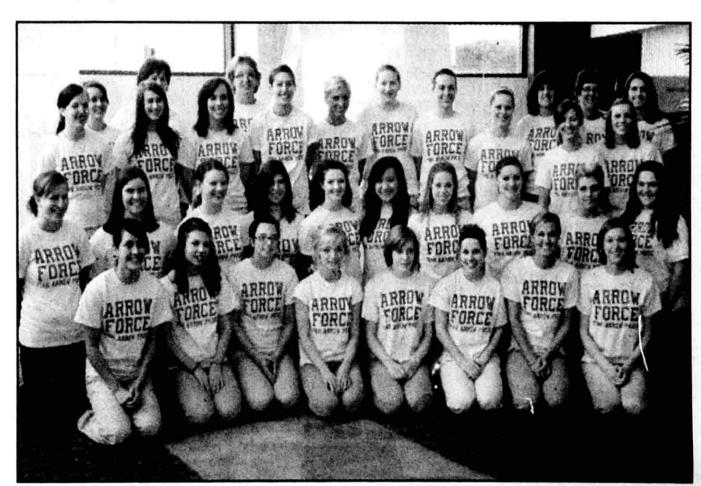
mammography process. "I enjoyed this visit. It was an eye opener. A family member of mine has recently died from breast cancer and I honestly didn't know much about this disease," said LHS student Lauren Heemstra. "I am so glad they went over the different ways one can check themselves for any signs of cancer."

Chery Valentine RN, BSN. OCN, a nurse navigator, also spoke to the group from several perspectives including that of being a nurse educator at Lacks Cancer Center. Working

Reeths-Puffer.

to get away from the hospital this visit.

detection. The young ladies with patients and family healing garden high atop the environment just for a little were also able to tour the who come to the Breast Lacks Cancer Center. This is while. There were also Breast Cancer Center and Cancer Center and from the a warm, lush and peaceful many opportunities for observed the mammography prospective of being a breast spot for families to be able career exploration while on



## Red Arrow SPORIS

## WLHS brings school and community events home

by Thad Kraus

communication has grown over 70 events a year.

graduation; from wrestling explained Al Eckman.

baseball and softball to the arts; all have been broadcast recorded and played back.

"It's grown from a 1/4watt station that could send From football games to to where we are now," China," Eckman said.

Anyone with a computer and a sound card can pick up live on the Internet and/or a live feed from anywhere in West Michigan and beyond.

"We had a former Lowell resident listen live to a a signal to the bus garage Lowell football game from

maintained by Lowell Cable Television (now Comcast) up until two years ago when the duties were transferred over to WLHS audio visual

Getting to the point of sending a live Internet feed

"Jim's technical assistance of today," Eckman explained.

this past weekend and any

number of other live events

The manpower needed for the plethora of tasks is found in volunteers which includes 25 student volunteers, onair talent volunteers and an incredible amount of Eckman's time.

to come out and worked

Students are trained to set up equipment, run cameras, monitor equipment during and grants from the Lowell games, and make the call for Area Community Fund.

The taping of a high school was made possible early on basketball game requires in WLHS' formidable years the efforts of five volunteer through technical assistance students and two on-air from WION's Jim Carlisle

> Students fill the roles cameramen, control personnel, switcher and

From the studio/WLHS announcements are inputted on the community access channel and background music is also inserted.

At WLHS' conception, there were roughly 2000 songs available for use; a little more than two-anda-half years later there are over 12,000 songs available

Equipment for the audio visual room has been garnered through donations

Noel Dean and Rob Stehley broadcast the wrestling finals back to Lowell over the Internet.



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It's the motto they lived by.

It's what they declared in every huddle.

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It's what had to be for the whole to be greater than the sum of its parts.

It was echoed throughout following Lowell's 35-20 state championship win over Oxford on Saturday.

From its coaches, to its senior leadership, to its freshman, Lowell was "All In." From the start of his best and did all he could for the team.

practice back in November, through its losses to to its wins and there were plenty of those (35), Lowell

After all, a steadfast devotion to one another is what separates a team from a collection of individuals.

"It hurt when we lost two years ago to Allegan. It feels Ram Tough so good to pull it off this time," said Lowell senior Tim always chanted 'All In' and that's what we did."

attention to detail and commitment

things," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean said.

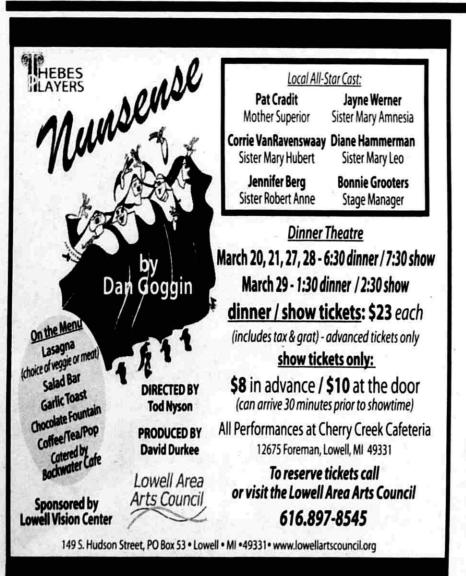
Ryan Dean, after winning the state title said he tried

Freshman Aaron Nowak following his big win against Goodrich, Mishawaka, Parrish-Graham and Greenville, St. Johns said he wrestled his hardest for Lowell and it felt good.

> Rocky Pabon added that everybody stepped up and that it was a team effort.

He added one other thing, "Everybody was All In."

A few weeks ago I mentioned Middleville's Tom Gingerich. "Everybody worked so hard. Everybody Lehman and the fact he reached the 700-win plateau. Saturday before a full house at the Kellogg Arena, The Red Arrows were "All In" with work effort, Rockford's Don Rinehart was recognized for his 29year commitment to the sport of wrestling. The Rams' "These are a bunch of guys who did all the right 30-29 championship win over Holt was Rinehart's final match and final win as a high school wrestling coach. Congratulations coach Rinehart. He finished with a record of 557-152-2.

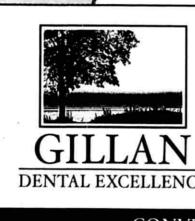


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## Students make sure that building's history is not lost at Unity High School

by Thad Kraus

building's history can be lost as time rolls on. Efforts, therefore, to

transcribe and record history before things are radically transformed is paramount.

With the blog component, any class in the Lowell School District can now bring knowledge and photos to a project that will live well beyond the classroom.

That is the case with Unity High School's Michigan history class which is taught as a lab enabling students to carry out historical Michigan research.

A class project was conceived last spring to document the history of Unity High School.

The building is tied to a larger history that dates back to the early 1900's.

"It was the central hub of the district," said Unity High School instructor, John Stempien. "This building is where the Lowell district was founded and grew."

Through Stempien's supervision, students (24) are creating a walking tour pamphlet, and a digital walking/interactive

A project of this magnitude documents stored in and Lowell residents to takes 2-4 years to thoroughly check out the landscape complete. Through two without ever leaving the trimesters, students have confines of their home.

An oral history element to what can be done. interviews with past students through a number of sources and teachers.

provided a basic primer as

Information was attained including numerous past

district's warehouse. a means to give back to the school and take ownership," Stempien explained.

and completed needed to be done, even in in this case.'

"On days when a sub was filling in for me, the students organized and pushed on with the project," Stempien explained. "Wheelbarrels The students were focused are only good when pushed. No pushing was necessary site/riversideorg.

The touch and reviewing of old documents enabled students to see the landscape differently.

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Of course, if you had a specific goal for a maturing CD - such as a college tuition payment - your decision has already been made. But if you've purchased a CD for another reason, you'll have to choose whether to renew it or invest the proceeds elsewhere.

If you bought the CD for the income it provides, you may want to renew it. If prevailing interest rates are the same, or higher, than the rate on your maturing CD, you can purchase a new CD without worrying about reducing your income stream. But if rates have fallen, you may have a dilemma: How can you reproduce the income you received from your now-matured CD?

Here are a few alternatives to consider:

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sure any bond you purchase is considered "investment grade quality" by the independent rating agencies.

Buy a longer-term CD. Generally speaking, you can get a higher interest rate when you purchase a longerterm CD. Your money will be locked up for a longer period of time, but it will help provide you with a more stable income stream over time.

Create a fixed-income "ladder." To combat interest-rate concerns, you might want to build a fixed-income "ladder" by buying several CDs or bonds with varying maturities - short-term, intermediate-term and long-term. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longerterm vehicles earning higher interest rates. And when market interest rates are high, you can reinvest the maturing short-term bonds and CDs at the higher rates.

protect your income stream. But if you bought a CD for you give it a chance.

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## Lessens inducted into the Michigan Academy of Television Arts and Sciences 2009 Silver Circle

George Lessens, Chief Meteorologist of WZZM individuals 13 was inducted into the devoted a quarter of a 2009 Silver Circle by the century or more to the Governors of television industry, and who the Michigan Academy of also have made a significant Television Arts and Sciences contribution to broadcasting (NATAS). Lessens has been in many different aspects with WZZM 13 since 1980 and is honored to receive on-air, technical, production, this award. "It is a great administration, talent - and honor to be inducted into the Silver Circle and to join "George such a prestigious group," commented Lessens

The Silver Circle was he was a boy," said Janet

engineering, management, have made their mark on television in Michigan. has been

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George Lessens

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#### CARD OF **THANKS**

THANK YOU

I wish to thank each and every person for their friendship, love and compassion at this very difficult time. To his friends and family who knew and loved him so much, this was not the Jeff they knew. I especially want to thank the police dept. and the Nazarene Church for the great job they did. I am so sorry to the Fuller family and I only wish for the best for them. If I forgot to send a card or thank someone I am very sorry. We loved him so much and he will always be our Jeffy.

The Childs family & Ryan family

By Phone: 616-897-9261

## Classified ad rates:

20 words...\$4 each additional word 10¢ Bold \$1 each or Box \$2 each

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

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FINES FOR FOOD-March

2-16. Bring in a can of non-

perishable/canned food 8

eceive \$1 off your Saranac

Clarksville library fines. The

maximum amount to be

LOWELL AREA HISTORI-

CAL MUSEUM - oper

day:1-4 p.m.: Thursday

individual \$3; ages 5-17

- Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.;

vices, 897-8260.

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DIO CLUB - meets the

second Saturday at Flat

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11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m

social gathering; 10 a.m.

meeting. LARC sponsors

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- All meetings are on Tues-

days in the Lowell Middle

School Band Room & begin

at 3 p.m. March 17, April

LOWELL AREA TRAIL-

WAY - meets 2nd Wednes-

day at 6 p.m. at alternate

locations. Visit www.low-

ellareatrailway.org or cal

**ROLLAWAY LTD. SENIOR** 

**BOWLING** - Wednesdays,

1 p.m., 55 and over.

Fuesday, Saturday & Sun-

1-8 p.m. Families: \$10;

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ARTS & CRAFT VEN-DORS WANTED - for information call 231-744-4011.

CASH FOR STUF AROUND YOUR HOUSE OR GARAGE! - Buying your old gold & silver iewelry, antiques, toys, celighters, lures, and many other odds & ends. Cal 616-550-0521.

WANTED - House to rent. Professional family of four n search of 3+ bedroom house to rent in Lowell school district. No apartments, no trailers. Call 293-0175.

#### **EVENTS** PLEASE NOTE - Coming

Events are for non-profi organizations. They are ran on a space available basis & are not guaranteed to run. If you would like to make sure your event placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as classified ad.

FREE VEGETARIAN COOK & EAT CLASSES Sun., March 22, 4-6 p.m. Sun., April 19, 4-6 p.m. Riverside Fellowship, 10300 Vergennes. Call 897-7930

ANGEL FOOD MINIS-TRIES - Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 20 N. Washington St., Fri. March 13, 6-8 p.m. or Sat March 14, 10 a.m. - noon. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897

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Looking for dependable

& energetic workers. No

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for helping others.

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MARKETING ASSOCI-ATES & CANVASSERS NEEDED - 62-year-old company looking for dynamic, mature individuals to work in our marketing division. Proven track record for earning great money. Call 987-8110.

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4H TACK SALE - Mar. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Saranac High School. New & used, over 30 suppliers. For booth info call 616-868-6042.

ANTIQUE SHOW - March 14 & 15. Barry County Fairground, located just 20 miles south of Grand Rapids, take M-37 South from M-6, past Middleville. Sat., 9 a.m. · 5 p.m. & Sun., 10 am. - 3 p.m. \$3 adm.

#### **SERVICES**

\$1.50; members free. 897-HANDY REPAIR SERVICE All kinds of service work: FLAT RIVER OUTREACH locks rekeyed, deadbolts MINISTRIES THRIFT installed, plumbing, elec-STORE - is open Wed. trical. screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop,

> **ART GALLERY and CUS-TOM FRAMING - Fire and** Water Art! 219 W. Main St., Lowell. Open Wed. thru Sat. 890-1879.TEN

NEED A DUMP-

STER? - Dudley's **Dumpsters. Dump**sters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available Call for free esti mates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640. ТЕМ

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#### **HELP WANTED SERVICES**

PIANO INSTRUCTION-Improve your child's motor skills & cognitive abilities with music. Popular, experienced (both performing & teaching) MMTA member has spring and summer openings. Yearly recitals music theory, classical & iazz. Vergennes Township area. 616-897-9485 or visit www.reverbnation.com deborahkaypianistvocalist

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TREE WORK NEEDED CHEAP! Removals, storm damage & chipping. Licensed & insured. Call Dan for estimate at 616-970-3832.

HOUSE CLEANING SER-VICES - reasonable price, references available: & house sitting, experience w/ variety of animals. 616-477-4201 or 616-322-6813.

"FROM BEGINNER TO TIGER WOODS! six-1 hour golf lessons \$69. starting the wk. of April 13. Master teaching professional Norm Davidson, call now GOLF EMPO-RIUM 616-754-2280 2 miles west of Lincoln Lake Rd. on 14 Mile.

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**ANGLE CONSTRUCTION** licensed contractor available for any new construction, remodeling or general contracting, both residential and commercial 616-293-5410.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE HAS OPENINGS - on 1st & 2nd shifts, Call 897-8386 or 308-0195.

SPRING IS COMING... Need help catching up on cleaning up - let us do it for you. Residential & office cleaning. Experienced reliable, reasonable rates Call Kathy 616-260-2673 or Kris 616-642-0395.

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- Art, fitness, computer, gym, & music classes
- Grand opening of early childhood center
- \$8.5 million bond project

Focus on literacy skills

- Experienced and highly qualified teachers
- KINDERGARTEN
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- last fall (2008) Just completed a district-wide

Transportation to and from school

- · Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Your child may qualify for our half day every day FREE preschool if:
  - Your child has a hard time playing with friends or separating from you He/she seems uninterested in academics (writing his name, drawing a picture, learning
  - the ABC's, or counting) · Your child can't listen to a whole story, stay with one activity for more than five to ten minutes, or follow directions
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We miss the fresh baked goods that were

mammogram, help shelters with pet food, kid's the rain forest. Lowell was so generous with the





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March 13 @ 7:00 March 14 @ 2:00 March 14 @ 7:00

**All Seats Reserved** 

\$5 Students / Seniors

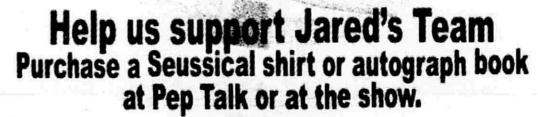
\$7 General Public

\$8 All Tickets at the Door

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For Show Information, Call 987-2956







Would you like to win a free Seussical Shirt?

Bring any of the following items to the show to be entered into the drawing: Flavored chapstick, Cartoon Band-aids, Children's Tattoos.

All items will be donated to the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

